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Bears head coach Matt Nay RRIAN CASSELLA/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE COMMAND CHICAGO TRIBUNE COMMAND COMMAND

The Bears had questions about coach Matt Nagy. 12 wins and a return to the playoffs answered them.

By RICH CAMPBELL Chicago Tribune

When the new hire walked into the Bears weight room for the first time last Jan. 9, Charles Leno wasn't sure what to expect.

Who the heck was Matt Nagy?
The 39-year-old had never been a head coach at any level. He had been the Chiefs offensive coordinator for the previous two seasons but called

plays for only six games.

Still, general manager Ryan Pace was smitten enough to make him coach and play caller for a Bears team hoping to accelerate its rebuilding effort.

In meeting the new boss, Leno's son to presence in the weight room nine men. E days into the offseason amounted to a shiny, red apple for the teacher. First

impressions have two sides, though, and the veteran left tackle had his radar up.

"He wasn't, 'I'm the head coach!' "Leno recalled Tuesday, puffing out his chest for

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ment everyone craves with the discipline required to win?

How would his football expertise, including his experience as an Arena
League quarterback, elevate a team

teams respond to his leadership style?

that had lost at least 10 games in four straight last-place seasons? How would one of the NFL's youngest

effect. "He was just, 'Hey, what's up? I'm Matt.' He was really chill; just

It was a fine start. But beyond a

Wikipedia bio and superficial intro-

duction, there were so many curi-

osities about Nagy. Critical questions

shared by Leno's teammates, assist-

ant coaches, executives and every fan

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How would Nagy balance estab-

seemed like a cool, good dude."

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7 weeks out, damage control in mayoral race

Preckwinkle trying to address ties to Burke corruption scandal

BY BILL RUTHHART Chicago Tribune

Nearly seven weeks from the election for Chicago's next mayor, Toni Preckwinkle finds herself in a familiar position: playing defense against a high-profile problem that could threaten to derail her status as a frontrunner in the race.

The Cook County board president is facing the revelation that federal authorities have accused one of Chicago's most entrenched old-school politicians, Ald. Edward Burke, of shaking down a restaurant magnate for a financial contribution to her campaign.

That comes after the Cook County Democratic Party chairwoman fired her security chief in November following an investigation that found a government SUV assigned to her executive **FBI WIRETAP:** Burke's own words may come back to haunt him as tap lasted at least eight months. **Chicagoland, Page 6**

FAMILY TIES: Preckwinkle's

administration hired Burke's son to a nearly \$100,000-a-year county job. **Chicagoland, Page 7**

detail was illegally used to carry political materials.

And when Preckwinkle announced her candidacy four months ago, she misled the public about when she knew about sexual misconduct allegations against her chief of staff.

In Preckwinkle's first interview since federal prosecutors charged Burke with a crime that has left her mayoral campaign as collateral damage, the pragmatic politician revealed her strategy to minimize the political fallout: go on the offensive touting her decades as a progressive force in

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Jessica Santiago, 34, prays after Sunday Mass at St. Ita Catholic Church in Edgewater, which is likely to merge with another parish.

Chicago Catholics look to challenges of future

Loss of parishes, priests, cash inspires Renew My Church

By KATIE GALIOTO
Chicago Tribune

There was a time, Dominic Pacyga said, when Chicagoans introduced themselves with two pieces of information — their name and their parish.

Roman Catholic churches were the hubs of neighborhoods. As a teenager, if Pacyga fancied a young woman, he'd ask her: What parish are you from?

"And when she told me, I'd know whether she'd date me or not," said Pacyga, now 69. "Because I'd know her ethnicity. I'd know her social class. I'd know how her father would react."

Experts say this is what Chicago's Catholics have been known for, what made them unlike other notable populations of Catholics in America — a deep sense of identity tethering individuals to their parishes.

But across Chicago, the number of Catholics is dwindling. In just a few decades, those identifying with the faith have dropped by hundreds of thousands, according to data from the Archdiocese of Chicago, which covers Cook and Lake counties.

There are fewer priests. Less money. Fewer people in the pews on Sundays. The declines have prompted the archdiocese to launch Renew My Church, a multiyear restructuring program that will force many parishes to

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Little progress in shutdown talks

Democrats say White House did not budge on demand for \$5.6 billion border wall. Nation & World, Page 25

Uptown Theatre's guardians

After volunteers protected it for years, venue is scheduled for a \$75 million restoration. **Ryan Ori in Business**

2 triple-organ transplants in 2 days

A Chicago man and a Michigan woman get new hearts, kidneys and livers. Mary Schmich, Page 3







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Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced his City Council floor leader, Ald. Patrick O'Connor would take over the Finance Committee.

JOHN KASS Emanuel was quick to clean up City Hall, wasn't he?

Mayor Rahm Emanuel sure was quick to clean up Chicago's City Hall after that Burke mess.

"An individual has to distinguish between their public life and their private business," the mayor was quoted as saying, talking about Burke. "And they shouldn't let those lines ever cross."

Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, the longtime chairman of the City Council's Finance Committee, allegedly let those lines cross.

He's now facing federal extortion

And Rahm, who never wants to let a good crisis go to waste, helped push Burke out as chairman and installed his own floor leader, Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th, as boss of the Finance Committee.

"You can do all of what you're supposed to do in changing the laws, being clear about the laws of what's black and white," Emanuel said. "But in the area of gray, you fall upon your moral judgment and your ethical judgment. ... It doesn't require a law to say that your public life is not supposed to be ... enriching your private life."

Oh, sure. Your public life is not supposed to be enriching your private

But what if your wife's getting rich? Then what, Rahm?

Which brings me to a fascinating series by the Chicago Tribune of a few years ago, in which Ald. O'Connor and his wife, successful real estate broker Barbara O'Connor, had a starring role.

It was called "Neighborhoods for Sale." The gist of it was that aldermen and developers used the written (and unwritten) rules to lord over a building boom that reshaped Chicago neighborhoods. And some made good

One of my favorite stories from June 2008 had this headline:

"He zones. She sells. And it's legal." Of course it is.

The story, written by Robert Becker and Dan Mihalopoulos, detailed how Barbara O'Connor became a real estate power in her husband's 40th Ward.

She had sold millions of dollars'

worth of houses and condos after the projects were approved by her husband. He makes developers happy, they make him happy, his wife is

happy, everyone's happy. City ethics officials told Mihalopoulos and Becker that there wasn't a conflict of interest because the alderman didn't have a personal stake in his wife's business.

Of course not. No "personal stake." They're just married. Who would have a personal stake in your spouse's success? I mean, really.

Barbara O'Connor is "a private individual in a private business with her own career," the alderman said at the time.

Yes, yes, of course. It's all quite proper apparently. Nothing to see here, after all. Move along, chumbolones.

But then Mayor Morality had to go and make his big speech, like William Wallace just before a battle with Longshanks, and rouse us all to follow the banners of good government and

I called Barbara O'Connor, and we had a brief, yet touching, chat over the phone.

I told her my name. She said: What?

I told her my name again. Mrs. O'Connor didn't even need a

prompt. She got right down to it. "I sell real estate all over the city," she told me. "And I've got to go. I'm at my daughter's wedding rehearsal."

She didn't sound pleased. If she sold lots of real estate all over the city before, will she sell any less now that Rahm has installed her

husband, Pat, as chairman of finance? That's a question for ethicists like the mayor to ponder, because, well, remember, "It doesn't require a law to say that your public life is not supposed to be ... enriching your private

life." If we took those words and made of them an India ink stencil, it would be nice to press it against the scrubbed and glistening foreheads of Emanuel and his new finance chairman.

It could be their testament to the greater good.

But in the meantime, I'm reminded of what my grandfather would say: When the politicians speak, the donkeys break wind.

And it is just arrogant politics in Chicago, with the ruling political class continuing to show its absolute contempt for the people they govern.

They're not even the slightest bit shamed. Emanuel can spout such nonsense installing O'Connor, talk about Burke and morality, and never blush, because either his skin is made of wood or perhaps he just thinks the people of Chicago are stupid fools.

And the ethics czars at City Hall can say that what the O'Connors do is OK, because, well, he doesn't have a personal stake in her business. Their arrogance is stunning.

It's rather like Burke's arrogance, allegedly using his control of government to withhold permits and other services for business in order to compel that business to hire his law firm.

And, over all these years, did you ever hear Bill Daley condemn Burke? Or Toni Preckwinkle or Gery Chico or Susana Mendoza? They're all part of that clique, like some beast with interchangeable heads.

They want to be mayor, don't they? "There is a code of silence of the political class over the degrading of the city," mayoral candidate Paul Vallas said in an interview on my podcast, "The Chicago Way."

"This is the way the pay-to-play culture lives," Vallas said. "It's embedded.

The politicians write the laws. They staff the ethics boards. They rule on the morality of things. They make speeches about ethics.

They distract you with shiny objects, like renaming an expressway after Barack Obama. Look over here. Look over there.

And they laugh at you.

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Triple-organ transplant patients Daru Smith, left, and Sarah McPharlin are recovering at University of Chicago Medicine.

New heart, new kidney, new liver - and 2 new friendships too



MARY SCHMICH

Two people were walking, slowly, down a hospital hallway.

One was a man, the other a woman. He was black, she was white.

As they walked — this was on Thursday — nurses and doctors cheered them on, like bystanders on a marathon route.

"There's my man!" "Ah, look at you! Looking good!'

"How many laps you doing now?"

The man's name is Daru Smith. Hers is Sarah McPharlin. Before they came to University of Chicago Medicine, they had little in common.

McPharlin grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., one of three daughters of a special education teacher and an international product planning manager at Chrysler. Smith grew up on Chicago's South Side, the fifth of seven kids, raised by his mother, who managed a Harold's Chicken Shack.

Smith drives semitrucks for a living. Before life brought McPharlin to the hospital, she worked as an occupational therapist and was in grad school.

Nothing in the backgrounds of these two suggested they would ever meet, and yet now they share something extraordi-

Near the end of December, Smith and McPharlin, who are both 29, received new hearts, livers and kidneys in a rare procedure known as a triple-organ transplant.

He went first. A few hours after his surgery was over, hers began.

It was a feat of modern medical wizardry, one for the record books, yet one that depended on something ancient if not simpler: the human will to live.

Sarah McPharlin was 12 when she received her first heart transplant. Shortly after that, the virus that had attacked her original heart attacked her new one. She had a pacemaker installed. Other heart surgeries followed. Through it all, she grabbed at life.

She skied, bicycled, sailed and participated several times in the Olympic-style Transplant Games of America, always encouraged by a family so tight-knit that when she talks about herself she

often says "we." "We could tell I wasn't feeling as well as I had," she said Thursday, sitting on her hospital bed. "Sixteen years out, it was probably

time for a new heart." She soon learned that she needed a new liver too, and that transplanting a liver and heart would require a hardier kidney. Finding a hospital to do such complex surgery wasn't easy, which is how she wound up at UChicago

In early November, after her family rented out their

Michigan house and found an apartment in Chicago, McPharlin settled into the

hospital to wait for a donor. Daru Smith's arrival at the hospital wasn't nearly as neat.

For the previous three years, Smith had driven a semi, crisscrossing the country for days at a time. It was a job he sought after his son's mother got pregnant and he didn't think he could support a child on the weekly \$358 he earned as a cashier and cook at a Harold's.

He knew he had diabetes and an inflammatory disease called sarcoidosis, but he was convinced he could

but he knew that for his son he had to.

"By me letting go of my fears early, I beat the depression I might have," he

To himself, he often invoked his mantra: "Daru, you got this," though on the day of surgery, spotting his family and friends crying outside his room, he shed a few tears too.

In the meantime. McPharlin didn't mind that a donor hadn't yet been found for her. In fact, she worried about having such tricky surgery so close to Christmas.

"I didn't want Christmas to be someone's memory of

"These are people that have a lot of life in them. They have dreams, hopes, things they want to experience, things they want to give."

- Dr. Nir Uriel, cardiologist

manage both by eating

Out on the road in his semi, though, he began to feel chest pains, generally at night, and it made him nervous. Sometimes he'd text his mother with his location and truck number, telling her that if she didn't hear from him by a specified time to call an ambulance.

On Nov. 8, he wound up in the hospital with pneumonia, his body swollen with fluid.

"He was crashing," said Dr. Nir Uriel, the cardiologist who coordinates the care for Smith and McPharlin. "Almost dead."

Not only was Smith's heart failing, so were his liver and kidney. When he was told he might be a candidate for a triple-organ transplant, he'd never heard of the procedure.

Uriel had determined easily that McPharlin was suited for the complicated surgery - she'd sought it out, was calm and wellinformed — but not everyone is psychologically equipped for such radical physical change.

Think of it, Uriel said: "You have three organs inside your body that aren't yours but are you now."

After talking with Smith, Uriel was convinced he had what it takes.

"Daru said, 'I have a 3-year-old kid," Uriel recalled. "He knew what makes his life meaningful."

While waiting for their donors, Smith and McPharlin got acquainted in the physical therapy room. She found him quiet but friendly and admired how hard he worked. He found her humble and free-spirited, "just like smooth sail-

They walked the halls together, biding time, trying to stay strong.

"Sarah be knocking those laps out," Smith said Thursday, noting how her determination egged him on.

Finally, on Dec. 18, a call came: A heart, kidney and liver were available for Smith. The name and circumstances of the donor's death are closely guarded, so Smith didn't know who had died to help him live,

a death," she said. But even as Smith lay on the surgical table, another call came in: There was a donor for McPharlin.

"You're kidding me," Uriel remembers thinking.

And so the medical team did what it been preparing to do, though no one expected to do it twice in two

The heart surgeon replaced Smith's heart, and then McPharlin's, new hearts that had to be stable enough to make the rest possible. The liver surgeon replaced his liver, and later hers. The kidneys came

Smith's surgery started

on the Wednesday afternoon before Christmas and was over Thursday morning. McPharlin's surgery started that Thursday evening and was done by Friday afternoon.

According to UChicago Medicine, they became the 16th and 17th people in the country to undergo this kind of triple-organ transplant, and the hospital became the first to do the procedure back to back.

"These are people that have a lot of life in them," Uriel said. "They have dreams, hopes, things they want to experience, things they want to give."

Smith and McPharlin know what a rare gift they've been given, the gift of another human's organs, the gift of a talented medical team and the gift, they hope, of a long life.

On Thursday, as they neared the end of two laps of the fourth floor, their post-surgery record, someone called out, "Finish

But they know the long walk is just beginning, that the first year after a transplant is the riskiest. For now, Smith can't wait to get home to see his son. McPharlin is eager to get back to her family's Chicago apartment to eat breakfast at the window with a view of the lake.

They don't know when or where they'll see each other after this, but whatever comes, they'll always have the bond of the hard thing that brought them together, and of those slow, hopeful walks.

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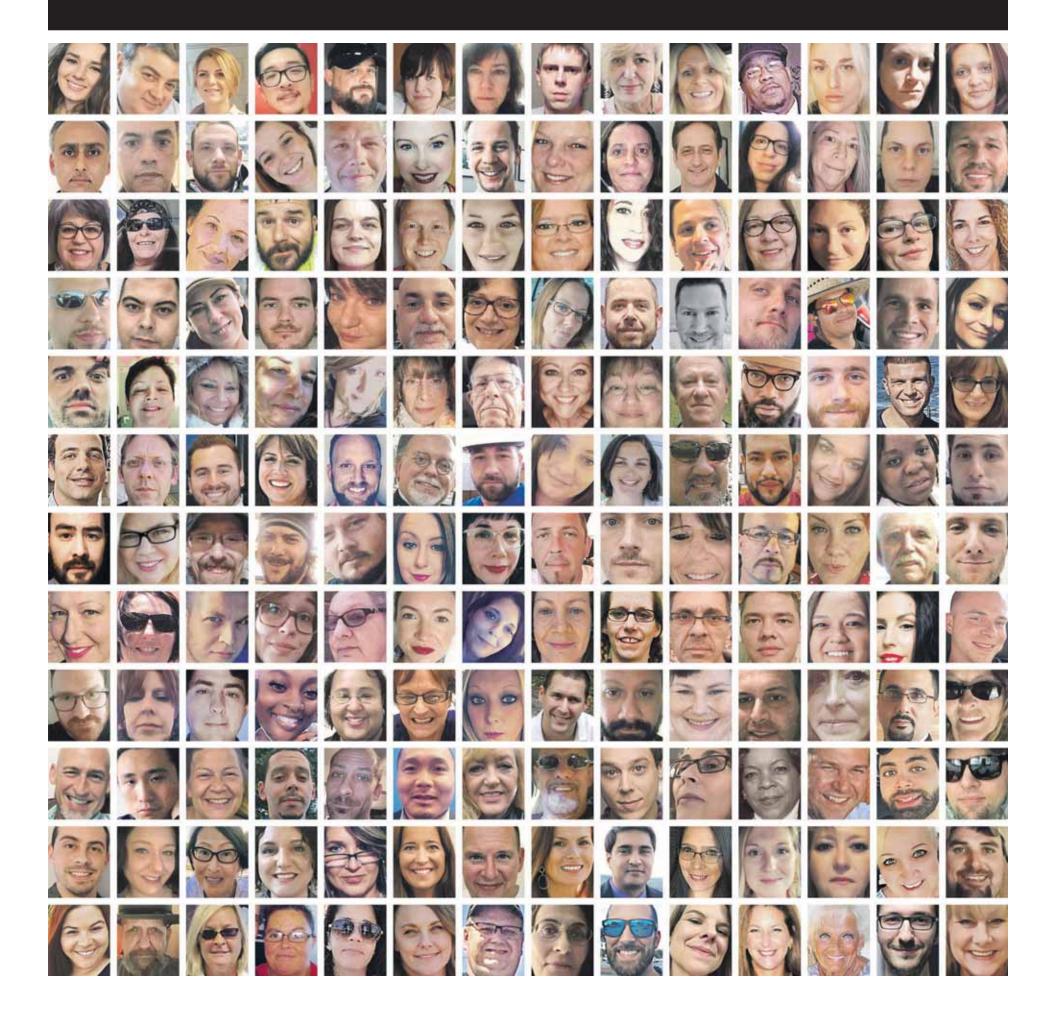
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Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, leaves his home in Chicago on Thursday. Later in the day he turned himself in and was released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond.

Alderman's own words may come back to haunt him

FBI had Burke's cellphone tapped for at least 8 months, according to charges

By Jason Meisner Chicago Tribune

Longtime Ald. Edward Burke has spent decades at the pinnacle of the city's power structure, but in the end, he may have buried

himself with his own words. The FBI had Burke's cellphone tapped over at least an eight-month period, and during that time, at least 9,475 calls were made or received on the phone, according to the bombshell corruption charges unveiled Thursday.

Agents were listening in as the powerful Finance Committee chairman allegedly talked about extorting two executives seeking to renovate a fast-food restaurant in Burke's ward. When the businessmen didn't seem to be cooperating, Burke plotted with a ward staffer on how to play "hardball," holding up permits and sending a city worker to the site to harass them with unwarranted citations, according to the

Legal experts who spoke to the Chicago Tribune said the fact that Burke himself was captured on recordings allegedly talking about the shakedown scheme makes it an extremely difficult case to defend — if not a slamdunk for the government.

"Recordings always make a case more difficult, because how do you argue that your guy didn't say it?" said Steven Greenberg, a veteran criminal defense attorney. "You can't. So now you are stuck arguing about what he meant."

But of all the details to be gleaned from the 37-page criminal complaint, the most stunning might be that federal authorities were surreptitiously listening to Burke's private conversations for so long, according to several criminal defense attorneys and former federal prosecutors who spoke to the Tribune.

"That's a lot of calls over a really long period of time," said Christopher Grohman, a criminal defense attornev who handled numerous wiretap cases as a federal

prosecutor. "They typically don't like them to go more than 90 days. ... Eight months is very strange.

In addition, the chronology laid out in the charges makes it clear that the FBI was already up on Burke's phone before the first call involving the alleged extortion plot occurred on May 23, 2017. That call was referred to in the complaint as "Session 309," meaning the 309th call either to or from Burke's phone since the wiretap was first approved, Grohman said.

While many of the calls were undoubtedly unrelated to the investigation such as hang-ups, wrong numbers or calls to relatives or friends about personal matters — those details signaled there is more to the Burke investigation than what prosecutors chose to make public in the com-

plaint, the legal experts said. "It would seem to me that there was something else they were looking at and this extortion just fell into their lap," said Greenberg, who has handled many cases involving wiretaps. "You can't just start listening in on someone's phone calls. You have to have evidence of criminal activity going on. ... So the question is what evidence did they

already have?" The charges accuse Burke of using his position as alderman to threaten to shut down the renovation of a Burger King at 40th Street and Pulaski Road unless executives for the company that owned the franchise hired Burke's private law firm to handle tax appeals for dozens of its restaurant

sites in the Chicago area. The complaint also alleges that Burke pressured one of the company's executives in December 2017 to contribute to the campaign of an unnamed local politician. Sources identified the politician as Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who is running for Chicago mayor.

Burke, who was released Thursday on a \$10,000 unsecured bond, has yet to enter a plea, but his attor-



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"The transaction described in the complaint does not make out an extortion or an attempt to extort," Sklarsky told reporters. "We look forward to a prompt day in court to prove the innocence of Ald. Burke."

Veteran attorneys, however, say the wiretap evidence makes mounting a

defense an uphill battle. Greenberg said he did see some wriggle room to argue that Burke never explicitly

"Anyone who has been through the office knows they are not taking a shot like this against a guy like Burke unless they got it nailed," said one former prosecutor who asked not to be named. "You don't just present cases that meet the minimum threshold. These things are thoroughly

scrubbed." That is particularly true in cases involving wiretaps, which are treated by the courts as an investigative method of last resort and require proof not only that a

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demanded that his law firm be hired before the renovations could continue. He also might be helped by the fact that, in the end, the Burger King revamp was completed without the company ever hiring Burke's firm.

But the consensus was that the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago — which has a near-perfect track record when it comes to winning convictions in public corruption cases — would never have brought the case against Burke unless it was thought to be rock-solid.

specific crime was being committed but also that the target was using a particular phone to do so, the experts

In applying for a wiretap, prosecutors must demonstrate that there is no other way to document the crime, such as with subpoenas of records or emails or testimony by informants. They also need to show that the target phone has been "in contact with at least two other phone numbers which are involved in a crime," Grohman said.

The exhaustive applica-

tion process is first revision of attorneys at the at the swanky Beverly U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, who often send documents back with questions and revisions, Grohman said. It then must be signed off on by a deputy attorney general before going before the chief federal judge in Chicago for final

approval. Once agents are up and listening in on a phone, they are required to provide meticulous details to the chief judge every 10 days that they are indeed gathering evidence of criminal activity to keep the recording ongoing, Grohman said. The wiretap expires after 30 days, and to renew the recordings for another month, the application must be submitted all over again, documenting why the extension is justified, he

With all the hoops that need to be jumped through, Grohman said, prosecutors don't seek to tap a phone unless they know they have a case.

"You don't bring it unless you've got it," he said.

The complaint quotes Burke in a handful of conversations from May 2017 to January 2018 talking in surprisingly blunt language about the alleged extortion of the out-of-state businessmen, whom the alderman did not know well.

The first phone call came on May 23, 2017, and went to voicemail.

"Ah, we have an application that's been made for remodel and I think it's stuck in your office or something," one of the executives said, according to the criminal complaint. "So please give me a call, I'll give you all the details."

Burke later asked a city employee to look up which law firm the restaurant company used to handle its property tax appeals.

"I want somebody at the law office to check to see who's filed with the assessor of the board on that one," Burke told the employee, identified only as City Employee 1.

A month later, Burke viewed by a specialized di- lunched with the executives Country Club on 87th Street and Western Avenue as the FBI conducted surveillance outside, according to the

complaint. "During the lunch, Burke told his guests about his law firm and explained that (it) handled property tax reductions," the complaint says. One of the executives "read between the lines" and surmised that Burke was soliciting business for his law firm in exchange for his help with the restaurant permits, the complaint al-

Two weeks later, one of the executives called Burke's cellphone with an update. He told the alderman that they had completed a land survey that confirmed that a parking lot adjacent to the Burger King was indeed part of their lot,

the charges allege. "Oh, that's good. So I made you a half a million bucks," Burke said before steering the conversation back to the expected business for his tax firm, according to the complaint.

Seven months later, in January 2018, Burke made the last call mentioned in the charges - a conversation with his trusted ward staffer about the status of the Burger King project, which at the time appeared to be dormant.

"I thought we gave them, um, clearance on that?" Burke asked, according to the charges. "... It's just sitting there with uh, nothing going on."

In May, one of executives told another official at the company that they "had to hire Burke's firm because they needed to ensure that the restaurant could continue in business without interference from Burke," the complaint alleges.

By midyear, the work on the restaurant was completed, however, and the company did not end up giving Burke's firm any business.

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Preckwinkle's administration hired Burke's son to county job

By Gregory PrattChicago Tribune

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's administration hired powerful Ald. Edward Burke's son to a nearly \$100,000-a-year county job in 2014, newly released records show.

Personnel records released by the county in response to a Tribune public records request show Preckwinkle's administration hired Edward Burke Jr. as training and exercise manager for the county's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

Preckwinkle's ties to Burke have come under scrutiny amid the powerful alderman's federal legal troubles and her candidacy for Chicago mayor. In the weeks since the FBI raided Burke's City Hall and ward offices, Preckwinkle has sought to distance herself from the alderman, returning thousands of dollars in campaign contributions and saying she has had "little contact and no relationship with the alderman" despite him having hosted a fundraiser for her last January at his home.

In a criminal complaint unsealed Thursday, federal authorities alleged that Burke illegally solicited a campaign donation from an executive with a fast-food restaurant company for an unnamed politician that sources revealed was Preckwinkle. Preckwinkle's campaign said she personally didn't know about the donation or the alleged extortion efforts. She has not been accused of wrongdoing.

Personnel records from the 1990s show Burke Jr. worked for Pete Andrews, one of Ald. Burke's top aides, in the 14th Ward political organization. He also worked for the Cook County Forest Preserve police from 1991 to 2001, then spent the next eight years as a real estate agent in Florida, a copy of his resume shows.

Later, Burke Jr. worked

for Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart from 2009 until his hire with Preckwinkle's administration, records

Burke Jr. did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

In a statement, Preckwinkle spokeswoman Becky Schlikerman did not directly address a question about Preckwinkle's role in the hire but said Burke Jr. "was hired by the executive director, at the time, of the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management."

"He was hired by the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as the training and exercise manager due to his experience in law enforcement," Schlikerman said. "All Shakman-exempt employees have to meet the minimum qualifications and the hire has to be approved by the compliance officer and the chief of human resources."

The Shakman decree is a decades-old court order banning political considerations in hiring and firing except for specific jobs that are ruled exempt. The county was freed from Shakman supervision last fall, after a court-appointed administrator agreed that the county is in "substantial compliance" with long-standing prohibitions against patronage.

Preckwinkle's human resources chief offered Burke Jr. the training job with the administration on Dec. 5, 2014, records show. The Shakman compliance officer, the human resources head and then-chief of staff Kim Foxx all signed off on the hire, records show.

According to the job description, Burke Jr. was responsible for planning, developing, coordinating and evaluating the emergency response training and exercise activities for the emergency management agency. Primarily, that included "designing and implementing an integrated training and exer-

cise program," evaluating all exercises and real event responses, modifying and improving emergency plans, developing retraining activities and coordinating with other county departments.

The preferred qualifications indicated that the candidate should have a master's degree in emergency management, public safety administration or training and organizational development, the posting said. Burke Jr. has a bachelor's in criminal justice from Lewis University in Romeoville, according to records he submitted to the county.

County records also show that Burke Jr. came under scrutiny during his tenure with the homeland security department for hours he claimed to have worked. In October 2017, Burke was asked to submit "some type of work related email" as proof that he had worked on specific dates from December 2016 to April 2017, records show.

Responding via email, Burke asked, "Are the written timesheets not enough?"

"No, they need documented proof that you were working," an executive assistant in the department replied.

Burke responded that he had sent an email saying, "I can't help any further. I have submitted an email stating I was working on those dates and there is a documented official time sheet that also reflects it. If further proof is needed, I cannot give it. They can act accordingly and I will respond."

On Dec. 20, 2017, a deputy director in the department wrote to human resources officials to say Burke Jr. was planning to leave his position for reasons the county redacted.

Burke Jr. formally resigned May 1, 2018, and was by then paid \$110,000 a year. Records released by Cook County do not show why he left

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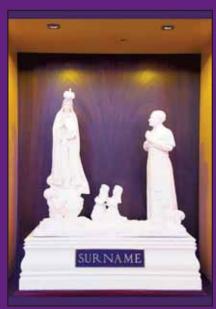
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Chicago politics.

"None of this changes my record, my experience, my commitment or vision for Chicago," Preckwinkle said of the controversies. "And when I'm on the campaign trail, I always talk about the importance of strong neighborhood schools, economic development in our communities and police accountability. I've spent my public life taking on the good ol' boys."

And so she mentions her early days as a South Side alderman, challenging the party establishment as she pushed for better wages and affordable housing. Left unsaid is that she is now part of the establishment she once railed against. Burke, a face on the Mount Rushmore of Chicago's machine politicians, held a campaign fundraiser for her last year at his Gage Park home.

To date, Burke has emerged as arguably the No. 1 issue in the mayoral race, with several top candidates having to answer for their long histories with the alderman of five decades now at the center of a federal probe. Preckwinkle's tangential ties to Burke's alleged illicit behavior comes on top of a Chicago Tribune report Friday that her administration put his son, Edward Burke Jr., on the county pay roll with a sixfigure salary.

Preckwinkle's troubles have unfolded in a crowded field in the Feb. 26 race to replace Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who made the surprise announcement last fall that he wouldn't run again. Normally, candidates have to worry about their opponents defining them with attack ads, but so far most of Preckwinkle's competition has lacked the money to do so. Instead, Preckwinkle has been defining herself with a set of notable stumbles.

That's left her allies attempting to shrug off the political baggage.

"There's nothing here," Northwest Side Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, said of the campaign contribution investigators say Burke illegally solicited on Preck-winkle's behalf. "Do people think she called Ed Burke and said, 'You've got to shake down these guys for \$10,000?' Come on. Let's talk about what's important to the people of Chicago, which is who can bring change to City Hall. That's Toni Preckwinkle."

The controversial contribution

Preckwinkle and her top campaign aides found themselves in full damage control Thursday, when federal authorities unsealed a criminal complaint against Burke that charged the longest-serving alderman in Chicago history with attempted extortion.

Authorities accused Burke of trying to steer tax business to his private law firm from a company seeking permits to renovate a fast-food restaurant in his Southwest Side ward. Prosecutors also alleged Burke illegally solicited a \$10,000 campaign contribution for



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Toni Preckwinkle says that during her almost 20 years on the City Council with Edward Burke, they "butted heads."

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Burke held a campaign fundraiser for Preckwinkle at his home last year. She says it was arranged by his wife.

an unnamed politician from restaurant company executives in December 2017.

Sources familiar with the investigation said the campaign contribution was intended for Preckwinkle, and the executives owned a Burger King at 4060 S. Pulaski Road, the Tribune reported. According to the criminal complaint, the politician since identified as Preckwinkle kept \$5,600 of the donation and did not report the contribution to state election officials. State law requires all political contributions to be reported by candidates.

Preckwinkle's campaign confirmed the donor was Shoukat Dhanani, the CEO of Tri City Foods, which owns the Burger King franchise in Burke's ward in addition to hundreds of other fast-food locations across the country. The campaign said it received a \$10,000 contribution from Dhanani but returned the entire amount because it was over the state contribution limit of \$5,600 for an individual. On Thursday, the campaign said records from its bank, software company and internal database all showed the entire \$10,000 had been returned but declined to make the records public.

On Friday, Preckwinkle's campaign released a screen shot of a credit card transaction from its financial software, showing a \$10,000 donation from Dhanani being deposited and a credit back to the same account six days later. Preckwinkle amended her campaign rePreckwinkle now faces the revelation that the feds accused Burke of shaking down a restaurant magnate for a financial contribution to her campaign.

port with state officials late Thursday to reflect the yearold contribution and refund, as required by law.

In a phone interview Friday, Preckwinkle insisted her campaign kept no money from the donor and that she was not aware of Burke's solicitation.

"I had no knowledge of this incident. None whatsoever," she said. "I had no idea what he was doing. The fundraiser was held at the Burke home. Most of the contributions came from people who had already had a contribution history with

The Tribune previously reported that Burke hosted a fundraiser for Preckwinkle at his Gage Park home on Jan. 19, 2018, as she sought a third term as county board president. That's just weeks after federal authorities say Burke shook down the restaurant executive for the campaign

contribution. A copy of the fundraiser invitation reads, "Chairman Edward M. Burke would like to invite you to a fundraiser in support of Hon. Toni Preckwinkle." But Preckwinkle says it was Burke's wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, who arranged the fundraiser.

"Anne offered to help," she said. Asked why the justice's name wasn't on the invite instead of the alderman's, Preckwinkle replied, "She was a candidate at the time, so the invitation came from Ed." Anne Burke was seeking retention to a second 10-year term as a justice, and such high-level jurists often try to maintain an appearance of being above the political fray.

Preckwinkle sought to distance herself from Edward Burke by noting her history as a progressive reformer as the 4th Ward alderman from 1991 until

"During almost 20 years that I served with Ed Burke in the City Council, let me tell you, I was never invited to his home. We butted heads," Preckwinkle said. "It was only after I became county board president and began to work with Justice Anne Burke on criminal justice reform that I became connected to the family, really."

Asked if her relationship with the powerful alderman improved because of her friendship with Justice Burke, Preckwinkle replied, "I consider Anne Burke an ally and a friend. She has been invaluable on criminal justice reform."

Asked what she considered Edward Burke, Preckwinkle paused and then repeated, "I'll just stick to Anne Burke has been an ally and a friend."

Running toward a record

The Burke saga is the latest controversy facing Preckwinkle. On the day she announced her run for mayor, she said she had fired her chief of staff John Keller the day before for "inappropriate behavior," and twice said she did not know about sexual harassment allegations against her top staffer before mid-September. The Tribune, however, reported she knew of concerns about Keller six months before she took action.

She also ended up firing her security chief after a county inspector general report found the SUV he mainly drove had been improperly used to transport political materials supporting Preckwinkle. It's illegal to use government property for such political purposes. The security chief has maintained he does not know who put the materials in the vehicle, but that he was fired to protect Preckwinkle's poltical ambitions.

Preckwinkle said the controversies won't define her candidacy and she will remain focused on her long track record of public serv-

She stressed her support for living-wage ordinances, affordable housing and her status as a founder of the City Council's progressive caucus. Preckwinkle noted that she was one of just five votes against former Mayor Richard M. Daley's loathed deal to privatize the city's parking meters. And she highlighted her efforts to reduce the county jail's average population from more than 10,000 inmates to fewer than 6,000 by making sure nonviolent criminals weren't held in jail just because they couldn't afford to make bond.

Preckwinkle, though, saved her most impassioned argument for the handling of the Laquan McDonald police shooting, in which white Officer Jason Van Dyke shot the black teenager 16 times as he walked away on a Southwest Side street. Van Dyke was convicted of second-degree murder last year for the shooting, which led to a Justice Department investigation of Chicago police and a subsequent federal consent decree to reform the department.

At a time when Emanuel, then-State's Attorney Anita Alvarez and then-police Superintendent Garry McCarthy didn't publicly discuss the shooting, Preckwinkle argued she drew attention to it - before a judge ordered the police video of the shooting to be released.

"I used the power of my office to make the medical examiner's report available, and it showed that Laquan McDonald was shot 16 times, nine times in the back. When the video came out, I called for Superintendent McCarthy to be fired. I supported Kim Foxx for state's attorney," Preck-winkle said. "And for the first time in 50 years, we have a police officer who was convicted of murdering one of our residents. I'm willing to take on the powers that be. That's my

Other candidates' **Burke ties**

Preckwinkle isn't the only candidate who will be talking up their record to avoid talk of Burke.

Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza got her political start with Burke's help and is a close friend. City Hall veteran Gery Chico considers Burke, his former boss, a close friend and mentor. And former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley's family, his mayoral brother included, for decades has cut political deals with Burke.

That dynamic could make it harder for those other top candidates to attack Preckwinkle on the Burke issue. As far as former CPS CEO Paul Vallas is concerned, "all four of them are tainted."

"The bottom line is they're all connected to Burke. They're part of the same cabal, the same political industrial complex," Val-las said. "The cumulative effect of these scandals and these controversies hurts them all."

Amara Enyia, a public policy consultant and mayoral candidate, also has been quick to point out the trend. Every candidate running away from Ed Burke should never have been that close to corruption in the first place. Every candidate trying to launch political attacks is just trying to score points," Enyia tweeted Friday. "We can't bring more baggage into the mayor's office, and we can't keep blowing hot air."

Asked if the other candidates' close ties to Burke is any political consolation, Preckwinkle demurred.

"They can speak for themselves. I've spent my life in the political arena fighting for change. I think the city's at a crossroads, and I'm ready to lead the city in a new direction," she said before offering her political elevator pitch: "I'm a teacher and a grandmother. I'm committed to strengthening our schools, bringing good paying jobs to our neighborhoods, working to end the violence that's plagued our city. This doesn't change my record or my determination to fight for Chicago."

Chicago Tribune's John *Byrne* contributed.

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Chicago Catholics look to rebuild

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consolidate with one another - or, in some cases, shut down altogether.

"When they close churches, they kill communities," said Pacyga, a retired history professor from Columbia College Chicago, who grew up in the Polish part of Back of the Yards attending Sacred Heart. Shuttered in the early 1990s, the site at 46th and Honore streets now lies in a part of town known for gang activity and gun violence.

"I think it does rip out the heart of a neighborhood," Pacyga said. "And when you rip out the heart of that neighborhood, it's very hard to get that heart back."

As dioceses across America face backlash from sex abuse scandals — including recent revelations that the number of clergy accused of sex abuse in Illinois is much higher than previously disclosed — and adapt to an increasingly secular society, Chicago's church leaders hope to reanimate and rebuild the city's Catholic population.

Cardinal Blase Cupich said change is inevitable. If the archdiocese doesn't command it in an organized, disciplined way, parishes will eventually be forced to close as they run out of resources.

"Do we want the future to manage us," he asked, "or do we want to manage the future?"

Catholics from across the Chicago area said they understand the need for a change. But with this acknowledgment, many add: "I just hope they don't change my church."

Pilsen parish faces an end

In Pilsen, the wooden pews in St. Adalbert are the color of molasses and mostly empty on a dreary Sunday morning. Once, congregations overflowed the cavernous church on 17th Street. Today, a handful of the faithful cluster in the middle rows.

Parishioners often attend weekend services led by unfamiliar faces, a rotating lineup of priests brought in from other parts of Chicago. In 2012, the church lost its pastor and was never assigned a new one. The parish was eventually merged with St. Paul's and St. Ann, other Catholic churches in Pilsen.

Then in 2016, the archdiocese announced plans to sell the cathedral-style church, news that sparked feelings of rage and sorrow among St. Adalbert parishioners, some who have ties to the church dating to the early 20th century.

The cherished place of worship, its spire visible from almost anywhere in the neighborhood, is listed for sale online.

"It's heartbreaking," said Anina Jakubowski, whose family, once Polish immigrants, attended the church for generations. Her mother fought to save the church when there was talk of closing it in the 1970s. Choking back a sob, Jakubowski said: "My mom, she was dying in bed. All she would do is pray for this church."

Four men carry long-handled wicker baskets lined with green cloth. They walk among the sparsely filled pews, gathering donations from those at Mass that October morning. A sweet voice sings a familiar, mournful hymn as the parishioners of St. Adalbert scrape together their money and make an attempt to salvage their beloved church.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

Fewer faithful, many fewer priests

There are about 51 million Catholic adults in the United States, according to the Pew Research Center's 2014 Religious Landscape Study. That's roughly 20 percent of the adult population, making the Catholic Church the largest single religious institution in the

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If all American ex-Catholics were to band together, they would form the country's second-largest religious institution. Overall, 13 percent of all U.S. adults are "former Catholics — people who say they were raised in the faith, but now identify as religious 'nones,' as Protestants or with another religion," Pew researchers said.

Across the United States and in Chicago, the number of individuals identifying with most Christian denominations, including Catholicism, has dropped — particularly in recent years.

In 1975, the Chicago Archdiocese was home to 455 parishes, according to its annual data report. More than 40 years later, that number has shrunk by 24 percent. Further declines are likely.

While some of Chicago's Catholic schools are thriving, boasting long waiting lists and rigorous admissions processes, others are withering. Since 1975, 221 elementary schools and 43 high schools have been shut down.

And along with the decrease in the number of the faithful, the change most responsible for forcing a restructuring of the archdiocese is the lack of priests. The number of priests has dropped by 41 percent since 1975, when there were nearly 1,300. Only 25 percent of current priests are 50 or younger, and the average age is 62.

The data seem to point to a grim future for the church, but Betsy Bohlen, chief operating officer for the archdiocese, said Chicago's Catholics have reason to hope. The current restructuring process, perhaps long overdue, aims to adapt the parochial system so it provides ample resources to minister to the Catholic faithful.

"The way I would describe it is the church and culture around us has changed dramatically over the last half century," she said. "And the way we think about parishes hasn't."

The Rev. Jason Malave, the cardinal's delegate for Renew My Church, thinks Chicago — once the largest archdiocese in the United States, now ranked third behind Los Angeles and New York — has always practiced a distinct version of Catholicism, one he called "cutting edge."

Still, the Chicago bornand-raised priest acknowledges the coming reforms will cause some pain.

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Many of the churches and schools shuttered are ones that struggled for years. They used all their money to pay the bills or fund upkeep of the aging buildings, leaving "nothing for our ministry, for our desire to pass on the faith for future generations," Malave said.

To remedy this, the archdiocese introduced a number of benchmarks. A parish should have at least 800 people in the pews each weekend and an operating revenue of \$750,000 or more to merit a full-time pastor. Elementary school enrollment should be at or above 240 students.

The benchmarks are not hard-and-fast rules, but many of those failing to meet the criteria will have to make adjustments —

sometimes major ones.

"The toughest nut to crack — especially in Chicago, because people love their parishes so much — is that we're not parishioners of St. Clement," said the Rev. Paul Seaman, pastor of the historic Lincoln Park church. "We are members of the Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

"Trying to help people have both the local and the wider vision, that's the trick"

City-based, diverse church and then exodus

Starting in the mid-19th century, Catholic churches were beacons of light for the waves of immigrants arriving in the city. Priests and nuns became the mouthpieces for those adjusting to

a new land and a new language.

"All ethnic parishes do this — they anchor the communities," said Malachy McCarthy, a Chicago-based archivist for the Claretian Missionaries.

Chicago became known as the "Catholic city." The religion permeated the political sphere, social circles, the school system. McCarthy was born in Boston, where he said people didn't discuss religion with their neighbors. Chicago is different.

"My brother came to visit and was shocked by the Lenten specials the restaurant was offering," he said. "To some, it's just bizarre."

Individual neighbor-hoods in Chicago contained as many as seven Catholic churches, each one catering to a different ethnic group. It's part of the reason that cars speeding down the Kennedy Expressway cruise past steeple after steeple.

Alongside Irish, German and Lithuanian churches, there were parishes for the Italians, the Dutch and the Bohemians, just as there were later parishes for the Mexicans, the Cubans and the Filipinos. The new wave of immigrants arriving in the mid- to late 1900s — particularly Spanish-speaking immigrants — kept Chicago's churches vibrant as other ethnic groups migrated to the suburbs.

In the 1993 book "Catholicism, Chicago Style," historian Ellen Skerrett warned of coming change. The exodus to the suburbs left the city's churches much emptier, and the demographic shifts forced a major round of restructuring.

"We had church infrastructure often in places where we don't have many Catholics," said Bohlen of the archdiocese.

The archdiocese responded by announcing an unprecedented wave of closings in the early 1990s. Although many understood the need for change, Skerrett said the scale of the closings came as a shock to those belonging to the 35 or so parishes shuttered.

"One of the unintended consequences of the recent archdiocesan closings is that Catholics - and Chicagoans at large - are beginning to understand the complex role parishes played in fostering dignity, respect and sense of place in neighborhoods throughout the city," Skerrett wrote in 1993. "The line between stability and decay in urban areas has always been a fine one, and time will tell whether the loss of sacred space accelerates neighborhood change."

Priests needed for sacraments, more lay work

Seaman stood in the back of St. Clement's long after Sunday evening Mass had ended, smiling and shaking hands with his parishioners until the last one left. He'd been at St. Clement's for only 16 months, but as pastor of the Lincoln Park church, he's the glue that holds the parish together.

He sat down, finally, a bit tired but still smiling.

Pastors wear many hats; the number of lay ministers in the archdiocese has dropped, forcing them to take on responsibilities others may have handled in the decades since Vatican II.

"It can be layer on layer on layer on layer on layer of paperwork, which can be very energy-sapping," Seaman said. "So for me, it's absolutely critical that I stay in touch with people."

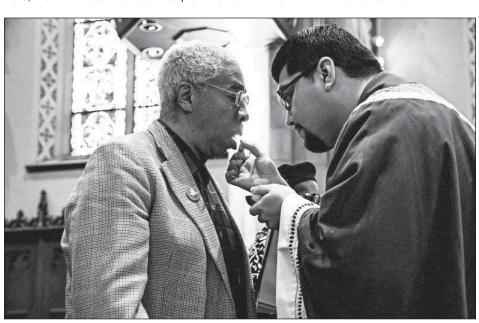
The communities to which Catholic priests are expected to minister are growing as parishes merge. That can create new challenges.

"I have to be more sensitive to two communities," said the Rev. Paul Cao, pastor of St. Mother Theodore Guerin, a new parish formed when the archdiocese merged St. Celestine in Elmwood Park and St. Cyprian in River Grove.

The shortage of priests is a particularly dire challenge because they are essential



Worshipers once overflowed St. Adalbert Catholic Church in the Pilsen neighborhood. In 2016, the archdiocese announced plans to sell the church. It's listed for sale online.



William Bates receives Holy Communion from the Rev. Arturo Felix at St. Ita in Edgewater. The archdiocese has proposed merging St. Ita with St. Thomas of Canterbury in Uptown.



Altar server Samantha Rodriguez carries a crucifix in procession for Sunday Mass at St. Ita. A diocese restructuring plan called Renew My Church was initiated in September 2015.

for the Catholic celebration of Mass. According to the faith, only priests can consecrate the Eucharist, turning bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus.

A solution could be to attract more to join the priesthood. That's a daunting task for the Rev. Tim Monahan, vocation director for the archdiocese.

"We're living in a world where it's laughable to be a celibate and follow Jesus and give him everything. My job's harder in that sense," he said. "Parents don't want their kids to be priests."

But Monahan is convinced Jesus still is calling people to take religious vows. "I'm not optimistic. Optimism is, I would say, a human attitude. And when you look at the numbers, there's no reason to be optimistic," he said. "But I'm hopeful — which is a theological or God-based attitude of saying God's in control here."

Will 'pruning' lead to growth?

When discussing Renew My Church, Malave likes to use the biblical concept of stewardship to help explain: Prune vines so they bear more fruit.

"We're not being a good steward of the people and the parishes if we're asking them to use everything they have to support this structure, and none of it's being used for ministry or discipleship building or evangelization," Malave said.

When Cupich came to Chicago to take over the archdiocese's top position, he moved quickly to address these concerns, and others. Renew My Church was initiated in September 2015, less than a year after the Omaha, Neb.-born cardinal arrived.

"As far as I'm concerned, after Chicago it's only heaven," said Cupich, who hopes to retire in Chicago. The restructuring of the parishes and schools is forecast to take another six years, and the "spiritual renewal" will continue for long after that.

"I think Cardinal Cupich is a visionary. And he realizes maintaining the status quo will not keep us thriving for future generations," said Michelle Wasielewski, operations director for Divine Mercy, the name given to the parish that was formed when two churches on the North Shore merged last summer.

"We have to do something," the 56-year-old mother of four continued, "to make people want to come back to the church or to re-engage with some level with the church."

To make that happen, the archdiocese is using a different approach from past closures, Malave said. Decisions ultimately fall to the cardinal, but there are months of conversations with people in the pews.

Committees of pastors and parishioners, consisting of delegates from churches in geographic proximity to one another, meet with representatives from the archdiocese to discuss the realities their communities face and possibilities for change.

Each group provides a recommendation detailing possible scenarios to archdiocesan boards that advise Cupich. Then, they wait.

"Nobody likes uncertainty," said 49-year-old Nick Andriacchi, a lifelong parishioner at St. Therese in Chinatown.

The archdiocese announced its plan for half of the South Side group covering Bridgeport, Canaryville and Chinatown in late November, but the fate of four parishes — including St. Therese — will remained up in the air until at least



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Just a couple miles to the north, at Holy Family on the Near West Side, the Rev. Mike Gabriel looked around at the warm light illuminating his church, the second-oldest in Chicago. He said he's been using the word "overwhelming" to describe the Renew My Church process.

"It's a new way of learning, and sometimes relearning. It also questions your faith and what your faith is in. And your love of your neighborhood and of your people," he said. "When I was ordained, the setup was all very parochial. It was all about my parish. Now we're being called to a much larger church."

Schools compete but keep closing

At the end of Rachel Gemo's 16th year as principal of St. Benedict Catholic Preparatory School, she'll say goodbye to her last

senior class.

The North Center school is shutting its high school because there's no longer a market for a small secondary school that costs so much, Gemo said. Its facilities will become additional space for grammar school students.

Even though the number of Catholic schools in the Chicago area has waned over time, many — like St. Benedict's elementary school — remain strong. The archdiocesan network of schools is the largest private school system in the United States, according to its website. Many referenced its well-attended, well-known high schools like St. Ignatius, Loyola Academy and De La Salle.

Helping these thriving schools continue is essential to church leaders. However, in addition to the challenges Chicago's parishes face, Catholic schools must be able to reel in students despite a shrinking schoolage population, increased competition from public and charter schools, and rising tuition costs.

"It's a concern," Gemo said. "If tuition keeps going up, it's going to be harder and harder for the middle class to afford."

Catholic schools bolster parishes, just as parishes bolster schools. It's a cycle, longtime Chicagoans said, because families seeking a good education often get drawn into the larger religious community — or stay away from parishes that have lost their schools.

"They want quality academics grounded in Christian values. That's important to them," Gemo said.

Bringing new faithful in

faithful in"Evangelization" is the word Chicago's Catholics

use most often when describing the spiritual renewal they hope to stir with

Renew My Church.

People use the word to mean different things, in different contexts. Some use it to discuss plans to reach out to those who have left the church. Others use it in a more traditional sense, referencing the act of converting non-Catholics.

In theory, bringing people back to the church should also drive new conversions. An archdiocese of "reanimated disciples" should be more comfortable sharing their faith, Malave said.

It's not necessarily something intuitive for Catholics today, he added, for the religion was always such an intrinsic part of the culture. Catholicism was commonplace in Chicago. It was not questioned.

"Things have shifted. Significantly. And what we find ourselves now in is not a world where everyone's Christian, but a world where whoever is Christian almost has to share it in a more apostolic way," Malave said.

That act — the act of evangelizing — can look very different, even from one neighborhood to the next.

At Holy Family, weddings are one of the parish's best tools. Young couples who don't belong to a parish often decide to join the church where they marry. At St. Therese, many non-Catholic families are introduced to faith when they send their children to the parochial school, which many choose for its Chinese identity. At St. Columbanus, parishioners host barbecues in the summer months and offer a free meal to anyone who walks

by.
"I'm more optimistic
if there's about the future if there's going to be fewer parishes throughout the archdiocese," said the Rev. Matt O'Donnell, pastor of St. Columbanus in Park Manor, an area that's not predominantly Catholic. "If the fewer parishes are well staffed and well resourced and really focused on the mission of building community and working for a better world, I think that more people will want to be a part of those types of parishes."

Hope for new beginnings, not just goodbyes

Chicago's Catholics are grappling with new realities. They face a future that may contain fewer places of worship or fewer schools to send their children. Where laypeople may take on bigger roles in their parishes

and different ethnic groups

blend together.

With those changes come some adjustments. And some goodbyes.

When two or more parishes combine, they need a new name, a new seal, a new website, new bank accounts. Staff members have to work to consolidate programs and services the parishes used to handle separately. Many changes won't affect the average parishioner, but it takes time for the new to become the norm.

norm.
Church leaders said they don't know how many buildings will close in the coming years, but when it happens, the properties will be sold. A couple dozen former Catholic churches, schools or convents are on the market now, according to Eric Wollan, director of capital assets for the archdiocese. A portion of the proceeds — and in most cases, a majority of the proceeds — from the sale of properties goes to the parish he said

ish, he said. St. Cyprian's school in River Grove will likely be sold and turned into a library, although nothing is finalized yet. Those attending St. Adalbert's in Pilsen still hope to reach some sort of compromise with the archdiocese to maintain it as an active church. The archdiocese said that would require millions of dollars in repairs, which parishioners offered to pay themselves. The fate of the church is in

limbo.

It remains to be seen what effect the structural component of Renew My Church will have on the spiritual one. The archdiocese is hoping, and betting, that one won't cancel out

the other, Malave said.

A few priests and parishioners told stories about individuals — often older men or women with deep connections to a parish — who would stop practicing Catholicism if their church were to close. And then there are millennials who simply go to church less than their parents and grandparents.

But most maintain their faith, they added, even if it's challenged at times. "It's not that people's hearts have changed," Monahan said. "The context changed."

Kathy Chappell used to attend St. Joachim's in Burnside until the archdiocese announced plans to close it last winter. Now, she goes to St. Columbanus each weekend. Though change isn't easy, Chappell said, it's sometimes necessary.

sary.
"When you're strong in your faith," she said, "something like that is not going to alter it."

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St. Ita's parishioner Kokou Dagawa moved from Africa to Chicago 13 years ago.

KOKOU DAGAWA

From Togo to parish pastoral council

There was a potluck after Mass at St. Ita's, so Kokou Dagawa had a full plate in hand in the short walk from the buffet to his seat. He still managed a handshake, a high-five and a pat on the back as he mingled with fellow churchgoers.

The 37-year-old moved

to Chicago from Togo 13 years ago, and soon after started going to the Edgewater-area church, which has become known for its population of immigrant parishioners.

"Back home, of course, we were taught to come to

church every Sunday. To pray. To know that there's a God we need to trust in who provides everything to us," he said. "I guess I had that habit coming here."

Now, Dagawa is a member of the parish pastoral

council at St. Ita. He moved to Uptown, and then to Rogers Park but stayed a member of St. Ita's. He passes by several other churches on his way to Mass each weekend.

"It just feels like home," he said.

Representatives from St. Ita and the two other churches in its Renew My Church grouping recommended to Cardinal Blase Cupich that the parish be merged with St. Thomas of Canterbury in Uptown. A path for the proposed change has already been paved since St. Ita's pastor, the Rev. Bob Cook, took over as the pastor of St. Thomas last year, but the cardinal won't announce his official decision until at least mid-January.

Dagawa pulled 27-yearold Soledad Andrade over to say hi. They're in a Bible study together, he explained, and were involved in some of the conversations about Renew My Church.

The pair speculated that a merger wouldn't have much effect on the typical parishioner — if the proposal is accepted, both churches will remain open for Mass. The burden of the change would fall mostly on the priests and parish staffs. Andrade works in the parish office and said she already thinks the Franciscan Friars who run both churches, particularly Cook, are being stretched thin.

"They expect him to be bunch of places at once," she said. "He's done a great job. But I think people sometimes forget he's still human."

KARLY NESNIDAL AND KEVIN LADA

Weddings also build membership

On the eve of their wedding, the soon-to-be bride and groom were some of the last to arrive. It was Nov. 1, so it was pitch-black outside even though it was early in the evening.

It was early in the evening.

Inside Holy Family
Catholic Church on the
Near West Side, small LED
bulbs lit up the grand altar,
where Karly Nesnidal and
Kevin Lada would be married the next day. A group
of the couple's family and
friends gathered by the
entrance, oohing and
aahing at the beauty of the
church and its ornate
architecture.

The 34-year-old bride went to Catholic grammar school and high school in Chicago, although not at Holy Family.

"Karly was looking for a parish to get married in," said her mother, Michele Nesnidal. "They didn't actually ioin one Yet"

tually join one. Yet."

As the rehearsal party waited, the Rev. Mike Gabriel began to talk about the history of the church, which recently marked its 161st anniversary. The pastor patted one of the building's salmon-colored pillars fondly. Some of them have a tiny bit of a sway — not that anyone should worry, he said quickly, for the building has been



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Karly Nesnidal and Kevin Lada were married at Holy Family church on the Near West Side in November.

tested to make sure it's safe. The wooden structure, owned by the Jesuit order but now run by the Archdiocese of Chicago, survived the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 and a dance with demolition in 1989. It's the second-oldest Catholic church in Chicago.

church in Chicago.

Holy Family is a White Sox church, Gabriel said, because the Comiskey family, longtime parishioners, donated two of the stained-glass windows in the 19th century. "I can use a short homily here," he joked. "Cubs fans, it takes them a little longer to get it."

The comment thrilled the Nesnidals. An aunt

announced the church's baseball allegiance to the couple when they arrived moments later, and the bride-to-be smiled. "Kevin's slowly converting," she said, shooting a teasing look at Lada.

After Lada and Nes-

After Lada and Nesnidal's wedding, Holy Family hosted two more ceremonies the next day, a Saturday. The church had 94 weddings last year, and Gabriel celebrated 81 of them. The pastor sees marriages as a way to evangelize young people, something the archdiocese's Renew My Church plan aims to accomplish across Chicago. Newlyweds often join the parish after a positive experience preparing to marry in the church.

"There's the fear that these will be the last people sitting in our pews unless we do something," he said.

Nesnidal and Lada met with Gabriel before deciding to get married at Holy Family, and they tried to attend Mass at the church sometimes in the months before their wedding.

The bride-to-be looked around at the hundreds of bulbs illuminating the church with warm light on the brisk November night. "It's beautiful," she said softly. "It's just beautiful."

KATHY CHAPPELL

Church on list, she found new home

Kathy Chappell stood just inside the St. Columbanus food pantry, a small building next to the Gothic-style Catholic church with a sparkling rose window. A line of the parish's Park Manor neighbors ran out the door and down 71st Street as they waited to receive turkeys, potatoes, vegetables and dinner rolls — all the ingredients needed to fix up a Thanksgiving feast.

For some, volunteering at the parish's holiday food drive is an annual tradition, but Chappell started coming to St. Columbanus only in August. Her former church, St. Joachim's on 91st Street, was named last winter as one of the churches set to close as a part of the archdiocese's Renew My Church program. It will shut its doors

sermons given by the

young red-haired pastor,

part of the archdiocese's
Renew My Church program. It will shut its doors
for good by July.
Chappell likes the choir
at her new parish and the



ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNEParishioner Kathy Chap-

pell now attends St. Columbanus; St. Joaquim's is expected to close by July.

the Rev. Matt O'Donnell. She and her mother trek there each Sunday from the Chesterfield neighborhood. "We never felt like outsiders," she said, "even though we were new members."

Still, it's painful to see St. Joachim's close, particularly for some of the older parishioners, Chappell

said. Some of them still attend Mass at the church each weekend. She doesn't know what they'll do when July comes. "I don't want to say they were angry, but they were hurt. It's like leaving your home."

Chappell has been Catholic her whole life, and the closing of St. Joachim's didn't make her question her religion. In fact, she said, she appreciated the efforts the parish made to discuss options and update the people in the pews. The process seemed thoughtful. "When you're strong in your faith, something like that is not going to alter it," she said.

She smiled at another volunteer, perhaps a familiar face from her new South Side parish. Then she flipped one end of her gray scarf over her shoulder and went back toward the shelves of food to hand out boxes of pasta to the people filing into the bustling room.

State agrees to revamp prison health care

alleging inmates denied adequate treatment

By Angie Leventis Lourgos Chicago Tribune

Amid claims of preventable deaths and substandard medical care, state officials have agreed to a sweeping overhaul of the health care system at prisons across Illinois, according to a proposed federal consent decree filed in Chicago on Thursday.

Under the agreement, which would resolve a lengthy lawsuit challenging the quality of care in the prison system, a federal monitor would be appointed to oversee reforms including increased medical and dental staffing, proper training and qualifications for staff, and infection and quality control measures.

The class action lawsuit filed about eight years ago claimed inmates have been denied adequate medical and dental care,

Deal will resolve lawsuit putting them at substantial risk of serious harm.

> The Illinois Department of Corrections did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Patty Schuh, a spokeswoman for Gov. Bruce Rauner, cautioned that the settlement is not finalized and needs court approval.

> "I'm thrilled that my clients, the prisoners throughout the state of Illinois, will finally get the medical care that is constitutionally mandated," said Alan Mills, executive director of the Uptown People's Law Center. "While Illinois has abolished the death penalty, the terrible medical care that is provided amounts to a slow-motion death penalty for far too many prisoners."

> During the legal battle, reviews by court-appointed experts in 2014 and 2018 reported pervasive problems in the health care provided in Illinois prisons. The most recent report attributed numerous preventable deaths to the poor quality of care, according to court records.

"Based on record reviews, we found that clinical care was extremely poor and resulted in preventable morbidity and mortality," the 2018 report stated.

In one case, a 24-year-old inmate with mental illness swallowed two sporks and a nurse "documented that the patient 'will have no complication from swallowing a foreign object," according to the 2018 report. Over several months, the inmate complained to several staff members and medical personnel of symptoms related to ingesting the utensils. The inmate died about three months later.

"The death was attributed to a gastrointestinal bleed from lacerations caused by a foreign body," the 2018 report stated, noting the Corrections Department's own review "found no problems with medical care."

The 2014 report includes the case of a 26-year-old inmate at Illinois River Correctional Center who "repeatedly informed health care staff that he had atrial

fibrillation, a fact that was confirmed by his jail records, but this history was discounted until he suffered a stroke. "Had clinical staff listened to the patient and reviewed his jail record," the report stated, "they would have learned that he should have been on blood thinners to reduce the chances of this devastating event."

Camille Bennett, senior staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, in a written statement called the agreement a victory "for 40,000 men and women across Illinois who have suffered because of this inadequate health care system some of whom have died."

"Most important, there will now be a monitor in place to oversee the entire function of the health care system in Illinois prisons," said Bennett, who also represents the inmates along with the law firm Dentons US. "The monitor will be there to demand improvements and accountability."

The agreement, signed last

month by Corrections Department Director John Baldwin and a legal representative of Rauner, contains specific qualifications for physicians and other providers, requires the upgrading of health care space and equipment, the hiring of staff members dedicated to infection control, the development of an electronic medical records system and the implementation of a stringent quality assurance program.

The decision comes two months after a federal judge in southern Illinois mandated that the state Corrections Department develop training on transgender issues for staff statewide, spurred by a lawsuit filed by a transgender inmate who requested to be moved to a women's prison, alleging abuse at various men's facilities. Corrections officials last month granted that transfer.

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2 branches of Cook courts close their doors

Cases to be heard at miles-away locations, raising access concerns

By WILLIAM LEE Chicago Tribune

Ed Kuske has been a court advocate the past 12 years, and making sure North Side crime victims get to hearings is perhaps the toughest part of his job.

It's about to get harder.

The brown brick courthouse at Belmont and Western avenues where Kuske regularly works closed Friday, along with a branch on the South Side, sending victims, witnesses and defendants to other courthouses an hour or more away.

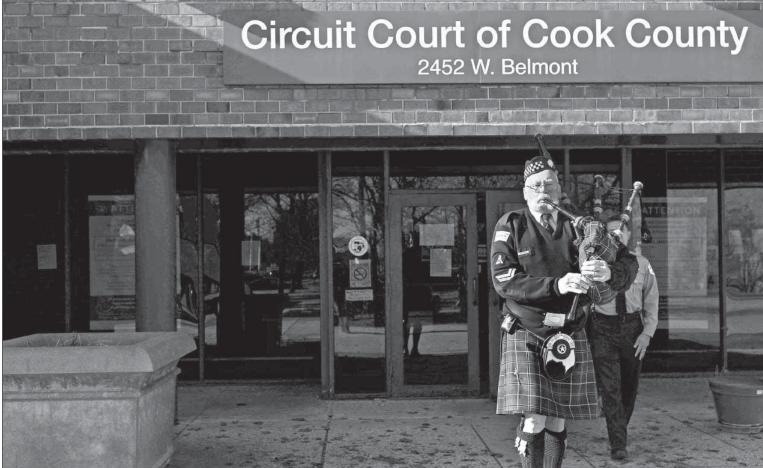
Kuske, a longtime Uptown resident and community policing representative, believes victims send a powerful message to prosecutors and judges about how crime personally affects them. Making it more difficult for them to get to a courthouse will only make cases more difficult to prosecute, he thinks.

We have a hard enough time getting victims to go," said Kuske, 78, who worked for years with residents and business owners to cut down on drug and gang activity at his Lincoln police district on the Northwest Side.

Friday was the final day of operation for branch courthouses at 2456 W. Belmont Ave. and at 155 W. 51st St. that have been operating since the 1970s.

Starting Monday, misdemeanor cases normally heard at the Belmont courthouse will be handled at the branch courthouse at 5555 W. Grand Ave., more than 5 miles away - or an estimated 50 minutes on two buses. Felony cases will be moved to the county courthouse in Skokie, more than 12 miles north of the old courthouse and a good hour and half via two buses and two CTA rail lines.

On the South Side, cases at the 51st Street courthouse will be split



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Chicago police retiree Patrick Goodman, of Bagpipes & Drums of the Emerald Society, plays a tribute to the Belmont branch, which closed Friday.

between courthouses at 727 E. 111th St. (nearly 9 miles away, an hour's trip on a bus and the Red Line) and 3150 W. Flournoy St. (8½ miles away, an hour on the Blue Line and a bus).

Cook County officials announced the closures last summer after the controversial tax on sweetened drinks was repealed, eliminating about \$200 million from County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's spending plan.

Shuttering the two branches is expected to save the county \$9.2 million in repairs, maintenance and upgrades, some needed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, according to a statement from Chief Judge Timothy Evans' office.

Court officials have posted signs announcing the changes and tips on how to get to the new courthouses, creating a "reminder system" in which defendants can receive text messages or phone

"We made these adjustments in a way that keeps the cases as close to where they originated as possible," said Pat Milhizer, spokes-

man for Evans. He acknowledged that the move to Skokie is "the one exception." But Milhizer said moving felony preliminary hearings there was "logical" because those cases normally end up at that court-

Kuske believes the loss of convenience of a neighborhood courthouse will dispirit victims already traumatized.

"This is going to put a nail through it," said Kuske, who has worked to reduce crime in his once-crime-ridden ward for nearly 30 years. "What's going to happen is you're discouraging citizens from going to court because it's too onerous to go that

Kuske isn't alone with his concerns.

"If I'm a victim in Lakeview ... I've got to go Grand and Central?" said Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th, who said Preckwinkle never addressed his questions about the closures.

"There's a person who doesn't even know where Grand and Central is. They're like, 'I might not even feel safe getting to Grand and Central.'

"It's just so inaccessible to have us travel by public transit, or even private vehicle one hour to two hours each way," Tunney said. "You can quote me — it's crazy."

Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli, whose office represents criminal defendants, expects problems as victims, witnesses and defendants adjust to longer commute. She's also concerned that judges at the new courthouses will issue arrest warrants for clients who are tardy.

"We all have to agree this is going to be very taxing on the people who are coming to court and it's going to take some time," Campanelli said. "This will be standard operating procedure, but it's going to take a few months."

For her part, Campanelli said she's willing to push back against warrants early in the transition. Milhizer said judges will be

"mindful of the changes."

"For defendants who are late, a judge may decide to pass that case to the end of the call or later in the day, allowing the defendant more time to arrive," he said. "It is also anticipated that judges will be slow to issue warrants due to these changes."

In addition, staff will be at both closed branch courts to help direct defendants and ensure they receive free public transit cards as needed.

Tunney said he hopes there's still time to find convenient alternate sites where criminal cases

can be heard. "My question is, so they have civil cases and some kind of criminal cases in the Daley Center," he said. "How about the Daley Center? What about 555 W. Harrison (the domestic relations courthouse)? Give me something here, because what isn't working is Skokie and Grand and Central.

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Who gets an escort from Illinois State Police?

Athletes, team owners, musicians, filmmakers but not sick motorists

By John Keilman

Chicago Tribune

Illinois State Police documents show that the agency frequently assigns troopers to escort sports teams, musicians and even filmmakers across the congested road-

ways of greater Chicago.

But one notable journey wasn't included in the pile of contracts the police escorts provided to Bears kicker Cody Parkey so he could practice at Soldier Field.

The Tribune reported last month that Parkey received a police escort from Halas Hall to the stadium so he could practice in gamelike conditions. Illinois State Police wouldn't comment on the trip, so the Tribune made a public records request for all police escort contracts in 2018.

The documents show that the Bears are frequent customers, hiring troopers who earn overtime to escort the team between Halas Hall and O'Hare International Airport on travel days. But there were no contracts covering Parkey's Soldier Field outings.

State police did not return requests for comment Friday, but Bears spokesman Brandon Faber said the team indeed paid for the

"The players have gone down there several times but only had a police escort on two occasions, both of which were paid for by the Bears to the state police," he said.

Though critics have called police escorts for sports teams a frivolous and potentially dangerous use of public resources, state police defend them as a way to provide "safety and security for all those involved in the motorcade as well as for the motoring public."

The contracts show that visiting NFL teams routinely receive police escorts to and from the airport, hotels and Soldier Field. The service costs \$110 per trooper per hour, plus \$40 per vehicle for fuel and maintenance.

All told, the teams usually pay state police just over \$10,000 for a weekend in the city (the Kansas City Chiefs, New York Jets and New England Patriots paid more because their owners got their own police escorts).

College football teams are also major customers: Northwestern University had a standing order for police escorts between its team hotel and Ryan Field on game days, and the University of Illinois paid for the service when it played at Soldier Field in September.

The Chicago Cubs are frequent recipients, too, spending \$24,000 between July and September for the team and its opponents to be escorted to and from local airports or, for those headed north to play the Milwaukee Brewers, the Wisconsin state line.

No one, though, spent more than the Bears. The contracts list 23 trips between Halas Hall and O'Hare from August to December at a cost of more than \$68,000.

State police policy says the agency will provide escorts for oversized vehicles, military vehicles transporting weapons and commercial vehicles carrying radioactive material. All other escorts must be approved, though sports teams don't appear to have much trouble getting permission.

Two college football teams the University of Toledo and the University of Utah — got escorts to go from their hotel in Lisle to Northern Illinois University's Huskie Stadium in DeKalb. International rugby teams and women's soccer teams got them when they came to the area for matches, as did Loyola University Chicago's men's basketball team when it returned to campus from the Final

State troopers squired Manchester City to and fro over five days when the English soccer juggernaut visited Chicago for an exhibition game in July. But its opponent, German powerhouse Borussia Dortmund, appears to have gone without; state police provided no contract for the team.

The contracts show that two nonsports recipients received police escorts. One was Chicago film production company Sparrow Grass, which in June paid for troopers to "escort the production crew during filming in Markham" (company representatives did not return messages seeking com-

The other was musician Jimmy Buffett, whose tour buses were shepherded between the Peninsula Hotel and Wrigley Field when he came to town for a July concert.

Police escorts are not a risk-free endeavor. The city of Minneapolis stopped providing the service to sports teams in 2014 when a squad car in the motorcade lost control, causing one bus carrying members of the Washington Redskins to crash into another. A player reportedly missed the game with back spasms, and the city later paid a \$237,000 settlement to the bus company and an insurer.

In 2016, a motorcycle officer in California was injured when he crashed during a pre-Super Bowl police escort of the Denver Bron-

"According to several Broncos who were on the buses, the police escort came up on some traffic when the driver of a white car



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Chicago Bears kicker Cody Parkey has received a police escort from Halas Hall to Soldier Field so he could practice.

ahead seemed to panic and stop, rather than pull off to the side," USA Today reported.

Illinois State Police policy on escorts recognizes the potential for danger in one respect: It strongly discourages troopers from escorting civilian vehicles during a medical emergency.

"Due to the extreme hazard not only to the escorting officer, but also to the occupants of the escorted vehicle and other members of the public, officers will normally decline requests for such escorts," it says.

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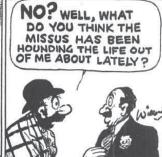
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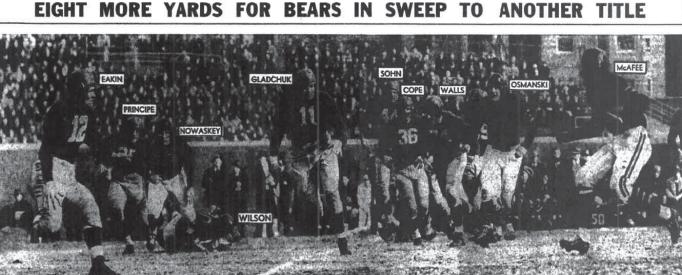
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Nagy answered questions in 1st year

Bears, from Page 1

A year later, as the Bears play host to the Eagles on Sunday in their first playoff game since 2010, the answers are stacked behind a 12-4 record and NFC North cham-

Nagy, now 40, engineered this remarkable turnaround with his authenticity, charisma, aptitude and obsession with winning. He created a cohesive and fun dynamic that has exploited a talented roster. In building the team, just about everything he touches seemingly turns to gold.

Now he's a front-runner for the NFL Coach of the Year award. And regardless of whether the Bears wake up from this dream season Sunday or after the Super Bowl in February, they appreciate how their rookie coach has satisfied their curiosities.

"I love learning from Coach and how he teaches," quarterback Mitch Trubisky said. "He's very hands on, visual, and he can work with any type of person and get his point across. It's really easy to learn from him (because of) the type of person he is and how smart he is."

The light and the dark

Akiem Hicks doesn't like change. But he despises losing. So the defensive lineman's mind was open and heart earnest as he entered the Halas Hall auditorium April 3 for Nagy's first team meeting.

Hicks' seven-year career includes stints under Super Bowl champion coaches Sean Payton and Bill Belichick and runner-up John Fox. How would Nagy com-

"There was a wisdom he had even though he had never been a head coach before," Hicks said. "He just had it together, and you could see that. You respect that as a player because he wasn't reaching to be somebody that he's not."

That assessment mirrors Nagy's coaching mantra: "Be you." It's painted on a wall in a hallway at team headquarters. It's printed in the bottom right corner of his play-call sheet for every game.

Nagy's cultivation of individualism and authenticity isn't entirely novel in the NFL coaching ranks. But it has deeply resonated with a roster on which only four of 53 players are 30 or older.

For Nagy, it's a mandate to have fun while being a stickler for hard, detailed work.

It can be a difficult balance to strike. Veteran cornerback Prince Amukamara knows that from playing for coaches on both ends of the spectrum. He equates it to the differences between public and private school.

Nagy's style?

"It's a little bit of both," Amukamara said. "There's order. But within the order, you can still have your fun. And I feel like that's what's needed for this group. Even though we are young, there's a lot of mature guys. It's been great."

Yes, the coach who condones choreographed touchdown celebrations also insists they end within seconds so the team isn't penalized for delay of game on the extra point.

The coach who established locker-room dance parties after every victory is the same guy who promised players in July they were in for the most taxing training camp they had ever endured.

As it turned out, those 24 summer days were crucial to earning players' respect while establishing parameters for fun and discipline.

During practice one August



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Matt Nagy celebrates after the Bears clinched the NFC North title with a win against the Packers on Dec. 16.

"I always self-reflect. "I'm using any of those experiences to make myself a better coach for the players."

- Bears coach Matt Nagy

morning, Nagy called the entire team together to lambaste its collective sloppiness. Two days later, he made himself the quarterback for one-on-one drills between receivers and defensive

Nagy's first camp featured more live tackling and more consecutive days in full pads than any of the five camps run by his immediate predecessors, Fox and Marc Trestman.

"But he knew when to pull back," Amukamara said. "He knew when to give us some off days. He's not closed off into doing it his own way. He was open and willing to listen."

Nagy maintained that dichotomy throughout the regular season with just the right touch.

He's friendly with his players, a peer who, for example, talks basketball with receiver Allen Robinson or "Fortnite" with running back Tarik Cohen.

"I would hang out with him if he wasn't my coach," right tackle Bobby Massie said.

At the same time, he's capable of profane tirades. He unleashed one in the locker room at halftime of the Dec. 2 loss to the Giants. He was set off by the defense's failure to prevent the Giants from getting out of bounds to stop the clock and attempt a successful 57-yard field goal. The Bears ended up losing in overtime by three.

Nagy says breathing fire comes naturally when he senses players crossing a line and in need of being reeled back in.

"The coaches know that if I

need to, I've got a dark side — in a good way," he said. "If you don't, you'll get run over. You'll get taken advantage of."

For players, Nagy's occasional darkness brightens the Bears'

"Who doesn't love a coach that's fiery?" Hicks said. "It says that it means something to him. It's the essence of football rather than the business of football."

From projection to proof

Pace and his lieutenants extensively researched coaching candidates before interviewing six during an eight-day search. As they gathered intel and insight from about 30 people, several of Pace's and Nagy's mutual acquaintances asserted they would make a great

Both started at the bottom rung of the NFL front-office and coaching ladders. They have friendly personalities. They have similar ideas about leadership and the value of communication.

Nagy was not the hot name that, say, Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels was. But Pace became convinced Nagy was his man during a four-hour interview on a Sunday morning, followed by dinner with their wives that night.

"Everything felt right," Nagy recalled in December. "It felt good. I trust my instinct."

Pace, 41, took a similar leap of faith, knowing Nagy could prove himself in new coaching and play-calling roles only after he was in the job.

Over time, Nagy responded well to challenges. Like how he got the team untracked during that disjointed training camp practice. Or how he never allowed the team to wallow in self-pity when Robinson and star linebacker Khalil Mack missed midseason games against the Jets and Bills because of injuries.

More specific to Nagy's role as a football strategist, Pace believed Nagy was detailed and innovative. The Chiefs' offensive success suggested Nagy was an effective teacher. How, though, would that mani-

fest with the Bears? Dave Ragone also had that question. He was the only one of Fox's offensive position coaches whom Nagy retained. The quarterbacks coach was thrilled to

continue mentoring Trubisky but could only guess the details of how that would work. How hands-on would Nagy be with quarterbacks in practices and meetings? What room would that leave for Ragone to put his

Ragone have to tailor his coaching In December, he recalled those initial curiosities with a smile.

imprint on Trubisky? How might

"What attracts me to Matt is the fact he has no ego and no agenda," Ragone, 39, said. "He's authentic. That's probably the best compliment I can give anybody I've ever worked with. He's truly passionate about what he does. He's obsessed with winning, and it's contagious."

Since that first day in April, Nagy has spent more time with Ragone and the quarterbacks than any other group.

Sleeves rolled up. Hands-on.

Ragone loves how Nagy sees the game through a quarterback's eyes. Say they're reviewing video of a play. A coach who isn't as in tune with the quarterback might simply ask: Why didn't he throw it

"That's the easy observation," Ragone said. "He'll make the observation of, 'Hey, the three-technique (defensive tackle) put his hand up. The quarterback didn't have clean vision. He moved. That's why he didn't.' We don't have to have a three-minute dialogue of all that or an excuse. That, to me, is completely refreshing."

Trubisky's improvements this season generally have been more subtle, more gradual. As Nagy promised, there has been no magic wand. The process is driven by their dedicated, repetitive work through Trubisky's successes and

Their relationship began in 2017 during Trubisky's hours-long pre-draft visit with the Chiefs. Once the Bears hired Nagy, Trubisky wondered about Nagy's teaching style and how well they would communicate.

The ease of their interactions boosted Trubisky's confidence.

"I knew what kind of direction this offense and team could head in," he said. "We are learning and making mistakes and growing, but because of his experience and how he's teaching this offense, we're further along than some offenses usually are in their first

Trubisky has had an inconsistent but solid season. His 95.4 passer rating was 16th in the 32-team league. The Bears were 21st in total offense, an improvement from 30th last season but below where Nagy has vowed to lift them.

The ascent requires time, he says. At first, players had to take his word for it based on Nagy's reputation and the Chiefs' steady offensive output. But now they sense the potential through their

own experiences.
"He's a spark-plug coach," Cohen said. "He's always high intensity. The way he talks to a player is at eye level. You feel like he's just one of the guys in the locker room. And he's a brilliant mind. The stuff he looks at, it gives us an advantage. When we look at it through his point of view, you're like, dang, it's really true."

The next step

Nagy leads the Bears into Sunday's game confident he'll continue to prove himself under the brighter postseason spotlight.

Last January, on the night before Nagy interviewed with the Bears, his Chiefs led the Titans 21-3 at halftime of their wild-card game before losing 22-21. Nagy's play calling was criticized by fans who thought he should have called more runs.

"I always self-reflect," Nagy said. "I'm using any of those experiences to make myself a better coach for the players. It all circles back to me trusting myself as a coach and believing in what I feel is the right thing to do."

Whatever that is, he'll have the confidence of his players.

As the Bears celebrated their fourth-quarter touchdown Sunday against the Vikings, something clicked for Leno. Nagy's summertime vow to put

players through their most grueling training camp? For Leno, a 306-pound offensive lineman, the toughest challenge was what Nagy calls the "long-drive drill."

At the end of practice, with the fuel light blinking after two hours of knocking heads in the summer sun, Nagy would script a drive of 12, 14 or 16 plays. Go the length of the field, he'd

say. Do it while you're tired. Fourth quarter. Game on the line. What do you have left? So there was Leno on Sunday,

too spent to celebrate more than tapping Cohen's helmet after a 16-play, 75-yard touchdown drive that lasted 9 minutes, 5 seconds.

The Bears' best, most emphatic drive of the season had choked the life out of their rival.

The dethroned division champs are now home for the winter.

"That's the long-drive drill," Leno said. "We needed that. It comes full circle, and it's a beauti-Now they get it. After 12 wins,

they fully understand.

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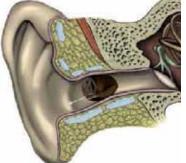






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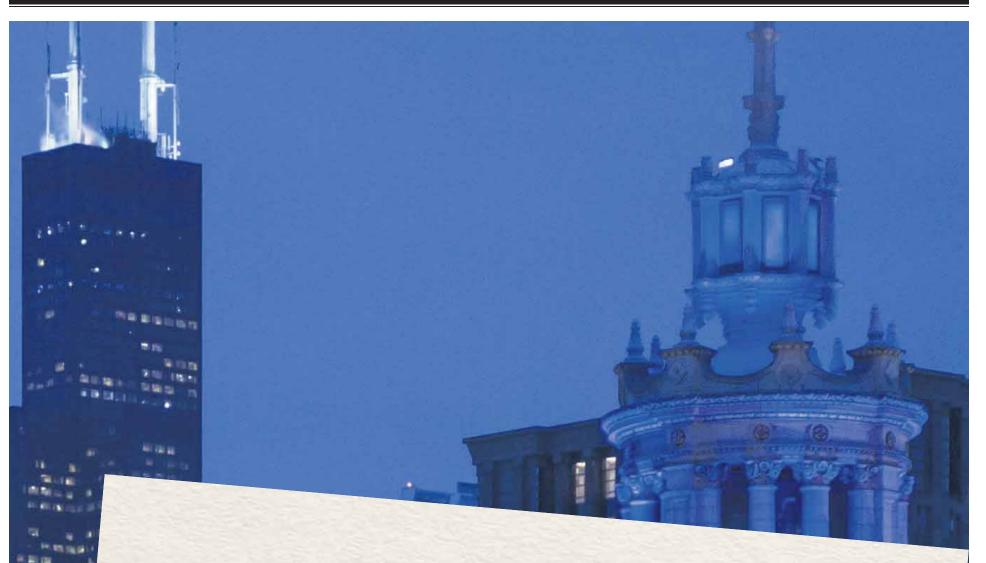
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Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, at a City Council Finance Committee meeting in December. Mayor Rahm Emanuel said Friday that Burke is stepping down from that job.

Burke corruption charge a challenge: Elect a better council

By DICK SIMPSON

Ald. Edward Burke has been charged in federal court with shaking down a restaurant company. Whether the powerful 14th Ward alderman is proved guilty or not, his arrest highlights our need for a Chicago City Council without conflicts of interest or corruption.

In a federal complaint unsealed Thursday, Burke was charged with attempted extortion of the owners of a Burger King franchise in his ward. Until he is cleared of the charge, he should be relieved of his leadership positions. He stepped down Friday as City Council Finance Committee chairman. He also should be stripped of his role as chairman of the Democratic Party's judicial nominating committee.

This is certainly not the first instance of aldermanic corruption. By the Tribune's count, since 1972, 33 serving or former aldermen have been convicted on corruption charges. Added to them, Ald. Willie Cochran, 20th, has his own ongoing corruption case. If convicted, Cochran and Burke would bring the number to 35

The 2019 elections are our oppor-

tunity to end the Chicago City Council's status as the center of political corruption. The problem for voters is telling genuine reform candidates from frauds. Don't forget that former Gov. Rod Blagojevich ran as a reformer, only to create a criminal conspiracy of interlinked corruption schemes.

This criminal charge against Burke adds to Chicagoans' perception that you have to "pay to play" — that you have to bribe aldermen to get honest government services. Burke is charged with using his power as alderman to extort the restaurant company in order to give his law firm its property tax business and to squeeze a donation to another unnamed politician — identified by sources to the Tribune as Cook County Board President and Chicago mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle.

Aldermen such as Burke have the clout to promote projects or stop them dead. But an overriding principle of American democracy is that you may not use your public office for private gain. And it is a crime to do so.

Aldermen have many creative ways to make a dishonest buck. Many crooked aldermen have gone to federal prison for taking \$500 or less to fix zoning or building permits. However, some aldermanic corruption schemes have been more imaginative. Longtime Ald. Tom Keane, 31st, Mayor Richard J. Daley's floor leader, was convicted in 1974 of taking legal fees not only to obtain zoning changes but even to sell off the city street that allowed the Sears Tower to be built.

Former Burke ally Ald. Ed "Fast Eddie" Vrdolyak, 10th, pleaded guilty in 2008 to a real estate fraud scheme. After serving prison time, he is now on trial for tax evasion related to a tobacco lawsuit settlement for which he did little or no work.

Thus, aldermanic corruption can be petty, but sometimes creative and grander. Ald. Burke's alleged misdeeds seem decidedly on the petty shakedown side.

Why can't Chicago have a clean City Council free from fraud?

The biggest reason is that the City Council is part of the machine politics of our city. When a single political party holds all, or nearly all, of the seats; when aldermen give out City Council and aldermanic staff positions as patronage jobs; and when aldermen are merely rubber stamps to the mayor, and not the representatives of their communities, then using

clout to line their own pockets is the result. So it was when I was elected alderman in 1971 and so it still is.

Incumbents have a lot of advantages in the upcoming citywide elections. One is raising money for the ever-more-expensive aldermanic election campaigns. Burke leads the pack with more than \$12 million in his campaign coffers. While we desperately need to instigate public funding of aldermanic and mayoral campaigns, that won't level the playing field in 2019.

Incumbency also brings local fame, name recognition and gratitude for favors the current aldermen have rendered to at least some constituents.

However, there also are a lot of really good candidates running for mayor and alderman. So it is time for voters to clean house. Creating a better Chicago can begin through the election of a new mayor and a better City Council.

If this latest revelation proves anything, it is that it's time to get out the broom.

Dick Simpson is professor of political science and a former Chicago alderman

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT



I predict that readers' predictions for 2019 are mostly off-base. But I could be - and probably am - wrong

I was about to write that the safe pick for the next mayor of Chicago — the prediction for 2019 that would align me with the consensus of my very smart readership - would be Toni Preckwinkle. But questions that arose Thursday, about a campaign contribution allegedly connected to third-party extortion schemes, make me hesitate.

Yes, she is a formidably serious person, she has eight years of political executive experience as Cook County Board president and is chair of the **Cook County Democratic** Party, all of which makes her a strong candidate to succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who has chosen not to run for re-election. But links to the federal investigation that has led to charges against Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, could hurt her

Before that news broke, 42 percent of more than 800 readers who responded to my annual predictthe-news survey picked Preckwinkle to prevail over at least a dozen hopefuls who will face off in the Feb. 26 general election, and, assuming she doesn't win more than 50 percent of the total vote, to win over the second-place finisher in the April 2 runoff.

But my often unreliable psychic sense tells me that Chicago's next mayor will be Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, the second choice of readers with 25 percent predicting her victory. She's energetic. She's bold, quick-witted and, at 46, comparatively young among the candidates considered to be in the top tier. Yes, she'll have to answer for her close ties to controversial establishment Democrats, but she's a good campaigner and I'm guessing voters will ultimately see her occupying the sweet spot between insider and independent thinker where the next mayor must be to lead the



Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced her intention to run for mayor of Chicago in September, but links to a federal investigation could hurt her campaign.

city forward.

I also have the feeling that former Democratic U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke of Texas will emerge at the

end of 2019 as the leading Democratic hopeful for president in 2020. Yes, he lost to charmless Republican Sen. Ted Cruz in No-

vember and, yes, the primary grind may not be kind to him as starry-eyed progressives learn that he's not nearly as liberal as they've imagined. But voters like to look ahead, and the youthful, eloquent O'Rouke says "tomorrow" whereas former Vice President Joe Biden, the top pick of readers, says "yesterday."

All told, my forecasts for 2019 disagreed with the reader forecasts on 24 of the 40 questions.

Readers differed with my predictions that:

Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke will receive a sentence of 10 to 19 years. (Readers said it will be less than 10 years.)

President Donald Trump will not run for re-election. This prediction reflects my view that severe legal or political troubles will end his political career, though probably not his term in

If Trump does run, however, there will be no GOP challenger with more than 20 percent support in polls of Republican voters.

Trump's job approval, currently at 39 percent, will

fall below 35 percent. There will not be a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court.

The public will see Trump's tax returns. Bonus prediction, they'll be appal-

A federal judge will sentence Gen. Michael Flynn to prison despite the request of prosecutors and defense attorneys that the judge not do so.

The national average price of regular gas will be higher than \$3 per gallon, the unemployment rate will rise above 5 percent and the growth in the U.S. gross domestic product will limp along under 2 percent.

Trump will pardon or commute the sentence of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich. Trump is simply saving this flashgrenade of a news story for when he needs to distract the public from an ominous turn of events in the White House.

Illinois' population will grow and its pension shortfall will shrink. Perhaps this is just the hopium talking, but the dismal trends here have to reverse some time, right? Right?

The Illinois General Assembly will not vote to legalize recreational marijuana or to allow a casino in Chicago. Years of experience have told me never to bet on a Chicago casino and that enthusiasm for pot will wane as most of us weigh the issue seriously for the first time.

Facebook will part ways with founder Mark Zucker-

When it comes to sports, optimistic readers disagree with my predictions that the Bears won't even make it to the NFC championship game, that the Cubs will miss the playoffs, that the White Sox won't win 75 or more games and that Northwestern football Coach Pat Fitzgerald will

leave for the NFL, his many

contrary assurances notwithstanding.

Keep in mind that readers trounced me for accuracy by 19 percentage points last year.

Readers and I are already 1-for-1 in our forecasts.

When the survey closed at midnight Monday, New Year's Eve, 67 percent of readers had registered their agreement with my prediction that the feds would charge veteran Chicago Ald. Burke with a crime in 2019. On Thursday came the announcement that Burke had been charged with attempted extortion for allegedly using the power of his office to solicit business for his law firm.

Readers and I also agreed that:

Trump will pardon at least one person indicted or implicated in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, and that Trump will not get \$3 billion or more to pay for the construction of new barriers on the southern border. Through his mendacious, racist dogwhistling rhetoric, Trump has toxified even the sensible idea that, in places, the fences and walls that separate the U.S. from Mexico need to be rehabilitated or reinforced.

The Democratic U.S. House will not vote to impeach Trump or to enact a "Medicare-for-all" bill.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders will step down as White House spokeswoman.

Trump will back off on his threat to dramatically hike tariffs on \$300 billion in Chinese imports.

Global temperatures will be higher than they were in 2018, the fourth-hottest on record.

Great Britain will hold an "on second thought" Brexit vote.

Amazon will buy a major bricks-and-mortar retail chain.

The Dan Ryan Expressway will not be renamed for Barack Obama, and the city will not break ground on that proposed Tiger Woods-designed championship golf course on the South Side.

A major Chicago publication will reduce its print schedule in favor of online content delivery.

Readers and I agree that the White Sox will not sign coveted free agents Manny Machado or Bryce Harper, that Tiger Woods — him again! - won't win one of golf's four major tournaments and that Alabama will beat Clemson for the NCAA football championship Monday night.

The big unknowns about 2019 are hard to turn into multiple-choice questions. Will J.B. Pritzker be an effective governor? Will Chicago's new mayor hit the ground running with meaningful initiatives to improve the lives of everyday Chicagoans? What major alterations, if any, will we see in the Lincoln Yards development proposal?

Will the newly empowered national Democratic Party overplay its hand and allow momentum to shift back to the Republicans? Will the parties reach smart compromises on immigration and health care?

Will the Mueller probe largely exonerate Trump, calming him down and steadying the ship of state? Or will Mueller issue a damning report that plunges us into the most chaotic, perilous year since the Civil War?

Your guess is as good as or probably better than mine.

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The character of Miles Morales, center, the protagonist of "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," learns to live as a member of a stigmatized minority.

Spider-Man is straight, but 'Into the Spider-Verse' is a coming-out story

By Andrew Kahn

s mainstream superhero films go, "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" is an odd duck, visually flamboyant and tonally chutzpadik, snarking repeatedly about intellectual property law and the perils of franchisedom. Though it's steeped in comic book lore — and winks at the films, television programs and other subsidiary products — it rarely feels like the kind of film that its corporate parents would want it to be.

Something similar could be said of the story's protagonist, Miles Morales. The son of a Puerto Rican nurse and an African-American cop who can't stand Spider-Man, Miles turns out to be a second Spider-Man. At first, he's confused, and then he's afraid, but soon enough he's hanging out, in secret, with a crowd of alternate-dimension Spider-People.

He is, in short, a vividly queer character: not in terms of who he desires, but in the way he learns to live as a member of a stigmatized minority. This isn't to say that Miles, a boy with a crush on a girl, is LGBT within the scope of the story, or that a queer erotic perspective is necessary to enjoy the film. Further, as minority representation goes, what's significant is the film's depiction of a nonwhite superhero.

It's notable, though, that the structure of Miles' development maps on to that of many queer people. The film's success suggests that the key elements of his relationship to society — his ambivalence toward his nuclear family, his attachment to a tribe of secretive mutants — do not arouse the suspicion they once would have. It marks a new frontier in the sort of outsider an audience will, at least at the movies, cheer for — and pay for.

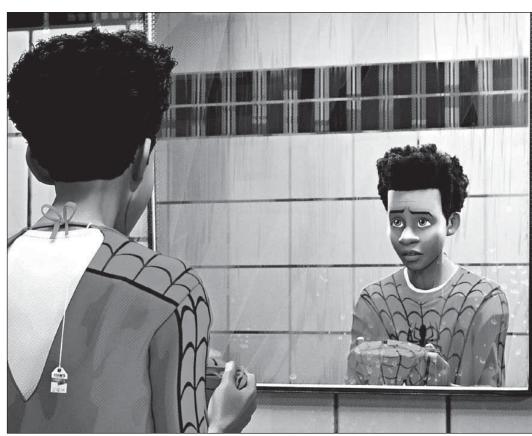
cheer for — and pay for. Spider-Man's origin has often been read as an allegory for puberty, and superheroes at large have frequently been endowed with a queer significance. Like the sexual and gender identities we call queer, superheroes' relationships to one another and the world from clandestine bands of marginalized X-Men to the cosmopolitan cabals of the Justice League — clash with traditional units of social organization, the heterosexual family and the nation state most of all. "Spider-Verse" engages with those subtexts of its source material, as well as the familiar archetype of the extraordinary child. Such children – from Lewis Carroll's Alice through Dorothy in

"The Wizard of Oz," Luke Skywalker, Harry Potter, and on and on — have long been points of queer identification. So, too, have numerous eccentric villains, the Jokers and Ursulas exuberantly obsessed with their beautiful same-sex rivals.

What sets "Spider-Verse" apart is the specificity with which it treats Miles' evolving sense of self, rewriting the familiar beats of the superhero origin story into a story of separation from — and detente with — both his family of origin and mainstream society. Fiction's extraordinary children generally have imposturous families (the Dursleys) or temporarily unavailable ones ("Auntie Em! Auntie Em!"). They rarely need to reconcile the charmed worlds to which they properly belong (Hogwarts, Oz) and the one in

which they were raised.

Miles does experience that need, and the course he follows is so thunderously resonant with actual queer experience that you could, as an exercise, translate it into gay terms. When our young hero first experiences his superpowers, he tells himself that it's just normal puberty stuff until it's clear that it isn't. That leaves him in the position of a pretty typical gay teen, fretting about urges that he can't process as normal or express without courting disaster. He knows he may be saddled with an identity that would put him at odds with his family. A gay boy might at this point ask a parent, "Will you still love me if I'm gay?"; Miles asks his father, Jefferson, "Do you really hate Spider-Man?" The answer is yes.



Miles, the son of a Puerto Rican nurse and an African-American cop, is voiced by Shameik Moore.

Miles has other family, though: his bachelor uncle - a familiar type in the annals of queer narrative - estranged from Jefferson on account of some never-fully specified deviance. Uncle Aaron teaches Miles how to flirt by roleplaying with him — they take turns being the man, administering seductive "shouldertouches" — then gets him bitten by a radioactive homosexu- uh, spider. While mourning the one person he knows to be like him, the dead Peter Parker, Miles encounters numerous alternate-dimension Spider-People, all without their Mary Janes, intimidatingly adept at detecting their kind. (Apparently the tingling of their spider sense works a lot like gaydar.) Miles falls out of touch with his parents as he spends more time in Aunt May's Spider-Man basement, a space that is part kitschy closet, part dimly lit gay bar.

Early in the film, Miles' native-dimension Spider-Man advises him that he doesn't "have a choice" when it comes to his superpowers, offers to show him the ropes, and dies. That Spider-Man's replacement — a sad sack with a dad bod - takes on Miles, reluctantly teaching the first-timer some basic Spider-Man skills. Then they swing through a forest, where there is a villain and a henchman, both occupy ing an ambiguous realm of seedy prowlers. After Miles discovers that the henchman is in fact Uncle Aaron — an outsider hunting outsiders — he doubts his own ability and desire to hack it in his newfound community of ... outsiders.

ers.

The last act of the film is queerest, and its most excruciatingly poignant, in its handling of Miles' half-reconciliation to his father. It starts with Jefferson's admission, on the occasion of Aaron's death, that he wishes they hadn't drifted apart, a wish he extends to his relationship with Miles.

Still, it doesn't fully close the gap between father and son. Miles never explicitly comes out to Jefferson, who bears witness to his triumph with awe. Instead of revealing his identity, Miles, still costumed as an anonymous Spider-Man, drops affectionate hints (a hug, a voluntary "I love you"). In queer terms, he's reconfined himself in what's sometimes known as the "glass closet," that state in which everyone knows what you are, but no one talks about it. Here, as in so many real families, the men agree to a tenuous working relationship: "I don't approve of your methods," Jefferson says, but he'll tolerate them.

says, but he'll tolerate them.
Thus Miles' arc: the recognition that you're a freak; the isolation of the closet; the discovery of freaks like you, who might come to stand in for biological family; the play of identification and shame within a stigmatized group, of revulsion and self-acceptance, initiation and competition; turning freakishness into a

weapon against adversity; and perhaps the eventual reintegration — of some part of yourself — into mainstream society, or at least into the family.

That arc can be translated into specifically gay terms, but it doesn't have to be. The broad pattern of experience has become common enough that a mass audience can see themselves in it, as hero rather than villain.

That's nice — but it's also a little troubling, as it is whenever disconformity is repackaged for commercial use. Even as it nods to subversion, "Spider-Verse" is an extremely canny act of corporate self-justification. Its grounding metaphor for diversity is the heterogeneity of properties within the corporate Spider-Verse; the stripes of its rainbow flag are franchises: Spider-Ham and Gwen Stacy and Miles Morales. They're all, ultimately, comfortable in their own skin, as outsiders, as teammates and as legitimate embodiments of the Spider-Man brand.

This is about as radical as corporate media can get. Like the Emerald City itself — a queer utopia if ever there was one — the Spider-Verse is all at once an aesthetic delight, a vision of freedom and a shrine to the industry that produced it.

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EDITORIALS

Shakedown City: Employers and Chicago's corruption tax

"The name of the game in Chicago is baksheesh. That's Arabian. It means payoff, bribe. This is the city of baksheesh." — Chicago delicatessen owner, 1978

The criminal complaint targeting Chicago Ald. Edward Burke reads like a cliched crime novel: Influential alderman squeezes restaurant executives to benefit his law business, delicately at first, over lunch at a private wood-paneled country club. Federal agents locate the alderman via a black Crown Victoria, his ridingaround car, in the parking lot.

The alderman is known for his silver coiffure, pinstriped suits and pocket squares. His three-story brick home on the Southwest Side is landlocked by railroad tracks and industry, strip malls and bungalows — but protected by a tall wrought-iron fence with a locked gate.

He is untouchable. Until now.
Burke, of Chicago's 14th Ward, faces one count of attempted extortion. The U.S.
Department of Justice accuses him of holding up city permits and slow-walking a restaurant renovation in his ward until the company agreed to hire Burke's law firm, Klafter & Burke, for property tax work.

"And, um, we were going to talk about the real estate tax representation and you were going to have somebody get in touch with me so we can expedite your permits," Burke is alleged to have told a restaurant executive on one occasion, though prosecutors allege several instances when pressure was applied.

"I will, I will follow up with the architect and have him reach out as soon as possible and I will have somebody from our (redacted) office reach out to you regarding the property taxes," the exec replied. Wary of the pressure tactics, the company never gave Burke the law business, prosecutors say. But the company lost out on months of revenue during the alleged shakedown.

Burke has denied wrongdoing. His attorney told reporters the criminal complaint "does not make out an extortion or an attempt to extort." We'll leave it to the justice system to determine the truth.

But the complaint paints an embarrassing portrait of Chicago: The overseers of a Burger King in a working-class neighborhood who wanted to renovate their own property spent more than eight months dealing with an obstinate and clout-driven permitting process. The project got delayed and micromanaged, and at one point shut down altogether, while Burke allegedly squeezed and pressed and twisted the owners.

If true, it is a damning spectacle of what it can be like doing business in a ward run by a tin-pot dictator.



SCOTT STANTIS

Chicago's reputation for shaking down employers is long-standing and grossly unflattering. According to the complaint, Burke and his minions exerted influence over at least two City Hall departments to tighten the screws on the restaurant com-

Reading these accusations, why would business owners want to set up shop in "the city of baksheesh"?

the city of baksheesh"?
How throwback, too:

In 1978, Burke was building his clout on the City Council, representing the same 14th Ward his father had served. That year, the Chicago Sun-Times published a series of stories on The Mirage, a tavern the newspaper purchased undercover to test the city's reputation for corruption. Reporters who moonlighted as bartenders documented numerous cases where city inspectors ignored code violations at The

Mirage in exchange for payoffs. State liquor inspectors shook them down. Accountants with city connections taught them how to avoid taxes. Public employees routinely expected envelopes of cash for their services.

In one story, the unnamed deli owner invoked "baksheesh." A City Hall "fixer" who didn't realize he was working with journalists told them, "Anyone from Chicago knows that this is the way it is. You do it to avoid complications. You people really are getting a college education, aren't you?"

A nearby tavern owner advised the reporters, whom he believed were bar owners, to deliver kickbacks discreetly. "You never come out and ask, 'How much is this going to cost me?' You say, 'Well, can't we work this out between us?' "

Forty years later, the city's most influential alderman stands accused of abusing his role as a public servant to line his pockets.

The federal complaint is yet another narrative of Chicago's enduring culture of corruption. Why do aldermen wield such control over their fiefdoms? Why do voters tolerate it?

Chicago mayors pay attention to Big Deals. To corporate honchos. To enticements from Amazon and Hollywood moguls and global bigwigs. Those swells get the red carpet. Meanwhile, for most of 2017, a fast-food joint at 40th and Pulaski could only sell burgers and fries and shakes through the drive-thru window. Why? The dining room renovation got hung up on

It sure makes one wonder. Is Chicago the world-class city its mayors brag about? Or is it a land of despots? And if its public officials didn't levy a corruption tax, how many more businesses and jobs would call this city home?

Thanks, Bears, for keeping Chicagoans out of hibernation

Hey, Chicago sports fans, remember what games you were salivating over last year at this time? The Bulls and Blackhawks were bad, so maybe you kept busy watching college hoops and channel surfing between obscure foreign soccer matches on obscure cable channels.

Maybe you just took another nap.
Here's what you weren't doing in the early Januaries of 2012-18: getting revved up to watch the Chicago Bears in the playoffs. The team's last postseason game was a loss to the Green Bay Packers on Jan. 23, 2011. Since then and until this season, there's been a lot of football misery in Chicago and no playoff appearances. Zero. Nada. Bupkis — not to be confused with Butkus.

The spell is now broken. This Sunday, the Bears return to the playoffs! They face the Philadelphia Eagles at Soldier Field in a wild-card game. Kickoff is at 3:40 p.m. Put on your lucky socks, grill some brats, get to the tavern early. Bundle up if you're going. Do whatever you do for a Bears playoff game — if you can remember back to the last one.

It feels so much better to have Chicago to root for on the path to the Super Bowl, doesn't it? Especially in this holiday hangover week when you're either girding yourselves to go back to work or school, or have been struggling to cover for vacationing colleagues.

New Year's resolutions are energizing, but honestly, the first week of January is mostly a drag. Winter's descended, summer feels as far off as NASA's New Horizons spacecraft (4 billion miles) and you probably still need to take down your



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Christmas lights.

Thank goodness the Bears are good again. Not just good. This 12-4 team under new head coach Matt Nagy is superb in the traditional Monsters of the Midway sense: a hard-hitting, athletic defense balanced by a surprisingly entertaining offense. We'll ignore the deficiencies of the kicker. We beseech the football gods to grant him confidence. Either that or please widen the distance between those pesky goalposts he keeps doinking.

Football is a great game and Chicago

is a great NFL city. The Bears are cultural and geographic unifiers. They play south of the river on the lakefront and practice on the North Shore. The players are mostly millionaires, but the game emphasizes gritty determination and teamwork, which makes the Bears relatable in a town defined by its industrial roots.

Chicago is amped for this game. Here's hoping for a victory Sunday because the alternative is too dreary to consider: Hibernation until spring.

Go Bears!

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

It's no surprise that victims' rights activists and their allies are furious about the U.S. Education Department's proposed changes to Title IX, the federal statute that deals with sex and gender discrimination on campus. It is surprising, however, to see the American Civil Liberties Union joining in this chorus. The ACLU has long defended the rights of accused terrorists, criminals, neo-Nazis, and the Westboro Baptist Church. The group works tirelessly to protect due process, even for the least sympathetic among us.

Yet the ACLU has condemned the new Title IX rules, declaring on Twitter: "The proposed rule would make schools less safe for survivors of sexual assault and harassment, when there is already alarmingly high rates of campus sexual assaults and harassment that go unreported. It promotes an unfair process, inappropriately favoring the accused and letting schools ignore their responsibility under Title IX to respond promptly and fairly to complaints of sexual violence."

I am astonished to see the ACLU take the position that a government policy gives an accused person too many rights, especially when these rights are things the ACLU has generally supported. In other words, they are not weird new rights invented out of thin air. These are standard protections that regrettably were not applied to campus sexual misconduct adjudication during the Obama years. The Title IX reforms ... greatly strengthen due process protections for students accused of sexual misconduct, and they relieve colleges of the burden of investigating suggestive speech that should be permissible on free speech grounds.

Robby Soave, Reason



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, with Sen. Chuck Schumer, left, Rep. Steny Hoyer and Sen. Dick Durbin, after meeting with the president about border security Friday.

Democrats are right to call Trump's border wall bluff



CLARENCE PAGE

As the partial federal government shutdown over President Donald Trump's demand for \$5 billion in border wall funding finished its second week - and Democrats resumed control of the House — that dollar figure sounded increasingly like a ransom note with a curiously flexible price tag.

With that, a nagging question hangs over the whole confusing border mess: Where did that \$5 billion estimate come from?

The House under Republican control passed a bill that included \$5 billion for border security. But the Republican Senate's version included less than \$2 billion. Trump has said he wouldn't sign a bill that includes less than \$5 billion for the wall because "Top Border Security, including a Wall, is \$25 Billion. Pays for itself in two months. Get it done!" wrote Trump. And after a Friday meeting with Democratic leaders, Sen. Chuck Schumer said the president was so insistent on funding the wall that he threatened to keep the government shut down for "months or even years."

But a report by Senate Democrats said last April that a border wall could cost more than three times as much as initial estimates, a steep price for a project whose effectiveness at stopping illegal immigration, drugs and human trafficking has not been demonstrated as much as Trump would have us believe.

An internal report by the Department of Homeland Security said the wall would cost about \$21.6 billion, not including maintenance. That's considerably higher than a \$12 billion figure cited by Trump in his campaign. Estimates by former Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have run as high as \$15 billion.

The more you look into it, the more Trump appears to have pulled that \$5 billion estimate out of his, uh, hat.

And what about his promise that "Mexico will pay for it?" That's not happening either.

Nor is it happening for newly reelected Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and her fellow Democrats. Recent polls also indicate that most Americans - although not most Republicans — tend to agree. In short, they say yes to "border security," no to a "wall."

With all this "fuzzy math," as President George W. Bush used to call Washington arithmetic, I have a modest

proposal for a good old-fashioned compromise: Democrats could offer to earmark the \$5 billion now in question for the wall in exchange for such concessions as protections and work permit eligibility for "Dreamers," immigrants who were brought into the U.S. illegally as children.

The only condition: The wall's building cost can't run one penny over \$5 billion or President Trump would have to pay for it — or Mexico, if he somehow manages to make that deal. My idea, delivered somewhat tongue in cheek, is inspired by the reality that government construction costs almost always exceed their predicted budgets.

It also is inspired by the well-intentioned GoFundMe campaign, "We The People Will Fund The Wall," that Florida Air Force veteran Brian Kolfage launched recently to help fund the wall. As House leadership was changing, the effort had raised more than \$18 million in pledges. Even though it was started late in 2018, it came in second only to the #MeToo-inspired Time's Up Legal Defense Fund's \$22 million among the site's big fundraisers for 2018.

Still, the wall fund would have a long way to go to raise the billions necessary to build a wall that, on closer examination, appears to be no more practical than the menu of barriers and detection devices we already have at the border.

"The president has not updated his

facts," Alex Nowrasteh, an immigration specialist at the libertarian Cato Institute, told me. Today the majority of new illegal immigrants arrive legally with visas but don't leave when the visa has expired. "The number illegally crossing the border," he said, "is near to a 45-year low."

Nowrasteh calculates, based on the \$21 billion DHS estimate, that the \$5 billion debated on Capitol Hill would pay for only about 289 miles of the 1,954-mile border, of which about 317 miles is already fenced.

Yet, perceptions can quickly become reality in politics. When an audacious salesman like Trump tells people to be very atraid, he may win over a minority of the total population, as he has. And his MAGA-hat-wearing brigades have been a loud, determined and highturnout minority, big enough to win the Electoral College for Trump and frighten congressional Republicans into submission.

That may be fine for them. But if the rest of us don't want to pay the bill for a project with high symbolic value but questionable cost and effectiveness, we need to let our lawmakers know it.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Hopes for Illinois higher education reforms

In response to the Jan. 2 editorial "Pritzker's predicament: Illinois higher ed wants a 16.6 percent splurge of spending," indeed Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker has a higher-education predicament. He's inherited a muddle from the outgoing governor, resulting from four years of purposeful, inadequate funding of colleges and universities across our state, combined with that governor's refusal to lead relevant, bipartisan stakeholders in the necessary redesign of the higher education enterprise.

What do you do when you're in a predicament? You educate yourself out of it. Let's hope Pritzker realizes his need to learn what's actually happening on Illinois campuses from those held most responsible for directly dealing with these recent losses: the faculty. Let's hope Pritzker realizes Gov. Bruce Rauner violated state statute by never appointing the required faculty member to the Illinois Board of Higher Education during his tenure, and immediately

complies with the statute. It's little surprise that highereducation policy and legislation in our state have been underinformed these last four years. Without a university faculty member on the board to explicate and educate, to pose critical questions, as well as to provide objective research, it's been business as usual. The more than 60,000 post-secondary faculty of Illinois remain hopeful those days are over. They stand eagerly poised to work with the legislative and executive branches on the reforms called for in your editorial. Work with us now, Mr. Pritzker. We've been waiting for four long years.

Marie Ann Donovan, Chicago Chair, Faculty Advisory Council, Illinois Board of Higher Education

A newspaper is an essential tool

My daily chore, rain or shine, is to retrieve the Chicago Tribune. It's there every day all year long. I think it is a necessity in my life. It entertains, educates, broadens my perspectives, reveals new facts. I believe its reporting is balanced. I like the way it is constructed and I am amazed at the wealth of information it contains. I view a good newspaper as an essential tool of a democratic society, and I pray that the Chicago Tribune will continue being a great asset and independent voice in my world.

Robert McCullough, Des

In favor of an elected **CPS** board

Chicago Public Schools soon will launch a new information system for students, teachers, parents and staff. This single application, called Aspen, will merge various existing grading, attendance and parent communications system. This means the way teachers take attendance, manage students' grades, and the way students, parents and administrators monitor student performance, will be placed under a one-stop shop application. This enormous systemwide undertaking originally was scheduled for implementation in January 2019, during the middle of the school year. Can you imagine coming back from winter holiday break to deal with a significant system change?

After some feedback from staff and stakeholders involved, CPS wisely decided to postpone implementation of Aspen until April. You have to wonder how deliberations of this districtwide

policy change would have sounded and how the roll-out would have looked had elected school board members been involved. The direct educational experience and internal knowledge from voices like CPS parents, teachers, paraprofessionals or principals would have brought relevant input to this

monumental decision. Currently all CPS board members are appointed by the mayor. This leads to less of a chance for healthy discourse, restricts diverse critical viewpoints and limits public policy input from stakeholders. CPS listened to feedback about new student information and communication. This also should be the year the CPS board is transformed from an appointed body to a more democratic, inclusive and diverse group of voices that works better to support students, teachers, staff and parents in the form of an elected school

– Froylan Jimenez, Chicago, Chicago Public Schools history

Paychecks for a shutdown?

If 800,000 workers are being affected by the shutdown of the government, why are members of Congress still being paid?

— Luella T. Pakieser, Evergreen

A biblical view of immigration

Thank you for Jenny Potter's Jan. 2 commentary, "I'm a white evangelical Christian and I stand with immigrants." I am a 73-year-old white male evangelical Christian. I also was raised in a conservative family that voted predominantly Republican. I moved away from the Republicans during the George W. Bush years. I very much agree with Potter about conservative Republicans and their stand on immigration. From a biblical point of view I can't understand anyone claiming to be Christian supporting the conservative Republicans. - Preston Cunningham, West Etna, Ohio

Hypocrisy over the border issue

I read Jenny Potter's commentary about immigration and simply couldn't swallow the hypocrisy. So she is an evangelical Christian who proudly voted for a pro-abortion candidate who supports immigrants, and she is furious about conditions at the southern border. Yet she has no problem with the hundreds of thousands of deaths of innocent unborn children caused by abortion.

– Emerson Bolen, River

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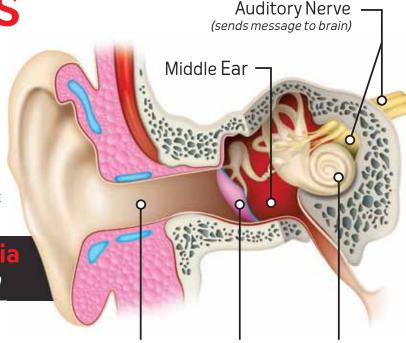
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Trump: 'Not much headway made'

Sides to meet again on shutdown talks

BY CATHERINE LUCEY AND LISA MASCARO Associated Press

WASHINGTON White House officials and congressional emerged from talks aimed at ending a partial government shutdown over President Donald Trump's demands for border wall funding without a breakthrough Saturday, though they planned to return to the table Sunday.

Trump tweeted: "Not much headway made to-

Democrats agreed there had been little movement, saying the White House did not budge on the demand for \$5.6 billion and would not consider reopening the government.

The White House said funding was not discussed in-depth, but the administration was clear they needed funding for a wall and that they wanted to resolve the shutdown all at

Accusations flew after the more than two-hour session led by Vice President Mike Pence.

Acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, in an interview with CNN's "State of the Union," accused Democrats of being there to "stall."

Democrats familiar with the meeting said the White House position was "unten-

A White House official also said the meeting included a briefing on border security by Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen. Democrats sought written details from the



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Vice President Mike Pence leads Jared Kushner, left, Homeland's Kirstjen Nielsen and Stephen Miller after talks Saturday.

Department of Homeland Security on its budget needs, which the White House said it would pro-

With talks stalled, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced Saturday that House Democrats plan to start approving individual bills to reopen shuttered departments starting with Treasury to ensure Americans receive their tax re-

"While President Trump threatens to keep the government shut down for years, Democrats are taking immediate further action to re-open government, so that we can meet the needs of the American people, protect our borders and respect our workers," Pelosi

Mulvaney argued the ad-

ministration was willing to deal in an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press," set to air Sunday. He said Trump was willing to forgo concrete wall for steel or other materials.

"If he has to give up a concrete wall, replace it with a steel fence in order to do that so that Democrats can say, 'See? He's not building a wall anymore,' that should help us move in the right direction," Mulvaney

The president has suggested his definition of the wall is flexible referring to slats and other "border things."

But Democrats have made clear they see a wall as immoral and ineffective and prefer other types of border security funded at already agreed upon levels.

Trump had campaigned on the promise that Mexico would pay for the wall. Mexico has refused. He's now demanding the money from Congress.

Trump, who did not attend the discussions, spent the morning tweeting about border security.

Showing little empathy for the hundreds of thousands of federal workers furloughed or working without pay, Trump declared, without citing evidence, that most are Democrats. He also asserted: "I want to stop the Shutdown as soon as we are in agreement on Strong Border Security! I am in the White House ready to go, where are the Dems?"

One Democrat, Maryland Sen. Chris Van Hollen, said in his party's weekly radio address that the shutdown "is part of a larger pattern of a president who puts his personal whims and his effort to score political points before the needs of the American people. He is pointing fingers at everyone but himself."

Trump and Democratic leaders met for two hours Friday, but gave differing accounts of the session. Democrats reported little progress; Trump framed the weekend talks as a key step forward.

As the shutdown drags on, some Republicans are growing nervous. Some GOP senators up for reelection in 2020, including Cory Gardner of Colorado and Susan Collins of Maine, have voiced discomfort with the shutdown in recent days. Collins has tried

Raises on hold

WASHINGTON — Federal agencies have been directed to hold off enacting pay raises for top administration officials during a government shutdown that has left hundreds of thousands of federal workers without

to broker deals to end past stalemates.

Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina penned an op-ed for The Hill, arguing that Congress should end the shutdown and make a deal on border security and immigration reforms.

In calling on Trump to reopen government while negotiations on border security continue, Democrats have emphasized families unable to pay bills due to absent paychecks.

But Trump has repeatedly said he will not budge without money for the wall.

Trump asserted on Friday that he could declare a national emergency to build the wall without congressional approval, but would first try a "negotiated process." Trump previously described the situation at the border as a "national emergency" before he sent active-duty troops.

Critics described that as a pre-election stunt.

Trump said the federal workers who are furloughed or working without pay would want him to "keep going" and fight for border security. Asked how people would manage without a financial safety net, he said: "The safety net is going to be having a strong border because we're going to be

Damage at national parks under shutdown may last

Trump has kept facilities open with limited staffing

By Javier Panzar Los Angeles Times

When David Lamfrom drove into Joshua Tree National Park recently during the first days of the partial government shutdown, he was startled by the chaos.

He saw park visitors hiking off of marked trails and driving their vehicles off of paved roads, trampling and running over vegetation on the desert floor.

Lamfrom, director of the California desert and national wildlife programs for the National Parks Conservation Association, was concerned about the destruction of the delicate fungus, bacteria and rock that make up the so-called biological soil crust that plants rely on for growth.

"Deserts are really unique systems. Plant life is ancient there," he said. "The impacts being caused could take hundreds of years to recover from."

As the shutdown of the federal government drags into a third week, worries about the long-term damage being done to the na-

tion's parks and disruptions to wildlife, including bears, is growing.

Diane Regas, chief executive of the Trust for Public Land, a nonprofit park advocacy organization, wrote a letter last week to President Donald Trump, calling for the immediate closing of every national park in the country for the duration of the shutdown to protect visitors and park resources.

"Allowing access to national parks without taking care to steward those resources is irresponsible and could result in irreversible damage and loss," she

Unlike the government shutdown in 2013, the Trump administration has kept national parks open with limited staff in place. But, as restrooms and other services have become overloaded, more and more campgrounds are closing at parks across California.

The latest example is Death Valley National Park, where several campsites closed Friday because of health and safety concerns over human waste, trash, vandalism and damage to park resources, the park's chief of interpretation and education, Patrick Taylor, said in a news release.

Reports continue to trickle in from volunteers about wine bottles left strewn about in Joshua Tree and human waste piling up on roads leading into Yosemite.

In Texas' Big Bend National Park, a hiker reportedly broke his leg and was carried out by fellow visi-

"It is a delicate balance between conservation and recreation," said Steve Blumenshine, a professor of biology at Fresno State who spent time in Yosemite two weeks ago. "In a shutdown, we take that to extremes."

Regas said advocating the closing of parks completely, rather than just campgrounds, is "a very unusual stance" for her organization, which works to increase access to parks and has donated land to expand them, including Yosemite National Park.

"But we are not taking this lightly," she said. "This is urgent."

Whether to close an area of a park is up to each park's superintendent. He or she can bar visitors if resources "vulnerable to destruction, looting, or other damage" cannot be adequately protected by the law enforcement officers who remain



Rock climbers stand Friday on top of a formation at Joshua Tree National Park, which has remained open during the shutdown. Campgrounds at the California park have closed.

on duty during the shutdown, according to the National Park Service's contingency plan for a lapse in federal funding.

Campgrounds at Joshua Tree closed at noon Wednesday, officials said, citing health and safety concerns over vault toilets that were near capacity.

The waterless restrooms, in which visitors can relieve themselves into sealed buried containers, had remained open.

But no workers are around to pump out the

Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks went a step further, closing entirely to visitors last week.

Meanwhile, an investigation into the Christmas Day death of a man at Yosemite is being delayed by the shutdown, National Park Service spokesman Andrew Munoz said Friday.

Yosemite officials received a 911 call reporting a man with a head injury in the Silver Apron area on the Merced River above Nevada Fall, and rangers arrived in less than an hour, Munoz

The man was removed from the water and received medical treatment, but he died from his injuries. He was not in a restricted area.

"We aren't releasing more detail because the incident remains under investigation, which is taking longer than usual because of the shutdown," Munoz said in an email

There also is a new wave

of concern over another perennial issue at Yosemite how humans interact with bears.

The trash that visitors have left and is piling up could attract wildlife to populated areas, increasing the risk of dangerous en-

Munoz said there were one or two bears active in the Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite this week. The bears did not get any food, but campers reported bears pushing on cars and trailers, he said.



THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/AP

Small boats recovered after spending years as shipwrecks are shown at a dock in Elefsina, Greece. Greek authorities have begun to remove sunken ships, a danger to shipping.

Greece hauls half-sunken ships out of the sea

By Thanassis **STAVRAKIS** Associated Press

ELEFSINA, Greece -The hulking remains of a cargo ship rise up through the water, listing to one side with a rusting hull exposed, its glory days of sailing the world's seas and oceans

long gone. This is just one of dozens of abandoned cargo and passenger ships that lie semi-submerged or sunken in and near the Gulf of Elefsina, an industrial area

of shipyards and factories near Greece's major port of Piraeus.

Greek authorities have begun to remove the ships, some of which have been there for decades, saying they are an environmental hazard and a danger to modern shipping.

"We are speaking about 27 shipwrecks and potentially ... 12 harmful and dangerous ships," said Charalampos Gargaretas, the chief executive officer of Elefsina Port Authority. "(It's) a tragic situation."

From the port of Piraeus to the island of Salamina that lies off of Elefsina, the sea is littered with 52 such shipwrecks, said Dimosthenis Bakopoulos, head of Greece's Public Ports Au-

"You don't have to be a scientist to understand that the shipwrecks are an environmental bomb that degrades the environment of the nearby municipalities," Bakopoulos said, adding that some of the ships were still leaking petroleum.

The owners of the ships

vary from individuals to firms registered in countries ranging from Greece to the Marshall Islands, Britain and Honduras. Some have gone bankrupt and some are no longer traceable, officials say.

So authorities have put in motion a process where the abandoned ships can be appropriated by the state.

Salvagers take over breaking up and removing ships – a job they undertake free of charge in return for being able to sell the metal for scrap.

Trump workers: They're illegal

Ex-staffer says the golf club management kept her off the Secret Service radar

By Joshua Partlow, **TOM HAMBURGER** AND CAROL D. LEONNIG The Washington Post

A former kitchen employee at one of President Donald Trump's golf clubs in New Jersey said her superiors kept her name and those of other undocumented workers off a list of people to be vetted by the Secret Service before a Trump visit to the club in

Emma Torres, 43, an immigrant from Ecuador, said she informed a human resources official at the club that she did not have papers to live legally in the United States when she was asked to submit her information for a clearance check. She said the names of undocumented workers were then excised from a list turned over to the Secret Service.

Torres could not recall the name of the person who modified the list or the exact date of the incident.

But she said she continued in her job at the club and was later working in the kitchen when Trump visited the club under Secret Service protection.

Torres' account, first reported by The New York Times, suggests that the presence of undocumented workers at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., was known by at least some managers. Last month, several women went public to say that they worked at the club without legal immigration status.

Trump Organization officials and White House officials declined to comment.

The presence of undocumented workers at one of the president's signature golf clubs stands in sharp juxtaposition to his rhetoric against illegal immigration.

Since launching his White House bid, Trump has vowed to build a border wall with Mexico to keep

out migrants, accusing them of bringing drugs and crime into the country. His demand for more than \$5 billion to build the wall has led to the ongoing partial shutdown of the federal government.

During his presidential campaign, Trump touted his company's hiring practices. In fall 2016, when he opened a new Trump hotel in Washington, he told the assembled audience: "We didn't have one illegal immigrant on the job. Everybody knows it."

Anibal Romero, a Newark-based immigration attorney, said he now represents five immigrants who say they had worked at Trump's Bedminster club without legal status in recent vears.

Investigators with the FBI and the New Jersey attorney general's office have collected employment documents on his clients in recent months, he said, an indication that the agencies may be scrutinizing the hiring practices of the president's club.

Torres' experience and that of another worker suggest that the Secret Service may not have had a full picture of who was in proximity to Trump and his guests when they visited the Bedminster club.

Victorina Morales, 45, an undocumented immigrant from Guatemala who said she worked as a housekeeper in a different part of the club, cleaning Trump's villa, said Secret Service agents gave her a pin to wear every time Trump visited.

"I had to wear the pin to get into the golf club," Morales said in an interview Thursday. Morales said she recalls one pin having an American flag and another with a design that she did not recall.

Secret Service spokeswoman Catherine Milhoan



Several women say that they worked at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., without legal immigration status.

said a Secret Service pin bearing the U.S. flag is a novelty item and "is not used by the Secret Service as a means of identification, verification or access con-

She declined to discuss what kind of pins agents may have provided Morales.

Official pins indicating that someone has permission to enter secure areas have other designs; they are provided to venue staffers by the Secret Service only after a background check, according to former offi-

It is unclear whether Morales received such a screening. She said she did not recall being asked to submit her information in advance but said she assumed her supervisor provided it.

Milhoan said the agency "does not comment on our protective operations, including the administration of our name-check program." She declined to say whether officials ever screened Morales or Torres for a Trump visit to the Bedminster club.

The revelations about undocumented workers at Bedminster surfaced publicly last month, when Morales and Sandra Diaz, a 46-year-old Costa Rican native, said they were hired by the New Jersey club despite their lack of legal immigration status.

Morales said Thursday that she told a Bedminster supervisor when she applied for the housekeeping job in 2013 that she did not have proper immigration papers to work legally in the United States. She recalled being told: "It's no problem here. You don't need pa-

"They knew I didn't have good papers," said Morales, who worked at the club until last month. Romero, her attorney, provided The Washington Post with payroll and tax documents from recent years that list her employment at the Bedminster golf course.

Trump Organization officials have repeatedly declined to address the specific allegations by the work-

Last month, spokeswoman Amanda Miller said in a statement: "We have tens of thousands of employees across our properties and have very strict hiring practices. If any employee submitted false documentation in an attempt to circumvent

the law, they will be termi-

nated immediately."

A person close to the organization said an internal investigation of claims made by former workers at Bedminster produced no credible information to support a range of allegations they made, including that managers were aware of employees without legal

status. Torres said she began working at the club in early 2015, doing housekeeping, then she moved to the kitchen staff, first as a dishwasher and later in food preparation, earning \$14.50 per hour.

She said she got the job with a fake Social Security number.

Morales said she worked with Torres in housekeeping and said she recalled her transferring to the kitchen

Trump visited Bedminster at least six times during the 2016 campaign, according to news coverage of his

Around the time he became the Republican nominee, Torres said, security got tighter at the golf club, particularly when he was visiting.

Torres said she was later working at the club on occasions when Trump vis-

At times, Secret Service agents who accompanied him were Hispanic, Torres said, and the kitchen staffers would chat with them in Spanish.

Torres said she left her job in Bedminster in 2017 because she felt uncomfortable as a woman in a mostly male kitchen.

She also said she did not like Trump's comments about immigrants.

Dems to push gun control on date of Giffords shooting

Bill would expand background checks for sales, transfers

By MATTHEW DALY Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Days after reclaiming the House majority, Democrats are introducing gun control legislation timed for the anniversary of the shooting of former Democratic Rep. Gabby Giffords.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democrats will introduce a bill to expand background checks for sales and transfers of firearms Tuesday, the eighth anniversary of the day Giffords was shot in the head at a constituent meeting in Arizona.

Giffords, who cofounded a gun safety group with her husband, Mark Kelly, said in a statement Friday that she was thrilled that her former House colleagues were responding to

a gun-violence epidemic that killed nearly 40,000 people in 2017.

The bill expanding back-ground checks "marks a critical first step toward strengthening America's gun laws and making

our country a safer place to live, work, study, worship and play," Giffords said. "I stand ready to do everything in my power to get this legislation across the finish line." Democrats promised

swift action on gun control after the party regained the House majority following eight years of Republican

Pelosi called the bill on background checks a common-sense measure and cited polls showing 97 percent of Americans support background checks for all gun sales.

"Our Democratic major-



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi called the bill on background checks a common-sense measure.

for bipartisan progress to end the epidemic of gun violence on our streets, in our schools and in our places of worship," Pelosi said. "Enough is enough." Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., who

ity will press relentlessly

leads a gun violence prevention task force in the House, said he and other lawmakers from both parties have been pushing for years to expand background checks

and approve other gun-related bills, but have been stymied by Republican leaders.

Noting that many freshman Democrats ran on the issue of preventing gun violence, Thompson said political momentum to address gun violence is grow-

ing.
"The American people have been demanding we take action, and this new Congress will deliver," he

The background checks measure is likely to face opposition from the Republican-controlled Senate and the White House, where President Donald

Trump has promised to "protect the Second Amendment."

Jennifer Baker, a spokeswoman for the National Rifle Association, said a federal background check did not prevent Giffords' shooting, adding that "socalled universal background checks will never be universal because criminals do not comply with the

Lawmakers should "deal with the root cause of violent crime" instead of trying to "score political points and push ineffective legislation that doesn't stop criminals from committing crimes," Baker said.

The Trump administration moved last month to ban bump stocks, the firearm attachments that allow semi-automatic weapons to fire like machine guns. Bump stocks became a focal point of the gun control debate after they were used in October 2017 by a gunman in Las Vegas who fired into a crowd at a country music concert, killing 58 people and injuring hundreds more.

A new regulation gives gun owners until late March to turn in or destroy the devices.

At 93, this DJ keeps spinning oldies to link inmates, families

By Russell Contreras

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. - It's approaching 9 p.m. and Art Laboe adjusts the microphone as Sister Sledge's "We Are Family" ends.

"And now it's time for you to call up for those goodnight dedications,"

Laboe announces.
"Hello?" a young girl says. "I want to dedicate this to my dad that's in Lancaster (prison) and I miss tonight I just want to say, Dad, I love you no matter where you go." She dissolves into tears.

The 93-year-old DJ based in Palm Springs credits one group of listeners for keeping him on the air after 75 years: family members who want to send messages to loved ones in prison.

Every Sunday on his syndicated show "The Art Laboe Connection Show," his baritone voice calls on family members to speak directly to inmates in California, Arizona or Nevada. Sometimes, Laboe reads parts of letters written by inmates.

It's a role Laboe says he feels honored to play.
"I don't judge," Laboe

said at his Palm Springs studio. "I like people."

He often tells a story about a woman who came by the studio so her toddler could tell her father, who was serving time for a violent crime, "Daddy, I love you."

"It was the first time he had heard his baby's voice," Laboe said. "And this tough, hard-nosed guy burst into tears."

Born Arthur Egnoian in Salt Lake City to an Armenian-American family, Laboe grew up during the Great Depression in a Mormon household run by a single mom. His sister sent him his first radio when he was 8 years old. The voices and stories that came from it enveloped him.

"And I haven't let go



RUSSELL CONTRERAS/AP 2018

DJ Art Laboe has a devoted following among those who give dedications to loved ones serving time in prison.

since," Laboe said.

He moved to California, attended Stanford University and served in the Navy during World War II. Eventually, he landed a job as a radio announcer at KSAN in San Francisco and adopted the name Art Laboe after a boss suggested he take the last name of a secretary to sound more American.

But it was when Laboe worked as a DJ for KXLA in Los Angeles that he gained fame.

Laboe was one of the first DJs to play R&B and rock 'n' roll in California and is credited by scholars for helping integrate dance halls among Latinos, blacks, Asian-Americans and whites who were drawn to his multicultural musical line up.

By 1956, Laboe's afternoon show became the city's top radio program.

Over the decades, Laboe maintained a fan base, especially among Mexican-Americans who followed him from station to station. He started getting calls from inmates' family members in the 1990s on his syndicated oldies show. Current and former gang members were some of his most loyal fans.

"Here is someone who

gave a voice to the most humble of us all through music," said Lalo Alcaraz, a syndicated cartoonist and television writer who grew up listening to Laboe in San Diego. "He brought us to-gether. That's why we sought him out."

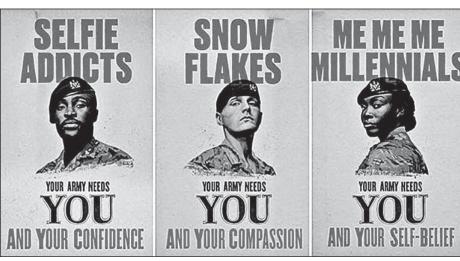
Over the years, the syndicated show on Sunday has aired in California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico.

In 2015, iHeartMedia's KHHT-FM (92.3) dropped Laboe's syndicated oldies show after the station abruptly switched to a hiphop format, sparking angry protest in Los Angeles.

"Without Art Laboe, I'm So Lonely I Could Cry," wrote essayist Adam Vine. Laboe later returned to the Los Angeles airwaves on another station.

Alex Nogales, president and CEO of the Los Angeles-based National Hispanic Media Coalition, said generations of Latino fans still attend Laboe-sponsored concerts to hear the likes of Smokey Robinson, The Spinners or Sunny & The Sunliners.

"I see these really tough looking guys in the crowd. I mean, they look scary," Nogales said. "Then Art comes out and they just melt. They love him."



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Your country still needs you, British Army recruitment says

By KATIE METTLER The Washington Post

The first time Lord Kitchener's mug was used for British Army recruitment, it was 1914 and the world was fighting the Great War.

Kitchener, serving at the time as British war minister, stared out from the cover of London Opinion magazine with a pointed finger and simple message: "Your Country Needs You."

The magazine cover was turned into a poster, with slightly different wording under the senior military commander's stern face.

Then, countries across the globe mimicked the format, with the United States replacing Kitchener with the fictional Uncle Sam.

Now, the British Army is reviving the historic slogan with new faces and messaging targeting millennials and Gen Z.

Dear "snowflakes," the army needs you "and your compassion." All the "selfie addicts" out there? The military values you "and your confidence," too. And it's asking "phone zombies" to bring their "focus" to war zones.

"Big gamers" are wanted for their "drive" and "Me Me Me Millennials" for their "self-belief."

The posters are accom-

panied by promotional videos that show young people in mundane jobs or acting out the stereotypes that older generations hold about those in their late

teens and 20s. The videos then cut to scenes of those same young people using their focus or compassion to benefit the Army. On social media, the purpose behind this strategy was put simply: "The Army spots potential. Even if others don't."

"The Army sees people differently and we are proud to look beyond the stereotypes and spot the potential in young people, from compassion to selfbelief," Maj. Gen. Paul Nanson said in a statement. "We understand the drive they have to succeed and recognise their need for a bigger sense of purpose in a job where they can do something meaningful."

In a news release announcing the new recruiting campaign, which launched last week, the British Army said the "Your Army Needs You" message is the third installment of the "This is Belonging" series — an effort to paint the Army as welcoming.

The first campaign, in 2017, focused on "the emotional benefit of the strong bonds experienced in the Army," according to the release.

In 2018, the Army emphasized the importance of diversity in the military.

The targeted campaign has led to an increase in Army job applications for regular soldier duties, which are at a five-year high, the release said.

The Army has recently struggled to reach recruiting targets. The Guardian reported that it "underestimated the complexity of what it was trying to achieve" when it con-tracted Army recruitment work to Capita in 2012, according to a National Audit Office report in December.

Since the contract began, the Army has missed all recruiting targets, the Guardian reported.

The length of the process may have contributed to a pattern of people voluntarily dropping out of the application process, the Army and Capita said in the

"People are fundamental to the Army," said Defense Secretary Gavin Williamson. "The Your Army needs you' campaign is a powerful call to action that appeals to those seeking to make a difference as part of an innovative and inclusive team.

"Now all jobs in the Army are open to men and women," Williamson said. "The best just got better."

U.S. deploys troops to Africa ahead of Congo vote results

By Mathilde **Boussion** Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo On the eve of the first expected results of Congo's long-delayed presidential election, President Donald Trump said military personnel had deployed to Central Africa to protect U.S. assets from possible "violent demonstrations," while the country's powerful Catholic church warned of a popular "uprising" if untrue results are announced.

Congo faces what could be its first democratic, peaceful transfer of power since independence from Belgium in 1960, but election observers and the opposition have raised concerns about voting irregularities as the country chooses a successor to longtime Presi-

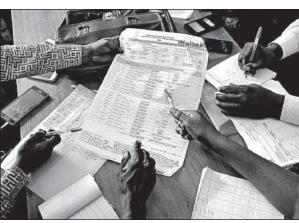
dent Joseph Kabila.

The first results are expected Sunday, and the United States and African the Union, among others, have urged Congo to release results that reflect

the true will of the people. The U.S. has threatened sanctions against those who undermine the democratic process. Western election observers were not invited to watch the vote. While Congo has been

largely calm on and after the Dec. 30 vote, Trump's letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said about 80 military personnel and "appropriate combat equipment" had deployed to nearby Gabon to support the security of U.S. citizens and staffers and diplomatic facilities. More will deploy as needed to Gabon, Congo or neighboring Republic of Congo, he wrote.

The U.S. ahead of the vote ordered "non-emergency" government em-



JEROME DELAY/AP

Officials tally presidential ballots Friday in Kinshasa, Congo, where the first results are expected Sunday.

ployees and family members to leave the country.

The Catholic church, an influential voice in the heavily Catholic nation, caused surprise Thursday by announcing that data reported by its 40,000 election observers deployed in

all polling stations show a clear winner. As regulations say only the electoral commission can announce election results, church did not give a name. The electoral

commission Friday said the church's announcement could incite an uprising. The church on Saturday, in a letter to the commission seen by The Associated Press, replied that releasing untrue results could cause the uprising instead.

Congo's ruling party, which backs Kabila's preferred candidate Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary, has called the church's attitude "irresponsible and anarchist."

Leading opposition can-didate Martin Fayulu, a businessman and lawmaker, has accused Congolese authorities of impeding his campaign. His campaign manager, Pierre Lumbi, on Saturday ac-

cused the electoral com-

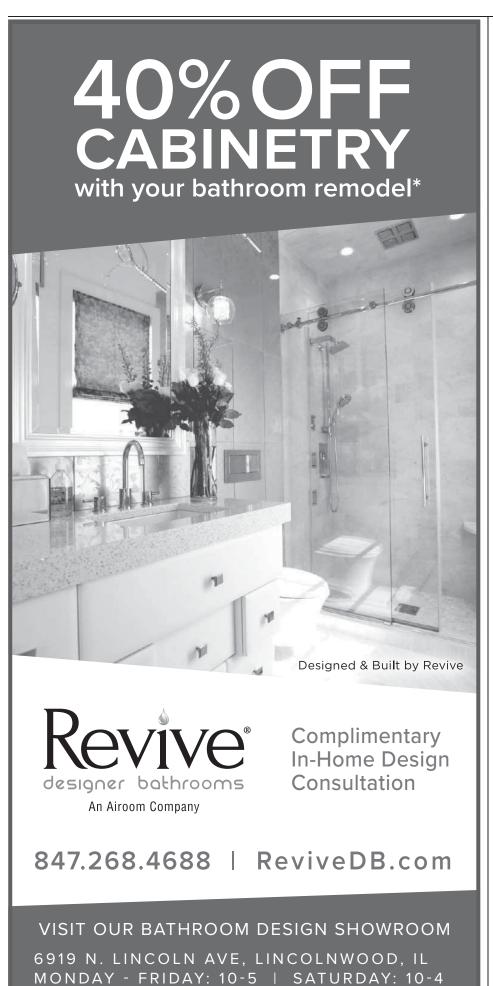
mission of being "in the process of postponing the publication of the results."

The commission's rapporteur, Jean-Pierre Kalamba, said "we will see tomorrow" and that 44 percent of the results had been compiled.

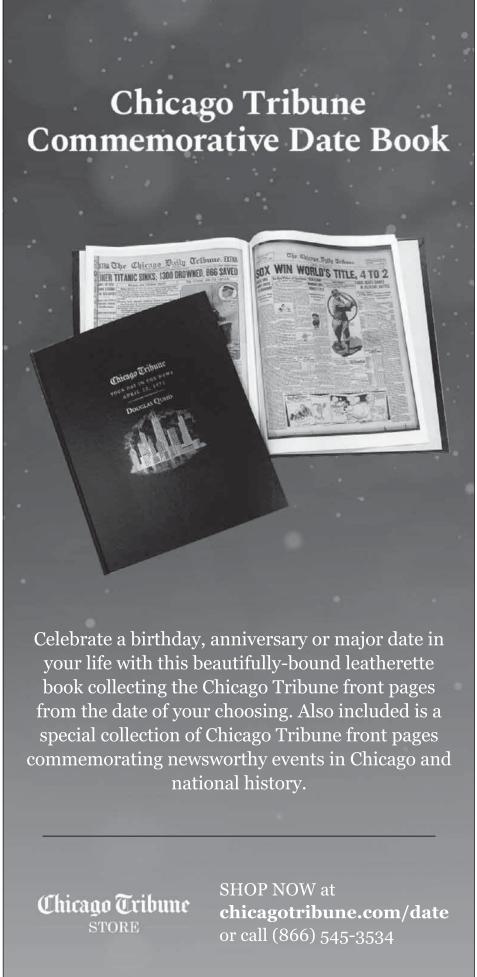
At stake is a vast country rich in the minerals that power the world's mobile phones and laptops, yet desperately underdeveloped. Some 40 million people were registered to vote, though at the last minute some 1 million voters were barred as the electoral commission cited a deadly Ebola virus outbreak. Critics said that undermines the election's credibility.

The vote took place more than two years behind schedule, while a court ruled that Kabila could stay in office until the vote was held. The delay led to sometimes deadly protests as authorities cracked down, and Shadary is now under European Union sanctions for his role in the crackdown as interior minister at the time.

Kabila, who took office in 2001 after his father was assassinated, is barred from serving three consecutive terms but has hinted that he could run again in 2023. That has led many Congolese to suspect that he will rule from the shadows if Shadary takes office.



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'NOT A PROBLEM YOU CAN RUN AWAY FROM'

Communities confront the threat of unregulated chemicals in their drinking water

BY BRADY DENNIS The Washington Post

PARCHMENT, Mich. – The day this small town told its residents to stop drinking the water, Jennifer and Justin Koehler decided to sell their white clapboard house and move their two children elsewhere.

Sara and Matt Dean, who had relocated several vears earlier from Chicago, started worrying about the health of their young son and the baby arriving soon.

And Tammy Cooper felt a welling indignation that would turn her into an activist - one who would travel to Washington to push for action on the unregulated chemicals contaminating her family's drinking water and that of millions of other Ameri-

That late July day, this town along the banks of the Kalamazoo River became the latest community affected by a ubiquitous, unregulated class of compounds known as polyfluoroalkyl and perfluoroalkyl substances, or

The man-made chemicals have long been used in consumer products such as nonstick cookware, water-repellent fabrics and grease-resistant paper products, as well as in firefighting foams. But exposures have been associated with health problems including thyroid disease, weakened immunity, infertility risks and certain cancers. The compounds do not break down in the environment.

In Parchment, where they were once used by a long-shuttered paper mill, tests found PFAS levels in the water system in excess of 1,500 parts per trillion — more than 20 times the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended lifetime exposure limit of 70 parts per trillion.

Local officials promptly alerted residents. Michigan officials declared a state of emergency. Residents started picking up free cases of bottled water at the high school. Within weeks, the town abandoned the municipal wells that had served 3,000 people and began getting water from nearby Kalamazoo.

"This is not a problem you can run away from," Cooper said. "There are Parchments across the country."

Harvard University researchers say public drinking-water supplies serving more than 6 million Americans have tested for the chemicals at or above the EPA's threshold — which many experts argue should be far lower to safeguard public health. The level is an agency guideline; the federal government does not regulate

The compounds' presence has rattled communities from Hoosick Falls, N.Y., to Tucson. They have been particularly prevalent on or near military bases, which have long used PFAS-laden foams in training exercises.

Both houses of Congress held hearings on the problem last year, and lawmakers introduced bills to compel the government to test for PFAS chemicals nationwide and to respond wherever water and soil polluted by them are found. In late November, the head of the EPA vowed that the agency would soon unveil a "national strategy"



Tammy Cooper became an activist when the water crisis began in Parchment, Mich., where she lives.

to address the situation.

Affected communities are still

"There are some very real human impacts from this stuff," said Erik Olson, a drinking-water expert for the Natural Resources Defense Council. "Most people have no idea they are being exposed."

Michigan is one of the few states where officials are trying to determine the extent of PFAS contamination. Health officials undertook statewide tests this year across 1,380 public water supplies and at more than 400 schools that operate their own wells.

"When we look for it, we tend to find it," said Eden Wells, the state's chief medical executive. Yet detection raises difficult questions, given the lack of regulation involving PFAS in water and the evolving research on its long-term health effects.

"Many of our responses are outstripping the scientific knowledge we need," Wells said.

More is known about two particular types of the chemicals, perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOA) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOS), which companies phased out years ago amid growing evidence that both were ending up in the blood of nearly every American. But thousands of other PFAS chemicals remain in use - among the many threats, including arsenic and lead, to drinking water nationwide.

"From a policy perspective, what bothers me about all this is there are industries everywhere that don't really have to report what they are using," said Detlef Knappe, a North Carolina State University environmental engineer whose research helped identify another PFAS chemical, known as GenX, in Wilmington's drinking water supply. "As a class, there are so many compounds ... and it pops up in the most unexpected places."

The Trump administration's focus on the problem has been inconsistent.

Politico reported in May that the White House and EPA sought to block publication of a federal health study on the nationwide effects of PFAS contamination after one administration aide warned in an email that it could result in a "public relations nightmare." The study from the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, which eventu-



DAVID KASNIC PHOTOS/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Scooter D's, a local diner "lost a lot of business" during the water crisis, according to manager Carrie Klinger.



Sara and Matt Dean, shown with their 2-year-old son, Patrick, relocated to Parchment from Chicago several years ago, for a better quality of life.

ally was released, suggested that the EPA's existing, nonenforceable standard is inadequate to protect public health and should be much

The same month, the EPA held a PFAS "summit" with industry representatives, public health groups, tribal leaders and officials from all levels of government. Then-administrator Scott Pruitt pledged action, saying, "There are concerns about these chemicals across the country because of their persistence, their durability, getting into the environment and impacting communities in an adverse way.'

Little has happened since then, however.

At a hearing in early fall, Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., pressed the EPA's director of groundwater and drinking water on when the agency might announce its plans to regulate the chemicals and finalize a drinking-water standard. Peter Grevatt, an agency veteran who recently retired, responded that officials were continuing to visit communities and develop a long-term "manage-ment plan." He acknowledged that it could take the agency a "number of years" to put enforceable regulations in place if it determined that the contaminants were surfacing in enough water systems to be considered a nationwide health concern.

"Is it a national standard that requires all the nation's systems to sample on some regular basis and has the tools to get treatment in place?" Grevatt said. "Or is it something that we'll address more locally?"

Environmental attorney Robert Bilott successfully sued DuPont on behalf of plaintiffs exposed to PFOA in Ohio and West Virginia, and this year he filed a class-action lawsuit against 3M, DuPont, Chemours and several other companies on behalf of all Americans with PFAS chemicals in their blood. Some states have taken aggressive steps on their own, with New Jersey the first to regulate certain types of PFAS chemicals in its drinking water.

Federal attention is overdue, Bilott contends.

"It's a national issue that needs to be addressed in a national way," he said.

At least outwardly, a sense of normalcy has returned to Parch-

ment. Bottled water is no longer being handed out at the high school, though the town is still relying on water from Kalamazoo. Officials say their investigation is ongoing, with one likely culprit of the contamination being a local landfill once used by the now-closed paper mill.

Yet beneath the surface, many people continue to worry.

"In our minds, our water was safe," said Mayor Robert Britigan, who noted that Parchment always had been in compliance with Michigan's drinking-water regulations. The city has since left the municipal water business. "We will never go back to those wells,"

On a sunny day last fall, customers lined up at the window of Twisters for the last ice cream cones of the season. The regulars sat in their usual spots inside Scooter D's, a popular diner off the main drag.

"We lost a lot of business, primarily because of fear," said manager Carrie Klinger, whose father started the diner more than two decades ago. During the monthlong water crisis, the family bought 80 pounds of bagged ice a day, made soups with bottled water and served canned sodas because the drink machine was hooked to a water line.

"It's still not quite back to where it was," Klinger said. "I still have customers who say they'll never drink the water again."

Echoes of that distrust linger on Glendale Avenue, where the Koehlers lived until moving away and where the Dean and Cooper families remain.

'It made me so scared, because our kids are so little. And it made me angry," Jennifer Koehler said.

Tammy Cooper and her husband David have wrestled with the same emotions. "What did this crisis do? It woke me up to what the government is and is not doing on many levels," she said.

For the Deans, their days remain a mix of anxiety, resignation

"We relocated here thinking it would be a really great life decision," Sara Dean said as her 2-year-old son, Patrick, played on the floor. "You're supposed to hear about this somewhere else. This is the most average of average communities that there could be. It's 'Leave It To Beaver' average. If it can happen here, it can happen anywhere."

The family spent thousands of dollars to install a top-notch water filter. Still, they hesitate to wash their vegetables or cook with tap water. "It's just this giant question mark," Matt Dean said. "Are we responsible staying here?"

But they are staying, for now. On Oct. 17, Sara gave birth to a second son, Britt. The next day, the family brought him home to Parchment.



A now-shuttered paper mill that used an unregulated class of compounds known as perfluoroalkyl substances is a suspected source of the water contamination in Parchment.

Studying animal milk's powers

National Zoo's big stockpile could ensure survival

By Sarah Kaplan The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - To milk an ape requires patience and peanuts.

Fortunately, National Zoo primate keeper Erin Stromberg has plenty of both as she approaches Batang, a 21-year-old Bornean orangutan, on a recent morning.

Stromberg is there to retrieve a breast milk sample for the zoo's exotic animal milk collection, the largest U.S. repository of its kind.

"Hello!" she calls, singsong, as the auburn-haired primate presses herself against the metal grate of her enclosure. Batang's mouth is open, her lower jaw protruding; she knows what time it is. Stromberg hands her a peanut, then another, and Batang munches happily as shells accumulate on the floor. Her 2-year-old son, a bouncing ball of fur named Redd, clambers over his mother's back to beg a treat for himself.

"Hello, you go away," the keeper says dismissively before giving him a nut. "Bye!

She unscrews the cap of a small vial, then turns her attention to her charge. But Batang appears to have changed her mind, swinging away from the grate.

"You can do it," Stromberg says, her voice low and soothing. "You'll be

Batang returns, slowly this time. She accepts several more nuts from her keeper, then pushes her chest forward, finally presenting Stromberg with her breast.

'That's good, that's good." Stromberg holds her vial below Batang's nipple and tugs gently until milk comes out. The orangutan continues to grab treats with one hand while grip-



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Primate keeper Erin Stromberg milks 21-year-old Bornean orangutan Batang at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

ping the side of the enclosure with the other.

There is something powerfully familiar about her wrinkled knuckles, opposable thumbs, and the intent gaze of her black eyes.

"Good, good girl," Stromberg says.

After 15 minutes, there are just a few dribbles of milk in the vial. But Batang is looking antsy, and it's important to Stromberg that this experiment be entirely voluntary. If the ape doesn't feel like participating today, there's always next time, and the time after that. Batang has been donating small amounts of her breast milk every week for the last two years.

Each vial goes up the hill to the zoo's nutrition lab, where it is stored in a massive deep freezer alongside samples from hundreds of other species: zebra, gorilla, black bear, African elephant, marmoset, armadillo, two-toed sloth.

Milk, explains Mike Power, the Smithsonian scientist who curates this collection, is mammals' superpower.

It's full of nutritious fats and sugars that turn wobbly, helpless newborns into selfsufficient adults. It contains antibodies that increase infants' chances of survival and hormones that help them grow. This powerful biochemical concoction carries clues to animals' evolutionary past and hints about how they live today. Understanding what it's made of may be the key to securing some species' fu-

Yet even though milk is (or was) produced by all 6,495 members of the class Mammalia, scientists rarely study the substance except when it comes from cows, goats and humans.

Power and his colleagues aim to change that.

On the same morning that Stromberg and Batang struggle with milking, scientists in the zoo's nutrition lab are preparing a vial of bottlenose dolphin milk for analysis. The substance inside the test tube is bright orange and weirdly solid.

"It's very high fat," Power explains, because a newborn dolphin's first priority is to quickly grow a blubber layer. "More like butter than

Apparently, the dolphin milk also smells of fish, but the subtler scent is masked by the powerful fecal stench suffusing the lab.

"Sorry about that," Power says, grimacing. Milk is not the only bodily substance he and his colleagues study.

With a centrifuge, a mass spectrometer, and other instruments, the zoo scientists separate each milk sample into its component parts. Their first objective is to determine the basic composition of milk from each species, which can reveal aspects of animals' lifestyles and diets. Whereas dolphins and other marine mammals produce milk that is as much as 60 percent fat, carnivores such as African lions give milk that is high in protein. Animals that subsist on a diet of carbohydrate-rich plants feed their young milk that's full of sugar.

Though humans eat plenty of meat, we fall into the latter category, a sign of our membership in the mostly herbivorous primate family. Our mothers' milk is about 7 percent sugar, 1 percent protein, 4 percent fat, and half a percent minerals such as iron and calcium. The remainder is wa-

Even though Power has studied milk from scores of species, the substance still has the capacity to surprise. When he collected his first samples from nine-banded armadillos, he was startled to discover the animals' milk was 11 percent protein

and as much as 3.6 percent minerals. These proportions seemed oddly high for a small insectivore — until he realized that infant armadillos likely used the nutrients to build their bony carapaces.

But milk composition isn't only about a baby's needs. Sometimes, it's a function of what a mother can provide.

"People say that milk is the perfect food," Power says. "But really, it's a compromise." Young animals would like the most nutrient dense milk imaginable, but their mothers can only afford to devote so much energy to nurturing a child.

Stromberg and Power hope to track the way Batang's milk changes throughout this period – a defining time in mammalian development.

"There's a whole set of biochemical communication in the placenta," Power said. During nursing, "it becomes two-way."

"Large parts of the mammalian babies' development is coming from biochemical signals that are being produced in the milk," he continued. Tracking these signals might reveal how mothers' bodies respond to babies' illnesses and other needs.

Understanding the inner workings of animals' breasts is more than just a fun biology question. For animals in captivity, zookeepers' ability to replicate their mothers' milk could secure their survival.

When Fiona, the Cincinnati Zoo's celebrated infant hippopotamus, was born 30 pounds too light and six weeks premature last year, she was so weak she couldn't even stand to

So her keepers sent Power a sample of her mother's milk to analyze, and he came up with a formula — lots of protein, a sprinkling of fat and sugar. Within a month she was drinking 20 bottles a day and had more than doubled her weight.

NEWS BRIEFING

Mexican leader unveils plan to stimulate border economy

MEXICO CITY - President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador launched a plan Saturday to stimulate economic activity on the Mexican side of the U.S.-Mexico border, reinforcing his country's commitment to manufacturing and trade despite recent U.S. threats to close the border entirely.

Mexico will slash income and corporate taxes to 20 percent from 30 percent for 43 municipalities in six states just south of the United States, while halving to 8 percent the value-added tax in the region. Business leaders and union representatives have also agreed to double the minimum wage along the border, to 176.2 pesos a day, the equivalent of \$9.07 at current exchange

Lopez Obrador, who took office Dec. 1, said the idea is to stoke wage and job growth via fiscal incentives and and productivity gains.

House Bowl in Torrance, Calif. Authorities said seven people were shot, three fatally.

Syrian Kurds, government discuss post-U.S. withdrawal

BEIRUT - Talks are ongoing between the Syrian government and Kurdish officials to reach a deal on how to fill the gap following the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the country, a Syrian Kurdish official said Saturday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Syrian Kurdish officials have visited Russia, which is a main backer of Syria.

President Donald

Trump announced in mid-December that the U.S. will withdraw all of its 2,000 forces in Syria. Trump's move has raised fears over clearing the way for a Turkish assault on Kurdish fighters in Syria who fought alongside American troops against the Islamic State. Turkey considers the Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, a terrorist group linked to an insurgency within its own borders.

Brother of JonBenet Ramsey reaches settlement with CBS

BOULDER, Colo. -A\$750 million defamation lawsuit filed against CBS by the brother of JonBenet Ramsey has been settled.

The Daily Camera reported that court records show a Michigan Circuit Court judge on Wednesday dismissed the lawsuit filed by Burke Ramsey in 2016. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed. A spokesperson for producers of the TV program said that "an amicable resolution of their differences" has been reached.

The lawsuit said that Burke Ramsey's reputation was ruined after a television series suggested he killed his 6-year-old sister more than two decades ago. The beauty pageant star was found dead in the basement of her family's home in Boulder in December 1996. A prosecutor cleared her parents and brother.

Latrice Radford is consoled Saturday outside the scene of a fatal shooting at the Gable

MARCUS YAM/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Brawl at Calif. bowling alley leaves 3 shot to death, 4 hurt

TORRANCE, Calif. -Three men were fatally shot late Friday and four injured when a brawl at a popular Los Angeles-area bowling alley and karaoke bar erupted into gunfire that had terrified patrons running for their lives.

Police in the coastal city of Torrance responded shortly after midnight to calls of shots fired at the Gable House Bowl, which offers bowling, laser tag and an arcade. They found seven people with gunshot wounds.

Three men were pronounced dead at the scene and two were taken to a hospital, Sgt. Ronald Harris said. Two other men were struck by gunfire but "opted to seek their own medical attention." Authorities have not

identified the victims or suspects. But witnesses said it

stemmed from a fight between two groups.

Dwayne Edwards, 60, of Los Angeles, said he received a call from his nephew that his son Astin Edwards, 28, was one of those killed. His nephew told him his son was attempting to break up a fight when a gunman "just started unloading."

"I'm thinking this is a dream and I'll wake up," Edwards told the Orange County Register. "He was a good kid. I don't understand it."

Wes Hamad, 29, of Torrance, was at the bowling alley with his 13-year-old niece and cousin when he saw a "huge fight" break out. Hamad said the brawl blocked the entrance and spiraled into "complete chaos."

"I grabbed my niece and started running toward the far end of the bowling alley," he said. "As we were running, we heard 15 shots.

Poland: Fire kills 5 teens locked in escape room

WARSAW, Poland – A faulty heating system appeared to have caused a fire at a house in northern Poland where five teenage girls died while locked inside a recreational escape room that was installed in the rented dwelling, investigators said Saturday.

Firefighters in the city of

Koszalin found the bodies of the 15-year-old victims Friday after they extinguished a fire in a room adjacent to the one the girls had entered while celebrating a birthday.

Autopsies showed the girls died of carbon monoxide asphyxiation, prosecutors said, using a techni-

cal term for smoke inhala-

A 26-year-old man employed at the location was

hospitalized with burns. Players in escape room games are locked inside a room or building and must solve puzzles and find clues that lead them to the key that will unlock the door.

Russia official: It's too early to consider swap of spy suspect

MOSCOW – Russia's deputy foreign minister brushed back suggestions Saturday that an American being held in Moscow on suspicion of spying could be exchanged for a Russian citizen.

Paul Whelan, a former U.S. Marine, who also holds Canadian, British and Irish citizenship, was detained in Moscow in late December. His arrest has led to speculation that Russia could be using him to bargain for a Russian who pleaded guilty to acting as a foreign agent in the United States.

But Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said that discussing a possible swap involving Whelan and Maria Butina would be premature because Whelan hasn't been formally charged.

Some Russian news reports earlier cited unnamed sources as saying Whelan had been indicted on espionage charges.

In France: Security forces fired tear gas and flashballs after a peaceful march through central Paris turned provocative Saturday as several thousand protesters staged the yellow vest movement's first action of 2019 to keep up pressure on President Emmanuel Macron. The protests over fuel taxes began in mid-November.

In India: Six children and their bus driver were killed Saturday after their vehicle rolled down a gorge in northern India. Police said another 12 children were hospitalized with injuries as the school bus skidded off the road in Himachal Pradesh state. Around 150,000 people die every year on India's poorly maintained roads.

HAROLD BROWN 1927-2019

Pentagon chief led push to modernize the military

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Harold Brown, who as defense secretary in the Carter administration championed cutting-edge fighting technology during a tenure that included the failed rescue of hostages in Iran, died Friday at his home in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. He was 91.

The Rand Corp., the think tank that Brown served as a trustee for more than 35 years, confirmed his

Brown was a nuclear physicist who led the Pentagon to modernize its defense systems with weapons that included precisionguided cruise missiles, stealth aircraft, advanced satellite surveillance and improved communications and intelligence systems. He successfully campaigned to increase the Pentagon budget during his term, despite skepticism inside the White House and from congressional Demo-

That turbulent period included the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan and the Iranian hostage crisis. An effort in April 1980 to rescue the hostages failed when one of the helicopters on the mission struck a tanker aircraft in eastern Iran and crashed, killing eight U.S. servicemen.

"I considered the failed rescue attempt my greatest regret and most painful lesson learned," Brown wrote in his book "Star Spangled Security."

Brown faced numerous obstacles when he took the job as Pentagon chief, including pressure to reduce the defense budget both from within the administration and from Demo-

"When I became secretary of defense in 1977, the military services, most of all



MARGARET THOMAS/WASHINGTON POST

Pentagon chief Harold Brown considered the failed rescue attempt of the Iran hostages in 1980 "my greatest regret."

the army, were disrupted badly by the Vietnam War. There was general agreement that the Soviet Union outclassed the West in conventional military capability, especially in ground forces in Europe," he wrote

Wary of the growing Soviet threat, Brown sought to withstand the pressure to cut defense and, gradually, managed to increase spend-

"The constant Cold War competition raged hot during the Carter administration and preoccupied me throughout the four years," Brown wrote. He noted later that "the Defense Department budget in real terms was 10 to 12 percent more when we left than when we came in," which he said was not an easy accomplishment.

And he cited the technological advances in defense systems, especially weapons systems such as precision-guided cruise missiles, stealth aircraft and advanced satellite surveil-

"Some of these came to visible fruition 10 years later during Desert Storm, which reversed Saddam Hussein's occupation of Kuwait," he wrote. "The Carter administration initiated and developed these programs, the Reagan administration paid for their acquisition in many cases, and the George H.W. Bush administration employed them."

Brown later maintained that his extensive work with the Soviets on the arms race was not wasted

"We also reached a specific strategic arms control agreement with the Soviet Union," he wrote. "Though never formally ratified, the agreement was adhered to by both parties and limited Soviet threats that our other conventional and nuclear weapons programs were designed to counter."

Brown was born in New York City on Sept. 19, 1927, attended public schools and went to Columbia University on an accelerated wartime schedule, receiving an undergraduate degree in physics in 1945 "when I was not quite 18," then going to graduate school at Columbia, receiving a doctorate in physics.

Carter awarded Brown the Presidential Medal of Freedom. President Bill Clinton gave him the Energy Department's Enrico Fermi Award for achievement in science and tech**EDWIN WILLIAM ROSS III** 1944-2018

Dean at School of Art Institute, reinvigorated Ox-Bow School

GOLDSBOROUGH Chicago Tribune

Edwin William Ross III was an artist and the longtime dean of continuing studies and special programs at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Ross, known professionally as E.W. Ross, also taught at the school as an adjunct associate professor. However, colleagues said he was proudest of his work in reinvigorating Ox-Bow School of Art, a summer arts school in western Michigan that is affiliated with the School of the Art

"He was a landscape artist and just a student of landscape art, and he really enjoyed the environment there (at Ox-Bow) and involving people of all ages in programs," said Ox-Bow board member Steve Meier, a friend for more than three decades.

Ross, 74, died of a lung infection Dec. 2 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, his son Dylan said. A Rogers Park neighborhood resident, Ross long had battled rheumatoid arthritis, his son said.

Born in Los Angeles, Ross received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1967 from what is now San Jose State University. After college, Ross worked in sales for Procter & Gamble, selling industrial oils and fats to hotels, largely in the Las Vegas area.

Ross eventually found himself drawn to a career in the art world. From 1974 until 1976, he took graduate art classes at what now is California State University at Sacramento and worked odd jobs, his son said. In 1978, Ross moved to Chicago to begin pursuing a master of fine arts degree at



RICHARD PEARLMAN PHOTO Edwin Ross is credited with reinvigorating the Ox-Bow School of Art, a summer

arts school in Michigan. the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Ross' own artwork mostly involved landscape drawings, with frequent depictions of humankind's relationship to nature.

"Nature was a pretty foundational part of his work," his son said. "He loved the ability to put symbols in his pieces. His best pieces that he either sold or that are family heirlooms tell a story or have some drama associated with it. And technically, he was a very precise, good drawer. From a layman's perspective, he was able to depict things as they

After completing his MFA in 1980, Ross began teaching at the School of the Art Institute. Initially, he taught art education and art therapy before also taking on a role in 1983 as a visiting faculty member at Ox-Bow in Saugatuck, Mich.

Ross later taught drawing at the School of the Art Institute and began overseeing nondegree programs. From 1994 until 2009, Ross was the school's dean of its continuing studies and special programs. In that role, Ross worked to expand the school's offerings from what had been a dozen Saturday classes to a more than 100-course program featuring an expanded curriculum aimed at everyone from beginners to more advanced students. He also worked to create community-based programs around the city.

In 1987, he became the part-time program director at Ox-Bow, and he held that role until 2009, also serving as Ox-Bow's interim executive director from 2004 until 2005. He became Ox-Bow's full-time program director in 2009.

Ross worked strengthen the School of the Art Institute's ties to Ox-Bow, which offers yearround programs for artists at all stages in their career, including a 13-week summer residency program and other courses lasting one or two weeks.

"He moved heaven and earth to make sure that Ox-Bow would (continue)," said Richard Pearlman, a longtime friend. "He was such a remarkable guy - he encouraged people and was great with young people. He was the epitome of what you would think of as a teacher."

Ross also participated in solo and group art exhibitions around the Midwest, as well as lecturing on art education around the country.

Ross retired from the School of the Art Institute in 2010. However, he continued to teach one class each summer at Ox-Bow.

A first marriage ended in

Ross is also survived by his wife of 36 years, Patricia Pelletier; a daughter, Katy; another son, Liam; a sister, Meg; a brother, Ben; and one grandson.

A service was held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JANUARY 6...

In 1412 according to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy, France.

In 1759 George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married.

In 1838 Samuel Morse first publicly demonstrated his telegraph, in Morristown,

In 1878 poet Carl Sandburg was born in Galesburg, Ill.

In 1912 New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919 Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th U.S. president, died in Oyster Bay, N.Y.; he was 60.

In 1942 the Pan American Airways "Pacific Clipper" arrived in New York after making the first round-theworld trip by a commercial airplane.

In 1950 Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

In 1994 figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on

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at Cobo Arena in Detroit. (Four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, later were sentenced to prison for the incident.)

In 2000 in Miami, demonstrators angered by the U.S. government's decision to send Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba skirmished with po-

In 2001, with the vanquished Vice President Al Gore presiding, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the close and bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

In 2002 Argentina announced the devaluation of its peso, ending a decadelong policy pegging the currency one-to-one with the U.S. dollar. (In the year that followed, the peso lost 70 percent of its value against the dollar.)

In 2004 a design consisting of two reflecting pools and a paved stone field was chosen for the World Trade Center memorial in New

the right leg by an assailant In 2006 Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist Church, the historic Bronzeville edifice designed by Louis Sullivan and considered the birthplace of gospel music, was nearly destroyed by fire. Also in 2006 singer Lou Rawls died in Los Angeles; he was 72.

> In 2012 Juan Rivera, 39, was released from Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet, Ill., after nearly 20 years in prison, exonerated in the 1992 stabbing and sexual assault of 11-year-old Holly Staker in Waukegan, Ill. Rivera had been convicted three times, at three trials, and his exoneration was based on DNA evidence. Also in 2012 Chicago's Cardinal Francis George apologized for remarks aired on Christmas Day comparing the city's gay pride parade to 1940sera Ku Klux Klan protests.

In 2013 the NHL and players union reached a tentative deal on a collective bargaining agreement to end the 113-day lockout. (It became official five days

In 2016 the Texas state trooper who arrested Sandra Bland after a contentious traffic stop in the summer was fired after being charged with perjury for allegedly lying about his confrontation with the black Naperville woman who died three days later in a county jail.

In 2017 five people were shot to death and six others wounded when a gunman opened fire at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Florida; an Iraq War veteran with suspected psychological problems was charged.

In 2018 Chicago tied a record of 12 straight days of temperatures below 20 degrees, which has happened only twice since records have been kept, in 1936 and



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Death Notices

Alikonis, Janet Sue

Janet Sue Alikonis passed away December 23, 2018, in Chicago, IL. She was 72 years old. Following years of progressive dementia, the cause of death was acute leukemia.

Janet was born February 9, 1946, in Bloomington, IL, a daughter of Justin and Gladys Van Horn Alikonis. She attended public schools in Bloomington, graduating from Bloomington High School in 1964. She attended Illinois State University for one year, and then transferred to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, from which she earned a B.A. in French in February, 1968, and an M.Ed. in French with a minor in Spanish in August, 1968.

For 12 years she taught French and Spanish at Odell (IL) Community High School. Before she began teaching, and summers during her time at Odell, she lived in France and travelled extensively to several European and Central American countries to maintain and enhance her foreign cultural knowledge

language proficiency.

Janet moved to Chicago in 1983 where she taught foreign language for one year at Roycemore School

Evanston. She then became the Office Administrator for Particle Reduction Service in Elk Grove Village. In 2002 she married Justin Melvin Mickevic in Chicago. He died in 2010. She is also pre-deceased

parents and brothers James and Robert. She is survived by her sister Nancy of Arlington, Virginia, who wishes to express her profound gratitude to Michael Kirk, Richard Mach, David Melby, and caring private aides, all of whom patiently provided loving care day after day. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Blanca and niece Caroline.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alikonis Scholarship Fund at the School of Nursing at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-

281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Anderson, James E.



James E. Anderson, 80, passed away December 30, 2018. Jim Anderson leaves behind a daughter, Jenny (Terry) Lynch, and a son Deron, as well as three loving grandchildren, Andi, Matthew & Charlie. He also leaves behind a sister, Lee (Paul) Tregurtha, and a brother, Ted (Lindra) Anderson. Jim spent most of his life in Lake

Forest. He graduated from Lake Forest High School and went on to receive a Bachelors and Masters degree in Civil Engineering from Cornell University (1960). At Cornell, he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity. His entire career was spent as a Principal & Vice President of James Anderson Company, a fourth generation civil-engineering company located in Lake Bluff. Jim lived in Lake Forest, and was involved with his family and community. Jim always cheered on his kids from the sidelines. He was also known to root for his favorite team at the Lantern, or partake there in some political banter. He was a loyal friend and family man and will be greatly missed. Visitation was held Thursday 1/3/2019, at Wenban Funeral Home, 320 Vine Ave., Lake Forest, IL 60045. Funeral Service was held 10 AM Friday 1/4/2019 at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, 700 N. Sheridan Rd. Burial Lake Forest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to CurePSP, 1216 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10001. Info: Wenban Funeral Home (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Apolinski, Dorothy M.

Dorothy M. Apolinski, age 84, of Chicago; beloved wife of Edmund; loving mother Susan (Neil) Locke and Charles and Richard Apolinski; cherished grandmother of Melissa (Ian) Simms and Tara and Brittany Locke; dear sister of Carol (the late Ron) Direnzo; fond aunt of Ron (Kathy) and Larry (Stacey) Malinowski. Visitation 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday January 9, at Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park where services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. Entombment Concordia Cemetery. Info: drechslerbrownwilliams. com or 708-383-3191.

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Azriel, Marvin J.

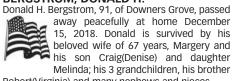
Marvin J. Azriel, age 88. Beloved husband of the late Beatrice, nee Sapoznick. Loving father of Elyce (Aryeh), Phillip (Karen) and the late Louis Azriel and dear father-in-law of Laurie (Howard) Prager. Adored grandfather of Leora (Matt), Brian (Katie), Jim (Christy), Anne,

Ben (Rachel), Jacob (Elyse), Yaniv, Adam, Jordan (Aaron) and Hillary. Proud great-grandfather of Gabe, Mia and Ava. Caring brother of the late Sheldon (the late Renee). Fond uncle of many. Service Tuesday 9:30 AM at Temple Chai, 1670 Checker Rd., Long Grove, 60047. Military Funeral Honors 12:30 PM at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Private interment to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be made to Temple Chai, www.templechai.org or OSRUI, www.osrui.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove - 847.229.8822

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BERGSTROM, DONALD H.



Robert(Virginia) and many nephews and nieces. Donald was a U.S. Army World War II veteran. He graduated from University of Illinois in 1951 and went on to enjoy a long, successful career as an architect retiring in 2002.

Services will be held on January 18 at the First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove. For further details, please visit www.toonfuneralhome. com OR 630-968-0408.

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Bertolani, Mario P.



age 85, was a resident of Wauconda, IL for 58 years. Mario was the beloved husband for 61 years of Lolita

(nee Niccolai); loving father of Mark (Rosanne) and Lauren (Marcus) Coley; cherished grandfather of Melanie (Josh) Kawai, Caitlin Coley and Mark J. (Carol) and Anthony Bertolani; proud great grandfather of Matilda, Dorothy and Lana; dear brother of Remo (the late

Elizabeth). Mario was born July 10, 1933

in Chicago and passed away Thursday,

January 3, 2019 at home. Mario proudly serviced in the United States Army during the Korean War. Mario was retired from Teletype Corp., Skokie, IL after 30+ years of faithful service. He was a Bell Telephone Pioneer. He was the former owner for 11 years of Razzo's Pizza, Palatine. Mario was a member of the ITAM, Luccechsi Del Mondo and the American Legion Post #911 in Wauconda. Mario volunteered at the Veterans Administration. Mario ran in the Senior Olympics when he was 65 years young. Visitation will be Monday, January 7, 2019, from 4-8 pm and Tuesday, from 8:30 am to time of prayers at 9:30 am at Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home 235 N. Main St., Wauconda, IL 60084, proceeding to Transfiguration Parish, 348 W. Mill St., Wauconda, IL for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am. Entombment with military honors will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers,

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Blocker, James

Masses appreciated.



James Blocker, born March 30, 1926 peacefully began his final journey on December 16, 2018. He was preceded in death by his first wife Arnetta. He is survived by his beloved wife Joy Currie, loving son Kevin (Sharon) adored stepdaughter Debbie

(Randy) Jennifer (Craig) 5 grandchildren Amy, Sarah, Allison, Heidi and Ryan. He is also survived by 3 dear Great Grandchildren

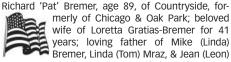
Jim grew up in the north side of Chicago and attended Lakeview high school and Chicago teachers college. He was drafted in 1945 and again in 1950. After proudly serving his country his successful teaching career began at Lane Tech high school where he was a track and field coach and drivers education instructor.

A lifelong devoted Cubs fan, a life master bridge player, traveler and Wisconsin fisherman. He brought brightness, joy, and love to our lives. He will be forever missed. A memorial celebration of Jim's life will be held on Thursday January 10th from 10am-2pm at Woodlawn Funeral Home 7750 W. Cermak Rd. Forest Park, IL with Inurnment to follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the charity of choice or American Cancer Society.

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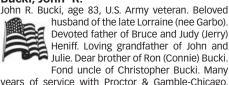
Bremer, Richard 'Pat'



Hinton; proud grandfather of 6; dear great-grandfather of 2; beloved owner of cat, Ziggy. Pat chose to donate his body to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations in Pat's name to the Brookfield Zoo or a charity of your choice are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Hallowell & James Funeral Home, Countryside. See full obituary at hjfunerals.com

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Bucki, John R.



years of service with Proctor & Gamble-Chicago. Visitation Monday 3-9 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Tuesday 1030 AM service at the funeral home. Interment St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com

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Bykowicz, Steve



age 76 of Darien, formerly of Brookfield. Beloved husband of Betty Bykowicz, nee Rink; loving and devoted father of Steven (Anna Marie Ferreira) Bykowicz and Shari Bykowicz; step father of David Fritz and Danny (Rachel) Fritz; grandfather of Daniel, Claira and Katie. Steve was known for his 27 years of dedicated service as a Police Officer for the

Village of Brookfield and over 40 years of being the proud owner of Shari Motor Visitation Monday, January 7, 2019, 3 P.M. to 9 P.M. and Tuesday,

January 8, 2019, 10:30 A.M.to 11 A.M. at Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd., 9445 W. 31st St., Brookfield, IL 60513. Funeral Tuesday 11 A.M. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery, Darien. Information at 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com

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Calabrese, Isabelle M.

Isabelle M. Calabrese, nee Carroll, age 87. Beloved wife of the late Joseph, dear mother of Michael, Peter (Jane), Joan (John) Tanaka, and Eileen (Robert) Mahon; loving grandmother of Andrea, Lisa, David, Laura, Joseph, James, Douglas, Scott, Caroline, Lisa, and Gina; cherished great-grandmother of Isabella; fond sister of the late Michael (late Mary) Carroll. Visitation at Simkins Funeral Home 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove Wednesday January 9th, 3 to 8 p.m. Funeral from Simkins Thursday, January 10th, 9:30 a.m. to St. Martha Church Auditorium 8523 Georgiana Ave. Morton Grove for 10 a.m. Mass. Internment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Notre Dame College Prep 7655 Dempster St. Niles, IL 60714 appreciated. Sign online guestbook at www.simkinsfh.com 847-965-2500

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Campbell, James F.



Campbell, age 85; loving husband of Noreen, nee Gibbons; beloved father of Eileen (Joseph) Altenhoff, Dan (Anne), Bill (Maria), Tom, Sue (Rick) Kadowaki, Patrick (Bernadette) and Tim (Sue); proud grandfather of 22; great-grand-

father of four; brother of Mary Ellyn (Tom) Donnell, Sister Margaret Campbell SNDdeN, the late Bill (the late Donna) Campbell, the late Pat (the late Jerry) Snyder; brother-in-law to Tom (Mary) Gibbons, Mike (Judy) Gibbons and the late Mary Kay Murphy. Visitation, Sunday, from 4 to 9 p.m. Funeral Prayers, Monday, 9:15 a.m. at Nelson Funeral Home 820 Talcott, Park Ridge to St. Monica Church, Mass 10 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Monica Academy would be appreciated. For information 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com



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Campbell, Stephanie

Stephanie Campbell (nee Radochonski), age 84, a resident of Rochester, NY and formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away Monday, December 17, 2018 at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY. She was born on March 2, 1934 in Chicago, IL. Visitation will be Sunday, January 13, 2019, 9:00 - 10:00 AM at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. Funeral services will follow Sunday, 10:00 AM in the funeral home. Family and friends will meet Sunday, 1:00 PM at Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago for final committal services. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones. com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Cebuhar, John Anthony

age 68, passed away on Saturday, December 15. One of four sons, John was born at Woodlawn Hospital in Chicago, IL on February 11, 1950, to the late Charles "Ky" & Betty Cebuhar (nee Brennan). In 1976, while working for the City of Philadelphia, he was involved in the significant undertaking of coordinating the numerous volunteers working to make the celebration of our nation's bicentennial a success. In 1985, as a student attending Governors State University, John received the Student Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, presented by then governor Thompson. In 1986 he received a BA with high honors and in 1999 the Community Service Award "in recognition of his countless outreach and advocacy efforts on behalf of people with HIV and AIDS". Then in 2005, he earned a Master of Health Science in Addictions Studies. Throughout his professional life, he worked in government and for non-profit organizations on behalf of people struggling with addictions and HIV disease. Upon retirement, he continued his advocacy by helping family and friends obtain much needed social services. He was always there for someone in need. John is survived by his partner of almost 30 years, Kevin Hall, and a significant extended family who all feel the tremendous loss of such a loving, giving and compassionate man. Donations to the Center on Halsted are encouraged.

Memorial visitation Friday February 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m. at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 West Adams, Chicago, IL. Interment private. Arrangements entrusted to the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home. www. sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Conroy, Helen Hillenbrand

Helen Conroy (98), originally from Chicago and the youngest of Nora and Dr. George Hillenbrand's 9 children died peacefully in Minnetonka, MN on 12/12/2018. Helens cherished family included husband Martin, children Daniel (Marilyn), Peggy, Patricia(Bill) Susan(Van),11 grandchildren,17 great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews. She became a social worker upon receiving her degree from Rosary College. She combined her experience and strong belief in education teaching 3rd grade at St. Joseph's school in Libertyville for 25 years. Family and friends will gather to celebrate her kind spirit, humor and beautiful life at the Basiclla of St. Mary's in Minneapolis, MN. April, 2019

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Contractor, Chandrika Babubhai



from India in order to make a better life for us. Mother beat cancer in 2008, was an incredible cook and the rock of the household. In lieu of flowers, donate to your local pet shelter and thyroid disease. She will forever be in our hearts and will be missed immensely. Jai Shree Krishna.

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Cory, Daniel Lyell

Daniel Lyell Cory age 91, passed away at his home in Naperville, Illinois on Saturday, December 29, 2018 after a blessed and fulfilled life. He was born in 1927 in Chicago, son of the late Victor and Bernice Cory. A graduate of Wheaton College he received his bachelor's degree in Economics and went on to earn a CPCU designation. He built a successful career in the insurance industry highlighted by his founding Cory & Associates Insurance Agency. He was a loyal Chicago sports fan. As a younger man he excelled in playing racket sports and thoroughly enjoyed the game of golf through most of his life. Dan was known, loved and admired for his sense of humor, consistently positive attitude, integrity, and work ethic. He had a strong Christian faith which sustained him throughout his life. His great love and care for his family was never ending. He is survived by his loving wife, Alice; his brother Philip; four children, Michala, Duncan, Caroline, Andrew; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; Uncle of thirty-two and his canine companion Reagan. A Memorial service celebrating his life will be held at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville on January 13, 2019. Memorial visitation at 10:00 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m. Memorials in Dan's memory may be made to In Touch Ministries, P.O. 7900 Atlanta, Ga. 30357

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Crowe, Mary 'Jeanne'

of Bloomington, MN, formerly of Chicago, IL. Died peacefully on December 28, 2018. Born July 10, 1929 in Chicago, IL, Jeanne was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Francis Crowe; her loving parents, Charles and Lucille Griffin; and sisters, Barbara Griffin and Patricia 'Pat' White (Robert White), all of Chicago, IL. Survived by her two daughters, Ann Clare (Steve) Heimerman and Nora Crowe; two grandchildren, Emily Heimerman and Matthew Heimerman of Lake Elmo, MN; and many nieces, nephews, and other loving friends and family. Jeanne received her BA in English from Marian University and taught in schools in Texas, Illinois and Minnesota. She was an advocate and active volunteer for causes related to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She served on many non-profit boards and organizations and worked to develop and enhance legislation and create community programs to help families living with disabled loved ones. She received awards for her work. Jeanne is best known for her love of learning and her warm and kind heart. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on January 10, 2019 at the Church of St. Edward, Bloomington, MN with a visitation one hour prior to the Mass at the church. Interment at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at All Saints Catholic Cemetery, 700 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL. Donations may be made in her name to The Arc Minnesota, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, or your local library

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Devine, Jean



NEW LENOX, ILL.-Jean Devine, age 93, of New Lenox, III., passed away gently on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox, III. She was born on April 27, 1925, to parents Glenn and Olive (Wolfe) Holmes. Jean married Joseph Devine on Sept. 6, 1946, and enjoyed a wonderful life raising their children and traveling the country. Jean

is survived by her children, Patricia Devine, William (Sandy) Devine, Thomas (Bonnie) Devine, Timothy Susan (Lyle) Lukas and Joseph (Marie) Devine, Devine; grandchildren, Nina Roti, Michelle (Gus) Frangou, Ben Devine, John Devine, Shena Devine, Alix Lukas, Matthew Lukas, Madison Devine, Joseph Patrick Devine, Carter Devine and Jada Devine; brother, John (Mitzie) Holmes; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Marge (Mike) McFarland. Private family services will be held at Roselawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be made at www. gundersonfh.com.

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See Karen Edith Fair notice.

Doetsch, Mary Madelyn

Mary Madelyn Doetsch, nee Lowry, 79, passed away on January 3rd, 2019. Beloved wife of Bernard Doetsch for 60 years. Loving mother of Peggy (Joe) Zidek, Cathy (Matt) O'Shea and Anita (Arnold) Blum. Adored grandmother of Michael and Alyssa Zidek and Mary Clare and Johnny O'Shea. Sister of Peggy (Denny) Nolan and Irene Laas. Sister-in-law of Phillip Doetsch and Lauretta (John) Plattner. Aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Madelyn had a great attitude, was a great mother, and was always upbeat. She was a joy to visit with. In many ways, Madelyn was the best, and will be deeply missed. Visitation 9 AM Tuesday, January 8th, St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 1201 E Anderson, Palatine, until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Madelyn's name may be made to any cancer research of donor's choosing. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Madelyn's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com



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Evenstad, Damon Fletcher

Damon Fletcher Evenstad, Born June 14, 1930, passed away December 29, 2018. Survived by his wife of 62 years, Joan LaMair. Sons Philip, Steven and Harry. His twin brother Ramon (Mary); brother Paul (Virginia); and sister Sonia. Sister-in-law Barbara LaMair, nieces Robin and Amy, and nephew John. Memorial Service Saturday, January 12 at 2 p.m. Northfield Community Church, 400 Wagner Road Northfield II 60093 Memorial donations may be made to Northfield Community Church. Funeral information 847-998-1020

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Fair, Karen Edith

Karen Edith Fair née Huber, 79, of McHenry, IL and formerly of Skokie, IL, at rest January 2, 2019. Beloved wife of Leonard Fair. Dear mother to John (Cheri) Doessel, Kimberly Dunteman, Diane Doessel, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of five. Preceded in death by her first husband, Robert D. Doessel, Sr., in 1991, her sons, Robert D. Doessel, Jr., in 2013, infant James, in 1968, and William and Christopher Fair. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Justen Funeral Home & Crematory, 3700 W. Charles J. Miller Rd., McHenry, IL 60050. Visitation resumes the following morning at The Church of Holy Apostles, 5211 Bull Valley Rd., McHenry, IL 60050, from 9:30 until the 10:30 a.m. funeral Mass. Interment will be at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery. INFO: 815-385-2400, or visit www.justenfh.com.

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Falligant, Patricia Geraghty Patricia Geraghty Falligant, 90, died peacefully surrounded by loving family on December 31, 2018. Raised in Bellaire, Texas, as an eighteen-year-old art student, Pat won a contest for a trip to Manhattan where she lived at the Barbizon Hotel for Women and modeled. Preferring the wholesale side of the fashion industry, she worked for Townley Frocks, managing the showroom for Claire McCardell who created American sportswear and whose clothes today are in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. After six dates in six cities, she married Derry Osborne Falligant (d.1993), her beloved husband of 43 years, returned to Texas, had three children, studied art at the University of Houston, and worked for Neiman Marcus where she managed for the four Marcus brothers for many years in both Houston and Northbrook, IL. Always interested in social justice, she helped integrate the sales force of Neiman Marcus and she and her husband raised four foster Native American children for several years. In retirement she became a master gardener and volunteered at the Chicago Botanic Garden while maintaining an extensive cottage garden of her own. But her real passion was for her family, whom she adored, and for the art and gardening communities in Lake Bluff where she lived for three decades. She painted and sold in art shows on the North Shore. An active member of both Artists on the Bluff and the Lake Bluff Garden Club, she served both in many capacities including president while also serving on civic committees, raising money for improvement projects in her village. With boundless creativity, style and humor, she used her strength, energy and compassion to serve others. Cherished mother of Derry (Julie) Falligant, Cissi (Michael) Henrick, and Robert Raiford Falligant (d. 1999). Adored grandmother of Kelly (Andrew) Gamble, Brian (Justin Evans) Falligant, Danny (Lindsay) Falligant, Michael (Whitney) Henrick, Derry Henrick, and Jessica Rosario. Treasured great grandmother of Abigail, Lauren and Nathaniel Gamble, Jack Falligant, Kennedy Henrick and Elliott Speck. Loving daughter and sister, preceded in death by father, Aloysius Francis Geraghty, mother, Hortense Randals Geraghty, brothers Frank and John Geraghty, and sister, Mary Ann Geraghty Benson. Beloved aunt of several nieces and nephews. Visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, January 11, at Wenban Funeral Home, 320 Vine Av., Lake Forest, IL Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, January 12, at St. Mary's Church 201 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest Il Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Lake Bluff Garden Club,



P.O. Box 273, Lake Bluff, IL 60044. Info wenbanfh.

- Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo. CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

Frey, Claude W.

Claude W. Frey, age 95, beloved husband of Eve and

W. Chase Ave. Chicago. Funeral info: John E. Maloney

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Carol Friedman nee Levitetz, 84. Beloved wife for

Matthew and Melissa Friedman, Dear sister of the

late Howard (Rita) Levitetz. Service Monday 2PM at

Chicago Jewish Funerals, 195 North Buffalo Grove Rd

(one block North of Lake Cook Rd.), Buffalo Grove.

Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorials to

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62 years of Arthur Friedman. Loving

mother of Norm (Rhonda) Friedman,

Jeff Friedman and the late Steven

(Sharyn) Friedman. Proud grandmother

of Rachel (Chandler) Wulfsohn, Daniel,

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Friedman, Carol

loving father of Yvette (John)

Meyer and Liane Frey (Frank

Swider) and foster daugh-

ter Nancy (Aston) Forde.

Devoted grandfather of Nelly

Frey and dear brother of the

late James Frey. Memorial

visitation, Wednesday, Jan

9th from 9:30am until time

of Mass at 11:00am at St.

Margaret Mary Church, 2324

Gamble, Doris Jean Doris Jean Gamble, 85, of Chicago, passed away peacefully at home December 31, 2018. Loving mother of Richard (Janet) Tripoli, Mary (Ron) Clark. Barbara (Marty) Davis, Patti (Greg) Gamble-Bertsch and Deanne Clemente. Cherished grandmother of ten; adored great-grandmother of ten; dear greatgreat-grandmother to Paisley Grace. Doris was a long-time, well-respected employee of the Strack & Van Til grocery store. Memorial visitation Sun. Jan. 13, 2018, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Memorial Service at 4:00 pm at Lakeview Funeral Home 1458 W. Belmont Ave. Info: www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com (773) 472-6300



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Geary, Patricia M.

Patricia M. "Pat" Geary (nee Scanlon), age 81, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, formerly of Lisle, IL, died Saturday, December 29, 2018 at her home. She was born February 27, 1937 in Lisle.

Memorial Visitation Sunday, January 13, 2019, 2:00-6:00 PM at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Monday, January 14, 11:00 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL. Inurnment will follow at SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones. com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information



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Grossman, Sarah

Sarah Grossman nee Kruger beloved wife of the late Samuel for over 4 decades; loving mother of Marshall (Lori) and Lisa; devoted daughter of the late Benjamin and Sophia Kruger; dearest sister of the late Sam (the late Gladys) Kruger; cherished grandmother to Nicholas, Sondra and Jenna; treasured aunt and friend of many. Graveside service, Wednesday 10 AM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers. memorials may be made to ORT America. For information or condolences. Shalom Memorial Funeral Home. (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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GUENTHER, DEBORAH A.

68, of Franktown, CO, Entered into Heaven on January 1, 2019. Loving Wife of 49 years to Robert. Beloved Mother of the late Sabrina Guenther, Bob Guenther of California and Kimberly (Ike) Willis. Special Grandma of Trent, Bobby, Sloane, Kaylee, Lanie, Samantha, Gene and Alvssa, Daughter of the late Russell and Mary Jean Post.

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Halski, Frederika



Frederika Halski, nee Lanz, of Glenview, IL formerly of Memphis, TN. At 101 years old, she was one of the oldest Holocaust survivors. Beloved wife of the late Leon Halski. Loving mother of Alma (Barry) Salky and Joyce (Gary) Frank. Proud grandmother of Jonathan (Joy) and

Adam (Sarah) Salky, Graham and Jonathan Frank. Adoring great grandmother of Alexandra, Emmanuelle, Elliot and Frederika Salky. Will be missed by nieces Margot and Rena and their families. Services will be held in Memphis, TN. In her memory, memorials may be made to US Holocaust Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington DC, 20024, www.ushmm. org or Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Dr., Skokie, IL 60077, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie

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Hamper, Emily

Emily Hamper, nee Stanczyk, Age 92, passed away on December 31, 2018. Loving mom of Diane (the late Phillip) Polikowski, Janice Zasadzinski and John (Roberta) Zasadzinski. Loving step-mom of George (Pauline) Hamper, Tom (Diane) Hamper, Mary (Randy) Gibson, Marty (Susan) Hamper and Jim (Ofi) Hamper. Dear grandmother of 15. Dearest great-grandmother of 13. Emily was preceded in death by spouses John Zasadzinski and George Hamper.

Visitation, Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Funeral, Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 9:00AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to Saint Fabian Church, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview, Illinois for 10:00AM Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, Illinois.

For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.ka-

minskifamilyfuneralhomes.com Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries Hansen, Larry Dean 'Diz'
Larry Dean "Diz" Hansen, 85 years old of Antioch,



IL, passed away peacefully Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Rolling Hills Manor, Zion, IL. He was born February 26, 1933 in Withee, WI, the son of the late Emil A. and Kathryn S. (nèe Keskimaki) Hansen. Larry proudly served his

country in the United States Army as part of the US Army-Europe Headquarters staff G-2 Intelligence stationed in Heidelburg, Germany. After returning from Europe, he completed his Bachelor's Degree in

Economics at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, where he met his future wife Susan. On August 16, 1958, Larry married Susan Lynn Hennig in Wausau, WI. He had a lengthy career as an IT systems manager for Archer Daniels Midland in Minneapolis and Decatur. Larry served for many years as an official for the US National Speedskating Association. He also taught junior high and high school Sunday school classes at First Lutheran Church in Decatur, IL. Larry lived and believed 'God, Family, Country' and spent his life serving all three. Larry loved sports, being an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan, and a loyal supporter of all high school sports, wherever he lived.

Larry is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Susan; their children, Kris Hansen, Jennifer (Michael) Bramel, Mark (Michelle) Hansen; their three grandchildren, Nathan, Elena, Erik; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to his parents. Larry was preceded in death by his brother, Tracy Hansen.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00AM Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1155 Hillside Ave., Antioch, IL 60002, with a memorial visitation commencing at 10:00AM until the start of the service. Interment is private. For additional information, call 847-395-4000. The family has requested that donations be made to St. Stephen Lutheran Church rather than sending flowers. Please sign the online guestbook for Larry at www.strangfh.com.

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Heiner, Eleanor V. "Elly"

Eleanor "Elly" V. Heiner,nee Augustyn Age 64 Formerly of Chicago, late of Las Vegas, Nevada. Beloved Wife of the late Gordon Heiner. Loving Daugther of Mildred, nee Vician and the late Thaddeus Augustyn Sr. Loving Sister of Thaddeus "Ted" Augustyn Jr. Beloved Niece of Helen Cachur. Dear Godmother of Dr. Thomas Cachur Jr. Elly will be missed by her many cousins, and especially by Karen, Thomas Sr. and Margaret. Visitation Monday 3 PM to 9 PM at FORAN FUNERAL HOME 7300 West Archer Ave (55th Street just west of Harlem). Funeral Tuesday 10 AM from the funeral home to St. Blasé Church for a 10:30 AM Mass of Resurrection. Cremation Private. Condolences may be sent to Elly's family on her personal tribute website at www.foranfuneralhome.com. 708-458-0208

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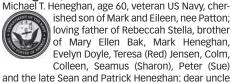
Helman, Merle

Merle Helman nee Foxman, 97, beloved wife of David for 78 years; loving mother of Ronald Helman and Susan (Dr. Julian) Joffe; cherished grandmother of Andrew and Adam (Melissa) Joffe; adored great grandmother of Eliana and Jordyn. Private services were held. For information or to leave condolences, Shalom Memorial Funeral Home (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Heneghan, Michael T



and the late Sean and Patrick Heneghan; dear uncle of 18; fond nephew and cousin of many. Friends and family will meet Monday, January 7, 2019, visitation at Our Lady of Ransom 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. followed by a Mass. Our Lady of Ransom, 8300 N. Greenwood, Niles, IL. Christian Burial Private.

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Howard, Susan M.



Susan M. Howard nee Domijancic of Elmhurst and a six-year survivor of pancreatic cancer. Beloved wife of Craig Howard; dear daughter of Frank and Dolores Domijancic; sister of James (Nancy) Domijancic, Sharon (Jim) Dwyer and Diane (Richard) Ray; aunt of Megan (Mike Arthur fiancé) Dwyer, Frank Dwyer, Kevin Dwyer and of course Cleo and

Chickee. Susan was a nurse for over 36 years and had worked at Rush Medical Center, Copley Medical Center, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, UIC Medical Center and Jesse Brown V.A. Medical Center. She volunteered with MIMA and PanCAN for many years and was an active member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ and the Elmhurst Garden Club. She was actively involved in the world around her, traveled the world extensively and nurtured and showed compassion in everything she did. Visitation at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, January 7, 2019. Memorial Services 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 125 W. Church St., Elmhurst. An additional Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date. Private Interment St. Peter's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the Susan M. Howard Memorial Scholarship Fund at Elmhurst College, 190 S. Prospect, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Funeral Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.



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Hughes, John Edward

John Edward Hughes, II of Miami, Florida born in Chicago, Illinois passed away peacefully on January 1, 2019 in his home at the age of 80. John was predeceased by parents John Edward Hughes and Eleanore Hughes. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Merrie, as well as his brother David Hughes, and sisters-in-law Mary Catherine Hughes and Nadine Kent. John was the loving grandfather of Kody, Kent, Jolie, John Edward ("Jack") Hughes, IV, Jamie, uncle to Mark and David Hughes, father of Krista and John Edward ("Jed") Hughes, III (Jennifer). John grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and attended Glenbard High School later graduating from the University of Michigan where he was a member of the DKE fraternity. John met Merrie in New York, New York eventually moving to Miami with their children. He worked for many years in merchan-

encountered. John was a family man who was most happy surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren who he adored above all else.

dising which led to extensive travel all over the

world including countless trips to Europe and the

Far East. John fully enjoyed the various cultures he

He will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to have met him!

In lieu of flowers a donation to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research would be greatly appreciated.

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Hult, Phyllis M.

Phyllis M. Hult, 86, of Loves Park, died November 20, 2018. Born Dec. 19, 1931 in Gary, Indiana, the daughter of S. Albert and Marie (Wise) Hult. Phyllis worked and resided in Rockford, LaGrange, and Downers Grove.

Memorial service will be January 12 at 1pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 343 Grand Ave. Loves Park. Memorials may be made to ELCA World Hunger. To share a memory or online condolence, visit olsonfh.

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Hunter, Dorothy Mae

Dorothy Mae Hunter, age 93, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at her home in Plainfield, IL surrounded by the love of her family. She was born June 3, 1925 in Chicago, IL. She was the devoted wife of Elemar J. Hunter, whom she married August 3, 1946. Surviving are her loving children Kathleen (Mark) Klausner and Robert (Sylvia) Hunter; adoring grandchildren, Mark Klausner, Amy (Damon) Matthew (Kimberly) Klausner, Beth (Bradley) Elstad, Megan (Brandon) Weis and Erin (Bear) Wegener; ten cherished great-grandchildren; dear sisters, Kathryn Zasadzinski, Patricia Berens and Frances Jurek; and dear brother, Robert Slevnik. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents, Joseph and Mary Ann Slevnik; brother, Joseph C. Slevnik; sisters, Mary Ann Manzke, Peggy Spooner and Ruth Perlinski. Dorothy was the first female Produce Manager for Jewel/Osco in Oak Forest, IL She enjoyed reading, cooking, Notre Dame Football and playing cards with her family and friends. She spent many fond years at Indian Lake, Dowagiac MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Future Inurnment: Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Plainfield, was entrusted with arrangements. For info please call 815/436-9221 or



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Hyman, Maxine Esther



Maxine Esther (Rosenthal) Hyman wove herself a storied life. She was born July 10. 1929 in Chicago and passed away January 2nd, 2019 in Northwest Indiana at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her husband, Irving Hyman, parents Ignatz "Louis" Rosenthal (Lefkowitz) and Fannie Rosenthal, and her sister

Belle (Rosenthal) Goldfarb.

Maxine will be forever cherished by a tightly-knit family She is survived by four sons: Richard (Cathy) Hyman, Dennis (Kandi) Hyman, Steven (Marjy) Hyman, and Martyn (Kim) Hyman; and seven grandchildren: Jon (Tiffany) Hyman, Cari (Roger) Clousing, Kassy (Scott) Golden, Diandra (John) Asbaty, Lauren (Mark) Tetrick Ian (Ien) Hyman and David (Ally) Hyman She leaves behind 15 great-grandchildren: Joshua Jacob Jessica Hanna Kaitlyn Blaize Khyler Madden, Jersey, Henry, William, Fiona, Hailey, Kelsey, and Marshall; and countless other extended family members and friends. Maxine grew up in Chicago, and graduated from South Shore High School. She was a resident of Dolton, IL and resided for the past 28 years in Valparaiso, IN. She was a business owner of Hyman's Auto Supply & Company. Maxine was an active textile artist: completing a myriad of beautiful knitting and needlepoint projects over the course of her lifetime. She also loved reading, traveling, enjoying her koi pond and visiting with family. Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org) or the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana (www. federationonline.org). Service and interment private. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals. 773-625-8621



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Jager, Donald C.

December 24, 2018, Of Chicago and East Troy, Wisconsin. Preceded in death by his parents Nancy (Wambay) Jager and Chester Jager, cousins Kris and Richard and his beloved Sharon. The loving cousin of Diane (Tim) Blanks, Edward (Karen) Wambay, Michael (Trudy) Wambay and second cousin Aunt **Dorothy Schwall**

He will be missed by dozens of friends from Illinois and Wisconsin, Lane Tech High School, AT&T, the Moose Lodge and the Illinois Electrical Workers Association. He was joyous in his love of God and life, generous to a fault, and a loyal friend to every-

one he met. Ceremony is private. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

James, Dunbar 'Sonny'

Age 75, passed December 29, 2018. Services are at Smith and Thomas funeral home (5708 west Madison) Thursday January 10, 2019 10:30am

11:30am. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries Jann, Irwin



Irwin G. Jann, of Chicago, Illinois and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, passed away on Thursday, December 27, 2018 surrounded by friends and family. The son of the late Albert and Marianne Jann, he is survived by his Norma, three chilwife, dren, including James (Lynn McGovern) Jann, Joanna (Stuart) Halloway, and numer-

ous beloved grandchildren. A self-starter from an early age, Irwin had jobs as a sock and shoe salesman on Maxwell Street, a busboy, a siding salesman, and, most proudly, as a CTA bus driver. Irwin attended college at DePaul University where he went directly into law school after his junior year. He began his law career in the Chicago Corporation Counsel's office, later forming his own full service law firm that included multiple partners and associates. He went on to work as a lobbyist for RJ Reynolds and the Tobacco Institute. Irwin loved the restaurant business, playing an active role in many establishments throughout his life including Chicago hotspots Haray Caray's and

Gibsons. A force in Chicago politics, Irwin also had a voice on the state level as a member of Jim Edgar and George Ryan's gubernatorial transition teams. He was a long serving Commissioner of the Illinois Racing Board and member of the Juvenile Justice Commission. He was proud of his service on the boards of the Chicago City Ballet and Thorek Hospital. He was a generous patron of Maryville Academy and the Mayo Clinic

Irwin was a lifelong fan of both the Chicago Cubs and Bears and was particularly proud of his enthusiastic participation as a member of the board of the Chicago Wolves. Equally pleased with hot dogs or caviar, Irwin was a man of many passions including his time as a semi-professional race car driver, Indy pit board man and member of the 2000 Hemelgarn Racing IRL championship team. He loved boating, motorcycle riding, car collecting and his many pets. Most of all, Irwin will be remembered for his irreverent sense of humor and the ability to find the levity in any situation. A memorial service will be held on January 10th, Please contact the family for details. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Jaske, Sandra

Sandra C Jaske, 76, of Park Ridge, died suddenly at home. Beloved daughter of the late Walter and Clara Jaske, dear sister of the late Sgt. Walter, Jr and the late Robert Jaske. Dear friend to many. Gathering Thursday, January 10, 2018, 11:15 AM at St. Juliana Church, 7201 N Oketo Ave. (at Touhy) Chicago. Mass 11:30 AM. Memorials may be made in Sandra's memory to the charity of your choice. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to M J Suerth Funeral Home. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com



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Katris, Dr. Nicholas

Dr. Nicholas Katris, 86, of Northfield, IL, formerly of Chicago, IL and Northbrook, IL. Beloved husband of 44 years of the late Helen (Bacoyanis) Katris; brother of Donna (late Aristides) Lallas, the late Bette (Nicholas) Kakis and the late Christine (Nick) Kockler; brother-in-law to the late Louis (Elene Bacoyanis), and the late Fay Photopulos. Nicholas will be missed by his devoted companion for many years, Mary Green. Devoted son of the late Christ and late Maria (Colovos) Katris, and son-in-law to the late Steven and the late Matina (Laloganis) Bacoyanis; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Born in Chicago, IL. Graduate of Lane Technical High School and U.S. Army Veteran in the Korean War. Graduate of Northwestern University Dental School and then took a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Cook County Hospital and then University of Louisville Hospital. Founded Northwest Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Arlington Heights, IL where he practiced for many years. Funeral Service 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox

Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990. Jonnellan

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Kinzel, Ralph

Ralph Kinzel, age 72, died peacefully on December 24, 2018 after suffering from a number of illnesses for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Marjory (nee McAvoy) Kinzel. He is survived by his loving wife Merry (nee Skelton), sons James and Lawrence: stepson Christopher Teter: grandchildren Michael, Ashley, Amber, Alyssa. and Nicholas: great-grandson Daniel: brother Steven (Lynn) and sister Marjory (Manuel) Ayala, many nieces and nephews; and many other family members and friends. Burial will be private and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Arrangements

made at Woodlawn Funeral Home Forest Park, IL Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Kocour. Steven Robert

Steven Robert Kocour, 57, of Winnetka. Cherished



son of the late Max and Heloise Kocour; beloved father of Max L. Kocour; loving brother of Camille (Justin) Healy, Colette (David Carr) Michele Kocour, Kocour, Michael (Heather Landes) Kocour and the late Ruth Anne (Robert Hall) Kocour; caring uncle of many nieces and nephews. A memorial

service will be held 10:00 a.m., January 12, 2019, at Sacred Heart Church, 1077 Tower Rd., Winnetka, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Ravinia's REACH.TEACH.PLAY. Education Programs by mailing a check to ATTN: Ravinia Tribute Fund, 418 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035; by calling 847-266-5045; or by visiting the Ravinia website http://raviniawb.org/tribute-fund/tributegifts/. In a tribute to Steven, no suits allowed at the service. Dress as he would. Arrangements by Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home. For service information call 847-251-8200.



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Koff . Robert Hess

Robert Hess Koff Ph.D passed in December 2018. He received his doctorate from the University of Chicago and in 1972 became the Dean of Education at Roosevelt University. He is survived by his first wife Joan children Susan Ernst (Ronald) Alexander Koff (Tricia) brother Arthur Koff (Norma) second wife Linda Riekes and by six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers contributions should be made to the charity

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Kolb, John T. John T. Kolb of Glenview, former longtime resident

December 18, 2018. He was the beloved husband for 69 years of Loretta Kolb nee Trifilio; dear brother of Joan (Donald) Valovic and the late Nora (Philip) Gatto: fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. John was a veteran of the US Army serving during WWII and was the recipient of the Purple Heart Award. He worked in sales for many years, frequently earning top salesman awards, and was also a talented musician who played the drums. John and his wife Loretta were boaters for 50 years on Lake Geneva, keeping their boat in the Abbey Harbor where they lived aboard every weekend and every chance they could get. Both were members of the Abbey Yacht Club, and John served various positions within that organization, becoming Commodore in 1974. He continued to serve as Fleet Captain until 2013, and was made honorary Fleet Captain until his passing. He was a fixture in the harbor, and ran the children's parties and fishing tournaments in the harbor for many years. His favorite past time was teaching the kids to fish and comparing fish tales about the ones that got away with other boaters. John also served on the Children's Oncology Services Boat Day Committee, where he would help facilitate a day boating on the lake for kids with cancer who were attending COS summer camp. Memorial service will be held Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6pm at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials made in John's

of Schaumburg, was born November

28, 1923 in Chicago and passed away

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memory to Children's Oncology Services, c/o 1539

Sunset Ridge Road, Glenview, IL 60025. Funeral

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Korp, Donald

information 847-998-1020.

Donald Edward Korp, longtime resident of Chicago, and more recently of Fox Lake, Wisconsin and Glenview, Illinois, died peacefully on January I, 2019, his birthday, after a courageous 7 year battle with cancer. Loving father of Donald (Aundrea) Korp, Jr., Michael (Petia) Korp, Anne Korp, Jennifer Korp. Dear grandfather of 7. Former spouse of Marianne Glidewell and "Grandee" Sandra Sutton. He is preceded in death by his beloved mother Mildred Staple, adored grandmother "Nana" Anna Hayes, cherished sister Joan Korp (Gerald) Weinstein. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Japan. Don enjoyed the outdoors, especially being in the sun, avid runner, baseball, stock picker, hot tamales from the Greasy Spoon, movies, yardwork, silly humor, travel and lifting a glass with dear friends. He was an outstanding executive with a reputation for treating his salesmen and customers with loyalty and compassion. His family is very grateful for the support and care of his doctor, Terence P. Sullivan, and for the loving kindness of his caregivers. He will be sorely missed by his cherished cousins at the lake and dear friends. Visitation will be held Saturday, January 12th, Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 1104 Waukegan Road, Glenview, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Procession to Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd, Skokie, IL 60076, for a brief memorial service at 1:30PM and a fellowship gathering of family, friends, and colleagues following. Info 847-901-4012 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Kramer, Sandra L.

Sandra L. Kramer, age 76. Beloved wife of the late Edward E. Kramer. Loving mother of Michael (Sharon) and Michele Kramer. Cherished Nana of Alexis and Shayna, Zachary and Rebecca. Dear sister of Richard (Maria) Bukowski and fond aunt of Richard Bukowski. Visitation Monday, January 7, 2019 form 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300



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Krause, Jean A.

Jean Alice Krause, nee Teitelbaum, 82, of Parrish, FL formerly of Skokie, IL. Loving daughter of the late Melvin and Blanche Teitelbaum. Beloved wife of 64 years to Leon Roy Krause; devoted mother of Steven (James), Bruce (Laurel), and Michael

(Karin); cherished grandmother of Jason (Jennifer), Erin (Dave Moseler), Elayna (David Temares), Adam LaPorte (Zach Paddock), Mallory (Bob Buxton), Halie, Samantha, Jeremy, and Tyler; proud greatgrandmother of Jayce, Devin, Jaxon, Grayson, and JJ; dear sister of Enid Stone (late Sidney) and Daniel Teitelbaum (Sharon); caring aunt of many. Jean loved all who came into her life and showed kindness to all. She will be in our hearts forever. Funeral service Tues, Jan 8, 10 AM, at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or Moffitt Cancer Center (Moffitt.org). For info: 847-256-5700.



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Kubik, Barbara L.

Barbara L Kubik (nee Moravec) of Westchester was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to the late John and Isabelle and passed away January 3, 2019. Barbara was the beloved wife of the late Jack R Kubik; loving mother of Patti Willis, Jack L. Kubik, and Donna Larson; cherished grandmother of Daniel Kocka, Zachary Kocka, Hayley Jennings, Linzie Kocka, and Ben Larson; dear sister of the late Dorothy Finch, the late Jack Moravec and survived by Shirley Tolbert. A visitation will be held on Tuesday January 8 from 3-8pm at Woodlawn Funeral Home 7750 W Cermak Rd Forest Park, IL. Funeral Service will be Wednesday at 10am at the funeral home. Interment is private. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Judes Childrens Hospital in Barbara's name. For more information please visit www.woodlawnchicago.com or call 708-442-8500.

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Kuhn, Walter C.

Walter C. Kuhn, 101, passed away January 1, 2019. Loving husband of the late Mary June Kuhn and then the beloved life partner of Patricia Garrity; Cherished father of Suzy Kuhn Pattullo and Walter C. Kuhn Jr.; Adored grandfather of James (Wendy) Kirpanos, John (Mary) Kirpanos, Amy (Chris) Burt, and Sara (Jeff) Davis; Great grandfather of Emma English, Zoe, Onora, Owen, Mia, Gabrielle, and Sophie Kirpanos; Fond brother of the late Dorothy Schall. Walter was a proud World War II Veteran. Service will be private at a later date.



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La Rou, Mildred R.

Mildred R. La Rou nee Ray age 94, January 1, 2019. Beloved wife for 62 years to the late Albert M. La Rou. Devoted mother of Michelle (John) Meehan and Peter La Rou. Loved grandmother of Megan (Brian) Pollack, Patrick (Erica) Meehan, Michael (Caitlin) Meehan, Peter Jr. (Jen) La Rou and Brian La Rou. Great grandmother of twins, Cassandra and Michaela Meehan. Fond sister of Anthony (Jeanette) Ray and the late Florence Ray. Private interment will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Arrangements by the Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 516 S, Washington St. Naperville, 630 355 0264, www.beidelmankunschfh. com. Memorials in Mildred's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, www.stiude.org/ thanksandgiving

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Lamberty, Rose Marie

Rose Marie Lamberty. Beloved wife of the late Raymond A. Lamberty Sr. Loving mother of late Linda Lamberty, Ellen Lamberty (Gary Carlson), late Theresa (John) Koppers, Donna (Wayne) Bulthuis, Raymond Jr. (Kim) Lamberty, late David (Terri) Lamberty, Janet Foreman (Bernard Randolph) and Judith Rice. Proud grandmother of Tina, Rose Marie, Wayne Jr., Andrew, Matthew, Nicholas, Ann Marie, Raymond III, Tanya, late Eric, Cody, Daniel, Angela, late Sarah, Kelly, Jamie, John, Randall, Ryan, Teri. Great grandmother of 26 and great great grandmother of Charlotte.

Funeral Monday January 7, 2019, 9:30 AM at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, 17248 Harlem Avenue Tinley Park, IL to St. George Church, Mass 10:00 AM. Interment in Good Shepherd Cemetery. Visitation Sunday, January 6, 2019, 2:00-8:00 PM. For information on services, 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Lillard Sr., Tom



Tom Lillard Sr. of Evanston, Illinois, died at the age of 98 on December 24, 2018. He was born in Topeka, Kansas and was a long time resident, with his family, in Kenilworth, Illinois. He was the corporate counsel for Sara Lee Foods and Heller Financial and served in leadership positions on many volunteer boards. However, most importantly, he will be remembered for

his wonderful sense of humor, his kindness to all, his integrity and his love of his family. He leaves behind four children, Sallie (Ralph) Smith, Mary (John) Gummersall, Nancy (John) Dore, Tom (Cindy) Lillard, 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Margaret. He will be deeply missed, but has left all who knew him with wonderful memories of the times spent with him. A good life, well lived. There will be a Memorial Service on January 12th at 3:00 pm at the Kenilworth Union Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to (Hospice) JourneyCare, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview. IL. 60025

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Liu, Guanghua Laurence 'Larry' Born on May 17, 1918 in Nanjing, China, Guanghua



"Larry" Liu, professor, architect, and author passed away in his sleep in Morton Grove, Illinois on December 31, 2018. He was 100. Larry was born and raised

in China, where he studied architecture at National Central University in Nanjing (later renamed Southeast University) and married Xiyu

Long, a fellow student. He continued his studies at the University of Pennsylvania and at Columbia University, where he earned his M.S. in 1946. Upon graduation, Larry practiced architecture at several renowned architecture firms. Larry returned to China in 1947 and started his own architecture practice and subsequently became a professor of architecture at his alma mater, where he taught and influenced generations of Chinese architecture students. Prior to becoming a visiting professor of architecture at Ball State University in 1983, Larry traveled throughout China and Europe with Xiyu.

Larry authored several architectural texts: "Beijing: the Cornucopia of Chinese Architecture", published in 1985, and "Chinese Architecture", published in 1989. Recently, he completed his memoir in both English and Mandarin entitled "Life Under the Scorching Sun," detailing his life under Communist Party rule, from the founding of the People's Republic of China through the tumultuous decadelong Cultural Revolution. Larry's hobbies included piano, photography, water-

colors, travel, and Tai Chi. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Bulls. He is survived by his two daughters, Si and Mi, his son, Ti, his daughter-in-law, Sherry, his four grandsons, Ray, Wen, Mark, and Frank, and his three great-grandchildren, Eric, Max, and Vada.

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Lubeck, Larry Lawrence

Larry Lawrence Lubeck, age 81, beloved husband of Rita Lubeck, happily married for 60 years; loving father of Rhonda Lubeck Harris, Susan Lubeck, Julie (Buddy) Arnheim and Samuel Lubeck; cherished Papa of Benjamin and Jacob Harris and

Natalie, Isabelle and Emelia Arnheim. Larry was a lifelong friend to many. A talented artist whose master artworks are as big and beautiful as his loving heart." Memorial service Monday January 7, 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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dent, passed away peacefully at her home on January 2, 2019. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Leo Magrini. Beloved mother of the late Leo R. Magrini, Ellen Magrini and Maria (Jeffrey) Mohl. Adored grandmother of Leo, Charlie, Kevin, Melissa, Emmett and Thomas. Dear sister of James(Donna) Ryan

and loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents James J. Rvan and Irene Nolan Rvan. She graduated from Marywood High School in Evanston and then continued her education at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She became an Occupational Therapist at The Alexander Graham Bell School, teaching the blind. She was born November 26, 1932. Mary Ellen spent her summers in Long Beach, Indiana which she referred to as her "Little Piece of Heaven." This is where she met the love of her life and married in 1959. Mary Ellen lived a very active and busy life, skiing, golfing, tennis, bridge, mahjong and was very involved in many clubs and organizations with an abundance of friends. She was known for her bright smile infectious laughter, adventurous spirit and for the joy she brought to all those she interacted with. Though she is gone, her legacy will live on in the many lives she has touched. A visitation will be held Monday, January 7th from 5:00pm-8:30pm at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St. Willowbrook, IL 60527, Family and friends will meet Tuesday, January 8th, for a 10:00 am funeral mass at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 4th and Clay Streets, Hinsdale. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave, Chicago, IL 60660, www. misericordia com. For more information, 630-325-2300, www.adolfservices.com, or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com

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Maskos, Wolfgang 'Ace'

Wolfgang "Ace" Maskos, age 80, Loving husband of Carol, nee Casper, Beloved dad of Christine Maskos, Cathy (and the late John) Driscoll and the late Mark Maskos; Proud Papa of Jenny, Sara, and Danny Driscoll; Fond brother of Ruth (Clare) Kamba and the late Reinhard Maskos and the late Jutta Gorski; Dear uncle Ace to many nieces and nephews. Ace was an avid boater and Chicago Bears fan and pal to his faithful companion Charlie. Visitation Monday 3:00 p.m.to 7:00 p.m.; Service of remembrance, 7:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge. Interment Private; In lieu of flowers Ace's family would prefer donations to Alzheimers Association, www.alzfdn.org or charity of your choice. For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www. curleyfuneralhome.com

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Matras, Emily T.

Emily T. Matras, nee Lewicki, age 93, beloved wife of the late Chester S. Matras (2008). Loving mother of Don (Betty) Matras and Jim Matras. Dearest grandmother of six and great-grandmother of four. Dear sister of Eleanor Gorka-Vegas. Visitation Tuesday 3-8 PM. Funeral Wednesday 9:15 AM from Colonial Chapel 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/ Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL to St. Julie Billiart Church. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park, IL. Memorials to American Cancer Society preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com

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McGeary, Patrick J.

McGeary, Patrick, J. 81 years, December 31, 2018, in Venice, FL. Beloved husband of Marion McGeary (nee Adams); loving father to Mary Lou (the late Marvin) Lindmark, Theresa (David) Hill, and Jennifer; cherished grandfather of Patrick, Jack, Harry and Aidan. Dear brother of Mary, Anna and Margaret and fond uncle of many. Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Mass, February 2, 2019, 11:30 a.m. at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago. Private interment and burial at later date at Venice Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN

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Meiszner, Marilyn M.

Marilyn M. Meiszner nee Scholl age 70. Beloved wife of Dr. John Meiszner; Loving mother of Christian (Trish), John (Jeri Henry), William (Deanne) and Frank; Proud Nanny of Billy, Morgan and the late Mia; Dear sister of William (Mary Alice) Scholl and Donna (Roger) Weirich; Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 2-9pm at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Patk where services will be held on Tuesday at 10:30am. Interment Orland Memorial Park Cemetery, Marilyn was an avid Knitter. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com



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Michaelson, Helen E.

Helen E. Michaelson, 94, nee Rog, beloved wife of the late Edward, loving mother of Lindalee (late Thomas) Hansen, Gregory and Loriann (Donald) Davis. Devoted grandmother of Kristin, Nicholas, Allyson (Quinn), Emily (Steve), Amanda (Joseph) and Alec. Cherished great-grandmother of McKayla. Fond sister of Rev. Francis Rog, C.R.. Dear sister-inlaw of Theresa Rog. Aunt and friend of many.

Visitation Sunday, January 6, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 8025 W. Golf Rd., Niles, IL. Funeral Monday, January 7, starting with prayers at 10:00 a.m. from the funeral home, going in procession to St. Hyacinth Basilica, for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment St. Adalbert Mausoleum. Info 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Mokhtarian, Akhtar

Akhtar Mokhtarian, 99, beloved wife of the late Aghajan for 68 years; loving mother of Kamran (Vida), Keyvan, Mehran (Shahla), Shahla (Iraj) Maroof, Sam (Sharon) and Mark (Shirin); adored grandma of 14 and great grandma of 26. Chapel service 12:15 PM Wednesday at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jewish Federation (www.juf.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520



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Newton, Maryanne

Maryanne Newton, nee Siewert, 94, longtime resident of Glenview, passed away December 20, 2018. Beloved wife of 63 years of the late Robert J. Newton; loving mother of Gregory (Traci), Mark (Karen), and Kevin (Jenny) Newton; cherished grandmother of Brooke Newton, Jill (Eric) Szlezak, Katie Newton, Emily (Mark) Flatley, Maureen (Jason) Hoetger, Sean Newton, and Kelli-Ann Newton; proud great grandmother of Owen, Aidan and Theodore; dear sister of the late Norbert, Edmund, and Evelyn; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Maryanne was an active Glenview community member and was involved in many philanthropic organizations. A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, January 26 from 9:30 am until time of the memorial Mass at 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview. Interment was private at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, (this is an organization that touched Maryanne's heart dearly), 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Novak, Ronald J



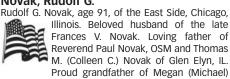
Ronald J. "Ron" Novak, U.S. Navy Veteran, age 77, late of Tinley Park. Beloved husband for 50 years of Angeline (née Ortega); loving stepfather of Thomas W. (Lenore) Guajardo; proud grandfather of Brian Guajardo, Lisa Throw, Lorri Chacon, and the late Leslie Meyerink; devoted son of the late Joseph and Lillian Novak; dear brother of the late Ray Novak, Paul Novak,

and Arlene Gaspar; kind uncle of Robert and the late Michael Nowakowski. Retired member for 30 years with Laborers Local #681. Ron was a lifelong Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. Visitation Saturday,

January 12, from 2:00 p.m. until the time of Funeral Service at 5:30 p.m. at Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service) 14318 S. LaGrange Rd. (Northbound traffic: U-turn permitted at 143rd St.), Orland Park. Inurnment Holy Cross Cemetery. (708) 460-2300 or www.thornridgefuneralhomes.

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Novak, Rudolf G.



Keefe of Acton, MA and Caitlin A. Novak. Proud great-grandfather of Matthew and Emily Keefe. Son of the late John (Mary Gole) Novak and son-in-law of the late John (Josephine Stanko) Strus. Fond brother of Dorothy (James) Rossi, late Mary (Frank) Kuhel, John (Louise) Novak, Josephine (Frank) Hvala, Johanna (Frank) Selenik, Joseph (Clara) Novak, Louis (Helen) Novak and Theresa Novak. Brother-in-law of John (Mary Jane) Strus, late Harold (Jean) Strus, Dorothy (John) Chavka and Virginia Strus. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Rudolf was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII, a retired employee of the City of Chicago and a member of Annunciata Church, Western Slavonic Assoc. and KSKJ St. Florian Lodge #44. Visitation Tuesday 3-8pm. Funeral services Wednesday, January 9, 2018 9:30am prayers from Elmwood Chapel, 11200 S. Ewing Ave., Chicago to Church of the Annunciata. Mass of Christian Burial at 10am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Servants of Mary or Mercy Hospital Foundation in Rudolf's name would be appreciated. 773-731-2749 www.elmwoodchapel.com

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O'Malley, James Owen

James Owen O'Malley, 69, of Wood Dale, Illinois. Beloved husband of 46 years to his high school sweetheart Barbara (nee Becker); loving father of James (Jane) O'Malley, Megan (Adam) Borus, and Maureen O'Malley; devoted "Papa" of

(the late Stephen) O'Mahoney, Michael (Elizabeth) O'Malley, and the late Martin O'Malley; cherished son of the late Michael "Joyce" and Mary (nee Lally) O'Malley; fond son-in-law of the late Arthur and Dorothy (nee Hein) Becker; dear brother-in-law to Arthur (Nancy) Becker, Judith (the late William) Ward, Joseph (Joanne) Becker, Virginia (James) McIlvain, Richard (Susan) Becker, and Philip (Emily) Becker; beloved uncle, great-uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Avid fisherman and longtime employee of Illinois Bell/Ameritech/AT&T. Visitation Monday 3:00-8:00 p.m. and Tuesday 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral, 9:30 a.m. at The Oaks Funeral Home 1201 E. Irving Park Rd. (at Prospect), Itasca to the Church of the Holy Ghost 254 N. Wood Dale Rd., Wood Dale. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery. Donations in James' name may be made to Northwestern Memorial Foundation. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com

Gavin and Neave O'Malley; dear brother of Mary

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Offord, George T.



George Thomas Offord, at rest December 26, 2018. Beloved husband of Carole, nee Fabacher for 62 years. Loving father of George Offord (Denise Clements), (Teresita) Offord, Joseph (Deirdre) Offord, Mary (Nick) Gibb, Susan (George) Weber and Lucille Offord. Cherished grandfather of 7 and uncle of many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by

his sister Jean Gordon (the late David). There will be a private inurnment at the Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans, LA. Info at 630-325-2300 or www.adolfser-

ADOLF FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES EST. 1882 Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries Paul, M.D., M.P.H., Harold Alfonso

Harold Alfonso Paul, M.D., M.P.H., died Saturday, December 22, 2018 in La Grange Park, Illinois, at the age of 92. Harold was born in

Belgian Congo (now Democratic Republic Congo), in 1926. He was the oldest of five children of Samuel Austin Paul and Elizabeth Riemann Paul, who were missionaries.

early schooling at a missionary boarding school, he attended high school in the U.S. and was drafted into the Army, serving in Japan and the Philippines at the end of World War II. He graduated from Wheaton College, IL in 1950, the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1954, and then completed his surgical residency training at Presbyterian Hospital. In 1955 he married Ruth Kuit, who was completing training as a nurse at Presbyterian Hospital. Harold worked on the Rush-Presbyterian-St.

Luke's medical center campus for nearly 40 years, practicing emergency medicine and general surgery. His career evolved into leadership at Rush Medical College, where he led the development of an alternative, problem-based medical school curriculum. At his retirement in 1994 he was Associate Dean of Rush Medical College. Throughout his life he had a strong love of God

and family, a devotion to books and learning, and a passion for music. He enjoyed singing hymns, and up until the last month of his life would join siblings in singing "By and By When the Morning Comes" in the African dialect he learned as a child. He pursued many different activities beyond work and in retirement, including a 3720-mile bicycle journey across the United States, the study of painting, learning Spanish and Chinese, and Chinese calligraphy.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Victor and sister Miriam. He is survived by his wife Ruth; sister Frieda Atkinson; brother James; sons James (Nancy Simmons), Timothy, William (Tanya Surawicz), and Mark (Hsin-I Chang); nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Western Springs, Illinois on Sunday, February 10th at 2 PM. Harold's friends and family will then receive visitors at a reception at Plymouth Place, 315 N. Lagrange Rd., Lagrange Park, Illinois. The reception will be held in the lower level from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to The Chicago Lighthouse or to the charity of one's choice.

Special thanks to the staff of Plymouth Place Senior Living in La Grange Park, IL who patiently cared for Harold through the challenges of aging and frail health.

By and by, when the morning comes, When the saints of God are gathered home, We will tell the story how we've overcome; We will understand it better by and by (Charles A Tindley)

Arrangements entrusted to Hallowell & James Funeral Home: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Porcaro, Luella C.

Luella C Porcaro, nee Ware, 98 of the far northwest side of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Donald F. Porcaro. Loving mother of Debbie (Carl) Cook, Paul (Dena) Porcaro and Anne (Larry) Klein. Proud grandmother of Kristin and David Cook, Krystina (Denny) Jovic, Kate (Fadi) Bakhos, Alexandra Porcaro, Michael and Jennifer Klein. Great grandmother of Vivienne and Dean Jovic and Jackson (lein Dear sister of Virginia (the late Theodore) Westenfelt, Robert (the late Erna) Ware and the late Elmer (the late Lavergne) Ware, Jr., the late Laurine (the late Anton) Tichy Visitation Monday January 7 2019, from 3-9 pm at the M J Suerth Funeral Home. 6754 N Northwest Hwy., Funeral Tuesday. In State 10:00 am at the Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N Oliphant Ave (at Avondale) until time of service 11:00 am Interment Ridgewood Cemetery For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.



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Quander, Christopher Martin



Christopher Martin Quander, 54, of Chicago, IL, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2018, following a courageous fight against cancer. Chris is survived by his children: Christopher Ouander of FL; Elizabeth Orlando. Quander of Chicago, IL, and Sarah Ouander of New York. NY. He is survived by his parents. Dr. Joseph and Arthuree

Ouander of Austin, TX and by his brothers, Joseph. Stephen, Jonathan (Bethel), and Martin (Denise), He is also survived by many other family and friends.

Chris was born on August 23, 1964 in Albany, GA, and he grew up in Austin, TX. Chris graduated from St. Stephen's Episcopal School (Austin) in 1982 and Yale University in 1987. Following graduation, Chris moved to Chicago where he met and later married Dr. Carline Wilson in 1989. In Chicago, Chris worked for O'Connor & Associates as a trader in the pits on the CBOE. He later worked for Botta Trading where he managed proprietary options trading groups. At the time of his death. Chris worked as a financial technology strategist and as a head of business development at Lekos Technology Solutions LLC and OptionEyes LLC.

Chris was very much a "people person" and valued his friendships deeply. He was an intellectual, a charmer and a fighter his entire life. Chris loved his time at Yale and treasured the lifelong friendships that began in New Haven. Chris was a leader in the Yale Club of Chicago, Yale Black Alumni Association (Chicago) and the Yale Alumni Association Board of Governors. He was a tireless advocate for leadership strategies to support diversity, equity and inclusion. Beyond his career and community involvement, the greatest joy in his life was being Christopher, Eliza and Sarah's father. He was incredibly proud of the wonderful people they have become.

Memorial services at First Unitarian Church, 5650 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL will be on Sunday, January 20, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, the family would request that donations be made to the Yale College Christopher M. Quander '86 Scholarship Fund, c/o Yale University Office of Development, PO Box 2038, New Haven, CT 06521 (203.432.5436) or electronically at giving. vale.edu/supportChristopherMOuander.

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Ruebenson, Shirley

(nee Robbins) Co-founder of General Converting Inc., of Bolingbrook, IL passed away December 30, 2018. Beloved wife of Robert F. Ruebenson. Loving mother of Karen (Richard) Nalbandian. Gayle (Steve) Parkinson, Jean (Mark) Tolliver, Bob (Mary) Ruebenson, Donna (Jay) Van Loh, Michael (Mary) Ruebenson. Proud grandmother and greatgrandmother of many. Cherished sister of the late Norman Robbins, the late Ronald Robbins, and Marlene (Donald) Rosenberg. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services and interment pending. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Ryan, Mary Jane

Mary Jane Ryan (nee Calmes), age 75, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1984 formerly of Milwaukee, WI, passed away on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at Edward Hospital in Naperville, IL. She was born August 1, 1943 in Sheboygan, WI.

Beloved wife of Robert T. Ryan, Jr., loving mother of Edward Fink, step-mother of Kevin (Dawn) Ryan and Doreen Ryan McKinney, adored grandmother of Jason Fink; Bailey, Connor, Riley and Finley Ryan; Kayla McKinney, devoted daughter of the late Lester E. and Edith E. (nee Stringer) Calmes, dear sister of Shirley (Michael) Smith and the late Lester (the late Patricia) Calmes, the late Evelyn Calmes and the late Edward Calmes, sister-in-law of Karen Kist, Maureen Ryan, Nicholas (Teresa) Ryan, Susan (Dana) Malone and the late Terrence Ryan, dear cousin, aunt, greataunt and friend of many.

Visitation Friday, January 11, 2019, 4:00-8:00 PM at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville. Funeral services Saturday, January 12, 10:00 AM in the funeral home with Fr. Joseph Mulcrone officiating. Interment: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Mary Jane's memory can be made to: A.D.O.P.T. (Animals Deserving of Proper Treatment), 420 Industrial Drive, Naperville, 60563, 630-355-2299, adoptpetshelter.org or Naperville Area Humane Society, 1620 W. Diehl Rd., Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 420-8989 x1001, www. naperhumane.org/donate

For more information, please call (630) 355-0213 or



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Sarnecki, Jr., John E.



of Chicago, passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Geraldine who passed away Sept. 24, 2011; loving father of Steven (Adrienne) and Marc (Shari); cherished grandfather of Steven and Preston Sarnecki and Brock (Jenny) Vale; great grandson, Carson; numerous nieces,

nephews and cousins. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Harriet Bettis. Funeral services, Sunday, January 6, 7:00pm at the Baran Funeral Home, 1235-119th St., Whiting, IN, Graveside Service, Monday, January 7, 1:00pm, Cemetery, Niles, ILL (gather at the office). Visitation, Sunday, 3:00pm to 7:00pm. John was born on August 8, 1937 in Chicago, IL to John Sr. and Stella Czarnecki and was a resident of Whiting for the past 7 years. A graduate of Crane High School, Class of 1955, he married his true love, Geraldine Consolo in 1959. Retiree, City of Chicago, John survived a brutal attack while on duty in 1987, affirming his strength and courage. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. Memorials to the Whiting "Gimme Shelter" (for pets), would be appreciated. www.baranfh.com (219)659-4400.

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Shapiro, Gail

Gail Shapiro nee Pitluk, beloved wife of the late Lester for 48 years; loving mother of Diane and Sharon Shapiro: dear sister of the late Marvin Pitluk; many loving nieces and nephews; good friend of Robert Nussbaum. Graveside service, Monday 12 Noon at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to NA'AMAT USA. For in-

Home. (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com. 5NAIOM

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Siano, Michael L.

Michael L. Siano - of Joliet, living most of his life in Chicago, passed away peacefully, at RML Specialty Hospital, December 21, 2018 Age 71.

Michael is survived by his loving sister Mary Ann Buczko, nieces and nephews Robin and Qusai Mufti, Michelle and Ted Adamczyk, Maria and Fred Hotel, Nicole and Rod Scheitler, Sherri and Frank Mondane, Sandra Buczko, Ronald Buczko, Michael Buczko and Antoinette and John Tallon. He was a great uncle to many.

He was preceded in death by his parents Michael and Helen Siano and one brother Ralph Siano. Michael was a Viet Nam Veteran serving with the United States Marines. He retired from Chicago Transit Authority Stockroom Clerk 1after 28 years. Michael's passion was horse racing and enjoyed

spending time at OTB. Inurnment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. information please call (815) 744-0022 or www.

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Simmons, Henrietta M.



Henrietta M. Simmons age 99. Longtime Olympia Fields resident formerly of Lansing. Born and raised in South Chicago/Immaculate Conception and St. Marv Magdalene parishes. Retired Illinois Bell Telephone and operator Secretary with 20 years of service Travelers Insurance for Company. Daughter of the late Julia nee Lulinski and

John Szymonaitys. Sister of the late Emily Simmons. Loretta (late Albert) Torme, Frank, Sylvester, and Chester Simmons. Beloved aunt of caregivers Karen Torme Olson and Randall Weissman, Patricia (Don) Valiska, Judi (Ed) Kwilosz, Carol (Keith) Wilson, Joni Simmons and James Simmons, Great Aunt and friend to many. Visitation at St. Joseph Church. 17951 Dixie Hwy., Homewood, on Friday morning January 11th from 9:00 AM until time of funeral mass at 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Calumet City. For further service information please contact Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, Chicago

Heights 708-481-9230 or panozzobros.com. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

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Smith, Phyllis Margaret



aret Smith, 70, of Orland Park, IL, died on Friday, December 21, 2018, with her husband by her side. She was born in Chicago on October 5, 1948 daughter of the late Eugene "Murph" Patrick Murphy and Irene Murphy. She is survived by her husband, Michael Smith; her children, Brian (Candace) Lezak; Laurie (Rob) Manzardo; Terry (Ryan) Neily;

grandchildren Matt and Rachel Lezak; John, Alec Chris, and Nick Manzardo: Harper, Margo, and Ethan Neily. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Gabriella Manzardo. She retired after 30 years of working in the restaurant industry. She dedicated 20 of those years as a bartender at the world famous Billy Goat Tavern. She was a master gardener, and looked forward to springtime when she would plant award winning flowers throughout her yard and around her pool. Hard work, generosity, and a sincere interest for the welfare of others, defined her character. Above all else, she loved her grandchildren. A private memorial service is being planned. Donations in memory of Phyllis may be made to: Special Spaces, 2863 W. 95th St. Suite 143-226, Naperville, Illinois 60564

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Stamas, Lillian K.



Lillian K. Stamas, 90, nee Kokos; Beloved wife of the late Dr. Louis G.; Devoted mother of Conte and Alexis (Dr. William) Skoubis; Cherished daughter of the late

Tom and Alexandra Kokos; Loving grandmother of Jimmy, Cassandra (Nick) Tagliere, and Sophia Skoubis; Beloved sister of Ann (the late Vincent Palermo), Angelo Kokas and the late Mary and Harry Andritsis, the late Terry Kokas, the late Sam G. (Nancy) Kokos; Dearest sister-in-law of Frances (the late Raymond Sr.) Riha, Peter G. (the late Patricia), the late Helen and Michael Mitchell, the late Mary and James Maras, the late George and Bessie, the late Rose and Frank Eichele, the late John and Edna, the late Bessie G., the late Tom and Christine, the late Katherine and George Alexander and the late Esther (Tom) Lycos; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Lillian was the Past President of Plato School and Assumption Church of Chicago Philoptochos. Visitation Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Conboy's Westchester Funeral Home 10501 W. Cermak Rd. Westchester, IL. Relatives and friends will meet Monday Morning at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 601 S. Central Ave. Chicago, IL 60644 for 11:00 a.m. Funeral service. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers donations in her memory to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church appreciated. Info: 1-708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Stein, Glenn C.

Glenn C. Stein, age 87, a resident of Naperville, IL, formerly of Hinsdale, IL, died Friday, December 28, 2018, at The Springs at Monarch Landing in Naperville. He was born April 19, 1931 in Elmwood

Services and interment are private. Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.

For a complete obituary, please visit www. friedrich-iones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information



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STORCEL, JOSEPH A.



Joseph A. Storcel, 94, of North Riverside, passed away on December 28. Son of parents Adam and Suzanna (Spetko) Storcel, Joseph was born in Czechoslovakia January 7, 1924. Along with sister Anne

(Dunleavy) and brothers John and Anton,

the family arrived in the US in 1926. Sister Margaret (Kucera) was born in Chicago in 1928. Joseph attended Blessed Agnes School, Farragut H.S., and the University Of Illinois School Of Engineering. He earned his Army Air Force veteran status as an Air Force Cadet Pilot and then as an aircraft mechanical engineer at Midway and O'Hare airports. He was later employed by Amphenol Corporation and was awarded numerous U.S. Patents. Joseph was an avid golfer, a member of Ceska Beseda, and he enjoyed dancing at Chicago's greatest ballrooms. The entire family's "Uncle Joe" is survived with love and admiration by his brother John, sister Marge, nieces, nephews, their children and many friends and neighbors. Visitation will be Saturday, January 12, 2019 10:30-11:30 a.m. prior to Mass of Christian Burial at Mater Christi Church 2400 S 10th Ave. North Riverside with military honors following. Entombment in the Storcel family mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Sincere gratitude to the Hines V.A. Hospital for their outstanding services and to the Hines Fisher House for their thoughtful accommodations. Arrangements entrusted to Ivins/ Moravecek Funeral Home. 708-447-2261 or www. moravecek.com.

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Sullivan, Michael D.

Michael D. Sullivan, age 78, of River Forest; beloved husband of Irene; loving brother of Kathy (John) Tully and Terry Sullivan and Barbara Sullivan and brotherin-law of Marietta Kappel and John (Susie) Brandt and the late David (Renee) Brandt; dear uncle of John (Shirley) Tully and Lynn (Greg) Bedalov and Steven Kappel, Katie Kappel and Timothy (Kimberlee) Kappel; great-uncle of many; devoted son of the late John J. and Tillie Sullivan. Michael was a 1962 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and received his J.D. in 1965 from Notre Dame Law. A practicing attorney and member of the American Bar Association in Chicago for over 50 years. Michael clerked for the Federal Court of Appeals, 7th Dist., Judge Roger Kiley. He worked at Jenner and Block, the Chicago and North Western Railroad and most recently in private practice with the Sullivan Firm. Visitation 1 p.m. until time of Service 3 p.m. Wednesday January 9, at Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Private interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info: drechslerbrownwilliam.com

or 708-383-3191 Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries Tampier, Gerald P.

Gerald P. Tampier, age 84, beloved companion of Lorraine Vascik; loving father of Paula (Thomas) Flaig; Christopher and Jerry, Jr.; Gail (Stan) Nykiel, Jean (Bruce) Williams and Nancy (Paul) Kalahiki; cherished grandfather of Amanda (Michael) Accurso, Vanessa (Mark) Matenaer, Darren (Jessica) Williams, Cliff (Mary Jane) Nykiel, Ryan (Tracey Polgar) Williams, Jovan (Jeremy) Close, Janine Kalahiki, Kurt Nykiel, Uriah Kalahiki; great-grandfather of 5; dear brother of Marilyn (the late Joseph) Naponiello and the late Peter (the late Dolores); also, nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday 9:15 am from Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien, to Our Lady of Peace Church Mass at 10:00am. Int Clarendon Hills Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 1 to 4pm. For info 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Tessitore, Americo J. "Al"

Age 91. Beloved husband of 68 years to the late Anina (nee Dell'Anno). Devoted father of Paula (late William) Hambrick, and Mary (David) Foote. Proud papa of Elizabeth (Ryan) Garino, Laura (Matthew) Delagrange, Michael (Jamie) Hambrick, and Molly Foote. Adored great-papa of Gabriel, Matthew, Theodore, Juliette, Joseph, and William. Loving brother of Lena (late Vito) Pizzo, Joseph (Phyllis) Tessitore, and the late Frances (late Augie) Rinchiuso. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations to Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60654 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Trecker, Luella P.

Luella P. Trecker, nee Espy. Age 87 of Park Ridge. Born in Galva, Illinois on November 9, 1931, Passed away December 22, 2018. Beloved wife of the late James D. Trecker, Loving mother of Nancy (Craig) Randolph. Sandy (Tom) Hillenbrand, Jeffrey (Christina), Greg (Maria) and the late Robert James Trecker. Devoted grandmother of Jason, Emily, and Joe Hillenbrand, Dylan, Zachary, Ana, and the late Matthew Trecker. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 12, 2019, 10:30 a.m., at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge. A Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of service at the church. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to St. Luke's Lutheran Church are appreciated. Arrangements by Ryan-Parke Funeral Home. Info., www.ryan-parke.com

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Van Overbeek, O.S.A., Rev. Gerald J.

Rev. Gerald "Jerry" Van Overbeek, O.S.A., age 84, Died January 1, 2019. Professed vows in the Augustinian Order in 1957. Graduate of St. Rita High School in 1953. Taught at Austin Catholic High School, Detroit, MI and served as librarian at Tolentine College, Olympia Fields, IL and Director of Pre-Novitiate Formation. Loving son of the late Kathleen and John C. Van Overbeek. Devoted brother of Vincent "Jack" (Jean) Phillips, Ronald (Joan) Grant, and the late Richard (Susan) Grant. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-7 p.m., followed by Mass 7 p.m. at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago. Burial Tuesday 11 a.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Alsip. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Augustinians, 5401 S. Cornell Ave., Chicago, IL 60615- 5664 to support care of elderly friars and seminary formation of young friars appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500, or heeneyfh.com

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Vockeroth, Patricia Rae

Patricia Rae Vockeroth, 84, of Mt. Prospect, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2018. Patricia, "Pat" was born in Chicago on March 25, 1934 to Clarence and Ethel Hermanson

She is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 63 years, Ellwood "Woody", their two children, Warren and Gail, her sisters Ruth (Lee), Carole (Paul), and Ginny (Bob), her beloved grandchildren, Jackie (Daniel), John, Daniel, Melanie, Gina, Neil, Vicky and Nick, her son-in-law John and daughter-in-law Kathy. Fond aunt and friend of many. Preceded in death by her parents, her brother Richard and sister-in-law Norlene, and her cherished grandson Dexter.

In 1981 Patricia, along with Ernestine Rivers and Margaret Rauls, founded Lawndale Community School in Chicago with the primary goal of providing Lawndale's neighborhood students with an elementary education of academic excellence. Pat's educational model has continued to thrive since her retirement, growing from 2 small classrooms with 2 teachers serving 34 students into a Chicago charter school network with 10 campuses serving over

4000 elementary students. A life celebration for Patricia is being scheduled for March 23, 2019. Details will be forthcom-Memorial donations in memory of Patricia may be made to The Histiocytosis Association at https://www.histio.org/ or mailed to Histiocytosis Association 332 N Broadway Pitman, NJ 08071 or to LEARN Charter Schools at https://learncharter.org/ donate or mailed to Learn Charter School Network Development Office PO Box 08328 Chicago, IL 60608 Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.

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Vogt, Jo-Anne

Jo-Anne Vogt, age 74 of Brookfield. Loving sister of Kathleen Vogt; beloved daughter of the late Paul C. Vogt and Evelyn P. Vogt, nee Hlinka; dear cousin of many. Jo-Anne braved many years in her long fight against lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) and pulmonary fibrosis. She loved spending time traveling and tending to her garden. Jo-Anne worked for the State of Illinois for much of her life and retired after over 40 years of employment. Services and Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to Hitzeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Memorials appreciated to The Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield, IL 60513. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com

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Wajda, Frank J.

Frank J. Wajda, longtime resident of Hillside. Beloved husband of Virginia for over 70 years; loving father of Russ (Mary), Michael (Nina), Karyn (John) Romano and the late Don Wajda; dear grandfather of Kate, Brian, Lauren, Kaelyn (Addam), Joseph &

Grace; proud great grandfather of Adrian & Koi; fond brother of Janet Wozny & the late Dorothy Adelman, Paul & Joseph Wajda. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 p.m. at Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory, SW corner or Roosevelt & Mannheim Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers from the funeral Thursday 9:00 a.m. to St Domitilla Church, Hillside. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. info 800-562-0082 or www.

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Wartinbee, Beverly

Beverly R. Wartinbee, nee Dempsey, 90, of Northbrook. Wife of the late John R. Wartinbee; mother of Ron, Tim, Beth and the late Julie Wartinbee; sister of Barry, Max and Bruce Dempsey, Andrea Cook and the late Dean Dempsey. Services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Village Presbyterian Church, attn: Library Committee, 1300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, IL 60062.

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Tehutiamenra, Nebyatghedina, Makembafola and Dandaraworede. Dear brother of the late Edith (the late James) Campbell. Service Monday 12 Noon at Menorah Gardens, 2630 S. 17th Avenue, Broadview, Illinois. Memorials in his memory can be made to The Ark, 6450 North California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645, www.arkchicago.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals- Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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Wilson, Dale H.



Dale H. Wilson, age 91; WW II U.S. Navy veteran; beloved husband of the late Arlene; loving father of the late Gail Lundin and the late Michael Wilson; survived by grandson Michael Lundin, son-in-law Carl Lundin and many friends. Visitation Tues., Jan.

8, 2019, 3-9 PM at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd. Mt. Prospect Funeral Wed. 11 AM. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Mr. Wilson was a lover of animals. 847/394-2336

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Wintersteen, MargoWintersteen, Margo S., of New York, New York and Prouts Neck, Maine, died on January 2nd, 2019.

Born in Chicago, Illinois on February 19, 1940, she was the daughter of Robert E. Straus and Marjorie Stern Straus. Margo graduated from the Latin School of Chicago in 1957 and Stanford University in 1961. While working at Contact Magazine in San Francisco, Margo met and later married H. Jeremy Wintersteen. Margo and Jerry were married until his death in 1991. Together they launched Starbuck Productions, producing off-Broadway plays and musicals and investing in many others. They also published The Restaurant Reporter, a Manhattan restaurant review newsletter.

A resident of Turtle Bay in New York City for over fifty years, Margo was deeply passionate about restaurants, theater, cooking, art, travel and her required New York Times. Her greatest passion, though were her children and grandchildren. Margo is survived by her son Jeremy and his wife Amy of Newport, RI and Laurence and his wife Alexis of Boston, MA, and her three grandsons Lucas. Max and Jeremy Jr., and step grandchildren Tatum and Morrison.

Inquisitive, deeply well read, a relentless researcher of her interests, and a contemporary to all ages, she collected friends with her wit, humor, directness, and generosity. An impression quickly made, her personality loomed large compared to her diminutive size. Few who met Margo ever forgot her. She loved New York City, Maine, walks, her gardens, boating, and the beach. Her signature dark glasses were not always successful in hiding her iov of being with her family and friends. She will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Margo's memory can be made to Doctors Without Borders USA (P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030 - doctorswithoutborders.org). A private family service will be held at a later date.

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Wrona, William J. 'Pudge'

William J. Wrona, born November 12,1938 in Hammond, IN, and raised in Hegewisch, passed away Friday, December 21, 2018 at the age of 80. Bill was the son of the late William and Helen Wrona. He is survived by his wife Carol; his 3 children, Dawn, Bill, and Beth; his brother John; and his 4 grandchildren.

Please see The Healy Chapel obituary online for more information or visit his Alzheimer's Organization tribute page at https://goo.gl/qMvkFm. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Zambuto, Joseph

Joseph S. Zambuto, age 90, formerly of Elmwood Park, born July 17, 1928, died Monday, December 31, 2018. Dear son of the late Carmelo & Francesca (nee Farruggia) Zambuto. Beloved brother of the late John Zambuto, the late Frank (the

late Eleanor), the late Angelo (Antoinette), Rose Zambuto, & Nora (the late Nicholas) Zec. Cherished uncle of (God-daughter) Pamela Jamie Zambuto, many nieces, nephews & friends. An Army Korean War veteran & lifelong Cubs, Bears, Blackhawks, & Bulls fan. Visitation Sat., Jan. 12, 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. at Knollcrest Funeral Home 1500 S. Meyers Rd. Lombard, Ill. Entombment at All Saints Catholic Cemetery & Mausoleum. Funeral Info: www.knollcrest.net 630-932-1500.

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Zasadzinski See Emily Hamper notice.

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A combination of increasing clouds and east-

rain associated with devel-

oping low pressure in the

reach our area until later

Sunday night, but the in-

gusty east winds off cool

keep afternoon tempera-

Once here, rain will

persist through Monday

west Monday afternoon.

is forecast to pass well to

our north Monday, posi-

"warm sector" of the low

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temperatures to the lower

50s. A secondary cold front

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The center of low pressure

the mid- to upper 30s.

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Lake Michigan waters will

tures along the lakefront in

central Plains will not

erly winds will impact conditions at Soldier Field on Sunday afternoon. The

RECORD HIGH: 60° (2008) RECORD LOW: -16° (2014) **SUNDAY, JAN. 6** NORMAL HIGH: 31º NORMAL LOW: 17°

Clouds, winds to hold lakefront temps in 30s

LOCAL FORECAST



- A "back door" cold front moved through from the north overnight allowing cooler air into our area.
- Easterly winds 10-20 mph flowing off the cool waters of Lake Michigan will further dampen temperatures today.
- Meanwhile, low pressure and the associated cold front will move east out of the central plains.
- Clouds will gradually increase Sunday with highs in upper 30s - game time readings at Soldier Field around 37 degrees.
- Winds become SE overnight with rain spreading over the area.

MONDAY, JAN. 7



35 **52** Cloudy and mild with rain.

High temps in the lower 50s. Rain ending from the west in the afternoon becoming partly cloudy. Southwest winds gusting to 45 mph shift northwest by evening.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

We've had very little snow cover this season since our November snowfall. What is the city's longest period without snow cover?

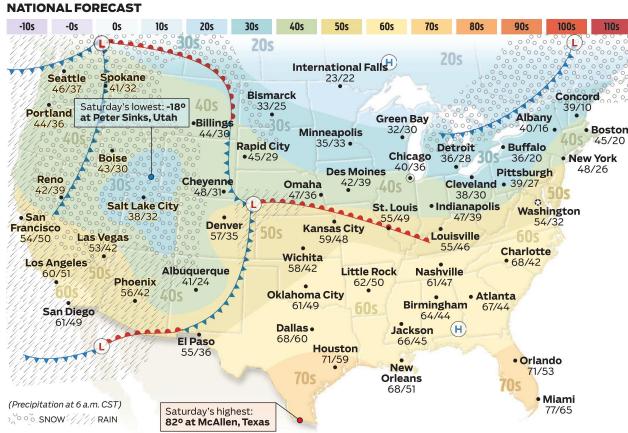
Dear Al,

The city's snow cover records date back to the winter of 1884-85. Defining snow cover as a snow depth of at least 1 inch, the city's seasonal snow cover records range from 100 days in the blockbuster winter of 1978-79 that produced 89.7 inches of snow to just eight days in the winter of 1948-49 that logged 14.3 inches. We had Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski check the archives and he found that the city's longest snow-free period spanned 342 days. It started on Feb. 27, 2012, after the last of a 3-inch snow cover melted and did not return until Feb. 3, 2013, when 2 inches covered the ground. In second place is a 313-day period from Feb. 28, 1939, to Jan. 6, 1940.

Write to: ASK TOM 2501 W. Bradley Place Chicago, IL 60618 asktomwhy@wgntv.com WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill

Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



TUESDAY, JAN. 8 LOW

43 21 Northwest winds gust in excess of 30 mph. Cloudy and a chance of showers in the morning, becoming partly sunny in the



WEDNESDAY, JAN, 9

HIGH

28 16 Partly sunny and colder with highs in the upper 20s. Clear skies overnight. North to northwest winds 15-25

mph diminishing overnight.

LOW



THURSDAY, JAN. 10



Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 30s. Increasing clouds overnight with a chance of some light snow toward morning. Southerly winds.



will sweep through from the west Tuesday morning, possibly with light snow.

LOW

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FRIDAY, JAN. 11

HIGH

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Cloudy with a chance of

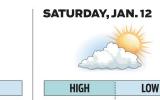
Chance of snow flurries

overnight. Southerly winds

occasional light snow -

highs in the mid 30s.

shift northwest late.



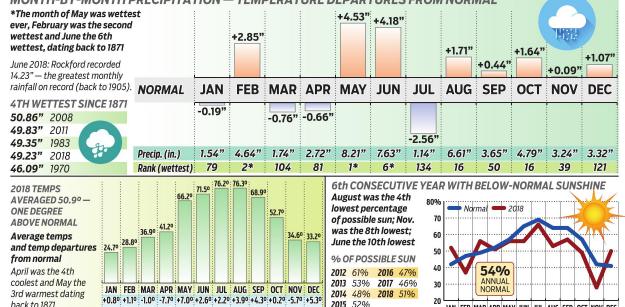
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Mostly cloudy with a chance of a few flurries early. Continued seasonably cold with highs in the lower 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northwest winds.

22



2018: Wet year — above-normal temps, below-normal sunshine MONTH-BY-MONTH PRECIPITATION — TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

Departures from normal

back to 1871

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC PAUL DAILEY AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE/WGN-TV

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2015 52%

CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY	TEN	/PFI	RATURES		
LOCATION	н	LO	LOCATION	н	LC
Aurora	50	27	Midway	53	31
Gary	54	32	O'Hare	52	32
Kankakee	53	29	Romeoville	52	28
Lakefront	54	34	Valparaiso	54	29
Lansing	52	27	Waukegan	54	27

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

Sat. (through 4 p.m.) 0.00" 0.06" 0.2" 0.31" January to date

CHICAGO SNOWFALL O'HARE MIDWAY Sat. (through 4 p.m.) 14.3" Season to date 10.2" Normal to date 11.2" 11.9"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

SOURCE: Frank Wachowsk

	SUNDAY		MONDAY
Wind	E 10-20 kts.	SE/SW	20-40 kts.
Waves	2-3 feet		7-10 feet
Sat. sho	e/crib water	temps	36°/34°

2019

Area covered by snow	32.8%	43.0%
Average snow depth	2.5"	3.4"
TRACKING THE COLD		
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SINCE OCT. 15

Sub-32° highs	6 days	6 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days
CHICAGO AIR QUA	LITY	
Saturday's readin		loderate

Moderate Sunday's forecast Critical pollutant **Particulates**

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES							
Sun	7:17 a.m.	4:35 p.m.					
Moon	7:42 a.m.	5:19 p.m.					

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Jan. 14	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 4				
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Jan. 14	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 4
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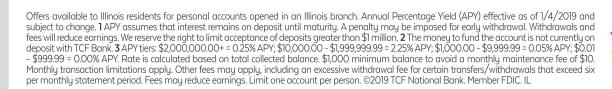
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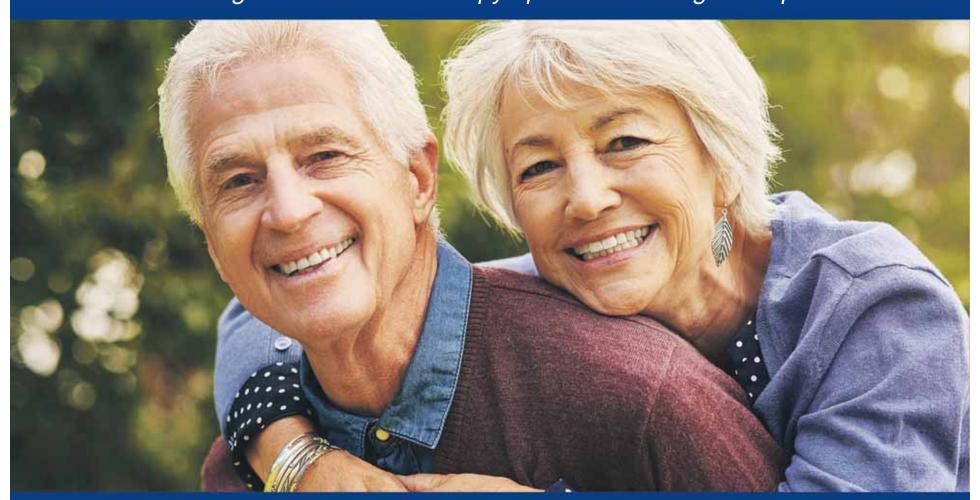
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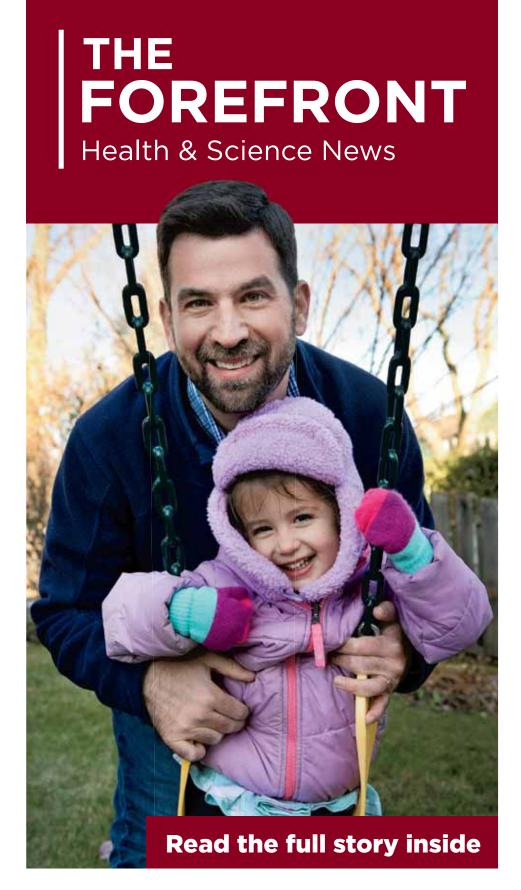








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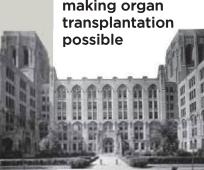
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Advances in transplantation

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1904

Developed the technique for joining severed ends of blood vessels together, making organ transplantation possible



1985

Performed first segmental liver transplant



1993

Performed first liver transplant from an unrelated living donor

1997

Published protocol for a paired kidney exchange program that helped make possible nationwide exchanges involving many donors and recipients

2018

In December, performed nation's first back-to-back heart-liver-kidney transplants in two patients



1940s

Pioneered the study of bone marrow transplant

1988

Performed first split-liver transplant (one donor, two recipients)

1989

Performed first living-donor liver transplant in the U.S., the first successful transplant of its kind in the world

1995

Performed first heart-kidneypancreas transplant in Illinois



1999

Performed first heart-liver-kidney transplant in Illinois







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LIFESAVING LIVER

HOW THE TRANSPLANT OF A HEP C-POSITIVE **DONOR LIVER SAVED A YOUNG DAD'S LIFE**

With three daughters and eight nieces and nephews, Brad Goodman, 37, always has a family celebration on his calendar. "My family is everything to me," said the north suburban man. "There's nothing I wouldn't do to be a part of their lives."

But in 2011, Goodman's health began to decline due to primary sclerosing cholangitis. This rare, progressive disease inflames and blocks the bile ducts connecting the liver and small intestine.

"My liver was failing, and I had lost any quality of life," he said. "It was a scary time for our family."

He had been on the liver transplant waiting list for over a year when his doctors at the University of Chicago Medicine asked him if he would accept a donor liver that was positive for the hepatitis C virus.

"The only thing I knew about hepatitis C was that people get liver transplants because they had it," Goodman said. "Once I was educated about it, there was no hesitation, not at all."

Hepatitis C is a viral disease that affects an estimated 71 million people worldwide. It used to be very difficult to treat. But seven years ago, a new class of antiviral medications dramatically improved outcomes.



Brad and Rebecca Goodman with their daughters Charlotte, left, Rachel and Harper.

"Hepatitis C is the easiest thing we treat these days, and we can cure almost everyone," said Michael Charlton, MD, director of the Center for Liver Diseases at UChicago Medicine. "So if we take livers that are really healthy from young, heroic donors who had hepatitis C and offer them to patients who have life-threatening or quality of life-altering conditions, they can get a transplant much sooner."

Goodman received his new liver in August 2017. After three months on antiviral medication, he was cured of hepatitis C.

UChicago Medicine is one of the few centers that transplant hepatitis C-positive livers.

Goodman, a political consultant, regained his energy and the 50 pounds he lost while sick. After working for candidates during the busy election season in the fall, he and his family headed to Florida for a much-needed vacation.

"I feel great, and I can now enjoy my family time so much more," he said. "I am beyond blessed."

Pushing the envelope on transplantation

with John Fung, MD, PhD, co-director of the Transplantation Institute at the University of Chicago Medicine.

How is the field of transplantation changing?

We have an opportunity to push the envelope and look at patients who would not otherwise have received a transplant. If you do it cautiously and really pay attention to every case as if it was your only case, I think you can do a lot more. For example, people with certain liver cancers and tumors in the liver could be good candidates for transplant if selected carefully. Technology has advanced, and we have a better understanding of the effects of immunosuppressive drugs and anti-cancer treatments than we did in the past.

We're one of the few centers that will transplant patients we know are HIV positive. Now that there are new drugs that can limit the progression of the disease, all of a sudden, we can transplant HIV patients safely.

What are your plans for advancing transplantation in Chicago?

To me, the way you build a program is to distinguish yourself, create a

Out-of-body surgery for liver tumor

South Carolina physician Richard Vanderslice, MD, below left, sought care at UChicago Medicine when he was diagnosed with a liver tumor. John Fung, MD, PhD, removed Vanderslice's liver from his body, took out the tumor, rebuilt the affected blood vessels and then transplanted Vanderslice's own liver back into his body, tumor-free.



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niche and have people come for that reason. The results are pretty good across the city for cases that meet the standard criteria for transplantation, but I want to offer something different and change the practice.

As we continue to build our program, I'd like to expand the number and types of organs we're able to transplant. We have very good, dedicated professionals here, and we're building a system around them that can make it better for all patients. Is your liver too fat?

Over the last few decades, fatty liver disease has become a national health crisis. It's the nation's most common chronic liver condition. affecting 90 million to 100 million people in the U.S. And most people don't even know they have it.

Unlike other liver disorders, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease is not related to excessive drinking. Instead, fatty liver disease is linked to a poor diet and an inactive lifestyle.

People who eat a fast food diet - including a lot of saturated fat, cholesterol and fructose — typically have the most severe, progressive form of the disease.

Our team wants to help patients at every stage of the disease, starting with diagnosis and education."



- Michael Charlton, MD. director, Center for Liver Diseases at UChicago Medicine

This can sometimes lead to cirrhosis and liver failure. Because so many people are at risk, fatty liver disease is now one of the most common reasons for liver transplantation.

A healthy diet and regular exercise are the best ways to prevent liver damage from starting or reverse it once it's in the early stages.

"We recommend patients with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease drink three cups of coffee per day, eat four tablespoons of olive oil a day and follow a Mediterranean diet, which emphasizes eating primarily plant-based foods and healthy fats," said dietitian Annie Guinane, RD, LDN, CNSC, who works with patients in UChicago Medicine's metabolic and fatty liver program.

The program is the first in Chicago and one of the first in the nation - to bring together a team of specialists for the prevention and treatment of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. Patients with fatty

The Mediterranean diet focuses on fruits and veggies, whole grains, nuts and legumes, fish, lean meat and healthy fats such as olive oil.

liver disease often also have other serious conditions, including obesity, heart disease, hypertension, type 2 diabetes and other endocrine problems. Depending on a patient's specific needs, the team works closely with UChicago Medicine's bariatric surgery team, bariatric endoscopy team and its weight management program to provide collaborative, all-encompassing care.

Learn more: UChicagoMedicine.org/ fatty-liver-disease



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Baby boomers 'are in for a death boom'

Grief expert encourages employers to boost support for mourning workers as labor force ages

By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz Chicago Tribune

Bobbi and Daniel Manka were settling into bed after a night out dancing when Daniel stood up, clutched his chest and gasped,

Just like that, Bobbi Manka lost her husband of 44 years and gained "a hole in my heart that will never be replaced.

But she has found comfort where she didn't know she would: at work. Grief after the death of a loved one inevitably follows people to work, where employers and co-workers often are unprepared to handle the immediate sorrow or the surges of pain that ambush mourners at milestones like birthdays and holidays.

Some of the shortcomings can be linked to insufficient bereavement leave policies, but often what fails is the human response to a suffering colleague.

"We have become an increasingly death-denying society," said Amy Florian, CEO of Corgenius, a Hoffman Estates-based organization that trains businesses on how to help grieving clients and employees. "And when we don't talk about it, we don't know how to do it well: how to accompany people through grief."

Florian said employers would be wise to prepare for the impact of grief on business as aging baby



boomers, who are staying in the workplace longer, move toward the end of life.

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Colleagues at Tyson Fresh Meats in Elgin were there for Bobbi Manka after her husband, Daniel, died in 2016. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Bob Boin, from left, Dave Syfczak and Jimmy Wiggins are volunteers who help take care of the Uptown Theatre.

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'THEY'VE BEEN HEROES'

The Uptown Theatre's guardians have fended off fires, rainwater, rodents, vandals, thieves and squatters in a labor of love preserving the palace

A 37-year intermission has not been kind to the Uptown Theatre.

Fires, cascading rainwater, sheets of ice, broken pipes, frozen boilers, rodents, crumbling plaster, financial distress, vandals, thieves and squatters have all taken their shots since the last concert there.

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Yet the 4,381-seat theater, said to be one of the most spectacular movie palaces ever built, is on the verge of a long-dreamed-of restoration to return the towering structure on North Broadway back to its 1925 opulence.

In large part, the Uptown stands ready for its \$75 million makeover because of a few guardians who've

protected it from irreparable harm. The Uptown's protectors have lent a collective hand



Mayor Rahm Emanuel unveiled plans in June for the renovation, backed by funding from several sources.

to historic properties ranging from Wrigley Field to the Chicago Theatre. But the Uptown stands out as a particularly enduring and demanding labor of love.

"When you love a place like this, it's in your heart," said Jimmy Wiggins, one of the protectors. "They'll never build anything like this again. I mean, just look

The men have endured ownership changes, broken promises, false starts, late-night alarms, pigeon poop and oil fumes. They've teetered from I-beams several stories above the stage in order to repair roof drains, shooed away intruders, and sacrificed countless hours of their nights and weekends — and, in some instances, their retirements.

"Very few people know about them, but they've been heroes," said Jerry Mickelson, co-founder and

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"I always told the guys, Just keep it alive and its time will come." By the grace of God, the economy and everything else, the right things came together. We're overjoyed that day has finally come."

- Curt Mangel, 68, a restoration expert and guardian of the Uptown Theatre until he moved away from Chicago

CHICAGO BEARS VIDEO IMAGE

Chicago Bears running backs Benny Cunningham, left, and Tarik Cohen worked undercover as baggers at a Gurnee Jewel on Dec. 10.

From postseason to pitchmen

Cohen, Mack and Trubisky aren't household names, but they could be soon

By Robert Channick Chicago Tribune

When Chicago Bears running backs Tarik Cohen and Benny Cunningham went undercover last month in a filmed promotional stunt as baggers at a Jewel-Osco store in Gurnee, many customers had no idea who they

That's about to change. It may not be "The Super Bowl Shuffle" redux, but young and

talented Bears players such as

Cohen, linebacker Khalil Mack and quarterback Mitch Trubisky could see their marketing value skyrocket as the team makes its first playoff appearance in nearly a decade Sunday against the defending champion Philadelphia

Eagles at Soldier Field. a team on the rise, with person-

media can invest in today because

they'll be around for a number of

years," said Marc Ganis, president

"The Bears are being viewed as alities and players that sponsors and the broadcasters and the

of Sportscorp, a Chicago-based sports consulting firm.

The 12-4 Bears went from worst-to-first in the NFC North this season under rookie head coach Matt Nagy, notching their first winning record since 2012 and their first playoff berth in eight years. The sudden success awakened hibernating Bears fans, who have embraced the team with a passion not seen in more than a decade.

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1960s Broncos made new by Ill. company

'Restomods' offer slice of past with security of present

By Robert Duffer Chicago Tribune

The return of the Ford Bronco may conjure up images of a large off-road SUV with Jeep-like character in pickup truck capability. It was big but had only two doors, powerful but came with a removable hardtop, all the better to conquer the American wilderness.

In short, it was legend, even before O.J.'s infamous police chase.

When the new Bronco debuts sometime this spring for model year 2020, it will have to meet more than 20 years of safety and emissions regulations rolled out since the last Bronco was discontinued in 1996. The new one will have all the modern conveniences and adaptability to suit a global automotive marketplace, but it will likely lack that American ruggedness characterized by the original Bronco starting in 1966.

But what if? What if you could have that two-door icon with a flip-down rear seat, say, but with the reliability and power of a new engine, such as a Coyote 5-liter V-8 engine found in the new Mustang?

Then you would have Gateway Bronco, an Illinois-based custom automaker specializing in finding, restoring and building first-generation Bron-



A first-generation Bronco restored and handcrafted by Gateway Bronco has a 5-liter Coyote V-8 engine and other modern parts in a classic frame finish for just under \$200,000.

"It's a grin maker, that's what one of our customers said in a note," said Seth Burgett, 49, CEO and president of Gateway Bronco. "It's fun. It's about selling passion."

Passion for a price. With three model options ranging from \$95,000 to \$180,000, Gateway is offering customers a slice of the past with the security of the present, including two- to five-year warranties.

Gateway employs 18 people in a 60,000-square-foot factory in Hamel, Ill., about 30 miles north of St. Louis. Each "truck" is built on a modern assembly line, in the spirit of Henry Ford.

Gateway has the blessing of Ford Motor Co. through a licensing agreement not unique to Gateway or other niche restomod companies.

"It gives us some control on how the brand is being used from a publicity standpoint," Jiyan Cadiz, manager of Ford communications, explained. "Like Mustang, Bronco is another nameplate we want to preserve and make sure it's done right."

Like Mustang, these restomod Broncos, which are restorations with modern parts, will have Mustang engines.

The three available models are built in three different ways: original barn finds that have been restored; new bodies on original frames with original VINs and titles; or new "old" Broncos built from the ground up with a new frame and new body.

The Fuelie (\$95,000) has a fuel-injected 347-inch Stroker engine and fourspeed automatic or fivespeed manual. The Coyote Edition (\$150,000) has the 2018 Coyote 5-liter V-8 engine found in the new Mustang but with the same transmission offerings as the Fuelie. At the top of the custom line is the Modern Day Warrior (\$180,000), which has the Coyote V-8 with a six-speed transmission from the previous Ford Raptor pickup. It also comes with Porsche leather interior. Options abound, starting with cut fenders or classic fenders, hard top or bikini top. But they won't have air bags.

"Our first Bronco was purchased as a possible vehicle for our 17-year-old daughter, at the time," Burgett said in a phone interview. "My wife said we are not agreed on this because it didn't have air bags, modern

So Burgett kept it as a toy to tool around on his 500 acres in the rural area north of St. Louis. After selling Yurbuds, a sport headphone company he co-founded, to time to indulge in his many automotive hobbies, including racing old Shelby Mustangs. From there, the engineer entrepreneur with a love for all things Ford began collecting original Broncos.

"My wife was like, 'I don't know why you like these things so much. They're dirty, they're smelly, hot in the day, cold at night, I gotta use a bucket (to step up) to get inside.' So I said, 'OK, we'll build one" that's better, Burgett said.

That process planted a seed. Instead of collecting Shelby Mustangs, Burgett noticed the skyrocketing valuations of old Broncos, fueled in part by the rumored return of the new Bronco and a new class of collectors who wanted back their youth in the form of metal.

Few other assets have appreciated as much. In the past decade, first generation Broncos have increased "some 200 percent," according to Hagerty, the collector vehicle valuation and insurance company. In the last six months of 2017, original Broncos increased in value 27 percent.

Gateway aims to build one Bronco per week, with capacity to increase production to two per week. As of late December, Gateway had manufactured 42 custom Broncos. Market forces such as price and the law put a ceiling on production.

Niche automakers like Gateway who manufacture up to 325 replica cars annually can skirt certain safety under the Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2015.

That doesn't mean Gateway skimps on safety, which Burgett calls a top priority. Each custom Bronco is fitted with three-point seat belts, roll cages, and modern braking and suspension systems. Burgett said he personally tests them up to 120 mph, and that they can stop quicker from 60 mph than a Ford Raptor.

'We feel comfortable that an older vehicle can be as safe as it can be without air bags," he said.

The new Bronco, air bags and all, should only stoke interest in the rare, restored Broncos from Gateway.

The Bronco is arguably the most watched and speculated launch of the year, even more than the midengine Corvette, which has been automotive myth for decades.

"We have to deliver on how much hype is out there," Cadiz of Ford said of the enthusiasm for new and old Broncos. "There's been a big fundamental shift since the original utility vehicles. It was an off-road market. Now there's a demand that stands out on the road but with true off-road capability."

This reality isn't lost on Burgett, even with his time machines.

"These are built for highway use even though they're off-road capable," Burgett said. "They make people so happy."

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The guardians of Chicago's past

Uptown, from Page 1

co-owner of Jam Productions, which has owned the Uptown since 2008. "I don't know that I could have bought the building without them, because it might not have been stand-

ing."
The guardians include three men who have helped protect the theater since the 1980s: restoration expert Curt Mangel, 68; retired civil engineer Bob Boın, 72, a longtıme volunteer on Chicago theater restoration projects; and Jam's facilities manager, Wiggins, 57, who also oversees the Vic and Riviera theaters on the North Side. Retired Chicago police officer Dave Syfczak, 66, who watched movies at the Uptown while growing up in the neighborhood, has been a volunteer security guard and handyman since the 1990s.

Those four lead a larger list of people who have contributed to the Uptown's survival. Most have worked as volunteers, with approval of the property's various owners.

"I always told the guys, Just keep it alive and its time will come," said Mangel, who now lives in Philadelphia. "By the grace of God, the economy and everything else, the right things came together. We're overjoyed that day has finally come.

"The people of Chicago are not going to believe what they have when it's

The Spanish Baroque structure at 4816 N. Broadway roared to life in 1925 as the flagship of a Balaban & Katz theater chain known for its breathtaking movie palaces. Much later, it became known for concerts by the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Bob Marley, the Grateful Dead, Prince and the Kinks. The last show was a J. Geils Band concert on Dec. 19, 1981.

The property cycled through a series of owners who proposed but never executed plans to bring it back to life. Finally, in June, Mayor Rahm Emanuel unveiled plans for a \$75 million renovation, backed by funding from several public and private sources.

The joint venture of Jam and Chicago real estate firm Farpoint Development plans to begin the heavy lifting by the summer, with plans to reopen the Uptown as a live events venue in 2021.

It is envisioned as the centerpiece of a broader entertainment district in Uptown, which is also home to venues such as the Aragon Ballroom, Riviera Theatre, Wilson Avenue Theater and Green Mill

Farpoint principal Scott Goodman credits the caretakers for the Uptown's survival, and said their dedication demonstrates the strong pull many peo-

'It's that kind of building," Goodman said. "I don't think there's another asset in Chicago where people have this kind of magnificent structure with amazingly ornamental finishes, and it's so instrumental to the success of the things all in one bucket, there's nothing else like it."

The group of Uptown watchers has endured, even years after Mangel eventually moved from Chicago.

"It was years of backbreaking work and we had several (redevelopment) deals fall apart, which was heartbreaking," Mangel said. "I don't regret it one bit. I'm very proud of the guys for sticking with it and keeping the torch. I passed the torch and they kept it burning."

have led him to a broad — which he said led to an broadcaster Harry Caray, condition.

Other restorations included the clocks in the Waveland Fieldhouse tower along Lake Michigan, just east of the ball-Chicago Theatre in the

He's moved around the country to lead other restorations, including Shea's Performing Arts Center in Buffalo, N.Y., and Denver's Paramount Theatre. Mangel now lives in Philadelphia, where he led the ker Grand Court Organ, the largest functioning pipe organ in the world.

To prevent pipes from freezing, the men burned thousands of gallons of gummy, low-quality motor

ple feel toward it.

emotional attachment. It's a neighborhood. To get those

Mangel's tinkering skills range of projects, including once repairing the clock on Wrigley Field's scoreboard on-air shout-out from Cubs who had often complained about the clock's neglected

park, and chandeliers at the

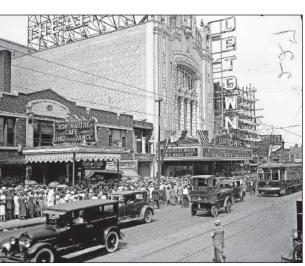
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The Uptown proved especially challenging, because of its sheer size and the building's decadeslong vacancy.



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Jam Productions and Farpoint Development plan to reopen the Uptown as a live events venue in 2021.



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Uptown Theatre, at Broadway and Lawrence Avenue, was built by Balaban and Katz and opened in August 1925.

oil in an old boiler. Firing up the system took hours of exhausting work, and the fumes frequently left people in the boiler room feeling sick.

The process also sent black smoke pouring from the building, which would cause neighbors to call 911.

"It got to the point where we had to call the Fire Department to let them know we were going to start the boiler at the Uptown," Syfczak said.

When firefighters were called on those instances, the Uptown guardians hustled to meet them out

front.

"Or else they'd use their key to come in," Syfczak said. "And their key was an ax. So I repaired the doors three or four times too."

Other intruders, including metal scavengers, would set off the Uptown's alarm. "When I lived a block away, I'd have to go scare the bejesus out of

someone who was in the building," Mangel said.

Many of the Uptown's unique and highly valuable light fixtures also were snatched.

Looting led to the decision to pack up ornate chandeliers and other remaining fixtures. They were transported to the Sanfilippo Foundation's Place de la Musique museum in Barrington and other Chicago-area locations, where they'll remain stored until the late stages of the theater's restoration.

"That was painful for us, because part of the beauty of the building is the magnificent light fixtures," Mangel said. "But we had to do it or they would all be gone."

Critters also have

sneaked in. Syfczak once decided to clean a wall of pigeon poop near the theater's front windows, only to encounter something else. "As I put a shovel through it, a stench was released, and mice started jumping out of the pile of dung," Syfczak siad. "That was one of my worst

Better days are near, finally, because of a complex financing package that includes state and federal funds, as well as debt and

equity secured by the de-

velopment partners. Farpoint and Jam's

pending renovation is validation to those who thought the theater was worth saving, but it's bittersweet for them as they move into the background.

"There is a little tinge of almost depression when you're no longer involved with it," said Boin, who previously volunteered for eight years helping restore the Chicago Theatre's

Although the Uptown has swallowed up their spare time, it's also been a home away for home for the friends to gather, talk and tinker on other projects. "We have to give up our clubhouse," Wiggins joked. Then he turned serious.

"We're overjoyed that

alive when there's people in

here," Wiggins said. "This is

sanctuary. I think we've all

looking at it, and the build-

ing comes alive, that's the

best gift of all."

enjoyed it. But when you see people here smiling and

the building is going to be

restored and used again,

because it really comes

fun. This has been our

There also were real fires, including one time in the 1990s when on a latenight security check Wiggins discovered homeless people huddled around several campfires on the building's marble floors. days here."

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Eric Freckman, left, of Guillaume & Freckman in Palatine, said grief training at his firm has aided client relationships.

Expert urges support

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"We are in for a death boom, we are in for a dementia boom," said Florian, a fellow in thanatology, the study of death and bereavement. "All of these things are going to happen but firms are not prepared

Being prepared includes understanding that grieving individuals will cope differently, and employers should accommodate their unique needs, Florian said.

Nearly 90 percent of employers say they offer paid bereavement leave usually three days for an immediate family member but that's not nearly enough time for many people, especially when the death is sudden, she said. Employers might want to consider more generous policies as well as expand them to accommodate deaths beyond immediate family, as losing an aunt or friend can be just as devastating if the relationship was close, Florian said.

No federal law requires employers to give workers time off to grieve, though Illinois has a law, which went into effect two years ago, that provides up to 10 working days of unpaid leave for the death of a child at companies with at least 50 employees.

Florian said employers also should not expect grief-stricken employees to function normally when they return to work, as their concentration is shot, their minds are disorganized and they may be prone to making mistakes. Some employees will need additional support for a month or two once they're back on the job, such as flexible work schedules, more breaks, adjusted expectations and someone to catch errors, with the assurance that their performance reviews won't suffer, she said.

Educating co-workers on how to best support a grieving colleague can also help. Many people fumble awkwardly as they try to express sympathy, or avoid the topic altogether because they don't know what to say, Florian said.

"What is often very shocking for people to learn is that 'I am so sorry' is not the best thing to say when someone dies," Florian said. "The focus is all wrong, it's on the comforter and not the griever." Better to ask about the person who died — what they were like, how it happened, making sure to use his or her name, she said. If someone doesn't want to talk about it, they will close the door on the conversation, she said.

Manka, 64, who lives in Genoa, a town about 65 miles northwest of Chicago, said she was surprised to discover how often people didn't ask how she was doing after her husband died suddenly of a massive heart attack two years ago.

"They are afraid that they might trigger something and you might start crying," she said. "Even if I did, it would have been a good thing."

But Manka, an administrative assistant in the Tyson Foods sales office in Elgin, was pleasantly surprised at how her colleagues stepped up during her crisis, even though she'd worked at the company only two years at the time and no one from the office had met her husband - the kind of guy "who would take his shirt off and give it to anyone," she said.

Her boss and a colleague not only attended his "celebration of life" but stayed through the event and got to know her family, she said. When her three days of bereavement leave were up and she couldn't bring herself to return to work, she was given an extra week off unpaid. She was eager to return when she

"My world had been rocked so incredibly hard that coming back to work helped me, because the house was so empty," Manka said. "Work was my safe place for a long time."

As she struggled to adjust to her new reality, Manka sought counseling from Tyson's chaplaincy program, a network of 100 chaplains employed by the company to help Tyson workers navigate life challenges. She found solace in the Bible verses she was given and the advice about how to help her children through their grief as she

dealt with her own. Small kindnesses in her office of 12 have made a big difference, she said. On Manka's first birthday after her husband's death, her co-workers presented her with a big cake and card, and told her "we want you to know you're part of the family," Manka said. On her wedding anniversary, or when anything happens that triggers memories, her boss can detect a shift in her mood and urges her to take a walk and clear her head.

Such accommodations pay off in the long term, Florian said.

"People who felt they were treated compassionately during times of grief are incredibly loyal to their employer," she said.

Grief last year cost employers an estimated \$113.27 billion in reduced productivity and on-thejob errors, a calculation that takes into account not only the deaths of loved ones but also other traumatic losses such as divorce or home foreclosures, according to the Grief Recovery Institute, an organization based in Bend, Ore., that trains therapists and counselors in grief recovery.

That estimate is up from \$75 billion the last time the nonprofit released its Grief Index in 2002, a increase driven by inflation as well as changing workforce demographics as the population ages, said Operations Manager Ed Owens.

Yet employers are rarely proactive about addressing grief in the workplace, and typically only seek help when an employee has died and co-workers need support, said David Fireman, executive director of the Center for Grief Recovery and Therapeutic Services in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood.

"If I had my druthers, (grief training) would be a built-in component to employee orientation," Fire-

While the aging population is one source of workplace grief, another is the city's violence. Fireman's organization last year counseled students and faculty at the Chicago Waldorf School after a teacher at the school was killed by a stray bullet while she waited at a nearby Red Line station. He continues to be available to them because "grief is a process and there might be delayed reactions," he said.

GrieveWell, a nonprofit in Ann Arbor, Mich., that provides grief training to employers and peer-topeer support for grieving adults, is trying to raise the profile of grief as an "unspoken public health issue" with dangerous consequences if it is not addressed, said Amy Milanovich, former executive director.

Unresolved grief, a clinical term that refers to intense mourning that persists for a long time and interferes with daily functioning, has been linked to an increase in heart disease, stroke and cancer, she

The workplace has become increasingly important as a source of support as community traditions that used to surround people in mourning have been cut short amid a social expectation to get back to life as usual, she said.

"Everyone around is someone who could be in grief and everyone needs to be someone who can support them," Milanovich said. In addition to conducting business lunchand-learns on the topic, GrieveWell offers a deeper training in active listening for employees who want to be the designated ear colleagues turn to in time of need.

ComPsych, a Chicagobased provider of employee assistance programs, has seen a steady increase in crisis counseling calls about bereavement, likely because employers have become more aware of the need for mental health support, spokeswoman Jennifer Hudson said. Employees over 60 are the most likely of all age groups to seek bereavement help, the company's data show.

Eric Freckman, a certified financial planner in Palatine, said grief training at his firm has led to improved relationships with clients, who often find themselves navigating unfamiliar bank accounts and investments when a spouse or parent passes away. Increasingly, grief strikes even before death as more people live longer with diminished capacity, he said.

People tend to make emotional decisions around money, especially when they're grieving, so it takes empathy to guide them to the best decision, Freckman said.

"There's the answer in Excel of what they should do," he said. "But getting people to actually do that is very difficult."

Freckman said he used to be "sort of terrified" of talking with clients about their loved one's death, and would avoid it by sticking to discussing numbers. But after training with Florian at Corgenius he feels comfortable engaging in conversations about the loss -"How did you find out?" he asks. "What was it like for you?" "Are there phone calls we can make for you?" and leaving the paperwork to later meetings. Ninety percent of clients want to talk, and the care shown has helped solidify trust, he said.

We keep track of people's birthdays, we try to call and let them know we're thinking about them, that we know it's a hard day, the first Christmas alone," he said. "It's all relatively simple stuff when you think about it."

The simple stuff can make a big difference, Florian said. She knows from experience.

Florian was 25 and a new mom to a 7-month-old boy when her husband, John, went to a business meeting and never returned. A farm insurance agent, he was killed when his car was struck broadside on a rural Iowa road on a sleety February night.

"I felt like my future had simply evaporated in an instant," Florian said. "And nobody knew what to say to me.'

Florian, a stay-at-home mom at the time, felt "every breath was different" after that day, as she adjusted to the empty pillow, the coffee for one, the realization that "anyone could die at any time."

She felt alone as many people avoided talking about her husband after the funeral. She was grateful to those who did, especially when they said his name.

"It's such a comfort to know that John's life made a difference, that someone remembers besides me," she said. "That his death left a void in the world, not just my life."

Florian noticed the various ways well-meaning people's support was insufficient. They'd ask if she needed anything, but she felt bad taking advantage of those offers, worried she'd be a burden. More helpful, she said, was when people identified what needed doing and offered to do it, such as shopping for groceries, weeding the garden or babysitting her son.

Florian recalls working with a financial professional who would change the subject when she started to tear up. So she was impressed when another financial planner, on their first meeting, looked at her file and said: "I see that you are widowed. Tell me about John."

Her experience propelled her to get a graduate degree in pastoral studies and advanced certification in grief counseling, and she taught ministry courses on death and grieving at Loyola University for 11 years.

Decades after John's death, Florian is remarried, and her sadness lives alongside her joy. She can still be sent into a sobbing fit in the grocery store aisle when she hears a certain song — and that's OK.

"The point of healing is not to forget," she said. "The point is to remem-

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Did 2018 reveal tech dystopia?

Surveillance, data mining, AI came to forefront of issues

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We may remember 2018 as the year when technology's dystopian potential became clear, from Facebook's role enabling the harvesting of our personal data for election interference to a seemingly unending series of revelations about the dark side of Silicon Valley's connect-everything ethos.

The list is long: Hightech tools for immigration crackdowns. Fears of smartphone addiction. YouTube algorithms that steer youths into extremism. An experiment in gene-edited babies.

Doorbells and concert venues that can pinpoint individual faces and alert police. Repurposing genealogy websites to hunt for crime suspects based on a relative's DNA. Automated systems that keep tabs of workers' movements and habits. Electric cars in Shanghai transmitting their every movement to the government.

It's been enough to exhaust even the most imaginative sci-fi visionaries.

"It doesn't so much feel like we're living in the future now, as that we're living in a retro-future," novelist William Gibson wrote last month on Twitter. "A dark, goofy '90s retro-future."

More awaits us in 2019, as surveillance and data-collection efforts ramp up and artificial intelligence systems start sounding more human, reading facial expressions and generating fake video images so realistic that it will be harder to detect malicious distortions of the truth.

But there are also countermeasures afoot in Congress and state government and even among techfirm employees who are more active about ensuring their work is put to positive

"Something that was heartening this year was that accompanying this parade of scandals was a growing public awareness that there's an accountability crisis in tech," said Meredith Whittaker, a co-tounder of New York University's AI Now Institute for studying the social implications of artificial intelligence.

The group has compiled a long list of what made 2018 so ominous, though many are examples of the public simply becoming newly aware of problems that have built up for years.

Among the most troubling cases was the revelation in March that political data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica swept up personal information of millions of Facebook users for the purpose of manipulating national elections.

"It really helped wake up people to the fact that these systems are actually touching the core of our lives and shaping our social institutions," Whittaker said.

That was on top of other Facebook disasters, including its role in fomenting violence in Myanmar, major data breaches and ongoing concerns about its hosting of fake accounts for Russian propaganda.

It wasn't just Facebook. Google attracted concern about its continuous surveillance of users after the Associated Press reported that it was tracking people's movements whether they like it or not.

It also faced internal dissent over its collaboration with the U.S. military to create drones with "computer vision" to help find battlefield targets and a secret proposal to launch a censored search engine in China.

And it unveiled a remarkably human-like voice assistant that sounds so real that people on the other end of the phone didn't know they were talking to a computer.

Internet pioneer Vint Cerf said he and other engineers never imagined their vision of a worldwide network of connected computers would morph 45 years later into a surveillance system that collects personal information or a



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propaganda machine that could sway elections.

"We were just trying to get it to work," recalled Cerf, who is now Google's chief internet evangelist. "But now that it's in the hands of the general public, there are people who want it to work in a way that obviously does harm, or benefits themselves, or disrupts the political system. So we are going to have to deal with that."

Part of experts' concern about the leap into connecting every home device to the internet and letting computers do our work is that the technology is still buggy and influenced by human errors and preju-

Uber and Tesla were investigated for fatal self-driving car crashes in March, IBM came under scrutiny for working with New York City police to build a facial recognition system that can detect ethnicity, and Amazon took heat for supplying its own flawed facial recognition service to law enforcement agencies.

At the same time, even some titans of technology have been sounding alarms. Prominent engineers and designers have increasingly spoken out about shielding children from the habitforming tech products they helped create.

And then there's Microsoft President Brad Smith, who in December called for regulating facial recognition technology so that the "year 2024 doesn't look like a page" from George Orwell's "1984."

In a blog post and a Washington speech, Smith painted a bleak vision of all-seeing government surveillance systems forcing dissidents to hide in darkened rooms "to tap in code with hand signals on each other's arms."

To avoid such an Orwellian scenario, Smith advocates regulating technology so that anyone about to subject themselves to surveillance is properly notified. But privacy advocates argue that's not enough.

Such debates are already happening in states such as Illinois, where a strict facial recognition law has faced tech industry challenges, and California, which in 2018 passed the nation's most far-reaching law to give consumers more control over their personal data. It takes effect in 2020.

The issue could find new attention in Congress next year as more Republicans warm up to the idea of basic online privacy regulations and the incoming Democratic House majority takes a more skeptical approach to tech firms that many liberal politicians once viewed as allies – and prolific campaign donors.

Bears stars could see opportunities after playoffs

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Marketers have taken note as well, Ganis said. Beyond the on-field mediocrity, the Bears have lacked character and characters for years, he said, a toxic combination when it comes to booking a spokesman to sell cars, fast food, salves or just about anything that can be hawked by the right NFL

"For the last half-dozen or more years, the Bears have been a generally faceless franchise," Ganis said. "Even when Jay Cutler was the quarterback, he didn't really participate much in promoting himself or in sponsor activities. It wasn't his thing."

There has been little to stir the passion of fans or advertisers since the 1985 Bears won the team's one and only Super Bowl. Even the one-off 2006 Bears team, which lost Super Bowl XLI to the Indianapolis Colts 29-17, didn't boost its players to marketing prominence. Remember that commercial by quarterback Rex Grossman? No, you don't.

Brian Urlacher, a Hall of Fame linebacker who played his entire 13-year career in Chicago before retiring in 2012, has been the most marketable Bear of the new millennium. His most prominent commercial pitch these days is as the face — or rather, the scalp of Restore, an Oak-Brookbased hair restoration firm that turned the former Bear's famous bald pate into a field of fuzzy follicles, plastering his image on billboards and TV commercials for the past three years.

Bears spokesman Brandon Faber said there are no team restrictions or guidelines for players and coaches regarding sponsorship opportunities beyond the governing language in their respective contracts and the NFL collective bargaining agreement.

If the new and improved Bears make it to Atlanta on Feb. 3 for Super Bowl LIII, Ganis said, a whole new crop of players could find commercial success. Topping the list, he said, is

The 27-year-old Mack, who played college ball at the University of Buffalo, was the fifth overall pick in the 2014 NFL draft by the Oakland Raiders. The All-Pro and 2016 NFL defensive player of the year was traded to the Bears in September and signed a record six-year, \$141 million contract extension.

His impact was immediate, lifting the Bears defense to the top of the league.

"Khalil Mack is considered maybe the best player in the NFL," Ganis said. "If he performs the way he can especially in the Super Bowl — he becomes the defensive face of the NFL."

In his second year, Trubisky, 24, became only the sixth quarterback in Bears history to pass for more than 3,000 yards in a season, joining Cutler, Grossman, Erik Kramer, Billy Wade and Jim Harbaugh. While he's not a full-fledged star, a good playoff run and a telegenic presence could make for commercial success in 2019, Ganis said.

Another potential breakout star is Cohen, 23, the 5-foot-6-inch running back who has electrified the Bears offense and was named to the 2019 Pro Bowl as a return specialist. Cohen gained more than 1,000 combined rushing and receiving yards this season, becoming a fan favorite.

"If people don't use them for endorsements, they're crazy," said former Bears coach Mike Ditka, who guided the larger-than-life '85 team and set the pace for commercial endorsements as well.

In November, Ditka, 79, was hospitalized in Florida after suffering a heart attack. On Friday, he was back on the golf course near his Florida home, handicapping the current Bears prospects for playoff and commercial success.

"I don't want to jinx them, but I think they're the



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— Marc Ganis, president of Sportscorp, a Chicago-based sports consulting firm

best team I've seen all around," Ditka said by phone between golf shots. 'They don't have any glaring weaknesses, and they can beat you in a lot of

Ditka said the commercial endorsements rolled in for the '85 Bears after their personalities started coming out during a dominant season, epitomized by the brash "Super Bowl Shuffle" music video, which was released in December — the day after their only loss, to the Miami Dolphins.

Ditka himself has endorsed more than 50 products over the years, pitching cars, underwear, rustproofing, erectile dysfunction drugs, hot dogs, hair spray and toilet tissue, among other items. So prodigious was his commercial output that in 1989, then-Bears President Michael Mc-Caskey asked his Super Bowl-winning coach to limit his paid endorsements.

The Bears fired Ditka after a 5-11 season in 1992, but his commercial profile has endured. He currently serves as TV spokesman for Blue-Emu pain relieving cream and remains unapologetic for leveraging his fame with paid endorsements.

"There's a lot of things I probably should have done, a lot of things I shouldn't have done "Ditka said. "I'm not going to apologize to anybody."

Grocery chain Jewel has been a Bears marketing partner for about a decade, mostly through losing seasons. The promotion that enlisted Cohen and Cunningham as baggers at its Gurnee store took place Dec. 10 — the day after the team beat the Los Angeles Rams 15-6 in a potential playoff preview at Soldier

The running backs playfully engaged with customers, giving out free cookie samples, stealing a swig of a soft drink and handling the grocery bags with the flair of professional ballplayers.

"It was just a fun thing we did," said Tina Browen, director of marketing for Jewel. "A lot of the customers knew who they were, but it was exciting to see some who didn't know who they

Browen said a Super Bowl victory by the Bears would absolutely improve the value of Jewel's sponsorship. It would no doubt present higher-profile marketing opportunities for Cohen and his teammates.

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Bank of America	25.58	+1.19	Alibaba Group Hldg	139.75	4
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.48	+.07	Alphabet Inc C	1070.71	+33
Ford Motor	8.08	+.27	Alphabet Inc A	1078.07	+31
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Pfizer Inc	43.00	+.04	Bank of America	25.58	+1
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Citigroup	55.13	+3.30	Boeing Co	327.08	+10
Freeport McMoRan	10.82	+.35	Chevron Corp	110.82	+2
Wells Fargo & Co	47.95	+2.17	China Mobile Ltd	49.23	+1
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Adv Micro Dev	19.00	+1.18	Disney	109.61	+2
Apple Inc	148.26	-7.97	Exxon Mobil Corp	71.15	+2
Microsoft Corp	101.93	+1.54	Facebook Inc	137.95	+4
Synergy Pharma	.30	+.19	FEMSA	89.40	+4
Histogenics Corp	.23	+.13	HSBC Holdings PLC	41.61	+
Celgene Inc	84.90	+22.47	Home Depot	173.62	+3
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Comcast Corp A	35.81	+1.65	McDonalds Corp	178.28	+2
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iShs Emerg Mkts	39.69	+.45	Taiwan Semicon	34.97	-2 +2
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Exxon Mobil Corp	71.15	+2.98			
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Microsoft Corp	101.93	+1.54			
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Oracle Corp	46.71	+1.89			
PepsiCo	110.48	+.12			
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Unilever PLC	52.72	+.70			
Unitedhealth Group	239.62	-6.62			
Verizon Comm	56.36	+1.09			
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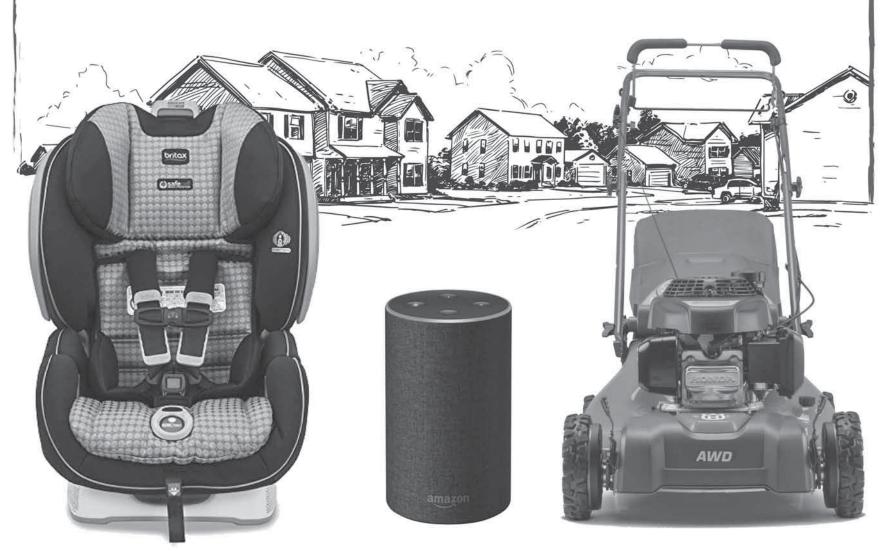
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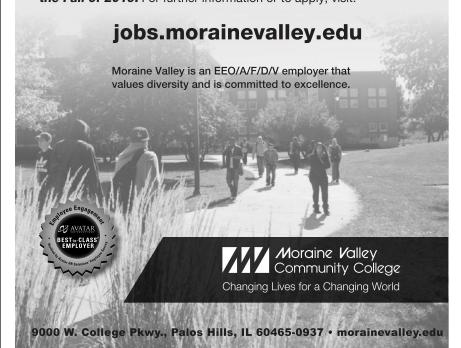
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Resolute ways to get your job search back on track

fter he was laid off from Motorola in 1996, programmer Robert O'Connor says he was motivated every day to find a better job. The next time he faced a layoff at Kraft Foods several years later, he says the motivation was a little harder to conjure up.

"You put a lot of energy into finding a new job, and even though my two lay-offs were nearly 20 years apart, I had a hard time getting on the horse again," says O'Connor, 53. "After I left Motorola, I bounced around for a few years, working as an independent contractor or working for smaller firms because I had this great sense of urgency. I had two kids at home and a mortgage. Not that I'm financially carefree these days, but I know I have some time before I need to hit the panic button."

O'Connor, who lives in Orland Park, Ill., says he's looking for the right job but he admits he's not even sure what it is. "I see something online that looks perfect and then I sit on it for a couple weeks," he says. "By the time I think I'm ready to apply, the listing is gone. I just feel like I'm getting stuck in a

James Renwald, a career coach, says he hears the "rut" speech from a lot of people. "It's a common problem," Renwald says. "The trick is to find your way out of it quickly before it becomes the norm."

Renwald recommends several ways to get back into the game. "You don't have to hit the ground running but you do have to make a commitment to being an active job seeker at some level," he says. "You can't sit back and take a passive approach."

Here are seven of Renwald's recommendations:

1. Take a complete break from your job search: One of the easiest ways to get motivated is to spend some time doing nothing. "Take a couple of days and go fishing or hiking or bike riding," Renwald says. "Clear your mind and you'll come back

stronger. 2. Start from scratch: Quit revising your resume and blow it up entirely. Take a notepad and a pen and list your best qualities. Then list examples where you've exhibited those qualities in and out of the workplace.

Take that list and begin working on your new

- resume. 3. Take a friend to lunch: Find friends, former coworkers and family members who have been in similar situations and take them out for a bite to eat. Hear their stories and share your experiences. Practical examples can
- provide incredible inspiration. **4. Go big:** You've always wanted to be the boss, right? So why not craft a resume and an interview pitch for a job beyond your comfort zone. "This isn't a guarantee that you'll go from sales rep to CEO but it forces you to look at yourself differently," Renwald says. "If you think you're applying for a position that's a leader within a company, you'll act like a leader and present yourself in that light. Aim high and then learn something about yourself in the process."
- **5. Or go small:** Aiming high has its advantages but so does making the car payment. Renwald says it's OK to take a job that is parallel to or even a bit below your previous situation if you need the money and are ready to prove to your new employer (and yourself) that you deserve more. "Even a three-month stint at a job can help you pay the bills and get you ready for the right opportunity when it comes along," Renwald
- 6. Buy some new clothes: If you can afford it, Renwald suggests buying a new interview suit. "I've had clients — both men and women — who have told me that the biggest motivation to get an interview was the chance to wear their new suit," he says. "It's a tool of the job search, and if you go out and purchase a tool, you want to put that tool into action at the first possible chance."
- 7. Try a social media blitz: Renwald says he's often amazed by how little people use their online social circles to find new work. "If you have 750 friends on Facebook and 500 followers are Twitter and another 500 on Instagram, why would you not tell them you're looking for work? Be creative about it but let them know. That friend since college, or even friend of a friend from college, may have the perfect job for you. No harm in asking."

— Marco Buscaglia, Careers

Resolutions are helpful, but be honest about implementation

elony Smith is not a big fan of New Year's resolutions. "I just don't think people are realistic when they sit down and write a list of the five or 10 things they want to accomplish in the year ahead," says Smith, a careet coach. "That's usually because people don't write resolutions, they write goals. And those are two different things."

Smith believes that that's why many people decide against running New Year's resolutions in the first place. "They treat their resolutions as if they are tangible goals," she says. "But a good list of resolutions shouldn't be a list of where you want to be but instead it should be a list of how you want to get there."

For example, Smith says you shouldn't list a resolution to become a manager by the end of the year. Instead, you should list the behaviors and strategies that you can put into place in 2017 to put yourself in a position to become a manager. "A resolution list is based on what you resolve to do as an individual, not the rewards you'll receive if you begin to embody those behaviors.'

Practical matters

Dakota Green, from Los Angeles, dropped out of a LinkedIn group recently because her online peers were creating a common list of resolutions that she considered to be a bit misguided. "Everything was about getting a bonus or a huge increase in salary and I thought to myself 'how is this helpful when it's so obvious?' Of course we all want more money. I was hoping for something more practical, maybe goals I could set for myself that would help me stay motivated or help me find new ways to be creative," Green says.

So Green decided to make her own set of resolutions. "I'm not generally a resolution type of person but I am a list person. I make lists for myself each night for the day ahead and I'm actually pretty good about sticking to those lists so I figured that a New Year's resolution list might actually work for me,"

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One day, Green says she went out with her manager and two co-workers for an impromptu lunch and they discussed the things they wanted to accomplish in the year ahead. "It wasn't really a formal business lunch," she says. "We all go out to eat together at least once a week but for some reason, this time we really talked about work, which usually doesn't happen."

Green and her co-workers decided to have lunch the next day to continue their talk.

"We took things a step further by offering each other some advice. Talking about what our goals were and then taking some time to actually list some of the things we needed to do to get to those goals was kind of an eye-opener," Green says. "You always set these expectations for yourself but you don't necessarily fill in the blanks about how to get there."

Input wanted

Smith says most people make resolutions based on their perceptions, so it's helpful to learn if those perceptions are grounded in reality. "You may think that your work needs to be more creative but your co-workers may think that your creativity is already strong," she says. "Maybe they'd like it if you were a bit more organized. You need to take their perceptions and balance them with your own."

Green says the conversations with her co-workers practically mirrored Smith's advice. "I would mention things I thought needed work and then everyone tells me that they considered those things to be my strengths," she says. "I mentioned how I needed to come up with more ideas but everyone said my ideas were great. It's just that I rarely provided a blueprint on how those ideas could be put into practice."

That was an immediate game-changed. "They were right. Give me a legal pad or a blank screen on a computer and I can come up with at least 25 strong ideas," says Green.

— Marco Buscaglia, Careers

Don't overlook these simple interviewing tips

1. Be presentable

Wear a suit that fits, and don't cut corners when it comes to ironing or dry-cleaning, says leadership development professional and author Monique Honaman. "I knew one guy who was in such a rush the day of his interview that he only ironed the front of his shirt. Later, during the course of his interview day, it was hot and he was encouraged to remove his jacket and get more comfortable and it was clear that he had cut corners and only ironed the front! He was very embarrassed," Honaman says.

Also, while you should always wear deodorant, try to avoid perfumes and colognes. You never know who will be allergic or just downright averse to your scent. "A hiring manager once told me a story of how he didn't select an incredibly wellqualified candidate for a role because she wore the same perfume as his ex-wife," says executive consultant Danielle Beauparlant Moser. "He said she walked in the room and his only thought was how to get her out of his office as quickly as possible."

2. Know whom you're meeting with "Know the name of the interviewer so that you can ask for that person at the receptionist's desk," advises executive coaching expert Cheryl Palmer. "It's embarrassing when the receptionist asks, 'Who are you here to see?' and you can't remember. Have this information either in your head or write yourself a note that you refer to prior to arriving in the waiting area," Palmer adds.

3. You are being interviewed as soon as you walk in the door

"Most people would never think of the receptionist as being an interviewer, but it's true," Palmer says. "It's fairly common that the receptionist will report back to the hiring manager how candidates behaved in the waiting area. Don't be remembered as the one who ate all the candy out of the candy dish or spoke disrespectfully to the receptionist."

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AS 2019 GETS UNDERWAY, HERE'S A COLLECTION OF SOLID CAREER ADVICE FROM 2018

t seems that everyone has an opinion when it comes to your job. They tell you how to get one, how not to lose it and why you should consider changing careers. And hey, who are we to buck the trend?

Here's a look at some of the best advice from career experts and 9-to-5 grunts from the past

Reach for more: Career adviser Niles Smith says don't expect a promotion if you've shown you're capable of nothing more than your current job, even if you're a high achiever. "It doesn't mean you're qualified by any means to do the job above that one," Smith says. "If you want a promotion, you have to prove that you're ready for the job you want, not the one you have."

Sell the experience: Steve Nichols, a retired HR director living in Burlington, Vermont, says job-seekers shouldn't count on their skills to get hired. Instead, they should sell their potential employers on the experience of working with them. "When you look at cars, a good salesperson isn't telling you about the horsepower and the space in the trunk. He's selling the experience. He says something like 'do you drive your kids to school? You do? Think about the mornings — all these cup holders, no climbing over seats. You can pre-start it to warm it up.' You buy into it because you see how that car benefits you," he says. "Jobs are the same. 'Are you looking for someone who can switch gears in an instant? I thrive at that. I don't get frustrated when we have to make big changes midway through a project. It actually gives me a little jolt.' Put them in a problem and offer yourself as the solution to that problem."

Flip the script: It may seem impossible to improve your lot at work, especially after you've made a huge mistake, but you might be surprised at how quickly you — and your career — can come out of a tailspin. "Once you own up to the issue, small stones can create huge ripples," says Helene Louis, a career-advising social worker in Charlotte, North Carolina. "People don't realize something simple can turn into something incredible. People who turn in sloppy work make an effort to get more sleep and then suddenly, their work improves. A waiter studies up on the specials so he can answer questions directly and his tips improve. Small causes, large effects."

Too much: When putting together your resume, fight the urge to tell your life story. Sure, you can create a six-page PDF explaining how great you are, but why? The resume is

meant to be a condensed-yet-thorough summary of your skills and your potential. Just because you can send a recruiter 10 pages of your life's history, adorned with cool graphics, nifty fonts and a well-placed selfie, don't. In many ways, a resume is a resume is a resume, to paraphrase Lin-Manuel Miranda, so don't overthink it. Establish your brand, tell your story and pique your potential employer's interest.

Mentoring to self-motivate: If you're trying to find the reasons why you enjoy working at a certain job, it's often helpful to work with a newly hired employee. Proteges are always looking for advice and leadership in their new field of work, so you may find that sharing your knowledge and experience is helpful not only to your mentee, but also to you. If you choose this route, keep in mind that being a mentor comes with a certain set of responsibilities. If you plan on bad-mouthing your profession or company to a younger co-worker, you should take a pass. You want to inspire your protégé, not kill their spirit.

People power: When Mary Hatch lost her job two years ago, the St. Louis resident stayed positive and active by working at a Starbucks. She suggests taking a part-time job in "a crowded place" while looking for a full-time opportunity, a strategy she says is especially essential for those who lose motivation when they're alone. "You just have to keep moving. There's no stagnation, no sitting around. That will kill you. It will take away all your energy and ambition. Go find a place to work where you'll be surrounded by lots of people. Feed off of that."

Page turner: "Read more books. We read a whole lot of Twitter feeds but people need to read books," says T'Shaka Lee, a partner in Deloitte's Los Angeles office. "There's a lot of great thinking out there from multiple generations about getting to know thyself. I think that very early in your career, you should be exploring who you are. Books can help you do that. Read books with advice, biographies, just read more books.'

Signs of life: When interviewing for a job, make sure you're someone who can bring a little life to the office. "No executive wants to hire a lifeless worker-bot with no passion for anything other than sitting on the couch. Whether you're a DJ on the weekend or have some crazy side hustle, give them a view that you're not boring because no one wants to work with boring," says James Philip, founder, JMJ Phillip Holdings in Detroit.

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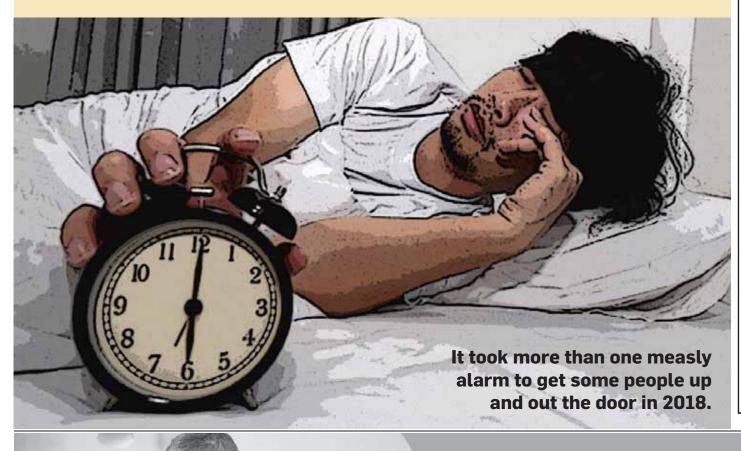
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BOB FORD | The view from Philadelphia

Philly-Philly? Don't bet against it

The Eagles, no strangers to difficult paths, have been given the most rockstrewn of all as they begin their postseason attempt to repeat as NFL champions.

The odds are not with them, but so what? Being underdogs again despite their gleaming trophy was the real "new normal" this season as they fought through the standard Super Bowl hangover, a demolition derby's worth of dents and dings, and ultimately the loss once again of their franchise quarterback. This team laughs at long odds, or at least stifles a chuckle.

"Every game has almost been a mustwin for us the past six weeks, and we won five of them," tight end Zach Ertz said. "Obviously we'd love to have a bye week like we did last year, but we're excited for the opportunity we have."

They didn't flinch in mid-November when a rump-roasting in New Orleans left them at 4-6, and they didn't change course when Carson Wentz was lost to a fractured vertebra following a disheartening loss at Dallas three weeks later. Even last Sunday, when the odds against making the playoffs were still 3-1 against them, they went to FedEx Field with a swagger. In the hallway outside their locker room as they blasted music and danced following the outcomes that punched their ticket, the Redskins marching band trooped through the celebration.

"Man, they came *in* here today partying," one trombone player said to another.

The Eagles might not win their wildcard round playoff Sunday against the Bears at Soldier Field, but it won't be because they are overwhelmed by the moment. They will go in partying once again.

"It's a one-game season," quarterback Nick Foles said, "but that's how it's been for us for the last several weeks. We had to win to stay alive."

Once again, as was the case a year ago when Foles replaced an injured Carson Wentz, he is the most improbable part of the tale as the Eagles try to make it back to the Super Bowl with a journey that will require three road wins.

Since the NFL went to a wild-card format more than 40 years ago, only four teams have survived that path: the 1985 Patriots, the 2005 Steelers, the 2007 Giants and the 2010 Packers.



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Super Bowl hero Nick Foles, with Carson Wentz, has one more shot at something special.

All four had better records than the 9-7 Eagles. Of course, none of those teams was defending champion and had the Super Bowl MVP as their quarterback.

"It's a unique situation every time I wear this jersey now. I don't know what's going to happen," Foles said. "I'm aware of it and it means a lot to me to wear this jersey and be a part of this team. The only thing I know is I get to wear it one more time on game day. That's what we're preparing for and we'll see what happens."

Because Wentz is still the future of the franchise at the position, and because Foles is slated to make \$20 million next season unless the Eagles opt out, the odds are that Foles' tenure with the team will end for a second time with the next loss. It's a weird situation, given what happened last season and what has happened this season, but it is reality.

"We all feel that," receiver Alshon Jeffery said. "We know this locker room will never be the same next year."

So perhaps Sunday is it, as Foles and the Eagles try their luck against one of the best defenses in the league.

The quarterback enters with the highest postseason passer rating — 113.2 — in NFL history. In consecutive weeks to end the regular season, Foles set a team singlegame record with 471 passing yards, then completed 25 straight passes to tie a league record against the Redskins. In the postseason that included the Super Bowl win, Foles completed 72.6 percent of his passes, another league record. The guys in the next three spots on that list are named Peyton Manning, Tom Brady and Drew Brees. You tell me: What isn't possible?

As an added bonus to this season's drama, Foles has been smacked in the ribs so hard in the last two games he had to leave the field. The first time it was just for one play. Last Sunday he missed the final 10 snaps of the game.

How the Eagles end up this season will depend a lot on the laconic backup quarterback who just wants to keep playing in the uniform. It doesn't make sense, but bet against them at your own peril.

Bob Ford is a sports columnist for Philly.com.

BEARS SCOUTING REPORTEAGLES QB NICK FOLES

'When he's hot, he's really dialed in'

Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Nick Foles (6-foot-6, 243 pounds) is in his seventh season out of Arizona, selected in the third round (88th overall) in 2012. He's making his fifth career postseason start after leading the Eagles to a Super Bowl title last year. He made five starts this season, including the final three, filling in for the injured Carson Wentz.

Foles has 44 career regular-season starts and played at a high level in December, completing 77 percent of his passes with six touchdowns and three interceptions as the Eagles won their final three games to earn the No. 6 seed.

"He's throwing some balls down the field, but it's mostly quick-release stuff," a scout said. "Doug Pederson is scheming up stuff for him to get the ball out quickly, and you're seeing the difference between Foles and Wentz. They're using the running backs much more in the passing game, and that also points to Darren Sproles being back and healthy. Those are short routes, a lot of man beaters, a lot of pick-and-rub routes to get guys open so Foles knows where to go with the football.

"When he throws it downfield, a lot of those are 50-50 throws. He has a lot more confidence in Alshon Jeffery than Wentz does. Wentz will check it down and take what is there. Foles, if his first or second schemed-up reads are not there, he's going to force the ball down the field and it's usually going to Jeffery. He'll take a lot of chances, and when he's hot, he's really dialed in. He kind of rides that wave.

"Against a Bears defense that is super opportunistic, they're going to have a chance to make some plays on the ball if they can take away his primary reads. Take away those and he's going to push the ball into coverage. If the Bears win the turnover battle, this game is over.

"Foles can move around. That goes back to him playing for Chip Kelly. He had designed quarterback runs for Foles. He's a very good athlete, and with Wentz out, I think you will see more RPOs, a lot of the same ones you see Matt Nagy run.

— Brad Biggs



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Bears

Don't despair: Defense remains as relevant as ever in January — and February



BRAD BIGGS On the Bears

The Bears say their confidence and swag originated at the start of the offseason program.

But they didn't draw attention nationally as a Super Bowl contender until Week 14, seven days

after a sloppy road loss to the Giants. On Dec. 9, the Rams brought their NFLbest 11-1 record to Soldier Field and left wondering what hit them after the Bears throttled their high-octane offense and handed them a 15-6 loss.

To make a run to Super Bowl LIII and win it, the Bears need similar performances from their defense — three or four more games with the dominant effort they displayed against the Rams, much like they played last week in Minnesota to end the Vikings' season.

The top four scoring offenses in the NFL have byes and will watch wild-card weekend from home. But recent history favors elite scoring defenses in the Super Bowl, and the Bears believe they can be the latest.

Vic Fangio's defense allowed a leaguelow 17.7 points per game, becoming the 41st consecutive team to lead the NFL in scoring defense and qualify for the playoffs — a trend that dates to 1978, the year the league instituted a 16-game regular season. It's the sixth time in that span the Bears have ranked first, following the 1985, 1986, 1988, 2001 and 2005 teams. The statistic warms the hearts of fans who have an appreciation for physically intimidating defense.

The No. 1 scoring offense usually makes the playoffs too. But four such teams have missed, most recently the 2008 Saints, who finished 8-8 a year before winning the Super Bowl when they again led the NFL in scoring.

Three of the last five teams to lead the league in scoring defense reached the Super Bowl: the 2016 Patriots and 2013 Seahawks, who won, and the 2014 Seahawks, who lost. Conversely, the No. 1 scoring offense is 1-6 in the Super Bowl since 2000, with the 2009 Saints the only one to prevail.

In a season in which scoring and passing offenses have operated at historic levels — teams combined for a record 1,371 touchdowns, and quarterbacks set marks for passer rating (92.9), completion percentage (64.9) and touchdown passes (847) — the Bears were best on defense. Their opponents' passer rating was 72.9, 20 points better than league average and nearly eight points better than the No. 2 Ravens. The Bears' run defense ranked first, allowing only 80 yards per game, and the unit had a league-high 36 takeaways and tied for third with 50 sacks.

"Man, I still feel like that we're scratching the surface," cornerback Prince Amukamara said. "All that doesn't matter if we're not good this week. All those stats are thrown out the window. However, we are proud what we've accomplished. Vic has been building something great here for a while. To be the No. 1 defense and to accomplish everything we did, those were definitely goals."

First up are the Eagles, who averaged 28.6 points over their last three games behind backup quarterback Nick Foles, the Super Bowl MVP from a year ago. They present a challenge with their passing game. Zach Ertz is among the best tight ends in the league, Alshon Jeffery can make contested catches downfield, and Nelson Agholor is a speedy slot option. Fangio said the Eagles have the best offensive line the Bears have faced in some time, a group anchored by tackles Jason Peters and Lane Johnson, All-Pro center Jason Kelce and stout guard Brandon Brooks.

While Amukamara believes the defense is just getting started, it's peaking at the right time. The Bears have not allowed a first-half touchdown in the last four games and only two in the last seven, a remarkably dominant stretch.

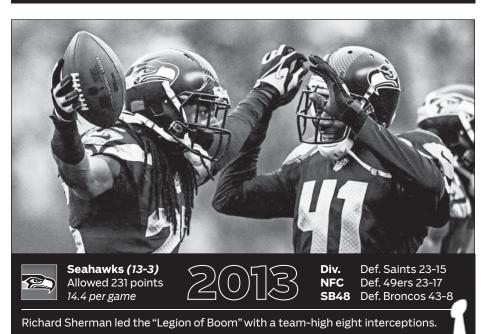
To make a Super Bowl run, the Bears will need complementary play from second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky, who at 95.4 is 11th among the 12 playoff quarterbacks in passer rating, ahead of only Ravens rookie Lamar Jackson

Trubisky has not thrown an interception in the last three games, a trend that needs to continue, and a more productive running game over the last month has bolstered the offense. The Bears are 9-1 dating to a 38-31 loss to the Patriots on Oct. 21, the only setback a Dec. 2 road loss to the Giants with an injured Trubisky watching from the sideline. He's going to need to make critical throws and smart decisions, because the defense alone won't carry the Bears.

While the No. 1 scoring defenses of the 2000 Ravens and the 2002 Buccaneers won it all with Trent Dilfer and Brad Johnson at quarterback, the last four points-allowed leaders to win the Super

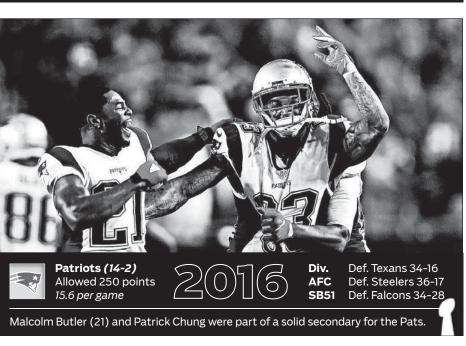
DEFENSE STILL WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The last five teams with the No. 1 scoring 'D' — and how far they went in the playoffs











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Bears (12-4) Allowed 283 points 17.7 per game

2018

Bears become 41st straight team with No. 1 scoring defense to make playoffs

Bowl were helped by elite QBs: Tom Brady (2003), Ben Roethlisberger (2008), Russell Wilson (2013), and Brady again (2016).

"We believe we can do it," defensive end Akiem Hicks said.

You have to have an offense that can be steady, keep you in games and put up a few points in the first half until you make big plays. We've got a better than consistent offense. We have an offense that can be

explosive and really shred people."

Hicks believes Super Bowl defenses resonate over time with fans — see the '85 Bears as a prime example.

"That's what it's all about," outside linebacker Khalil Mack said. "You live for these types of moments. You live for these types of games."

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As Jeffery flies with Eagles, Bears soar too



DAVID HAUGH In the Wake of the News

The last time Alshon Jeffery saw the Bears defense, he celebrated a touchdown catch by rolling an imaginary bowling ball that knocked over 10 teammates. The Eagles laughed their way through a rollicking 31-3 rout in Philadelphia just more than 13 months ago

The last time Jeffery played at Soldier Field, on Christmas Eve 2016, fewer than 10,000 fans remained in the stands by the end of the Bears' 41-21 loss to the Redskins, Jeffery's last home game in the city where he worked but says he never loved.

Jeffery will recognize neither the Bears defense nor his old workplace Sunday when the Eagles arrive for an NFC wild -card playoff game. The defense has a sharper edge, Khalil Mack and more reasons to be feared than mocked. And these days Eddie Jackson, the safety who blew the coverage on Jeffery's 8-yard touchdown catch Nov. 26, 2017, leads a secondary that includes two first-team All-Pros and is the NFL's most opportunistic.

As for that dormant stadium on the lakefront Jeffery might recall from losing 24 of 40 home games during his Bears tenure from 2012 to 2016, it received a makeover worthy of HGTV. Air-raid sirens whip fans into a frenzy before opponents' offensive plays. Towels wave feverishly in every section. Grabowskis stand and scream. Rumor is that Sunday thousands will yell "BOOM!" at the same time, just as coach Matt Nagy urged.

This is not the Chicago that Jeffery was in such a hurry to leave. Oh, and the playing surface he ripped for its shoddy condition seldom has looked healthier at this stage of winter, suggesting the grass really is greener since Jeffery left.

"I don't have any emotions," Jeffery told reporters this week. "It's a football game and they're just in the way of where we want to go. We believe in each other. We're confident with everybody in the locker room. We don't care who we face.'

The Eagles don't care who they face? Jeffery can feign indifference with the best of football divas, but surely he respects the NFL's stingiest defense more than his words imply. Surely Jeffery meant to express confidence without reducing the Bears defense to just another 11 tacklers on the video screen chasing the ball.

Jeffery's return to face the Bears creates a compelling contrast, a Pro Bowl-caliber player who left town because he wanted to be elsewhere opposing a team that jelled quickly because of guys who love everything about the organization. General manager Ryan Pace, perhaps learning from experience during his first three seasons in charge, has replenished the roster with players who consider being part of the Bears a privilege instead of a sentence. A happy locker room often becomes a winning one, and vice versa.

For whatever reason, after Jeffery's breakout 1,421-yard season in 2013, he never appeared comfortable embracing all that came with his local celebrity. Over five seasons, Jeffery caught 304 passes for 4,549 yards and 26 touchdowns - only Harlon Hill and Johnny Morris have more receiving vards in franchise history — but the Bears struggled with a 32-48 record in that span.

Assorted injuries and a four-game PED suspension marred Jeffery's last couple of seasons with the Bears. Despite all of his ability, availability became a problem that limited his production. The constant losing and persistent dysfunction made Jeffery harder to reach — and to read. More than one member of the organization noted how the receiver with the wide catch radius had such a small circle of friends. Word spread around Halas Hall that the son of the South disliked Chicago's cold weather, disenchantment that made Jeffery's exit seem inevitable.

Still, the Bears applied the \$14.9 million franchise tag for 2016 and tried to bring Jeffery back in 2017 with a long-term contract but never found common ground, a gap harder to bridge given his desire for a change of scenery. Signing a one-year, \$14 million free-agent deal with the Eagles rather than settle for the security of a longer deal demonstrated how deep Jeffery's desires were.

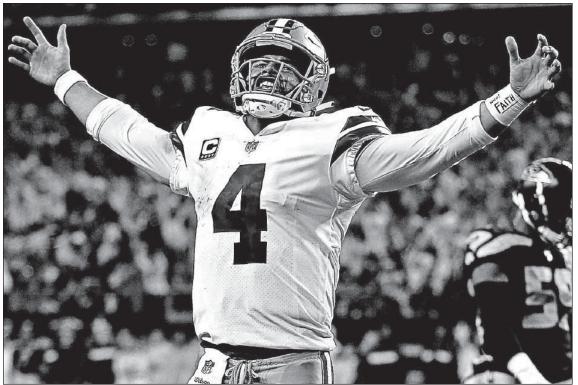
With the Eagles, Jeffery won a Super Bowl ring after playing through a torn rotator cuff and showing toughness not always evident with the Bears. It earned him a four-year, \$52 million extension with \$27 million guaranteed. This season, he caught 65 passes for 843 yards and six touchdowns as the Eagles' top deep threat.

The Bears, meanwhile, moved on from a player as enigmatic as he was explosive. Their mistake in 2017 wasn't in letting Jeffery go but in not replacing him. The absence of a legitimate No. 1 receiver stunted the growth of quarterback Mitch Trubisky as a rookie. Everything finally changed last offseason when Pace signed Allen Robinson, a driven pro who wanted the Bears as badly as the Bears wanted him. The same was true with receiver Taylor Gabriel and tight end Trey Burton.

In the end, everything worked out for both sides. Jeffery can walk out of a different tunnel Sunday onto a familiar field believing he is better off — and the Bears can say the same thing.

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NFL PLAYOFFS



RON JENKINS/AP

Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott tries to rev up the crowd after getting a first down in the second half.

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Elliott lifts Cowboys

Prescott, defense also key in ousting Seahawks; Luck, Colts top Texans

Associated Press

Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 137 yards and the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter as the Cowboys hung on for a 24-22 NFC wild-card win over the Seahawks on Saturday night in Arlington, Texas.

The playoff win was the first for Elliott and quarterback Dak Prescott on their second try after losing a divisional game as rookies two years ago. The Cowboys will play the Saints or the Rams next weekend.

The Cowboys' defense, ranked in the top 10 most of the season, kept Russell Wilson mostly under control and handed him his first loss in four wild-card games.

"Our defense was great," Prescott said. "They keep us in every game."

It was the eighth win in nine

games for the Cowboys.

"We had so much confidence coming in," Prescott said. "It's all about the way we fought. I'm proud of my guys."

Prescott threw for 226 yards and had a 1-yard sneak for what appeared to be a clinching score before Tyler Lockett's 53-yard catch set up a quick Seahawks touchdown. Wilson's 7-yard scoring pass to J.D. McKissic got the Seahawks within four, and they made it a two-point game on their second 2-point conversion following an injury to kicker Sebastian Janikowski.

But the missing kicker left the Seahawks no good options on an onside kick with 1:18 left. Punter Michael Dickson's drop kick was caught by Cole Beasley at the 31, sealing the Cowboys' win.

Cowboys receiver Allen Hurns appeared to suffer a severe left leg injury when he was dragged down by safety Bradley McDougald and his leg buckled. He was carted off.

The loss ended a run of nine straight victories in playoff open-

ers for the Seahawks. The Elias Sports Bureau said it was the longest streak in NFL history.

Colts 21, Texans 7: A year ago, Andrew Luck was struggling with an injured right shoulder that had cost him the entire season. On Saturday he wrote the best chapter of his storybook comeback, throwing for 222 yards and two touchdowns in the wild-card round of the AFC playoffs.

Running back Marlon Mack had 148 yards and a touchdown for the Colts, who will face the top-seeded Chiefs next weekend.

"We have an elite quarterback and we can throw it for 400 and win when we have to," coach Frank Reich said. "But when you can win like this — running the football and stopping it — that's just everything."

The Texans' Deshaun Watson was sacked three times and hit eight more in a disappointing playoff debut. He finished with 235 passing yards with a touchdown and an interception.

Ravens, Chargers ready for rematch

Baltimore set to host playoff game for 1st time since 2012

By David GINSBURG Associated Press

BALTIMORE — It has been six years since the Ravens hosted a playoff game, so forgive Pro Bowl guard Marshal Yanda for forgetting protocol regarding the distribution of tickets.

"Somebody was asking me if we got tickets during the playoff games, and I couldn't really remember," he said this week. "I was like, 'Uh, it's been a little while.'"

The last time the Ravens were at home in the postseason was in 2012, when linebacker Ray Lewis and quarterback Joe Flacco engineered a 24-8 victory over the Colts to launch a surprising Super Bowl run.

Lewis is now in the Hall of Fame, and Flacco will be on the bench when rookie Lamar Jackson and the Ravens (10-6) face the Chargers (12-4) on Sunday.

It's a rematch of a pivotal game two weeks ago, when the Ravens took control of the AFC North with a 22-10 victory that dropped the Chargers to the No. 6 seed. The Ravens' topranked defense limited quarterback Philip Rivers to 181 yards passing with two interceptions.

"You know they're going to come back with changes, with wrinkles, and they're going to play that much harder because they know what happened the first game," said Ravens safety Eric Weddle, who played nine years with the Chargers before signing with the Ravens in 2016.

The game plan is important, but minimizing errors is what really counts.

"I don't think it's going to be a big secret as to what everyone is doing," Chargers coach Anthony Lynn said. "Whoever executes the best is going to win."

If experience means anything at quarterback, the Chargers have the edge. Rivers, 37, has been in the NFL since 2004, and



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AF

Rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson keyed the Ravens' 22-10 win against the Chargers on Dec. 22.

AFC WILD-CARD ROUND Chargers at Ravens

12:05 p.m. Sunday, CBS-2

this will be his 10th playoff start.

Jackson, a junior at Louisville just a year ago, has been a starter for less than two months. At 21, he will be the youngest quarterback to start in the postseason.

But the Ravens are 6-1 with Jackson as their starter, and his ability to run has turned their offense into a very efficient unit.

"There's no substitute for experience," Ravens offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg said. "Now sometimes, it's the quality of experience as well. Look at all the things he's done—a very mature young man for that age in many, many ways. And, he's a very confident guy."

Long time, no see: This is the Chargers' first postseason appearance since the 2013 season and second since 2010.

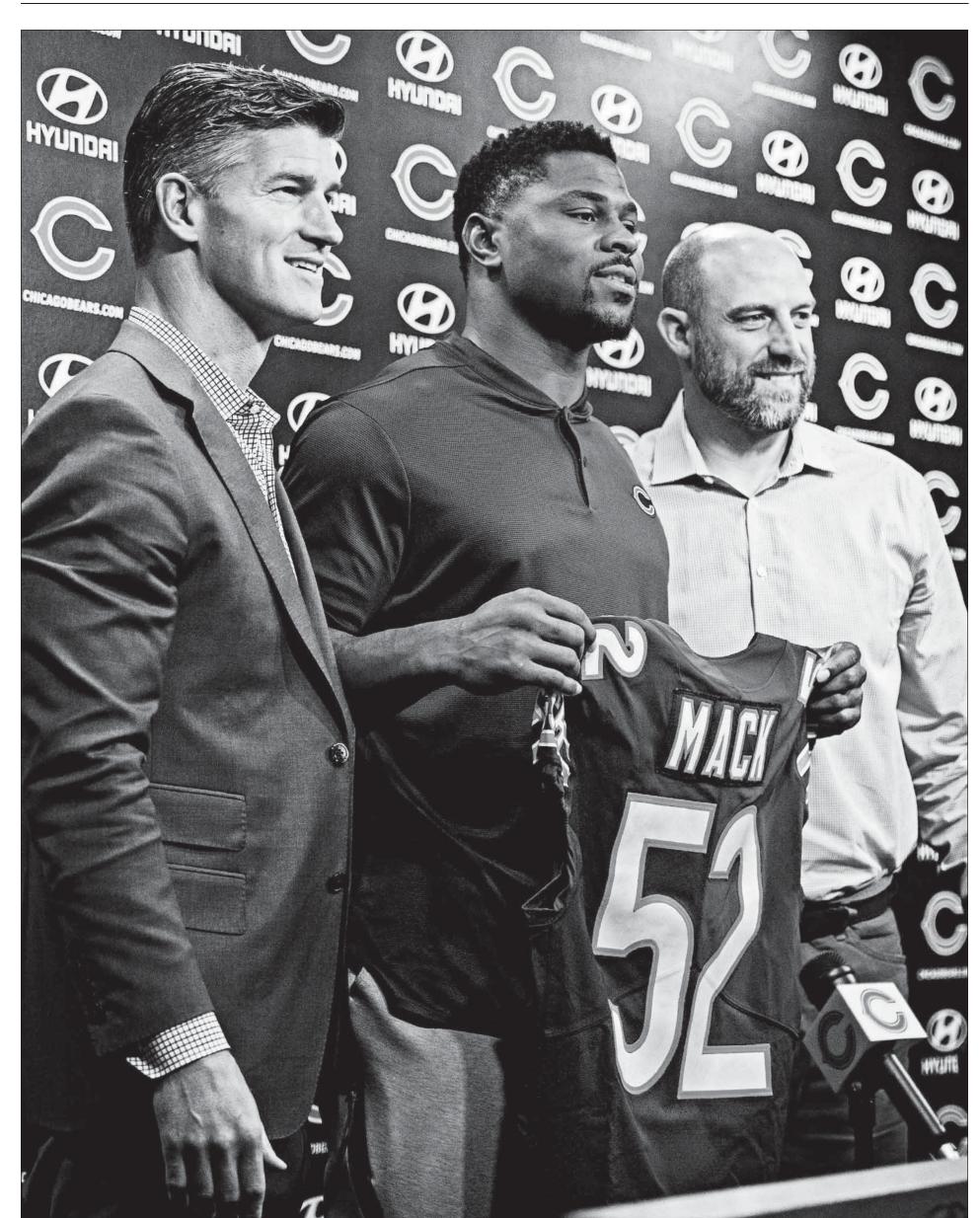
"When you're younger you think this is it — you get a shot every year," Rivers said. "Then when you go once in the last nine or 10 years, you realize how hard it is to get in."

The Ravens are coming off a three-year playoff drought.

"Playing these games, this was what you hoped for," Ravens linebacker Matthew Judon said.



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General manager Ryan Pace pulled off the trade of the year (an understatement, to be sure) by making Khalil Mack a Bear in the days leading up to coach Matt Nagy's debut.

A September to remember, a spooky October, a big night in November and the splendor of December: How Big Mack reawakened the Monsters of the Midway

By DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

hen Ryan Pace returned home on the final night of August, he was drained. The Bears general manager was in the middle of a taxing weekend of roster cuts and felt the pressure of another regular season closing in. Now though, as he walked into his house late on a Friday night, he had news to share.

Pace's wife, Stephanie, lobbed the obligatory "How was your

"It was OK," Pace deadpanned. "Nothing major. We just traded for Khalil Mack."

Wait ... WHAT?!?!

A day earlier, as the Bears prepared for their preseason finale against the Bills, Pace's talks with the Oakland Raiders had grown serious. Suddenly, the pipe dream of making Mack a Bear felt realistic. Then, at 9:22 p.m. on that Friday, the Raiders agreed to Pace's trade offer, simultaneously offering permission for the Bears to contact Mack's agent, Joel Segal, about a contract extension.



< THE CLOCK WAS TICKING FROM DAY 1

Days from the Bears' trade for Khalil Mack until the star's dominant debut against the Packers at Lambeau Field.

Pace offered four draft picks to the Raiders - a 2019 first-rounder, a 2020 first-rounder, a third-rounder in 2020 and a sixth in 2019. In return, the Bears received Mack, a 2020 second-rounder, a conditional 2020 fifth-rounder and the blowtorch that lit the wick for a surprising playoff run.

Those who, at the time, questioned the practicality of such a trade - and the six-year, \$141 million extension the Bears gave their new star - have since seen the payoff. Mack's arrival and consistent production have helped push the Bears back onto the postseason stage and, yes, back into the Super Bowl conversation.

Over four magical months Mack has become the face of this surprising resurgence.

"Rerun of the Mack" continues on the following three pages



September

The introduction

n Khalil Mack's first day as a Bear, he flew from New York's LaGuardia Airport to O'Hare and, in a typical welcome-to-Chicago moment, sat on the runway for close to 90 minutes. The Bears had car service arranged to get Mack from the airport to the Deer Path Inn in Lake Forest. But with the runway delay, coach Matt Nagy knew he had to take extra measures to keep his new star comfortable. So Nagy sent Mack a text encouraging him to expedite his dinner order.

Mack responded with a request for a double chicken breast, grilled, with a side of rice and vegetables. And Nagy had yet another epiphany on what already had been an enchanted Saturday. That, the new head coach thought to himself, was similar to the order linebacker Roquan Smith had placed during his April pre-draft dinner with the Bears at Maevery in Lake Bluff.

Solid, healthy choice. This had to be another small meant-to-be sign.

Then came the fun part, with Nagy assembling the greeting party for Mack. First, he found his boys — 14-year-old Brayden; Tate, 12; and 10-year-old twins Jaxon and Jett.

"What do you guys think about going to meet one of our new players?" Nagy asked.

The boys needed more specifics. Who exactly?

"I told them," Nagy said. "And they just lost their minds."

Nagy was aware he was about to oversee one of the coolest "Take your kids to work" excursions imaginable. All four boys packed into dad's 2018 BMW 750 Series and set off for their first stop, scooping up the man who had pulled off the most eye-popping NFL trade of the

When Pace jumped into shotgun in the black Beamer, the Nagy boys plugged an iPhone into the sound system and cranked up the Mark Morrison.

Retuurn of the Mack. Yes it is. Retuuurn of the Mack. Come on. Retuuurn of the Mack. Oh, my God.

On a 10-minute drive from Pace's Lake Bluff house to Mack's temporary residence, the giddiness of the boys in the back seat was surpassed by the two NFL bigwigs up front. For 10 minutes, the general manager and coach of one of the league's charter franchises were little kids themselves, astonished at what they had pulled off.

Just like that, the Bears had filled one of their biggest needs with one of the game's most feared pass rushers. Pace and Nagy couldn't wait to unwrap their new toy.

The initial after-dark introductions in the hotel lobby were to the point. Mack had had a long day. And a long week was ahead. Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio also had come to say hello and was struck by Mack's relaxed demeanor.

With direction finally set for his 2018 season, Mack was excited, relieved and eager to get started.

Thus, in addition to that chicken dinner, he asked for and received his Bears playbook with Fangio struck by the star edge rusher's purpose.

"I just sensed that he was happy to be here," Fangio said. "I don't know why. I could just sense that he was."

Within four weeks, Mack had a major impact on enlivening the Bears season. In the first half of his first game, he delivered a cartoonish strip-sack of Packers quarterback DeShone Kizer then followed on the next possession with an interception and a 27-yard return for a touchdown.

In the middle of an end-zone dogpile, Bears cornerback Prince Amukamara felt an adrenaline rush he knew was significant.

"That ignited me," Amukamara said. "That set the steps for our season and what was to come. ... I don't want to say he put us on the map, because I feel like our defense was already there. But he brought a whole new dynamic to our

Yes, the Bears lost that season opener, victimized by a ridiculous Aaron Rodgers rally and squandering a 20-point secondhalf lead in a 24-23 road loss. But for players on defense, that sting was accompanied by a powerful belief of what was ahead. They had just witnessed firsthand what Mack could mean.

Months later, when a reporter asked linebacker Danny Trevathan to describe the spark Mack provided that night, his eyes bugged.

"You were there," Trevathan said. "You felt it like I felt it. He was everywhere. The man absolutely changed the face of our defense. We carried that momentum like, 'Yeah, we've got some dawgs now. Let's go!'

By the end of September, Mack had helped the Bears to a 3-1 start and earned NFC Defensive Player of the Month honors. He had a strip-sack in each of the first four games. He made believers of everyone.

At halftime of the Bears' Week 2 Monday night game against the Seahawks, Brian Urlacher turned into a little kid when talking about Mack.

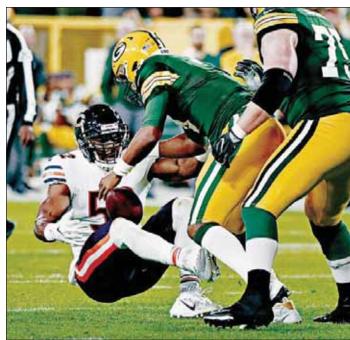
'He's a bad dude, man," Urlacher said. "I don't understand how you give up a guy who's that good. I'm still baffled how we got him."

Six days later, Mack's fourth-quarter strip-sack of Cardinals quarterback Sam Bradford in the red zone allowed the Bears to march the other way for a go-ahead field goal and an important

16-14 win. The Bears knew how enormous the









NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (STRIP-SACK), JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (CELEBRATION) Khalil Mack's strip-sack of DeShone Kizer and the ensuing celebration on opening night had Bears fans in a frenzy.

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- Bears linebacker Danny Trevathan to reporters after Mack's debut

difference was between a 2-1 start and a 1-2 stumble.

In the postgame locker room, Amukamara likened Mack to LeBron James. Trevathan offered a Michael Jordan

Neither seemed like hyperbole.

Still, amid the hype and excitement, Mack offered a revelation into his own mindset.

Asked how it felt to join a hungry defense with enough talent and chemistry to fully capitalize on his arrival, Mack smirked.

"Man," he said. "I'm thrilled as a (expletive). It's very gratifying to have these guys, man. I'm blessed to be in the position I'm in."

That became the recurring theme, the new superstar engulfed with praise but constantly reiterating how thrilled he was to have the opportunity to play with this

"It's a real pleasure to be around these dudes," Mack said after the Bears hammered the Buccaneers 48-10 in Week 4. "This has been a delight for me. We have the potential to do something special."

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Mack added a fumble recovery and an interception (returned for a TD) vs. Packers. **KEY | QBh:** QB hits | **TFL:** Tackles for loss FF: Forced fumbles (a star is 1 FF)

October

The injury

n Khalil Mack's 58th day as a Bear he went for a jog near Lake Michigan. Inside Soldier Field actually. A hundred yards south, a hundred yards back north. Goal line to goal line and that was it.

For the first time in Mack's five NFL seasons he was going to be inactive, left with an awkward Sunday morning. Mack had sprained his right ankle two weeks earlier in the Bears' overtime loss to the Dolphins and struggled to make much impact the rest of the day.

The next week against the Patriots, with the ankle still swollen, Mack made one tackle and never touched Tom Brady

Opting to take a cautious approach, the Bears shut him down temporarily. There was no point forcing the issue.

"I said, 'Listen, dude. This is a decision that has been well-thought-out," Nagy said. "We appreciate your desire and your want and all that. But this is what we're doing.'

"He's a competitor. So there was a little pushback. But Khalil is a big-time investment now. We had to be able to step back out of the trees and ask, what's the best for him? What's the best for us?"

In the lead up to kickoff against the Jets in Week 8, Mack found acceptance as best he could. When he finished his casual jog, he found offensive lineman Bradley Sowell and asked to play catch.

"You could tell he was antsy," Sowell said. "Khalil's one of those dudes you have to keep from himself. He's a guy who has that feeling of being invincible.

Mack was restless that afternoon in a 24-10 Bears win and again the next week at Buffalo when he was confined to the sideline for a 41-9 victory.

That damn ankle. Ineffective for two games, inactive for the next two. That surge of September momentum had been slowed. Mack had to convince himself this was all for the best. Better for the team, he said. "So I bit my tongue and sat back and listened."

And during warmups before the Jets game, Mack used Sowell to help release some of his pent-up energy.

Through much of this season, Sowell and Mack have developed an unexpected but significant bond playing catch. Friday mornings, before the week's last practice begins, both big men scratch their quarterback-receiver itches.

Mack, Sowell says, could probably be effective at either position.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Khalil Mack kept himself busy before the Jets game at Soldier Field, the first time he was inactive in his five-year career.

"You could tell he was antsy. Khalil's one of those dudes you have to keep from himself. He's a guy who has that feeling of being invincible."

 Bears offensive lineman Bradley Sowell, who plays catch with Mack before practices, on the injury

"He's a freak, dude," Sowell said. "I truly believe he could play any position on offense. He catches so naturally. Big old hands. And he throws a good long ball. He'll roll out and throw it 50, 60 yards on the run. Tight spiral."

It's a skill set a creative play-caller like Nagy should keep in mind. Another potential way to use Mack as a spark, to

Sowell knows the tone Mack set from his first practice, a Wednesday in September when Mack continually blew past Sowell and Rashaad Coward. With wide eyes and a wider smile, Nagy looked at his backup offensive linemen.

"You guys good?" the coach asked. Sowell shrugged. "I'm thinking, 'Whoa, boy. This is a different animal right here.' It was an immediate reminder that you better come to practice at full speed with full focus. He will destroy you if you don't. He's going to beat you like it's a game. That's the way he works on his craft."

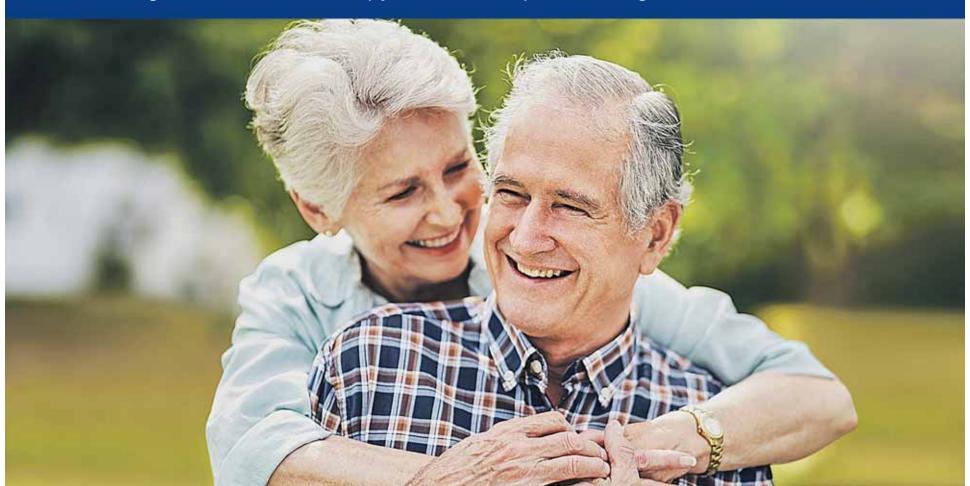


First injured against the Dolphins, Mack hobbled through the Patriots game and did not play the next two weeks

Won 24-10

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November

MACK

The power

n Khalil Mack's 79th day as a Bear, he took a 305-pound offensive lineman and chucked him to the Soldier Field grass with just his left hand. The Bears were in the process of drumming the Vikings on "Sunday Night Football" and Mack was in the process of letting the football world know he was back at full strength. Or back at superhuman strength perhaps?

By halftime, the video clip was sweeping across social media, an isolation on Mack rushing against left tackle Riley Reiff. The sequence lasts only six seconds, part of it in slo-mo. But that's more than enough time to behold Mack's astonishing athleticism. His explosiveness off the snap. His ability to get Reiff slightly off balance. His strength to take a massive man and send him tumbling using one hand.

And this on a play in which Mack wasn't even part of the primary action.

Could there be any more fitting microcosm of what the Bears did to the Vikings in that attention-grabbing 25-20

Mack was asked afterward if he could sense how moments like that could affect the psyche of an opposing offense. He smirked ever so slightly.

"You might want to ask them that," he said in his quiet, baritone voice. "But I know what it does for me. Just understand that I'm trying to get to the quarterback by any means necessary. And if I have to throw somebody out of the way to do it, it is what it is."

None of it surprised Bears outside linebackers coach Brandon Staley.

"I've seen that movie before," Staley said.

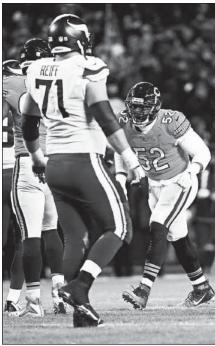
Staley had seen it even before Mack had become a Bear. And he saw it again two Sundays later when Mack was similarly abusive to Giants right tackle Nate Solder. Just another left-handed toss that sent the NFL's second-highestpaid offensive lineman spilling into Eli Manning.

Said Staley: "That move doesn't happen right away. Khalil does that after he has set a guy up. He's just using his leverage. It's not that he possesses some superhuman trait. It's just great setup as a rusher. He plays with great leverage, great pad level. And then he just has really good instincts. Knowing the feel, the set and when to translate that move.

As a teammate, Sowell feels a huge sense of satisfaction when Mack manhandles an opponent. As an offensive lineman, he feels a deep empathy for the poor dude on the other side.

"The tackle will take a perfect set," Sowell said. "He does nothing wrong. And literally that dude is just that much

"I've experienced it. You can take a perfect set. You can punch him. And all of a sudden he's lifting you up and you're just along for the ride.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

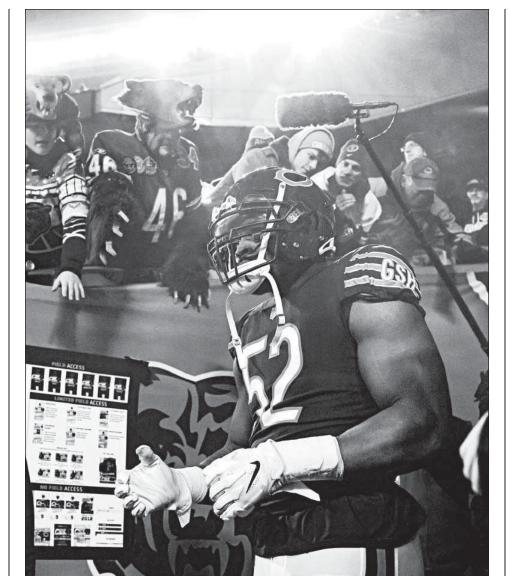
"I'm trying to get to the quarterback by any means necessary. And if I have to throw somebody out of the way to do it, it is what it is."

– Khalil Mack after putting a move on Vikings offensive lineman Riley Reiff that went viral Nov. 18

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Mack also recovered the fumble he forced against the Vikings

Won 23-16



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fans were jacked to see Mack before the big Rams game - and big Bears win - Dec. 9.

December

The spotlight

n his 107th day as a Bear, Khalil Mack FaceTimed with Deion Sanders. You ball, you get the call. That's what Sanders' weekly Sunday segment on NFL Network promises. And on Dec. 16, Mack certainly had balled, recording 21/2 sacks on Aaron Rodgers in a 24-17 Bears victory that clinched the NFC North title.

There was the "Back Sack" with Mack helping smother Aaron Rodgers by spinning into him and thrusting his back and butt weight into him until the Packers quarterback fell. And there was another display of Mack's quickness and aggressiveness in the fourth quarter when he blurred past right tackle Jason Spriggs and dived to bury Rodgers again.

What a fitting way to seal the division championship, with the Bears' new star mauling the two-time MVP quarterback who had spent the last decade giving Chicago recurring nightmares.

Still, if Mack was in the mood for a raucous celebration, he certainly wasn't letting on. First, in a five-minute interview scrum, he downplayed his championship satisfaction, insisting there were far bigger goals to chase.

Then he sat down and somewhat reluctantly chatted with Sanders. Wearing a white T-shirt with a brown knit cap pulled over his ears, Mack didn't want the praise Sanders was determined to shower on him.

Sanders: "Khalil Mack, baby. I'm only calling you because you ballin'. It has to feel good knowing that you come over there and change the whole thought process not only of this team but of this defense, man."

Mack: "Man. You could say that, man. But these guys have been putting in work. Just coming in I wanted to be a part of greatness. And that's what it's been."

Sanders: "How far can this team go, man, right now - this Bears team, offensively as well as defensively?"

Mack: "Everybody gets on here and says sky's the limit, man. But we've got to just keep stacking these wins. Learning from wins. And yeah, you'll see it down the stretch. We're not really gonna talk about it. We want to be about it. And that's what it really is for me."

One day, Sanders and Mack may be fraternity brothers in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. But their deportment couldn't be any more different. Sanders always has been a marquee on the Vegas strip, flashy and loud and all about the glitz. As an eight-time All-Pro corner-back, he tormented receivers and quarterbacks then danced and trashtalked excessively to commemorate the big moments.

Mack? He's more like a UPS driver, determined to get his job done efficiently and methodically without needing any

"I love the way he carries himself," Nagy said. "He's a guy who does it all with his actions. He doesn't need to be all rah-rah."

All season, Mack has seemed somewhere between annoyed and embarrassed with the increased spotlight. Chicago is new turf with a much larger media horde than Oakland ever had, with a brightly lit stage that Mack never experienced at the University at Buffalo.

That has created an odd dynamic with one of the league's most exciting stars not wanting to be the face or the voice of this fun-filled Bears renaissance. The accolades. The praise. It all makes

Mack fidgety.

"You've got to shake it off," he said. He shimmied his shoulders, as if every bit of media attention makes him feel like he's walking into a spider web.

"I don't like it," he said. "It's just being me, man. ... If you get caught up in people

"I love the way he carries himself. He's a guy who does it all with his actions. He doesn't need to be all rah-rah."

— Bears coach Matt Nagy

saying you're good and people saying this or that, good or bad, it can kind of wear on you. Or it 'll make you feel like you're better than what you are."

As interview obligations go, Mack prefers to do the bare minimum required by league policy — a once-a-week demand that the Bears edge rusher prefers to fulfill on Friday afternoons when the media crowd is thinnest. And occasionally the 27-year-old superstar makes a concerted effort to avoid even that.

"I do know his reluctance," Nagy said. "I also know that none of it is malicious. He just doesn't like the attention. He doesn't want it. There are a lot of people who don't like the light shined on them.

"Unfortunately, when you're that good of a player like he is, people want to know more about you. That comes with the territory. And I think he understands that and is getting better with that."

Teammates describe Mack as an alpha. But they've also been struck by how modest he can be, how he seems somewhat shy when it comes to outside attention.

"Humble dude," Trevathan said. "Being around the league, you see other guys of that stature who hold themselves in high regard. Khalil doesn't. Work-wise, he has that high standard. But being around the guys, he fits right in. His fellowship has been impressive. And he truly wants to share his accolades with us. He wants us to be involved."

In early October, when the Fox pregame show sent Charissa Thompson to Lake Forest to do a feature on Mack's instant impact, the outside linebacker wouldn't agree to a sitdown unless teammates Trevathan, Akiem Hicks and Kyle Fuller could join him.

"That's him being Khalil Mack," Trevathan said. "And that's all he has to be for us. Now the young guys can see a guy who has so much pressure on him, who is held to higher expectations but is always so humble and so hard-working."

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January

The payoff

n Mack's 128th day as a Bear, he will play in a playoff game at Soldier Field. The Eagles are coming to town. Chicago is having realistic visions of a deep postseason run. But Mack is keeping his feet and his mind in the present, careful not to get swept up in the excitement.

"Can't ever get too high," he says. "Don't ever get too low."

The Soldier Field crowd will have a much harder time with that directive

Bears fans have waited eight years to

experience playoff football again. And

now they'll do so with No. 52 jerseys scattered across the stands, a city relishing a dream season in which the Bears' biggest star wasn't even on the roster when training camp ended. With the adrenaline rush of Mack's first four months as a Bear still surging,

it's important to remember that the \$141 million contract he received on Labor Day weekend runs through the 2024 season. Yes, Chicago, your Khalil Mack experience has just begun.

Back in September, at his introductory

news conference in Lake Forest, Mack was asked what he found most alluring about joining the Bears.

"To be wanted," he said. "Yeah. That's all it takes. You know what I mean? It's just that feeling that they're excited to

It was an odd sentiment to consider. Who wouldn't want one of the game's most feared pass rushers, talented and low maintenance and right in his prime? As Mack's contract holdout in Oakland dragged on this summer, general managers across the league were lining up to see whether he might become available. Many were shooed away by then-Raiders GM Reggie McKenzie who, early on, rebuffed Mack trade inquiries with straightforward texts. "Over my dead body."

Around the league, Mack was coveted. Badly. But he was left dealing with the Raiders. And ultimately, owner Mark Davis and coach Jon Gruden chose not to keep him, unwilling to give him the the contract he felt he deserved.

So yes, Mack felt unwanted.

"Obviously that leaves something in your head," he said in early December. "But even then you want to make the most of the opportunity you were given."

There's clearly something deeper there. But Mack isn't about to entertain a Dr. Phil-like feelings session. That's not who he is. Don't talk about it. Be about it.

That's what he promised on his first weekend as a Bear as he peeled back the curtain ever so slightly on his psyche. Remember, Mack came out of Fort Pierce Westwood High School in Florida as a two-star recruit. He still hasn't forgotten how he was overlooked then and, by his own admission, keeps inventory on all such slights.

"I like looking at the negative stuff," Mack acknowledged. "Because it fuels me. It lights a fire that's going to be burning for a long time."

Mack is no longer the overlooked high school recruit. He's the highest-paid defensive player in the history of the sport and the engine of a defense that may suddenly be the most feared in the league.

On that first weekend in September, with his parents in the corner of a room inside the PNC Center at Halas Hall, Mack admitted he felt added pressure after signing such a rich contract.

"Absolutely," he said. "I'd be lying if I told you there wasn't. But just based on how hard I've worked, and how hard I play, I want to be able to go out and show why. That's just me."

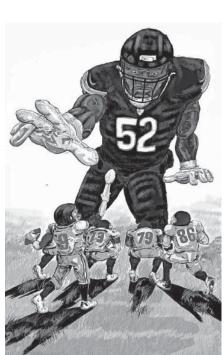
His dad, Sandy, was vigorously nodding. "I've always thought of myself as the best defensive player in the league and I want to play like the best defensive player in the league," Mack continued. "I want to be the best at what I do. That's just me. That's what comes with Mack."

Sandy pumped a fist. "Yes!" he exclaimed.

Mack turned his dad's way and smiled. "Good response, Pop?" he asked. Sandy laughed. Fitting response for

That's what comes with Mack. As the playoffs begin, the Eagles and the rest of the NFC have been warned.

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BULLS



The Bulls are 5-10 since Jim Boylen replaced Fred Hoiberg as coach. They're tied for 13th place in the East.

All about the kids

With 2nd half set to begin and Bulls well back, Paxson stressing 'growth' from his young core

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On the Bulls

The Bulls won't score 116 points on 51.6 percent shooting every

night, as they did Friday in a wild overtime loss to the Pacers. Zach LaVine won't always sink monstrous 3-pointers as if he's launching them in one of Jamal Crawford's

pickup games in their hometown of Seattle. There will be nights Lauri Markkanen will shoot 6-for-20, as opposed to the 11-for-20 he connected on Friday. And Kris Dunn's 17 assists were a career-high for a reason.

But in assessing the Bulls at midseason, which they'll officially reach Wednesday in Portland, Ore., it's hard to discount what occurred in Game No. 39 - loss or not.

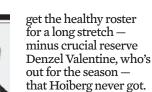
LaVine took 21 shots and Markkanen 20, setting a template for proper shot distribution from the team's best scorers. Dunn looked to facilitate early and throughout, then sank two crucial 3-pointers late in regulation and dunked all over Myles Turner late in overtime on his way to 16 points.

Wendell Carter Jr. played confidently — and logged more than 42 minutes — in flirting with his double-double. Even Chandler Hutchison — in his fourth start but first alongside the four other first-round picks ages 25 or younger who represent the Bulls' future showed flashes of solid defense.

We need to see growth. We need to see how they play," executive vice president John Paxson said of the young core. "We've got to find a way offensively to get some easier shots and get guys to find some comfort zone. That's what the rest of this season is about."

The early widespread injuries and management's decision to move from Fred Hoiberg to Jim Boylen on Dec. 3 make the first half almost pointless to parse. It's all about the second half.

And with Bobby Portis returning from his sprained right ankle for Sunday's home matinee against the Nets, Boylen could



Boylen consistently said he planned to open up the offense after slowing the pace initially to focus on

trying to master basics with critical players injured. Friday night offered a preview.

Whether it came because Paxson and senior adviser Doug Collins talked to Boylen or Boylen simply followed through on his vow doesn't really matter. What matters is the Bulls continue to try to utilize a starting lineup with an average age of 22.5 – and now featuring two rookies — in an aggressive fashion.

Dare we say it's time for the Bulls to be younger and more athletic than their opponents?

"We're working at our offense any practice we get - sharing it, moving it, screening, pass quality," Boylen said. "That's all we've been talking about. You hope you break through and it becomes part of us. We'll keep coaching it. We call it .5. Make a decision in .5 (seconds) – pass it, shoot it, drive it, make the right play for the team. You have the ball in your hands, your job is to get us a good look, whether it's you or somebody else."

After only playing 12 games and 255 minutes together last season, LaVine, Dunn and Markkanen are projected to start a long string of games in the second half. It's exactly what

they — and the Bulls — need. The trio has logged 120 minutes together this season with an offensive rating of 100.4 and a net rating of minus-5.7. LaVine and Markkanen demonstrated their difficult shot-making ability against the Pacers. And Dunn focused on getting both scorers going while still possessing enough confidence — and the clutch for his three huge baskets

"I'm close to knowing and

Nets at Bulls 2:30 p.m. Sunday, NBCSCH

understanding who I am," LaVine said. "I'm trying to take steps to get to that next level. I think I got the most experience in the starting five. That's ...

"But we're dangerous because we have so many different weapons. Learning to win doesn't come right away. There are going to be ups and downs. We're trying to speed the process up because we know how good we can be."

The trick is to optimize the offensive talent while still following the defensive mandate Boylen has used to determine playing time. The Bulls, 10-29 and tied for 13th place in the Eastern Conference, rank 11th in defensive rating in Boylen's 15 games as coach.

Carter's defensive instincts belie his tender age of 19. He ranks tied for fourth among rookies with 1.4 blocks per game. But his impact — when he avoids foul trouble - moves beyond numbers. He owns a keen awareness of the defensive three-second rule. He can switch onto smaller players and ably contest their drives. He makes multiple show-and-recover

efforts on the same possession. Also defensively, Shaquille Harrison has proved to be a reliable rotational piece. Hutchison can use the second half as an opportunity to grow. Dunn's steals per game are down from last season, but his stick-to-itiveness isn't.

Tuesday's road game against the Trail Blazers begins an extremely difficult five-game trip. The second half will feature

But it doesn't need to feature hopelessness.

"Knock on wood, our guys will be healthy and we can see how this group grows together and what our needs will be going down the road," Paxson said. "I say this all the time: My expectation is for our guys to compete hard."

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BLACKHAWKS

6 days after trade, Caggiula is a Hawk

Visa problems delay move from Edmonton, but forward ready to go

By Jimmy Greenfield Chicago Tribune

Drake Caggiula's journey to the Blackhawks began in his apartment, went through a junior team in Edmonton, Alberta, and finally - nearly a week after it began landed him at MB Ice Arena to join his new teammates.

"It's been a long week and hopefully (I'll) get into a game soon," Caggiula said Saturday at Hawks practice.

The six days it took to clear up visa issues were a bit of a blessing in disguise for Caggiula, a winger whom the Hawks acquired from the Oilers on Dec. 30 for defenseman Brandon Manning and prospect Robin Norell.

"It's my first time being traded, so the extra time didn't really hurt," Caggiula, 24, said. "I was able to gather my stuff at the apartment and make sure I had everything ready to go. Sometimes some guys get traded and they're gone right away, they don't have any time to organize stuff at home. so that was a good thing for me. But I want to focus on playing hockey."

Caggiula was at home playing video games with friends when he got a text from his agent alerting him to the rumors he might be traded. Less than 30 minutes later, the deal was done.

The immediate order of business was for Caggiula, a Canadian citizen, to obtain a U.S. work visa. It took longer than preferred, but he kept his legs fresh by practicing with a junior team in Edmonton.

Caggiula already went through one transition this season when the Oilers fired coach Todd McLellan and replaced him with Ken Hitchcock.

Blackhawks at Penguins 7 p.m. Sunday, NBCSCH

"Obviously, there's going to be a bit of a learning curve," Caggiula said. "(The Hawks) play a little bit of a different style than what I'm used to in Edmonton, but it should be an easy transition. I got a lot of people here already talking to me, helping me through the process."

His new coach, Jeremy Colliton, was still with Rockford when Caggiula scored twice against the Hawks — including a short-handed goal — on Nov. 1, but Colliton has seen enough of the new-comer's game to believe he'll be a good fit.

"I like that he's got a real high compete level and gritty and will get in the dirty areas. And he's got a little bit of skill too," Colliton said. "(He) can play different forward positions, so that's exciting. That'll add a little depth and competition to our forward group. We'll see what he can do."

At practice Saturday, Caggiula went through drills on the fourth line with Chris Kunitz and Marcus Kruger. Caggiula has 27 goals in 156 career games and probably is better suited for the third line if he can regain his scoring touch. He has seven goals this season but just three in his last 21 games and none in his last 12.

Caggiula played college hockey at North Dakota with former Hawk Nick Schmaltz and Luke Johnson, who is currently with the IceHogs, and talked with both to help get the lay of the land.

"They're not here right now, so that kind of sucks," Caggiula said. "But I know a couple of guys and see some familiar faces here, so that makes the transition here a little easier."

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New Blackhawks forward Drake Caggiula, acquired in a Dec. 30 trade with the Oilers, has scored 27 goals in 156 career games.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Despite doing 'good job,' Sikura sent to Rockford

By Jimmy Greenfield Chicago Tribune

Some players are ready for the

NHL immediately. Dylan Sikura was not one of them.

But the 23-year-old forward who was sent down to Rockford on Saturday after failing to score a goal during an 11-game stint with the Blackawks – is making prog-

"(I) told him this morning the things I wasn't sure he would be able to do — battle level and pace of play and just adapting to the NHL – he did a good job," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "So that's a big positive. He's got the chance to be a top-nine player and we don't want him to stop developing offensively.

"If he wasn't going to be in the top nine necessarily night in and night out, then let's get him back playing in Rockford, and hopefully he forces our hand with just being fantastic down there."

The Hawks also sent forward Andreas Martinsen to the IceHogs after he cleared waivers.

Smith to return to old role: Assistant coach Barry Smith eventually will return to his former position as director of player evaluation, Colliton said Saturday.

"He's been here to help with the transition," Colliton said, " help me get accustomed to the NHL level and he's been great. But not a

long-term solution. The Hawks added IceHogs assistant Sheldon Brookbank to Colliton's staff Friday, joining Smith and Don Granato. Brookbank doesn't have a specific area of responsibility.

"Not right now," Colliton said. "More so just adding a resource, a voice. We all work together anyway. But he does have a different background than the rest of us, so that's perfect. Makes our staff deeper and better."

Brookbank, who last played in the NHL in 2014, said transitioning from player to coach was difficult.

"Honestly, it's sometimes when guys are on the ice acting up, you don't have a hand in it anymore," Brookbank said. "You get a little fired up on the bench just watching guys maybe stick guys (who aren't) on your team, and it's out of your hands. I know that's kind of a simple thing, but you realize you're a coach now and you let the players do what they do and you keep your cool back there."

One-timers: Hawks defenseman Henri Jokiharju helped Finland to the title game of the World Junior Championships against the United States on Saturday night. Colliton said Jokiharju will rejoin the Hawks "soon, right away" but gave no date. ... Swiss forward Phillipp Kurashev, the Hawks' fourth-round pick last year, was the tournament's leading goal scorer through Friday's games with six. U.S. forward Evan Barratt, Swedish defenseman Adam Boqvist and several other Hawks prospects have improved their standing during the tournament. "It's a high level of play," Colliton said. "So to have so many prospects doing well there is great."

BULLS NOTES

Dunn's versatility matches swagger

By K.C. Johnson Chicago Tribune

When Kris Dunn talks about playing with a swagger, he's being more businesslike than boastful. The third-year guard is confident, not cocky.

So when he's asked where he thinks his overall floor command is these days, he can be forgiven for offering an all-encompassing response to a question directed more at his pass-first prowess.

"I think I can do a little bit of everything," Dunn said. "If my team needs me to be aggressive, I can be aggressive. If my team needs me to pass, I can pass. I play defense. I can rebound."

Dunn posted a career-high 17 assists Friday while attempting just nine shots, routinely feeding Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen. Dunn attempted only five shots through three quarters before sinking two big 3-pointers late and dunking over Myles Turner in the Bulls' overtime loss to the Pacers.

"They had it going. It's my job to give them the ball," Dunn said. "I just try to give the guys the ball in the right spot. We had the offense rolling. I try to be aggressive when I can be aggressive. But you have to know who has the hot hand. A lot of people on our team had it."

Dunn is averaging 15.5 points, 7.4 assists and 2.2 turnovers over his last 10 games.

"It's one of the better games he has played since I've been here," coach Jim Boylen said of Dunn's Friday performance. "If he can continue to build on that, we're going to be a real good team."

Dunn gets another target to pass to on Sunday. Bobby Portis will return after missing seven games with a sprained right

For starters: An amusing moment occurred late Friday when Dunn assessed Chandler Hutchison's performance and referenced it as the rookie's "first start" before pausing in his comments to reporters and checking with Hutchison at the neighbor-

"Uh, yeah, I'm taking it as a Hutchison said. "But

What Hutchison meant was it's his first start in the new-look, youth-oriented lineup since the Justin Holiday trade Thursday. Hutchison, starting with Dunn, LaVine, Markkanen and fellow rookie Wendell Carter Jr., posted four points, three rebounds and some decent defense in 26 minutes, 29 seconds.

Hutchison didn't play in the fourth quarter or overtime.

"I thought Hutch was great," Boylen said. "We rode Shaq (Harrison) down the stretch with his defense and toughness and ability to drive the ball. (Hutchison's) physicality was good. If we can get Hutch to consistently play with physicality, he's going to be a good player."

COLLEGES

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA (14-0) VS. CLEMSON (14-0) 7 P.M. MONDAY IN SANTA CLARA, CALIF., ESPN

Ready for Take 4

Great rivalry continues as Alabama, Clemson meet for national title

BY DAVID WHARTON | Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The early numbers don't look great for the championship showdown Monday night between Alabama and Clemson.

Overnight television ratings were down for the teams' semifinal victories, and by midweek seats for the title game had dropped below \$120 on the secondary market.

If fans feel a bit ho-hum about watching the No. 1 Crimson Tide against the No. 2 Tigers — both 14-0 — it wouldn't be surprising.

This is the fourth consecutive season the teams will meet in the College Football Playoff and the third time they will play for the championship. With both remaining undefeated week after week this fall, another rematch seemed inevitable.

But there might be another way to view Chapter 4 of the Alabama-Clemson saga, a storyline that might appeal to fans outside the boundaries of the Southeast.

Think Muhammad Ali versus Joe Frazier. Or the Lakers against the Celtics.

"You know the type of rivalry that we've done built over these last few years," Alabama safety Deionte Thompson told reporters. "I mean, it's going to be a war."

In the late 1800s, Ivy League schools went toe-to-toe each season, with Princeton and Yale winning a string of national titles. Harvard had its dynasty after the turn of the century.

There have been other stretches in which

There have been other stretches in which the same schools dominated the rankings but nothing since the advent of the title game in 1998, when the Bowl Championship Series began matching the best two teams in the nation.

Alabama-Clemson isn't a rivalry fueled by proximity or conference affiliation. This one was forged in the national spotlight.

Their streak began at the 2016 championship, in the second year of the four-team CFP bracket. The Crimson Tide won 45-40; the Tigers got revenge the following season 35-31.

A rubber match in the 2018 semifinals wasn't as close, with Alabama sprinting to a 24-6 victory. Clemson coach Dabo Swinney recalled: "We got our butts beat."

But this fall began with the teams again ranked atop the Associated Press poll.

The Tigers slipped a few notches early in the season, switching to freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence and nearly losing to Syracuse, then climbed back to No. 2.

Top-ranked Alabama also had a scare, needing a fourth-quarter comeback to defeat Georgia for the Southeastern Conference championship.

Their subsequent double-digit victories in the semifinals left no doubt the CFP format got it right this season.

"These are clearly the two best teams," Swinney said.

And the seeming indifference from fans? Last week's scores might explain the television ratings that, while strong, represented a decrease from last season. This week, geography might be hurting ticket

The TicketIQ website notes that prices have dropped from previous seasons, perhaps because fans are reluctant to trek cross-country to Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif.

"At an average distance of 2,428 (miles) from each campus, this is the farthest distance that two teams have had to travel to play in the national championship game this decade," the company said.

The game Monday matches teams that in some ways mirror each other.

Both feature highly ranked defenses with merciless front lines. Alabama sophomore QB Tua Tagovailoa has been more productive than Lawrence, but both offenses rank in the top five nationally, averaging more than 500 yards and 44 points.

The best thing about this rematch? History suggests it could be entertaining.

Not only were the previous title games close, they featured a couple of the most memorable plays in recent history.

In 2016, with the teams trading scores down the stretch, Alabama coach Nick Saban rolled the dice, calling for an onside kick with 10 minutes, 34 seconds remaining in the game. The Crimson Tide recovered, gaining an extra possession that proved critical to the 45-40 win.

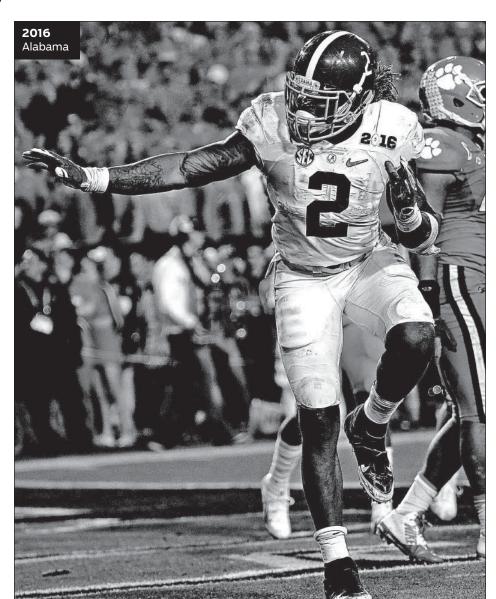
The following season, Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson took over in the final two minutes with his team trailing by three.

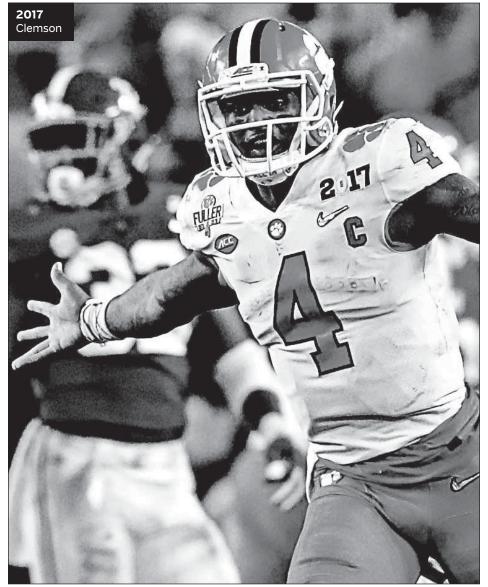
His length-of-the-field drive concluded with a 2-yard touchdown pass to receiver Hunter Renfrow with one second left for the 35-31 victory.

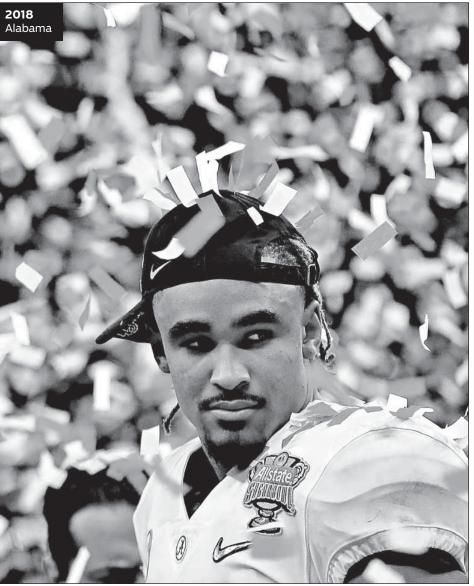
College football could use that kind of excitement right now. Two proven rivals. Two brand names. The first meeting of undefeated teams in a CFP finale.

"I mean," Swinney said, "this is the way it should be"

Injury update: Tagovailoa, the Heisman Trophy runner-up, said his sprained right ankle "is feeling good." He had surgery on the ankle after injuring it against Georgia in the SEC title game. ... Alabama linebacker Christian Miller was listed as questionable for the game because of a pulled left hamstring.







DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP (2016), STREETER LECKA/GETTY (2017), TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY (2018) From top, Alabama's Derrick Henry celebrates three years ago, Clemson's Deshaun Wat-

son does the same two seasons back, and Alabama's Jalen Hurts soaks it in last year.

SYRACUSE 72, NOTRE DAME 62

'Big 3' help lift Orange past Irish

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Getting potent production from his Big Three of Elijah Hughes, Oshae Brissett and Tyus Battle — like he got Saturday — is going to prove a necessity more than a luxury this season, according to Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim.

Hughes, a junior guard, had career highs of 22 points and 10 rebounds, and the Orange dominated down the stretch in a 72-62 victory over Notre Dame.

Brissett, a sophomore, added 19 points and 11 boards, while Battle, a junior, scored 17 points as Syracuse (10-4) won its Atlantic Coast Conference opener and third straight overall. "They have to show up," Boeheim said

of the trio. "If they don't, we aren't going to win. We depend on those guys." Hughes, who has scored at least 15

points in his last seven games, drained 6 of 13 3-pointers.

T.J. Gibbs had 18 points, five assists

T.J. Gibbs had 18 points, five assists and sank a career-best six 3-pointers on 13 attempts for the Fighting Irish (10-5, 0-2). John Mooney chipped in his seventh double-double with 14 points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

Notre Dame, though, virtually disappeared with game on the line.

The Orange, unfazed by playing just their second true road game, outscored Notre Dame 10-1 late to turn a 60-58 lead with 6 minutes, 19 seconds to play into a 70-59 spread with less than one minute remaining.

The Irish made just one of their final 11 shots.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Iowa State, Shayok blast No. 5 Kansas

Associated Press

Marial Shayok scored 24 points and Iowa State routed No. 5 Kansas 77-60 on Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Freshman Tyrese Haliburton made four 3-pointers and scored 14 points for the Cyclones (12-2, 2-0), who forced the Jayhawks (12-2, 1-1) into a season-high 24 turnovers.

Despite getting outrebounded 41-26, Iowa State rolled to its fifth straight victory. The Cyclones are 5-2 against top-10 teams at home under fourth-year coach Steve Prohm.

Quentin Grimes scored 19 points for Kansas, and Dedric Lawson had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Alabama 77, Kentucky 75: Tevin Mack made six first-half 3-pointers on his way to 22 points as the host Crimson Tide (10-3) held off the No. 13 Wildcats (10-3) in an SEC opener. Alabama had five players in double figures. PJ Washington's 15 points led Kentucky, which also placed all five starters in double figures.

Virginia 65, Florida State 52: Kyle Guy scored 21 points and the No. 4 Cavaliers (13-0, 1-0 ACC) limited the No. 9 Seminoles (12-2, 0-1) to 15 field goals in Charlottesville, Va. Virginia is off to its best start since the 2014-15 team won its first 19.

Michigan State 86, Ohio State 77: Cassius Winston scored 25 points and Nick Ward added 21 as the No. 8 Spartans (13-2, 4-0 Big Ten) extended their unbeaten streak to eight games by beating the No. 14 Buckeyes (12-2, 2-1) in Columbus, Ohio.

LOYOLA 85, DRAKE 74

Townes, Custer get career highs

DES MOINES, Iowa — Marques Townes scored 28 points, Clayton Custer added 26 — both career highs — and Loyola rallied from an early 16-point deficit for an 85-74 victory over Drake on Saturday.

Townes went 11-for-17 from the field and Custer 9-for-12, including 6 of 8 on 3-pointers, for the Ramblers, who shot 63.3 percent overall for their fourth straight conference road win dating to last season.

Cameron Krutwig added 13 points for Loyola (9-6, 2-0 Missouri Valley), which won its opening two conference games for the first time since 2003-04 as a member of the Horizon League.

Nick McGlynn scored 21 points, D.J. Wilkins 16 and Brady Ellingson 10 for the Bulldogs (11-4, 0-2), who made their first 10 shots — including seven 3s — for a 30-14 lead.

But Loyola stormed back with a 32-10 run to close the first half and never trailed again. -AP

Associated Press contributed.

CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	PHI 3:40 NBC-5, AM-780						
	BKN 2:30 NBCSCH, AM-670			@POR 9 WGN-9, AM-670		@GS 9:30 NBCSCH, AM-670	@UTAH 9 NBCSCH, AM-670
	@PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720	CGY 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		NSH 7 NBCSN, AM-720			VGK 7:30 WGN-9, AM-720

NBA		
	Nets at Bulls NBCS	CH, WSCR-AM 670
	Pacers at Raptors	NBA TV
	DLLEGE BASKETBALL	INDA I V
11 a.m.	Xavier at Marquette	FOX-32
11 a.m.	Richmond at Dayton	NBCSN
Noon	•	TN, WSCR-AM 670,
Noon	Seton Hall at DePaul	FS1, WIND-AM 560
12:30 p.m	Indiana at Michigan	CBS-2
1 p.m.	George Washington at Saint Jose	ph's NBCSN
3 p.m.	Rhode Island at Saint Louis	ESPNU
3 p.m.	St. Bonaventure at George Masor	n NBCSN
4:30 p.m.	Nebraska at Iowa	BTN
5 p.m.	Miami at Louisville	ESPNU
5 p.m.	Memphis at Houston	ESPNews
6:30 p.m.	Wisconsin at Penn State	BTN
7 p.m.	Stanford at USC	ESPNU
WOMEN'S	S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
11 a.m.	SMU at Cincinnati	ESPN2
11 a.m.	Alabama at South Carolina	ESPNU
11 a.m.	UConn at Houston	CBSSN
Noon	St. John's at Butler	FS2
1 p.m.	Missouri at Tennessee	ESPN2
1 p.m.	TCU at Oklahoma State	ESPNU
1 p.m.	Georgetown at Creighton	CBSSN
2 p.m.	Evansville at Missouri State	NBCSCH+
3 p.m.	Texas at West Virginia	ESPN2
NFL PLAY	OFFS	
Noon	Chargers at Ravens	CBS-2
3:40 p.m.	Eagles at Bears	NBC-5
GOLF		
5 p.m.	Sentry Tournament of Champions	s Golf Channel
NHL		
4 p.m.	Capitals at Red Wings	NHL Network
7 p.m.	Blackhawks at Penguins NB	CSN, WGN-AM 720
TENNIS		
2 a.m. (Mon.)	ASB Classic	Tennis Channel
	WRESTLING	
	Rutgers at Minnesota	BTN
5 p.m.	North Carolina State at Ohio Stat	e ESPN2

POSTSEASON SCHEDULE WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS Saturday Indianapolis 21, Houston 7 Dallas 24, Seattle 22

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Sunday
Philadelphia at Bears, 3:40 (NBC-5)
L.A. Chargers
at Baltimore, 12:05 (CBS-2) DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS Saturday, Jan. 12 Saturday, Jan. 12 Bears/Dallas at L.A. Rams, 7:15 (FOX-32) Indianapolis

at Kansas City, 3:35 (NBC-5) unday, Jan. 13 altimore/LA Chargers at New England, 12:05 (CBS-2) **INJURY REPORT: SUNDAY**

INJUST REPORT: SUNDAY
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS
at BALTIMORE RAVENS:
CHARGERS: OUT: LB Jatavis Brown (ankle). DOUBTFUL: DT Brandon Mebane (not injury related). QUESTIONABLE: RB Austin Ekeler (groin).
RAVENS: QUESTIONABLE: G Alex Lewis (shoulder), WR Chris Moore (shoulder, hip),
GOTTON:

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at CHICAGO BEARS:

Indianapolis

at Chilcago Braw. EAGLES: OUT: LB D.J. Alexander (hamstring), CB Sidney Jones (hamstring), WR Mike Wallace (ankle), QB Carson Wentz (back), **QUESTIOMABLE**: DE Michael Bennett (foot), CB Avonte Maddox (oblique), T Jason Peters (quadricep), G Isaac Seumalo (chest).

BEARS: DOUBTFUL: LB Aaron Lynch (elbow). QUESTIONABLE: S DeAndre Houston-Carson (ribs), S Eddie Jackson (ankle), DT Bilal Nichols (knee). COLTS 21, TEXANS 7 **COWBOYS 24. SEAHAWKS 22**

Houston	0 0 0	7 – 7		
First quarter Ind: Ebron 6 pass kick), 10:32. Ind: Mack 2 run (Vi Second quarter Ind: Inman 18 pass kick), 6:24. Fourth quarter Hou: Coutee 6 pass bairn kick), 10:57.	from Luck (natieri kick) from Luck (), 4:03. (Vinatieri		
TEAM STATS	IND	HOU		
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Rushing: Ind, Mack 24-148, Luck 8-29, Pascal 1-14, Wilkins 2-9. Hou, Watson 8-76, Miller 5-18, Blue 2-8, Foreman 1-3. Passing: Ind, Luck 19-32-1-222. Hou, Watson 29-49-1-235. Receiving: Ind, Hilton 5-85, Inman 4-53,				

Rogers 4-46, Ebron 3-26, Mack 2-6, Pas-cal 1-6. **Hou,** Coutee 11-110, Miller 8-63, 5-37. Blue 2-11, Akins 2-8, Griffin terceptions: Ind, Moore 1-10. Hou, nn 1-0. **ssed field goals:** None.

Pittsburgh: Named David Eckstein spe-

Pristabilities was the second control of the cial assistant/baseball operations.

St. Louis: Assigned RHP Ryan Meisinger outright to Memphis (PCL).

14 7 0 0 2 2 7 First quarter Dal: FG Maher 39, 9:50. A: 94,327. Second quarter
Sea: FG Janikowski 27, 7:03.
Sea: FG Janikowski 42, 1:43.
Dal: Gallup 11 pass from Preskick), :24.
Third quarter Second quarter rescott (Mahe Sea: R.Wilson 4 run (Davis run), 1:59. Fourth quarter
Dal: Elliott 1 run (Maher kick), 12:28.
Dal: Prescott 1 run (Maher kick), 2:08.
Sea: McKissic 7 pass from R.Wilson (Car son run), 1:18. TEAM STATS First downs Total net yards Rushes-yards Passing Punt returns Kickoff returns 1-0 0-0 18-27-0 22-33-1 Int. returns Sacked-yds lost 1-7 7-51.4 0-0 5-36 25:10 1-10 5-45.0 0-0 6-36 34:50 **Rushing: Sea,** Penny 4-29, Carson 13-20, R.Wilson 3-14, Davis 4-10. **Dal,** Elliott 26-137, Prescott 6-29, R.Smith 1-1, Austin 1-(minus 3). (minus 3) Fassing: Sea, R.Wilson 18-27-0-233. Dal, Passing: Sea, Lockett 4-120, E.Dickson 4-42, Baldwin 3-32, Davis 2-22, McKissic 2-13, Carson 2-(minus 1), Vannett 1-5. Dal, Cooper 7-106, Elliott 4-32, Beasley 3-28, Jarwin 3-15, Gallup 2-18, Hurns 1-14, Netto 1-7. N Brown 1-6.

Dallas/Philadelphia at New Orleans, 3:40 (FOX-32)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 27 At Orlando, Fla. AFC vs. NFC, 2 (ABC-7/ESPN)

SUPER BOWL Sunday, Feb. 3 At Atlanta AFC champ vs. NFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2)

Sunday, Jan. 20 NFC: TBD, 2:05 (FOX-32) AFC: TBD, 5:40 (CBS-2)

PRO BOWL

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	NBA pregame.com Brooklyn at LA Clippers at Minnesota Miami at Okla. City at Toronto	2 7 Off 6 10 Off	SUNDAY at Bulls Orlando LA Lakers at Atlanta Washington Indiana
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ATLANTIC

Tampa Bay

Buffalo

METRO

Washington

N.Y. Islanders

N.Y. Rangers New Jersey Philadelphia

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina

CENTRAL

Nashville

Chicago

St. Louis

PACIFIC

Calgary Vegas San Jose* Anaheim Vancouver

Los Angeles*

SATURDAY'S RESULTS Calgary 3, Philadelphia 2 (OT) Minnesota 4, Ottawa 3 Toronto 5, Vancouver 0 Columbus 4, Florida 3 (OT)

Columbus 4, Florida 3 (01) Boston 2, Buffalo 1 Nashville 4, Montreal 1 N.Y. Islanders 4, St. Louis 3 Edmonton at Los Angeles, late Tampa Bay at San Jose, late

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE Blackhawks at Pittsburgh, 7 Carolina at Ottawa, noon N.Y. Rangers at Arizona, 3 New Jersey at Vegas, 3

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San Antonio

New Orleans

NORTHWEST

Denver Oklahoma City Portland

Minnesota

Golden State

L.A. Clippers L.A. Lakers

Sacramento Phoenix

SATURDAY'S RESULTS Denver 123, Charlotte 110 Utah 110, Detroit 105 Philadelphia 106, Dallas 100 New Orleans 133, Cleveland 98

Toronto 123, Milwaukee 116 Golden St. 127, Sacramento

Brooklyn at Bulls, 2:30 L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 2:30 Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 Miami at Atlanta, 5 Washington at Oklahoma City, 6 Indiana at Toronto, 6:30 Charlotte at Phoenix, 7

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Denver at Houston, 7

WINDY CITY

Grand Rapids

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NBA G LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS Windy City, 123, Stockton 114

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SOUTHEAST

Washington Atlanta

Winnipeg Dallas Colorado Minnesota

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MONDAY'S SCHEDULI

Los Angeles at San Jose, 9:30 FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 4, Winnipeg 0
Detroit 4, Nashville 3 (OT)

Dallas 2, Washington 1 (OT) New Jersey 3, Arizona 2 (SO) Colorado 6, N.Y. Rangers 1 Vegas 3, Anaheim 2

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Jan. 26: All-Star Game, San Jose, Calif. Feb. 23: Stadium Series, Pittsburgh at Phila-delphia, Lincoln Financial Field. April 6: Latd ady of regular season. April 10: Stanley Cup playoffs begin.

CALENDAR

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PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF

Memphis at New Orleans,7 Utah at Milwaukee, 7 L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 7:30 New York at Portland, 9 Orlando at Sacramento, 9

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Utah 117, Cleveland 91
Boston 114, Dallas 93
Brooklyn 109, Memphis 100
Indiana 119, Chicago 116, OT

Minnesota 120, Orlando 103 Milwaukee 144, Atlanta 112 L.A. Clippers 121, Phoenix 111 New York 119, L.A. Lakers 112 Oklahoma City 111, Portland 109

Feb. 7: Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.

Memphis 110, Austin 97
Delaware 108, Greensboro 86
Long Island 126, Raptors 105
Maine 109, Grand Rapids 102
Iowa 127, Fort Wayne 99
Santa Cruz 121, Texas 116
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Capital City at Westchester, 2
Sioux Falls at Northern Arizona, 4
Wisconsin at Lakeland, 5
Oklahoma City at Iowa, 6

Jan. 10: All contracts guaranteed for rest o

CALENDAR

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Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. *- late game not included

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP NFL SUNDAY Philadelphia LA Chargers at **Bears** at Baltimore

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ATP WORLD TOUR QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN Final at The Khalifa Internatio & Squash Complex Doha, Qatar; hard-outdoor #7 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Tomas Berdych, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

ATP WORLD TOUR TATA OPEN Final at Mhalunge Balewadi Tennis Com plex; Pune, India; hard-outdoor Singles #1 Kevin Anderson d. Ivo Karlovic, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5). Doubles #1 Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan d.

WTA ASB CLASSIC SF at ASB Bank Tennis Centre Auckland, New Zealand; hard-outdoor Singles #2 Julia Goerges d. Viktoria Kuzmova, 6-1, 7-6 (6). Bianca Andreescu d. #3 Hsieh Su-wei, 6-3, 6-3. Doubles
Paige Mary Hourigan and
Taylor Townsend d.
#2 Kirsten Flipkens and
Johanna Larsson, 6-3, 7-5.

Luke Bambridge and Jonny O'Mara, 6-3, 6-4.

WTA SHENZHEN OPEN At Longgang Tennis Center Shenzhen, China; hard-outdo Shenzhen, China: hard-outdoor Singles Semifinals #1 Aryna Sabalenka d. Wang Yafan, 6-2, 6-1. Alison Riske d. Vera Zvonareva, 6-0, 1-0 retired. Singles Final #1 Aryna Sabalenka d. Alison Riske, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3. Doubles Final #2 Peng Shuai and Zhaoxuan Yang d. Duan Yingying and Renata Voracova, 6-4, 6-3.

BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL

BRISBANE IN IERNATIONAL At Queensland Tennis Centre Brishane, Australia; hard-outdoon Men's Singles, Semifinals #2 Kei Nishikori d. Jeremy Chardy, 6-2, 6-2. #4 Daniil Medvedev d. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 7-6 (6), 6-2. Women's Singles, Semifinals Lesia Tsurenko d. #2 Naomi Osaka, 6-2, 6-4. #5 Karolina Pliskova d. Donna Vekic, 6-3, 6-4.

GOLF	
TOURNAMENT OF C	HAMPIONS
3rd of 4 rds at Plantati palua; Kapalua, Hawai Yardage: 7,518; Par 73	
202 (-17) Gary Woodland	67-67-68
205 (-14) Rory McIlroy	69-68-68
206 (-13) Marc Leishman 207 (-12)	68-70-68

Third quarter	(D - !)	1.50	Gary Woodland	67-67-68
Sea: R.Wilson 4 run Fourth quarter	(Davis run)	, 1:59.	205 (-14)	69-68-68
Dal: Elliott 1 run (Ma	hor kick) 1	2.28	Rory McIlroy 206 (-13)	69-68-68
Dal: Prescott 1 run (Marc Leishman	68-70-68
Sea: McKissic 7 pass			207 (-12)	00-70-00
son run), 1:18.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	on (our	Xander Schauffele	72-67-68
	CEA	D41	Bryson DeChambeau	69-68-70
TEAM STATS	SEA	DAL	209 (-10)	05 00 10
First downs	11	23	Justin Thomas	67-72-70
Total net yards	299	380	Kevin Twav	66-71-72
Rushes-yards	24-73	34-164	210 (-9)	
Passing	226	216	Dustin Johnson	67-74-69
Punt returns	3-22	6-80	Jon Rahm	70-71-69
Kickoff returns	1-52	1-15	211 (-8)	
Int. returns	1-0	0-0	Patton Kizzire	69-71-71
Comp-att-int	18-27-0	22-33-1	212 (-6)	
Sacked-yds lost	1-7	1-10	Paul Casey	73-71-68
Punts	7-51.4	5-45.0	Andrew Putnam	69-73-70
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0	213 (-4)	
Penalties-yards	5-36	6-36	Troy Merritt	73-71-69
Possession time	25:10	34:50	Charles Howell III	74-70-69
Rushing: Sea, Penny	4-29. Cars	on 13-20.	lan Poulter	71-69-73 71-68-74
R.Wilson 3-14, Davis			Cameron Champ 214 (-5)	/1-68-74
137, Prescott 6-29, R			Webb Simpson	70-72-72
(minus 3).			215 (-4)	10-12-12
Passing: Sea, R.Wils	on 18-27-0-	233. Dal.	Andrew Landry	69-75-71
Prescott 22-33-1-226			Brandt Snedeker	75-69-71
Receiving: Sea, Lock	kett 4-120, E	.Dickson	Jason Day	69-71-75
4-42, Baldwin 3-32,			217 (-2)	05 11 15
2-13, Carson 2-(mir			Scott Piercy	76-72-69
Dal, Cooper 7-106, El			Matt Kuchar	72-73-72
28, Jarwin 3-15, Gal		rns 1-14,	Patrick Reed	70-75-72
Austin 1-7, N.Brown			Francesco Molinari	73-71-73
Missed field goals:	Sea, Janiko	wski 57.		
Dal, Maher 58.				

TRANSACTIONS HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee: Traded OF Keon Broxton to
the N.Y. Mets for RHPs Bobby Wahl and
Adam Hill and INF Felix Valerio.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Colorado: Assigned G Joe Cannata from
Colorado (AHL) to Utah (ECHL).
Los Angeles: Assigned F Drake Rymsha from Ontario (AHL) to Manchester (ECHL).

NY. Rangers: Recalled D Vince Pedrie from
Maine (ECHL) to Hartford (AHL).

St. Louis: Assigned G Evan Fitzpatrick to

COLLEGE FOOTBALL								
	19 DIV. I BO	WL GLANCE SITE	TEAMS					
Mon	CFP Final	Santa Clara,	Calif. Alabama (14-0) vs. Clem	ison (
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Mon	CFP Final Santa Clara, Calif. Alabama (14-0) vs. Clemson (14-0)					
OTHE	R BOWLS					
J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.				
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.				
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1		
DATE	BOWL	SITE	RESULT			
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St. 22			
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, LaLafayette 24			
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas13			
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20			
D15	Camellia		Ga. Southern 23, E. Michigan 21			
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13			
D18	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB 37, N. Illinois 13			
D19	Frisco	Frisco, Texas	Ohio 27, San Diegso State 0			
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg	Marshall 38, USF 20			
D21	Bahamas	Nassau	Florida International 35, Toledo 32			
D21	Famous Idaho		BYU 49, Western Michigan 18			
D22 D22	Birmingham Armed Forces		Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34			
D22	Dollar General		Army 70, Houston 14 Trov 42, Buffalo 32			
D22			La. Tech 31. Hawaii 14			
D22 D26	Hawaii SERVPRO	Honolulu Dallas	Boston Coll. vs. Boise State. ccd.			
D26	Ouick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota 34, Ga. Tech 10			
D26	Cheez-It	Phoenix	TCU 10, California 7 (OT)			
D27		Shreveport, La.	Duke 56, Temple 27			
D27	Pinstripe	Bronx. N.Y.	Wisconsin 35, Miami 3			
D27	Texas	Houston	Baylor 45. Vanderbilt 38			
D28	Music City	Nashville	Auburn 63, Purdue 14			
D28	Camping World		Syracuse 34, W. Virginia 18			
D28	Alamo	San Antonio	Wash. St. 28. Iowa St. 26			
D29	Peach	Atlanta	Florida 41, Michigan 15			
D29	Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	Virginia 28, S. Carolina 0			
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Nevada 16. Ark. State 13			
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Clemson 30. Notre Dame 3			
D29	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34			
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31			
D31	Sun	El Paso, Tex	Stanford 14, Pittsburgh 13			
D31	Redbox		Oregon 7, Michigan State 6			
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Oklahoma State 38, Missouri 33			
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern 31, Utah 20			
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.				
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Iowa 27, Mississippi State 22			
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky 27, Penn State 24			
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU 40, UCF 32			
11	Rose	Pasadena, Calif	Ohio State 28, Washington 23			

Tampa, Fla.
Orlando
Glendale, Ariz.
Pasadena, Calif
New Orleans **FCS CHAMPIONSHIP** Saturday, Jan. 5 at Toyota Stadium; Frisco, Texas North Dakota State 38, Eastern Washington 24 San Antonio (AHL). Recalled G Jordan Bin-nington from San Antonio. Released G Ben Halford from a professional tryout agree-

ment. AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE Wolves: Returned F Marco Roy to Fort Wayne (ECHL). Hartford: Returned F Drew Melanson to

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas: Assigned F James Phelan to Idaho (ECHL).

vayne (ECHL).

Hartford: Returned F Drew Melanson to Maine (ECHL).

San Antonio: Loaned G Ben Halford to Kan-sas City (ECHL). San Diego: Assigned D Chris Forney to Tulsa

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE
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2 pts for a win, 1 pt for OT/shot SATURDAY'S RESULTS Wolves 3, San Antonio 1 Utica 6, Cleveland 2 Laval 2, Rochester 1 Charlotte 6, Belleville 3 Hartford 3, Lehigh Valley 1 Hershey 6, Grand Rapids 4 Springfield 5, Providence 3 Milwaukee 5, WB/Scranton 3 Toronto 5, Syracuse 2 Binghamton 3,Bridgeport 2 Manitoba 3, Texas 2 Stockton 7, Colorado 6 San Jose 2, Ontario 1 Tucson at Bakersfield, late 4 11 19 26 6 11 15 29 3 13 21 42 3 13 19 41 7 11 21 38 5 13 19 47 4 15 13 37 West Ham vs. Arsenal, 6:30 a.m. Crystal Palace vs. Watford, 9 a.m. Cardiff vs. Huddersfield, 9 a.m. Brighton vs. Liverpool, 9 a.m. Leicester vs. Southampton, 9 a.m. Burnley vs. Fulham, 9 a.m. Chelsea vs. Newcastle, 11:30 a.m. SUNDAY, JAN. 13 San Juse 2, Ontario 1 Tucson at Bakersfield, late SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE Utica at Cleveland, 2 Hartford at Providence, 2:05 Lehigh Valley at Springfield. Charlotte at Toronto 2 Charlotte at Toronto, 3 lowa at Rockford, 4 Milwaukee at Hershey, 4 San Diego at Ontario, 5 Everton vs. Bournemouth, 8:15 a.m. Tottenham vs. Man United, 10:30 a.m. MONDAY, JAN. 14 Man City vs. Wolverhampton, 2

HOW AP MEN'S TOP 25 FARED

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1. Duke (12-1) beat Clemson 87-68. Next: at Wake Forest, Tuesday,
2. Michigan (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Indiana, Sunday,
3. Tennessee (12-1) beat Georgia 96-50. Next: at Missouri, Tuesday,
4. Virginia (13-0) beat No. 97 lorid aState 65-52. Next: at Boston College, Wednesday,
5. Kansas (12-2) lost to lowa State 77-60. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday,
6. Nevada (14-1) lost to New Mexico 85-58. Next: vs. San Jose State, Wednesday,
7. Gonzaga (14-2) beat Santa Clara 91-48. Next: vs. Pacific, Thursday,
8. Michigan State (13-2) beat No. 14 Ohio State 86-77. Next: vs. Purdue, Tuesday,
9. Florida State (12-2) bost to No. 4 Virginia 65-52. Next: vs. Maimi, Wednesday,
10. Virginia Tech (13-1) beat Boston College 77-66. Next: at Georgia Tech, Wednesday,
11. Texas Tech (13-1) beat Akansas State 63-57. Next: vs. No. 23 Oklahoma, Tuesday,
12. Auburn (11-2) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Wednesday,
13. Kentucky (10-3) lost to Alabama 77-75. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Tuesday,
14. Ohio State (12-2) lost to No. 8 Michigan State 86-77. Next: at Rutgers, Wednesday,
15. North Carolina State (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. Xavier, Sunday,
17. Mississippi State (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 North Carolina, Tuesday,
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19. Houston (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. Toledo, Tuesday,
21. Indiana (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Toledo, Tuesday,
22. Misconsin (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. Toledo, Tuesday,
23. Oklahoma (12-2) beat Oklahoma 5t. 74-64. Next: at No. 11 Texas Tech, Tuesday,
24. Nebraska (11-3) did not play. Next: at No. 25 lowa, Sunday,
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21. Indiana (12-2) beat Oklahoma (12-2) beat Oklahoma

HOW AP WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED

1. UConn (11-1) did not play, Next: at Houston, Sunday,

2. Notre Dame (13-1) did not play, Next: at Gorgia Tech, Sunday,

3. Louisville (13-0) did not play, Next: at Duke, Sunday,

4. Maryland (13-1) beat Ohio State 75-69, Next: at Nebraska, Tuesday,

5. Oregon (12-1) did not play, Next: vs. Washington State, Sunday,

6. Stanford (11-1) did not play, Next: vs. UCLA, Sunday,

7. Mississippi State (13-1) did not play, Next: No. 16 Kentucky, Sunday,

8. Baylor (10-1) did not play, Next: at Texas Tech, Sunday,

9. N.C. State (14-0) did not play, Next: at Boston College, Sunday,

10. Tennessee (12-1) did not play, Next: vs. Wissouri, Sunday,

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15. Michigan State (11-2) did not play, Next: at Indiana, Sunday,

16. Kentucky (14-1) did not play, Next: at No. 7 Mississippi State, Sunday,

17. Gonzaga (15-1) beat Pacific 88-65. Next: vs. Portland, Saturday,

18. California (9-3) did not play, Next: vs. Southern Cal, Sunday,

19. lowa (10-3) did not play, Next: vs. Southern Cal, Sunday,

20. Marquette (12-3) did not play, Next: at Vilsinova, Friday,

21. Texas A&M (11-3) did not play, Next: at Vilsinova, Friday,

22. Arizona State (10-3) did not play, Next: at Golorado, Sunday,

23. South Carolina (9-4) did not play, Next: at Golorado, Sunday,

24. DePaul (10-5) did not play, Next: at Georgetown, Friday,

25. lowa State (12-2) beat Kansas 82-73. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday, **HOW AP WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED**

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

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MIDWEST
Akron 56, W. Michigan 48
Bowling Green 86, Kent St. 64
Butler 84, Creighton 69
Cent. Michigan 84, Miami (Ohio) 77
E. Illinois 84, SIU-Edwardsville 81 (OT)
Green Bay 90, Cleveland St. 89
Illinois St. 85, Evansville 46
Indiana St. 65, Bradley 60
Loyola 85, Drake 74
N. Illinois 72, Ohio 66 (OT)
N. Kentucky 95, Detroit 73
S. Illinois 58, N. Iowa 51
Syracuse 72, Notre Dame 62
UMKC 80, Chicago State 72
Valparaiso 82, Missouri St. 66
Wright St. 89, Oakland 73
Youngstown St. 76, Milwaukee 51
EAST
Maryland 77, Rutgers 63
St. John's 97, Georgetown 94 (OT) EAST
Maryland 77, Rutgers 63
St. John's 97, Georgetown 94 (OT)
UCF 65, UConn 53
Villanova 65, Providence 59
SOUTH
E. Carolina 73, Cincinnati 71
Georgia Tech 92, Wake Forest 79
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Purdue 71, Michigan 70
SIU-Edwardsville 65, E. Illinois 56
Toledo 65, Ball 5t. 58
UMKC 111, Chicago State 58
UT Martin 80, SE Missouri 73
W. Michigan 84, Bowling Green 82
Wright St. 61, Milwaukee 57
Youngstown St. 70, IUPUI 52
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NBA

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Kanter skipping Knicks' London trip

Knicks center Enes Kanter will not travel to London for the team's upcoming international game because he believes he could be assassinated for his opposition to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Kanter announced his plans Friday night after the Knicks' 119-112 victory over the Lakers. The Knicks later said Kanter also won't make the trip because of a visa issue.

Kanter will stay in New York while the Knicks travel to face the Wizards at the O2 arena in London on Jan. 17. He says he can't travel anywhere except the U.S. and Canada because "there's a chance I could get killed out there." Kanter has been a vocal critic of Erdogan for

years, once referring to him as "the Hitler of our century." Kanter's Turkish passport was revoked in 2017, and an international warrant for his arrest was issued by Turkey.

■ Nikola Jokic scored a season-high 39 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as the Western Conferenceleading Nuggets knocked off the Hornets 123-110 for their 10th straight home victory.

NHL

Flames overcome miscues, win in OT

The Flames just needed to get out of their own

TJ Brodie scored 1 minute, 59 seconds into overtime after Matthew Tkachuk tied it with 4:17 left in regulation to lead the Flames to a 3-2

victory over the Flyers on Saturday. "Not every game is going to be pretty, and these are the games that make a difference at the end of the year," Brodie said.

The Flames committed five penalties, including two for too many men on the ice, resulting in four Flyers power plays. They also gifted the Flyers a go-ahead goal in the third period when goalie David Rittich misplayed the puck way out in front of his crease.

When it mattered, though, Calgary figured out how to do what it has been doing all season — win. "We settled in and found a way to get it done,"

coach Bill Peters said. "That's a greasy road win." ■ Michael Hutchinson stopped 28 shots for his first shutout in more than two years, and Auston Matthews had a goal and two assists as the Maple Leafs beat the Canucks 5-0. ... Seth Jones scored 18 seconds into overtime as the Blue Jackets defeated the Panthers 4-3. The Blue Jackets have won seven of their last nine.

IN BRIEF

BASEBALL: LHP Zach Britton and the Yankees agreed to a three-year, \$39 million deal, according to reports. The Yankees acquired Britton from the Orioles on July 24, and he served as a setup man along for Aroldis Chapman. ... The Mets acquired OF Keon Broxton from the Brewers for reliever Bobby Wahl and two minor-leaguers.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: West Virginia hired Troy's Neal Brown to succeed Dana Holgorsen as coach. Brown, who got a six-year, \$19.05 million contract, went 35-16 in four seasons at the Sun Belt Conference school, including 3-0 in bowls. ... Iowa junior DB Amani Hooker, a first-team All-Big Ten pick, will enter the NFL draft. ... Washington State RB James Williams is forgoing his senior season to enter the NFL draft. ... California DB Bryce Turner died after being hospitalized for a medical emergency during a non-team workout near his Southern California home. He was 19. ... Easton Stick ran for three TDs, sending North Dakota State (15-0) to its record seventh FCS title with a 38-24 win over Eastern Washington in Frisco, Texas.

GOLF: Gary Woodland made a 65-foot eagle putt and finished at 5-under 68 to keep his three-shot lead in the Tournament of Champions in Kapalua, Hawaii. He was at 17-under 202. Rory McIlroy will join him in the final group after a 68. Marc Leishman had a 68 and was four behind.

NFL: Former Cardinals coach Bruce Arians emerged as a favorite to land the Bucs' coaching job after interviewing Saturday. ... USC denied the Jets and the Cardinals a chance to interview new offensive coordinator Kliff Kingsbury, according to reports. ... The Jets interviewed former Packers coach Mike McCarthy, the third candidate to meet with the team. ... Saints defensive coordinator Dennis Allen became the third man to interview for the Dolphins' coaching job. ... Patriots linebackers coach and defensive playcaller Brian Flores met with the Broncos and the Browns about their head coaching vacancies. ... 49ers S Antone Exum Jr. was fined \$53,482 for his hit on Rams WR Robert Woods.

SKIING: Mikaela Shiffrin dominated the first women's World Cup slalom of 2019, matching her personal-best winning streak in the discipline with seven straight victories with a win in Zagreb, Croatia.

TENNIS: Roger Federer won the Hopman Cup for a record third time when defending champion Switzerland beat Germany 2-1 in Perth, Australia. Federer and Belinda Bencic beat Alexander Zverev and Angelique Kerber 4-0, 1-4, 4-3 (4) in the Fast4 format. ... Kei Nishikori defeated Jeremy Chardy 6-2, 6-2 in the semifinals of the Brisbane International. He'll play Daniil Medvedev, a 7-6 (6), 6-2 winner over Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, in the final. ... A day after upsetting Novak Djokovic, Roberto Bautista Agut won the Qatar Open in Oha by beating Tomas Berdych 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. ... Kevin Anderson edged Ivo Karlovic 7-6 (4), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5) in the Maharashtra Open final in Pune, India.

ALSO: Manchester United interim manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer got his fifth straight win with a 2-0 victory over second-tier Reading in the third round of the FA Cup. ... Finland held off the U.S. 3-2 to win the world junior hockey championship in Vancouver, Canada. Josh Norris and Sasha Chmelevski scored for the U.S.

– Edited from news services

Catches this season by Zach Ertz, the most by a tight end in NFL history.

Nick Foles' career postseason passer rating, best in NFL history among quarterbacks with at least 125 attempts.

Percentage of playoff teams that didn't make it last year (seven out of 12): Bears, Chargers, Colts, Cowboys, Ravens, Seahawks, Texans.

Bears' turnover differential, ranking third in the NFL. The Eagles are minus-6 (25th).

Eagles at Bears

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THREE KEYS

It's up to 10 to amp it down

The Bears are launching back into playoff action as home favorites over the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles. A year ago at this time, who would have imagined that scenario? With a crisp performance, the Bears can book a trip to Los Angeles to play the Rams in the divisional round. But a victory won't come easy against a hot Eagles team that is battle-tested. Here are our three keys for the game.

Proving ground Pregame analysis: It remains to be seen how second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky will perform on the playoff stage. How will he react to the added pressure and intensity? Will he be able to play within himself enough to avoid costly mistakes? In a Week 1 loss to the Packers, Trubisky acknowledged his failure to lead a game-winning drive in the final minutes was partly attributable to "trying to do too much." Last month, he said his three interceptions in a win over the Rams came because he was "too amped up" and "trying to make all-world plays." It'll be up to him to keep his composure Sunday. And it'll be up to coach Matt Nagy to piece together a game plan that keeps Trubisky comfortable. Nagy has emphasized this week that Trubisky's greatest focus should be on taking care of the football and executing on third down. It also will be interesting to see if Trubisky is thrust into a late-game situation in which the Bears need him to make clutch plays to deliver a win. That's where postseason legacies are defined.



'Sky's the limit' Pregame analysis: That's a favorite catchphrase of receiver Alshon Jeffery, a former Bear

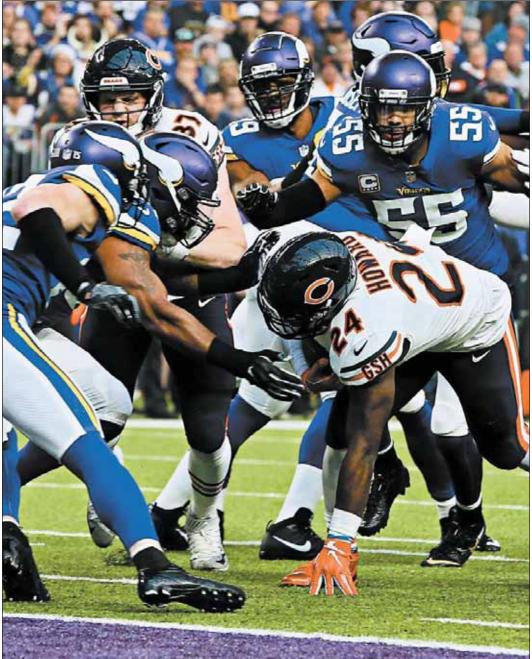
who came on strong at the end of the regular season. Jeffery senses the Eagles offense can recapture the postseason magic it experienced a year ago. In a three-game winning streak to close the season, Jeffery totaled 16 catches for 301 yards and a touchdown. Jeffery has the ability to make contested catches down the field. He also has obvious chemistry with Nick Foles, whose big arm and aggressive nature has Bears coordinator Vic Fangio concerned. "A big part of this game will be how we defend the deep balls," Fangio said. The Bears also will have to account for tight end Zach Ertz, who had another Pro Bowl season with 116 catches, 1,163 yards and eight touchdowns.



Limit the disruption Pregame analysis: The Bears offensive line, with the help of a shrewd game plan, did a masterful job

last month of handling star Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald. Donald, who finished the regular season with 201/2 sacks and 25 tackles for a loss, had only two total tackles and one quarterback hit in that game at Soldier Field. Now the Bears will try to replicate that success against Eagles star Fletcher Cox, another disruptive force in the middle. Cox had $10\frac{1}{2}$ sacks and 12 tackles for a loss and has an impressive combination of strength and quickness.

— Dan Wiederer



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears running back Jordan Howard rushed for 399 yards and four touchdowns in December.

Playoffs. Chicago. Jordan. Sounds rig

By DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

It's the question that won't go away. All season it has been asked with varying levels of curiosity and skepticism. Just how confident is Bears coach Matt Nagy in his running game?

Nagy's Week 18 answer: "Believe it or not, I

have really always had confidence (in it).' That was Wednesday afternoon, just before the Bears began practicing for Sunday's playoff game against the Eagles. Nagy went on to explain that the feeling-out process with a new offense simply took some time as the season unfolded, with the Bears trying to figure out which players were best at what. Eventually — and perhaps at just the right time — the offense found its groove on the ground.

To close the regular season, third-year running back Jordan Howard had his best game of the season, chewing up 109 yards and scoring two touchdowns in the win over the Vikings. Howard's second run of the day, a 42-yarder with a broken tackle near the line of scrimmage, was the Bears' longest all season. It was a nice touch for Howard, who put together a solid December just as so many fans hoped he would.

Howard's December totals: 88 carries, 399 yards, four touchdowns. Extrapolate that fivegame sample over a 16-game season and it amounts to 1,277 yards and 13 rushing touchdowns. Both totals would have ranked third in

So yes, when the Bears commit to the run, Howard still can be productive. But it's also foolish to argue that Nagy has been misguided in his offensive approach. The Bears won 12 games and a division title. By carving out an important niche for Tarik Cohen, the Bears tapped into a young player's unique skill set and squeezed 1,169 yards from scrimmage and eight touchdowns from Cohen.

That has left defensive coordinators with great anxiety when they play the Bears as they account for Cohen's versatility and Nagy's ability to play

chess in finding favorable matchups. Sticking to an old-school, run-first philosophy with Howard as the engine never would have allowed this offense to have the dimensions it now has. Still, Howard is valuable heading into the playoffs. And it's probably no coincidence that his December uptick in production corresponds with Trubisky's scariest performance of the season — a three-interception hiccup in that

Week 14 win over the Rams. After Trubisky threw his third pick with 3 minutes, 58 seconds left in the third quarter, the Bears didn't throw the ball the rest of the night. Howard had seven carries for 42 yards after that stomachturning turnover, helping to apply the submission hold on a 15-6 victory. Howard finished with his first 100-yard outing of the season. He made the most of his opportunities the rest of the way and might be leaned on again in the postseason.

Nagy understands how special his defense is. He has seen that his running game can be productive. There's no need for the rookie coach to force the issue with his second-year quarterback in the playoffs.

Trubisky didn't throw another interception in his final three games. He completed 76 percent of his passes. Nagy has put emphasis on taking care of the ball and being effective on third down. Trubisky has handled both tasks well.

The Bears also have seen that their running game can be an asset.

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PREDICTIONS

A Pick 6 for Bears in a big moment

Brad Biggs (12-4)

The Eagles offensive line has a chance to make this game interesting if it can create time for Nick Foles to operate, but the Philly defense has too many holes after the front four.



24-17

Rich Campbell (10-6)

The Eagles have quality offensive personnel and significant postseason experience. But the Bears defense always shows up at home, and they should be able to move the ball with a suddenly balanced attack. By containing Fletcher Cox, they'll win comfortably.



28-16

David Haugh (12-4) Chicago is where the Foles magic disappears. The Bears defense in January at Soldier Field is what every NFC playoff team dreads most about the postseason and it will prevail, provided Mitch Trubisky keeps his composure and keeps the chains moving.



24-16 Bears

Colleen Kane (10-6) The Bears have risen to every big-game test they've faced in the

last two months, and that shouldn't change in the playoffs. At its best, the Bears defense should be able to stop Foles and the detending champions from making another postseason run.



Phil Thompson (12-4) The Eagles have the edge in playoff experience but don't have last season's defense or running game. The Bears can win just playing the field-position game and not making mistakes.



23-20

Dan Wiederer (10-6)

The Bears will have to be sharp to score their first playoff win in eight vears. But there's every reason to believe they'll be ready for the moment and ultra-prepared to end the Eagles' repeat bid.

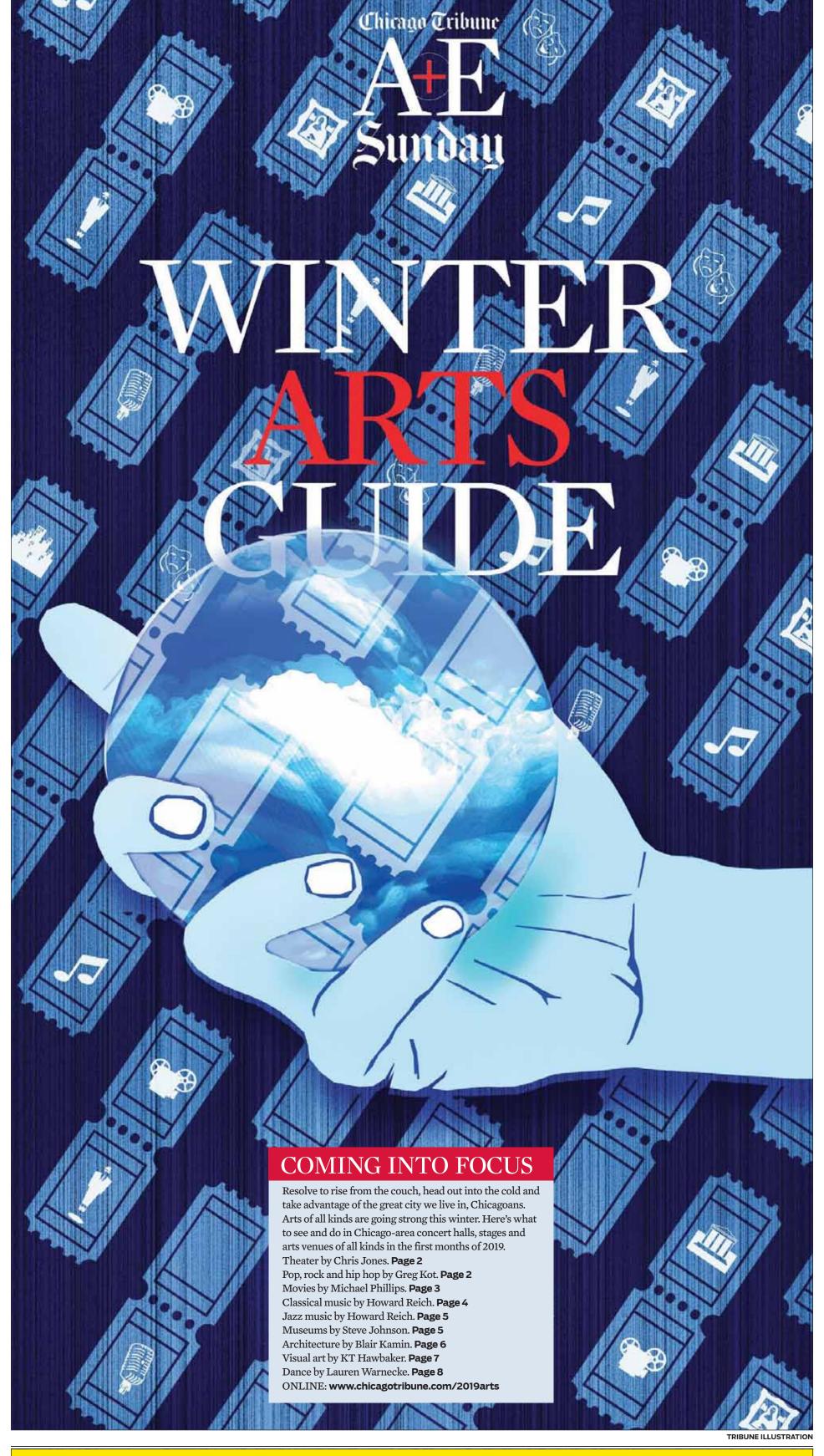


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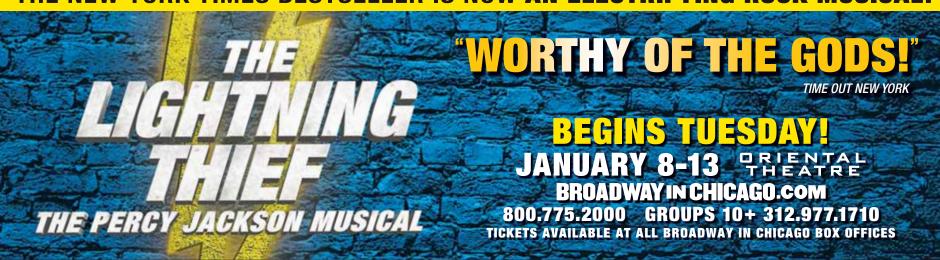
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THEATER

Big openings: 'Dear Evan Hansen' anyone?

By CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

No sooner are seasonal festivities over than Chicago theater opens back up for business. There are scores of winter openings. But here — in alphabetical order — are 10 shows to look forward to in particular in the first three months of 2019.

It's the Year of Chicago Theatre, don't you know? Start it off with a bang or three.

"An Inspector Calls": Director Stephen Daldry's massively successful and profoundly revisionist 1992 National Theatre of Great Britain revival of J.B. Priestley's Edwardian detective thriller (it subsequently played Broadway and at the Chicago Theatre in 1995) blew away all conventional notions of this play, and moved this director's formidable career to a whole other level. It's back and, as part of a National Theatre tour, coming to shock you again at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater. I've long regarded this production as one of the greatest stagings of its generation; let's hope this internationally touring resurrection will live up to the memory. Feb. 19 to March 10 at Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier; www.chicagoshakes.com

"Dear Evan Hansen": Only in Chicago for four weeks (don't wait to get tickets), the first national tour of one of the few recent Broadway shows really to land with a teen audience will be a big winter draw. Even without Ben Platt, its original star, "Dear Evan Hansen" is likely to be a beautiful night at the theater. When I saw the piece on Broadway, I described it as "the first great American musical about social media — a democratizer, comforter, amoral facilitator of witch hunts and general pox Americana that has upended everything from family mealtime to who gets to occupy the Oval Office." Still true. Feb. 12 to March 10 at the Nederlander Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com

"A Doll's House, Part 2": Robin Witt's direction of a string of storefront successes in Chicago has been superb. In 2019, she gets her chance at the Steppenwolf Theatre, directing the improbably but hugely enjoyable Broadway hit from the wacky but resonant playwright Lucas Hnath. Herein, Hnath imagines, Henrik Ibsen's famous Nora (of "A Doll's House" fame) gets the chance to walk back through the door she so famous slammed — and settle some old scores. You can sit on the stage. Jan. 31 to March 17 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; 312-335-1650 and www.steppenwolf.org



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The North American tour of "Dear Evan Hansen" comes to the Nederlander Theatre in February.



MARK DOUET PHOTO

"An Inspector Calls" comes to Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

"For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide / When the Rainbow is Enuf": The

playwright Ntozake Shange, who lived and worked in Chicago for a productive while, died in 2018 at the age of 70. But she left behind this revolutionary "choreo-poem," a seminal work of theater wherein seven performers essay a composite character, a single black woman, exploring different aspects of herself through poetry, music and movement. Director Seret Scott, whose recent work at the Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace has impressed, is at the helm of this much-anticipated Court Theatre revival of a show that changed Broadway back in 1976. March 14 to April 14 at the Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.; 773-753-4472 and www.court

"How to Catch Creation": Director Niegel Smith, whose

Director Niegel Smith, whose work last year on Suzan-Lori Parks' "Father Comes Home From the Wars (Parts 1, 2 & 3)" was superb, returns to town to helm the Chicago premiere of a play by Christina Anderson (an academic who teaches playwriting at Brown University) about a man, recently released from prison, who desperately is trying to put his life back together. Jan. 19 to Feb. 24 at the Goodman's Albert Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.; 312-443-3800 and www.goodman theatre.org

"Nina Simone: Four Women": The title of this musical play references a famous Nina Simone song first recorded on the 1966 album "Wild is the Wind" and skewering the archetypal roles black women are forced to play. First seen in Minnesota in 2016 and critically acclaimed, Christina Ham's play is set in 1963 in the ruins of the bombed-out 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. Sydney Charles, a rising star in Chicago, plays the title role. Jan. 24 to March 2 at Northlight Theatre at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; 847-673-6300 and www.northlight.org

"On Clover Road": Gwendolyn Whiteside and Philip Earl Johnson, fine actors both, star in American Blues Theater's first Chicago production of a noirstyle thriller from the structurally savvy scribe Steven Dietz (long a favorite at Chicago theaters). First seen in 2015 at the Contemporary American Theatre Festival in West Virginia, the piece is all about a desperate mother who fears she has lost her daughter to a cult and agrees to meet a "deprogrammer" in an isolated motel. Feb. 1 to March 16 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.; 773-754 3103 and www.americanblues theater.com

"The Producers": Even after all these years, it's hard to beat this Mel Brooks screen-to-stage masterpiece for satirical laughs. It will be fun to see how and if director Jim Corti and his Paramount Theatre stars (Blake Hammond and Jake Morrissy) are able to make the show come alive again in a very different era. And you can expect both the original orchestrations and lavish production numbers. Feb. 6 to

March 17 at Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora; 630-896-6666 and www.paramountaurora.com

"Red Rex": The sixth play in Ike Holter's cycle of Chicago plays (seen all over the city) has the potential to hit comedically - and maybe painfully — close to home for those close to the city's theater community. In Holter's latest, a small theater company moves into an abandoned Chicago storefront with what they think will be a new hit show likely to make all their artistic careers. But there is a question about how much it truly reflects the community which everyone claims to serve. Jan. 19 to March 2 at Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave.; 773-649-3186 and steeptheatre.com

"St. Nicholas": Star-driven productions are relative rarities in Chicago, and to fans of the longrunning television drama "Downton Abbey," Brendan Coyle (the loving but dangerous Mr. Bates) is most certainly a star. Conor Mc-Pherson's drama is a strange and remarkable play (I last saw it in New York many years ago with Brian Cox in the only role) about a middle-aged theater critic, of all things, and the dreams and nightmares that plague him as he sits in the dark, however new or old the year. Jan. 9-27 at the Goodman's Owen Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.; 312-443-3800 and www. goodmantheatre.org

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POP MUSIC

A sampling of rock, pop, hip-hop

By GREG KOT Chicago Tribune

It may be winter, but Chicago concert bookings haven't slowed. Here's a sampling of some of the more notable rock, pop and hiphop shows in the next few months (listed chronologically):

Kacey Musgraves: The singer earned a best-album Grammy nomination for her stellar 2018 release, "Golden Hour," a collection of genre-hopping songs that still manages to keep her country roots in focus. 8 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., \$141-\$489; ticketmaster.com.

Cher: A diva with a difference for multiple generations, the singer has dubbed this her "Here We Go Again" tour, her second since her 2002-05 "farewell" trip around the world. Chic, led by guitarist-producer extraordinaire Nile Rodgers, will open. 8 p.m. Feb. 8 at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., \$89-\$500; ticketmaster.com.

Sharon Van Etten: With her first album in four years, "Remind Me Tomorrow," on the way, the singer-guitarist sounds re-invigorated as she tweaks her sound while maintaining the emotional specificity that made her earlier releases so impressive. 8:30 p.m. Feb. 14-15 at Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., \$30-\$45; thaliahallchicago.com.

Anderson Paak: The gospel drummer has transformed himself into a versatile rapper-singer with a gift for hooks and a knack for fusing traditional soul textures with hip-hop currency. 8 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave., \$111-\$190; ticketmaster.com.

Bob Mould: With his ace trio, including drummer Jon Wurster and bassist Jason Narducy, Mould continues his streak of melodic blast-furnace albums with the forthcoming "Sunshine Rock." 8 p.m. Feb. 22-23 at Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., \$31-\$36; ja-

The Chills: Veterans of the vaunted '80s indie scene in Dunedin, New Zealand, Martin Phillipps and his bandmates embark on a rare tour, with a new album scheduled for 2019 release. 8:30 Feb. 27 at the Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave., \$20; emptybottle.com.

Robyn: The Swedish singer's latest album, "Honey," re-establishes her brilliance as a songwriter who blurs the lines between melancholy introspection and club-ready rhythms. 7 p.m. March 6 at the Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave., sold out; ticketmaster.com.

Vince Staples: On the recent "FM!," Staples both celebrates and struggles with how his



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Rapper Vince Staples performs at the Aragon Ballroom.



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Anderson .Paak performs in Los Angeles.

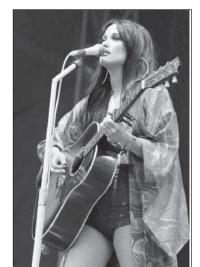
hometown of Long Beach, Calif., shaped his future, yet continues to haunt him. 8:30 p.m. March 12 at the Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave., \$35-\$135; jamusa.com.

Baroness, Deafheaven and Zeal

& Ardor: Terrific triple bill of progressive metal. Though Baroness and Deafheaven are essentially co-headliners with deep catalogs, don't miss Zeal & Ardor with its improbable yet thrilling

mix of gospel and hard rock. 6:30

p.m. March 31 at the Riviera Thea-



KATIE DARBY/INVISION/AP Kacey Musgraves performs.



AUDUN BRAASTAD/AFP/GETTY IMAGES Swedish singer Robyn performs.

tre, 4746 N. Racine Ave., \$28.50-\$33; metrochicago.com.

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WINTER ARTS GUIDE

MOVIES

Try these 10 for chills and seasonal diversion

By Michael Phillips

Chicago Tribune

Our region remains in the throes of snow deprivation. The atmospheric niceties many of us associate with the calendar's early months have gone AWOL.

Here's how bad it is these days: The poster image for the new Liam Neeson thriller "Cold Pursuit," depicting Ol' Reliable (this time playing a snowplow driver avenging his son's murder) dragging a corpse across a highway, fills the Chicago area moviegoer not with foreboding, but with a peculiar feeling of comfort. At last, some seasonal atmosphere!

"Cold Pursuit" arrives in February. The winter 2019 film calendar offers plenty more, notably "Us," the highly anticipated follow-up to writer-director Jordan Peele's smash "Get Out." The Marvel superhero universe continues with "Captain Marvel." And late March heralds the latest Disney animation-to-live-action recycling job, director Tim Burton's "Dumbo."

Herewith are 10 titles upon which to pin your various hopes and dreams. Happy moviewatching. Release dates may vary region to region, and are subject to change. Like the weather.

"The Upside," Jan. 11: A wealthy quadriplegic (Bryan Cranston) and his parolee caretaker (Kevin Hart) impart lessons in the value of friendship in this Americanized remake of the 2011 French-language smash "The Intouchables." Premiering at the 2017 Toronto film festival, this one was originally planned for an early 2018 release by the Weinstein Company. The distributor's collapse underneath multiple sexual assault allegations against Harvey Weinstein put "The Upside" in limbo. STX Entertainment bought it, and now we'll see if the public does.

"Cold War," Jan. 18: Paweł Pawlikowski, the Polish-born, London-based filmmaker whose "Ida" won the foreign-language Oscar, again tells a lean, spare



Tom Bateman, left, and Liam Neeson in "Cold Pursuit."



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M. Night Shyamalan's "Glass" stars Samuel L. Jackson.



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Jordan Peele's "Us" stars Lupita Nyong'o.

story of post-WWII fallout. This time he creates a tumultuous affair between a composer (Tomasz Kot) and a singer (Joanna Kulig) across the years, on both sides of the border between freedom and repression in Poland, East Germany and Paris. It's already a success in limited release.

"Glass," Jan. 18: M. Night Shya-

malan completes a rangy supernatural trilogy begun with "Unbreakable" back in 2000, and continued with "Split" (2016), the one about the psychopathic multiple-personality cannibal with superheroic/supervillainous powers. "Glass" mashes the casts and narratives of the two earlier films together; Bruce Willis, James McAvoy, Samuel L. Jackson and Sarah Paulson lead the

way. Into HELL!

"What Men Want," Feb. 8: Taraji P. Henson develops the wondrous ability to hear men's inner thoughts, and maximize them for fun, profit and romance. It's a gender-switched remake of the 2000 Mel Gibson/Helen Hunt romcom "What Women Want," a relic of the era in which Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt might've starred in a movie like

"Gloria Bell," March 8: Astonishingly, this life-affirming Julianne Moore vehicle has something in common with the life-snuffing Liam Neeson vehicle just discussed: It's an English-language remake of a foreign-language success, in this case Argentine-Chilean filmmaker Sebastian Lelio's 2013 "Gloria." Lelio's adaptation showcases Moore as a divorced LA woman looking to start a new chapter in her life. John Turturro co-stars; already, the remake has enjoyed an enthusiastic reception on the festival circuit.

"Cold Pursuit," Feb. 8: Liam Neeson, the "Taken" man of many killing skills, plays a Rocky Mountain snowplower facing off against a ruthless drug cartel. The Norwegian director Hans Petter Moland makes his English-language debut, reworking his own 2014 film "In Order of Disappearance." That picture starred Stellan Skarsgard; one critic deemed it "like 'Death Wish' set in 'Fargo' but funnier ... and bloodier!" We'll see if either claim holds true with the remake.

"Captain Marvel," March 8: She'll be part of the all-star pileup this May in "Avengers: Endgame," but first (and finally!) the Marvel Cinematic Universe gets around to giving a female character some elbow room. Brie Larson, Oscar winner for "Room," is the star. The directors are Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, whose earlier work includes the excellent, low-keyed "Half Nelson" and

"Sugar," the latter winning my

vote for "best baseball movie too few people have seen." With luck, Boden and Fleck can bring their eye for quirky and telling character detail to the realm of the stockholder-driven action extravaganza.

"Us," March 15: Few knew what to expect with Jordan Peele's "Get Out," which ended up making hundreds of millions and announcing a formidable new force in genre filmmaking. The tasty, scary trailer for Peele's sophomore directorial effort promises a different but equally compelling freak-out, in a tale of beach vacationers who run afoul of eerie, scissors-wielding manifestations of ... themselves. Lupita Nyong'o, Winston Duke and Elisabeth Moss head the cast.

"Ash is Purest White," March 15: Jia Zhangke, whose "Still Life" is one of the peak 21st century cinematic achievements, begins his latest story in 2001, in a world of gangsters. From there, "Ash" turns into a three-part examination of modern China's societal forces. It'll be hard to find this one in theaters, but Zhangke's imagination rewards the effort. Or, depending on where you live, worth the wait until "Ash" begins streaming.

"Dumbo," March 29: Nobody believes in recycling the way Disney believes in recycling. Joining the studio's profitable animation-to-live-action adaptations "The Jungle Book" and "Beauty and the Beast," director Tim Burton's re-engineering of the 1941 Disney feature paves the way for the upcoming Disney 2019 do-overs "Aladdin" (coming in May) and "The Lion King" (in July). It's the fondest wish and guiding business principle of Hollywood, whatever the genre or century: Nothing succeeds like something that succeeded al-

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

From Renee Fleming to the Spektral Quartet

By Howard Reich Chicago Tribune

The most intriguing events in classical music this winter:

Thomas Hampson with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra:

Hampson, one of the more regal and charismatic baritones of our time, will dig into Americana with music of Aaron Copland, Walter Damrosch and John Corigliano. Bramwell Tovey will be guest conductor on a program that also will include William Schuman's orchestration of Charles Ives' Variations on "America" and Edward Elgar's "Enigma" Variations. 8 p.m. Jan. 10, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 11 and 8 p.m. Jan. 12; Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

Newberry Consort: "What's Old is New: The Leuven Chansonnier" will offer a rare reprise of a recently discovered collection of songs written in 15th century France. Produced in tandem with Les Delices, a Cleveland early music group, the program will spotlight soprano Ellen Hargis, tenor Jason McStoots, baritone Daniel Fridley and early-music instrumentalists. 8 p.m. Jan. 11; Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St.; 8 p.m. Jan. 12 at University of Chicago's Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St.; 3 p.m. Jan. 13 at Northwestern University's Galvin Recital Hall, 70 Arts Circle Dr., Evanston; \$30-\$60; 773-669-7335 or www.newberryconsort.org.

Winter Chamber Music Festival: The Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University unfurls its annual celebration of chamber music, performed in one of the Chicago area's most embracing listening rooms: Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., with Dover Quartet (the quartet in residence), Jan. 11; violinist James Ehnes and pianist Andrew Armstrong, Jan. 13; Gryphon Trio, Jan. 18; Catalyst Quartet, Jan. 20; Jupiter String Quartet, Jan. 25; "An Evening of



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Spektral Quartet, from left, violinist Maeve Feinberg, cellist Russell Rolen, violinist Clara Lyon and violist Doyle Armbrust, performs at Fulton Recital Hall at the University of Chicago.

Beethoven, Zyman and Taneyev," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27; Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Dr.; single tickets are \$30 general, \$10 students; subscriptions are \$81-\$126 general, \$27-\$42 students; 847-467-4000 or www.music-.northwestern.edu.

Spektral +1, Plus One: The Chicago Center for Contemporary Composition, based at the University of Chicago, goes off campus for this performance featuring the city's Spektral Quartet in six world premieres. Each composition will feature the Spektrals collaborating with a guest musician, thereby expanding not only the expressive reach of this ensemble but, perhaps, of string-quartet writing itself. 8:30 p.m. Jan. 13; Constellation, 3111 N. Western Ave.; free; www.constellation-chicago.com or cccc.uchica-

Hewitt Plays Mozart: Angela Hewitt, an extraordinarily sensitive pianist, takes her first bow



ROBIN PLATZER/AVALON

Renee Fleming marks 25 years of partnership with Lyric Opera.

with Music of the Baroque playing Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27, in B-flat Major, K. 595. The program also will include Mozart's Serenade No. 10 ("Gran Partita"), in B-flat Major, K. 361, with music director Jane Glover conducting. 8 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Harris Theater for Music and

Dance, 205 E. Randolph St.; 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; \$10-\$78; 312-551-1414 or www.baroque.org.

Civic Orchestra: University of Chicago premieres: The university's Chicago Center for Contemporary Composition collaborates with the Civic Orchestra in an evening of nine world premieres. In effect, young musicians will be interpreting work by a new generation of composers, conducted by Cliff Colnot. 8 p.m. Feb. 5; Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; free, with a \$5 processing fee; reserve tickets at www.cso.org or 312-294-3000.

Rembrandt Chamber Musicians: The anchor of the program is Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time, a landmark of the chamber literature penned while the composer was imprisoned during World War II. The program also will include Hindemith's Sonata for Viola and Piano, and Saint-

Saens' "Caprice on Danish and Russian Airs"; Stephen Cohen is guest clarinetist. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Cliff Dwellers, 200 S. Michigan Ave., 22nd floor; 3 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston; \$10-\$38; 872-395-1754 or www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org.

Riccardo Muti conducts the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus: The maestro returns with a program featuring Mozart's Requiem and the CSO's first performance of William Schuman's Symphony No. 9 ("Le fosse Ardeatine"). 8 p.m. Feb. 21, 1:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and 8 p.m. Feb. 23 in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

"Ariodante": Lyric Opera offers its first staging of Handel's Italian opera "Ariodante," which premiered at Covent Garden Theatre, London, in 1735. The piece stands as one of Handel's more accessible operas, but also one the most vocally demanding. This is a new co-production with Festival d'Aix-en-Provence, Dutch National Opera and Canadian Opera Company. Select dates March 2 to 17 at Civic Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Dr.; ticket prices vary; 312-827-5600 or www.lyricopera org

Renee Fleming 25th Anniversary Concert and Gala: The eminent soprano celebrates a quarter-century partnership with Lyric Opera (where she also serves as creative consultant), in performance with soprano Sondra Radvanovsky, mezzo-soprano Susan Graham, tenor Lawrence Brownlee, baritone Quinn Kelsey, bass-baritones Eric Owens and Christian Van Horn and others. 7 p.m. March 23; Civic Opera House,

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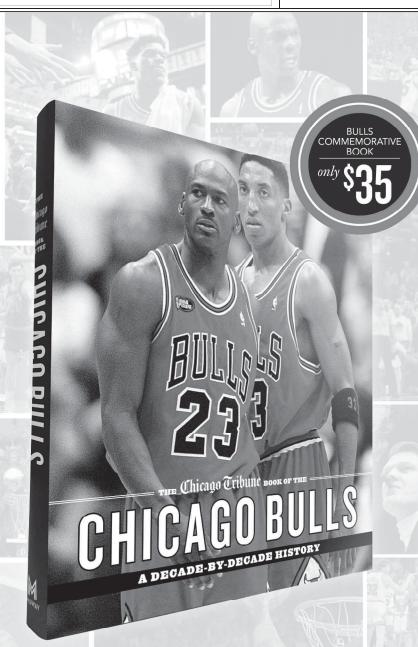
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MUSEUMS

Legos, fashion, orchids, caravans and wildlife

By Steve Johnson Chicago Tribune

Lots of Legos, lots of fashion and lots of wildlife photography, plus the usual bevy of orchids, are among the more intriguing items on the calendar for Chicago's museums and nature parks in the year's first handful of months. And then there's the whole fascinating question of a rock festival in an art museum.

Here are some of the exhibitions, events and openings I'm eagerly anticipating:

"Imagine the Moon" and Lunapalooza: It's been a while since the Adler Planetarium premiered a new sky show in its state-ofthe-art central theater. And what better excuse than Jan. 20's total lunar eclipse? Created, as usual, in-house, the moon show will explore the origins, cultural significance, and lore of our giant natural satellite on that breathtaking domed screen. And then on the night of Jan. 20, the space museum hosts Lunapalooza, its lunar eclipse watch party (tickets required). "Imagine the Moon" opens Jan 18, 1300 S. Lake Shore Dr.; adlerplanetarium.org or 312-922-7827.

"Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time": This major show curated by and debuting at Northwestern's Block Museum of Art, before it moves on to Toronto and Washington, D.C., will be the first to showcase the "splendor and power of the lost kingdoms and commercial centers" of medieval Saharan Africa using artifacts from the period. Included will be rare treasures on loan from African museums and the British Museum, and one of the spotlights will be on Mansa Musi, the 14th century king of gold-rich Mali believed to be the wealthiest man history has known. *Jan. 26-July 21, 40 Arts* Circle Dr., Evanston; blockmuseum.northwestern.edu or 847-491-

"Prisoner of Love": "I suspected black people were going to be moved by it," filmmaker Arthur Jafa told ArtNews when it wrote about his 2016 short-film sensation, "Love Is The Message, The Message Is Death." "But I have to say, the most unexpected thing has been how strongly white folks, or nonblack people, have been moved by it." The seven layered minutes explore the African-American experience with images ranging from President Obama singing "Amazing Grace" at a memorial service to police handcuffing an unarmed black woman in front of her kids.



THE FIELD MUSEUM

"Wildlife Photographer of the Year" at the Field Museum is one of the shows to look forward to this winter. One image from it is by Marsel van Oosten, who captured a group of Qinling golden snub-nosed monkeys.

This MCA show brings "Love Is the Message" to Chicago for the first time, and museum Senior Curator Naomi Beckwith places it amid works from the collection critiquing American society. January 26 - October 27, 220 E. Chicago Ave.; www.mcachicago.org or 312-280-2660

Reinstalled African art: Rethinking and reworking presentations is a constant for museums, or for good ones, anyway. The Field in late 2018 announced plans to redo its Native American halls, and this February, the Art Institute will debut a new look at its African art. Included will be new works, including 10 loans from the Field, and new labeling meant to provide "a deeper view" of the continent and its artistic culture, as the AIC member magazine put it. Opens Feb. 9, Gallery 137, 111 S. Michigan Ave.; artic.edu or 312-443-3600

"In the Tropics: The Orchid Show": Chicago Botanic Garden's chance to visit with this storied class of flowers is now a traditional relief from midwinter blues. This year's show, with 10,000 plants on display, will focus on orchids in tropical climates, which produce the greatest diversity of orchid species. Supplementary events will include live music and cocktail parties. Feb. 9-March 24, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe; www.chicagobotanic.org

Midwinter fest: Please do not set your drinks on the sculpture pedestals. Anyone involved in museums has to be intensely curious to see how the Art Institute will handle a three-day pop music fest in and about its galleries and theaters. For the first time, the museum and Pitchfork are teaming up to present dozens of cutting-edge contemporary artists in settings where people typically talk with hushed reverence, if they make any noise at all. And the backdrops will be not only visually interesting but, often, priceless. Feb. 15-17, 111 S. Michigan Ave.; midwinter.pitchfork.com

"The Whole World a Bauhaus": If you aren't an architecture or design geek, you may not know the world is celebrating Bauhaus100, the centenary of the April 1, 2019 founding of the influential German art and design school. What better place to host the only U.S. landing for this traveleing exhibition than the Elmhurst Art Museum, whose grounds include one of only three U.S. homes built by Mies van der Rohe, who was the final director of the Bauhaus and, of course, a towering figure on the Chicago skyline? Out of the school came Gropius, Kandinsky, Moholy-Nagy and a whole lot of the Chicago design aesthetic. Feb 16-April 21, 150 S. Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst; 630-834-0202 or elmhurstartmuseum.org

"Thomas D. Mangelsen — A Life in the Wild": Mangelsen is one of the most renowned photographers of nature. This exhibit will showcase some of the Nebraska native's most celebrated work. Feb. 16-June 2, Noteba ert Nature Museum, 2430 N Cannon Dr.; 773-755-5100 or naturemuseum.org

"Art on the Mart": New spring program: The new public artvideo screen on the massive south facade of the Merchandise Mart debuted late in the Riverwalk season. The first spring and summer with it will be a real test of how people are going to react to the bold step of mounting a nightly curated selection of video work on what organizers say is the largest such permanent installation in the world. (By permanent, they mean there's a 30-year agreement with the city.) A new program featuring new works debuts March 1. Visible from the Riverwalk and Upper Wacker Drive.

"Wired to Wear": What little I know so far about this big show from the Museum of Science and Industry certainly whets the whistle. The exhibition will examine "the many ways fashion and technology are combining to create new opportunities for every person to be and do more than they dreamed possible." That sounds like a lot more than a running jacket with a cutout to

slip your earbuds wire through. Opens March 21, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive; www.msichicago.org

"Wildlife Photographer of the Year": Field Museum is bringing in this take on the very popular annual show from the London Natural History Museum, which has hosted the contest, said to be the world's most prestigious, since 1964. The exhibition features the 100 most recent winners and promises to tell us much about the natural world. Opens March 22, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive; 312-922-9410 or www.fieldmuseum.org

"Silver Screen to Mainstream: American Fashion in the 1930s and '40s": This one is in part for fans of film noir and other genres from Hollywood's golden age. The exhibit will present 30 ensembles exploring "how the glamour of the silver screen influenced and shaped American fashion" from the Great Depression through World War II. Opens April 8 at Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St.; www.chicagohistory-.org or 312-642-4600.

Legos amid nature: In "Brick Safari," Brookfield Zoo will present more than three dozen life-sized Lego sculptures of animals in natural settings. Further west, in a return engagement for "Nature Connects: Art with Lego Bricks," Morton Arboretum showcases 15 "largerthan-life nature-themed displays" from New York artist Sean Kenney. "Brick Safari," opens May 11, 8400 W. 31st St., Brookfield; brookfieldzoo.org. "Nature Connects, May 24-Sept. 15, 100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle; 630-968-0074 or www.mortonar-

"Virgil Abloh: Figures of **Speech":** Tickets went on sale before Thanksgiving for this June, 2019 show organized by MCA Chief Curator Michael Darling, which gives some indication of the level of interest the museum anticipates. Abloh is the Chicago-reared fashion designer, the son of Ghanaian immigrants, who first became known through his work with Kanye West. Highly collaborative, Abloh has since gone on to do high-profile work with Nike and launched his own fashion brand, Off-White, which brings a streetwear aesthetic to the runway. June 10 - September 22, 220 E. Chicago Ave.; www.mcachicago.org or 312-280-2660

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JAZZ

Marquis Hill, Anat Cohen signal a hot winter

By Howard Reich Chicago Tribune

The most promising jazz

events of the winter season: Alyssa Allgood: When Allgood played her first extended run at the Jazz Showcase, in summer of 2017, she made a lasting impression as a remarkably accomplished young vocalist. Certainly there was no missing the technical control and creative imagination of her work. Allgood returns to the room to sing music from her newest album, "Exactly Like You." 8 and 10 p.m. Jan. 10 through 12; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Jan. 13; Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; \$20-\$35; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com.

Greg Ward: Ever since the saxophonist moved from the East Coast back to Chicago, in 2015, he has been a major figure on the scene, leading and contributing to several ensembles. This time he'll front his newest band, Rogue Parade, to celebrate the release of their album "Stomping Off From Greenwood," with guitarists Matt Gold and Dave Miller, bassist Matt Ulery and drummer Quinn Kirchner. 9 p.m. Jan. 11 and 8 p.m. Jan. 12; Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$15; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

After Dark: A Tribute to Von Freeman: Saxophonist Freeman's legacy still echoes through jazz in Chicago and beyond, thanks to the generations of musicians he mentored. This homage to the great one features saxophonists Geof Bradfield and Rajiv Halim, guitarists Scott Burns and Michael Allemana, bassist Dennis Carroll and drummer Dana Hall. 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Jan. 11 and 12; Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.; \$15; 312-642-6805 or



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Marquis Hill will play at the Logan Center for the Arts.



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Howard Levy will bring his harmonica to the Green Mill.

www.andysjazzclub.com.

John Wojciechowski: By day, he's a music teacher at St. Charles North High School. By night, he's one of Chicago's most admired saxophonists, an instrumentalist whose technical aplomb is matched by the profundity of his improvisations and compositions. Wojo, as everyone in jazz calls him, will be joined by pianist

Ryan Cohan, bassist Dennis Carroll and drummer Dana Hall. 8 and 10 p.m. Jan. 17-19; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Jan. 20; Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; \$20-\$35; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com.

Howard Levy: The greatest jazz harmonica virtuoso on the planet happens to live in the Chicago area, but his gifts are such that

he's constantly in demand around the world. Which makes this an excellent chance to hear Levy alighting in his hometown, this time with NBV (No Bad Vibes), featuring trumpeter Victor Garcia, saxophonist Steve Eisen, bassist Kelly Sill and drummer Paul Wertico. 9 p.m. Jan. 18 and 8 p.m. Jan. 19; Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$15; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

"Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah": Handel's "Messiah" gets an exuberant, jazz-gospel makeover in this annual production honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As always, the cast will feature tenor Rodrick Dixon, soprano Alfreda Burke, alto Karen Marie Richardson and very hot pianist Alvin Waddles, plus chorus, orchestra and jazz band. 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 and 3 p.m. Jan. 20; Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Dr.; \$29-\$79; 312-341-2300 or www.auditoriumtheatre.org.

Chicago Jazz Orchestra: The only thing better than hearing Jeff Lindberg's splendid, longrunning big band is encountering it in an intimate space. So when Lindberg and the CJO take the stage of Winter's Jazz Club, listeners should be prepared to encounter a great deal of sound, but considerable textural detail and tonal subtlety, as well. 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20; Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court; \$15-\$20; 312-344-1270 or www.wintersjazzclub.com.

The Diagonal: The band takes its name from personal geography: Its musicians live in Boston and Los Angeles but also have deep ties to Chicago (hence "the diagonal" that connects these cities). Chicago listeners will remember

the years trombonist Jeb Bishop and guitarist Jeff Parker lived here and will note former Chicago bassist Nate McBride's many contributions; drummer Luther Gray and pianist Pandelis Karayorgis complete the ensemble. 9 p.m. Jan. 25 and 8 p.m. Jan. 26; Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$15; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

Anat Cohen Tentet; Joshua Redman Quartet: When clarinetist Cohen led her Tentet at the University of Chicago's Logan Center in 2017, at least one listener was struck by the ensemble's range of color and depth of expression. For this performance, Cohen will unveil a concerto, "Triple Helix," by longtime Cohen collaborator Oded Lev-Ari. Saxophonist Redman opens the program. 8 p.m. Feb. 1; Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$9-\$74; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

Marquis Hill Blacktet: Chicago has few rivals when it comes to developing young jazz talent, trumpeter Hill a case in point. Well before he won the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Trumpet Competition, in 2014, he was admired in his hometown for uncounted appearances in venues large and small. He returns via the Jazz at the Logan Series with music from his album "Modern Flows Vol. 2," which takes up elements of hip-hop. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15; University of Chicago's Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St.; \$10-\$38; 773-702-2787 or https://chi-

cagopresents.uchicago.edu.

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ARCHITECTURE

Tours at Farnsworth House, skyline changes

By BLAIR KAMIN Chicago Tribune

It may be winter, but the Chicago architecture world isn't going into hibernation. Here are major upcoming events in the first half of 2019:

Farnsworth House in the snow: Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's mid-century modernist masterpiece is open for winter tours for the first time.

Owned and managed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the house museum will offer tours on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. from Jan. 5 through March 23. It's located at 14520 River Road in far southwest suburban Plano. More information at https://farnsworthhouse.org.

Venice architecture exhibit arrives in Chicago: Couldn't make it to Venice to see Chicago's contribution to the 2018 archi-

tecture biennale? No problem.
The exhibit from the biennale's
U.S. pavilion, organized by the
School of the Art Institute of
Chicago and the University of
Chicago, will be displayed at
Wrightwood 659, the new Tadao
Ando-designed gallery at 659 W.
Wrightwood Ave., from Feb. 15
through April 27.

The show, titled "Dimensions of Citizenship," explores architecture's relationship to the changing concepts of citizenship in seven installations. This will be its first U.S. appearance. More information at https://wrightwood659.org.

100 years of the Bauhaus: A

traveling exhibition that celebrates the 100th anniversary the influential but short-lived German art and design school will appear at the Elmhurst Art Museum from Feb. 16 through April 21. Founded in 1919, the Bauhaus closed in 1933, under pressure from the Nazis, who detested its modern art and architecture.

Titled "The Whole World a Bauhaus," the show will exhibit art and design pieces, photo-



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This collection of city-owned open lots along 63rd Street bordered by Ellis Avenue on the west and Woodlawn Avenue on the east is a key strip near the future Obama Presidential Center could be redeveloped.



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Farnsworth House is open for the first time for winter tours.

graphs and documents by Bauhaus masters and students. The masters include Mies, who designed the Elmhurst museum's home, originally a private house, after he emigrated to the U.S. More information at

www.elmhurstartmuseum.org.

O'Hare expansion bake-off:

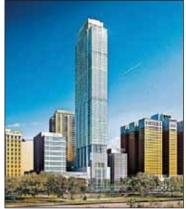
The City of Chicago is expected to select an architect for the \$8.5 billion expansion before Mayor Rahm Emanuel leaves office next spring.

The five finalist teams are led

by Santiago Calatrava LLC of Zurich and New York; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill of Chicago; Denver's Fentress Architects; London's Foster + Partners, and Chicago's Studio Gang.

Plans call for models of the finalists' expansion plans to be displayed throughout the city.

Obama Presidential Center take-off: The ongoing saga of the center, a complex honoring the nation's first African-American president, will likely reach a turning point next spring when



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This 479-unit apartment building will be at 808 S. Michigan Ave.

federal officials complete their review of the project.

The center, planned for Jackson Park and designed by New York architects Tod Williams and Billie Tsien, already has approval from the Chicago City Council. But the feds' OK is needed before ground can be broken.

Construction was supposed to start in 2018, with completion anticipated in 2021.

An ambitious addition to the skyline: One Bennett Park, the 67-story condominium and apart-

ment tower by New York architect Robert A.M. Stern, is due for a spring opening.

Located to the west of Navy Pier at 451 E. Grand Ave., the tower was inspired by 1920s Art Deco skyscrapers, like the Palmolive Building at 159 E. Walton St. Related Midwest is the developer.

South Side story: The wall-like group of skyscrapers that lines the west side of Grant Park will get a new member with the opening of Essex on the Park in the 800 block of S. Michigan Ave.

The two-building project, designed by Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture of Chicago, renovates the old Essex Inn hotel and adds a 56-story rental apartment tower to its south. Oxford Capital Group, the developer, says the first tenants are expected to move in March 1.

Replacing old Prentice: Seven years after the bitter controversy that resulted in the demolition of Bertrand Goldberg's old Prentice Women's Hospital, a cloverleaf-shaped concrete high-rise at 333 E. Superior St., Northwestern University in June plans to dedicate its replacement, the Simpson Querrey Biomedical Research Center.

Designed by the Chicago office of Perkins+Will, the 13-story high-rise has a curving glass exterior wall and houses research labs. A planned second phase would bring the tower's height to 31 stories.

Later in the year: Other big 2019 events include the third edition of the Chicago Architecture Biennial, scheduled to run from Sept. 19 to Jan. 5, 2020. The artistic director for the big exhibition, which showcases cuttingedge ideas in architecture, design and urban planning, is Yesomi Umolu, exhibitions curator at the University of Chicago's Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts.

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VISUAL ART

Detox with exciting Chicago art exhibitions

By KT Hawbaker Chicago Tribune

In 2018, the name of the game was

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word saw a 45% rise in searches on its website last year, and while "toxic" typically modified nouns like "waste," 2018 also saw the rise of "toxic masculinity" and "toxic relationship."

With that in mind, perhaps 2019 is the year of "detox" — it is January after all, and we're supposed to be making resolutions to run or something.

Chicago's art galleries and museums are a great place to begin that cleanse. The most exciting art of early 2019 blatantly dissects gender, sexuality, race, history and community, purging the poison that often lies in convention.

"Chicago Works: Jessica Campbell": The art world loves pretentious hierarchies, and one of its most useless is the line between artist and cartoonist. Flipping the bird at this binary (among others) is the Chicago-based Jessica Campbell, whose candid, crunchy solo show at the MCA reimagines the life of Canadian painter Emily Carr. Campbell deploys comics and textiles in an institutional setting to critique the traumas and trash of gender. Through July 7 at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, 220 E. Chicago Ave; mcachicago.org

"Dandies, Debutantes and Dancers: Southside Chicago Nightclubs in the 1970s": Michael Abramson was a hometown hero who rose to acclaim in 1970s as the photographer of South Side nightlife. Shot in black and white, his intimate portraits capture the patrons of various ballrooms and strip joints, the fabulous fashion, the energy of an underground, a decade before total crisis struck the queer community. Rangefinder puts on a retrospective of this work, preserving a worthy, wild history. Through Feb. 23 at the Rangefinder Gallery, 300 W. Superior, 2nd Fl.; www.tamarkin.com/leicagallery

"Out of Context": The newest show curated by Sabrina Greig brings together a trove of artists who investigate the meanings of borders, boundaries and even pop culture. They ask what it means to take familiar signifiers and subvert their fixed definitions. How far can we stretch a rigid image or idea before it becomes abstract?



NATHAN KEAY PHOTO

Jessica Campbell's "Clover Point from Dallas Road" is on exhibit at the MCA Chicago.

Through Jan. 24 at Chicago Artists Coalition, 2130 W. Fulton St.: www.chicagoartistscoalition.org

"Polymorphism: Queer Encounters of **Intimacy in Games":** Where were you the first time you played "Grand Theft Auto" and encountered sex in a video game? In an industry that often shows very narrow images of sex and intimacy as rewards for completing certain tasks, queer video game artists are working to pull affection and sexuality from hetero margins. This work receives rigorous documentation at the Video Game Art Gallery, opening up the electric medium to the narratives of longterm romance, intimacy with multiple partners and casual sex. Jan. 18-April 28 at VGA Gallery, 2418 W Bloomingdale #102; www.videogameartgallery.com

"Dawoud Bey: Night Coming Tenderly, **Black":** The newest from photographer Dawoud Bey, a recent MacArthur "genius," reimagines sites from the last stages of the Underground Railroad, a hard pivot from his revered portrait work. Black-and-white landscapes — gelatin silver prints — offer subdued stories of escape, secrecy and freedom, paying homage to Langston Hughes and the "twilight uncertainty that

those fleeing slavery confronted as they traveled northward." Jan. 11-April 14 at the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave.; www.artic.edu

"Rebuilding the Present": With David Lynch behind the scenes and in the show, Weinberg/Newton puts on a show that engages a spectrum of meditative practices, ranging from paintings to audio works, with the suggestion that meditation is both an act of self-care and social justice in a chaotic world. Jan. 18 through April 13 at Weinberg/Newton Gallery, 300 W. Superior St., Suite 203; weinbergnewtongallery.com

"The Beach Chicago": An enormous, immersive art installation from New York designers Snarkitecture, "The Beach Chicago" will fill a ballroom with more than a million antimicrobial and recyclable plastic balls, along with all of the accouterments you'd expect from a day at Hollywood Beach — no sunscreen necessary. It will also include a pier hovering over the "sea," from which onlookers can view the entire project. Jan. 19-Feb. 3 at the Aon Grand Ballroom Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.; navypier.org



Michael Abramson chronicled South Side nightlife.

"Stateless: Views of Global Migration": Taking the numbers and narratives that typically appear above the fold, "Stateless" seeks to humanize the statistics and issues of human migration and displacement. Eight contemporary artists bring their lenses to the exhibition, rifling through concepts of collective trauma and the endurance required in mass movement. Jan. 24 through March 31 at the Museum of Contemporary Photography, 600 S. Michigan Ave.; www.mocp.org

"Solidary & Solitary: The Joyner/ Giuffrida Collection": Pulled from the Pamela J. Joyner and Alfred J. Giuffrida Collection, the major, intergenerational exhibition explores the relationship between Black artists and abstraction: What does the refusal of representation mean in a world where representation is denied? What kind of creative freedoms does disembodiment offer and how can it preserve histories? Jan. 29-May 19 at the Smart Museum of Art, The University of Chicago, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave.; smartmuseum.uchicago.edu

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WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Andy Samberg

"The 76th Annual Golden ilobe Awards" (/ p.m., NBC): Andy Samberg and Sandra Oh are the co-hosts as stars from both film and television gather at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif., for this annual awards ceremony by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. Beloved TV comedy star Carol Burnett will receive a new special achievement award that will bear her name and subsequently be presented to honorees who have made outstanding contributions to television either on- or off-screen.

"Crikey! It's the Irwins" (7 p.m., 12 a.m., 3 a.m., ANIM): Robert travels to one of his country's most famous natural attractions, the Great Barrier Reef, to go "Swimming With Manta Rays" in the waters around Lady Elliot Island in this new episode. He also brings his photography skills as a citizen scientist in service to Project Manta, a research program that's vital to the conservation of this species.

"Outlander" (7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m., Starz): When the secrets that Jamie and Claire (Sam Heughan, Catriona Balfe) have been keeping from each other finally come out, the couple realize their actions have produced disastrous complications for Roger and Brianna (Richard Rankin, Sophie Skelton) in the new episode "The Deep Heart's Core." After Young Ian (John Bell) ruthlessly trades Roger to a tribe of Native Americans, Jamie and Claire immediately embark on an attempted rescue mission. Meanwhile, Roger feels helpless against his captors.

"NCIS: Los Angeles" (8 p.m., CBS): The chief of logistics for a naval weapons station causes a scene by collapsing abruptly on the job in the new episode "The Sound of Silence." It falls to Callen (Chris O'Donnell) and his team to resolve the urgent question as to whether the incident was "only" a stress-induced breakdown or evidence of a legitimate terror threat. Deaks and Kensi (Eric Christian Olsen, Daniela Ruah) independently research promising honeymoon destinations.

"Family Guy" (8 p.m., FOX): Peter's (voice of Seth MacFarlane) hair turns white after joining his pals for a terrifying ghost-hunting expedition in his house, and that bold new look catches the attention of local news anchor Tom Tucker (Mac-Farlane again) in the new episode "Hefty Shades of Gray." As the two new acquaintances start to spend time together, Tucker coaches Peter in the fine art of reporting fake news, a skill that promptly lands him a gig as the senior crime analyst.

"Worst Cooks in America" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Chefs Tyler Florence and Anne Burrell return as team coaches of some of the most inept would-be cooks in the country. These seemingly hapless rookies are put through a grueling culinary boot camp, with the least successful candidate going home at the end of each episode. In the Season 15 premiere, "The Perfect Bird," the coaches pick their teams after sampling what the rookies consider their signature dishes. Next, they must attempt an error-free chicken dish.

"UFO Cover Ups: Secrets Revealed" (8 p.m., 11:03 p.m., History): If we're to believe information shared by UFO enthusiasts, sightings of mysterious phenomena and encounters between humans and extraterrestrials have been happening for decades, but a number of those reports have been withheld from the public. Many among the true believers suspect there is some shadowy entity determined to suppress eyewitness reports to keep the ongoing mysteries under wraps.

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WINTER ARTS GUIDE | 2019

DANCE

Winter season offers a variety of styles, stories

By Lauren Warnecke Chicago Tribune

Winter used to be a rather dormant time for dance, but in 2019 the colder months bring some of the most exciting dance events of the year.

Winter is typically a time when touring companies roll through town, with spring reserved for the locals. But two home-town companies will present world premieres in February. Two extraordinary Indian dance companies, both based in Minneapolis, pay a visit this season, and two companies who've not been here in decades join a crowded dance calendar with another celebrating a milestone 50 years of Chicago tours.

Ragamala Dance: Hindu mythology, 12th century Sufi texts and an ancient version of Chutes and Ladders were the inspiration for "Written in Water," a full-length contemporary Bharatanatyam work navigating good and evil. Mother/daughter choreographers Aparna and Ranee Ramaswamy celebrate 25 years since this Twin Cities-based company's founding. Jan. 11 at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive; tickets \$35-\$135 at *312-334-7777 and www.* harristheaterchicago.org

The Dance Center of Columbia College has a great spring season lined up, beginning with Spectrum Dance Theater Jan. 31-Feb. 2. Director Donald Byrd visits Chicago for the first time in more than 20 years, bringing work inspired by the national debate on immigration. Anaya Dance Theatre performs "Shyamali," a Bharatanatyam work by dance legend Ananya Chat-



English National Ballet in Akram Khan's "Giselle."



CHERYL MANN PHOTO

Joffrey Ballet dancers Victoria Jaiani and Alberto Velazquez in "Anna Karenina."

terjea Feb. 14-16, and Urban Bush Women return to the Dance Center for "Hair & Other Stories," a dance about economic disparities

between races and genders. At the Dance Center of Columbia College, 1306 S. Michigan Ave.; www-.dance.colum.edu Trinity Irish Dance Company gives its first full evening at home in over a

evening at home in over a decade, a one-night-only performance which boasts two world premieres. From the beginning, artistic director Mark Howard has been pushing a modern, progressive image of Irish dance which put the form on the map years before "Riverdance" fever took hold. Themes for this exciting evening center around female empowerment. Feb 2 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; tickets \$29-\$78 at 312-341-2300 and www.auditoriumtheatre.org

Joffrey Ballet of Chicago's winter mixed-rep moves to April this year, to make way for a world premiere full-length ballet based on Leo Tolstoy's masterpiece about looking for love in all the wrong places, "Anna Karenina." The collaborative effort between Joffrey and The Australian Ballet features choreography by Yuri Possokhov, whose rep for



ALICE GEBURA PHO

Ragamala co-artistic director and principal dancer Aparna Ramaswamy performing "Song of the Jasmine."

Joffrey includes "Bells" and delighted audiences their 2017 Chicago darin," and original music the Dance Center; se

English National Ballet: Akram Khan's first fulllength ballet was a smash hit, a reimagination of the iconic "Giselle" combining ballet and kathak, a form of classical Indian dance. Composer Vincenzo Lamagna's score plays off the original by Adolphe Adams, performed live by the Chicago Philharmonic in this stunning North American premiere, the company's first tour to the U.S. in more than three decades. Feb. 28 to March 2 at Harris Thea-

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delighted audiences with their 2017 Chicago debut at the Dance Center; seeing them perform with the silky-smooth dancers of Hubbard Street will likely yield an evening to remember. March 2-3 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; tickets \$29-\$110 at 312-341-2300 and www.auditoriumtheatre.org

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater celebrates its 60th anniversary with the company's first two-act work,"Lazarus," created by hip-hop icon Rennie Harris and inspired by the life of founder Alvin Ailey. Two other programs complete the company's 50th consecutive year at the Auditorium, with a contemporary program featuring works by Wayne McGregor and Jessica Lang, and a third compiling more than a dozen Ailey classics. Given these choices, I'm thinking you might as well see all three programs. March 6-10 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive; tickets \$34-\$120 at 312-341-2300 and www.auditoriumtheatre.org

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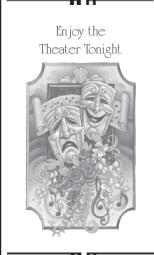
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Chicago Tribune TRAVEL



STORY AND PHOTOS BY MARK JOHANSON Chicago Tribune

BANFF, ALBERTA — I'm not even halfway up an ephemeral ice wall in Banff National Park before I find myself, quite literally, on a slippery slope.

To my right is a sinewy gorge known as Johnston Canyon and the snow-covered hiking path from which I came. To my left are stunning pillars of frozen river water that blanket a craggy 100-foot cliff. I, of course, am precariously affixed to said cliff, and I'm clinging for dear life.

I've come to this unspoiled spot to take a stab at ice climbing, but I'm beginning to feel like some reject from the Marvel Universe with my hands and feet sporting spiky weapons that I'm not quite sure how to use.

"Kick your crampon into the ice like you're angry," my teacher, Larry Shiu, screams from down below.

I do as I'm told, and frozen water crystals tumble into the riverbed. My newly firm attachment means I'm now closer to the radiatorlike wall, but I refuse to let the finger-tingling temperature get to me. I need to focus on the task at hand: hook my ice ax into a higher perch and continue my vertical march upward.

Shiu tells me to think of the ax like a fly-fishing rod. "Flick your wrist." he shouts as

"Flick your wrist," he shouts as I sink the tool into the blue-gray ice, allowing me the leverage I need to push onward and upward. I quickly gain confidence



Larry Shiu, a teacher with Yamnuska Mountain Adventures, keeps extra ropes and carabiners on his harness.

and race to the top where, harnessing the power of my newly weaponized extremities, I pause to take in the full panorama.

My journey into — and up — this stunning canyon began a few days back with a flight to Calgary, an oil-rich city of 1.2 million in the province of Alberta. As my plane landed, all I could see was a dense cloud of white, as if a marshmallow puff of snow had been smushed up against the oncegolden prairie. It took a 75-mile drive west to find the Canada of lore, where toothy Rocky Mountain peaks poke out over evergreen forests and fairy-tale turquoise lakes.

Banff is Canada's oldest national park and a playground for climbers, boasting dozens of pristine ice routes, most of which are easily accessed from local roads. Add one of the longest seasons (December to early April)

and most ideal climates for ice climbing, and you begin to understand why the area is regarded by many as the best place in the world to try this increasingly popular sport.

A 2017 report from the Outdoor Foundation found that outdoor climbing was one of the five fastest-growing adventure sports, with ice climbing forming a sizable chunk of that growth (thanks, in part, to cheaper and more widely available equipment). Its popularity has soared by more than 20 percent over the past three years, and there's even talk of making it an official sport in the Winter Olympics.

I've come to Banff to see what all the fuss is about on a two-day experiential course with Yamnuska Mountain Adventures (prices starting at \$150 a day). But things aren't going as glowingly as planned. "I've got good news and bad news," Shiu tells me after my first day on the ice. "The good news is that you're stronger than you look. The bad news is that your technique is crap."

I commiserate with a fellow classmate that evening over dinner at the Chiniki Cultural Centre, a museum-cum-restaurant of the Chiniki First Nation people. As we chow down on some hearty fry bread "tacos" topped with elk meat, my classmate shows me a post she's just put on Instagram. In it, I'm dangling off the ice wall with the kind of body posture people might assume if they were using a toilet.

It seems my technique is crap. I rest my head for the night in a plush bed at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, a castlelike affair built in the 1880s to lure vacationers westward along the Canadian Pacific Railway, before heading

out to the ice the following day,

determined to right my wrongs.
Johnston Canyon is a sharply
hewn river valley lined with
quaking aspens and lanky lodgepole pines. To get back to the ice
wall, I have to crunch snow for
about 45 minutes, walking like a
cowboy to avoid daggering my
pant leg with the razor-sharp
crampons on my boots.

Along the way, I ask Shiu what went wrong yesterday, explaining that I seem to be much more adept at rock climbing.

"Rock climbing is usually easier to pick up because you just use your feet and hands to grab and go," he explains. "In ice climbing, you have to figure out how to

swing your ax and kick your crampons into the ice, so there's a bigger learning curve."

Shiu suggests that I work on maintaining a perfect triangle on the ice, with my feet spread wide and my ice tool above my head in the center. "This is the most stable body position," he says. "When you get the three points fixed, you have one more ice tool that is free to swing higher and build your next triangle."

With that in mind, I harness up and give it a go. Instead of straining my Popeye muscles to race up the wall, as I did yesterday, I focus on slow, controlled movements. A few climbs in, I'm feeling much less crappy.

I realize after a successful second day that I'm so used to a city life that requires speed for efficiency that it was initially hard for me to slow down. But ice climbing isn't about speed; it's about carefully calculated moves. It's this wonderfully meditative mind game where speed can be your enemy.

Ice climbing is also about trusting the unknown, another thing I'm not terribly great at. You have to trust that a tiny crampon spike will support your weight, and that a piece of frozen water isn't minutes from melting in the afternoon sun.

If you can suspend your disbelief for a few hours, your reward is not only an intimate connection with nature, but also the chance to be a D-list superhero, at least for a while.

Mark Johanson is a freelancer.

Billionaire builds beach access app

Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — A tech billionaire whose elaborate wedding in a redwood grove violated California rules has helped create a smartphone app that shows users a map of more than 1,500 spots where people can get to the coastline.

Sean Parker, co-founder of file-sharing service Napster, agreed to help make the YourCoast app after he built a large site resembling a movie set for his 2013 wedding in an ecologically sensitive area of Big Sur without proper permits.

However, the California Coastal Commission determined the construction in a campground area wouldn't harm the environment and the wedding was allowed to proceed.

Parker, a former president of Facebook, also paid \$2.5 million in penalties, which helped fund hiking trails and other efforts to increase public access to

the popular tourist area. It was a rare high-profile coastal violation case resolved with cooperation rather than a legal fight.

Parker told the Los Angeles Times by email that he was excited to work on the project because he "thought it would provide the greatest value to the public."

The centerpiece of the app is a map of 1,563 public access points that the commission tracks along coastal California. Clicking on a

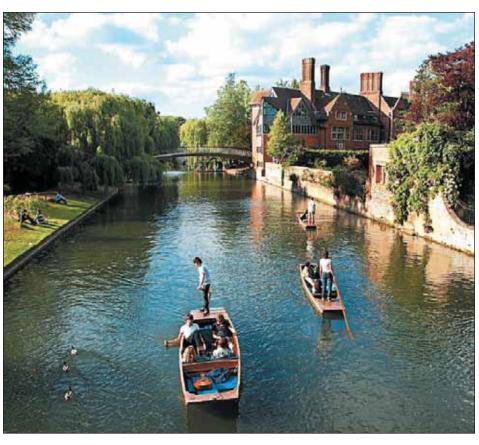
particular access point shows photos of the path to the beach — which can be hard to find — and whether it has amenities such as parking, access for visitors with disabilities, restrooms or fishing facilities.

Users can submit updated photos or report violations to the commission. If people are visiting a remote area, they can save the map and information on their phone if they lose service.



ERIC RISBERG/AP

The new YourCoast app shows users a map of more than 1,500 public access points along the California coast.





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At left, punting on the River Cam is one of the best ways to see the University of Cambridge. At right, Oxford's skyline is peppered with spires and domes from its venerable colleges.

Oxford vs. Cambridge: Which merits a visit?



RICK STEVES Tribune Content Agency

Cambridge and Oxford have been in a centurieslong competition as England's top two universities — but I've always felt that seeing one is enough. The big question is: Which one? For years, I've had it lodged in my mind that Cambridge was much better to visit than Oxford. But on a recent visit, I changed my view. Though it's a close call, I'd give an edge to bustling Oxford — the more substantial town with plenty to see and do. Cambridge is a close second, with lovely gardens along the River Cam and a simpler, charming atmosphere.

Both towns are only an hour's train ride away from London, with Oxford to the

west and Cambridge to the north, making each a fun and doable day trip. Cambridge, with fewer accommodations, works better as a side-trip from London than as a stopover. Oxford can keep you busy sightseeing for a longer time and has plenty of good hotels so it's worth a longer stay. Oxford is also a stone's throw from several other charming English destinations: the Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick and Blenheim Palace. But if you really can't pick just one, there's a great bus connection between them.

Despite their fierce rivalry — especially when it comes to rowing - Oxford and Cambridge have many similarities. Both schools use the "collegiate system," where the colleges are mixed throughout the town; there's no sense of one secluded campus typical of many American universities. Both boast beautiful architecture and walkable town centers punctuated with convivial pubs and shops. And, of course, both have distinguished academic reputations known

throughout the world. Founded in the 11th century, the University of Oxford is the oldest university in the Englishspeaking world and is known for its academic achievements and stellar alumni. Its many graduates have influenced the course of Western civilization in the realms of science, literature, politics and beyond (among its amazing alumni are Margaret Thatcher, Stephen Hawking and Oscar Wilde).

But that doesn't mean that Oxford is stodgy. Although you may see professors in their traditional black robes, this is a fun, young college town filled with shopping, cheap eats, pranks and rowdy, rollicking pubs — a mix of town and gown.

Of Oxford's colleges, Christ Church is the largest (and, some think, most

pretentious). It's also the most popular stop for travelers — in part because of its historic fame, but mostly because scenes from the Harry Potter movies were filmed here. If Middleearth and Narnia are more to your taste, stop by the Eagle and Child pub, a five-minute walk from the city center. It's most famous for its clientele - authors J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S.

Lewis often met here. The sightseers' Oxford is walkable and compact, and many of the streets in the center are pedestrian-only during the day. And there are more than colleges and literary connections here. The town also has a fine Norman castle-fortress and a museum of fine arts and archaeology.

The younger of the two, historic Cambridge is the epitome of a university town, with busy bikers, stately residence halls, plenty of bookshops and proud locals who can point out where the atom was

first split. Originally founded in 1209 by some rebellious Oxford students, Cambridge now hosts 12,000 undergrads across 31 colleges, all with the same layout: green, monastic-type courtyards surrounded by chapels, libraries and housing.

The lively street in front of King's College, called King's Parade, is where locals gather. Nearby you'll find King's College Chapel, England's best example of Perpendicular Gothic architecture. When it was built, it had the largest single span of vaulted roof anywhere -2,000 tons of incredible fan vaulting, held in place by the force of gravity. If you're in town for the evening, the evensong service at King's College Chapel is a must.

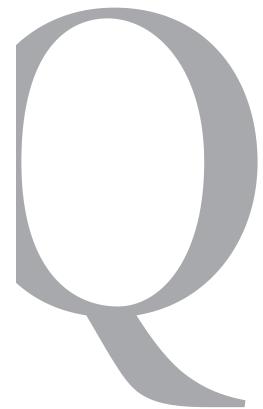
For a little levity and probably more exercise than you really want, try renting one of the traditional flat-bottom boats called "punts" and pole yourself up and down the River Cam. For a more relaxed spin, join a tour with a student guide who does the punting for you. Then quench your thirst at the Eagle, a pub near King's College where the discovery of the DNA double helix was announced in 1953. With a history so rich, a drink here practically qualifies as serious sight-

If your stay in England is limited, you may not want to see both towns. I recommend visiting one or the other and saving time for something completely different. Whether you opt for Oxford's urban energy or Cambridge's easygoing tranquillity, both offer a heady mix of history, architecture and youthful fun.

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\$46/night Brooklyn lodging was too good to be true



By Christopher Elliott

I'd like your opinion on an email we received about a lodging reservation in Brooklyn, N.Y., I made through Booking.com.

I made the reservation more than a month ago at Apartment Reggae Den, a vacation rental property. Yesterday, I received an email that Booking.com had the wrong rate posted on its website. The price wasn't \$46 a night, but \$125 a night.

When Booking.com accepted my reservation, I stopped looking for other locations and now have few options in the area I needed lodging. Booking-.com seems to not allow any changes from the customer's end regarding this reservation. What should I do?

— Carrie Cleveland, Burnsville, Minn.

A: You want my opinion? I think Booking.com should honor its price. Your dilemma is a little bit like a Chinese finger trap. Booking.com won't let you cancel your reservation because the deadline for making a change has passed. At the same time, it's almost tripled the price of your accommodations. That doesn't seem fair.

This isn't an obvious "fat-finger fare" — the kind where someone at the online agency makes a decimal-point error, giving away \$400 hotel rooms for \$40. I think \$46 looked like a terrific price, and the Booking.com reservation was a contract for that room — a deal it should honor.

OK, some of you skeptics are probably thinking, "\$46 in Brooklyn? Get outta here!" And in the past, I've taken a dim view of readers who take advantage of rate errors. If you'd made several reservations

at that rate and told all of your friends to do the same thing, I might send this Booking.com price-error case to the "rejected" file. But this was just you, looking for a good deal on lodging in New York.

Your online travel agency should have worked with you to resolve this issue. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Booking.com executives on my consumer-advocacy site: www.elliott.org/company -contacts/booking-com/.

I reviewed the paper

trail between you and Booking.com. It turns out Booking.com would have allowed you to cancel this reservation, so you had the option of getting a full refund and finding alternate accommodations. But was this a Booking.com price error? In fact, it wasn't. The Reggae Den is responsible for entering the correct rate information on Booking.com, according to the booking site.

"It is not Booking.com that owns this property and therefore cannot honor any reservation that was made with an obvious error in rates," a representative told you in an email. "You will not be able to find a onebedroom apartment in any of the five boroughs for \$46 per night. These rates are obviously wrong and therefore not binding.

I wasn't happy with that answer, so I contacted Booking.com on your behalf. It apologized to you and offered a \$150 voucher good for a future booking, which you accepted. I hope you enjoy your stay in New

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER RUFUS WAINWRIGHT

Cuba is a favorite place for singer

By Jae-Ha Kim Tribune Content Agency

Critically acclaimed singer and composer Rufus Wainwright, 45, has never been one to shy away from controversial topics, whether it was advocating for LGBTQ rights or speaking up about politics. A portion of the proceeds from his latest single, "Sword of Damocles," benefits programs to encourage voter registration. Based out of Los Angeles, the musician spoke to us about some of his most memorable trav-

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: You've toured worldwide but have said that Cuba was a highlight. Can you tell us a bit about that?

A: My husband and I have been to Cuba a few times. We have friends down there now and we fell in love with the place immediately and have made it a repeat stop.

Q: Had you performed in Cuba previously?

A: I did a little show there just for fun — it was almost like a private thing, just for friends of friends. And then this offer came around (last year) and it just made sense for me to keep broadening and deepening my relationship with that wonderful city,

Q: What was the main draw of traveling to Havana?

A: One of the main perks for me was that the Cuban people will able to

see the shows and still be a part of the experience. We (had) a nice sort of mix of us bringing people down from the United States and all over the world and going there for the experience with me, but then there was also room for people in Havana to come to the concerts who might not have had the chance otherwise. So that's a nice way to kind of bridge the

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child? And did you love it ... or not so much?

gap there.

A: Costa Rica as a 12year-old, with my mother, her boyfriend and my sister. I remember that we got really burnt. We were peeling and covered with blisters.

Q: That was back in the day!

A: It was when getting burnt by the sun was fashionable. And although we were almost killed by the sun, we still had a really good time.

Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?

A: My Gucci bag that I got years ago. It has the Gucci red and green stripes and is black and

MATTHEW WELCH PHOTO very soft. I always take my hot pink Beats headphones and sound system, a phone charger, lots of socks, because I have stinky feet and need to change my socks twice a day; sleeping (masks) to block out the light — the airlines give them away and I use those and pen and paper, be-

Q: What are your favorite restaurants?

cause \overline{I} like to write my

material that way.

A: My favorite restaurant is called Ristorante da Ivo in Venice. They do amazing food. They serve local squid from the Venetian lagoon. Just thinking about the food makes me want to go back!

Q: What kind of research do you do before you go away on a trip?

A: I sometimes listen to music and watch films about the place I'm going. It builds up the excitement for me.

Q: How so?

A: You get to hear someone else's view of the city or you get to see iconic footage that is unable to capture the beauty of the city once you step foot in it.

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Rome's new law aims to give boot to bad tourists

Late-night public drinking, bathing in fountains are out

By Andrea Sachs The Washington Post

When in Rome, do as the good Roman tourists do and behave. If you act like a tyrant, a new law could ban you from parts of the Eternal City for up to 60 days.

Rome's mayor recently signed legislation targeting disruptive conduct and harmful behaviors in the popular European destination, which received more than 9.5 million visitors in 2017. The order, which replaces a law from 1946, covers such infractions as late-night public drinking, bathing in fountains and defiling historical sites. It also grants local police greater authority to expel perpetrators from certain areas of the city. Repeat offenders could lose their visitation rights for an extended period of time.

"Bad behaviors are destroying the city and the old monuments in downtown," said Sara Verde, chief executive operator and founder of Rome Tour Guide, which arranges tours of Rome and the Vatican with certified guides. "During the summer, people have baths in the most iconic fountains. The garbage attracts sea gulls, and now Rome looks like a Hitchcock movie."

The legislation covers several categories of comportment in various settings. For example, it is illegal to bathe your body parts — or your pet's — in such waterworks as Trevi

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Fountain, the lion fountains in Piazza del Popolo, the Fountain of the Four Rivers in Piazza di Spagna and the Fontanone on Janiculum

Also banned: tossing garbage and liquids into the water, and climbing or lounging on the structures. (Throwing a lucky coin into the fountain is still allowed.) People who engage in such unacceptable acts risk expulsion from the area for two days.

The no-bathing and littering rule also applies to the fountains, called nasoni, that burble throughout the city. Sipping from the public water fountains is permissible; using them like a personal bidet for your

sweaty feet is not. To crack down on drunkenness, the law will restrict consumption of alcohol in public spaces year-round; previously, the rule covered only the peak summer months. Organized pub



It's OK to take a photo at Rome's Trevi Fountain. But if you dare to bathe in it, there are consequences under a new law.



Tour operators say some visitors to the Colosseum carve their name in its walls, which can lead to criminal charges.

crawls are no longer permitted, nor is drinking alcohol in such open-air venues as gardens, parks and fountain squares from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. To remove the temptation, liquor retailers, including vending machines and roadside stands, are not allowed to sell takeaway beverages from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Restaurants, bars and other watering holes must turn off the spigot from 2 to 7 a.m. In addition, from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., you can't

drink any type of beverage in a glass bottle, not even fruit-flavored San Pellegrino.

When asked about problems instigated by tourists, Davide Bolognesi, marketing manager of Roma Experience, a local tour operator, immediately brought up vandalism.

"The first thing that pops in our mind is the misplaced eagerness of some travelers to escape oblivion by carving their name on the walls of the Colosseum," he said. "One of the greatest challenges in Rome is to protect, restore and maintain an immensely vast treasure of monuments and artworks visited by millions of people every

To safeguard its priceless artifacts, the city will not tolerate vandals who deface or disfigure the monuments or architectural features in the historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1980. In addition to facing criminal charges, the hoodlums must restore the property

to its earlier condition.

The law also addresses individuals or groups who block the pedestrian flow around such sensitive areas as museums, parks, universities and hospitals for example, engaging in an unruly game of soccer in Piazza del Campidoglio. The punishment: eviction from the premises. Other no-nos include tossing cigarette butts on public property and in water sources, and adhering leaflets or stickers to light poles, road signs or other

fixtures.

The rule on Roman gladiators does not apply directly to tourists, but here's a tip: If a man in a knee-baring tunic and a body shield approaches you for a photo, walk away. The law contains a cease-anddesist order for the costumed panhandlers called "centurions" as well as to "saltafila" (folks who help you jump the line at attractions or sell unauthorized tickets) and unlicensed

food and beverage vendors. "Strict rules preventing the destruction or havoc of this incredibly unique city are welcome," Bolognesi said. "But I would rather see new strategies, a new vision, another and braver approach to the challenges of Rome."

GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Zermatt, Switzerland.

The famous pyramidshaped peak is more than 14,000 feet high and is part of the Alps near the border with Italy.

Why airlines don't want you to fly basic economy

For many travelers, low fares aren't worth gamut of inconveniences, fees

By Justin Bachman Bloomberg

When buying an airline ticket, the old days of choosing between coach and business are long gone. In the never-ending effort to pad thin margins, airlines have become more sophisticated merchants. They've created an array of travel options — particularly in the economy cabin — where a new, stripped-down fare awaits the most frugal travelers.

They call it basic economy. Just a few years old, the basic fare is now firmly entrenched. Last recently, Alaska Air Group began selling its version, and JetBlue Airways is preparing to launch a similar offering in mid-2019. (Southwest Airlines is the only major player to have

eschewed this ultra-no-frills fare.) So, for those who have yet to experience it, this is how basic economy differs from everything else short of the baggage compartment: The fares don't allow changes or refunds. Some carriers still let you choose a seat (for a fee) a week or more before you travel; others don't. Most allow you to use the overhead bin space like everyone else; United Continental Holdings (parent company of United Airlines), however, does not. Some airlines, such as Alaska and Delta Air Lines, even let you accrue mileage toward elite status in some loyalty programs.

But in the end, everyone else on the plane will still know who you are: No matter which airline you fly, if you choose basic economy, you will board last.

JetBlue President Joanna Geraghty said basic fares reflect a consumer environment in which many travelers shop strictly on price. "Highly price-conscious travelers voted with their wallets, showing they are willing to give up some of the experience for the lowest fare possible," she wrote in a September JetBlue blog post, warning that the carrier's "success is at risk" without such fares.

At its core, however, the phenomenon is sleight-of-hand marketing. The goal is to reel you in with the rock-bottom fare, but in doing so make basic economy so unappealing that many people



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United passengers who book basic economy fares typically aren't allowed to bring a full-sized carry-on bag aboard the plane.

scrape together additional money to trade up to the traditional, now more expensive economy fare. Basic economy also represents what appears to be a permanent revenue boost for airlines that

often struggle to raise prices. In the U.S., Delta pioneered basic economy as a defensive measure against lower-cost rivals such as Spirit Airlines and Frontier, which feature low prices as their primary product. The idea was to match their fares on competing nonstop routes, albeit with fewer benefits, such as the ability to change flights.

Basic economy fares have accompanied a broad industry trend in which the aircraft is divided into various cabins with differing amenities, called segmentation. You may thus find sections of seats that are traditional economy, economy with slightly more legroom and premium economy, all on the same aircraft.

Basic economy has spread to Latin America, the Caribbean and across the Atlantic but has yet to appear on the longest flights to Asia or South America.

"If Norwegian and WOW Air had been offering \$99 seats from Tokyo or Buenos Aires to the U.S., I'm sure we would've seen basic economy in those markets," said Seth Kaplan, editor of trade journal Airline Weekly. A low-cost airline's cost advantage narrows on long flights, and passengers generally consider meals and seat assignments more crucial as the trip length increases. "That also partly explains why low-cost, long-haul flying in general hasn't been as successful as low-cost short-haul flying," he said.

Alaska began a "soft launch" of its new, basic economy "saver" fare in the fall on tickets sold from San Diego to three cities. Saver flights will begin in all markets by early January. The Seattle-based carrier is touting the chance to choose a seat - albeit a middle seat in the back of the plane — as its main difference from the rest

of the industry. Some choice is better than nothing, an airline official contends. "I think that's extremely important to people," Andrew Harrison, Alaska's chief commercial officer, said in April when the

new fare was unveiled. But even for the cheapest, most stoic customers, a line has to be drawn somewhere. This summer, Fort Worth, Texas-based Ameri-

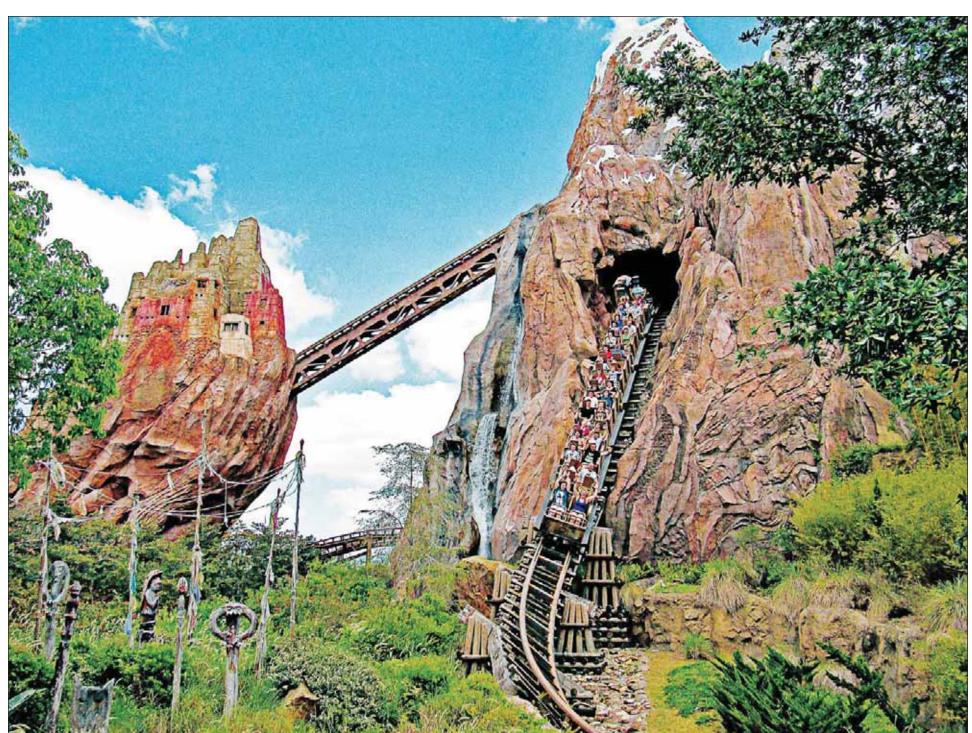
can, the world's largest carrier,

began allowing basic-economy

travelers to bring a carry-on bag after finding it was losing business to Delta, which allows bags.

As for the success of the airline's marketing strategy? American said in October that about 60 percent of customers choose main economy over basic but that it expects the percentage to dip to around half, given the change to its bag policy.

United is an outlier for restricting carry-on bags for basic economy passengers, a move the airline credits for helping to board planes faster and keep departures on schedule. It also sees more people trade up to regular economy than American does, owing to its more onerous restrictions. United has no plans to change its bag rule, Andrew Nocella, the airline's chief commercial officer, recently told Wall Street analysts.



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Expedition Everest is one of nearly 50 rides spread over four theme parks at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Some people try to ride them all in one day.

Fans try to conquer Disney

Parkeology Challenge: Ride all 46 open attractions in 4 Fla. parks in 1 day; success rate is 6 percent

By Gabrielle Russon
Orlando Sentinel

Shane Lindsay and Kristina Hawkins know their quest might be impossible or just crazy: Go on every ride at Walt Disney World's four thems parks in just one day

four theme parks in just one day.

"There are lots of people who are Disney fans," said friend Ted Tamburo, a Chicagoan who, along with Lindsay, runs a website chronicling what's known as the Parkeology Challenge. "There's not many who can say they've

done this."
Lindsay and Hawkins realize that luck must fall their way to reach and ride all 46 open attractions at the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios and

Animal Kingdom.
About 6 percent of the 325 official Parkeology teams that have tried so far since 2014 have completed the challenge, which can involve more than 20 miles of walking and running through the parks, often zigzagging among

Plenty can go wrong. A torrential rain shut down the final two rides the first time Lindsay attempted the challenge in 2013 with Tamburo, who didn't quit even when he broke his toe that

Once, a herd of stubborn rhinos parked themselves on the road at the Animal Kingdom safari, refusing to move for 20 minutes.

minutes.
"If you're a regular guest, it's amazing," Lindsay said. "But on

challenge day, it's terrible!"

Challenge day starts on a re-

cent Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. It is a brisk 45 degrees.

Hawkins, 30, a stay-at-homemom of four from Clermont, Fla., packs us an impressive amount of snacks — energy bars, cheese sticks and Oreos that will taste as good as any French dessert by Ride No. 15.

Lindsay, 45, a software developer from Davenport, Fla., has a head full of Disney statistics. He has memorized which rides close early and how long each takes, from a speedy roller coaster to the Carousel of Progress that lasts more than 20 minutes.

He co-created the challenge with Tamburo and has successfully finished it twice. The idea stemmed from when Lindsay was a boy living in the Midwest; his family vacationed at Disney for one day and he crammed in as many rides as he could.

Lindsay is "like a runner wanting to beat his best time," said Tamburo, a photographer who

lives in River North.

Lindsay's and Hawkins' first ride of the day seems like a surprising choice. It's Main Street Vehicles, an old-timey car that putzes along Main Street USA to the Cinderella Castle.

"As a normal guest visiting Disney," Tamburo said, "it's probably not No. 1 on your list."

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But it only runs early in the morning, so Hawkins and Lind-

say knock it off the list at 7:51 a.m.
"Only 45 more to go," Lindsay
says cheerfully as we hurry to
Animal Kingdom next.

They dart from park to park using Uber, the Monorail and

Lindsay's car, where a cooler is stashed with Gatorade and peanut butter and jelly sand-

Lindsay and Hawkins jog slow enough to not get yelled at by Disney workers. We go single file; I follow behind. Their pace is steady, darting around doublewide strollers and couples holding heads

The morning is full of promise.
The line at Na'vi River Journey at
Animal Kingdom is nonexistent.
We land a rare FastPass for Flight
of Passage, a thrilling ride that
draws long waits.

But the cold brings unexpected trouble. Expedition Everest is shut down. There is a weird silence coming from the roller coaster.

coaster.
We face a choice: Stay and wait an unknown amount of time? Or return to Animal Kingdom later in the day just to ride the only one we are missing? Neither option is particularly good.

"We are doing fine, guys," Hawkins tries to reassure us as we decide the latter and venture to Epcot.

Part of the Parkeology Challenge means dealing with the unforeseen, like the Everest ride delay. We follow certain rules, like not asking Disney employees for special favors and always staying together as a team.

together as a team.

The game requires that we post photos on Twitter of every ride we successfully encounter. There are actually 49 rides in all, but three are down for renovations.

At Epcot, I feel a wave of tiredness around lunchtime, six hours into the challenge.

Listening to the narrator describe how plants are helpful for society makes my eyes heavy on Living with the Land. I don't have time to buy a cup of coffee. I feel bad enough asking Hawkins and Lindsay to stop every few hours for bathroom breaks.

"You are going all day. You're not stopping," Hawkins warned me beforehand. "You do have chances to sit down on rides. And then you go again."

Several times, Hawkins and Lindsay recognize other challengers on the same quest and encourage them. There is a camaraderie with doing something crazy like this. We share seats with one, Daryl Amos, on Mission Space.

Amos, a Coca-Cola truck driver from Pensacola, Fla., says he flew to Orlando for the challenge because he likes trying to conquer the inconceivable. On this, his third challenge attempt, Amos hits 39 rides in one day and then flies home only to drive back with his family later in the week for the rest of his Walt Disney World vacation

Much of the day, Hawkins and Lindsay scroll on their phones, frantically searching for Fast-

Passes to save time.

"This is the unfortunate boring part of the challenge," Lindsay says.

At 3:40 p.m., we have finished all nine rides at Epcot, and it's back to Animal Kingdom where Everest is finally running.

In an adrenaline-filled run, sweat dripping on our faces even in the cold, we sprint across the Animal Kingdom parking lot and then to the roller coaster.

The ride over quickly, we are back running again, off to Hollywood Studios.

By 6 p.m., it's clear we won't finish. We needed a perfect day to pull it off, but our list of troubles

is growing longer. The Tower of Terror broke down while we waited in line. We were ushered out, having to return again later in the night.

Hawkins and Lindsay don't relent on the pace. We rush to finish strong in the chilly night. Lindsay sounds sick and Splash Mountain — ride No. 29 — surely didn't help at the Magic Kingdom. The water splashing on my face jolts me in the 50-degree temperatures.

We reach Seven Dwarfs Mine Train before the park officially closes at midnight, so we're allowed to stand in line for one final

I shriek with laughter on the turns, the cold air whipping my face. This is one of my favorite rides. It feels like a victory lap of sorts, even though we technically have failed the challenge.

The roller coaster was our 38th ride. We finished all of the rides at Epcot, Animal Kingdom and Hollywood Studios and twothirds of them at the Magic King-

Disney is closed now; the clock expired on the challenge. Our team logged 19 hours on Disney property and 21 miles of running and walking.

We limp past Cinderella Castle where the dozen or so other Parkeology Challengers gather. We share ibuprofen and stories of ride breakdowns and miracle, last-minute FastPasses.

"I'll be sad when it's over," I had told Hawkins before we reached our cars at the Animal Kingdom at 1:30 a.m.

Hawkins smiled at me wick-

"Well, then, you'll just have to try it again," she said.

NEWS TO USE

By PHIL MARTY Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ The 56th anniversary of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby will be run Jan. 17-20 at the World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River, Wis. Billed as the "Indianapolis 500 of Snowmobile Racing," the event features sleds reaching more than 100 mph. Finals are Jan. 20. www.derbycomplex.com

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■ A Festival of Ice takes place Jan.
11-13 in Carmel, Ind. Professional
ice carvers will be at work demonstrating and competing. For
those interested in how it's done
there will be an ice-carving class,
which costs \$75 and requires
advance registration. There will
also be a chili cookoff, ice skating,
an ice bar and more. tinyurl.com/

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■ The American Queen Steamboat Co. has a June 23 to July 15 sailing aboard the paddlewheeler American Queen that explores large segments of the Mississippi River in the Midwest. Starting from New Orleans, the cruise includes port calls at Nottoway Plantation in White Castle, La.; St. Francisville, La.; Natchez, Vicksburg and Greenville, Miss.; Memphis, Tenn.; New Madrid, Mo.; Paducah, Ky.; Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Chester, Ill.; St. Louis; Alton, Ill.; Hannibal, Mo.; Clinton and Dubuque, Iowa; La Crosse, Wis., and Red Wing, Minn. tinyurl.com/y7lrdt5r

There will be Siberian husky sled dogs, ice sculpting, sledding and snowshoeing Jan. 19 at the Snow Day Festival at Plum Creek Nature Center in Crete Township near Beecher, Ill. The movie "Frozen" also will be screened. https://tinyurl.com/snowdayfest

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Snowmobiles reach speeds of more than 100 mph at the World Championship Snowmobile Derby in Eagle River, Wis.

Guide or view the digital version at tinyurl.com/y9hxsmba.

■ Check out special offers at ski hills around Wisconsin at

lills around Wisconsin at www.travelwisconsin.com/deals. Promotions range from 25 percent off lift tickets to deals on lodging.

■ Kickapoo Valley Reserve in La Farge, Wis., will hold its Winter Festival on Jan. 12. If Mother Nature cooperates, there will be sledding and cross-country skiing, snow sculptures, ice cave hikes, horse-drawn sled rides and more. tinyurl.com/yc2rp8vu

■ An Eagles in Flight Weekend will be held Jan. 25-27 in Turkey Run State Park in Marshall, Ind. Visitors have the opportunity to view eagle nests and roosts and see live eagle, hawk and owl programs. Lodging is available at Turkey Run Inn. tinyurl.com/

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■ You can drink your wine and

exercise, too, with the Vine to Wine Snowshoe Tour offered by Grand Traverse Bike Tours in Suttons Bay, Mich. Participants snowshoe on a trail that includes Suttons Bay Ciders, Ciccone Vineyards and bigLittle Wines. The tour is offered on select Saturdays from January to March and is priced at \$45 if you use your own snowshoes or \$55 with rental snowshoes. tinyurl.com/y6wpdo6n

Get hooked on all things fishing Jan. 10-13 at the Ultimate Fishing Show at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Mich. There will be hundreds of booths with tackle, boats, representatives from destination resorts and more. There's also an indoor lake, 5,000-gallon fish tank and seminars. www.showspan.com/ufd

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LIZA WEISSTUCH/PHOTOS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Chef Fredrick Berselius, owner of the Michelin-starred Aska in Brooklyn, prepares creative tasting menus in an open kitchen each night.

Nordic chefs savor New York

Food inspired by the Nordic nations is ubiquitous in the Big Apple. Here's where to find it.

By LIZA WEISSTUCH
The Washington Post

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NEW YORK — It's rush hour at Grand Central Terminal. Tens of thousands of commuters are frantically rushing to their trains so they can get home and relax.

In the southeast corner of the building, just off the main concourse, a tattooed couple sits at a high blond wooden table picking at a smorrebrod, or open-face sandwich, piled with celeriac, apple, lemon, daikon and dehydrated herb powder. A mother unfurls a kanelsnurrer (something like a braided cinnamon bun) and tears it into small pieces for her child. Two men in suits eat porridge.

All this takes place against the 105-year-old station's celebrated architecture — majestic marble walls rimmed with ornate filigree. The smell of fresh bread baking in a hulking oven in the basement is discernible. The sound of the traffic blaring outside on East 42nd Street is not. A calm that's unfamiliar to me as a New Yorker takes hold.

Great Northern Food Hall is a food-court-style space with shiny tiled surfaces and warm wood accents in its various "pavilions." It was opened in 2016 by Claus Meyer, the Danish chef, entrepreneur, and activist who is best known for pioneering the New Nordic Food movement with chef Rene Redzepi, who trailblazed the ethos at Noma, the renowned Denmark restaurant they cofounded.

founded.

The food hall, which is attached to a high-end Scandinavian dining sanctuary, the Michelinstarred Agern, features a bakery, a "grain bar" and a bar with table service, a Danish hot-dog stall (outside in a hallway behind the main space) and more. It's easily the most high-profile outpost for food inspired by the Nordic nations

Many Scandinavian and Scandinavian-inspired chefs take their cues from the Manifesto for a New Nordic Cuisine, the defining text that Meyer penned with 11 other Nordic chefs. It lays out more philosophy than instruction. It's thinking that's rooted in landscape, be it local plants, wildlife, seasons or relationships with farmers and producers. It puts a premium on foraging, sustainability and mindful sourcing. And it has stirred much interest on these shores.

That doesn't mean just restaurants, either. More and more brands of skyr, a high-protein, traditional Icelandic food similar to yogurt, have been appearing on supermarket shelves. Skyr maker Icelandic Provisions launched here in 2016 and distinguishes itself by using actual cultures

from Iceland.

As the rush hour glided by, I sat at the bar, a chill oasis in the hall's back corner, and ordered a Sizzle Sesh, a zingy American IPA from Mikkeller, a Copenhagen-based brewery known for its fiercely creative brews. Today, there are 42 Mikkeller bars around the world, several of which brew in-house. The newest, with a brewery on the premises, opened this past March at Citi Field, home of the New York Mets. (It operates year-round; the entrance is on the stadium's exterior.)

My interest piqued by the Sizzle Sesh, which gets its zip from Szechuan peppers, I hopped on the 7 train at Grand Central — which runs east to Flushing — to check it out. Thirty minutes later, I walked across Citi Field's vast parking lot into a Scandinavian retreat.

The space is sprawling and has all the hallmarks of classic Scandinavian design: blond wood tables with crisp edges, pops of color against monochrome backgrounds, jaunty logos. Brewing equipment is set up behind a half-wall along the side of the space.

There are 60 taps, and while many beers are made on the premises, others come from Mikkeller breweries in Copenhagen or the American sister brewery in San Diego. Some are collaborations with other independent brewers. Most are limited editions. The bartender poured me a flight and talked me through the samples: Berry Maniflow, a tart and sweet blackberry and black currant Berliner-style Weiss; Sanity Check, a hoppy and fruity Imperial IPA; Say Hey Sally, a delicately hoppy, easy-drinking Pilsener that is a flagship brew; and Mikkeller's seminal Beer Geek Breakfast, a heavy stout made with cocoa and coffee and aged in bourbon barrels.

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The new Scandinavian outposts join some older ones: Aquavit, a handsome shrine to Swedish cooking that opened in 1987 and moved to a more refined location in Midtown Manhattan in 2005, remains a Michelin-starred destination. A once little-known chef named Marcus Samuelsson, who grew up in Sweden, manned the kitchen before going on to build his own culinary empire.

Under his watch, preparations were more austere than the current playful approach that is the signature of Emma Bengtsson, a Swede who became executive chef in 2014. The former pastry chef brings sweet accents to traditional dishes (see: Swedish meatballs with lingonberries and cream sauce), blending New Nordic ideas and vintage Viking brawn. The eponymous aquavit, a traditional Scandinavian



Great Northern Food Hall in Grand Central Terminal, opened by Claus Meyer, a Danish culinary entrepreneur, offers Scandinavian-style pastries, sandwiches, breads and porridges in a buzzy, food court-style setting.



Mikkeller NYC, an outpost of the Denmark-based microbrewery, serves brews largely made on the premises.



balls, gravlax and other delicacies, is a popular choice at Smorgas Chef, the restaurant in Scandinavia House, a cultural center in Manhattan.

schnapps largely flavored with caraway and other bold, savory flavors, is made in-house.

"I wanted to put Scandinavian food on the map. Americans were so fascinated by other cuisines," Swedish owner Hakan Swahn told me, recounting how, 30 years ago, New Yorkers flocked to the new restaurant.

What feels new for Scandinavian food, however, is its ubiquity, which keeps expanding. The first Ole & Steen in the United States, in Manhattan's bustling Union Square, will open in early 2019. The Copenhagen-based bakery, which famously uses a 150-year-old starter in its sourdough, has 86 stores in Denmark and 10 in Britain.

On a recent chilly Tuesday evening, I made my way to Norman in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. The airy bakery-cafe-bar-restaurant is all white surfaces and natural light. I opted for a seat at the bar by the open kitchen. I dug into a crusty, personal-size sourdough loaf served with clarified butter, a fine precursor to the delicately flavored cured fluke with turnips and sorrel.

But those flavors were merely a primer for the next night's visit to Aska, a Michelin-starred destination in Brooklyn under the Williamsburg Bridge. It's owned and run by Fredrik Berselius, who grew up foraging and fishing in Sweden. The dining room, anchored by an open kitchen, is dark and theatrical (though a cellar bar is more casual and lighthearted). Many dishes are served on rustic wood bowls or boards. The food is refined yet user-friendly. And exquisite. Among the dishes I sampled was a stunning arrangement of vendace roe (a salmon relative) served with two types of roasted cabbage, a jam made with dulse, rhubarb root oil, and a sauce of fermented white asparagus juice and whey. Eating the uncommonly tiny roe was like crunching on fossilized champagne bubbles.

on fossilized champagne bubbles. If Aska provides food that's like a Mozart piano concerto — crystalline and delicate at the outset, then building to an orchestral swirl of flavors — then Smorgas Chef is classic rock — tried, true, familiar and comforting. Located on the ground floor of Scandinavia House, a cultural center four blocks south of Grand Central, the restaurant, an airy space anchored by a real tree, features an open kitchen that turns out housemade gravlax, dill cucumbers, all manner of herring and much more

Norwegian expat and executive chef Morten Sohlberg opened the restaurant here 10 years ago. And while the New Nordic Food philosophy has proliferated, he has held steady with the kind of earthy flavors that evoke a history of hearty people. Beyond the kitchen, Smorgas Chef embraces a sensibility that's as important to New Nordic as it is to old-world traditions: the restaurant sources food from two farms it owns in the Catskills that raise beef cattle, heritage pigs and all sorts of vegetables.

"New Nordic takes fine dining to an art form," he told me. "We do more comfort food, we're not obliged to follow that. Our food has to be clean, clear, vibrant but doesn't have to be a work of art."

Thing is, though: With its gorgeous arrangements and melodious flavors, its artistry is undeniable.

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Singles finding online donors to make and raise kids

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Son's delirium causes long-held hurt

Dear Amy: My son and I always had and still have a normal, loving, good relationship. Fifteen years ago, when he was 25, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. At the time, he had been married for two years to his college sweetheart.

I was fortunate enough to get referrals for the best surgeons. The operation went on for several hours. Upon his recovery, he was still kind of groggy and in a lot of pain when my husband, daughter and I went to see him. I asked if there was anything he needed. He told me to get out of the hospital room. His wife's mother came in and he started calling out to her: "Mom!" and she went to him. I was never so crushed in my entire life.

I started to cry and ran out, and kept running. My daughter and husband brought me to the cafeteria in the hospital to try and calm me down. After the surgery, my son and his wife came back to stay at my house until he was healed enough to go to his home.

This incident was never brought up or talked about. Now, 15 years later, I still harbor hurt and resentment. How do I handle it? I'm not in good health. Should I keep it buried or bring it up?

I'm not sure if he remembers it and do not want him to feel bad. However, it gnaws away on my mind and heart.

— The Real Mother

Dear Real Mother: Unfortunately, I feel that the real pathology here is your holding onto an obviously hallucinatory statement made under extreme circumstances 15 years ago.

I don't know if you have ever been hospitalized and recovered from a major operation using anesthetic, but I have seen people hallucinate and suffer from delirium while in the grip of "ICU psychosis." My children were completely loopy after only getting their wisdom teeth extracted. (One seemed to think that our dog, Calvin, would be driving her home from the dental office.)

I don't think your son's reaction is out of the ordinary. I do think you were traumatized by watching your son suffer and skate so close to death.

Please, do yourself and your family a favor and bring this up with your son. I hope you can temper your reaction to this enough to understand that he didn't

know what he was saying and likely has no memory of it. I hope a reassuring hug and an "I love you, Mom," will allow you to close this chapter in your emotional life. Holding on to this is not good for your health. Find a way to let it go.

Dear Amy: My first girlfriend, "Annie," and I went out for two months. Then I found out that Annie cheated on me with another guy. They were at a bar, drinking and laughing. I broke up with Annie, and I never went back to her.

Last month, I met a pretty girl, "Rebecca," who is a warm and kindhearted person. We hit it off right away. Yesterday, I saw her with another guy at a mall.

I'm afraid that I'm being cheated on again. What should I do?

– Cheated Upon?

Dear Cheated Upon: You are new to this. You cannot police women you have known for a relatively short time and declare that laughing with a guy in a bar or walking with a guy through a mall is cheating.

The assumptions you are making, and your behavior concerning these women, reveal how inexperienced you are. Dating is a process of getting to know someone and communicating your various needs and expectations. Unless you and someone you're seeing mutually decide that you are "exclusive," you're not.

Seeing other people under these circumstances is not cheating. You need to get a handle on your jealousy.

Dear Amy: "Lost and Sad" reported having "lost" their father. It wasn't until I read the full letter that I understood that the father wasn't "lost," but dead! Why can't people talk plainly about death?

— Plain Talker

Dear Talker: People use many euphemisms when referring to death. These indirect expressions — "lost," "late," "passed" — all imply that the beloved person is more or less waiting in another room. And for bereaved people, that's how it feels. Let it be.

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balancing act

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How to make 2019 the Year of the Woman

First, stop watching 'The Bachelor'

A record number of women are entering Congress, Elizabeth Warren is running for president and eternal optimists are already declaring 2019 the Year of the Woman.

Let's make it so. In our own ways, in our own lives, in the corners of the world that we inhabit and influence, let's try these four little things to make 2019 friendlier and fairer for the women we know and the young women we're raising.

Give boys books that star girls. Since the beginning of time, girls have been reading books centered on boy protagonists -

from "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" to "Old Yeller" to "Lord of the Flies" to "The Outsiders" to "Harry Potter" and so on.

By the time they graduate from high school, young women have gone on wild adventures with countless boy characters and viewed the world through the eyes of dozens of fictional young

That's wonderful. Now let's offer the same perspective-shift to boys, who aren't traditionally handed a whole lot of books centered on female protagonists.

"We're asking them to grow up in a world with 50 percent girls and women," author Shannon Hale once told me, "and we're setting them up for failure."

(It's not a great setup for girls either.)

"The idea that girls should read about and understand boys but that boys don't have to read about girls, that boys aren't expected to understand and empathize with the female population of the world," Hale said, "this directly leads to a culture that tells boys and men: 'It doesn't matter how a girl feels or what she wants. You don't have to wonder. She is here to please you. She is here to do



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The 23rd edition of ABC's "The Bachelor" premieres Monday night. Advice? Don't watch it.

what you want. No one expects you to have to empathize with girls and women. As far as you need be concerned, they have no interior life."

No interior life stuck with me. Books are such a vivid, rich, wonderful way to peer inside the minds of others — to see what scares them, what delights them, what fills them with rage, what fills them with hope.

If you have a boy in your life, consider handing him "El Deafo" by CeCe Bell, or "The Hundred Dresses" by Eleanor Estes, or "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson, or one of the dozens of other children's books starring a girl.

Everyone benefits.

Break up with "The Bachelor."

Every year my mom and I take my kids to eat dinner next to the giant Christmas tree at the Walnut Room, and every year when the Christmas fairy visits our

table to grant our wishes, I hope for the same thing: that ABC will finally cancel "The Bachelor," the reality show in which dozens of wine-plied women compete for the affection of a man, who will propose marriage by season's end.

It's such a horrendous, retrograde, trope-laden, misogynistic pile of worn-out cliches. And yet, on it churns. Season 23 (!) premieres Monday, in fact. Life & Style magazine (not to be confused with the Tribune's Life & Style section) promised "CAT-FIGHTS, VIRGINS & BREAK-DOWNS!" in its cover story about this season's cast. ("The Bachelorette," in which dozens of men compete for a single woman's hand in marriage, is equally icky.)

It's hard for me to imagine a culture that keeps producing and devouring this junk really and truly taking women seriously.

Channel your inner Connie Schultz: Politico just profiled the

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and spouse of Sen. Sherrod Brown from Ohio, and some trolls decided to ignore the substance of the article and to focus, instead, on her body, which they deemed

She replied thusly on Twitter: "If your only response is to mock my appearance, I win. I'm 1 year younger than Mom when she died. Every day is a gift & your hate can't touch me. God bless & may joy find you in the year ahead."

We can all give as much credence to the critics who think a woman's worth begins and ends with her looks.

Give moms a break. Three days before Christmas, I took my son and his friend to Winter Wonderfest at Navy Pier, and while I stood off to the side watching them zip around a bumper car track, I noticed a mom talking on her cellphone while she navigated the same noisy, flashy track with her daughter.

I jotted off a quick tweet lauding this mom's next-level multitasking, what with it being Dec. 22 and all. I threw in some applause-hands emojis to make it clear that I was duly impressed.

Others were not.

"I am sorry," a reply popped up immediately, "that is not mother-

Put the phone away, folks chimed in. Just sad, folks chimed

I don't know. Maybe she was on the phone with the pharmacist who was filling a prescription for her sick mom. Maybe she was answering a panicked grocery store question about Christmas Eve dinner from her partner. Maybe she was nailing down one last detail for her other daughter's birthday party. Who knows. I don't.

I do know it was three days before Christmas and she was squeezing in a day of fun with her kid. I do know more than one thing was happening in her life at that moment. I do know that's the very definition of mothering.

And I do know we expect modern moms to be some impossible combination of chaperone, teacher, healer, therapist, playmate, chef, butler, money-managing, gift-giving, wisdom-dispensing Pinterest user who is fun-yetsensible, flexible-yet-omnipresent and human-vet-infallible.

And I do think we should limit the tsks tsks and offer moms trying so hard, sleeping so little more empathy and grace. (Especially, as a rule, moms spending the day at Navy Pier.)

Those are my four. What are yours? I'd love to hear them.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon. On Jan. 9, she'll be joined by Smart Dating Academy founder Bela Gandhi to talk about dating and relating better in 2019.



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Brendan Schulz and Tatiana Busic met via Modamily, and they conceived Milo, 2. Also pictured is Busic's 10-year-old daughter, Isadora.

Are you ready for a baby?

Some turn to web to make, raise kids — sans romance

By DANIELLE BRAFF Chicago Tribune

When he was in his 20s, Darren Spedale used to joke with his friends that if they made it to their 30s without finding partners, they'd pair up and have kids.

Ten years later, Spedale hit that target sans partner and child. Unfortunately, unlike in the movies, Spedale, who lives in New York, didn't have any friends who were still in the same situation.

So he created a website for people looking for coparenting partners: no dating, no romance and often no sex, even for conception purposes.

Family by Design, which launched in 2012, now has 30,000 active users and plenty of children (though it doesn't track the number), all conceived by people who are together for the sole purpose of making and raising children.

"I wanted to have a partner in terms of scheduling and time and financial sharing in a child's life, and an emotional partner for the child's life," Spedale said. He found this arrangement via his own site, and is now co-parenting a 4½-year-old daughter with a woman who had those same desires.

It's a more modern version of a family, reflecting the declining marriage rates and the choice to live with a partner without making it official, Spedale said.

But removing romance completely and mating with the sole intent to have and raise a child gets a little complicated.

When Lauren Brim, who holds a doctorate in human sexuality and is the author of "The New American Family," wanted a child, she casually approached a friend.

"I was looking at sperm banks and thought, 'I have to pay \$500 for sperm? Maybe I could get sperm and child care for free — I know so many guys,'" Brim said. "I'll just find a man who wants to be a father."

Her friend agreed, and after months of chatting about the prospect, they had sex ("It was still a mystery to me that you could use a turkey baster," Brim said). They now have a 3-year-old daughter.

Most of the time, the arrangement works well, though they've had power struggles over whether to give her sugar, when to start potty training and what school would be best.

Their daughter splits her time between her parents, changing homes every other night.

But the real issue came when Brim wanted to travel and her parenting partner wasn't pleased. So for her next prospective co-parenting partner, she reached out to Modamily, another site with 25,000 registered members that introduces couples ready to have babies.

She met a local man online and is currently trying to get pregnant with him through an at-home insemination kit.

"This time, he has all the things I was looking for before: The No. 1 thing would be that he would make a good father and he is a good provider," Brim said. "But what was really important for me was also that he'd be really good to me."

It's not essential that two people be in love to be good parents, but they should love each other in a broader sense, said Santiago Delboy, a therapist in Chicago and founder of Fermata Psychotherapy. "Love is the basis for mutual respect, curiosity, understanding, encouragement and support," he said.

And while it may be possible that parents who are not in love with each other can offer a loving, nurturing and responsive relationship and environment to their child, children begin to internalize not only the individual parents, but the relationship the parents have with each other, Delboy said.

"Children are much more perceptive and receptive than adults give them credit for," he said. "Even from a very early age, they are able to pick up the energy that exists at home, particularly between the two parents — whether it is love, enamorment, tension or disconnection."

So growing up with parents who are not in love with each other might keep the child from the opportunity to experience what that looks and feels like, Delboy said.

Another issue: The parents are entering into a lifelong relationship by deciding to raise a child together, and they need to know each other beyond an interview or a few

meetings. It's important to gain understanding about motives, hopes and expectations.

"This self-awareness is important regardless of how we are thinking to have children, but it is especially important if we are considering nontraditional means," Delboy said

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That's why sites like
Modamily and Family by
Design recommend that
co-parenting couples
spend at least six months,
if not a year, getting to
know each other before
getting pregnant.

Brendan Schulz, 46, of Toronto, logged on to Modamily after his five-year relationship ended 4½ years ago. He realized that as a gay man, he'd have to take action to have a child.

Schulz was looking for a 50-50 situation, where they wouldn't simply raise a child together: They'd create a family. He found this online and spent months ironing out an unofficial co-parenting agreement, though in Canada you can't officially contract something that doesn't exist yet.

The mutual agreement covered everything from the pregnancy (Schulz came to every doctor's appointment, and he cut the umbilical cord postbirth) to parenting (all major events are shared, they spend ample time with extended family and they have an even split for everything else, living in separate homes just five minutes away from each other).

Co-parenting, Schulz said, has far exceeded his expectations.

"If I miss him on my days without him, I can drop by and see him. After he's gone to sleep, I can call her and say, 'Our maniac child just took forever to go to sleep, and she listens,'" Schulz said of his co-parenting partner. "I can't imagine it a different way."

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Expert advice on handling conflict on social media

By Christen A. Johnson

Chicago Tribune

In the latest episode of "What did Kanye West tweet," the Chicago-born rapper Twitter-stormed his 28 million followers last month, airing out his many grievances with rapper Drake.

With roughly 326 million monthly active users on Twitter – and a whopping 1.4 billion daily users on Facebook — it's fair to say that social media has become ubiquitous within our culture and daily lives. The pseudo sense of connectivity it provides can make sharing your feelings on the platforms seem normal. This especially rings true for ultra socialmedia-savvy adults ages 18 to 29, 88 percent of whom use at least one social site, the highest among any age group according to a Pew Research analysis.

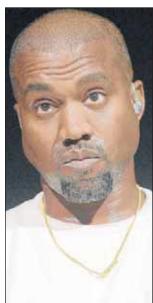
But is addressing a conflict via social feed truly the best way to reach reconciliation? Likely not.

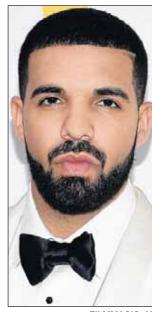
Suzanne Degges-White, co-author of "Toxic Friendships: Knowing the Rules and Dealing With the Friends Who Break Them," said approaching conflict resolution through social media is harmful to interpersonal relationships.

"Social media does not give place for nuance, history or circumstance," she said. "When you use social media this way, you're not going to solve any problems, but dig a deeper line in the sand between you and the other person."

Degges-White said most Twitter users don't expect a response to their tweets, so using the public platform to share private details operates more like a megaphone.

"You're not allowing for a conversation to take place," she said. "It's kind





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Kanye West Twitter-stormed his 28 million followers last month, airing out his many grievances with rapper Drake.

of you just venting. It's infantile, too, because you're not giving someone a chance to speak back to you."

Social media is not meant to be a main source of communication and personal exchange, explained Degges-White, but its ease and accessibility can embolden people to use their "Twitter fingers" before going directly to the source of conflict.

"Having to look someone in the eye, that's what takes courage," she said. "On social media, we are invulnerable and invincible. It has no positive impact if you're really wanting to communicate with someone about something real."

Degges-White, who is also a professor and chair in the department of counseling at Northern Illinois University, highlighted three benefits of face-to-face conversations — and how to go about them — when trying to achieve successful conflict resolution.

You can actually resolve the issue. "It makes you a

stronger person to sit through a difficult conversation," she said. "Challenge yourself to have a conversation and to find ways to engage. The the more you do it, you'll get better."

You can gain empathy for the other side. "Be willing to listen to the other person's point of view and be accepting if their opinion differs. If we don't have conversations with other people, we stop growing. The only way to do that is allowing yourself to hear another person's side. This deepens your maturing in relationships and not only think 'my way or highway.' "

You can learn to be wrong. "When we admit we're wrong, this is the only way we learn. You don't really have to learn any lessons from using social media. The point of education is to learn what you don't know, not validate what you do."

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A week of things to do with the kids

Monday

'STORYLAND'

It's the final week to walk into the pages of beloved children's books, as re-created in "Storyland." The work of Minnesota Children's Museum, "Storyland" creates 3D, bilingual environments for kids to explore; it packs up to move to a new home Sunday. At Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview. \$13. tinyurl.com/y8r5hazm

Tuesday

WINNIE-THE-POOH DAY

In addition to riding the beloved carousel, crawling through the tunnel maze and more, tykes get treated to Winniethe-Pooh storytime and crafts. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jumps 'n' Jiggles at Elk Grove Park District, 1000 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village. \$5 (free for babies 12 months and under). tinyurl.com/y82sj2jj

'THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL'

The NYT best-selling Percy Jackson series leaps from page to stage with this pop-rock musical. Recommended for ages 8 and up, the touring show arrives in Chicago for eight performances in a one-week-only run, Jan. 8-13. At the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St. \$25-\$80. tinyurl.com/vbtklu7b

Wednesday

CHICAGO BOAT, RV & SAIL SHOW

This annual five-day show feeds all your fantasies of boating, fishing and camping in the warmer months to come. Beyond checking out all the new gear, there's plenty to lure families, including a catchand-release area dubbed the Huck Finn Trout Pond, which is stocked with live fish for kids 12 and under, and free lessons in stand-up paddling and kayaking. Wednesday through Sunday (hours vary by day) at McCormick Place (south building), 2301 S. Martin Luther King Drive. \$13-\$15, free for kids 12 and under. chicagoboatshow.com/

Friday

'CENDRILLON'

More than a century after its 1899 debut in Paris, Jules Massenet's opera version of "Cinderella" finally made its Lyric Opera premiere in December. Sung in French with projected English translations, this production runs two hours and 45 minutes with one intermission.

BY WEB BEHRENS | Chicago Tribune



COLIN SHEPPARD PHOTO

What happens to storytime when the performer discovers only a blank book? This clever conceit calls on the imaginations of the children, asking them to help performers invent an original tale — and to help perform it too, if they're game. The resulting show runs about 45-60 minutes, and after it's told, designers turn it into a book (digital or physical), available for purchase. An annual winter staple, "Greatest Story" is at 3 p.m. every Sunday through April 7 at Under the Gun Theater, 956 W. Newport Ave. \$17.50 open seating, \$26.50 reserved seating. Free for kids 2 and under. greateststorynevertold.org

Catch it at 7 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Jan. 17 or 2 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Lyric, 20 N. Wacker Drive. \$49-\$279; \$20-\$50 children's tickets are available by phone, 312-827-5600. tinyurl.com/yatjklrt

32ND YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS **FESTIVAL**

Every year, Pegasus Theatre sifts through hundreds of one-act plays written by Chicago high school students to select a few winners, which receive a professional production. The playwrights are Alexis Gaw from Lane Tech; Anonda Tyler of Kenwood Academy; and Luna MacWilliams of Whitney Young. Catch all three short plays at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays (except Jan. 13) through Jan. 27. Chicago Dramatists, 773 N. Aberdeen St. \$30, \$18 for students. tinyurl.com/ya67jz9m

Saturday

SNOWTREKKING

Head to Northerly Island on select Saturdays, where - provided there's at least 3 inches of snow on the ground — you

can rent showshoes and trek around, enjoying views of the city while looking for signs of wildlife. Not sure if conditions are suitable? Call 312-745-2910.10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Drive. \$5 showshoe rental. Snowtrekking repeats Jan. 19; Feb. 2, 9 and 16; and March 2. tinyurl.com/yb47h78b

'HEAVEN AND EARTH: ALEXANDER CALDER AND JEFF KOONS'

From mobiles to mundane objects, there's plenty here to catch the eyes of kids and adults alike. If you attend Saturday, which happens to be MCA's monthly Family Day, admission is gratis. "Heaven and Earth" runs daily through March 24 at Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. Free for families with kids 12 and under. tinyurl.com/ycqqdgy3

KID LIT FEST

This annual festival plans something for every level of reader, from toddlers just getting into picture books to young adults diving into novels. Featured guests include author-illustrator Jacob Grant. In addition to meeting creators, visitors can pose for photo ops with favorite kidlit covers, make book-themed crafts and play along in reader's theater. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Ave., Highland Park. Free, with featured authors' books available for purchase. tinyurl.com/yajbs3py

ONCE UPON A SYMPHONY: THE UGLY DUCKLING

An ostracized baby swan comes to life in the latest edition of Once Upon a Symphony. This special program for pre-K kids features the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with Chicago Children's Theatre, who present an interactive performance with music. Arrive 45 minutes early for pre-concert activities led by educators. Saturday's two concerts begin at 10 and 11:45 a.m. at Symphony Center's Buntrock Hall, 220 S. Michigan Ave. \$17. tinyurl.com/y9zph9yz

HARD WATER CLASSIC ICE **FISHING**

Bundle up and get angling on Silver Lake, where the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County hosts this familyfriendly tournament for catching (and releasing) largemouth bass, northern pike, bluegill and crappie. Noon to 3:30 p.m. (registration begins at 11 a.m.) at Blackwell Forest Preserve, Butterfield Road between Winfield Road and Route 59, Warrenville. \$20-\$25. tinyurl.com/ycvjxgb8

JUNIOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS

You won't need a pith hat for this adventure, but nobody will complain if you wear one, because this multi-generational activity focuses on a simulated excavation. Families also get a guided tour of the museum, whose cool artifacts include real mummies. Register in advance. 1-3 p.m. at the Oriental Institute, 1155 E. 58th St. \$14 for one adult-child pair; \$7 for each additional guest. tinyurl.com/yd33xxzs

MUSICAL PETTING ZOO

In advance of the Music Institute of Chicago's spring semester (beginning Jan. 28), the school offers three open houses with music, games and refreshments. Parents can register their kids for classes and learn about special discounts. 2 p.m. Saturday in Lake Forest; 2 p.m. Sunday in Winnetka; or 2 p.m. Jan. 20 in Evanston. Free. musicinst.org/fun

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Think differently about 2019 resolutions

Consider goals as new skills rather than willpower test

By JAE BERMAN

The Washington Post

This is the season for reflections and resolutions. It will be immediately followed by the season for failure and frustration. That's because people who make health-related New Year's resolutions also make a big mistake: They look at them as an issue of willpower rather than ability.

A more helpful approach to creating more healthful habits is to consider those behaviors new skills, and to accept that there is a process to becoming competent in those skills. In other words, you shouldn't resolve to become a vegetarian with the expectation that meat will never pass your lips again, and then feel failure when you succumb to a Big Mac. Instead, consider resolving to learn to be a vegetarian, with the understanding that it will take knowledge and practice to attain a meat-free diet — just as it would take knowledge and practice to learn to play tennis or knit or carve wood.

To understand why this works better, consider the Conscious Competence Learning Model. This is a psychological explanation of the process one goes through to select a lifestyle or behavior change and slowly but surely build it into a skill that seamlessly fits into your life. Also known as the Four Stages of Competency, the model is attributed to the work of psychologist Thomas Gordon and his employee Noel Burch in the 1970s.

The four stages are as follows, according to the Gordon Training International website:

Stage 1: Unconsciously unskilled. We don't know what we don't know. We are inept and unaware of it.



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Stage 2: Consciously unskilled. We know what we don't know. We start to learn at this level when sudden awareness of how poorly we do something shows us how much we need to learn.

Stage 3: Consciously skilled. Trying the skill out, experimenting, practicing. We now know how to do the skill the right way, but need to think and work hard to do it.

Stage 4: Unconsciously skilled. If we continue to practice and apply the new skill, eventually we arrive at a stage where it becomes easier and, given time, even natural.

For best results, making a New Year's resolution or creating a new habit should go through these phases. The reason so many resolutions fail is that people think taking on a new nutrition, exercise, mindfulness or health habit should be easy and effortless.

That's very far from the truth. Consider our vegetarian. At Stage 1, the person isn't even thinking about what he is eating. He has no idea what it takes to adhere to a vegetarian diet.

At Stage 2, he starts to realize what he doesn't know and is anxious about it. He doesn't know how to purchase and store vegetables, doesn't know vegetarian recipes, doesn't know which meat substitutes are best, doesn't know what vitamins and minerals will need to be replenished,

doesn't have confidence asking about vegetarian options in restaurants.

At Stage 3, the person is practicing. The buying, cooking and ordering process slowly becomes easier and smoother, until vegetables begin to fit into the daily routine.

At Stage 4, the person doesn't even have to think about it. Eating a vegetarian diet has become comfortable and second nature.

If you want to apply this model to a change you want to make in the new year, here are some things to keep in mind.

First, embrace practice. When things don't go right, remember it's just practice. Don't berate yourself if you buy loads of vegetables that spoil while you figure out how to prep, cook and store them. Or if you're so exhausted and sore that you skip one of your exercise classes. Think back to the first few times you learned a new skill, such as driving, and all the mistakes you made. Keep going.

Second, stay present and aware, so you can adjust life to fit these behaviors into your day. In driving, one finds the ideal seat and mirror position and car organization. The same goes with new behaviors: You find the right shoes, or the right blender, or the adjustment to your schedule that allows time for a favorite class. Small tweaks will help you become more comfortable with the skill.

Finally, acknowledge when skill formation has occurred. As practice continues, and tweaks and iterations occur, the behaviors should fit into the day with ease rather than discomfort. It's common to only remember the rough patches. Instead, as more healthful food, consistent exercise, mindfulness or other healthy lifestyle behaviors turn into unconscious skills, take a conscious moment for praise of the accomplishment. This will allow the experience of skill formation to be far more enjoyable.

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Can ethics return to capitalism?

Collier traces role, lack of morals in system

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FACING THE NEW ANXIETIES

PAUL

COLLIER

'The Future

of Capitalism'

By Paul Collier, Harp-

er, 248 pages, \$29.99

By Steven Pearlstein

The Washington Post

What with Trump and Brexit and the turn toward authoritarianism in Brazil and Eastern Europe, there has recently been a lot of book-length handwringing about the future of democratic capitalism.

Robert Kuttner asks, "Can Democracy Survive Global Capitalism?" Steven Brill sees America in a political and economic

"Tailspin." Anand Giridharadas describes a society in which the "Winners Take All." William Galston worries about "Anti-Pluralism"; Barry Eichengreen frets over "The Populist Temptation." Alan Greenspan and Adrian Wooldridge celebrate the history of "Capitalism in America" but fear that our tolerance has worn thin for the creative destruction that made it all possible. In "The Myth of Capitalism," Jonathan Tepper and Denise Hearn document the decline of competition. This year, I even made my own modest contribution to the genre.

Now comes Paul Collier, a professor at Oxford University, who makes an engaging and well-reasoned argument that deep econo-

mic rifts in Britain and the United States are "tearing apart the fabric of our societ-

"Anxiety, anger and despair have shredded people's political allegiances, their trust in government, even their trust in each other," Collier writes in "The Future of Capitalism." With its ruthless focus on profits and its increasingly unequal distribution of income and opportunity, he argues, Anglo-American capitalism has forfeited much of its economic, political and moral legitimacy.

Collier puts much of the blame on ideologues of the left, with their excessive faith in government, and those of the right, with their excessive faith in unregulated markets. His pitch is for a return to the kind of pragmatic, centrist communitarianism that characterized the years immediately after World War II, when the focus was on

shared prosperity and reciprocal obligations that enhanced trust and cooperation.

An economist by training, Collier is best known for his work on why some African countries are poor. He served as a top researcher at the World Bank and is a knight of the British realm.

His latest book, however, is as much about ethics and moral norms as it is economics.

Collier laments the transformation of

what was once an "ethical state" into a "paternalistic state" that has eroded our sense of shared identity and personal responsibility, and shifted the obligation for creating a just society from individual citizens to the government.

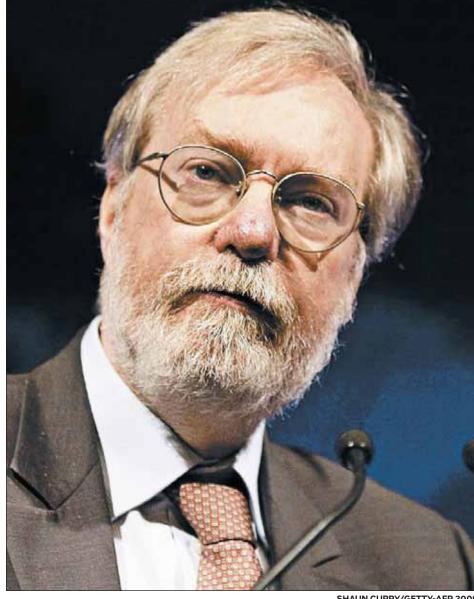
In a similar vein, he laments the demise of the "ethical firm," following the embrace of misguided notions such as that greed is good or that the only purpose of business is to maximize profits and share prices.

"Has any worker for any company," he asks, "ever got up in the morning, thinking 'today I'm going to maximize shareholder value'?" Collier contrasts the high levels of trust and shared purpose in Japanese firms with the cynicism of

workers in American ones — a cynicism reinforced by outlandish compensation lavished on executives to assure that their only loyalty is to shareholders.

Collier also laments the erosion of the "ethical family," in which parents stay married and involved with their children, and everyone takes some responsibility for aging parents or for siblings, nieces and nephews who are in trouble. The seductive lure of individual fulfillment, he argues, has played out with disastrous results in rural areas and old industrial cities like Sheffield, England, where he grew up, and where the decline of its once-thriving steel industry left his family and friends with hard lives, unsatisfying jobs and lousy prospects.

Echoing the work of Charles Murray, Isabel Sawhill and Robert Putnam, Collier sees the deterioration of the family as a key link in a vicious cycle that has resulted in a large and dangerous gap in wealth and



SHAUN CURRY/GETTY-AFP 2009

British professor Paul Collier from the University of Oxford addresses a conference in central London in 2009. His new book argues for restoring moral sensibility to capitalism.

economic dynamism between supercities like New York and London and everywhere else.

"The Future of Capitalism" has the discursive charm of a lecture delivered by a well-read and slightly acerbic Oxford don. An American reader might find it a bit academic at times, or Anglo-centric. And readers everywhere will be rightfully skeptical of his proposal to make corporate directors legally liable when they ignore the public interest in their private-sector decision-making.

Much better is his idea to raise taxes on those who benefit undeservedly from modern capitalism. That includes the owners of land whose value rises for reasons that have nothing to do with them, and high-income workers in those thriving metropolitan areas who capture a disproportionate share of the benefits of agglomeration - having lots of smart people and growing companies clustering in the same area. He'd also impose a tax on every financial transaction to capture the excessive profits earned by an oversize financial sector that misallocates scarce capital and talent. All that extra revenue he would recycle to the Youngstowns and Sheffields of the world, not for higher welfare payments but to jump-start the creation of new industrial clusters that could create fulfilling jobs for those being left behind.

There is nothing socialist about Collier's critique or his prescriptions — like Adam Smith, the oft-misunderstood father of modern economics, he's about restoring a moral sensibility to a market system that is falling short of its potential. "What has happened recently is not intrinsic to capitalism," Collier concludes. "It is a damaging malfunction that must be put right."

Ex-editor of Guardian sounds alarm

Jarring commentary on journalism's state

By Marvin Kalb

'Breaking

By Alan Rusbridger,

Farrar, Straus and

Giroux. 440 pages,

News'

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Special to The Washington Post

Alan Rusbridger ends his somber, in many ways alarming memoir with an odd admission, considering that he has already asked his readers to make their way through more than 300 pages. "This is a story half told," he confesses. "There is no ending, happy or otherwise." He seems to be saying we are in the midst of huge, unpredictable, revolutionary change: We know where we've been, we don't know where we're heading.

Looking back, after more than 40 years in journalism, 20 of them as editor in chief of the Guardian, Rusbridger has settled on

a few conclusions designed to leave you decidedly uneasy:



- The "centuries old craft of journalism" has withered and is being "lost."
- The concept of truth has become difficult, if not impossible, to define.
- Democracy has lost its bearings and without "reliable news" faces a fight for survival.

■ And, finally, the internet and its

"untaxed, rootless" global family of Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon (whose founder, Jeffrey P. Bezos, owns The Washington Post) and Twitter, what many call GAFAT, have triggered a technological upheaval that rivals "the invention of movable type in the fifteenth century" — "liberating, energizing and transformative" on the one hand, but also "poisonous and dangerous" on the other, capable of being turned into "toxic demagoguery." He implies that President Donald Trump is a prime example of such demagoguery but doesn't quite say so.

This has all happened in the past 20 years, the new explosion of information replacing not only the old journalism but also, Rusbridger writes, "the most basic concepts of authority and power" — in a



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Alan Rusbridger leaves Downing Street in London in 2012. The new memoir by the former editor in chief of the Guardian makes uneasy conclusions about the future of journalism.

way, democracy itself. How has this happened? Never before, Rusbridger explains, has there been a technology that allowed "the instant dissemination of lies in such infinite volumes." Reporters have simply been overwhelmed; they can't keep up

ever they were, have won the day. When Rusbridger, considered by many to be the most consequential British newspaper editor of his time, chooses to share

with the lies, and the demagogues, who-

paper editor of his time, chooses to share this gloomy prognosis, it seems to me it's our collective responsibility to seriously ponder his story and his conclusions.

His story, eloquently told, started in 1976, when, fresh from university studies, he joined the staff of the Cambridge Evening News, a local paper that then sold nearly 50,000 copies a day and today sells fewer than 15,000 a week. Advertising used to subsidize reporting. No longer. Now Google and Facebook absorb more than 60 percent of the advertising dollar, and newspapers suffer, often unable to find alterna-

tive sources of income.

But in 1979, when Rusbridger stepped up to the Guardian, which he describes as a "comparatively small British newspaper ... a minnow," newspapering was still a profitable business. The Guardian was liberal and respected, and Rusbridger was smart, ambitious and daring, quickly ascending to his editor in chief responsibilities in 1995. Under his leadership, the Guardian's reputation soared, as it began to register one substantial scoop after another.

Emphasizing investigative reporting, Rusbridger went where other British publications feared to tread. With apparent delight, he tells how his reporters brought down the rising career of Jonathan Aitken, a Conservative lawmaker who might have been prime minister had it not been for his illegal shenanigans with Saudi princes. The Guardian also toppled Cabinet ministers, enjoying not only the headlines but also its rising profits. A story with global impact was reporter Nick Davies' patient investi-

gation of Rupert Murdoch's tabloid News of the World. What he learned, and what the Guardian published, was that News of the World was engaged in police bribery and phone hacking; it even hacked into the phone of a murdered English teenager, Milly Dowler. The Guardian's exclusive led to a parliamentary investigation and, soon thereafter, the closing of the tabloid and the reorganization of the Murdoch news empire.

But for American readers, no story stimulated as much interest, confusion and pain as the Edward Snowden scandal, published in 2013. Snowden, at age 29 a contractor at the National Security Agency, so hermetically sealed that it was jokingly referred to as No Such Agency, decided to steal tens of millions of top-secret NSA files and flee to Hong Kong. Rusbridger, with a dash of pride, writes, "Such a leak had never happened before." Obviously believing the Guardian to be a good candidate for publicizing his illegal haul, Snowden established contact with a reporter for the newspaper and through him got to Rusbridger himself. He also contacted a reporter affiliated with The Washington Post. Soon the papers had possession of the scoop of the year: proof that the U.S. government operated a program of widespread global surveillance that also captured massive amounts of private data from Americans.

It was a story without precedent — big, embarrassing, Pulitzer Prize-winning. The two newspapers shared the Pulitzer for public service in 2014 for their reporting on the subject. Rusbridger became a global journalistic icon, and the Guardian made lots and lots of money, until it stopped making lots of money in 2015. Ads migrated from its pages to Google and Facebook, along with the profits that once enabled adventurous, groundbreaking reporting, leaving the Guardian, and all of journalism, struggling to survive in the powerful undercurrent of a technological revolution without rules or end.

Rusbridger closes his jarring commentary by wondering whether Trump, with his "prolific lies, and his bullying menace," might be awakening the public to the obvious need for a new and vibrant press. Sadly, the evidence runs the other way. More Americans today think the press is "fake" and "dishonest" than ever before, with more than 35 percent believing it is, in fact, the "enemy of the people."

Marvin Kalb, senior adviser to the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, is the author of "Enemy of the People: Trump's War on the Press, the New McCarthyism and the Threat to American Democracy."

The author you need to read

Cottom embodies intelligence, humor

By John Warner

Chicago Tribune

January can be a slow month for publishers. Having disgorged their premium titles and projects from big-name authors in the fall, and with readers potentially sated from holiday book gifts, the pace of new releases seems to slacken.

But there is a new book coming out Jan. 8 that signals the arrival of a writer who should be listened to. The book? "Thick: And Other Essays." The author? Tressie McMillan Cottom.

In truth, Cottom, a professor of sociology at Virginia Commonwealth University, has been here for quite some time. Her 2017 book, "Lower Ed: The Troubling Rise of For-Profit Colleges in the New Economy," was reviewed in The New York Times and landed her a guest spot on "The Daily Show." In the universe of academic types online, in which I occasionally travel, she is

a superstar. I read her twicemonthly online newsletter — The First and 15th — the moment it arrives in my inbox. By the time I'm done, the Twitteratti is already chattering about it.

Please don't mistake this for a review. It is not some kind of attempt at faux-objective analysis. I am a fan. This is an enthusiasm. I will — and have — read anything that Cottom writes.

Consisting of six essays — which cover issues of race, body image, beauty, wealth, real estate, education, segregation, consumerism, meritocracy and HGTV (among others) — "Thick" is an invitation into the life and mind of a person with ferocious intelligence combined with a wicked sense of humor, stunning erudition and a spirit of not giving a hoot about what others think in the best possible way.

Cottom's work is intersectional, a word that some have tried to place in scare quotes, wanting people to believe that



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Tressie McMillan Cottom is a professor of sociology at Virginia Commonwealth University.

intersectionality is a trick pulled by pointyheaded academics who want to make

simple things complicated. Don't listen to those people. Cottom's intersectionality is merely the work of a writer seeing the world clearly and deeply, and connecting the dots in fresh and revealing ways. The world *is* complex. Knowing how issues of race and class and education and consumerism intersect and intertwine is a good thing.

Critics will reach reflexively for Roxane Gay (who blurbs

"Thick") as a comparison and justifiably mean it as a compliment the same way it seems impossible to read about Ta-Nehisi Coates without a mention of James Baldwin. But let's move beyond a world where black writers must be stacked against other black writers, as though our room for those voices is limited, and entry can only be gained through the imprimatur of another. Gay is an important voice, but Cottom is her own writer, her own voice.

Cottom's essays make me think of Molly

Ivins, if she had a Ph.D. and wrote about culture at large instead of politics. Her tongue is sharp, and it can and will wound, and if you are in the group she is targeting, you may feel taken aback — as I have at times. But when the shock passes, you will know yourself and the world better.

I read "Thick" as a kind of manifesto. It is the story of Cottom's life — "pregnant at thirty," "divorced at thirty-one," "lost at thirty-two," as she opens the title essay — but it is not only memoir. Ten years after being lost, she is a Ph.D.-holder, a widely respected professor, scholar and writer. "Thick" serves an announcement of someone who is ready to assume her full voice in public, the type of voice that society often refuses to make room for because it challenges so many defaults.

Take a look; have a listen. You won't regret it.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. "The Place You're Supposed to

Laugh" by Jenn Stroud Rossmann **2. "Abide with Me"** by Elizabeth Strout

3. "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout

4. "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean

5. "Amy and Isabelle" by Elizabeth Strout

- Marilyn C., Chicago

What to recommend for someone on an Elizabeth Strout binge? A recent personal favorite: "The Parking Lot Attendant" by Nafkote Tamirat.

1. "Milkman" by Anna Burns

2. "Dead Simple" by Peter James

3. "The Moving Target" by Ross MacDonald

4. "101" by Tom Pitts

5. "Lullaby Road" by James Ander-

— John B., Palatine

This is a long book, but its length and breadth is one of its pleasures:

"Skippy Dies" by Paul Murray.

1. "The Better Angels of our Na-

ture" by Steven Pinker

2. "Dracula" by Bram Stoker

3. "Less" by Andrew Sean Greer

4. "The Radetzky March" by Joseph Roth

5. "The Death of the Heart" by Flizabeth Bowen

— Sean M., New York

If Sean enjoyed "Less," he may take to the spiky wit of Mordecai Richler's

"Barney's Version."

Get a reading from the Biblioracle

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Rude remark gets flippant response at office party



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I share a name with a high-profile politician, and

recently attended a cocktail party for my husband's office.

As I was being introduced to the wife of one of his colleagues, upon hearing my name, she wrinkled her nose and said, "Ugh! Oh nooooo, I haaaate that name. All I can think of when I hear that name is (politician)."

I stared in shock for a beat, then said, "Well, I guess we can't be friends. Darn." Then turned and walked away.

Other co-workers think this will eventually come back to bite my husband. He doesn't care a whit. What should I have said?

Gentle reader: What you said was not the issue. It was rather how you likely said it, and the abrupt turn afterward, that may have future repercussions.

How lucky that you have a husband who found it charming. Miss Manners hopes that his loyalty — or disinterest, as the case may be — continues for any future career endeavors. She recommends, however, that neither of you consider politics.

Dear Miss Manners: My son and his future wife have decided to have their wedding and reception with "no children," other than his and her nieces and nephews.

We are a very large family, so this is tough, although we are coming to accept it.

Now, for the shower I

am planning for them, they have said they want "women only."

Well, this cuts out all men and single male cousins. And some of the older women won't be able to come, as their husbands are their drivers. Some of the new moms aren't sure about attending, as who will watch the kids?

How much say does the bride-to-be have in the upcoming shower? It feels like my family is slowly being excluded. Or should I shut up and be happy that at least I'm invited to the wedding?

Gentle reader: This bride would certainly have you think so. That she wants to exclude children is problematic, as the guests will see all those nieces and nephews and not necessarily check their bloodlines.

That she wants sole dictatorship over who comes to a shower that you are hosting (or, more likely, have been instructed to host) without practical consideration for her guests is equally officious.

While not a tradition with which Miss Manners agrees, she supposes that the bride is presuming that "women only" is traditional for showers. But then, traditionally, showers are never given by family members — or ones to be.

You might politely point out the many inconveniences these exclusions pose for her guests.

Or, if that has no effect, perhaps the notion of receiving fewer presents will.

Dear Miss Manners: My brother-in-law, who has been engaged for 10 months, is now getting married. My husband, the groom's brother, and I got married less than two years ago, before my brother-in-law met my future sister-in-law.

When they got engaged, she immediately chose wedding colors and bridesmaid dresses.

To my shock, she picked the same three colors as my wedding colors, and the bridesmaid dresses are the same color as well.

I would normally let this go, as some girls dream of weddings and colors years prior to getting engaged.

But she was aware of our colors, and has on multiple occasions been rude and nasty.

She and her mother have harangued members of the family in the name of following a printed list of "wedding etiquette" guidelines.

So did she commit the original wedding etiquette faux pas by choosing the same wedding colors (and first dance song) as our recent family nuptials?

How do I let this go when she has been so nasty to others over wedding etiquette?

Gentle reader: During whatever rude and nasty conflicts you may engage in with your future sisterin-law and her mother, please omit such patently false claims about etiquette.

Of course it does not issue trademarks on wedding colors.

Miss Manners could even imagine that repeating them would benefit anyone in both wedding parties, who would not then have to invest in another costume.

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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A fond farewell — with cookies



LEAH ESKIN Home on the Range

The first recipe I published was a fail. I was writing a weekly column for the Chicago Tribune Sunday magazine - not a food column, more of a rumi-

native ramble — and, after the World Trade Center crumbled, I tacked on a recipe for calm: chocolate-chip cookies. I made cookies regularly, ritually, obsessively, so I set down the steps in a snap.

In those anxious days, the newsroom was alert to letters laced with anthrax. No toxic dust dropped from mine, but a few were scorched with scorn. The cookies -2 tablespoons short on flour — baked up flat. My editor clicked her sharp heels to my desk and asked if I'd submitted the recipe for testing. I gave her a dumbfounded stare.

Since then I've learned about recipe testing, recipe development and writing a food column, which became my job in 2004. I've learned to rely on a timer and a measuring tape. I've learned to keep notes. I've learned that no one wants to track down membrillo or churn ice cream.

I took the job — terrified. I'd read about a recipe in another magazine that had combusted "like Napalm." Most writing, I realized, is captured by the eyes and settles in the mind; food writing slides down the throat and settles in the stomach. Best if it doesn't explode. I opened a fresh document and titled it "A Year of Sundays." Now 116 pages, it details 15 years of Sundays - first-dance dumplings, summercamp shrimp, empty-nest noodles.

Along the way, newspapers changed. The column moved from a glossy magazine spread to a compressed newsprint layout. My work changed, paring down to plainer prose and simpler recipes. Even my cookies changed now they're warmed by browned butter and bristle bittersweet.

Readers still correspond, more often online than on paper, sending recipes, reminiscences and, once, a contraption that sticks a bowl to the countertop. I appreciate them all — except the death threat that followed a story about

This is my final "Home on the Range," my last byline after three decades in the Chicago Tribune, but not goodbye. You can find my work in other publications, online at leaheskin.com and in my book "Slices of Life: A Food Writer Cooks Through Many a Conundrum."

Thank you. I'll miss writing, and cooking, for you.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Bittersweet chip cookies

Prep: 15 minutes, plus 2 or more hours to freeze Bake: 16 minutes Makes: About 32 cookies To melt the butter, do not use a pan with a dark bottom, otherwise you will not be able to see the brown bits.

11/2 cups dark-brown sugar

2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, cut

2 whole eggs

1 egg white

2 teaspoons vanilla

1 heaping teaspoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 1/4 cups flour

1 bag (10 ounces) bittersweet chocolate chips or disks

1. Prep: Measure brown sugar into a mixing bowl.

2. Brown: Settle butter in a medium saucepan. Set over medium heat. Butter will melt, foam and — after another 5 or so minutes - brown. When the bottom of the pan is speckled with brown bits, scrape butter and bits over the sugar in the bowl.

3. Mix: Stir in, one at a time, in order: eggs, egg white, vanilla, salt, baking soda, flour.

4. Rest: Let dough rest until no longer hot (to avoid melting chocolate). Stir in chips

or disks. Using a 2-tablespoon scoop, scoop 32 balls of dough. Line them up, shoulder to shoulder, on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Freeze solid, about 2 hours. When frozen, store dough balls in a zip-close bag.

5. Bake: At cookie time, line a baking sheet with parchment. Choose the optimum number of cookie balls and settle them on the parchment, leaving 3 inches space between balls. Bake at 325 degrees on the center rack until shiny on top and just set, 14 to 16 minutes. Munch warm.

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A CENTURY AGO: What happened in 1919

By S.N. | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN

(stanxwords.com)

- Across Throat bug, for
- short Woodcutter Ali __
- Painter of ballet scenes
- Front of a ship Basketball venue 19
- Wide-eyed
- Writer Wharton 21
- Mechanical learning
- First woman in the House of **Commons** (1919)
- Home of *The* Thinker, which opened in 1919 Mask cutouts
- Novelist Segal
- 30 Makeup exam Ancient, in a 1/1
- Formation fliers 32
- 33 Indian attire
- Repetitive cries 34 Disposed (to)
- Awaited instead of 38 sleeping
- Top-level dwellings
- National Park established in 1919
- New Haven student
- Measures of work
- 47 Timely benefit
- Major nuisance
- Minor anomaly 49
- Hardwood tree 50
- 51 Prohibition legislation enacted in 1919
- Still in contention
- Back-wheel connector
- Subatomic particle
- Dinesen's real surname
- 60 Meddlesome

- Cooked for too long **Down**
- Celebrity elite
- 63 Induced improperly
- 65 Assumed name Unpretentious pub
- 66 Can't find
- 70 Thoroughbred racing coup first achieved in 1919
- Have a lapse Dollar sums, for
- short
- Den ___, Netherlands
- Purposes
- Berry from palms 76 Teachers' org.
- 78 Rebel leader at the 1919 Battle of Juárez
- 82 Empty talk
- Erstwhile Heathrow lander
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- 86 chrome, sav
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- Erstwhile Heathrow lander
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- 100 Babe Ruth's 1919 league-leading homer count
- 102 Part of OED 103 Lasso loop
- 104 Grand Baĥama, for instance
- 105 66 Across servings 106 Proscribed thing
- 107 CNN medical reporter
- 108 Piercing tools
- 109 Latin explanation opener

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- Major silents star
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- bike
- showing
- Foundation 32
- Carousel carving
- Asian nation that declared 1919
- Ordinary writing
- purchase
- Toon debuting in 1919
- Approach maturity
- "Awesome!"
- 47 How some

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- Casts a spell on Disbursements

- Draw forth
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- Elevator innovator

- "Speak up!"
- Cloudless

- chocolate is sold

- Stationed (in) CIA operatives
- Cry of disapproval Come to terms

- Traveled 24 Bard comedy title
- 26 Episode's second
- Pull to pieces
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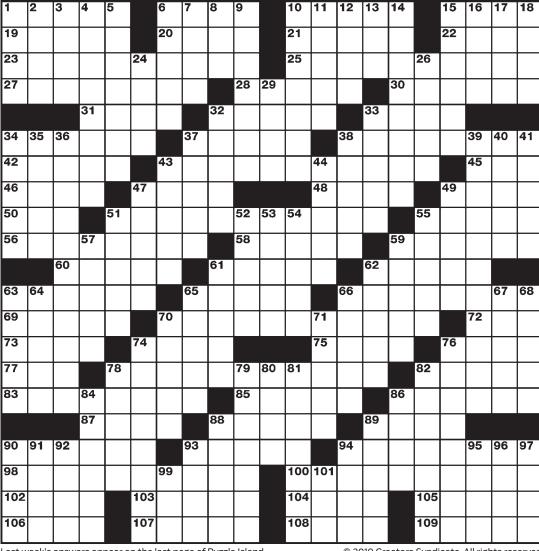
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 - In _ against time 66 Barbecue hardware Give an address Performance in un 68 Was 60 Across 70 Driving Miss Daisy
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 - 76 Spider or scorpion 78 Family nickname 79 Water far from land
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- 81 Disinclination to act 82 Symbols of
- Australia 84 Admits, informally
- 86 Look sulky Old-time "accomplish"
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Sweet Notes

By Charles Preston

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- Prince Charles' pastime
- Heeling
- 10 Monks
- Box-office biggy 14
- "I ___ girl just like ..." 15
- 16 Budget item
- Kahn-Heusen hit of 17
- "Maid of Athens ___ we part ..."
- Fall quaff
- 22 Stage direction
- Niche occupant 23
- 25 Wine and dine
- 26 Despoil
- 29 Coxcomb
- In the works 30
- Bugged 31
- Testing spot
- 36 Endure
- 37 Dracula, for one
- Thirtysomething's Mel 38
- 39 Giant, of yore
- 40 Subject
- 41 Judge's need
- 42 Hawk's opposite
- 43 Name, in Wilde play
- 45 Rock salt

- 48 Crèche trio
- 49 River into the Adriatic
- Wont
- 53 Part of H. R. H.
- Kahn-Donaldson hit of
- 59 Bien lead-in
- 60 Adolf's Eva
- "Today ___ man"
- 62 Dispatched
- 63 Alan or Norman
- 64 Hyde Park sight

Down

- Heap 1
- 2 Kitchen emanation
- '73 Bluenotes hit, with The
- **Bull or Miss**
- Sunblind
- 6 Shane star
- *Gypsy* ____, Porter tune
- Have the lead
- Feather's partner The Surrey With the ___
- on Top Ranch, in "Giant"
- 12 Broadway backer
- Cordwood measure

- 18 "... and he made him ___ of many colors"
- 19 Nasal
- 24 Coagulate
- 25 Corrode
- 26 Alto lead-in
- "___ first you don't succeed ..."
- 28 Marry in haste
- Punishing cap
- Arles assent
- '62 Sondheim song 33
- Jungle swingers
- Bible or Sun 35
- 37 Inlet
- 38 Do museum work
- 40 Kind of pole
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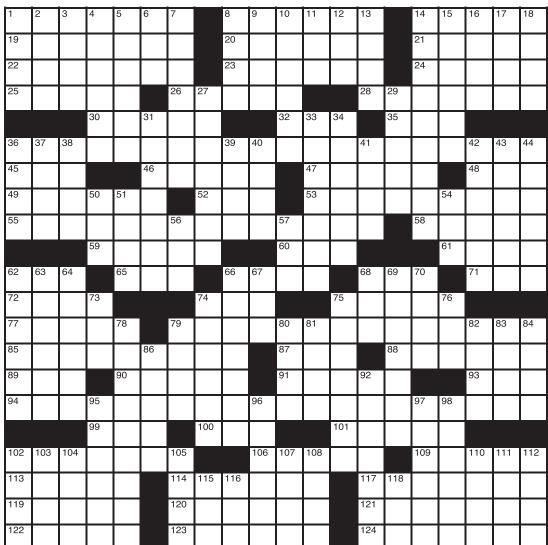
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- 25 Big Apple restaurateur
- 26 Chef's amts.
- 28 Dexterity
- 30 "Wedding Bell Blues" soloist Marilyn
- 32 Org. with an Acid Rain Program
- 35 Three before kappa
- 36 Quip, part 2
- 45 Monotony metaphor
- 46 Heads of the Sorbonne
- 47 Sticker
- 48 Evil Luthor
- 49 Bring out
- 52 NYC line that stops at Yankee Stadium, familiarly
- 53 Truce
- 55 Quip, part 3
- 58 Glee club member
- 59 Expected results
- 60 "__ so you!"
- 61 Out of shape
- 62 Boise's st.
- 65 Email afterthoughts
- 66 Quip, part 4
- 68 Short alias?
- 71 European carrier72 Kilauea Point National Wildlife
- Refuge denizen 74 Safari beast
- 75 Maestro Ozawa
- 77 Shrek creator William
- 79 Quip, part 5
- 85 "My mom's gonna kill me!"
- 87 Air traffic mgmt. group
- 88 Arts section regular
- 89 __-fi
- 90 Frayed
- 91 Either of two hearth borders?

- 93 Altar constellation94 Quip, part 6
- 99 Rhyming boxer 100 Work with thread
- 101 Calrissian of "Star Wars" films
- 102 Putting out
- 106 Laker or Raptor, briefly
- 109 Bass-baritone Simon
- 113 Trolley sound
- 114 Lowest points 117 End of the quip
- 119 "War of the Worlds" target
- 120 Play areas
- 121 Entered stealthily, perhaps
- 122 <u>tie</u>
- 123 See 8-Across
- 124 Letters-to-theeditor writers

Down

- 1 Indian titles
- 2 State admitted to the Union after Texas
- 3 Hosp. "room"
- 4 400+ million of them are produced daily
- 5 Draw in
- 6 Insignificant point
- 7 Príncipe's island partner
- 8 Droops
- 9 Former ACC Cavalier rival
- 10 Old-fashioned editing tool
- 11 Little sucker?
- 12 Seine summer13 Loch with a legend
- 14 Circus security
- 15 Outcast
- 16 One may be left in a copier: Abbr.
- 17 __ IRA
- 18 One in a sailor's repertoire
- 27 Dressy pasta?
- 29 Creepy looks31 Fast sailing ships
- 33 Subjects of many online videos
- 34 Balkan capital
- 36 Geographical measure
- 37 Think (over)
- 38 Elec., e.g.
- 39 Mount Olympus VIP

- 40 Town line sign abbr.
- 41 1950s tennis great Lew
- 42 Dior creations
- 43 Shakespearean title city
- 44 Applies, as pressure
- 50 Whse. unit
- 51 Chain with syrup choices
- 54 Shortest mo.
- 56 Eng. ship title
- 57 __City: computer game
- 62 Refuse to bargain
- 63 Separate
- 64 Lethargy cause
- 66 Pain reliever
- 67 Daiquiri liquor
- 68 DDE opponent69 Cooking show title
- word 70 Barely open
- 73 Köln cooler
- 74 Free
- 75 Mariner's home
- 76 "Lord, is __?": Matthew
- 78 Matchless one's question79 Many a political
- party 80 Giant in nonstick
- pans
- 81 Call from the curb 82 Six-sided state
- 83 Country name that includes its own abbreviation
- 84 Permanent mark
- 86 "Splish Splash" singer
- 92 Con artist, often
- 95 Jeers
- 96 Street shader
- 97 City east of El Paso
- 98 How uncut grass goes
- 102 "Law & Order: SVU" actor
- 103 Sandwich side 104 Indian garment
- 105 Work on, as a bone 107 Buddy, in slang
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- slang
 111 Gulf States prince
- 112 "Last four" ID verifiers
- 115 Sea-Tac abbr.
- 116 Agnus_
- 118 Oil-rich fed.



Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Jan. 6): Pursue an invented purpose this year. Provide leadership for a personal cause. Prioritize passion and romance. Changing financial conditions this winter lead to new possibilities between you and a partner. A summer shift in your perspective leads to a personal epiphany. Follow your vision.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Barriers to personal advancement fade, with Uranus direct in your sign. Succeed through innovation. Share what you're learning. Friends are a big help today and tomorrow.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. Creative muses harmonize, with Uranus direct. Dreams and visions guide you. You're more sensitive. Career opportunities arise over the next few days. Forge ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Today and tomorrow favor travel and exploration. Investigate possibilities. Creative collaborations come easier now that Uranus is direct. The social arena provides inspiration, motivation and solutions.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Elusive career puzzles reveal their solutions, with Uranus direct. Surge forward profession-

ally through innovation, inspiration and intuition. Discuss the numbers with your partner.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Share an adventure with your partner. Travel and educational journeys flow with greater ease now that Uranus is direct. Philosophical insights and intellectual discoveries flourish.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Physical action gets a job done. Practice your skills. It's easier to grow shared money, with Uranus direct. Your collaborations grow more lucrative. Motivate each other.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Prioritize love and family fun today and tomorrow. Creative collaboration comes easier, with Uranus direct now. A partnership that was stalled now advances. Discover fresh inspiration.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Domestic matters have your attention. Creativity gushes forth with Uranus direct, especially regarding service and health. Your passion and talent surge. Practice for performance breakthroughs.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Creative communication and expression flower through tomorrow. Fun and romance come

intuitively, with Uranus direct. A door that was locked now opens.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Cash flow rises for a few days. Unleash your domestic creativity, with Uranus direct. Use color and lighting for ambiance. You're especially intuitive at home.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Take charge for a personal project. Your communications go further, with Uranus direct. A blockage with transmissions dissolves. New creative opportunities develop. Insight and understanding flower.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Contemplate your next move. Windfall apples drop at your feet, with Uranus direct. Discover new income and cash flow. Traffic, long delayed, gushes forward.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

SYNOPSES (sih-NOPseez): Brief outlines; sum-

Can you find 18 or more words in SYNOPSES?

Average mark: 14 words Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are

Answers to the word game:

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Last week's crosswords

"PERSONS OF THE YEAR"

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- Bob Jones tcaeditors@tribpub.com

SOCIAL GRACES

Should you say jewelry was gift from former flame?

By Christen A. Johnson

Chicago Tribune

Q: Your partner compliments a piece of jewelry you have — it was a gift from an old relationship. Should you tell your current partner?

A: Context in this scenario matters. Has your ex been an issue for your current partner, even though the past relationship doesn't give cause for concern? If so, don't volunteer the information; why cause your partner to question why you're wearing the jewelry? If your current partner has no issues with your old relationships, casually mention where you got the piece and move on.

If you really want to share that it's from an exlover, ask yourself why you feel the need to share so much with your current partner. Are you looking for attention? Are you trying to make your partner jealous? Or are you simply being honest about the gift?

Bottom line: Since your partner didn't even ask where you got the jewelry, less is more when it comes to what you share.

— Andrea Syrtash, relationship expert

A: If your partner compliments you on a piece of jewelry that was a gift from an ex, keep it simple. "Thank you" is a complete sentence and a comprehensive response to a compliment.

If your partner asks where you got it, or if the jewelry has special meaning, you might want to ask yourself the same thing.

Jewelry from an ex is not going to make a current partner feel confident. You may think it's just a nice accessory, but to your partner, that piece of jewelry from your ex represents your connection to a past that your current partner is not a part of. And that can make a new partner feel excluded, competitive, jealous or even insecure.

Is the jewelry from an ex worth putting a damper on a current relationship or a new partner's feelings? Consider putting that jewelry into a safe-deposit box, selling it or giving it away.

Unless the piece is from an ex with whom you have children who might one



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day appreciate the jewelry, let it go and move on.

— April Masini, relationship and etiquette expert

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CARLA CHOY/DECORIST

Luxurious-looking linens can make guests feel pampered at their home away from home.

Making guests welcome

Design experts suggest how to provide comfort

The Washington Post

Jessica Ann McCarthy, creative director of the digital design firm Decorist, joined The Washington Post's Home Front online chat and offered guest room refresh tips. Here is an edited excerpt.

Q: Some of my relatives expect a full set of drawers and ample closet space when they visit. What do you think is a reasonable amount of storage space in a guest room?

A: I think you should always provide at least one drawer and five hangers for your guests. You can even buy hangers on which you can hang multiple shirts or pants/skirts.

Q: I want my guests to feel right at home. What are some of your favorite personal touches for a guest room?

A: Providing smart technology around the room is a great way to make your guests feel at home. For example, add phone chargers on either side of the bed, a sound machine to drown out noise, an air purifier or even an iPad for your guests to check emails and browse the Internet when they wake up.

Q: What do you do if you don't have a guest room?

A: Even if you don't have a guest room, there are ways to provide comfort anywhere in your home. For example, you can purchase a sleeper sofa for your living room and provide your guests with fresh linens and towels.

Q: The closet in my guest room is packed with all my offseason apparel. Should I try to make room for my guests' clothes in the closet or do you have any clever ideas as to where my guests can stash their things?

A: I think in general it is great idea to store offseason apparel under your bed in bins rather than in drawers or your closet where the space is really valuable. You can get many sizes and shapes for under-the-bed bins.

Q: Our guest room is pretty bare. What are some touches you would recommend to make guests feel extra welcome or comfortable?

A: When I designed the guest room for the Real Simple Home, I made sure to have a glass and carafe on the side table (in my mind, it's a must). I also love fresh flowers and leaving a few of my favorite books out for my guests to enjoy. I also provide fresh linens, towels and robes. None of these items are



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expensive but will instantly make your space feel like a luxury hotel.

Q: I'm looking to paint my guest bedroom. I want something that's gender-neutral and makes an impact. Can you recommend some of your favorite paint colors? Should I paint all four walls or focus on one wall only?

A: With guest bedrooms, I always recommend tones of gray, blue or lavender to create a calming feel. If you're painting your entire space, I love soothing paint colors such as Farrow & Ball's Elephant's Breath, Cornforth White and Lamp Room Gray. If you choose

to go for a deeper or darker tone. I recommend one accent wall behind your bed to create impact without overwhelming the

Q: As a guest, when I leave, should I take the sheets off the bed, make the bed or ask my host what to do with the sheets?

A: I always strip the bed and leave the bedding on top of the mattress. This is also a good lesson: When creating a guest room, always provide your guests with a hamper.

Q: I think a luggage rack is a must in a guest room; otherwise they are

left to root through their suitcase on the floor and it's a mess. Do you agree?

A: I completely agree! I love the idea of a stylish acrylic luggage rack, a multifunctional luggage rack or a vintage luggage rack.

Q: My bathroom is a light mint green and does not pair well with my towels or shower curtain, which are both lavender. Should I try to repaint or is there any intermediate step I can take? The trim is white.

A: First, decide which you like more: the paint color or the accessories in the space. Once you decide, I would either repaint or

replace your towels and shower curtains. I would consider repainting your space in a neutral color so over time you can switch out the accessories without feeling stuck again. For an easy paint color, I recommend Benjamin Moore's Simply White. It's a beautiful and warm shade of white that will contrast with your existing bright white trim and will go with any color accessories you decide to choose.

O: We don't have a spare room to dedicate solely to guest space, just an office that we can move an extra-large twin (or two extra-large twins) into. I always feel

a little bad that it's not exactly a relaxing retreat space. Do you have any advice on how to make the space feel more hom-

A: This is a common issue. If you have the space, purchase a decorative screen to divide the guest area from the rest of your space. I would also add a side table, phone charger, table lamp and beautiful linens to create a luxurious feel.

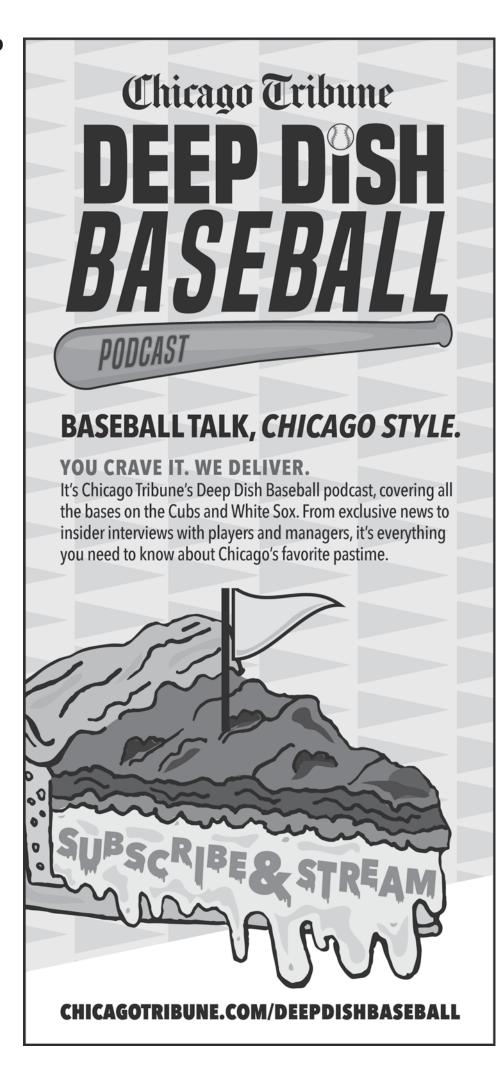
Q: I have one bathroom that I share with guests. I always provide them with towels but struggle with where everyone is hanging them. I tend to bring mine into my room

so that the guests can use the towel racks. Do you have a better idea?

A: I like brass towel racks that can sit on your floor and hold multiple towels at once without taking up wall space.

Q: Any high-quality, inexpensive furniture recommendations?

A: My favorite resource for inexpensive yet highquality furniture is Cost Plus World Market because they have a great selection of furniture, area rugs, storage options, towels and bedding. I also love sourcing vintage pieces from Chairish or flea markets to add a fun twist to a space without breaking the bank.



For mature tree, best to hire a pro to inspect, prune it

By Beth Botts

Chicago Tribune

Midwinter is far from T-shirt weather, but it's still prime time for one kind of vard work: pruning trees.

Winter pruning while trees are dormant has a number of advantages, according to Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

"With the leaves gone, it's easy to see the structure of a deciduous tree," she said. "Insects and diseases are dead or inactive in the cold, so they are much less likely to enter the wood through pruning wounds." Oaks, for example, should only be pruned in winter to avoid spreading the deadly disease oak wilt.

Frozen soil means crews are less likely to trample your other garden plants as they work around a tree. And since you will likely need to hire a professional to inspect and prune your tree, you can stay indoors in your T-shirt.

"We don't recommend that homeowners try to prune mature trees," Yiesla said. "It's too dangerous for the homeowner and the tree." Unless you can reach branches to prune them with your feet on the ground, she said, hire a professional.

Make sure the person you hire is a trained, certified professional arborist. "Certified arborists have the training to see things that a homeowner probably wouldn't notice, such as early symptoms of disease," said Jake Miesbauer, an arboriculture scientist at the arboretum who studies the structure and growth of trees and how to improve pruning techniques.

Arborists know the growth characteristics of



A trained, certified arborist, who knows how to work safely high above the ground, can inspect a tree for signs of disease or other issues and prune it if needed.

different tree species, which problems each species may be prone to and how each type needs to be pruned, he said. They also have the skills and equipment to work safely high above the ground and to maneuver the dangerous weight and bulk of pruned branches.

To find a certified arborist, see the website of the International Society of Arboriculture at isa -arbor.com/For-the-Public or the website of the Illinois Arborist Association at illinoisarborist.org.

"Hiring a certified arborist does cost money," Yiesla said, "but it's an investment in your own safety, your trees' health and the value of your prop-

A professional inspection may reveal that your tree doesn't need much work. "Mature trees need very little pruning," Miesbauer said. In fact, it's best to avoid cutting off large branches unless they are dead, damaged or pose an

acute risk. The loss of a major branch can unbalance a big tree and make it less stable.

Miesbauer recommends having trees professionally inspected and pruned every three to five years for their first 30 years. Mature trees still should be inspected periodically by a professional as a preventive measure.

"By the time a homeowner notices a crack or a disease symptom, it's probably well advanced," Miesbauer said.

If the tree gets regular inspections, a trained arborist will have a chance to spot the issue and handle it before it becomes a larger and more expensive prob-

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb .org).

Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle (www.mortonarb.org).

New year, new savings: 7 tips for monthly bills

By Christen A. Johnson

Chicago Tribune

The holidays are over, and your glide into the new year is interrupted when December's bank statement rolls in. While all those holiday purchases likely have something to do with your depleted funds, there might be a few other places you're blindly spending more than you have to.

Monthly expenses, like cellphone bills, gym memberships and auto insurance, can be so ingrained in day-to-day life that they're rarely re-evaluated to see where money can be saved.

Money-saving and consumer expert Andrea
Woroch says not reassessing these bills misses potential

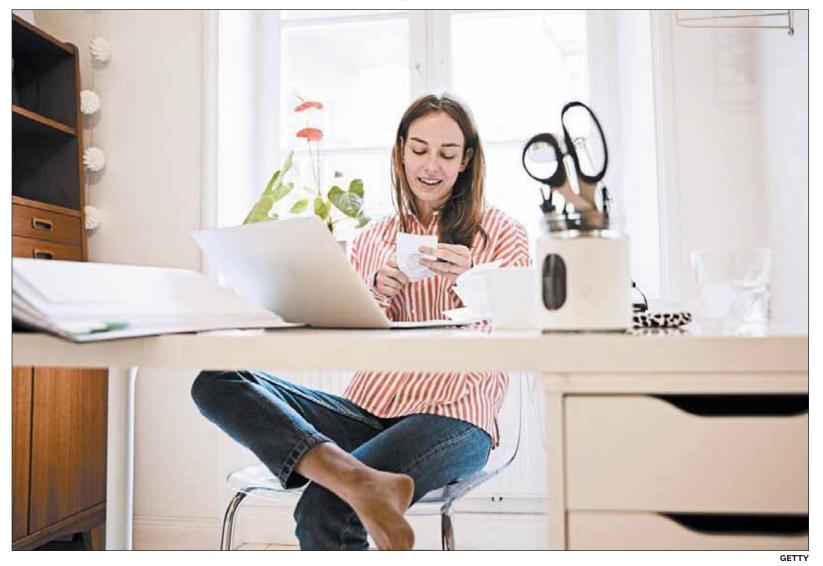
"A lot of people have their expenses set," Woroch said, "and they just assume that these set expenses work. They might shop around when first looking for those plans, but they don't put in the work and effort to see if there are savings opportunities out there. Often times, this is leaving money on the table."

For some, reassessing isn't the issue; rather it's changing providers. The actual process of swapping services can be a time-consuming hassle, and some fear a change will lessen their quality of life.

Woroch says to just bite the bullet and look at the change as more about getting on top of how you live, as opposed to depriving yourself of things you enjoy.

"Be open-minded," she said. "You can get the same quality services for less."

If you truly want to live out your "new year, new me" mentality in 2019, start with assessing your monthly expenses, seeing if there are new promotions and if you're using a service fully. Below Woroch offers tips on how to reduce your monthly expenses.



Reassessing monthly expenses like cellphone bills and car insurance can be a pain, but doing the work can save you money.

Cellphone plan. Are you using all those minutes? Most people don't use 20 percent of their data, so they're overpaying. Call your provider to see if it has something available; it might have a better rate or a suggestion on how you can save on your plan. Another option is a pay-asyou-go plan. This helps save if you don't use all your data and texts.

TV and cable. Try an HD antenna to get local channels — for instance, for sports. Then pair it with Sling TV, which costs \$20 a month for a bunch of movies and channels — a big

help with entertainment costs.

Auto insurance. Shop around for a rate each year - studies show that consumers save up to \$300 when they switch. Use an auto insurance comparison site like thezebra.com to see options in your area. If you're a great driver, you might be better off increasing your deductible to \$1,000 or \$2,000. It's high, but it'll save vou money every month over a couple years, and if you don't get into an accident, that's big savings, especially if you have a savings net to cover those expenses.

Subscriptions and memberships. All those \$5, \$10 and \$20 monthly expenses really add up. Look at what you're paying every month, and ask yourself are you using it. Can you cancel your gym membership and opt for a punch pass to pay as you go? Be realistic.

Smart home devices.
Depending on where you live during the winter and summer, you can control your energy levels with a smart thermostat. Unplug all your devices when you're not using them. A cellphone charger plugged in is still sucking energy.
Use a power strip, and just

shut it off when you're not using it, especially when you go away on vacation.

Transportation. It's definitely important to have this written into a budget. Look at the past three months, and see how you have been using ride-share services and if there are ways to cut back. Is there a bus or train in your area that you can use a couple of times a week when it's convenient and you have extra time? Save the rideshare rides for when options are limited. In the moment, it can seem like a one-time expense, but over the course of a month, you

could be overspending.

Beauty and fashion.

Don't browse the internet and your favorite retail stores when you're bored that's going to lead to impulse purchases. Turn off those push notifications on retail apps, or just delete the app altogether, so that you don't get that alert when there's a big sale going on at your fave store. Look for deals when you're actually shopping for something you need. Couponcause.com is good for a bunch of online retailers.

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How to plan your smart home — and weigh privacy risks

By Anick Jesdanun **Associated Press**

You might have heard of lights that turn off with an app or voice command. Or window shades that magically rise every morning.

Technology companies are pushing the "smart home" hard, selling appliances and gadgets that offer internet-connected conveniences you didn't know you needed. But before you succumb to the temptation, consider that these devices might also give companies and hackers a key to your home.

Here's how to get started on your smart home and what to think about along the way.

Starting that smart home

A smart home can encompass features as simple as remotecontrolled lamps and as sophisticated as thermostats that know when you're home and turn up the heat automatically. Down the line, you may want to mix and match these tasks into routines, such as a wake-up ritual that automatically starts the coffee maker, lifts the window shades and plays the news.

With the right tools, you can check remotely whether you remembered to lock the doors and lock them if you forgot. Some systems can also create temporary digital keys for guests and contrac-

The risks

There are some concerns to keep in mind. Many devices are constantly listening for commands and connect to corporate servers to carry them out. Not everyone is going to be comfortable with live microphones in their homes (though your phone may already be doing the same thing, if you had enabled features such as "Hey Siri" and "OK Google").

Check which safeguards a device offers before buying. Smart speakers, for instance, typically have a mute button to disable the microphone completely. Mozilla's Privacy Not Included project seeks to warn consumers about products with security or privacy problems



ERIC RISBERG/AP

Technology companies are selling appliances and gadgets that offer internet-connected conveniences, like the Nest Secure alarm system.

The Ecobee smart thermostat.



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The Google Home Hub.

In general, it helps to stick with major brands, as their corporate reputations are at stake if they're caught taking shortcuts. Bigger companies can also quickly fix security holes that crop up. Gadgets from startups and noname brands may offer little or no protection.

Bigger companies, however, are also more likely to use your data for marketing. So consider the trade-offs.

Leaving a digital trail

Even if a product works as intended, it may be leaving a record that can resurface after hacks, lawsuits or investigations.

Manufacturers, for instance, typically store the voice commands their gadget sends over the internet and use that data to help them personalize their services - and, potentially, advertisements. These voice snippets may include conversations in the background. Reputable brands let you review and delete your voice history; be sure to do so regularly.

And think twice about smart locks and their digital keys. In a child-custody dispute, for instance, your ex might subpoena the records to learn that you've been staying out late on school nights. If you rent, a landlord might suspect an unauthorized occupant if you create a guest key

Choosing a system

that's used daily.

As cable and internet services become commodities, the companies behind them are turning to smart homes for new sources of revenue. AT&T's Digital Life and Comcast's Xfinity Home offer cameras, door controls and other smart-home devices.

Consider which company's services you're already using heavily.

If it's Amazon, then devices powered by its Alexa digital assistant might work best. There's a range of Alexa products, including refrigerators and washing machines. You can command an Alexa microwave oven to "reheat one potato" instead of having to look up how many seconds. It'll also reorder popcorn with a command – from Amazon, of course.

Apple has products under the umbrella of HomeKit, while Samsung has SmartThings. Some products will work with more than one digital assistant.

When boots meet midi skirt, there's a snag



ELLEN WARREN Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I love rocking boots with a midi skirt at this time of year: Good look and practical too. Except for one teensy thing: The boot zipper becomes the hem ripper! One false move, and I'm dragging a lopsided skirt. Got any solutions? The problem is the zipper pull catches on the hem of my skirt.

— Kathleen

And this ...

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I'm heading for a long-planned trip to Mexico with my best girlfriends, and we're having a friendly fashion dispute. What is the proper color of underwear to wear underneath white or light-colored pants? It is almost impossible to find pants in pale colors that are both lightweight for warm weather that aren't slightly sheer.

- Marie O.

Dear Kathleen and

Marie: I'm forever amazed that clothing manufacturers don't bother to test their boots, shoes, shirts, pants and other clothing before mass production. I'm thinking of all the shoes I've bought over the years that chew up my heels and/or toes and are unwearable. Or the itchy tags in T-shirts and blouses. There are also zippers on coats and pants that don't work after a few wearings. Or how about those pants that you can virtually see through? Granted, these are problems vou run into more frequently with lower-cost clothing, but I've encountered similar problems with



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Long skirts that touch the tops of your boots are stylish, but do your boots damage your skirt hem?

well-known brands I've paid plenty for.

Back to your questions. While you and your friends would probably be inclined to wear underwear the color of the pants (white or pale pink etc.) your underpants will be less noticeable if you match them to the tone of your skin. Some women solve this problem by wearing thong underwear, but many of us find that uncomfortable. The obvious solution (too late for that in this case) is to try on the clothes in bright light to make sure you can't see your underwear before buying. Or wear a tunic top that covers your posterior.

For the zipper problem, carefully cover the pull tab (also known as a slider) with black electrical tape (or whatever color tape the pull is). Another solution is socks with boot leg cuffs

(aka leg warmers or topper socks or boot socks), which — depending on the sock style and dimensions — might have enough cuff to go over the troublesome zipper part. Amazon has many options.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I like to wear multiple necklaces. Is there any way you or your readers know of that keeps them from tangling and/or twisting when wearing them together? Not only does it look dumb but one can do damage to the necklaces when separating them.

— Linda V.

Dear Linda: This is a common problem, especially now when wearing multiples with fine chains is back in style. You can find a "necklace spacer" or "necklace detangler" on amazon

.com and etsy.com, although some of them get poor reviews. These are specially made clasps that you attach each individual necklace to (no tools required) that keep them apart.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Is it worth saving boxes/gift wrap for next year?

− Penny N.

Dear Penny: The two most common approaches on this are: 1) save everything; and 2) save nothing. But the right answer is: It depends. The crucial factor is how much storage space you have. You don't want to waste precious space on a couple of dollars' worth of ribbon, paper and boxes — unless you've got tons of storage room. However, it is convenient to have wrapping stuff (for birthdays and

other occasions, as well as holidays), so you don't have to go to the store every time you need to wrap a gift.

There are many, many plastic bins and such designed to efficiently store all manner of wrapping paper — like the long rolls – available in big-box stores like Walmart and Target. Gift bags and tissue paper, which fold flat and don't take up much space, are always worth having on hand. I confess that when I get a gift wrapped in great paper (especially vintage paper), I unwrap carefully and keep the paper to reuse. Same goes for the really nice satiny ribbon. But they have to be pretty special to take up space in my closet.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Cold weather is crimping my style! How

can I stay cozy while avoiding hat hair?

— Marian J.

Dear Marian: This is a question for the ages. Earmuffs, either the kind that go behind your head or the bandless ones will solve the cold ear woes. But for your whole head they're useless. A warm scarf tied loosely is better than nothingproviding it's not windy. A hood does less hair damage than a tight cap. But hatwise, your best bet is a loosely knit beret style that covers your head but doesn't squish your hair too badly. There are no perfect

Reader rant

solutions.

From Arlene H.: "I have noticed, in the past few years, how many more people are putting their feet up on the train seat in front of them — to stretch out and get comfortable!! Where are you — at home in the family room?? And it is not just men — some women too!!

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"The other day as I was about to get off, I felt like telling the woman across from me not to forget her shoes when she gets off the train at her next stop!!!"

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Ellen Warren is a freelance writer.

Some keys to 'Costume as Character'

Designers discuss crafting look and feel of 2018 films

By Adam Tschorn

Los Angeles Times

The costume designers who helped shape the look and feel of some of biggest movies of 2018 gathered at the Skirball Cultural Center early last month for the Envelope Live's "Costume as Character," a roundtable discussion about their craft.

Onstage for the discussion were Colleen Atwood (of "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald"), Erin Benach ("A Star Is Born"), Ruth Carter ("Black Panther"), Caroline Eselin ("If Beale Street Could Talk"), Sandy Powell ("Mary Poppins Returns" and "The Favourite") and Mary Zophres ("First Man"). Here is an excerpt of their conversation, edited for length.

Q: What's the difference between a "costumer designer" and a "costumer"?

Zophres: A costumer designer is the one who conceptualizes and designs the look of the feature film or TV show or play or opera, and the costumer is the person, generally, who helps carry out that vision.

Q: One of the things that all of these films have in common is that there is some original source material. How do you break free of the confines of that to make your own

Eselin: ("Beale Street") is a book by James Baldwin and I tried to figure out how to honor him, so not really "breaking free," but I will say there are lots of costumes that are taken directly from the book and we wanted to honor him as much as we could. But sometimes, also, what's



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Costume designers Caroline Eselin, from left, Colleen Atwood, Ruth Carter, Sandy Powell, Mary Zophres and Erin Benach gather for a Nov. 10 roundtable.

written won't work for the film, so it's figuring out what can work there.

Q: Can you give me an example of a costume or two from the book that you have in the movie?

Eselin: Fonny, who is our young lover— Tish and Fonny — he wears a black and red lumberjack jacket that's plucked straight from the book. The mother who comes in, she's written in a cream-colored shopping hat — beret — we put that

Carter: For "Black Panther," the way that the color palette was crafted and communicated was an homage to the comics. There are specific things there — like the isicholo crown that Queen Ramonda wears in the comics but she also wears yoga

pants and a tunic. It's crafting an experience that's not so specific one-to-one.

Q: Are there any benefits — or maybe drawbacks - to working with someone over and over and over again?

Atwood: Well there's never a drawback to working with Johnny Depp, just sayin' — we should all be so lucky. I guess the trick is not to go to the same place because you know the person, (but to try) to evolve what he can do. understand the span of stuff that he can do.

Q: Erin, in "A Star Is Born" there are two standout dresses. The gold one and a blue one at the end. Did those have specific inspirations?

Benach: Well, the funny story about the gold dress is, because the gold dress precedes a scene where she has to get into the shower with Jack, we knew we needed multiples. Then the morning of shooting the Grammy scene, Stephanie – Gaga called me up and said, "I think I want to wear the other dress." We got Gucci on the phone and they said they would build us another dress in Italy and send it to us in two days, and it all worked out.

The blue one was a dress that I designed as well and it was inspired by a dress that Grace Kelly wore. We knew the stage was going to be very dark and I think the emotion for the scene was hopeful, and that is what we wanted to convey

... not sadness but a hopefulness.

Q: Let's talk about "The Favourite" for a minute. Am I correct that the costumes were not completely historically accurate?

Powell: The cut of the costumes is historically accurate (to 1708) - for the men and the women -(but) the treatment of them is different; I used contemporary fabrics so there are kitchen servants in the film that are (wearing costumes) all made from denim. I wanted them to feel like work wear. I actually used jeans that we bought from thrift stores and turned them into corsets and bodices and men's waistcoats.

Q: Mary, there are some plaid suits that

Ryan Gosling wears that make him stand out whether he's at a news conference or talking to the guys at NASA. Was that intentional?

Zophres: Yes, it's a sport coat and it's a tool that you often use — well, I do – when you're dressing your lead so that no one else surrounding them is in the same sort of thing. But it was actually inspired by a photograph that Ryan showed me from the Armstrong family - it's a personal photograph that's never been shared from his mother — of Neil in a plaid '60s sport coat (and) it said on the back, "You look so handsome, love Mom." And, honestly, tears came to my eyes - and Ryan's - itwas just a really touching note.

Creative director discusses decade at Valentino helm

By Adam Tschorn

Los Angeles Times

We caught up with Valentino creative director Pierpaolo Piccioli in Paris a few days after he presented his spring/summer 2019 women's collection to talk about the importance of streetwear, the role of music in fashion and what he has learned in his decade at the helm of the house. Here are excerpts from that conversation.

Q: Do you envision and design the women's and men's collections together or are they separate endeavors?

A: The men's and women's collections are completely different, but the idea behind them — the spirit of them — was the same. For men, I did it in one way by bringing couture to the street, by involving the kind of music that influences the young generation. For women, I did it in a different way by using rough sand (textures) and feathers. So you tell the story a different way, but it's the same story.

Q: Why is it important to you to bring couturelevel workmanship to streetwear?

A: I don't think that (streetwear) is a trend. It's a way of being today — streetwear as well as a less formal approach to dressing. It's not just about the suit (anymore) but about wearing a sweater and wearing jeans. If I'm going to do street, I have to do it with a Valentino level of craft. Otherwise I become generic, and then what reason do you have to choose Valentino?

Q: Some of the pieces in the men's spring/summer 2019 collection also have connections to musicians. How did that come about?

A: I connected with



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Fashion designer Pierpaolo Piccioli, center, and looks from his spring collections for Valentino.

them because I was very interested in the influence that music has with the new generation. And I feel like now, more than ever, musicians are really the new heroes of the young generation. They say something. I love the idea of mixing the language of music with the language of fashion to deliver a manifesto of freedom to the young generation — to show them a new Valentino that's inclusive and more open to possibilities.

Q: What did they contribute to the men's collection?

A: I asked them to choose items in the collection with the VLTN monogram logo and then pick their spirit animal, (and then) we created those pieces. Nas (picked) the lion. Keith Ape (picked the) ape. ASAP Ferg (chose) the black panther, and Syd was the peacock.

Q: What was the thinking behind asking them to pick a spirit animal?

A: I think because it's something that represents you — a characteristic of you — that's not just about appearance. It represents your inner self.

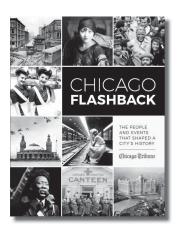
Q: What's on your playlist right now?

A: I change it often, but now I'm obsessed with the singer Tirzah. She's young. She's English and she has a beautiful voice. She did the song that just opened the (women's spring/summer 2019) show. But I continue to listen to David Bowie, to the Rolling Stones, to different decades of Italian music.

Q: How has your job changed in the decade you've been at Valentino?

A: I'm definitely more aware now of what I'm doing. You learn that you have to not only do collections but to tell a big story about the brand. You have to know where you want to take it, how you want to transform the brand, how you want to update it. Because the world is changing and if you are in your safe territory doing Valentino, (then) the brand is not relevant for the contemporaneity. I want Valentino to be relevant for the moment we live in, so (I) always have to update and change and see what's happening in the world. My job is about giving a vision of beauty (that reflects back) the time I'm living in. If I do only a beautiful collection but one which is not related to the times, I've only done half my job ... I've created something beautiful but that doesn't touch the emotions.





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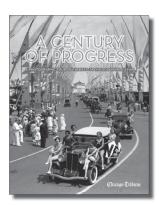
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Candid Candace By CANDACE JORDAN

Chicago Tribune

Houndstooth Ball raises \$166,000 for animals

The 10th annual Houndstooth Ball was a recordbreaker with more than 600 animal-loving supporters and 100 dogs in attendance at Morgan Manufacturing on Nov. 30. Benefiting One Tail at a Time (OTAT), a no-kill animal rescue organization, the event supported ongoing and new initiatives, such as its ISO House, a quarantine location in Logan Square that will create a safe, transitional space for sick or injured dogs from Chicago shelters.

Partygoers enjoyed a bourbon tasting presented by Heaven's Door and made memories in a variety of animal-related photo ops. Professional "doodler" Jana Kinsman created hand-drawn portraits of guests while their canine companions relaxed with massages in the Paradise 4 Paws spa. The silent and live auctions featured over 100 items, including a rescue ride-along with Heather Owen, OTAT executive director, board president and co-founder.

WGN's Elliott Bambrough emceed. He spoke about being inspired by the dedication of the organization's volunteers and how well it functioned as a family. He introduced a "deck of cards" game; for \$50, guests could participate for a chance to win a week's vacation in a dog-friendly beachfront cabin on Lake Michigan. A paddle raise, silent auction and raffle brought in \$76,500. Owen shared the nonprofit's success story.

"This was our biggest year yet. We rescued over 650 dogs and 40 neonate kittens from overcrowded shelters. We took time to focus on senior dogs, big dogs, sick dogs, injured dogs and tiny kittens who needed us to live," she said.

An all-vegan buffet featured nachos from Upton's Naturals, mini cupcakes from Pie, Pie My Darling, macaroons from pastry chef Carrie Rubinas of Big Delicious Planet, soft pretzels from Dinkel's Bakery and other tasty treats. On every table were photos with short stories of OTAT's adoption successes.

The event raised over \$166,000.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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A mural enlivens the exterior of the Whole Foods Market in the 6000 block of North Broadway in Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood.

CITY LIVING Edgewater

The lake and Loyola

Stability and convenience are neighborhood attractions

By GRIFFIN JACKSON | Chicago Tribune

Hop the Red Line to the Thorndale or Granville stops, and don't look back. You're a stone's throw from Lake Michigan to the east, Loyola University to the north and plenty of quality food and drink.

For residents and passersby in Edgewater, the neighborhood has broad appeal. Think tree-lined streets and a cool, easy vibe along Broadway near Granville Avenue, in particular.

An influx of new businesses has contributed to the "Broadway Renaissance" and the larger transformation of this eminently comfortable corner of the city.

Cost of living: An MLS analysis by SwakeGroup at Dream Town Realty found one-bedroom apartments in the neighborhood renting for just north of \$1,250 in the last year. Two-bedrooms come in closer to \$1,800. Single-bedroom condos average \$130,000 with a market time of about 52 days; two-bedrooms average \$243,000 and 60 days on the market. Singlefamily homes ballparked around \$587,000.

"The Edgewater neighborhood strikes the perfect balance between vibrancy and serenity," said Amie Klujian, a

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Instructor Cody Abbott, right, with students at The Chicago Mosaic School, People are often surprised to "see contemporary mosaic art for the first time," said founder Karen Ami.



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John Paxson's Lake Bluff home sits on a 1.07-acre property and has five baths and a lower level with an office and an exercise room.

ELITE STREET

Bulls exec John Paxson's Lake Bluff home listed for \$1.1 million

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH Chicago Tribune

Chicago Bulls Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations John Paxson and his wife, Carolyn, on Dec. 10 listed their five-bedroom, 5,199-square-foot house in Lake Bluff for

A popular Bulls guard who made a memorable three-point shot in 1993's NBA Finals to cement the Bulls' first "three-peat" world championship, Paxson, 58, has been in the Bulls' front office since 2003 and has had his current role since 2009. Paxson now oversees a struggling Bulls franchise that has been plagued by injuries, and he acknowledged in his annual Christmas Day address on WSCR-AM that the team's current rebuilding effort "is going to take time."

Julie Deutsch of Coldwell

Banker, who is the Paxsons' listing agent, told Elite Street that the couple are selling the house because their children are out of the house now and they are "scaling down." She added that the couple

have bought another home. Built in 1990, the house sits on a 1.07-acre property and has five baths, a lower level with an office and an exercise room, a den, a

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Different rules for current and future condo owners?

By ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN Tribune Content Agency

Q: We are buying a vacation condo, which we plan to use in the winter, but also hoped to rent it in other months. We just learned that the condo association has recently adopted new rental rules.

Current owners can rent with 30-day minimum stays. The new rule is that new owners now must own for two years before offering rentals with a minimum rental time of three months. We assume that current owners agreed to this knowing that the new rule would not affect them.

Is it legal to have separate rules under grandfathering conditions?

A: Have you already closed on the property? If not, you now have to decide whether to move forward with the purchase. Frequently, buyers fail to review the association documents in enough detail (or at all!) and then get themselves into trouble when they try to do something that goes against the rules once they own a unit.

In general, Airbnb, VRBO and other shortterm vacation rental websites have caused much consternation among homeowner associations and municipalities, which are trying to figure out how to regulate this gray-market part of the economy. That makes rental restrictions a hot topic, and there are no easy solutions.

In this instance, the association wants to control who comes and goes in the building and wants to prevent the building from becoming a place where people come to stay for a night while the unit ceases to be a primary residence for many owners. In other



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Rule changes can have a profound effect on homeowners and consequences for home values.

words, a hotel-like configu-

Restrictions against daily rentals and weekly rentals usually don't cause as much controversy in condominium buildings as other types of restrictions. Banning all rentals, limiting rentals to no more than one year or limiting rentals to emergency situations are far more problematic and tend to cause the biggest stir in associations.

There are good reasons to limit rentals. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have certain rules for condominiums, such as limiting the total number of units that may be rented and still have the property qualify for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac financing. If a project fails to meet those rules, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac won't lend funds to a buyer who wants to buy in the building or development. Since Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac back the majority of conforming mortgages, it would hamper a buyer's ability to qualify for a variety of loan options.

A second reason condominium associations like to restrict rentals is to keep the property owner-occupied. They believe that owner-occupied units tend to be better cared for and that owners tend to be better neighbors than

At the heart of your

question is whether a condominium association can have two sets of rules: one for existing homeowners and one for new homeowners. Well, maybe. We've talked to attorneys that represent condominium associations who say it's perfectly fine to have two sets of rules, and others that argue it creates two classes of owners: those who were there before and those who come after. To prove that point, they say that condominium law prohibits having two classes of owners in an association.

We've seen homeowner associations go both ways and haven't yet seen a definitive answer to your question.

But the real crux is whether you can change the rules for existing homeowners without those homeowners making a stink. Let's say you purchased a condo unit as a rental. If rentals are prohibited, your property rights have been taken away. A middle ground is to say that existing homeowners retain their rights to rent, but once they sell, the new owners must abide by the new rule.

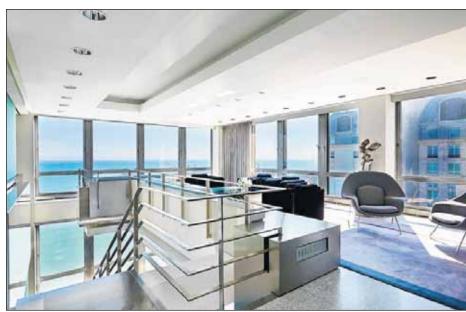
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A three-bedroom duplex in a Ludwig Mies van der Rohe-designed building sold Dec. 21.

Unit in Mies building sells

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white marble master bath with two sinks, heated floors and a walk-in steam shower, and a kitchen with a 14-foot island with a prep sink and breakfast bar, a 48-inch Wolf range, a warming drawer, a Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer drawers and two pantry closets.

The house also has a two-car attached garage, a two-level deck and a heated driveway.

"It's a cool house. It's really nice, and the location is fabulous. ... It's the minute you get into Lake Bluff," Deutsch said. "And they've done some nice things to it. It's very comfortable, and it's on a pretty piece of property that backs up to the woods."

Records show that the Paxsons paid \$650,000 in 1991 for the house.

Duplex in landmark Ludwig Mies van der **Rohe-designed building** sells for \$1.425 million: A three-bedroom, 3,400square-foot duplex cooperative unit atop one of the landmark Ludwig Mies van der Rohe-designed buildings on North Lake Shore Drive in the Gold Coast sold Dec. 21 for



The duplex, which is known as "the Stainless Steel Apart-

ment," uses smoked glass, steel, terrazzo and wood

\$1.425 million.

While the building dates to the 1950s, the duplex, which is on the building's 25th and 26th floors, was redesigned by the Krueck + Sexton firm in the early 1990s. The duplex, which is known as "the Stainless Steel Apartment," uses smoked glass, steel, terrazzo and wood.

The sellers, former Morningstar executive James M. Tanner and his wife, Catherine Allegra, bought the duplex in 2013, after he was hired as Morningstar's global head of business development and sales. The couple then made some improvements to the duplex.

"We loved the way it looked, so our upgrades were all hidden," Tanner told Elite Street. "We upgraded all of the systems, (we) put in LED lights on an ... app controller, (we) upgraded the four air conditioning units with a Honeywell app controller, trying to decrease the energy consumption. (We also) put in nine Sonos zones, upgraded the cooktop stove, refrigerator (and) dishwasher without changing the aesthetic of the steel kitchen (and we) put in a ... closet system in the master bedroom and laundry room."

The couple also added automatic blinds to all the windows. Other features in the co-op include 3 1/2 baths, an office and two garage spaces.

"We loved the apart-ment," Tanner said. "The way it brings light in is extraordinary.

Tanner and Allegra decided to sell the unit because they relocated back to Colorado, where Tanner has started a business automating financial

The unit was listed for \$2.1 million in April, and the sellers quickly reduced its asking price to \$1.95 million, and then \$1.7 million, \$1.599 million and finally \$1.499 million before finding a buyer.

Because the unit is a co-op, no sale deed will be recorded, which means the buyers' identities are masked.

Carrie McCormick and Margaret Baczkowski of @properties were the listing agents.

Former Bears tight end **Desmond Clark lists Vernon Hills town**

home: Former Chicago Bears tight end Desmond Clark has listed his threebedroom, 1,701-squarefoot town home in Vernon Hills for \$235,000.

Clark, 41, played for the Bears from 2003 until 2010. Since retiring from tootball, he has remained in the Chicago area, working at times as a financial adviser. Clark paid \$310,000 in

2007 for the town home, which is in the Gregg's Landing area. The unit has 21/2 baths, new carpeting throughout and a secondfloor master suite with vaulted ceilings, a dual vanity in the master bath and an additional linen closet.

Clark first listed the town home Dec. 11 for \$249,900. He cut his asking price to \$235,000 on Dec. 28.

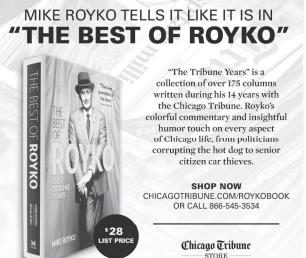
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Desmond Clark's Vernon Hills town home has 21/2 baths and a second-floor master suite with vaulted ceilings.









River North home in 7-unit building: \$1.05M

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This home is located within a 19th-century seven-unit building. The interior has been completely renovated to provide a modern floor plan with two bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. The Snaidero kitchen has high-end, stainless steel appliances and flows into the dining and living rooms. Other features include a Waterworks mosaic tile entry foyer, tall ceilings, two fireplaces and three private terraces. Tandem garage parking for two cars is included, as is a common roof deck and elevator. Agent: Suzanne Gignilliat of @properties, 773-394-

At press time, this home was still for sale.

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How high will rates, home prices rise?

By Deborah Kearns

As we settle into 2019, economic uncertainty looms ahead as investors keep a wary eye on trade tensions and wild stock market swings. One key economic driver that's increasingly difficult to peg is the housing market.

Softer activity in 2018 has set the stage for smaller gains in home prices and mortgage rates in 2019, but make no mistake: Both are expected to go up. The question for homeowners and homebuyers: How much will they go up?

Here's a snapshot of expert predictions for what consumers will see in mortgage rates and housing activity this year.

Mortgage rates will go up (again)

Mortgage rates can be difficult to pin down with precision, but experts agree on one thing: Rates will stay north of 5 percent throughout 2019.

The Mortgage Bankers Association forecasts the average 30-year fixed mortgage will hold at 5.1 percent for most of the year. As a result, mortgage origination volume will stay flat compared with 2018 at roughly \$1.63 trillion, says Mike Fratantoni, the MBA's chief economist.

Other experts believe rates will move even higher. Danielle Hale, chief economist for Realtor.com, says the average 30-year will stay at 5.3 percent throughout much of the year, reaching 5.5 percent by the end of 2019. Slower economic growth could temper major rate swings.

What it means for you: With higher rates, your mortgage borrowing costs will go up. To get the most competitive rate offers possible, boost your credit score and make a larger down payment. You may need to lower your price point to stay within budget, and that means adjusting



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Softer activity in 2018 has set the stage for smaller gains in home prices and mortgage rates in 2019, but make no mistake: Both are expected to go up.

your expectations of the type of home you can reasonably afford.

Home-price growth will moderate, a little

Home prices have surged in recent years, adding to buyers' affordability woes. Although prices are still projected to go up, they'll do so at a slower pace.

Median existing-home price appreciation is expected to grow 2.2 percent in 2019 from 2018, according to Realtor.com. The median existing-home sales price will rise to \$266,800 in 2019, up 3.1 percent from 2018, according to the National Association of Realtors.

"Home price appreciation will slow down — days of easy price gains are coming to an end — but prices will continue to rise," says Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist.

What it means for you:

Real estate is local so your area might see prices move higher or lower depending on demand and inventory levels. Before you go house hunting, meet with a mortgage lender to get preapproved and see where you stand.

Above all: Don't overreach on price if your budget can't support a monthly mortgage payment at the top loan amount you qualify for. It's best to be more conservative and give your budget some wiggle room.

Another tough year for housing inventory

Lack of housing inventory, especially for entrylevel homes, has been a thorn in buyers' sides. The get much better this year.

situation isn't expected to Inventory increases will be moderate, with a likely 7 percent rise year over year in 2019, Realtor.com pre-

dicts. The bad news: Most

inventory growth will be in the upper-end price points.

"Although the number of homes for sale is increasing, which is an improvement for buyers, the majority of new inventory is focused in the mid- to higher-end price tier, not entry-level," Hale says. "Rising mortgage rates and prices will keep a lot of new inventory out of their budget and make it especially tough for first-time homebuyers."

What it means for you: In many areas, you'll have to pounce quickly when homes that you like come on the market. Sellers may not get the bidding wars of recent years, but make no mistake: It will still be competitive.

Having a preapproval letter, along with a sizable down payment and few requests for concessions, will be critically important to getting your offer no-

ticed.

New construction

picture New construction is the special sauce that's missing to bring the housing market back to a more balanced footing. Builders simply aren't producing the amount of new homes needed to offset existing-

home inventory shortages. The MBA predicts average total housing starts will increase to 1.3 million units in 2019, up nearly 3.5 percent from 1.26 million in 2018. Meanwhile, Realtor .com predicts housing starts will be up 8 percent year over year in 2019.

Facing labor shortages and tariffs on costly building materials, builders have been unable to keep up with demand, so they're building more high-end homes to stay profitable. And that's a problem for buyers who are looking for more affordable homes, says Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

What it means for you: Buying new is a good alternative if existing homes don't measure up to your wish list. You'll likely pay a bit more to buy new, and the process typically takes longer and has more wrinkles. You'll also want to avoid making costly mistakes, such as adding pricey upgrades, failing to shop lenders, and not budgeting for items you're responsible for paying.

Final thoughts

Rising rates and home prices have been a drag on home sales for much of the year. It's important, however, to put everything into context. Despite what the market does, your reason to buy a home — or sell one is highly personal. Changes in market conditions may mean you have to rethink how much house you can afford, but the need for housing will always be there.

Lively community

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broker at SwakeGroup and an Edgewater resident. She says the charm, friendly vibe and authenticity make it a "convenient and comfortable place to visit and live"

"Values per square foot in Edgewater are attractive," Klujian said. "So the cost of entry is compelling and motivating compared to the same square footage in other areas."

Market watch: Increasingly, multiunit greystones are being converted into single-family homes, and most homebuyers who rehab properties in the area try to keep the original architecture intact. Attempts to convert condos into rentals often fall flat because current owners love the area and are unwilling to sell

willing to sell.

"The market in Edgewater is continually healthy and growing," Klujian said.
"It's this steadiness in growth that appeals to—and favors—homeowners, residents and business owners."

owners."
Klujian also emphasized that the neighborhood isn't just a fad: "It's an exciting and evolving community focused on long-term vibrancy and smart growth where all are welcome and housing options are available for all."

A local you should know:

In a city where hidden-gem neighborhoods have been known to get popular and then explode with an influx of cash and people, Scott Crestodina, owner of the specialty drinks depot Independent Spirits Inc. (5947 N. Broadway), would like Edgewater to stay just the way it is.

"If it becomes any more popular, I am afraid that Edgewater may suffer the same fate as other beloved Chicago neighborhoods that have been ravaged by investment," he said. He speaks fondly of the grow-

ing list of vanished local businesses — Standee's Snack 'n Dine, True Nature Foods, the Peacock Cafe and laments increasing development.

"Despite it all, Edgewater remains low-key and slower-paced than much of the city. Sidewalks are wide and sparsely traveled. Many great small businesses manage to hang on. All the restaurants are great, all the dogs are friendly and all the wine tastes better," Crestodina said.

Culture vulture: Head a couple of blocks north to take in one of the city's most unusual art venues, or get in on the action yourself. The Chicago Mosaic School (1127 W. Granville Ave.) is an inviting, warm space to discover a modern homage to an ancient art.

"People are surprised to experience the work of different artists and see contemporary mosaic art for the first time," said the school's founder and executive director, Karen Ami. Even from the street, the view through the broad windows is eve-catching. An array of colorful, alluring mosaics against crisp white walls. Stop in for the eye candy, or sign up for classes, where students range from ages 4 to 88. "Students can get hooked

and stay with the school community for years," Ami said. "People that come to the school can be project-oriented, or desire to take their skills into other communities through public projects or mural work in schools."

Sink your teeth into this: The Growling Rabbit (5938 N. Broadway) started as a

N. Broadway) started as a bakery operation run out of a commercial kitchen, evolved into a bricks-andmortar breakfast spot in Rogers Park in 2011 and now is a beloved Everyman restaurant in Edgewater. It's no small irony that the founder and owner, Laura Soncrant, is allergic to egg



A banner promotes Edgewater in the 1100 block of West Granville Avenue.

yolks and much else on the

"I've always said it's not about me," she said, smiling. "It's about what the customers want. And since they're coming in to purchase comfort, you make the recipe the way it's supposed to be made."

It's a "mood-oriented food" restaurant with something for everyone: homemade gluten-free bread, a vegan skillet, a hangover skillet for omnivores, and cheese curds that would make Wisconsinites jealous. The burger menu is extensive and features such creations as the Surf & Turf with blackened shrimp with homemade remoulade, and Jennie's Bistro Burger, which is essentially a wine and cheese plate on a bun.

And save room for dessert. The Growling Rabbit gets back to basics with creamy Chicago-style cheesecake and a classic cobbler, or march a couple of blocks north to Lickity Split (6056 N. Broadway), where you can find Soncrant's winning carrot cake and cupcakes.

While the menu is now fairly established, it changed a lot in the early years. "The one thing that's never changed," said Soncrant, "is the nostalgia-inducing comfort that our food brings."

Location for libations:



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The Berger Park Cultural Center is next to a condo building on the lake at Granville Avenue and Sheridan Road. One-bedroom condos in the area average about \$130,000.



bar and has evolved into a neighborhood bistro.

For the perfect drink, you need only to cross the street. Income Tax (5959 N. Broadway) was conceived as a wine bar but quickly evolved into a stellar neighborhood bistro. The hospitable, versatile space is centered around a big, comfy bar but also has marble tables and private booths.

"We definitely think of ourselves as a neighborhood restaurant," said general manager Collin Moody. He said the chef, Ellison Park, has contemporized the menu, though it's still very grounded — "like eating in Paris now, but a little more free-flowing, pulling in some more Mediterranean influences."

"Food-friendly wine and wine-friendly food" seems to be the motto, and topnotch drinks are at the heart of the operation. "Wine is the core of what we do," said Moody. "That's always first and foremost."

And then there's the namesake cocktail, which takes on a new version annually. The 2018 iteration included gin, red and dry vermouths, orange cordial and bitters. Moody said it was based on a cocktail from the 1920s and '30s, vaguely in the martini family. "We take some substantial liberties with the recipe to balance it for the modern palate," Moody said.

Between the neighbor-

hood-centric happy hours, tremendous drink list and a fun carafe option, Income Tax lives up to its 2018 Jean Banchet Best Bar award. When you stop in, be sure who ask what bottles they have open.

Making the grade:

Hayt Elementary School (1518 W. Granville Ave.), GreatSchools rating 6 out of

Swift Elementary Specialty School (5900 N. Winthrop Ave.), GreatSchools rating 5 out of 10.

Rickover Naval Academy High School (5900 N. Glenwood Ave.), GreatSchools

rating 7 out of 10. Senn High School (5900 N. Glenwood Ave.), GreatSchools rating 4 out of 10.

Health hubs: Edgewater boasts the usual Chicago suspects: Orangetheory Fitness, LA Fitness and the Edgewater Athletic Club are all within about a five-minute walk of one another. Or head a few blocks south for a run on the Lake-front Trail or the Chicago Park District's largest indoor recreational facility, the Broadway Armory (5917 N. Broadway).

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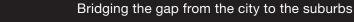
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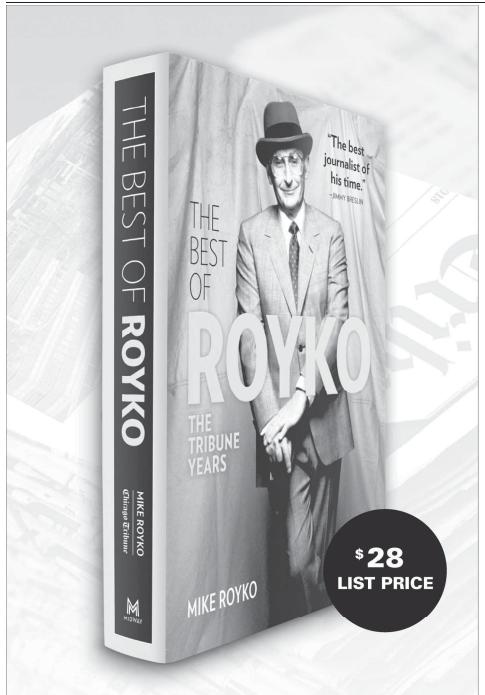
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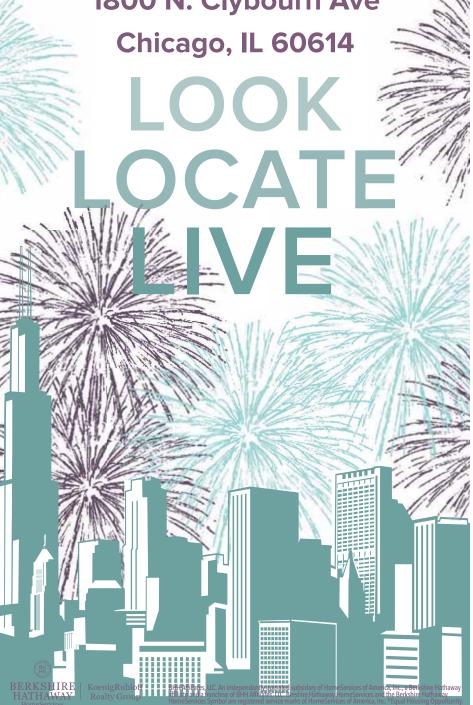


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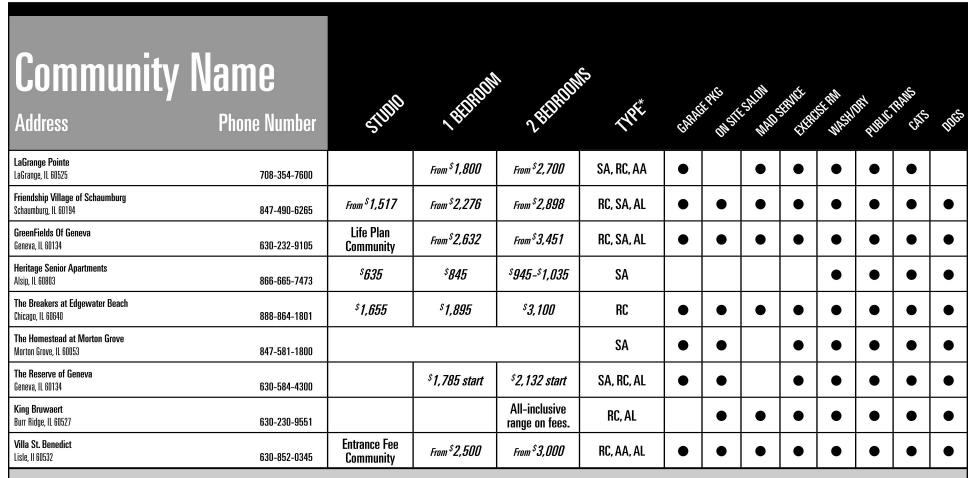
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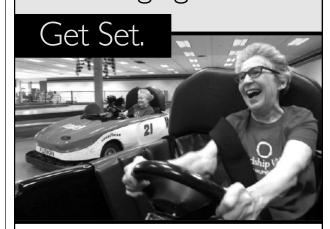
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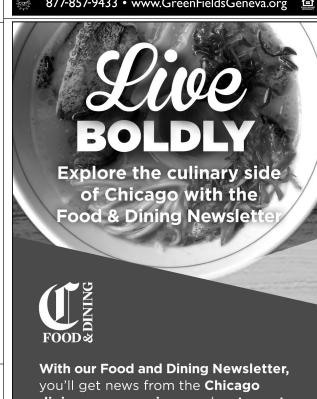
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This unassuming sedan with a sophisticated interior is a great value for the consumer.

Take notice, BMW and Audi

By Robert Duffer Chicago Tribune

Roughly three years in with a third model out, the 2019 Hyundai Genesis G70 compact sedan announces without a doubt that the Genesis brand makes very

good cars. As long as there is a 3-Series, there will be a market for sporty compact sedans that crossovers can't touch. The G70 hits all the right marks, with handling that makes you smile, and acceleration that makes you forget any worries you may be escaping or approaching. And, in a direct shot at the Germans and all the other luxury players, the options are streamlined into simple, loaded packages.

Genesis knows everything has to be well-executed to turn consumers away from the established luxury players, so the little things matter.

Take this particular small thing that charmed every passenger, from retiree to grade-schooler. On the inside part of the passenger's seat, above and across the center console, are two buttons to slide the seat forward, or fold the seatback. The driver or the rear seat passenger can press it without much effort. It gets people — and especially kids - in and out of the rear seat easier

2019 GENESIS G70 AWD PRESTIGE

Compact luxury sedan

As tested:

\$50,000

(excluding \$995 destination)

Base price: \$45,750 Mpg: 18 city, 25 highway, 20 combined

Engine: 365-horsepower 3.3-liter twin-turbo V-6 Transmission: 8-speed

automatic in AWD Competitive rank: Alfa Romeo Giulia, G70, BMW 3-Series, Audi A4, Kia Stinger

without scuffing that beautiful white quilted interior trim. But it also lets the driver move the seat back when picking up larger passengers. It's such a small thing, but such a lovely convenience.

Genesis carries what it calls "athletic elegance" into the inside. Quilted nappa leather seats and door panels blend with the brushed aluminum trim pieces to create a sophisticated cabin that isn't ostentatious. The only Hyundai family resemblance is the infotainment system, which is simple to use and not overburdened

with submenus. This easyto-use effectiveness applies to high-fidelity voice commands and advanced driver assistance systems including adaptive cruise control and lane keep assist.

The real charm is behind the wheel. The 365horsepower 3.3-liter twin turbo V-6 with a smooth, eight-speed automatic (six-speed manual is optional on four-cylinder rear-wheel drive) in allwheel drive packs a potent and efficient punch. The various drive modes from eco to sport adjust throttle response, so it doesn't take much to floor it in sport mode and hit 60 mph in 4.5 seconds, according to Genesis. It's essentially the same powertrain as the larger, heavier Kia Stinger.

Turbo lag is minimal, steering is direct and the G70 soaks up the road while still staying close to it. There's no lean but plenty of mean in the G70 with Prestige trim.

The question is whether it exceeds the class benchmark, the BMW 3-Series. The new M340i is a tad quicker but expected to be about \$10,000 more. But whatever the case, if you're in the market for a luxury sport sedan, checking out the G70 is worth your while. Don't be that dude hung up on dated misconceptions.

If Chevy Traverse attracts squirrels, try Honda tape



BOB WEBER Motormouth

Q: Is there something in the 2018 Chevy Traverse that attracts squirrels? The car had to go to the dealer twice for repairs. The last time the car was towed because the squirrels chewed the transmission harness. I have two other cars the squirrels do not touch. We had relatives with a **2018 Traverse that** stayed a few days at our house. The squirrels started attacking it the next morning.

– A.Q., Plainfield, Ill. A: Seldom do carmakers announce a recall that doesn't involve a safety issue or an emissions issue. Ravenous rodents don't count. The insulation on many wires is made from soybean-based compounds that squirrels (and mice and other rodents) find appealing. It is not just Chevrolets. Honda had such a problem and even developed a tape made with capsaicin - the active ingredient in chili pepper heat — to protect the wires. Amazon sells a 20-meter (65-foot) roll of Honda tape for \$44.63. That should be enough to share with your relatives and

Q: While driving through Missouri (on Interstate 44) in late September, the pop-up highway signs said, "Did you check your blinker fluid?" and "One good turn signal deserves another." We need some more catchy phrases to get drivers' attentions. – S.B., Wadsworth, Ill.

then some. The tape even

has images of mice with

"X's" on them.



Squirrels seem to love chewing on wires in the 2018 Chevrolet Traverse, but there's a possible solution.

A: There are others. We recently saw "Keep your head out of your apps" and "Santa's coming. Have you been a good driver?" In Illinois, one reportedly says, "The holidays can be stressful, slow down." Many states are getting into the clever highway signs act. Most welcome suggestions from the driving public.

Q: The warning light on my tire pressure indicator lit up at 62,000 miles on my 2012 Hyundai Elantra. Cost to replace one is \$130, but they told me two were out. I don't feel I need them and would like to have them disabled. Can I do that?

P.M., Grayslake, Ill. A: You do not have a choice, maybe. In several states that have mandatory vehicle safety inspections, the car will not pass if the TPMS light is glowing. Yet there currently is no law in most states requiring TPMS sensors be replaced if defective or if their batteries die, which can be anywhere from five to 10 years. Illinois does not have annual safety inspections, but the sensors are a worthwhile safety feature.

Q: A couple of months ago I purchased a 2018 Toyota RAV4. Recently, I noticed the speedometer indicates that the car's top speed is 140 mph.

I am assuming that this is only there as a subtle reminder to never allow a teenage boy to drive the car any long distances without a mature adult in the car. For what other reason would it be there? Who, why, where and when would anyone drive a RAV4 at anywhere near this speed?

- J.K., Bolingbrook, Ill. A: No matter how much you flog it, your RAV4 will never reach 140 mph. It will probably top out way before 100 mph. Part of the reason for the display is marketing. Despite being a measly crossover, the driver may get the impression that it performs like a Porsche.

Another reason is the cost savings of installing a speedo that ends up in other models in the company's lineup. And the fact that the needle being about at the midpoint when cruising on the highway acts as a psychological cruise control.

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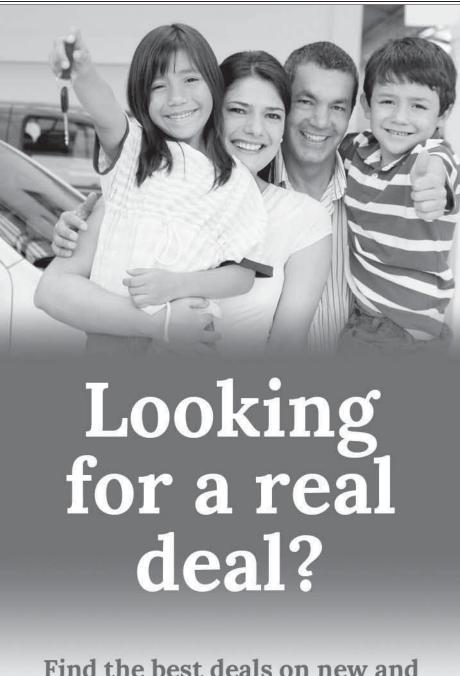
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How muscle cars will survive

Retro performance cars outliving doomed sedans

By Gabrielle Coppola Chrysler, which kicked off the sedan-slashing trend in

The list of passenger cars sent to the scrap heap keeps getting longer. The Dodge Dart and Chrysler 200 are goners, Ford models including the Fusion and Fiesta are going to be finished, and last month General Motors Co. announced plans to cull the Buick LaCrosse, Chevrolet Impala and others. But as Detroit kills off slow-selling sedans, there's one niche that's hung on: retro-styled, testosterone-fueled reincarnations of muscle cars introduced in the 1960s and

"What's dying is the commoditized, four-door nothingburger, no-personality cars," said Tim Kuniskis, who ran the Dodge brand at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV from 2013 to early 2018, before taking over Jeep North America. Muscle cars "have a really well-defined personality and positioning."

They also command respectable revenue. Fiat

the sedan-slashing trend in early 2016, commands an average transaction price of around \$36,000 for its muscular Dodge Challenger. It might not be enough to match the fat margins on the trucks and SUVs that have become the focus for Detroit, but these powerful throwbacks can be still be moneymakers. And that can help big automakers finance their shift to a more electric future — especially since the initial investment on developing a Challenger (on the same platform since 2008) or a Dodge Charger (2011) has long since been paid off.

Looking for growth in muscle cars still might be a bit of a stretch. Fiat Chrysler expects to sell roughly 65,000 Challengers this year, about the same as last year and just below the record 66,000 reached in 2015. Sales of the four-door Charger dropped 11 percent this year through November.

Still, compared with the death spiral that's con-

sumed sedans, the Dodge muscle cars are doing alright. Retail sales of large passenger cars, a segment that includes the Nissan Maxima and Chevrolet Impala, are down 21 percent in 2018, according to J.D. Power. The Ford Mustang, the top-selling muscle car in America, was down a modest 3.6 percent through last month.

Fiat Chrysler, with less cash to plow into new models than its Detroit rivals, revitalized the Dodge brand by appealing to core drag-racing enthusiasts and regularly one-ups itself with more powerful engine variants with sinister names - Hellcat, Demon, Redeye — that boost horsepower. "There's almost been a resurgence with some of the younger (people), even kids that aren't of driving age that are interested in those products," said Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of forecasting for LMC Automotive. "Those kind of special additions and addons have really put some life into the vehicles."

David Kelleher, a Philadelphia-area Jeep, Ram and Chrysler dealer who has a marketing agreement with several basketball and football players from the Philadelphia 76ers and Philadelphia Eagles, finds that 20-something athletes often opt for Challengers and Chargers over higher-volume models. "The kids think it's the coolest thing going," Kelleher said. "Those are cars that say something about who you

Josh Towbin, co-owner of Towbin Automotive in Las Vegas, has sold Dodge Hellcats and Demons — with 707 and 808 horse-power, respectively — to collectors who find his business on social media. His dealership's Instagram feed features videos, some with thousands of views, of people doing burnouts in their Challengers.

Manufacturers of more mass-market sedans are trying some of the same tricks — though to a lesser degree — as a way to revive flagging sales. Even Fiat Chrysler is to stanch the bleeding from Americans' disinterest in compacts by packing more power into their engines. Every Fiat model starting in 2019 will be turbocharged, said Steve Beahm, head of Fiat Chrysler's passenger

brands. U.S. sales for the Fiat brand were down 41 percent through November.

"What we have to do is no different from what we've tried to do on Dodge Beahm said. "How do we cut against the grain? How do we be different?"

Of course, it's worth considering that drag racers in Challengers, Camaros and Mustangs are already being bested by Tesla drivers on the track, a portent of the electric future awaiting the muscle car world. Kuniskis said he expects performance cars to become more electrified over time, with plug-in hybrid versions taking off in the future. Both he and Beahm declined to go into detail on Fiat Chrysler's product plans, and the automaker so far hasn't invested heavily thus far to bring in electric vehicles to market.

Another factor contributing to the potential decline in muscle cars is an aging population. Most muscle cars are owned by baby boomers, the youngest of whom are in their mid-50s, The Associated Press reported in September. As boomers continue to age, it is likely they will have less money and less interest

in muscle cars. The question is if a new generation of drivers raised on high-riding and numb-driving crossovers will appreciate the muscle behind these

With their cult following, muscle cars are always going to be a niche segment, leading some analysts to still question how much longer they'll hang around. The Dodge, Fiat, and Chrysler brands were all left out of the automaker's five-year strategic plan the company presented in June, and Schuster of LMC thinks it may be hard to sustain enough volume to keep the Charger and Challenger alive beyond the

next three or four years.
Fiat Chrysler's Beahm
insisted the Challenger isn't
going anywhere because it
sets the tone for the whole
Dodge brand. "I'm not
going to tell you it's going to
grow," Beahm said. "But it's
going to dramatically buck
the trend in regards to
where passenger cars have
gone lately and where
they're going to go in the
next couple of years."

Chicago Tribune autos editor Robert Duffer contributed.

How is data being collected and used in my vehicle?

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE Associated Press

That holiday trip over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house might have turned into a nice gift for automakers as they increasingly collect oodles and oodles of data about the driver.

Automakers are collecting valuable pieces of information thanks to the internet connections, cameras and sensors built into most vehicles in recent years. The online access makes it possible for cars to be unlocked remotely if the keys are lost. It's how safety features can be upgraded

wirelessly and maintenance schedules adjusted based on performance.

But these digital peepholes are also offering a windshield-size view of people's lives. That's creating the potential for intrusive marketing pitches and government surveillance.

Some questions and answers about the industry's acceleration down the data-collection highway:

What kind of cars collect data? In 2016, about 1 in every 5 cars sold globally could be plugged into the internet, according to BI Intelligence. By 2020, about 3 out of every 4 cars sold

will be online.

Do I own data that's collected? Under U.S. law, it's unclear. Drivers own the data stored in the "black boxes" that monitor vehicles in a crash. Police and insurers need a driver's consent — or a court order to get that data. But there are no laws addressing data collected by automakers through vehicle internet connections. So far, few automakers will share their data in the U.S. without the owners' consent, Navigant Research analyst Sam Abuelsamid said.

In what ways are auto-

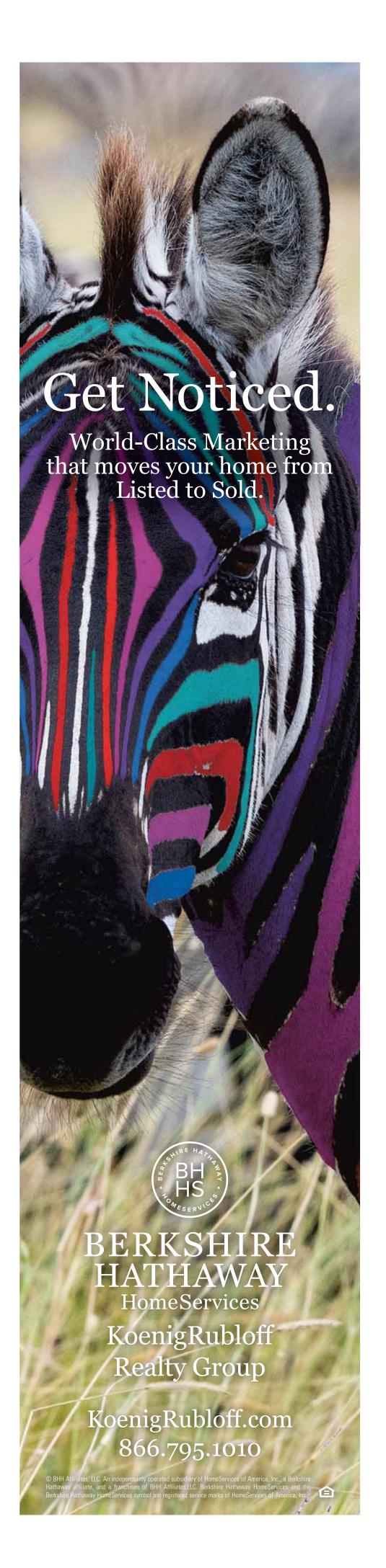


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makers passing along
data when drivers allow
it to be shared? They're
giving the data to insurers
to determine the premiums
that should be charged, if a
driver consents. This could
be good if data indicates
drivers are cautious, adhere

to speed limits and seldom log lots of miles. But insurance premiums could jump for drivers who are prone to speeding or frequent hard braking — all of which could be interpreted as raising the risks for accidents.

Can I stop an automaker from collecting my data? Most automakers let owners decline, or opt out of, data collection, but that's usually buried in the fine print. Otherwise, permission is assumed.





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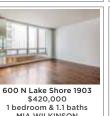
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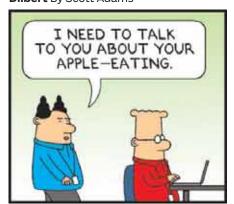
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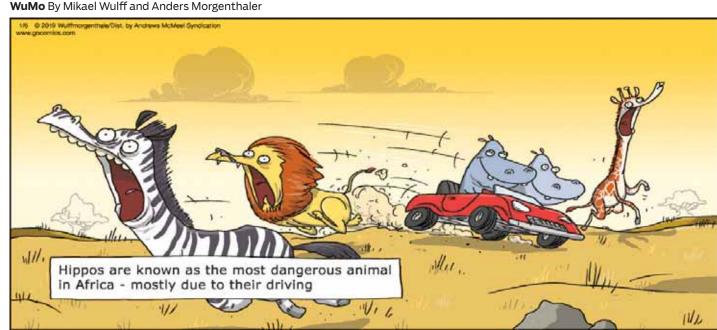








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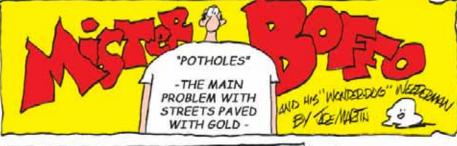














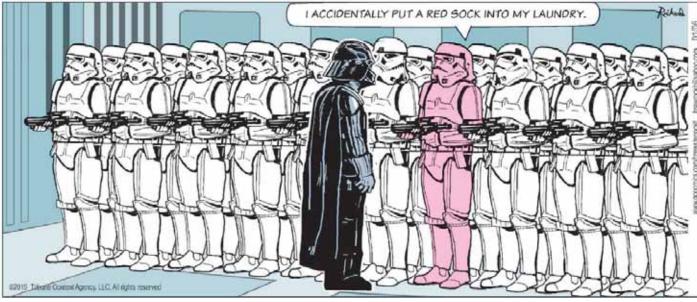




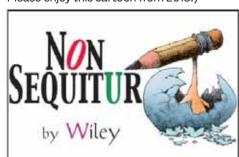


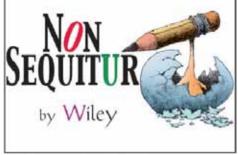






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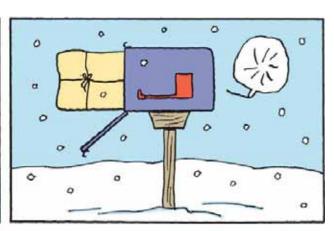


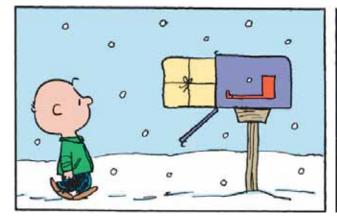
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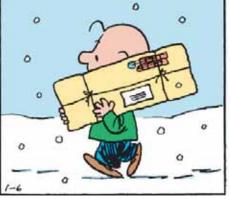


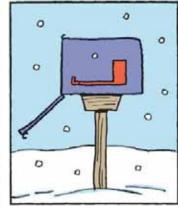
















































The Lockhorns

Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker









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"OCCASIONALLY, I'LL SAY THE WORDS 'CREDIT CARD' JUST TO SEE IF LEROY IS LISTENING."









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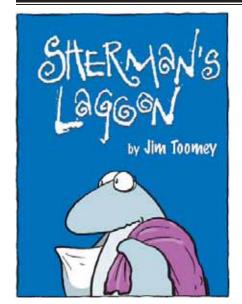
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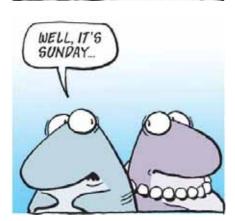
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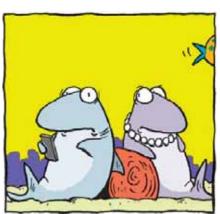














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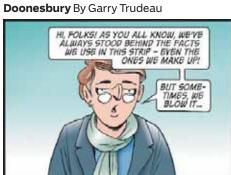






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Prickly City By Scott Stantis





Julia Roberts is very picky

(And she doesn't really care what you think)

BY AMY KAUFMAN

Los Angeles Times

"Every year," Julia Roberts says, shaking her head. "Every year it's: 'And now she's back.'"

Listen, she gets it. She doesn't act at as frequent a pace as some of her peers, like Nicole Kidman, who of late has appeared in at least three major projects a year. Roberts admires that kind of work ethic, she says, though it perplexes her "how people can juggle that much work" when she just doesn't "have that capacity."

So while it may seem like this winter signals a new era for Roberts — starring in both the acclaimed Amazon series "Homecoming" and "Ben Is Back," an indie drug-addiction drama being released at the height of awards season — this is kind of business as usual for her. Over the last decade, she's continued to work steadily, always turning up in at least one movie a year, and sometimes two. Other than 2010's "Eat, Pray, Love," though, she has largely strayed from playing the kind of charismatic romantic heroines that made her one of the biggest movie stars in the world.

The majority of her recent performances have been dramatic turns in smaller-scaled films, and many have been supporting roles. Some of that, she says, has to do with being 51.

"I think with age comes complexity and the opportunity to portray different people," she explains. "Everybody in their life is going to experience heart-break or unrequited love or chasing a boy or a girl. Everybody is going to be somebody in 'My Best Friend's Wedding' at some point in their life. I think there is less of that kind of commonality in some of the parts I play now."

That's certainly the case with her part in Sam Esmail's "Homecoming," for which she earned a Golden Globe nomination (her ninth Globes nomination, but the first for TV). The psychological thriller, which Amazon released Nov. 2, follows a caseworker tasked with helping soldiers ease back into civilian life at a government-sponsored facility. Her performance has been lauded for its quiet subtlety, employing a totally different skill set than the one she uses for another wellreviewed turn in "Ben Is Back." In the film, Roberts plays a mother dealing with the fallout of her son's unexpected return home from drug rehab on Christ-

Home has always been central for Roberts, who has a reputation for being selective about work because she does not like to spend time away from her husband, cinematographer Danny Moder, and their children, 14-year-old twins Hazel and Phinnaeus and Henry 11

"I do like to be with my family, and I feel like my kids are young and there'll be a time when it's not as feasible for all five of us to be together as much as we are now," she says. "But it also has to do with the fact that the kind of work that I do will follow me around forever - each choice will follow me around forever. So I want to be able to really stand by each little cement stone I put down. Of all that I have been able to accomplish, I feel super proud of that. I don't go, Oh, that was a bad patch.' Because I do put a lot of consideration into the jobs that I take."

This is why Peter
Hedges, who wrote and
directed "Ben Is Back,"
feared it would be difficult
to attract the actress's
interest in his movie. He
started envisioning her in
the role after watching
"Wonder," the 2017 drama
in which she played the
mother to a boy with facial
differences.

"But then I thought, 'Of course, I'm never gonna get her for the film, because she's very selective about what she does' and I knew enough about her to know that she doesn't like to be away from her kids during the school year — so it just wasn't ever gonna happen," the filmmaker recalls over the telephone.

Nonetheless, Hedges decided to take a swing, sending Roberts his screenplay along with a letter that said something like: "I've tried to write interesting mothers all of my career, but this is my favorite mother I've ever written. I feel like you could be both ferocious in this part and fragile, and if you'd do the film, we'd have the best chance of it reaching the



MICHAEL NAGLE/FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Julia Roberts stars in the Amazon series "Homecoming" and the film "Ben Is Back."

most people."

To his surprise, Roberts responded, and within days, he flew to California to meet the actress. Then, on Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m. — he has the time committed to memory — she sent him a text message telling him she was officially in.

Roberts prides herself on being particular in her decision-making.

"I'm a person who's very specific," she says. "I'm not going to say 'yes' and get talked into a 'no.' With my kids, I believe that tells them you are a person of conviction and that you have given consideration to your question. It's important that they know if they ask me a question, that my answer is my true answer, not an answer you can

wear out in 20 minutes. I think it makes you feel safe."

"I think I'm clear," she continues. "I don't think I'm stubborn. It's not that I can't change my mind if someone says, 'But have you considered —' and they present something meaningful to me. But I am a person who is considerate. I don't just go, 'Oh, yeah!' "

Sequins in the daytime? Yes, you can.



ELLEN WARREN

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.

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 "seguins 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 vou 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 kneehigh 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-luggageonly 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.)

Eveliner

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 Ellen: I've been using facial powder all my life, but I've noticed that lately it mi-

grates to the fine (and not so fine) lines around my eyes. What's the answer to my problem? Or is there

— 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, decide whether the advantages of shine-eliminating powder outweighs the ill effects.

Angelic readers

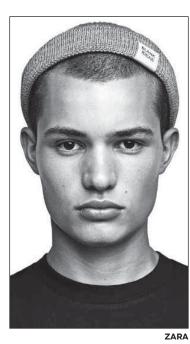
Many readers agreed with me that the only real solution for a saggy neck, whether a result of weight loss, genes or aging, is surgery. But others had some suggestions that have worked for them: Gold Bond Ultimate Neck & **Chest Firming Cream** (drugstores and big box stores, under \$10) comes highly 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).

FASHION



Nirvanna slouchy, chunky-knit wool cuff beanie. \$49, nordstrom.com



Zara gray knit Blank Ideas beanie. \$17.90, zara.com



Saks Fifth Avenue worn-denim-effect, cable-knit cotton beanie. \$47.60, saksfifthavenue.com

Winter's best beanies



N. Dakota woods a haven for father, son

By Jae-Ha Kim

Tribune Content Agency

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,

"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.

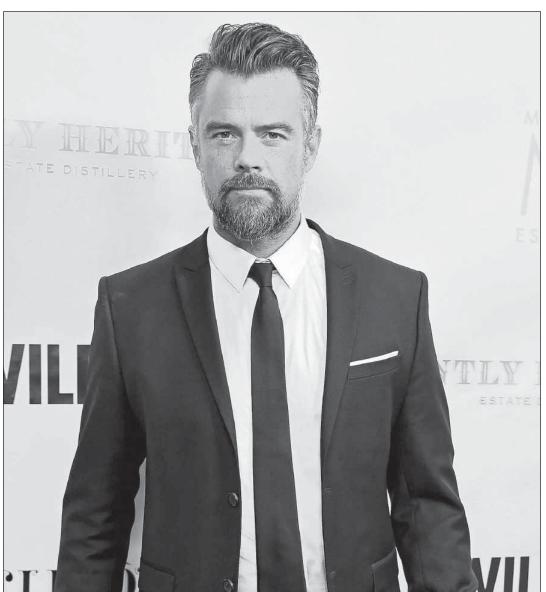
An edited version of our conversation follows.

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. (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



"(North Dakota) is not always winter. In fact, the summers here are some of the most beautiful in the country."

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.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

Anna Brockway of Chairish talks hot trends

The Washington Post

Anna Brockway, cofounder of online marketplace Chairish and a former vice president at Levi
Strauss, is known for her
tastemaking style and loves
flea markets, Delft blue and
white planters, and Vladimir Kagan mohair sofas.
She knows a lot about what
vintage and antique pieces
are in demand by what
people are buying and
selling on her site.

We talked with her about trends and what's hot

Here is an edited excerpt.

Q: What's trending in art? Is the gallery wall over?

A: Right now, we are seeing lots of interest in Pop art. (Think large-scale, bright colors and ironic takes on commercial themes.)

Long live the gallery wall! We have seen piqued interest in a new take on it, though — more like a tile look where pieces by the same artist in a similar theme, shape and frame are used in large grid configurations. It's a more sophisticated, and maybe a little calmer, take on the gallery wall approach.

Q: I've just started antique hunting for my home. What are some vintage home decor items I should look out

A: I would recommend starting with vintage rugs, lighting (like table lamps) and occasional pieces (ottomans and small side tables).

These will add personal style to your space as you start to develop your own vintage aesthetic and usually aren't big financial and space commitments.

Q: Is vintage moving to a postmodern phase?



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Anna Brockway, left, co-founder and chief marketing officer of Chairish, with entertaining expert Athena Calderone.

A: Regarding postmodern, we do see a growing following for Memphisinspired design. I happen to love postmodern accents and think they are especially chic when partnered with traditional French pieces. It is a very sophisticated juxtaposition. Q: I am trying to sell some of my parents' Danish contemporary rosewood furniture. Someone from a local midcentury modern store is interested in the dining room chairs but not the table. Am I going to have trouble selling the table with-

out the matching chairs?

A: I would sell the chairs. The trend is toward mixing tables and chairs types for an eclectic look.

Q: What fashion trends are you seeing translate into the home?

A: Animal prints have

been all over the catwalk, sidewalk and are now really a staple in home decorating. You can see animal prints in seating, pillows, rugs (my favorite) and lampshades. Patterned and pleated lampshades are a whole other trend we are digging!

Q: I am new to having anything other than a dorm to decorate, so please bear with me. I see all this talk about trends — what's in, out, etc. — in home design. Are people actually expected to redecorate their houses continuously to reflect what's "in"?

A: Like any style-related category, trends come and go but good, classic basics remain (like Levis). Most folks today think of their home as an expression of their personal style – much like their clothes and want to change things up regularly. My recommendation is to start with seating and table pieces that you love (I'll call these "commitment pieces") and look to art, lighting, rugs and occasional tables and chairs for freshness. How often the refreshing happens is up to you. I will admit to being a serial re-decorator (hence, why I started Chairish), but that's me!

Q: Are bar carts too overdone? If so, what would you have instead?

A: I happen to find bar carts really useful for entertaining. They have gotten a lot of attention lately, but I remain a fan. That said, nothing is prettier for a party than a gorgeously abundant bar laid out atop a buffet or console table. A classic, good look and equally practical.

Q: I'm 25 and just setting up my first apartment. What's the one thing I should splurge on?

A: Because you likely have a few moves ahead of you, I would recommend you invest in art you love! It's easy to transport to a new space, and your ability to incorporate these pieces in future homes won't be constrained by floor plans

'It just makes you feel good'

Natural light sets a nice mood — and builders are seeking more of it

By Melissa Kossler Dutton

Associated Press

The first year that Bob Webb Homes used transom windows in the showcase house the company built for a home tour, visitors described the house as bright, warm and inviting. While few mentioned the windows, company representatives said tour participants were responding favorably to the additional natural light provided by the horizontal windows above the home's more traditionally placed windows.

"They couldn't quite figure out why our house felt different," says Chief Operating Officer Scott Shively. "It was all the natural light. It just makes you feel good."

Taking a lead from architects who design office buildings, residential builders and architects say they are increasingly looking for ways to incorporate natural light into homes. (Numerous studies have shown that office workers with windows are healthier and happier.) In addition to transom windows, many new homes include large sliding glass doors, interior glass doors and thoughtful window placement that lets light pass through multiple spaces.

Improvements in weatherproofing and insulation materials and in installation methods for windows and doors have made it possible to increase the amount of glass in a house without creating drafts, Shively says.

"We've figured out a better way to layer houses," he says. "We can seal the entire house up around the windows."

In many cases, architects are incorporating these features because they see their value — even if clients don't request them, says Stu Narofsky of Narofsky Architecture in New York City. Sometimes the additions are simple, like placing a bedroom window where the light it lets in will illuminate a hallway, or adding glass panes to a door for the



JOHN EVANS/BIA PARADE OF HOMES

This Columbus, Ohio, home features deep window wells, a glass-enclosed fitness center and glass doors in the basement to increase natural light.

same purpose. Other additions are more dramatic, like making an entire wall of glass.

Bob Webb's latest show home, designed for the 2018 BIA Parade of Homes in Columbus, Ohio, features a retractable glass wall in the living room and a basement workout room that's delineated by sliding glass, barn-style doors. More Midwest builders have begun using the retractable walls, which have long been prominent on the West Coast and in Hawaii, because they too have undergone improvements that allow them to be used in colder climates, Shively says.

The see-through doors to the exercise room serve two functions, he says. They help incorporate the workout area into the main room and provide natural light to the whole space. The

doors work because the architect also incorporated deep, wide window wells into the basement's design. "It's amazing what those deeper wells can do. It makes a huge difference, and that light bleeds into the rest of the lower level," Shively says.

In several homes that Narofsky has designed, he has found an extreme solution for incorporating natural light in the lower level: digging out the layers of soil around the basement. In the space that's created, homeowners have planted terraced gardens and, in one case, added a pool.

Homeowners who aren't planning to build a new house still have options — at a variety of price points — for bringing more natural light into their space, says Jim Bimstefer, an associate broker with Keller Williams Realty in

Baltimore.

"When I'm going to sell a house, one of the first things I address is, 'How can we get more light coming in?' "Bimstefer says. "More light makes a house feel bigger."

The solution can be as simple as trimming bushes and trees that are blocking windows, removing screens or keeping blinds raised during showings, he said. "There are a lot of little things that can increase the value of the home," he says. "If there is vegetation in front of the windows, absolutely cut it back. Clean the windows. Let the natural light in."

Other options can be more pricey, like adding glass doors, enlarging windows or installing skylights. Those improvements are best done long before listing a property so that the homeowner can enjoy the benefits, he said. The budget considerations are "completely different" if you intend to live in the house for many years before selling it, Bimstefer says. "Go crazy. Pull the walls down. Replace the old front door. Open it up. Put as much glass in as you can."

As a remodeler, Christopher Wittmann regularly considers utilizing natural light when helping homeowners plan renovations. Depending on the project, he might suggest larger windows, glass doors or removing a wall, says Wittman of Callen Construction in Muskego, Wis.

He doesn't hesitate to suggest more glass these days. "The energy efficiency has increased in windows and doors," he says. "You can create a lot larger footprint in glass." SLCT

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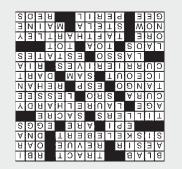
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Cooper, 51, has been hosting CNN's New Year's Eve Live since 2002, and this year he is back with his good buddy Andy Cohen, 50, as his co-host to ring in 2019 from New York City's Times Square. Here are five things you might not know about the Emmy-winning anchor of Anderson Cooper 360°.



Cooper made his first TV appearance at age 3 with mom Gloria Vanderbilt on *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*.



Cooper interned for two summers at the CIA.



Even though Cooper and his mom are close, he says he won't inherit any of the Vanderbilt fortune.



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5 He was once a model and worked for designers Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren.



Rachelle Lefevre vs. Kelsey Grammer

Under the Dome and Twilight star
Lefevre, 39, suits up to play attorney Madeline
Scott, a woman who years ago was wrongfully
convicted of committing murder, in the new TV
drama **Proven Innocent** (Feb. 15 on Fox). Now
she leads an underdog criminal defense team
committed to reopening investigations to exonerate other innocents who were found guilty.
Her character will be squaring off against a
tough-as-nails state's attorney played by Emmywinning actor Grammer, 63.

Neil Patrick Harris: More Unfortunate Events



Harris will ring in the New Year with the third and final season of Netflix's **A Series of Unfortunate Events** (Jan. 1). The tale of orphans whose deviously evil uncle Count Olaf (Harris) desperately wants to get his hands on their inheritance is based on the novels of Lemony Snicket. "The last book of the series is called *The End*," says Harris, 45. "And it ends appropriately."

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Walter Scott Asks

James SPADER

The Emmy-winning Boston Legal star, 58, resumes the role of Raymond "Red" Reddington when NBC's **The Blacklist** returns for its sixth season with a two-night premiere (Jan. 3 and 4). After a major twist in the season five finale, the audience will wonder all the

audience will wonder all the more who Red really is and why he is so involved in the life of FBI agent Elizabeth Keen, played by **Megan**

Boone. (Spoiler from season five: He's not her father!)

Going into season six, Red is still an enigma. What makes him special to play? There are so many opposites in him at any given moment. It's a constant dance. That's what allows for surprise within the stories and within the revelations about him.

Why do you love acting? Stories have filled my head since I can remember. I've always been an avid reader. I love stories, and I love make-believe.

Something that you're good at besides acting? The thing that I'm maybe best at is living life. I enjoy my life immensely. I'm very lucky to have a wonderful wife [Leslie Stefanson] who I cherish, and so I try and do my best at that, and that's inclusive of family, friends, your own feeling of well-being and work.

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What do you do in your downtime? I play a great stereo. Much to my chagrin, I must say, I never mastered a musical instrument. I wish I had. I do love jazz, along with many other kinds of music.

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Plain Old Baking Soda a Drugstore in a Box

by James Victor

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by James Victor

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by James Victor

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Fountain of Youth

t 44, The Biggest Loser's **Jillian** \bigwedge **Michaels** remains at the top of her game. Now the fitness icon is sharing her



stay-young secrets in her new book, The 6 Keys: Unlock Your Genetic Potential for Ageless Strength, Health, and Beauty (Little, Brown Spark). Here are a few ways to help turn back the hands of time. —Lambeth Hochwald



Be Kind to Your Skin

"What we put on our skin gets absorbed into our bodies," Michaels says. "Using beauty products free from chemicals can dramatically reduce toxic stress to your body that ages you." Try Kopari's clean skin-care line, made from sustainably sourced coconut oil.

Kopari Flawless Face Kit, \$32, koparibeauty.com



Snack Smart

Nutrient-rich snacks can "help fight free radicals that can disrupt cell membranes, which not only age your skin and hair but also damage the interior lining of your blood vessels, leading to a higher risk of heart disease and stroke," Michaels says. A few of her faves: Nuttzo Organic Chocolate Power Fuel, \$14, nuttzo.com; Elemental Dark Chocolate + Peanut Butter Superfood Seedbar, 12 for \$29, elemental-raw.com; and Country Archer Sweet Jalapeño Grass-Fed Beef Jerky, \$6, countryarcher.com



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refect for a winter night, this creamy spin on tortilla soup comes from countrymusic icon Martina McBride. It's featured along with riffs on other classics in her new cookbook, Martina's Kitchen Mix: My Recipe Playlist for Real Life.

CREAMY CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP

Masa harina is the flour used to make corn tortillas. You can find it in the Latin foods aisle at most supermarkets, or substitute finely ground corn tortillas.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Season 11/4 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts with 1 tsp kosher salt and ½ tsp black pepper. Place in a greased 11-by-7-inch baking dish. Pour 1 cup chicken broth over top: cover. Bake 45 minutes or until done. Remove chicken, reserving cooking liquid. Shred meat with 2 forks.

Heat 1 Tosp canola oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high. Add 1 medium yellow onion, chopped, and 1 jalapeño, seeded and chopped; cook 3 minutes. Add 3 garlic cloves, chopped; cook 30 seconds, stirring

constantly. Add 3 cups chicken broth, reserved cooking liquid, 1 tsp chile powder, 1 tsp ground cumin, 1 tsp paprika and 1 (14.5-ounce) can tomatoes with diced green chiles, undrained.

Whisk together 1/3 cup masa harina and 11/3 cups milk until blended. Stir into soup. Cook over medium-high, stirring frequently, 10 minutes or until mixture boils and thickens. Stir in chicken, 1 (15-oz) can black beans, rinsed and drained. 1 (16-oz) can pinto beans, rinsed and drained, and 1 cup fresh or frozen corn. Reduce heat to low. Stir in ²/₃ cup heavy cream and \(\frac{1}{3} \) cup sour cream. If desired. serve with additional sour cream, diced avocado, shredded Mexican blend cheese and lime wedges. Serves 8.





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After a family crisis, the award-winning singer is back with a 'Love'-ly new album and a bright new view on life.

ichael Bublé is a holiday kind of guy. "I'm really sentimental," says the Canadian crooner. He can't help it: Growing up, when the holidays hit, his parents went all out.

For New Year's Eve, his mom and dad would wake up Bublé and his two sisters, open the door to the street and let them all bang pots and pans at midnight. For Christmas, they'd put up the lights early and play Bing Crosby's *Merry Christmas* album for a month and a half.

He's especially grateful for that—Crosby playing on regular rotation is one reason "why my soul is so, so connected to the Great American Songbook," he says. The holidays literally led him to the successful career he has today.

Bublé has won four Grammy awards for his music, sold more than 60 million records worldwide and released a multiplatinum-selling Christmas album, *Christmas*, in 2011. Last month, he dropped his 10th studio album, ♥ (pronounced "love"), a collection of romantic standards.

So if you heard a rumor about his retirement? It's not true. A recent newspaper story inaccurately reflected a time when he had stepped back from his career in 2016 to care for his young son, Noah, who was diagnosed with liver cancer and is now completely healthy and cancer-free. "I would *never* say that," he says, shaking his head. Instead, he's more excited about his work than ever.

Bublé, 43, in jeans and a black leather jacket, is a ball of energy as he chats with *Parade* in Los Angeles—warm, funny and talkative. He currently lives between his Canadian



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Warren Boyd, Founder and CEO of Wavelengths Huntington Beach, CA

hometown and a home in Argentina with his wife of seven years, Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato, 31, and their three kids: sons Noah, 5, and Elias, 2, and their new daughter, Vida, 5 months.

Big Kid

When he gets revved up about what he loves most—his music and his family—he is as giddy as a kid, and he knows it. And he's amazed, he says, at how much being a dad has changed his perspective on life. "I was looking at my three kids and thinking"—he leans in close, whispering—"Oh, my God, this is how much my parents loved me."

Bublé was born in Burnaby, British Columbia, to "crazy-young" parents who were 19

when they had him. His father, Lewis, was a salmon fisherman who went on to become president of a credit union and eventually Bublé's business partner. They're co-owners of the Vancouver

Giants ice hockey team. His mother, Amber, worked in a Safeway as a cashier before staying home to raise Bublé and his two younger sisters, Brandee, who grew up to write children's books, and Crystal, an actress.

He had a beautiful childhood, he says, on a street where he remembers shooting hockey pucks when it got cold enough for the roads to ice over, his mom calling him home for dinner every night and his grandparents coming over with treats from the local Dairy Queen. "I think we were kept really innocent," he says. "That is really what I wanna protect for my kids." When he was recently riding past his parents' house on a scooter with his wife, he took in the scent and sight of his old neighborhood, "and I said, 'God, Lu, I really just want my kids to feel this. I want them to feel what I felt."



"I was looking at my kids and thinking, 'Oh, my God, this is how much my parents loved me.'"

It led Bublé to move back to that same neighborhood and build a house across from his old elementary school—complete with his own ice hockey rink.

Though the young Bublé once had dreams of hockey as a career, he followed his passion toward singing instead. He started performing at nightclubs as a teenager, took singing lessons and entered talent contests, all of which led to his self-titled major-label debut album in 2003. That set him off on a career of recording jazz standards and writing his own songs, including "Everything" and the endlessly singable "Haven't Met You Yet," his 2009 No. 1 Grammy-nominated single.

Love Wins

In 2008, after performing a show in Buenos Aires, Bublé met Lopilato at a party and fell for her instantly, featuring her in his "Haven't Met You Yet" video. Culturally, they're very different, but this attraction of opposites works. "I'm very Canadian, so everything's very structured. It's rules and discipline and politeness," he says. Her Argentine side is much looser, "and a little crazier." He laughs. But "I think it's a perfect mix, 'cause we live in both places. "They married in 2011 and two years later had Noah. But in 2016, their happy life was turned upside down when they were socked with the news of Noah's liver cancer.

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HIS FAVORITE THINGS

What I'm reading "I read

the same book over and over again: The Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment by

Eckhart Tolle."

Favorite snack "I'm a savory guy, I love crisps.

And in Canada, we have ketchup chips and they're delicious."

Last movie I watched

"Sicario 2. I just couldn't stop watching it. It was amazing."

Favorite '80s song "How can I choose? [Then he sings] 'Nothin' I can do...a total eclipse of the heart.'"

Always in the fridge "Hot banana peppers. They're kinda tangy."



Best movie to watch with his kids "My favorite of all time is The Gruffalo. It's a beautiful film. We love it."



one the other day that was three patties. It was so huge that I could barely stuff it in my mouth."

Pop culture crush "I love Will Ferrell in the deepest way. I met him, and he was the guy that you hope he would be—the most beautiful, funny, endearing quy."



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As soon as they found out, "I pushed everything aside," Bublé says. He and his whole family picked up their lives and moved into the same house—"all 20 of us," he says—to pitch in through the 18 months of Noah's cancer treatments. "How would it not affect me in every possible way?" He emphasizes every word: "Nothing



Bublé says son Noah's recovery from liver cancer gave him "faith in humanity again."

will ever be the same. It has an impact on every moment of my life—and it will, forever."

Now that Noah is healthy,
Bublé is hoping he can create a
new narrative for his family and
leave that one behind. Yes, he says,
that unthinkable experience has
everything to do with who he is
today, "but at the same time, I want
him to be able to move past it,
you know?" Still, he was so moved
by the immense support people
showed him during those difficult
two years, "I really wanted to put
something positive and beautiful

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back into this world." Maybe even something that could help others through hard times, the way they helped him. "Because, man, that compassion, that sense of love ..." he says, "I think it gave me faith in humanity again."

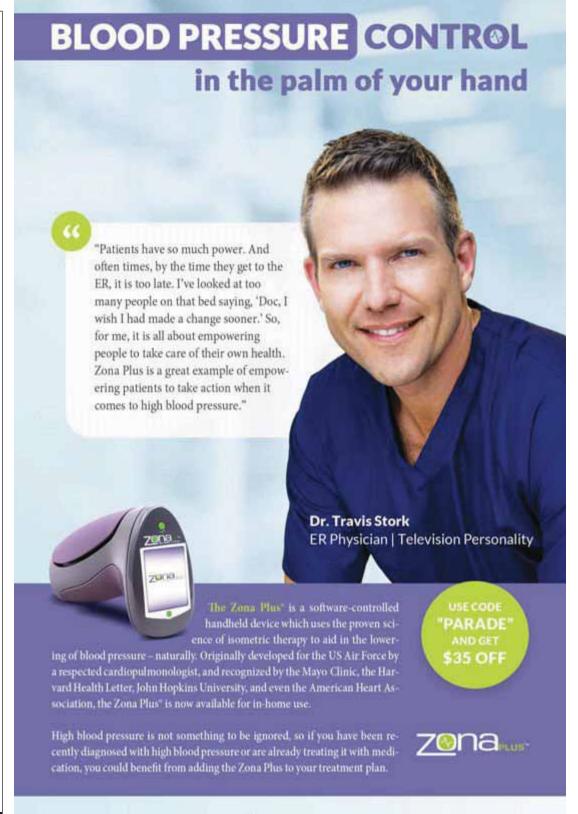
On his new album, Bublé sings his own versions of famous standards, including "When I Fall in Love," "My Funny Valentine" and "La Vie en Rose," as well as an original, "Forever Now," that Bublé penned about parenthood.

He was inspired to make the album because, well, he loves singing about love. He chose the theme because love is the most inclusive thing there is. "It doesn't seem to matter where we're from," he says. "Black, white, gay, straight, rich, poor, young, old-we're either in it, out of it, looking for it, needing it, missing it, wanting it." He admits he was hesitant about the title at first, wondering, "Is it called *Heart* Emoji Michael Bublé? Eggplant Emoji Michael Bublé? I'm not really technologically savvy, and I could not tell you how to find that on your computer."

A Homebody at Heart

Frankly, home is where his heart is—his crazy, family-filled home. "Just a really loud Italian, Argentinian, Spanish and English family, ripping through the house," he says. Which is why, as good as it feels to be in the studio and performing again, Bublé intends to keep his work in check. "If I'm gonna be away from my kids, it's gonna matter." These days, his kids love wrestling, drawing, dancing and putting on shows. And they're sure to pick

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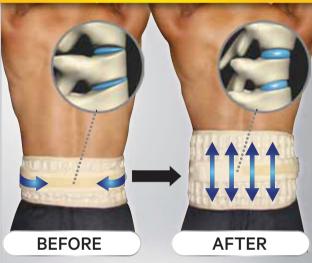
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up Bublé's love of sports: In his downtime, he plays football, soccer, golf and ice hockey, along with fantasy football and fantasy hockey. "I'm really competitive," he says. "I would play a game night every night!" He simply lives for a house full of family, including his sisters and their kids. "I don't think we laugh, ever, as hard as we do than when it's just all of us together."

True to his intentions, he's also passing along the family traditions from his own childhood, the ones that make him so sentimental today: "Every Friday night, the kids are invited into the bed to watch a movie and eat junk food-very Canadian junk food," he says. "Cheezies, they're the best." And, of course, he loves the holidays: His family celebrates Canadian Thanksgiving, American Thanksgiving, the Argentine holiday of Three Kings Day and Christmas. Like his mother did for him, this vear he took his kids to see houses with lights and Santa at the mall. And he put on Bing Crosby and Darlene Love-but "no, I don't get played at Christmas," he says. "I hear it enough doing the Christmas shopping!"

His New Year's Eve tradition changes every year. Some years he bangs those pots and pans with his kids, some years he performs and this year he'll be attending a friend's wedding when the clock strikes midnight. But as he looks toward 2019, his wish for the year is staying the same: "Just let my family be healthy," he says. "Everything else is gravy."

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