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Teacher Jonathan White speaks with student Jeremia Seaberry during class at A.N. Pritzker School in Chicago in September.

## 'A LOT OF THESE KIDS NEED ROLE MODELS'

Following 1st-year black teacher through early months at CPS

BY TED GREGORY | Chicago Tribune

While driving to his first day on the job, Jonathan White thought about his dead father and wept. Then 36 years old, White was going to teach sixth grade at a Chicago public school. It was his sixth job in 14 years and a rare career choice for a black man, especially him. White has an MBA. The thought that overwhelmed him that morning was how proud his father would be; how closely this work aligned with the life of Jonathan R. White Sr., who had died nine months earlier.

When White ascended the steps to Room 203 at A.N.

Pritzker School that morning, he carried a measure of personal resolve — an eldest son asserting his father's legacy. He also represented something broader, more significant — a man willing to fight the odds to address a crucial need for a greater good. "We're going to have a great year," he told his 28 homeroom students that first day. "But we've got to be disciplined. We've got to be disciplined."

An estimated 2 percent of teachers in public schools across the country are African-American men, according to the U.S. Department of Education. About half of students enrolled in

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## Pritzker: Democrats 'stand together'

Gov.-elect also says Republican voices are needed at the table

BY MIKE RIOPEL  
Chicago Tribune

Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker takes control of Illinois state government Monday with a Capitol packed full of Democratic lawmakers who could help usher his agenda through Springfield if they stick together.

Total control of the House, Senate and Governor's Mansion, though, doesn't always mean smooth sailing for a political party.

Democrats controlled the legislature when Pat Quinn was governor. He couldn't win approval for his key income tax proposal during his last year in office and lost his bid for a second full term. Before that, a Democratic House impeached Rod Blagojevich and a Democratic Senate voted him out of office.

"You can talk to Donald Trump about that as well," Chris Mooney, a University of Illinois Chicago political scientist, said of the Republican-controlled Congress the president had for his first two years in office. "Now he's complaining about Democrats and the border wall. Well, he had everybody on board a few minutes ago, and he couldn't get it done then."

Pritzker's upcoming inauguration has given hope to Democrats that they can push forward their priorities after four years under Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner marked by a historic budget impasse and fights with organized labor that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. In an interview days before taking office, the billionaire Hyatt hotels heir sug-

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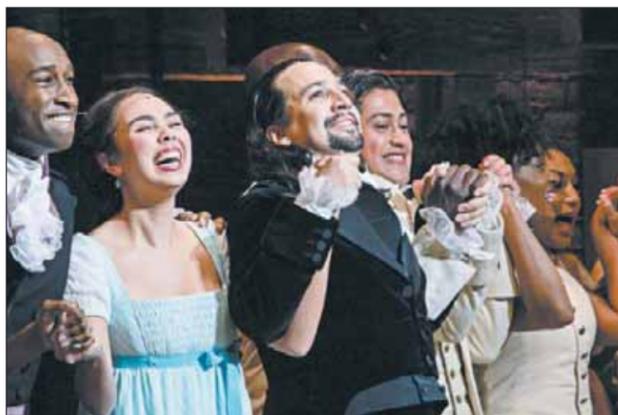
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## Creator of 'Hamilton' takes show to Puerto Rico



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Lin-Manuel Miranda, center, gets emotional during the curtain call after his performance in "Hamilton" in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Friday.

Raises millions for post-Maria renaissance in father's birthplace

BY CHRIS JONES  
Chicago Tribune

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — With his body draped in the Puerto Rican flag, his emotions struggling to get through the song titled "Hurricane" and his presence celebrated all across San Juan, "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda returned to the role of Alexander Hamilton on Friday night on the island of his beloved father's birth, revealing stronger vocal technique and deeper on-stage emotions, while also raising some \$15 million toward a Puerto

Rican post-hurricane renaissance in just three weeks of sold-out performances.

"I just love this island so much," Miranda said after the show. "And I want it to be proud of me."

He needed not worry on that account. At a post-show news conference, a hefty phalanx of local media peppered an exhausted Miranda with questions on a variety of topics of interest in Puerto Rico, from how to solve the local crime problem to the potential for debt forgiveness, and from the likely future fiscal policy of the Trump administration to the campaign for statehood. Several times, Miranda apologized for having been too busy with a musical and a

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— Marianne Mather, photo editor.

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If you're a leader, said Chicago mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot, "when you mess up, you 'fess up and then you clean up.'"



### JOHN KASS

## Lightfoot: Burke scrutiny 'really waking people up'

The federal criminal investigation of powerful Chicago Ald. Ed Burke is like a meteor that has slammed into the 2019 mayoral campaign, says candidate Lori Lightfoot.

And the aftershock from that Burke meteor — a giant, pink, pinstriped meteor with the feds trailing behind it — threatens those old-school, go-along-get-along Democratic machine candidacies of those closest to Burke: Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, lawyer Gery Chico and perhaps Bill Daley.

"I think this Burke moment has really been a wake-up call for people," Lightfoot told me in an interview on my WGN-Plus podcast, "The Chicago Way."

"Strangers are stopping me on the street, telling me to keep making the case," said Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor. "This meteor that hit is really waking people up, and we're going to keep riding that lane."

The federal investigation of Burke, the extortion charge against him and the political dominoes that have subsequently fallen have refocused everything political in Chicago.

It's all bad news for Preckwinkle, who has all but shot her big political feet off, first by taking Burke's campaign money (that she since says she's returned), then by trying to avoid reporters' questions about that cushy \$100,000 county job Burke's son landed under her administration.

Former Burke aide Chico owes much to Burke, but he won't throw the old man under the bus.

Not so with Burke protege Mendoza — the preferred mayoral candidate of outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel's minions — who is running away from Burke as fast as she can.

Burke? Who?

And Daley, though no fan of Burke's, comes from the same Chicago political firmament where political muscle and government connections have made fortunes for the pink princes of the city.

All of it — the muscle and the oily clout and connections — are front and center now.

Preckwinkle has been hurt by her connection to Burke, but so has Men-

doza. In a video now circulating, Mendoza is introduced by Burke as a candidate for city clerk in December 2010.

"The lady of the hour!" announces Burke. "The next city clerk of Chicago, Susana Mendoza!"

They give each other big hugs.

"Ald. Burke," says Mendoza, "you are a true champion of mine. He is really, primarily the reason I'm standing here!"

Of course he is, Susana.

When Emanuel dropped out of the race for mayor, the insiders — Preckwinkle, Chico, Mendoza, Daley — were doing just fine.

Candidates like Lightfoot and former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas had set up their campaigns to run against Emanuel.

Without him, the campaign became exactly what a broken Chicago didn't need — a popularity contest of recognizable clout-heavy personalities and who got their names in the news.

But the charge against Burke — with more possible — has refocused the mayoral campaign.

Lightfoot says that Chicago has been forced to consider the obvious — the corrupt political culture, which has relied upon the government hammer to make fortunes at the public's expense.

Lightfoot agrees with me that candidates who entered the race after Emanuel decided not to run shouldn't be considered.

"Anybody who got into the race after Rahm Emanuel bowed out, in my view, is automatically disqualified," Lightfoot said on "The Chicago Way." "Those people who only got in after Goliath (Rahm) was slain are just not credible to me."

Burke is alleged to have used his leverage at City Hall to shake down a company that owns Burger King restaurants. A January 2018 Preckwinkle fundraiser at Burke's home that was attended by Chico ties many of these players together.

Preckwinkle has said she returned the \$116,000 raised at the event and insists she has done nothing illegal or wrong.

"I won't have my name dragged

through the mud over the alleged criminal conduct of Susana Mendoza's mentor, Gery Chico's best friend and Bill Daley's longtime political ally," she said.

That's nice, Toni. It's also ridiculous.

"The lie keeps taking different forms," Lightfoot said of Preckwinkle. "But again, if you're a leader ... when you mess up, you 'fess up and then you clean up, all right. 'Fess up. Tell us about what the real relationship, tell us about the quid pro quo Ed Burke got and solicited from you in return for now what we know is \$116,000."

What I want to know more about is what Preckwinkle refuses to discuss: that Tribune story by Gregory Pratt about the \$100,000 Cook County job that Burke's son got under Preckwinkle's administration.

"He gets this very nice job with benefits, ostensibly something that's important, which is homeland security, an important job for which he's not qualified, and then apparently, he can't be bothered to show up and do the work," Lightfoot said. "And then quits when he gets questioned. I mean, come on now!"

On Mendoza, Lightfoot said: "In that video, she says, 'I would not be standing here today without Ed Burke.' And now she doesn't really know him? If you're friends, you're friends, our friends make mistakes. But be honest about it."

"What I'm concerned about with Susana is that she has so many Rahm people around her," Lightfoot said. "Rahm's media advisers, his political strategists. Is she (Mendoza) the Trojan horse?"

Emanuel's political crew has flocked to Mendoza, and Preckwinkle is damaged from many self-inflicted political wounds.

Pay attention, Chicago. The most important mayoral election in decades is less than 45 days away.

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Michelle Sanders, left, Anthony Clark and Naomi Leach helped prepare for a protest held Saturday at R. Kelly's studio.

## Teacher behind Kelly protest wants men to speak out too



MARY SCHMICH

Anthony Clark says he has lost some friends over his campaign against R. Kelly, and he can tick off their criticisms by heart:

You don't know what you're talking about. Why don't you mind your own business? The girls wanted it. You're just doing this for publicity.

He shrugs it all off. He says he knows what he needs to do, regardless of what it costs, and what he needs to do is speak out and help others, particularly men, do the same.

"You see the women doing the work in this R. Kelly movement," he said Friday, the day before a protest he was helping to organize outside Kelly's Chicago studio. "But the core of the problem lies within men. And men of color. We can't expect as men for women to do all the heavy lifting. If we're going to be true allies, we have to step up. We have to call attention to it ourselves, because we're complicit as men."

Until recently, a lot of people — black, white, men, women, other — have managed to ignore or dismiss the allegations against Kelly, the R&B superstar.

In the past week, however, the claims that he has sexually abused women, had sex with underage girls and held women hostage in a sex cult have been nearly impossible to miss.

The accusations, which Kelly denies, aren't new — Chicago writer Jim DeRogatis has been investigating them for years — but they've come to a crescendo since the airing of the Lifetime docuseries "Surviving R. Kelly."

In the past few days, Chance the Rapper and Lady Gaga have apologized for working with Kelly. Kim Foxx, the Cook County state's attorney,

### The problem of men preying on women extends far beyond race and celebrity.

ney, held a news conference urging accusers to get in touch with her office. A Chicago radio station stopped playing Kelly's music. His estranged daughter called him a "monster."

On Wednesday night, backers of the nationwide #MuteRKelly movement, which is led primarily by black women, held a protest outside Kelly's Near West Side studio, a protest Clark supported. And he wants to keep the pressure on.

"We're standing with our women of color," he said. "And trying to educate as well."

Clark, who's 36, was between classes when I met him Friday at Oak Park and River Forest High School, where he's a special education teacher. His activism is well-known in Oak Park. He appears in Steve James' recent documentary, "America to Me," and in 2017 he was named "Villager of the Year" by the local Wednesday Journal newspaper.

He was also once a student at OPRF, and his time there contributes to the intensity of his desire to hold Kelly to account. He recalls seeing Kelly in the hallways and at basketball games in the company of a girl who would later show up in a sex tape. Clark knew her.

At the time, he says, students were starstruck, but they were also confused: Was it OK for men so old to be involved with girls so young?

One of his current goals is to help students understand that the answer is no.

"Our youth are looking at us to communicate what's acceptable and what's not acceptable," he said.

When we met Friday, he was joined by Naomi Leach, a current senior, and

Michelle Sanders, who graduated from the school in 2017. They were helping to prepare for Saturday's protest, encouraged by Clark to speak out. But they don't know many young men who have engaged with the topic.

"We need men to hear these conversations," Sanders said.

By talking, listening and helping to organize Saturday's protest, Clark hopes to lead by example, though he understands the complexities of being outspoken. He knows there are people convinced that the charges against Kelly are just another way of tearing down a black man.

"The justice system has marginalized black people as a whole, and it's led to an 'us vs. them' feeling with the justice system," he said. "But we can call out the justice system and call out our own people as well."

He also goes out of his way to say that men, including him, need to look in the mirror.

"I cannot sit here and tell you that I am the perfect example of a male or the perfect example of what a relationship should or should not be," he said.

The outcry over R. Kelly is about many things. It's about a superstar who, in Clark's words, has been "emboldened and protected while preying on the most vulnerable." Kelly's actions carry a special weight among African-Americans. But the problem of men preying on women extends far beyond race and celebrity.

"R. Kelly is a superstar, R. Kelly has millions of dollars," Clark said. "But this happens in the homes of everyday people, in the relationships of everyday people. Look at the Catholic Church. Look at Congress."

Saturday's protest, he hoped, would be more than protest. It would be a lesson in how to speak and how to help.

As Clark says, "This is bigger than R. Kelly."

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## 1,000-plus jam mayoral candidates forum

Focus: Improving all of Chicago's 77 neighborhoods

By **BILL RUTHHART**  
Chicago Tribune

A standing-room-only crowd of more than 1,000 people packed the University of Illinois at Chicago Forum on Saturday morning to watch a Chicago mayoral forum focused on doing more to improve all of the city's 77 neighborhoods.

Prospective voters in the Feb. 26 election waited in long lines outside in the snow to pass through security and hear 12 mayoral candidates discuss jobs, economic development, immigration and policing during a 90-minute forum during which organizers banned candidates from launching any political attacks against one another.

And as part of a successful bid to prevent loud outbursts from the capacity crowd, audience members were encouraged to wave green placards when they heard something they liked and red ones when they didn't.

As a result, the forum was heavy on mini, one-minute policy discussions from the large group of candidates, but it broke little new ground as the mayoral contenders largely repeated policy positions they already had released and discussed in other venues.

The event was hosted by One Chicago for All Alliance, a group of 30 community organizations, and was moderated by Chicago Sun-Times columnist Laura Washington.

There was no discussion of the federal corruption charge against embattled veteran Ald. Edward Burke that dominated the last mayoral forum. And this time, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle attended after backing out of the last event.

The liveliest discussion of the UIC forum focused on improving policing in the city. Candidates were asked whether they backed the pending federal consent decree to reform the Chicago Police Department and what they would do to "restore trust, accountability and fairness" while improving "police effectiveness" since just 17 percent of homicides resulted in an arrest last year.

Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas said 80 percent of the consent decree was "common sense," such as more training and better equipment for officers. He noted that the city has 10,000 students, 90 percent of them minority, in military academies in



Gery Chico, one of 12 mayoral candidates in attendance, answers a question during the One Chicago for All Alliance forum at UIC on Saturday.



In a bid to prevent loud outbursts at the forum, audience members were encouraged to wave green placards when they heard something they liked and red ones when they didn't.

the city and CPD should be working to recruit officers from those programs to hire "the next generation of cops from the community." He also slammed Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration for allowing the Police Department to shrink during his tenure.

"Do not underestimate to the degree this Police Department has been degraded, not filling close to 2,000 vacancies, allowing the detective division to be gutted almost in half, going from 1-to-10 to 1-to-30 sergeant ratio," Vallas said. "That's accountability you can believe in."

Moments after Vallas said CPD needed to hire more officers to fill vacancies and bring detectives out of retirement, public policy consultant Amara Enyia was pushing for some of the money in the police budget to be set aside to

"build stronger institutions in our neighborhoods first," including funding block clubs in the city's neighborhoods hardest hit by violence. And, she said, Chicago students aren't going to sign up to be cops until the department becomes legitimate in their eyes.

"You cannot build trust where there is no relationship. You cannot build trust where there is no legitimacy. And you certainly can't recruit anyone into a department that lacks legitimacy," Enyia said. "Implementing the consent decree is a matter of restoring legitimacy to an institution that has the power to determine life and death in this city. We have to do it."

Preckwinkle backed the consent decree while saying the city has "deep-seated issues with trust" between minority communities and the police. Unlike the other

candidates, she appeared to read from prepared remarks for most of the event.

"As each of my kids got to be a teenager, I sat down with them and had the talk — and it wasn't about sex, it was about how you deal with police on the street," Preckwinkle said. "You're always respectful. You never argue. You keep your hands where they can see them. If they take you to the police station, call me. Every black and brown parent I know has had that conversation with their kids. White parents don't have those conversations."

Former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley declared the crime challenge "the single biggest issue facing our city" and called for 40 hours of mandatory training for all officers in the first year of the consent decree. State Comptroller Susana Mendoza repeated

her childhood story of being afraid of crime in Little Village growing up and said she would implement the consent decree while placing social services in 50 schools in the city's most crime-ridden neighborhoods.

City Hall veteran Gery Chico again threatened to sue Indiana and Wisconsin over their lax gun laws that he said feed Chicago's crime, and businessman Willie Wilson repeated his plan to hire four police superintendents who would divide the city in quarters. Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown said she would bring in "law enforcement experts to overhaul CPD in its entirety" while former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot repeated a frequent line about her experience making her best prepared to handle the crime problem without having to "learn on the job."

Bridgeport attorney John Kozlar repeated a plan to require 60 percent of officers in any police district to live in that district. Former Ald. Bob Fioretti delivered the closest thing to an attack in the forum, taking a not-so-veiled shot at former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, who was sitting at the other end of the stage.

"We need a professional superintendent. That's been the problem," Fioretti said. "That's always been the problem for the last 20-plus years. We need to make sure we have someone who ensures there is proper training and hiring."

When it came to his turn,

McCarthy didn't address Fioretti's slight. Instead, he said the city couldn't have "a legitimate Police Department under an illegitimate government," adding that it was time to "do away with the Chicago way." McCarthy also responded to the staffing criticisms from other candidates by saying the number of officers and the detective division are at the highest they have been in 10 years, proclaiming "that is not the problem."

The former top cop drew a wave of green placards from the crowd as he addressed the lack of trust between the communities and officers, and called on the department to implement the recommendations of former President Barack Obama's task force on 21st-century policing that he said worked when he ran the force.

"We need to have a very difficult discussion about race. We have to talk about slavery, black codes, segregation, Jim Crow, redlining. That's what put us in this position," said McCarthy, who has described himself as a conservative Democrat. "I love it when people talk about restoring trust, but you can't restore something you never had."

That line drew an audible "Oooooo" from the crowd and more green cards of praise from audience members. But McCarthy didn't mention one key campaign position that wouldn't have gone over so well: He is opposed to the consent decree.

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## Emanuel to propose tighter ethics rules

Issues include jobs that aldermen can't hold, contributions

By **JOHN BYRNE**  
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Mayor Rahm Emanuel will use the even-greater-than-usual crisis of faith in Chicago public officials following the attempted extortion charge against Ald. Edward Burke to try to tighten up city rules on what outside jobs aldermen can hold and how they can influence City Council debate on behalf of business clients.

The mayor doesn't want to go as far as other calls for ethics reforms that candidates looking to succeed him have pledged in recent days — including a proposed ban on City Council members from all outside employment.

Instead, as part of a package of proposed ethics reforms he will introduce to the City Council in upcoming weeks, Emanuel wants simply to expand the types of jobs aldermen aren't allowed to hold.

Currently, aldermen can't represent entities who have matters before the city in which the city is an adverse party. Emanuel's ordinance also would prohibit them from representing anyone "who has the right to become an adverse party," according to the mayor's office.

That would preclude council members from representing developers and property owners in the kind of property tax abatement work Burke did through his outside law firm, according to Emanuel's office. Federal authorities have alleged Burke withheld a zoning change for a driveway at a Southwest Side Burger King in his ward while trying to get the owners to retain his firm for its tax work.

It would also stop aldermen from representing clients in some bankruptcies and environmental issues, according to the mayor's office.

Emanuel also wants to extend a prohibition on campaign contributions from people who have business in front of the council,

to ban such contributions to city elected officials for six months before the matter comes up for consideration. Contributions are now outlawed only for six months afterward.

In a move to toughen a rule Burke frequently exploited, Emanuel also would make it much more difficult for the powerful City Council committee chairmen to oversee debate on requests that come before the council from people they represent. Burke often has participated in discussions in the Finance Committee he chairs, only to recuse himself from voting on the matter because he had a business conflict of interest.

Emanuel's idea is to allow chairmen to recuse themselves because of such conflicts just three times per year. More than that, and they would need to either give up their chairmanships or divest of the financial relationships that caused the conflicts. And aldermen couldn't preside over matters where they would need to recuse themselves from votes, as Burke often has.

Aldermen also would face much tighter reporting rules to explain such conflicts on city ethics forms under the mayor's package.

As he promised days after Burke was charged in a federal case that has rocked the city's political firmament, Emanuel will also move to transfer jurisdiction over the workers' compensation program to the city comptroller in the Finance Department. That would allow the city inspector general to launch investigations into the \$100 million-a-year program, a level of oversight Burke has blocked while keeping control over workers' compensation within the Finance Committee, which he has chaired for decades.

Emanuel also wants to rein in so-called aldermanic privilege, through which council members have a great deal of say over zoning issues within their wards.

City departments will be required to examine their policies to ensure it's clear that aldermanic letters of support "are not a precondition to any applicant receiving a permit or license

that should otherwise be granted based on the substantive determination of the department."

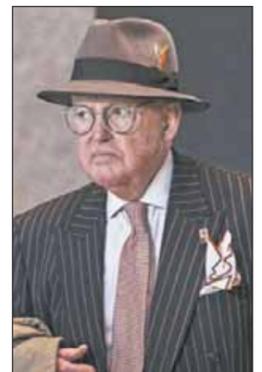
In the types of zoning cases such as the Burger King situation at the heart of the Burke case, Emanuel wants to require an up-or-down committee vote within six months, to try to prevent aldermen from trying to stall the process while leaning on the applicants.

Aldermen who object to zoning permits being granted will need to do so in writing, according to the mayor's plan.

The Burke scandal has dominated the mayoral race for more than a month since the FBI raided Burke's City Hall and ward offices in November.

Burke was released last week on a \$10,000 unsecured bond. He has yet to enter a plea, but his attorney, Charles Sklarsky, said the allegations were meritless.

While various candidates running to succeed Emanuel have criticized Burke, calling for him to step down as finance chair or to resign altogether, Emanuel has



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Ald. Edward Burke arrives at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago on Jan. 3.

stopped short of ripping the longtime alderman directly. A day after Burke was charged, Emanuel said he would pursue legislative reforms but that his actions couldn't "replace having a moral and ethical compass that informs your judgment of right from wrong, and what is appropriate."

Burke stepped down as Finance Committee chairman, but in a video on his ward Facebook page said he would run for a 13th full term as alderman.

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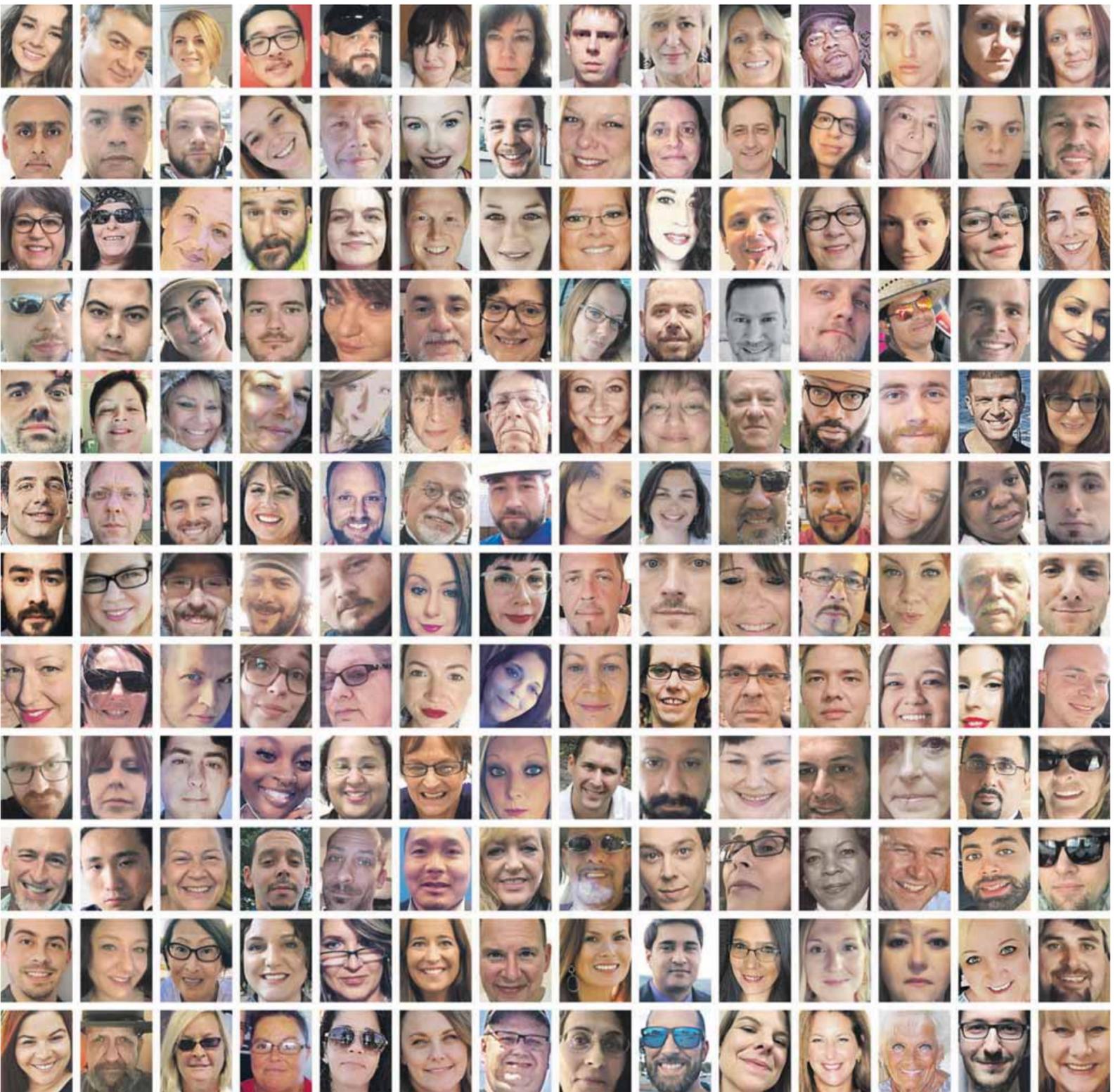
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# Prosecutors flooded with calls about R. Kelly

Building successful case will be difficult, experts say

BY MEGAN CREPEAU  
Chicago Tribune

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office has been flooded with calls since she personally pleaded for any victims or witnesses to come forward with information about alleged sexual misconduct by R&B superstar R. Kelly.

What follows could be a long road for both accusers and prosecutors given the delicate nature of investigating sex crimes, Kelly's high profile and the fact that many of the victims may be going public after a long silence. The stakes can be even higher with a celebrity involved.

"You have a double-edged sword," said Steven Block, former head of the special prosecutions bureau of the Cook County state's attorney's office. "You've got the difficulty of corroborating older allegations because certain evidence no longer exists, and you also have ... attacks on witness credibility because of the timing of their outcry. ... That's not to say it's an unprovable case, (but) it's an additional hurdle the prosecutor is going to have to deal with right out of the gate."

Foxx's personal call to action — even briefly referring to her own background as a sexual assault "survivor" — came amid cascading fallout from a Lifetime documentary series, "Surviving R. Kelly," that aired this month with accusations painting Kelly as a manipulative sexual predator.

The series features stories from women alleging Kelly physically, sexually and mentally abused them. The singer has long been accused of having sexual contact with underage girls. Cook County prosecutors indicted Kelly on child pornography charges for allegedly filming himself having sex with a girl estimated to be as young as 13, but a jury acquitted him of all charges in 2008. More recently, he has been accused of running a hidden "sex cult" of women who are manipulated and abused to stay under his control.

Foxx was "sickened" by the allegations aired in the series, she said at a highly unusual news conference at which she pleaded for victims to tell their stories to police and prosecutors. Without the cooperation of accusers, law enforcement cannot build a criminal case, she said.

Since the announcement Tuesday, the prosecutor's office has been inundated with "dozens and dozens" of calls, spokeswoman Kiera Ellis told the Tribune. The office is currently working "to vet the allegations and make a determination if charges are appropriate based on the evidence," she said.

But Kelly's local attorney, Steve Greenberg, blasted Foxx's call for victims to come forward as irresponsible.

"It's completely backwards," he told the



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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's call to action came amid cascading fallout from a Lifetime documentary series.

## Protesters, supporters rally outside R. Kelly's studio

BY MORGAN GREENE  
Chicago Tribune

R. Kelly protesters made their way to the embattled singer's Near West Side recording studio Saturday morning to amplify the #MuteRKelly movement. And then a few Kelly supporters pulled up amplifying his music.

Following the damning Lifetime documentary series "Surviving R. Kelly," protesters gathered for the second time this week outside 219 N. Justine St. to share stories of survival, call for an end to the "Pied Piper of R&B's" career and bring attention to the young women at the center of his alleged "cult."

As flurries of snow hit the sidewalks outside of the studio, a small group of protesters passed around a megaphone. One colorful sign raised in the air said: "Age ain't nothing but a number. Well jail ain't nothing but a room."

"I couldn't stand by and be silent," said crisis responder Dawn Valenti through the megaphone. "It's important for us as survivors to stand up."

Chants of "R. Kelly, your time is up!" and "Black girls matter!" were directed at the brick building.

Protester Tebitha Kulikowska, 26, of Belmont Cragin, said she came to the protest to help give voice to those who don't have an outlet.

"I want there to be a future that girls can look forward to," Kulikowska said. "The documentary really opened up my eyes."

The six-hour documentary — watched by almost 20 million viewers — covers decades of abuse allegations against the Grammy winner, including the six-year legal

saga that culminated with Kelly being acquitted of child pornography charges by a Cook County jury in 2008.

Kelly, who celebrated his 52nd birthday Tuesday, has long denied all allegations of sex abuse and running a "cult." But a wave of backlash has followed the release of the documentary. Kelly is reportedly under criminal investigation in Georgia, and Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx earlier this week asked alleged victims to come forward.

On Wednesday, a protest was held outside the studio, and on Thursday, a proposal for a Springfield concert hosted by Kelly was denied due to security concerns, while a local radio station banned his music. On Friday, Kelly was ordered to allow city building inspectors to check out his Near West Side recording studio after reports that people were living in the industrial warehouse space in violation of city codes.

On Saturday, as protesters chalked messages on the slick sidewalks, Tyler Thompson, 22, of Hyde Park, talked about what brought her to the studio.

Thompson said that growing up, she knew people who knew Kelly, and she was invited to his residence. But she never asked her mom if she could go, because Thompson knew her mom would say no.

"If I didn't have a mom who put that fear in me," Thompson said, "I could have been one of those women."

Thompson said she still has friends who defend the singer, but she sees the current moment as a turning point.

"A lot of this wouldn't happen if the documentary wasn't made," she said. "I will definitely keep coming out if there's more protests."

"I just hope everyone keeps their energy and focus on the women," she said.

Thompson pointed out her chalked message that sent love to Azriel and Joycelyn, two of the girls at the center of the Lifetime documentary, as two white cars arrived in front of the studio, blasting Kelly's music.

Signs popped out of the windows with messages of "forgiveness" for Kelly and Bible verses. "R. Kelly We (heart) U," read one sign.

The supporters and protesters yelled back and forth in a contentious shouting match. One supporter exited a car with his own megaphone and addressed organizer Anthony Clark as the crowd attempted to drown out the supporter with cries of "Mute R. Kelly."

By about 11:30 a.m., the white cars were gone.

"I prayed with them," Clark said. "I circled up and prayed with them because I don't hate anyone."

"We must be allies in verb form, and the first step is to first hold ourselves accountable as individuals," Clark said. "We had so many wonderful speakers step up, because again it's not enough just to act, we have to also educate."

Clark said there's a Monday protest at Trump Tower in the works. Police went to Kelly's residence at the building on Friday on a tip that women were being held hostage but left after finding no evidence of wrongdoing.

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Tribune. "Now you're inviting people who have never complained to reach out, and that's really no different than when they used to troll for jailhouse snitches. ... That's how you end up with wrongful convictions and bad evidence."

Greenberg strongly denies any wrongdoing by Kelly and said he is confident the singer won't face charges.

The state's attorney's call to action followed reports

that Kelly is under criminal investigation in Georgia. A representative of the Fulton County district attorney's office said the office has no comment. But a spokesman for Gerald Griggs, a lawyer representing parents of a girl who says Kelly has kept her from contacting them since 2016, confirmed the district attorney's office reached out to them seeking information about witnesses.

The state's attorney's of-

fice has declined to comment on the specific nature of many of the calls it has received but did acknowledge that families of two missing women have reached out with concerns about their loved ones' possible contact with Kelly.

But even if authorities hear from people with credible allegations, prosecutors still must weigh several tricky factors in deciding whether they can build a successful case, according

to experts who spoke generally about sex-crimes prosecutions rather than any specific investigation of allegations against Kelly.

Some making accusations against the singer have likely come forward long after the alleged abuse took place. Supporting evidence can be tough to find as a result, said attorney Sabra Ebersole, who spent four years as a prosecutor in the Cook County state's attorney's domestic violence and

sex crimes units.

"Generally there's not going to be anything that juries are looking for in terms of physical corroboration," said Ebersole, now a private attorney who represents both victims and defendants in sex-crimes cases. "The role of the prosecutor then, if they think they have a credible case, is to explain to the jury why a person is believable despite the fact that years have passed from the time of the abuse to the time of the outcry, and though it's challenging, it can be done."

Defense attorneys use that time gap to attack the credibility of the accuser. Kelly's superstar status also gives the defense more ammunition to attack an accuser's motivations, Block said.

Victims of sexual abuse already face an uphill climb in trying to get people to believe them, said Carrie Ward, executive director of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. When a celebrity has been accused, it can be even more difficult.

"The higher the profile — and this is extremely high-profile — the harder it may be for someone to come forward," Ward said. "It raises the number of people who might doubt your story. You could have a situation where someone starts out a fan or a groupie who is just really taken by a star or celebrity and would do anything, feel like they would do anything for them. That still doesn't mean they deserve to be taken advantage of."

The allegations that Kelly is running a "sex cult" of women kept captive under his control could be particularly tricky to corroborate. Police on Friday went to Kelly's Trump Tower residence to check out a tip that two women were being held hostage there but left after both women said they were not there against their will.

Greenberg cited that as definitive proof that Kelly has not participated in wrongdoing.

But Ward cautioned that law enforcement should still take such claims seriously.

"People who are held captive against their will might do and say things that don't seem normal, that don't seem like what someone would do if they're being held against their will," Ward said. "Especially where you have repeat situations where folks have come forward. ... I certainly do hope there's continued effort to check up on that."

If many women come forward with similar credible allegations against Kelly, that could prove powerful for prosecutors. In some cases, prosecutors can try to introduce evidence at trial of a defendant's other alleged crimes to prove a pattern of behavior — much like what happened to entertainer Bill Cosby.

"If the prosecution can present multiple victims, then it's no longer a 'he said, she said,'" Ebersole said. "It's a 'he said, she said, she said, she said,'"

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# KIDS 'NEED ROLE MODELS'

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public schools are nonwhite.

In Illinois public schools, the percentage of African-American male teachers is even lower, hovering around 1 percent, according to an analysis of 2017 figures, the most recent available from the Illinois State Board of Education.

In Chicago Public Schools, about 665 of 21,000 teachers are black males; fewer than 375 of them work at the elementary level.

Here's why that matters:

A growing body of research underscores the premise that having black male teachers can mean more success at school for students of color, particularly boys, lowering dropout rates and the achievement gap between black and white students.

The research also indicates that black students with black teachers are suspended less often than those with white or Hispanic teachers and that — test scores and other factors being equal — black students are three times more likely to be assigned to gifted programs when taught by a black teacher than a nonblack teacher.

In addition, one study found that having at least one black teacher in elementary school — female or male — reduces by 39 percent the probability that very low-income black boys will drop out.

"I certainly wouldn't be surprised if... male black teachers are more effective to male black students," said Nicholas Papageorge, an assistant professor of economics at Johns Hopkins University who researches and writes about teacher diversity. "The more similar a role model is, the more effective it could be."

But recruiting young black men to become teachers — and retaining them — is an enormous challenge, he and other experts note. Many of the brightest, most promising black male college students are lured to higher-paying, more stable professions with better prospects for advancement, experts say.

And black teachers tend to burn out more frequently than their white counterparts.

"I don't even know who he is, but I already admire him," Papageorge said of White. "He's going into the trenches. A lot of these kids need role models."

## Rules, Social Fridays and hygiene — all on Day 1

That morning after Labor Day in Room 203, White had arranged desks in five clusters and left the room's fluorescent ceiling lights off, preferring natural light from a wall of windows and three table lamps. The aroma of essential oils wafted through the room. Two new, cushy chairs were set up in a reading nook.

He immediately introduced the classroom rules, which are posted on the wall and which he would repeatedly drill into his students: Listen when the teacher is talking; follow directions quickly; respect others, yourself and your class; raise your hand to speak or stand; be safe, honest and kind.

He had the students practice several times quietly pulling out their chairs and sitting. He ordered them to turn off their phones and later placed the devices in a locked cabinet next to his desk.

"When I say, 'Class,'" he told the group, "You say, 'Yes.'"

"Class," he called.

"Yes," the students replied.

"Class, class," White said.

"Yes, yes," they said.

He explained that he only affirms positive behavior. "Thank you for using your intelligence," he told them at one point. "Thank you for your patience," he said another time.

He was very direct and probing in speaking with students, a trait that put off student Jah'Elle Smith. "When I first met him," she recalled later, "I did not like him. He gave me an attitude."

Classmates Malik Newsom and Juliana Clay said he was strict, "but I think we need that for sixth grade," Juliana added.

White introduced Social Fridays, where students earn free time on the last day of the week by accruing good behavior points but can also lose it through bad behavior.

He placed himself on the "hot seat," allowing students to ask him anything about himself, before encouraging others to volunteer for the spot. "When I was in middle school, I was a D student," he said. "Why? Because I was bored. I was a daydreamer. I would look out the window and not do my work."

Then he had them try to arrange

their seating based on their birth months, but without speaking. This led to chaos. He told them that "making mistakes actually grows your brain. It's science."

And he broached a sensitive topic.

"I'm not trying to have a puberty conversation here," he said, eliciting groans across the room. "Whatever your method is, you need to wash your body every day."

While leading his students around the school's halls, they passed a sixth-grade boy sobbing in the stairwell. During a break later, the boy walked into White's empty classroom, sniffing. The teacher pulled up a chair.

"I know how you feel," he told the boy. "You know what happened to me this year? My dad died. I still miss him. In fact, on my way here today, I cried. It's good for you to cry. It's healthy."

He waited for the boy to say something.

"It's going to be OK," White finally said.

At the end of the day, he directed the class to stand in line quietly to wait for dismissal. Then he huddled with five African-American boys. In a low voice, he told them that there was only one alpha male in the classroom: him.

"It's not our classroom yet," he said to the students. "It's mine for now."

After everyone left, White wiped sweat from his head and face, saying they're good kids. They just need some work. He was planning to call the parents of three or four students.

He said the longer he had the students, the tougher it was to keep their attention. He said he learned he has a lot to learn.

"I just gotta keep working on it," he said. "There are a lot of gaps in my practice, and I need to take care of this. 'I pulled out all my tricks,'" White added. "I am so tired. I am so tired, man."

In the stairwell, another teacher approached him.

"One (day) down," the colleague said, "179 to go."

## Call me 'Mister'

As White does his part to address the dearth of African-American male teachers at Pritzker School, the University of Illinois at Chicago is attempting to solve the problem in a broader, systematic way.

Last fall, the university launched its Call Me MISTER program, which recruits and trains male elementary education majors of color almost as the school recruits and trains athletes.

The acronym stands for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models, and each of the young men involved — six Latino, one black — receives full tuition and room and board, academic and mentoring support and job placement assistance.

Alfred Tatum, dean of UIC's College of Education, started the program, which is affiliated with the original, national MISTER initiative based at Clemson University.

Tatum called the inaugural group "soul models" who "come in your life and stay in your life. This is not just becoming a teacher," he said, adding that the school is planning to invest about \$1 million in the effort.

"This is becoming a leader."

## A long road to teaching

White loves watches and hates to be interrupted. He carries a leather-bound journal with an owl on the cover. He is married to a kindergarten teacher, and they have a 5-year-old daughter.

His head is shaved. He wears glasses and sports a goatee. He is introspective, long-winded and confident, eloquent and candid. He plays bass guitar and is reading "The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap." He writes notes in the margins of the pages.

Born in 1981 in Waukegan, White is the eldest of three brothers separated by less than three years. He took a circuitous and perilous route to teaching sixth grade.

His father was an ordained minister in the Church of God in Christ, a predominantly black Pentecostal denomination, and worked for Allstate, then for Montgomery Ward. His mother, Regina, also heavily involved in the church, worked for the Lake County Circuit Court clerk.

The family's life was woven deeply into their local church. But in 1988, they moved to Columbus, Ohio, to help a friend start a church.

The family ran out of money, and for about a month, they were



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Jonathan White leads his sixth-grade students back to class after lunch last month at A.N. Pritzker School, which is known for its gifted program and for integrating the arts into its curriculum.



White, who earned a master's degree from the University of Chicago and went through its Urban Teacher Education Program, works with mentor teacher Heather Chan to organize their classroom in August.

homeless, White said. He recalled routinely stopping at a church that provided hotel vouchers and bags of food, and later subsisting on fast food.

"I will never eat a Whopper again in my life," White said. "We lived on those."

His father found work on the third shift at a White Castle. His mother started nursing school.

"I remember that being a pretty stressful time for him, having to leave us" to go to work at night, White recalled of his father. "Some hotels were pretty shady. We were babies ... 7, 6, 5 years old."

They found subsidized housing in an apartment, White recalled, with "a crack house above us ... a crack house next door to us," where children were living in squalor. Despite their own hardships, he recalled, his mother and father bathed and fed neighbors' children and got them ready for school each day.

"So even in those experiences," White said, "my curriculum around serving people was formed by watching my parents do that."

In first grade, his teacher recommended special education for him. His parents fought and prevailed.

By the time he was in third grade, his family's life had stabilized some. They'd moved to slightly better public housing and then to a rental house in a working-class, multiracial neighborhood. They got an orange and white cat they named Tiny. His mother started working at a clinic. His father became a school bus driver.

At the second school where he attended third grade, he was the only black male in his class. His teacher accused him of stealing a pencil — an infraction he said he didn't commit — and decided to make an example of him.

"She did this by making all of the students line up along the

perimeter of the room, and with me — only me — and her in the middle," White recalled from his own classroom, nearly three decades later. She pushed over his desk, spilling all its contents on the floor, he said, his voice tightening.

"Oftentimes, when I think of instances that inspired me to be a teacher — that put me on this pathway — they're instances where my own schooling was traumatic," White said. "That's not the kind of environment that any student should be experiencing."

Despite the sometimes-hard-scrabble existence, White recalls a mostly rich childhood of neighborhood adventures with buddies of all races, of Saturdays spent at the library, of the old black-and-white films his father loved, and discus-

sion all four years.

He thrived at North Park and graduated in 2004. But he had trouble finding a job, settling for portrait photographer at Sears. Then he moved to a label and decal manufacturer as a production artist, then to a marketing coordinator at a Mount Prospect company in 2007.

About a year later, he was fired. "I made too many small mistakes," he recalled, adding that he had difficulty navigating the corporate world. For months, White stood in unemployment lines in Waukegan, "eating humble pie" and "learning a little bit about life," he said.

He obtained student loans and enrolled in Keller Graduate School of Management's MBA program while he also did freelance graphic

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— Jonathan White

sions about history and politics his father led.

In 1995 White's family returned to Waukegan, where he attended the same middle school as his father had. At Waukegan High School, he was a cut-up who competed in track and field and football. His 1.7 GPA knocked him off the sophomore football team until he raised his grades through 7 a.m. study sessions.

He focused, and by the time he graduated, had brought his GPA up to 3.3. But he scored a 17 out of 36 on his ACT, and the only college that would accept him was Chicago's North Park University, White said.

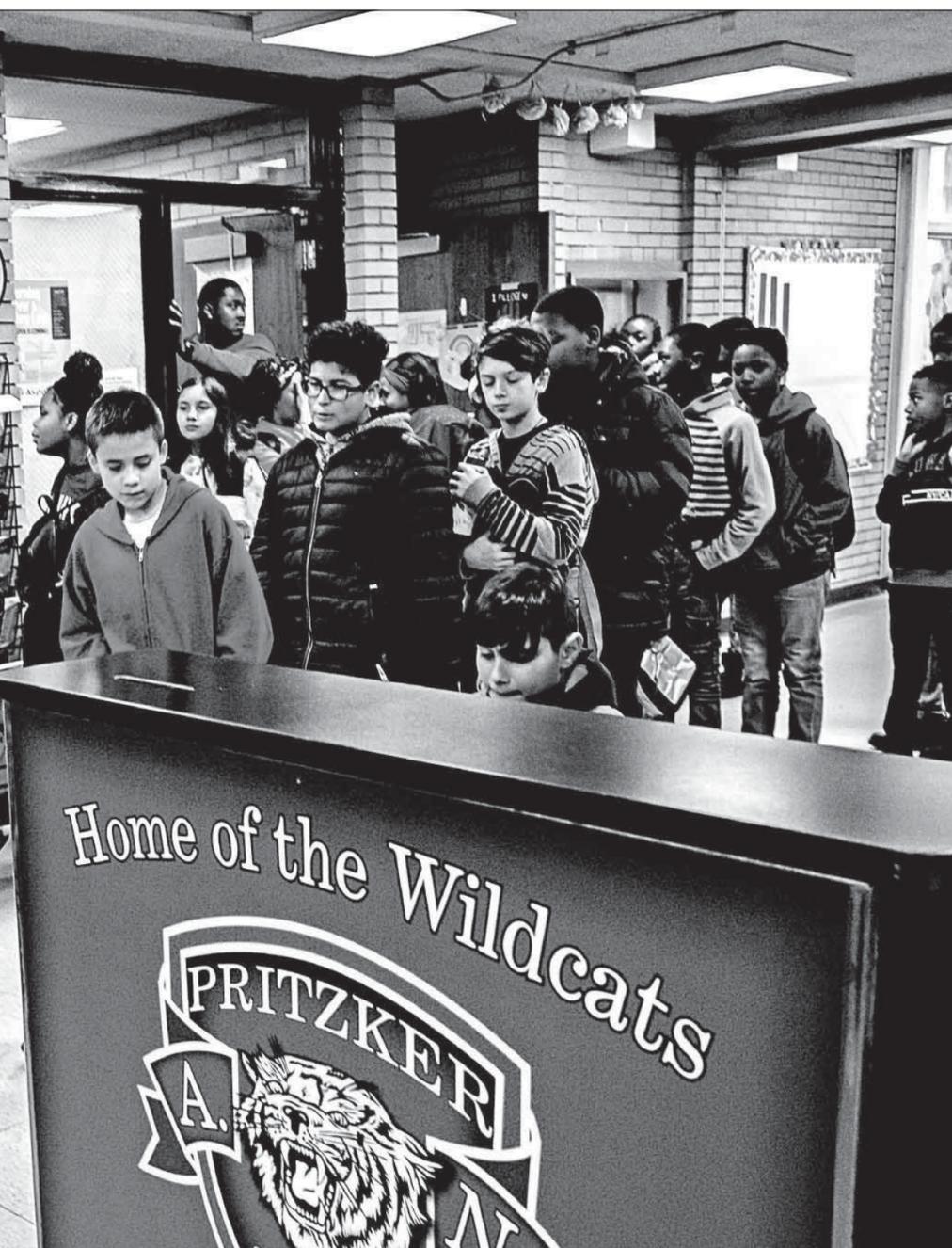
He and his brother Tim — who was 10 months younger but in the same class as White — enrolled together. They were roommates

art and design work. He created his own business, White Flair Design.

At church he met a Chicago Public Schools teacher, Candice West. They married in 2011. Their daughter, Morgan, was born in 2013.

Candice encouraged him to try teaching. She said her husband had a natural capacity to help her solve classroom challenges. His father had also suggested it over the years.

But White wanted, in part because he resisted, something perceived as more respectable and lucrative. He drifted and bounced, at one point working in a stockroom at Bed Bath & Beyond. His business was stagnating and he was uninspired. He studied for and took the law school entrance



Sixth-grade teacher Jonathan White talks with students Lauren Vasquez, from left, Krystiana Goossens and Surah Bordens after class Sept. 11 at A.N. Pritzker School in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood.

exam, but scored lower than he wanted and felt he urgently needed to provide a better life for his family.

"I finally listened to my wife," White said. He applied to be a Chicago Public Schools substitute. "It was almost as if it accelerated me," he said. "I was in touch with so many different people, and I loved the work. I was very fascinated with the craft of teaching."

He became a teacher assistant at North Kenwood/Oakland, a University of Chicago charter school in his neighborhood, where he heard about the university's Urban Teacher Education Program. He applied, was accepted, took on more student loan debt and embarked on two years of rigorous training.

In the spring of 2017, White's father retired as a school bus driver and started working as a substitute teacher in the same Waukegan school district where he had been a student.

About 14 months later, his eldest son — the one who had been tracked for special education and had floundered with a 1.7 GPA — earned a master's degree in education from the University of Chicago.

On a recent Sunday afternoon in a coffeehouse near the Kenwood church where he teaches Sunday school, White spoke of his father's "ferocious" reading, often by flashlight late at night; his work ethic; his devotion to trying to help people in the roughest neighborhoods; how he established a Waukegan church.

"My dad was the friendliest person you'd ever meet," White said. "He embodied hospitality. It was uncanny. He could overcome any obstacle and find a way to open people up. He found a way to connect."

But over the decades, his father's respiratory system deteriorated steadily — the result, White

said, of lung damage from nearly drowning as a boy and pneumonia as an adult. About six months before White's U. of C. graduation, Jonathan White Sr. went into respiratory arrest and died in the same hospital where he had been born. He was 58.

White still keeps a voicemail on his phone that his father left him in October 2017. He wanted to know what White, then in graduate school, was learning about how fifth-graders are taught these days.

## Being prepared, and being spontaneous

A.N. Pritzker School is named for the businessman, philanthropist and alum of what had been Wicker Park School. He also was the grandfather of Illinois' incoming governor, J.B. Pritzker.

In CPS vernacular, the building is "a neighborhood magnet cluster school and regional gifted center," meaning it's a hybrid of a selective enrollment and neighborhood school. Students come from around the corner and around the city. One of White's students travels from Hyde Park.

The school, which includes prekindergarten to eighth grade, is known for its gifted program and for integrating the arts into its curriculum. Its student body is 34 percent Hispanic, 29 percent white and 27 percent black — mirroring Chicago as a whole. Forty-one percent of the school's students come from low-income families.

It's situated in gentrifying Wicker Park. Two Chicago Housing Authority towers for subsidized senior housing stand directly across the street. Across the alley is an elaborately restored Victorian mansion on the market for \$6.5 million.

Shortly after he graduated from U. of C., White walked into Pritzker School and found Princi-

pal Joenile Albert-Reese in her office.

He had been a long-term substitute teacher there a few years earlier and was highly regarded. Albert-Reese made him an informal offer on the spot to take the full-time position of a teacher who was leaving, for a salary of about \$57,000. He is contending with "a mountain" of student loan debt.

White started clearing, cleaning and organizing Room 203 in late August.

After the first week of class, he said he learned the importance of preparation but also of being spontaneous when something wasn't working. He said his biggest challenge was getting his school email activated, coordinating payroll and benefits paperwork and discerning the different personalities in his room.

A few days in, administrators swapped several students from his room to that of his sixth-grade teaching partner, to more evenly distribute some of the rowdier kids.

"This group is a very talkative group," White said. "They like to be social, and so I'm trying to find ways to provide them opportunities to be collaborative and at the same time remain focused on the task."

His goal, he said, was to improve his management of the classroom, "giving them a space to move through a process of learning."

He was very tired. And he was getting pushback, particularly from some of the 11 black male students in his class, he said. "That's natural for this age," White said. "They're testing their boundaries." Some also may be expressing resentment for absent fathers, he said, although he believes that black males are stigmatized unfairly with that perception.

"But there is a degree of trauma there, and I will sometimes experience that head-on," White said. "It

depends on the student I'm getting."

By the time he distributed report cards in October, the class was entering the room and working with remarkable calm and quiet. One day the students wrote about what's most important in being a good friend. Later, they wrote about what it means to be strong.

To deal with one particularly rambunctious student, White moved the boy's desk right up against his own, calling it his "I believe in you" desk. White also attended the boy's Saturday football game.

"I feel like students, especially black and brown students, need to know you're all-in for them," White said, "cause they can smell the B.S. A lot of them have been mishandled by adults for a long time, and they've developed a very cynical perspective on authority and life in general."

His "induction coach," which University of Chicago provides its urban teaching graduates for three years after they complete the program, visited and told him he needed to step up his pace and figure out ways to close out lessons.

She also said White "was doing really well"; that he had clear structure for students and was building healthy relationships with them, that his intuition for teaching was more like that of a veteran than a rookie.

"I call him a warm demander," coach Margret Pilat-Chiyeni said later. She told him he was "demanding, but you're not mean. You're not disrespectful. You're not trying to destroy students' self-esteem. It's not going to be a free-for-all, but, hey, I still like you. I still love you. I see you. I respect you. We're in it together."

The class was reading "Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key," by Jack Gantos, a novel about one boy's struggle to deal with hyperactivity, to understand figurative language. The students were writing about what they thought was the most important part of the story.

Now weeks into the new school year, White's voice had deepened, grown hoarse. He was supposed to attend a meeting to design an education plan for a student, but his substitute didn't show up and he missed the meeting.

He made his class wait to be released for being unruly a day earlier. "You took time from me yesterday," he told them. "Today, I'm taking time from you."

After they left, White called over the last remaining student, a boy who'd received a detention from White for disrupting class.

"You're going to be 13 years old," he told the student. "You can't act this way anymore. I'm not going to let you act like this anymore."

The boy protested mildly. White was firm.

"Whoever's the loudest person in the room, that's who I'm going to target," White said. "That's how it works."

He waited a moment. "You good?" White asked. "You need another minute?"

"I'm good," the boy said. White held the boy's gaze. "Trust me," he said. "You'll be successful. You may go."

In November, White received his formal evaluation from Assistant Principal Barbara Abdullah-Smith, who gave him "proficient" and "distinguished" grades — essentially B's and A's — in all categories.

On his birthday that month, Chalkbeat, the nonprofit news outlet that covers schools, reported that the number of black teachers in Chicago Public Schools declined to 21 percent, while the number of students of color grew to 84 percent, including 37 percent African-American and 47 percent Hispanic.

Statewide, the proportion of students of color is now at 52 percent, up from 46 in 2008, according to the report.

Another intriguing nugget: The number of African-Americans statewide graduating with degrees in education was 1,724 in 2009. In 2016, that number was 802.

About the same time, Pappageorge, the Johns Hopkins researcher, and co-author Seth Gershenson, of American University, reported in the National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper that black students who had just one black teacher by third grade were 13 percent more likely to enroll in college and those who had two were 32 percent more likely.

## Grueling parent-teacher night

In mid-November, White managed parent-teacher conferences for his students and those of another sixth-grade teacher who'd taken an early maternity leave.

It was rigorous. He met with the parents of nearly 50 students in a little more than five hours.

He dealt with one who spoke of his breakup with his child's mother; another who said a boy is distraught over the death of his grandfather. A dad wanted to make sure his daughter was being challenged and is participating. A mom asked White how he liked

her son's essay on slime.

He apologized to one boy's parents for calling him a skinny toothpick. "I'm just saying I'm human and I'm tired," White said. "You're going to get on my nerves sometimes, but we adults can model what it's like to take ownership of our mistakes."

Parents were pleased. "I think he's a pretty good teacher," said Marie Smith, whose daughter Jah'Elle is in White's homeroom.

Talia Clay, mother of Juliana, said she appreciated White's organizational skills and the two-page introduction he distributed to parents in September.

Theresa McBeth, mother of student Malik Newsom, said the year was going well. "I was getting calls all the time last year," she said. Now, "I'm not getting calls like I did." She said White and Malik challenge each other and that White's "personality and approach" have yielded respect from her son. "I think him being a male teacher makes all the difference," McBeth said. "Malik can talk with Mr. White and does talk with Mr. White."

## Sharing his humanity

White had spoken before of grieving the loss of his father. When Thanksgiving drew close, he walked through the room and asked the students what they were looking forward to.

"I'm not really looking forward to Thanksgiving," he told them, "because it's going to be really hard without my father."

The kids responded. One talked about mourning his grandfather; another about losing a favorite uncle.

"It was a good week to share," White said later.

At his own family's Thanksgiving dinners, the tradition was for his father to lead a discussion of what everyone had accomplished and what they were thankful for.

This year, White stepped into a modified version of that role.

"I didn't say that much," White recalled. "I just said the last time we were gathered together, it was my folks' party and I just felt like this was a great opportunity to reflect on where we were."

"Lots of tears" were shed and anger was expressed by the 15 or so relatives, White recalled.

"We're all still grieving," he added. "We're all at different places in that grieving process."

## 'Teaching was that thing'

Four days before winter break, students Malik and Juliana said they still thought White was strict. And, they said he sometimes doesn't acknowledge when they raise their hands.

They also said White is fun. Malik has taken to Social Fridays, when students can watch a movie or play cards or chess at the end of the day.

Juliana likes to hear White's personal stories from his childhood. Two of her favorites involved him accidentally swallowing a ball bearing while tossing it in the air, and flipping his bicycle during an unfortunate launch from a makeshift ramp.

Jah'Elle called White "a good teacher because he's supportive." Malik said he thinks that White wants his students to do their best and that "he always helps us." Juliana said, "Overall, I think he's a pretty cool teacher."

When White reflected on the first 16 weeks of his new career, he said he was mentally exhausted but that he discovered he could handle the unpredictability of the job better than he had expected. Teaching has to be "one of the most interrupted professions on the planet," which he said probably was the most difficult element of the new job.

He learned that he is impatient with students but that they are very thoughtful and insightful. He said it was too early to say exactly how his presence would influence the male black students in his class; that the important objective is to be consistent and build strong relationships with all students.

He said the work "requires all of you," will break your heart and make you feel like you're not achieving what you set out to do. He said prospective teachers of all races need to understand those pitfalls and remind themselves, perhaps every day, why they are here, that it's a noble profession, a calling, a mission.

He also said he's found his lifetime career, finally. He may leave the classroom and move into administration, he said, but wants to stay in education.

"Even though I switched careers, I knew that I was in the wrong profession," he said. "I knew that I was supposed to be doing something more meaningful, and teaching was that thing. And so I answered the call."

Which might be why his father was trying to tell him all along.

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# 'Hamilton' star: 'I just love this island so much'

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movie to keep up on the daily Puerto Rican news, but it was clear that he is regarded, increasingly, as in the words of one taxi driver, "Puerto Rico's most powerful celebrity advocate."

"Hamilton" has caused a stir wherever it has landed, but the scene outside the Centro de Bellas Artes Luis A. Ferré in San Juan still was extraordinary.

In one corner of the plaza, high school student Gustavo Rosa was surprised by his drama teacher Miguel Rosa (no relation) with a ticket to the sold-out show, even through the young man had thought he was just getting to watch a few celebrity arrivals of the likes of Shonda Rhimes, Leslie Odom Jr. and Jimmy Fallon, who had brought his "Tonight Show" to the island in honor of "Hamilton." Such was the prolonged scream and dance of joy from the younger Rosa that many of the scores of security officers watching the plaza turned their heads. "I have been a musical theater student for seven years," Rosa said, jumping around. "I have been dying to see this show."

At the front of the crowd barrier was 13-year-old Patricia Schaffer from San Juan. "I have been obsessed with 'Hamilton' since I was in sixth grade," she said, seeming almost too excited to speak. "This is the highlight of my year."

Indeed the opening, which commanded a huge exterior footprint filled with sponsors, theatergoers, gawkers and police officers, seemed like the highlight of everyone's tough year here. Even the protesters on the plaza arguing for statehood for the U.S. territory said they were glad Miranda and "Hamilton" were on the island.

"We welcome the musical here because it gives us a chance to air our issues before every leading newspaper in America," said Jose Olmos, who said he was a veteran of the U.S. armed forces and a statehood activist looking forward to protesting in front of the delegation of members of U.S. Congress expected to see "Hamilton" in Puerto Rico on Sunday night.

"I want to ask them, are they really living up to the standards of Alexander Hamilton, a disenfranchised immigrant, a poor man from the Caribbean?"

Standing next to Olmos was Dan Santiago, clad in "Hamilton"-like attire. "Puerto Rico should be the 51st state," he said, grinning at the cameras and reporters looking his way.

Across the plaza was a Chicagoan named Carolyn Kaiser, who had bought a T-shirt for her niece, Zoe, only to find herself the winner of a raffle in aid of the Flamboyant Arts Fund, a philanthropy dedicated to the arts in Puerto Rico and a main beneficiary of the decision by "Hamilton" producer Jeffrey Seller to price some tickets affordably so local residents could attend



Lin-Manuel Miranda waves the flag of Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory, after Friday's performance of his award-winning musical "Hamilton" in San Juan. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS



Chicago sisters Jessica Steans-Gail, left, and Sydney Steans-Gail take a photo outside the Centro de Bellas Artes Luis A. Ferré. Sydney works on the New York production of the play.

while dedicating most of the best seats as costly fundraisers.

On Saturday morning, the Flamboyant Arts Fund had no more tickets available.

"We want to use our presence here to restart the arts in Puerto Rico," Seller said in an interview before the show. "This night reminds me of the power of theater to buoy spirits, change lives and do good."

The show sold out immediately, and many of those who traveled from the mainland said they spent hundreds of dollars on their tickets, although some said they were glad to be helping the recovery after 2017's Hurricane Maria.

Kaiser, though, had spent only \$75 on the T-shirt and had been flown to the show. "This is, like, the craziest thing that ever happened to me," she said.

The Puerto Rican "Hamilton" is not a dedicated company but the launch of another North American touring troupe, one headed to San Francisco after three weeks in the Caribbean. Miranda will not be going

with it — actor Julius Thomas III will step into the role as the new "Hamilton" company will increase the size of the ticket inventory of a stunningly profitable theatrical brand, with sit-down productions in New York, Chicago and London. But Miranda, Seller said, intends to perform every show in San Juan.

For those who had seen Miranda perform the show on Broadway, the improvement in his singing and dancing was notable, a consequence, most likely, of his work on the movie "Mary Poppins Returns." And although very much the same show, of course, the new company featured an exceptional performance from Donald Webber Jr. in the role of Aaron Burr. Webber's cool, laconic energy was a fine foil for Miranda's signature warmth.

Still, the story of the night was the two-way flow of emotion from Miranda's appearance on an island whose people have been at the core of so much of his work and now clearly expect Miranda to look after

their interests.

On Friday, Miranda's first entrance as Hamilton was greeted by a prolonged



Paul McQue, of Scotland, arrives for opening night in San Juan wearing novelty socks in tribute to the title character.

standing ovation that at first seemed to threaten the ability of the show to proceed. Even by "Hamilton" standards, it was an extraordinary burst of affection for a favorite son, returning at the peak of his influence. Onlookers wondered if he felt the obligation that

comes with such adoration. "I couldn't see anybody," Miranda said of the moment, after the show, "but I felt my hair move."

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## State trooper, 34, killed while stopped for crash on I-294

BY JEREMY GORNER, ROSEMARY SOBOL AND ELVIA MALAGON  
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An Illinois state trooper was killed Saturday while responding to a traffic crash on I-294 in the Northbrook area, state police and sources said.

Trooper Christopher Lambert was on his way home just before 4:45 p.m. when he came across a crash involving multiple cars in the northbound lanes of I-294 near Willow Road, said Leo Schmitz, director of Illinois State Police, during a news conference late Saturday.

Schmitz described Lambert, 34, as making a "typical trooper move" when he stopped on the left shoulder to investigate the crash. "He sees a three-vehicle crash, he positions his vehicle in the left-hand lanes so to save the lives of those people in the crash," Schmitz said. "He was struck and lost his life while

he was doing that."

A motorist traveling north hit Lambert while he was outside his police car, Schmitz said. Lambert was standing alongside the original crash when he was struck, said Sgt. Jacqueline Cepeda, a spokeswoman for state police. "He died preventing others from injury," Cepeda said.

A nurse who was on the scene performed CPR on Lambert until paramedics transported him to Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview. He was pronounced dead at 7:24 p.m. Saturday, Schmitz said.

Lambert had been assigned to the Tollway District, according to a source familiar with the incident. He had been with the department for five years, Schmitz said. He is survived by his 1-year-old daughter, his wife and his parents.

Officers who worked closely with Lambert described him as a hard worker who was known for getting tasks done, Schmitz

said. "He was a go-getter," said Trooper Duane Chappell, one of Lambert's co-workers.

The traffic crash remains under investigation, though Schmitz said Saturday's snowfall could have played a role. "We lost our trooper, we became weaker. We lost one of our own, one of our best. Everybody loved him."

The last Illinois State Police trooper killed while on duty was Ryan Albin, who died in June 2017 after a downstate highway crash involving a tractor-trailer near a construction zone.

On March 28, 2013, Trooper James Sauter, 28, of Vernon Hills, was killed while on duty on I-294 near Northbrook. His police car had been parked on the shoulder of the southbound lanes when the driver of a semitractor-trailer slammed into it, authorities previously said.

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# Dems 'stand together,' Republicans needed

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gested Democrats would be unified on big issues he campaigned on and that he would make an effort to work with the GOP.

"We won in a big way, not just in my race, but across the state, on those very issues," he said. "So I believe the Democrats stand together on most of those issues."

But Pritzker also faces big challenges. Illinois has a \$74 billion pile of unpaid bills. Rebuilding roads and bridges will cost money. Payments for state worker and teacher retirements keep going up. He'll have to negotiate a new contract with the state's largest employee union, which endorsed him, after it remained at an impasse with Rauner for years.

And that's not to mention unexpected challenges any governor faces, such as natural disasters and changing political winds.

Addressing some of those issues could mean some unpopular decisions, and keeping Democrats at the Capitol united and voting in the same direction might not always be easy.

Some of Pritzker's big plans are sure to invite at least some controversy. Raising the minimum wage will upset the business community. Legalizing marijuana and sports betting will invite criticism of relying on vice taxes. Fixing roads and bridges could hit people in the wallet if gas taxes rise to pay for it.

And his hope to change the state's income tax structure to a federal-style graduated system will invite a war with Republicans that could last until the idea hits the ballot no earlier than 2020.

"I want to work with Republicans to make sure that their voices are heard," Pritzker said. "Look, are we going to disagree on some things? Of course we are. But I like to say that good ideas can come from anywhere."

"The values that we fight for are really common val-

ues that everybody shares," he said. "So that's one of the reasons that, despite the fact that we have supermajorities in the House and Senate, we have to have Republican voices at the table."

Pritzker doesn't have much time to settle in. His first budget proposal is due next month.

"Here's the good news for J.B. Pritzker: After a 22-month campaign, he was elected governor of Illinois in November," Democratic political consultant David Axelrod said when introducing Pritzker on his podcast last week. "And here's the bad news: He was elected governor of Illinois in November, and there are a boatload of problems he's gonna face."

## Quick start

Pritzker's inauguration festivities start with service projects Sunday and a meet-and-greet at Springfield's Old State Capitol. His Monday swearing-in will be a pomp-filled event where other statewide officers will take the oath, too, including Lt. Gov. Julianna Stratton and Chicago mayoral candidate and Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza.

A fancy party will follow that night. Democrats in the Illinois General Assembly, though, already have been trying to give Pritzker a head start.

For starters, Senate President John Cullerton held onto gun control legislation lawmakers approved months ago, keeping the paperwork off Rauner's desk because he had threatened a veto. Instead, that bill to give the state more oversight of gun dealers could be among the first bills that Pritzker gets to sign, letting the governor take an early victory lap.

It's a similar story for legislation that allows Illinois to sell the Thompson Center, the state's headquarters in the Loop. Rauner craved the opportunity to sell the building and even built the sale price into budget proposals. Lawmak-

ers approved the bill in May, but Cullerton never sent it to Rauner.

Now, it, too, could end up on Pritzker's desk. The governor-elect didn't say whether he'd sign that bill, but he did indicate his support for selling the building.

"I think that the Thompson Center is something that we should be selling, but not just in theory," he said.

He said Rauner didn't work with Mayor Rahm Emanuel to cut a deal.

"There are things you have to work out with the city of Chicago," Pritzker said. "The current governor, unwilling to work with the mayor of the city of Chicago to try and work those things out. I'm not unwilling, and I think we need to look hard at making sure that if we do it that we get the right terms so that we can go out ... to the market and sell."

## "I want to work with Republicans to make sure that their voices are heard."

— Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker

Last week, the House and Senate voted to allow Pritzker to pay his agency heads 15 percent more than Rauner was allowed to, a request by the Democrat in hopes of attracting people to the jobs. Days later, the governor-elect announced he will use his own money to bolster his top government aides' salaries.

Lawmakers also approved a bill allowing Pritzker to oust members of the Illinois Tollway board.

House Republican leader Jim Durkin got on board as a show of "good faith."

It might be in Republicans' best interest to play ball with Pritzker on some issues in order to have influence on the outcomes of other big matters. If they don't, they might miss out. Democrats' big majorities in the House and Senate mean they can do almost anything they want without Republican votes.

"I'm going to give this administration the benefit of the doubt until I'm proven otherwise," Durkin said in an interview from his Capitol office. "But as of right now, the communications and meetings that I've had with this administration have been positive. I can say that there are issues that we'll probably never support, and they know that as well."

Pritzker has been announcing the top members of his administration in batches since November. His chief of staff will be his campaign manager, Anne Caprara. Former state Comptroller Dan Hynes, former state Rep. Christian Mitchell and Chicago Park District Board Chairman Jesse Ruiz will be deputy governors. Pritzker's agency heads include former Republican state Rep. David Harris at the Department of Revenue.

records supporting a litany of progressive issues or a tax hike or two that might threaten to hit their constituents hard. Pritzker might have to work harder to win their votes, and the millions of dollars he spent helping Democrats in November might help convince them he'll be in their corner if they go along.

It might not matter in the end if they don't. Democrats have so many votes in Springfield now that they can afford to shed some and still pass bills to Pritzker. Still, having more lawmakers means party leaders like Pritzker and House Speaker Michael Madigan also have more people to keep track of, and those lawmakers could form powerful factions inside the party.

"Factional politics are much harder to understand, even if you're in the middle of it. Who's on what side?" Mooney said. "Think about the voters. It's tough for the voters. They don't know: What kind of Democrat are you? A Madigan Democrat? Are you a radical Democrat? Are you a conservative Democrat?"

Some small cracks already are showing. State Rep. Marty Moylan, a Des Plaines Democrat, says he won't vote to legalize marijuana. And Democratic state Rep. Anne Stava-Murray of Naperville didn't vote for Madigan for speaker.

Still, Madigan has shown an ability to control legislation in Springfield during his national record tenure as House speaker. On the last day of the 100th Illinois House, Madigan adjourned by saying lawmakers of both parties deserved credit for standing up to Rauner to end the budget impasse.

"We all know that over the last four years, why, all of us as members of the legislature have been involved in an epic struggle with the executive department," Madigan said. "What happened, happened."

## Tough choices

The story of state govern-

ment for years has been its troubled finances, and Pritzker's proposed solutions so far have been short on specifics.

He wants to move the state to a graduated income tax, a system that taxes people at higher rates the more money they make. But he's steadfastly declined to say what those income tax rates should be, saying they need to be negotiated with the legislature.

Legal marijuana and sports betting could bring in some more money, but both issues are complicated with a lot of details to sort out. Asked when Illinoisans will be able to buy legal weed or bet on Chicago Bears games, he pointed to lawmakers' predictions that marijuana could be available by 2020, but he gave no such prediction about gambling expansion.

Pritzker is scheduled to deliver a budget to lawmakers Feb. 20, six days before the Chicago municipal election that's likely to steal some of the political attention away from the new governor's opening months in office. Asked if he plans to deliver big proposals in his first budget or instead make modest changes in his first year, Pritzker said he's "not going small."

He said his administration will have to balance short-, medium- and long-term goals.

"But you do all those things at once," he said. "You begin those things at the same time."

Mooney says that now that he's in office, Pritzker might have to learn to tell some people "no" if he wants to dig Illinois out of a financial hole. Transitioning from campaign speeches to policy particulars is a change all new governors have to make, he said.

"Up to that point, all they'd have to say is pleasant things. Warm, fuzzy things," Mooney said. "And then, when in office, you have to make choices."

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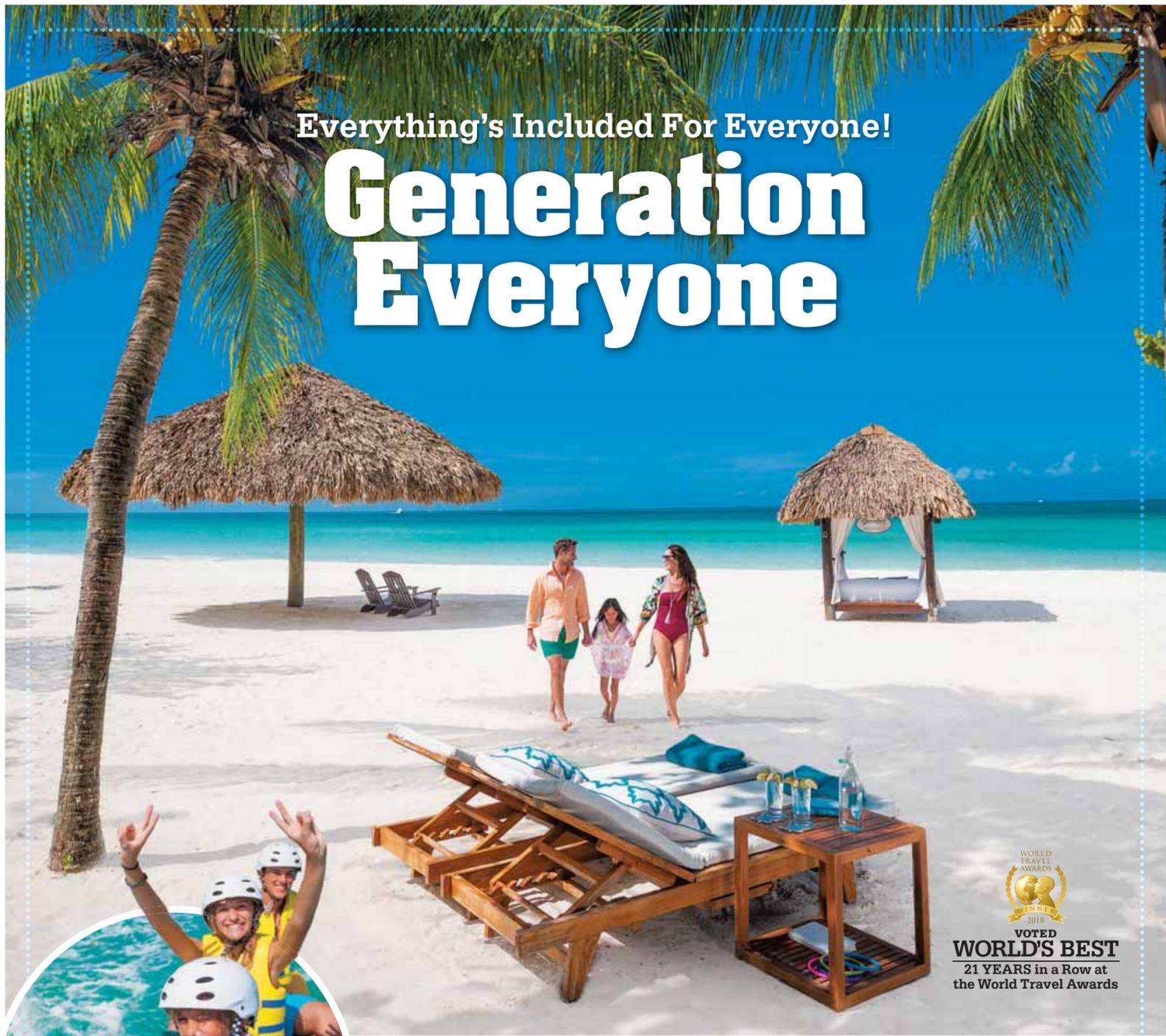
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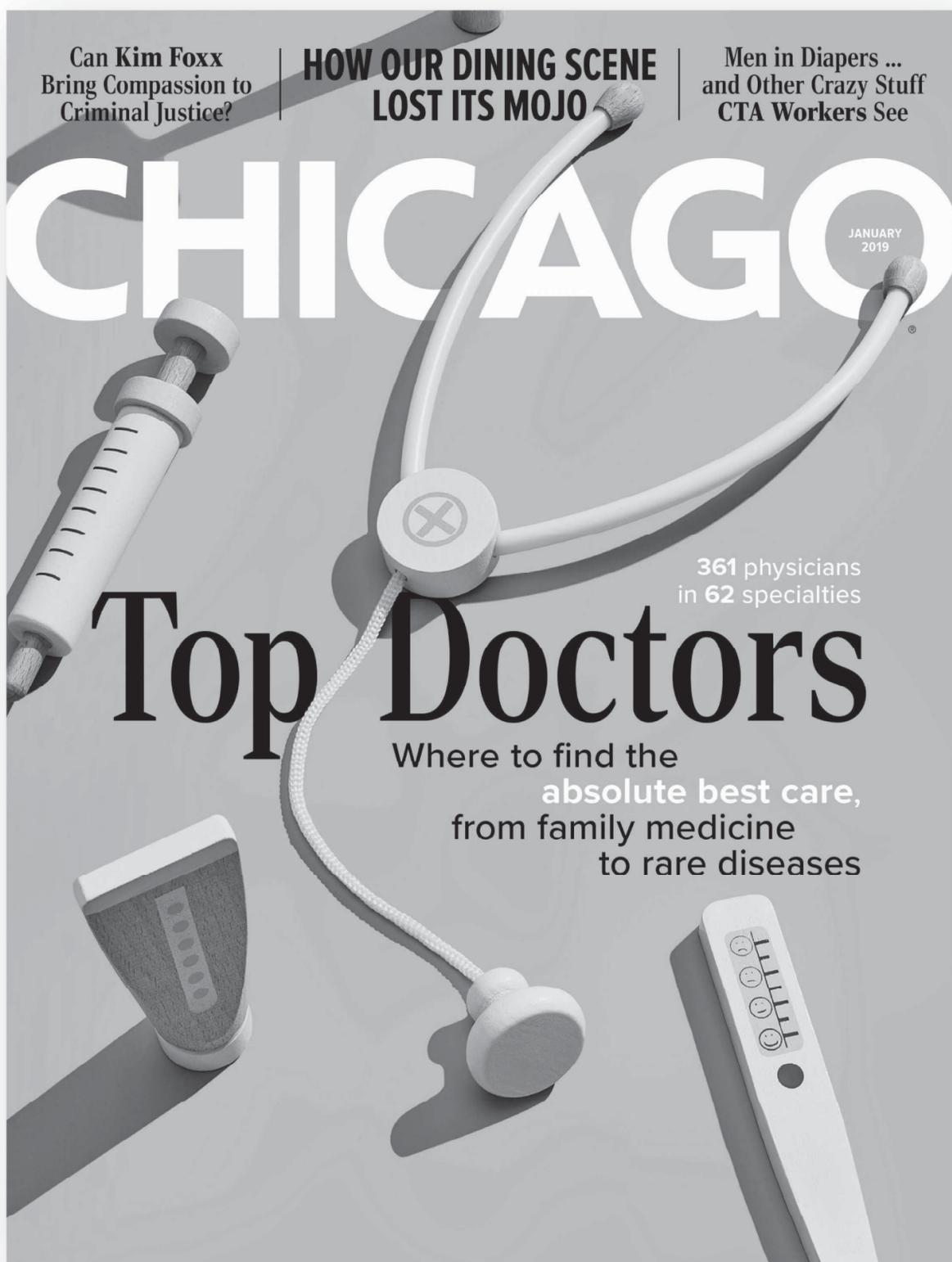


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## Preckwinkle, watchdog at odds over travel finances

BY GREGORY PRATT  
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the inspector general are at odds over whether she should reimburse the county for security costs associated with her political travel.

In his office's most recent quarterly report, Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard wrote that the county should be logging when government vehicles are used to transport Preckwinkle to political events and she should reimburse the county for related expenses. But Preckwinkle, who is running for Chicago mayor, argues that her office entitles her to taxpayer-funded security.

Cook County's vehicle policy prohibits the use of vehicles for any non-official county business, and the ethics code prohibits county property or resources to be used for political activity, Blanchard said.

"All government funds should be used only for official government purposes," Blanchard said in an interview last week. He also said there needs to be a "better effort to create a process to delineate official business from non-county business, political or otherwise." Blanchard said the county should be reimbursed for miles and employees' time on the clock related to political activities.

Preckwinkle's office says the vehicle and security detail are used "solely for protection purposes and not political purposes."

Preckwinkle spokeswoman Becky Schlikerman said in a statement that Preckwinkle is president of the county board "24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year." She also said that previous board presidents have been given full use of security detail.

"As part of this office, she is entitled to protective services. It's insulting for

anyone to suggest that President Preckwinkle, the first African-American woman elected to this office, would be entitled to less protection than the men across the hall and the men who have previously held this office," Schlikerman said.

Schlikerman added that the president's office is "in compliance with all policies related to travel and any suggestion otherwise is inaccurate."

Elected officials have been known to disagree with the inspector general's findings, recommendations and even the scope of his power.

Blanchard and then-Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough clashed in April 2017 after he found that she hired U.S. Rep. Danny Davis' nephew in violation of a ban on political hiring. She countered that Blanchard's report was "much ado about nothing."

When Blanchard investigated allegations that an employee of then-Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios took property tax exemptions he was ineligible to receive, Berrios balked, and a legal fight ensued over whether the inspector general had the authority to investigate the assessor's office. The Illinois Supreme Court ultimately sided with Blanchard in December 2016.

The dispute comes as Preckwinkle campaigns to succeed Rahm Emanuel as Chicago's mayor.

Emanuel does not reimburse City Hall for any travel to campaign-related events in Chicago, his administration confirmed, because "the mayor is the mayor wherever he goes in the city" and requires protection from Chicago police officers. Emanuel does, however, have a policy for reimbursing the city for expenses related to any political trips out of town.

That policy was established after a 2014 Chicago Tribune report found Emanuel had used city

funds to pay for trips during which he solicited campaign contributions and attended political events that included little or no official city business. The Tribune detailed at least 15 such taxpayer-funded trips, and Emanuel personally repaid the city nearly \$22,000 in response and directed his staff to draft travel rules to ensure no taxpayer money was spent on any "campaign-related business."

In cases where Emanuel mixed government and campaign business on a trip, the policy calls for the city to be reimbursed for the percentage of time on the trip that was related to politics. His travel guidelines, though, did not spell out what the mayor considered campaign business, leaving him wide discretion to deem which travel costs he would cover and which taxpayers would pick up, without having to disclose what he did on the trips.

Records released by the county in response to a Tribune request show Preckwinkle has reimbursed the county just once as county board president. In that instance, the state previously paid her for mileage after she attended a December 2016 meeting of presidential electors in Springfield, records show. Preckwinkle cut the county a check for \$231,922, records show.

Schlikerman said in a statement that Preckwinkle "covers costs when the travel is for non-county business."

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot, who is also running for mayor, said Preckwinkle should reimburse the county for her political expenses.

Mayoral candidate Amara Anyia, a public policy consultant, echoed Lightfoot.

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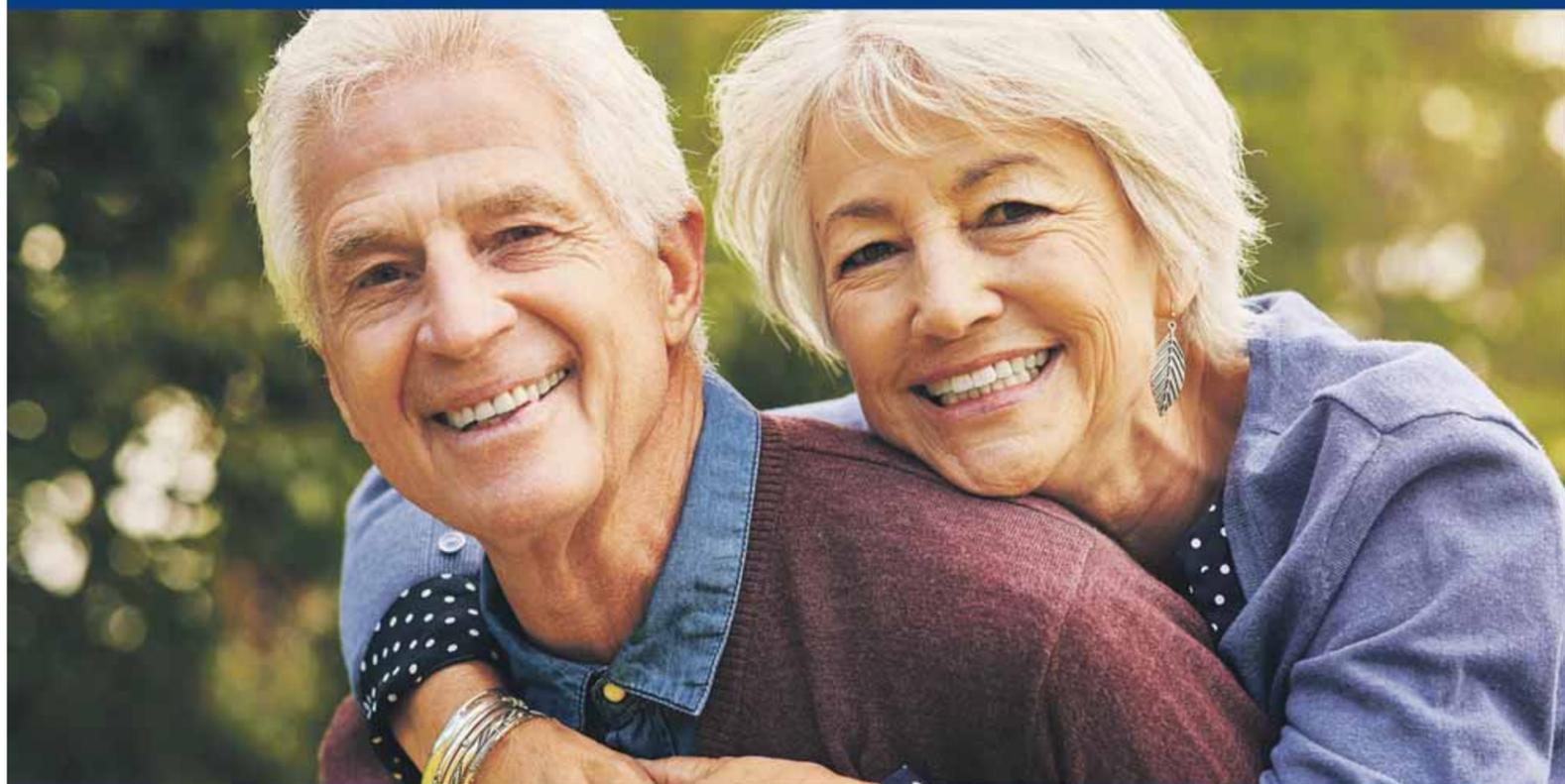
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**McDonald's great-uncle: Family not offended by campaign ad**

BY GREGORY PRATT  
Chicago Tribune

In response to criticism of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's mayoral campaign over an ad focused on the Laquan McDonald shooting, McDonald's great-uncle said Friday that the family of the slain teenager was not offended by the commercial.

During a news conference at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on the West Side, the Rev. Marvin Hunter said he did not know Preckwinkle had taken action to release to the media the autopsy results on McDonald, who was shot 16 times by a police officer in 2014. But Hunter said it was "good to learn" there were local officials concerned about the family.

"When I saw this particular commercial, I saw it as Toni telling her story (and) she certainly has a right to tell what role she played," said Hunter, whom Preckwinkle's campaign quoted praising the candidate in a news release announcing the new ad.

Hunter said he has always tried not to reduce his nephew's death to someone else getting a job or winning elected office. But he said he thanks everyone who worked diligently to pres-

sure local government over the 2014 shooting.

Many others have taken "ownership" of their role in revealing the facts behind McDonald's case, Hunter noted.

The family did not know Preckwinkle's campaign was making the commercial, he said, until staff reached out before it aired to show him the video. Hunter said he was not asked explicitly whether he was OK with it but got the sense that Preckwinkle would not have run the ad without his consent, which he gave. Hunter also he said he would vote for Preckwinkle.

Eager to change the subject in the mayoral race after spending a week talking about her relationship with embattled Southwest Side Ald. Edward Burke, Preckwinkle released the ad Wednesday. On Thursday she called a news conference to address fellow candidate Garry McCarthy, who was police superintendent at the time of the shooting, after he criticized the ad.

By then, Preckwinkle was facing criticism from young activists and others who said she was trying to take too much credit for bringing the alleged McDonald cover-up to light. The Rev. Michael

Pfleger, pastor at St. Sabina Church, criticized Preckwinkle's ad, saying it disrespects the contributions of young activists who took to the streets to bring attention to the McDonald case.

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot said in a statement that Preckwinkle's use of the McDonald video "proves she is not ready to lead." And policy consultant Amara Enyia released a statement about Preckwinkle's ad saying nobody should take credit for a community-led effort.

But on Friday, Hunter said he did not agree with the critics and called on activists who are passionate about McDonald's case to be at the criminal courthouse next week.

Jason Van Dyke, the Chicago police officer who shot McDonald, is scheduled for sentencing. A judge's ruling also is expected in a conspiracy trial against three current and former Chicago police officers.

"Let's not expend any time as to whether or not Toni should be mayor or should not be mayor," he said. "This is not about politics. This is about justice for Laquan."

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# Government shutdown affecting airports, CTA

Flow of federal money to city's transit agency cut

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI  
Chicago Tribune

The continuing government shutdown, now the longest in U.S. history, is starting to affect airport operations and has cut the flow of federal money to transit agencies, including the CTA.

The shutdown affects 800,000 federal workers, including Transportation Security Administration agents at the nation's airports and Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers and inspectors. Some workers are on furlough, while others are required to work even though they had to miss their first paycheck Friday.

Among the agencies affected by the shutdown is the CTA, which uses federal funding to pay for construction projects like station renovations.

The shutdown is already affecting some airport operations, though no problems have been reported yet in Chicago. The TSA has seen an increase in workers calling in sick, and Miami International Airport plans to cut off access to one of its terminals over the weekend in order to send TSA workers to busier checkpoints.

Chicago's Aviation Department is talking with the TSA and is ready with contingency plans if they are needed, spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said.

Larry Willis, president of the Transportation Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, which represents 32 unions that cover transportation workers, said he thinks the nation's transportation system is currently safe and would not recommend that people avoid flying. But he said safety is an "ongoing mission," and every day the

shutdown drags on is a cause for concern.

"We demand the highest safety and security standards for our transportation network, and rightfully so," Willis said. With the shutdown reaching its 21st day Friday, "we think those standards are under duress," Willis said.

Willis noted the nation's air traffic control system, for example, is already understaffed and said workers not getting paid is causing "incredible stress." He said that other federal workers who inspect airlines and maintenance facilities and certify aircraft manufacturing are furloughed.

"Over time, that's going to have a detrimental effect on our ability to maintain the high standards the American people require," Willis said.

Willis said that the shutdown also is affecting transit and commuter rail, with grants being suspended to transit agencies. Ninety percent of the workforce at the Federal Transit Administration is on furlough.

CTA spokesman Brian Steele said day-to-day operations at the agency are not affected, but it is not getting federal grant funding to pay for ongoing expenses for construction projects.

"If we don't see a resolution shortly, CTA will need to look at how we utilize our limited resources," Steele said.

Steele said the delay is not sustainable, and the agency hopes to see a resolution soon.

President Donald Trump wants \$5.7 billion to build a wall on the border with Mexico, and he has threatened to keep the government shut down until he gets it. Democrats say that the wall would be a poor use of federal money, and talks to reopen the government this week have failed.

TSA workers are considered essential federal em-

ployees and had to go to work Friday, though they were not paid. The percentage of TSA workers who called in sick on Thursday was 5.1 percent, compared to a 3.3 percent unscheduled absence rate on the same day last year, TSA spokesman Michael Bilello said in a Tweet.

Bilello said the TSA is working with stakeholders and industry partners to look at efforts to consolidate officers and operations. TSA agents are on the lower end of the federal pay scale, earning between \$36,000 and \$43,000 annually.

Lines at the nation's airports have been normal, Bilello said. On Thursday, 99.9 percent of passengers waited less than 30 minutes, Bilello said. Security wait times at O'Hare International and Midway airports are at 15 minutes or less, the city's Aviation Department said.

"We are humbled by the acts of kindness and support from industry and the public, who clearly recognize and admire our officers' efforts," Bilello tweeted. "TSA will continue to conduct the critical work necessary to secure the nation's transportation systems."

FAA spokesman Gregory Martin assured the traveling public that the nation's airspace system is safe, though air traffic controllers and technicians are working without pay.

"We are allocating FAA resources based on risk assessment to meet all safety critical functions," Martin said.

Earlier this month, the Air Line Pilots Association International, which represents 61,000 pilots, sent a letter to Trump urging him to end the shutdown and warning that it is threatening the safe operations of the airspace system.

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## CDC: Millions sickened with flu this season

By KATE THAYER  
Chicago Tribune

More than 6 million people have been sick with influenza this season, according to data released Friday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but Illinois numbers show this season, so far, hasn't been as severe as last year's.

The CDC estimates between 6.2 million and 7.3 million people across the country have been infected with the flu — defined as having a high fever, sore throat and other symptoms. Of those sickened, between 2.9 million and 3.5 million visited a doctor, and an estimated 69,000 to 83,500 were hospitalized, according to the CDC's report. Those numbers are based on data from about 8.5 percent of the U.S. population, or about 27 million people.

This year, the CDC will track the flu during the

course of the season, which began in October. Friday's report includes illnesses contracted since the start of the season through Jan. 5 and will be updated each week. In previous years, the CDC has issued such data at the end of the season. However, the report did not provide data on pediatric deaths from influenza, which is another marker that health officials track.

In Illinois, the most recent data (which also goes through Jan. 5) shows 163 people have been hospitalized for influenza this season, and one child has died, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. Only child deaths are reported.

The state also tracks people visiting doctor's offices and clinics at sites throughout the state to record how many report influenzalike symptoms. Typically, at any point in the year, about 1.8 percent of patients will report those symptoms, said

IDPH spokeswoman Melaney Arnold. Last week that number was 2.93 percent.

In Illinois, reported influenza illnesses for this year are trending far below last year, when flulike illnesses peaked in mid-to-late December with more than 6 percent of patients visiting physicians with those symptoms, Arnold said.

The CDC estimates about 49 million people were sickened with flu last season, deemed the deadliest in decades, including 960,000 people who were hospitalized. And nearly 80,000 died, including 180 children, according to the CDC.

Because the season can last into April and even as late as May, Arnold and the CDC's recent report urge people to get immunized if they haven't already done so.

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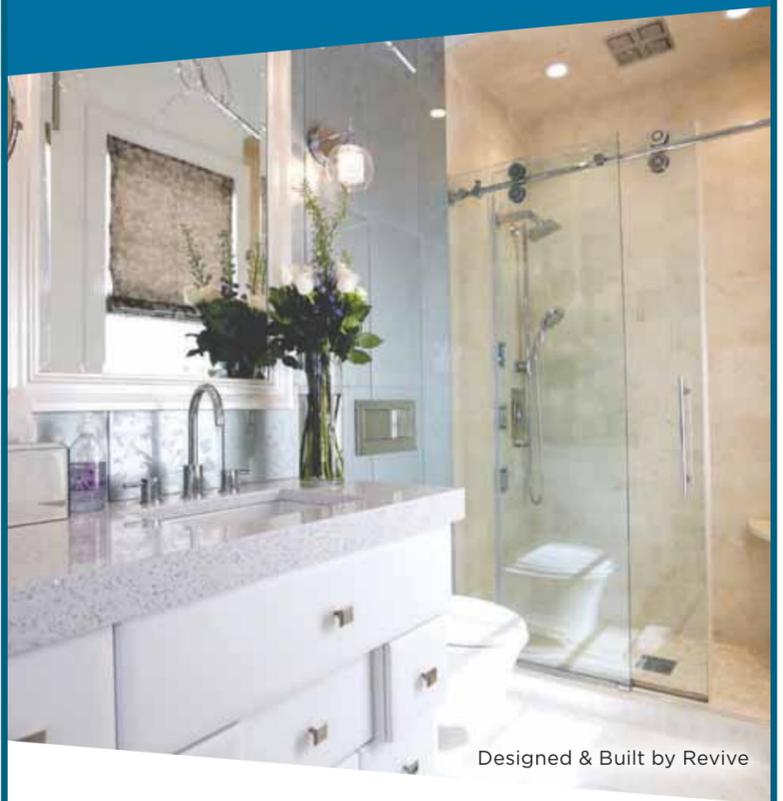
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## Declaring an emergency might backfire on Trump



STEVE CHAPMAN

If you can't stop someone from doing something you dislike, you can always hope he or she will eventually overdo it. Icarus fell out of the sky not because he flew but because he disregarded a warning not to get too close to the sun.

Donald Trump may not be familiar with the lesson of that story. He has raised the real possibility that, denied funds by Congress to build his border wall, he will declare a national emergency to do it anyway. On Thursday, he said, "If this doesn't work out, probably I will do it. I would almost say definitely." On Friday, he backed off, saying he wouldn't act "right now."

It would represent new heights of chutzpah, even for the modern presidency and even for Trump. And it might be enough to cause some Republicans on Capitol Hill to rise up in rebellion — lest this tactic become a weapon for a Democratic president pursuing liberal ends without the consent of Congress.

It would probably not be illegal, though, thanks to a 1976 statute called the National Emergencies Act. "If President Trump wishes to state that the border is in a state of disarray or

exposure such that it constitutes a national emergency under the NEA, he is pretty much free to do so," writes University of Texas law professor Robert Chesney on the website Lawfare.

The "national emergency" option sounds like something to be deployed only rarely and in exceptionally dire circumstances — such as 9/11 or a huge natural disaster.

In the NEA, Congress gave the president considerable authority but placed firm restrictions on it, with the intention of keeping its use to a minimum. Things didn't work out as planned. The Brennan Center for Justice reports that 58 separate emergencies have been declared, and 30 remain in effect — several of which date to the 20th century. Congress is supposed to regularly review each use of the law, but it never has.

That's not all. There are 123 laws granting the president emergency powers. What was supposed to be a last resort in urgent crises is now rolled out whenever it suits the convenience of the White House, and what was supposed to be temporary is often permanent.

The danger to Trump is not so much that he would be blocked by the courts on the ground that using this power to build a wall would be exceeding his legal authority. It's that his declaration might finally induce Congress to break its habit of tamely submitting to the whims of whoever occupies the Oval Office.

***If a Republican president can use this trick to build a wall, a Democratic successor might use it for some nefarious left-wing purposes.***

Congress was not meant to be a junior partner in governing. James Madison, the chief architect of the Constitution, wrote, "In republican government, the legislative authority necessarily predominates." Under our system, "the executive magistracy is carefully limited, both in the extent and the duration of its power."

That's why the power of the purse was placed with Congress. Presidents are not supposed to be able to spend a nickel without legislative action. Madison feared that if anything, Congress would grow too powerful. He shouldn't have worried. Lawmakers have found that with power comes responsibility, so they've chosen, repeatedly, to surrender both to the executive branch.

Partisan solidarity is one big reason. The framers expected each branch to jealously guard its prerogatives and repel any encroachment by the others. In our time, though, members of Congress are usually more devoted to advancing the interests of their parties

than of their institution.

Only when the opposition party controls one or both houses can the president expect to be rebuffed on important issues — as in the case of Trump's wall, which the Democratic House refuses to approve. Even Republicans who sometimes deplore his methods and disagree with his policies seldom vote against him.

But if Trump undertakes to spend \$5.7 billion that lawmakers have denied him, some GOP members could rebel. If a Republican president can use this trick to build a border wall, a Democratic successor might use it for some nefarious left-wing purposes. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., said, "I don't want the next national emergency to be that some Democrat president says we have to build transgender bathrooms in every elementary school in America." And if Trump were to use it for this project, he would soon think of others.

Congress has frequently abdicated authority to presidents on the hope that it would be handled wisely. Thanks to Trump, members may finally realize that the only sure method to prevent emergency powers from being abused is to take them away.

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# CHANGE OF SUBJECT

By ERIC ZORN



## Illinois Democrats now have it all, except excuses

Here y'go, Democrats! Illinois and its staggering array of problems are all yours starting Monday.

In November, you asked voters for their support, their endorsement of your general philosophy of governance, and they gave it to you, good and hard.

They gave you back the governorship, returned Democrats to every other statewide constitutional office and increased Democratic majorities in both chambers of the General Assembly to near-record, ultra-supermajority levels. But in the process they took away something of considerable political value: an excuse for failure.

Why are we more than \$7 billion behind in paying our bills? Why is the state budget always in the red? Why do we have the worst credit rating and the highest pension debt in the nation? Why are our unemployment rate and property tax bills consistently higher than the national average?

Why are we one of the few states with a regressive flat income tax? Why is our public school funding formula so out of whack, and why is our infrastructure crumbling? Why do overwhelmingly popular proposals to increase the minimum wage and change the way political maps are drawn languish in Springfield? Why are we suffering a steady population drain?

In the past, the party has pointed the finger of shared blame for inaction at Republican governors, Downstate conservatives, fragile coalitions requiring bipartisanship and at grandstanding "outsider" Democratic governors such as Rod Blagojevich and Pat Quinn. That accusation often had some merit. And voters seemed to buy it, seeing that 58.8 percent of them cast votes for Democratic state House candidates in November and 54.5 percent for Democratic gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker, who will be sworn into office Monday.

Now that Democrats have the most comprehensive grip on power in modern memory — with a 4-3 majority on the Illinois



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Supreme Court as a backstop — the finger of blame (or credit) for the state of the state will point squarely and exclusively at them.

Yes, wrangling majority caucuses from diverse parts of the state can be a problem, but with 74 seats in the House (14 more than is needed to pass a routine bill) and 40 in the Senate (10 more), along with a governor who has signaled a desire to cooperate with leadership, the Democrats have plenty of room to maneuver legislatively.

And a national economic recession could thwart even the best-laid plans to pull Illinois out of its downward glide.

Republicans will disagree often with the paths Pritzker, House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton decide to follow, with the initiatives they take up and the ones they table. It's no secret that I lean left, and I'll certainly disagree at times myself.

But we should all agree that Democrats will succeed or fail

based on a set of key metrics: The pension debt, the state's credit ratings, job and wage growth compared with similar states, population growth compared with similar states, the budget bottom line, and poverty and crime rates all come to mind.

Many of these variables are dependent on one another, of course — sound budgeting leads to better credit ratings leads to more jobs and higher wages, which leads to a smaller population exodus, just for instance — and tweaking them upward is bound to cause at least temporary pain in some quarters.

But as of Monday, Democrats, you own the variables as well as the pain. You alone didn't break the state, but you own it now.

You told us you had the answers. Let's hope you do.

### Walls, borders and morality

Better late than never, I am taking Democratic U.S. House

Speaker Nancy Pelosi to task for confusing a fraught political issue by referring to a wall on our Mexican border as immoral.

On Dec. 6, she said that additional barrier construction as demanded by President Donald Trump would be "immoral still," even if the Mexican government paid for it. On Jan. 3, then, responding to reporters' questions about the partisan standoff over wall funding that has resulted in a shutdown of roughly 25 percent of the federal government, Pelosi said, "A wall is an immorality. It's not who we are as a nation."

She hasn't elaborated, but it's an interesting philosophical assertion. Now, though, it's one best suited for late nights in the dorm room rather than the halls of Congress.

"Freedom of movement is a basic human right," argued George Mason University economist Alex Tabarock in an Atlantic essay in 2015. "What moral theory justifies using wire, wall, and weapon to prevent people

from moving to opportunity? What moral theory justifies using tools of exclusion to prevent people from exercising their right to vote with their feet?"

He wrote, "No standard moral framework ... regards people from foreign lands as less entitled to exercise their rights — or as inherently possessing less moral worth — than people lucky to have been born in the right place at the right time."

Trump and many of his allies have thrown Pelosi's provocative declaration back in Democrats' faces — "The only thing that is immoral is the politicians to do nothing and continue to allow more innocent people to be so horribly victimized," Trump said during his prime-time speech to the nation Tuesday — and thus it's only served to confuse the highly symbolic, dismayingly disruptive fight over Trump's extortionate demand.

Better now to focus on the immorality of Trump putting hundreds of thousands of federal employees and their families through the pain and uncertainty of a partial shutdown in an attempt to pay for a dubious solution to a shrinking problem.

Better to talk about the immorality of deriding as criminals and thieves desperate families seeking safety.

### Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's online reader poll for funniest tweet is "I'm amazed by people who lose weight (with) exercise. When I exercise, nothing happens (because) my DNA still thinks I'm a European peasant. So it's like 'Oh! Are we running from the English again, lass? Dinnae ye worry: we'll keep ye plump as a partridge to outlast the murderous bastards!'" from @La-ComtesseJamie. To receive an email alert after each new poll is posted, go to [chicagotribune.com/newsletters](http://chicagotribune.com/newsletters) and sign up under Change of Subject.

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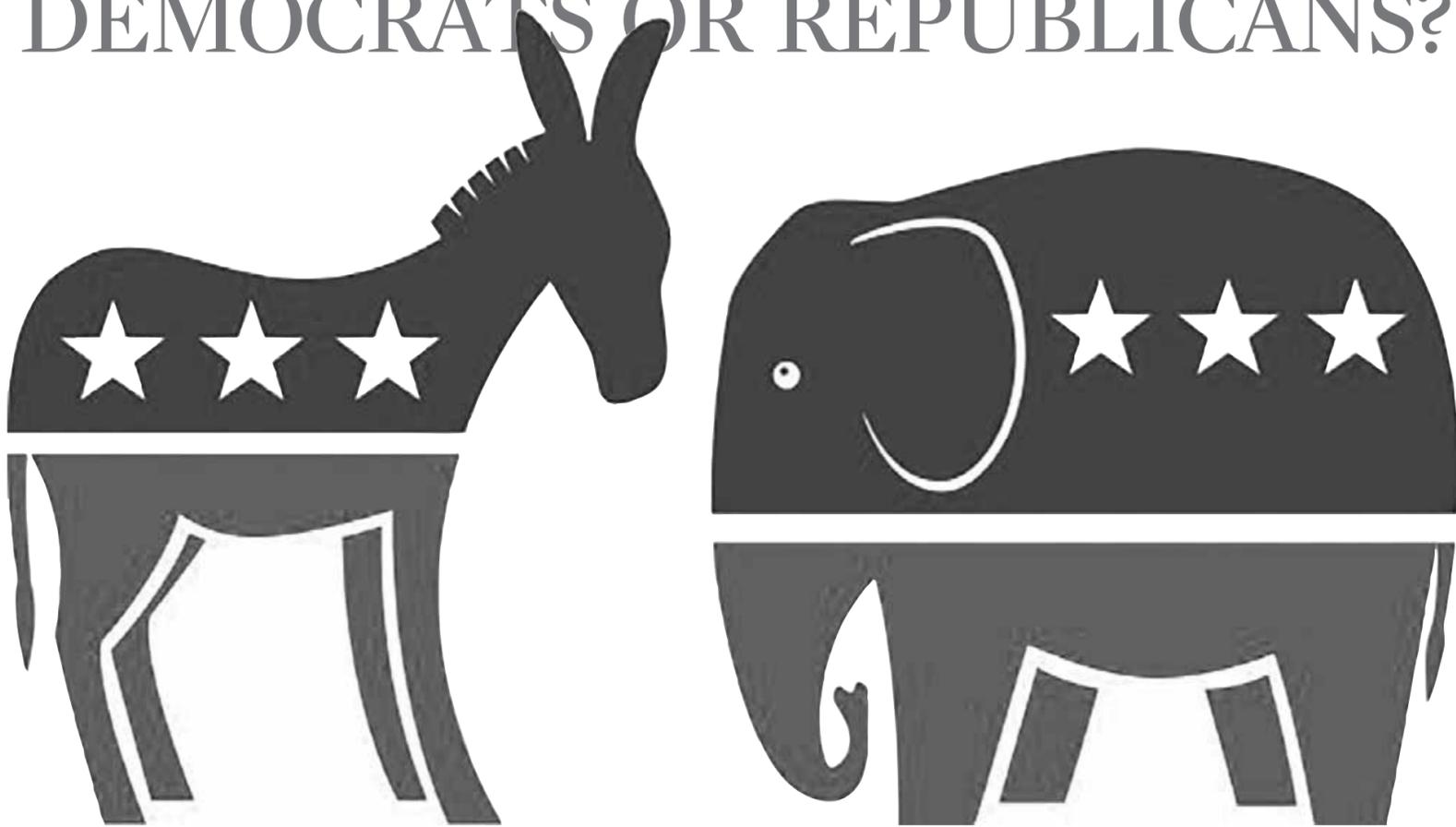
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## PERSPECTIVE

WHO HAS MORE COMPASSION,  
DEMOCRATS OR REPUBLICANS?

THE WASHINGTON POST

BY MERI T. LONG

It's a common refrain of American voters: How can your party be so heartless?

Democrats want to know how Republicans can support President Donald Trump's policy of separating babies from refugee families. Republicans want to know how Democrats can sanction abortion. But does either party really care more about compassion?

In my research into the public's support for a variety of government policies, I ask questions about how compassionate someone is, such as how concerned he or she is about others in need.

These questions are integral to understanding how people feel about who in America deserves government support.

Some people are more compassionate than others. But that doesn't break simply along party lines.

I find that Democratic and Republican Party voters are similar, on average, thus busting up the cliché of bleeding-heart liberals and uncaring conservatives. Then there are Trump voters.

## Beyond partisan stereotypes

Compassion is defined by many psychology researchers as concern for others in need and a desire to see others' welfare improved.

The similarity in compassion among voters of both parties contrasts with other measures of personality and worldview that increasingly divide Republicans and Democrats, such as values about race and morality.

Republicans are not less com-

passionate than Democrats, but my research also shows that there is a stark divide between parties in how relevant an individual's compassion is to his or her politics.

Public opinion surveys show that you can predict what kind of policies a more compassionate person would like, such as more government assistance for the poor or opposition to the death penalty.

But for most political issues, the conclusion for Republicans is that their compassion does not predict what policies they favor. Support for more government assistance to the poor or sick, or opinions about the death penalty, for example, are unrelated to how compassionate a Republican voter is.

In my work, I find that the primary policy area where compassion is consistently correlated to specific policies for conservatives is abortion, where more compassionate conservatives are more likely to say they are pro-life.

## Democrats predictable

When Democratic voters say they are compassionate, you can predict their views on policies.

They're more supportive of immigration, in favor of social services to the poor and opposed to capital punishment.

Yet, while Democrats may be more likely to vote with their heart, there isn't evidence that they're more compassionate than Republicans in their daily lives.

When it comes to volunteering or donating money, for example, compassion works the same way for Republicans and Democrats:

More compassionate voters of either party donate and volunteer more.

## The real difference

My research suggests that voter attitudes about the role of compassion in politics are shaped not only by personal philosophy, but by party leaders.

Political speeches by Republican and Democratic leaders vary in the amount of compassionate language they use.

For instance, political leaders can draw attention to the needs of others in their campaign speeches and speeches on the House or Senate floor. They may talk about the need to care for certain people in need or implore people to "have a heart" for the plight of others. Often, leaders allude to the deserving nature of the recipients of government help, outlining how circumstances are beyond their control.

Democratic politicians use compassionate rhetoric much more often than their Republican counterparts and for many more groups in American society than Republican leaders do.

Do citizens respond to such rhetoric differently depending on what party they affiliate with?

When their leaders use compassionate political language, such as drawing attention to other people's suffering and unmet needs as well as the worthiness of the groups in need, Republicans in experiments are actually moved to be more welcoming to immigrants and to support state help for the disabled.

This explains how Republican voters responded positively to Republican Sen. Robert Dole's

campaign for the rights of the disabled in 1989. It also explains the success of presidential candidate George W. Bush's "compassionate conservatism" in 2000, which one Washington Post columnist wrote "won George W. Bush the White House in 2000."

It also suggests that it's not necessarily the public, but the party leaders, who differ so significantly in how relevant they believe compassion should be to politics.

## Trump supporters the exception

Despite political rhetoric that places them at opposite ends of the spectrum, Republican and Democratic voters appear to be similarly compassionate.

Democrats view compassion as a political value while Republicans will integrate compassion into their politics when their leaders make it part of an explicit message.

There is a caveat to this: I asked these survey questions about personal feelings of compassion in a 2016 online survey that also asked about choice of president.

The survey was conducted a few days after Republican presidential primary candidates Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Gov. John Kasich of Ohio had dropped out of the race, making Donald Trump the only viable Republican candidate for the nomination.

In their responses to the survey, a large percentage of Republican voters said they would rather vote for someone other than Trump, even though he was the unofficial nominee at that point.

The Republican voters who didn't support Trump were similar to Democrats on the survey

with respect to their answers about compassion. Their average scores on the compassion items were the same. This is in line with the other survey data showing that liberals and conservatives, and Republicans and Democrats, are largely similar in these personality measures of compassion.

But Trump supporters' answers were not in line with these findings.

Instead, their average responses to the broad compassion questions were significantly lower. These answers showed that Trump supporters were lower in personal compassion.

While a lot of the Republican voters in the sample may well have gone on to support Trump in the general election, the survey respondents who were early adopters of candidate Trump might continue to be his most steadfast supporters today.

We know that public officials' rhetoric can influence public opinion on political issues. This leads to another important question: Can political messages influence how much people value compassion more generally? Or even how compassionate people consider themselves to be?

The research indicates that appeals to compassion — if made by trusted leaders — should work for voters of both parties.

But it also indicates that if such messages are absent, compassion is less likely to be seen as important in politics and the positions people and parties take.

## The Conversation

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

## Chicago State's future is bright

I write in response to the editorial ("Chicago State symposium: How to squander a fortune," Jan. 11) about Chicago State University. The editorial perpetuates rhetoric that CSU "fails to educate" students and has an "egregiously low graduation rate." These statements are false, insulting to the thriving student body and harmful to past, current and future students' educational and career endeavors. The editorial essentially argues that CSU does not matter.

The Tribune's reliance on "graduation rates" as a metric for success conflates "graduation rates" with degree attainment. The concepts are different. The U.S. Department of Education defines "graduation rates" as the percentage of first-time, full-time undergraduates who obtain a bachelor's degree within six years from the same institution where

they matriculated. This metric fails to consider transfer students, part-time students or students who first obtain degrees from community colleges. The students not counted constitute much of CSU's population.

CSU's student body is nontraditional. The average student is a woman, often a parent, in her 30s who is a transfer student and works full time while raising a family. Most students are working-class Chicagoans who rely on financial aid for school. Many cannot afford to attend full time. Often, if students suffer a temporary change in circumstances — such as a financial emergency — they will take time away from school. These nontraditional students should be counted. They are welcomed at CSU; we understand that they provide an important perspective.

Despite the challenges students face, CSU graduates hundreds every year, while enrolling fewer than 3,000. CSU graduates

more African-Americans than most universities in Illinois. CSU graduates more African-Americans with STEM backgrounds than most universities in Illinois. The College of Pharmacy graduates more students of color than most schools in the country. Pharmacy school graduates have a 100 percent job placement rate. Graduates of the College of Education account for a large number of the teachers working in Chicago. Many graduates are the first in their families to earn a degree and often remain in Chicago to provide stability in our neighborhoods. CSU matters.

For critics concerned about CSU's "graduation rate," I suggest: ■ Lobby Congress to revise the federal formula for determining graduation rates, as it ignores nontraditional students; ■ Lobby legislators for funding to establish a child care center on campus, as we are the only public school without such facilities, creating obstacles for parents. ■ Lobby legislators to ensure MAP Grants are fully funded each year.

CSU is rising. Its future is bright, the current leadership is strong and it will continue gradu-

ating successful, independent thinkers.

— Nicholas A. Gowen, chairman, Chicago State University board of trustees

## Cheers to Democratic dissenter

Thank God there is one Illinois House Democrat who did not follow the Michael Madigan puppet brigade and instead voted against his election as speaker. I'm sure Anne Stava-Murray will suffer his wrath by not being appointed to committees, having her bills sent to Hades and not receiving his gifts. To her immense credit, she puts to shame her colleagues who have no intention of changing the direction of this state.

Good luck to her. Hopefully, she will take down the ineffective U.S. senator, Dick Durbin, in 2020.

— Joe Revane, Lombard

## Adios, entertainment district

The controversial Lincoln Yards "entertainment district" is now apparently dead ("It's junk-

yard for Lincoln Yards plan," Jan. 9).

Who, besides Big Music, thought that plopping an industrial-sized, monopolistic, global music behemoth into the middle of Lincoln Park (a quaint historical neighborhood in the heart of the city) was a good idea?

We are Chicago: blues, gospel, house, jazz, Thomas A. Dorsey, Sam Cooke, Chess Records, Vee-Jay Records, to name just a few. We are music, but this would have been the day the music died. So, thank you, Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, for saving the music. I just hope it remains saved — after all, this is Chicago.

— Sue Ellen Levins, Chicago

## Silence of 'The Shrieker'

I couldn't help but notice that Northwestern's men's basketball team lost the first game played after Emily "The Shrieker" Harriott was ordered to pipe down.

Silence may be golden, but not in this case. Let the young lady cheer her team as loudly as she wants.

— Steve Metsch, La Grange

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## EDITORIALS

# What will J.B. Pritzker do with his clout?

On Monday, J.B. Pritzker will be sworn in as Illinois' 43rd governor. He'll be surrounded by a Democratic supermajority legislature. He helped build it.

Pritzker spent more than \$160 million of his own money to win the keys to the Governor's Mansion. But he also shoveled dough into Democratic organizations statewide. He bankrolled get-out-the-vote efforts, mail pieces and campaign staff. He sent money to dozens of Chicago aldermen, the Cook County Democratic Party, House and Senate organizations, labor unions, statewide candidates, and Democrats in townships and counties. He has patched together his own organization.

As chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois, House Speaker Michael Madigan often gets credit for the party's successes. But it was Pritzker's muscle — and of course his checkbook — that pushed Democrats into historically Republican territories on Nov. 6, toppling GOP incumbents in state and federal races and spraying the state blue. This is his Illinois now — if he wants it to be.

### Will Pritzker eclipse Madigan?

Pritzker will stroll into office with this friendly legislature he helped install. That advantage could elevate him higher even than Madigan, the nation's longest-serving House speaker. Will Pritzker protect his own reputation and be a governor who demands performance? Will he use his leverage to insist on a truly balanced budget? On pro-growth strategies to keep residents and employers from fleeing? On reforms voters have been clamoring for, such as fair redistricting maps and term limits for politicians?

As a businessman, Pritzker knows high property taxes, government debt and political instability have been driving population numbers downward. Residents don't trust government. They're giving up. Where Illinois is shrinking, its Midwestern neighbors are growing.

### 'Illinois Exodus' is swelling

Illinois' obligations to its pension system continue to squeeze spending on education, social services and other state programs. The state owes \$74 billion in unpaid bills. And new U.S. Census numbers show the "Illinois Exodus" is ramping up. For the fifth straight year, the state lost more residents than it gained. The net reduction means 45,116 fewer Illinoisans from 2017 to 2018.



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Only the state of New York lost more residents.

There are undeniable truths in all these numbers.

The solutions cannot be limited to new revenue raised by expanded gambling and legalizing recreational marijuana. Employers want deeper workers' compensation reform and property tax relief. They want spending cuts. They want less interference from Springfield. They want lower taxes. And all taxpayers, be they individuals or businesses, want a state government that is accountable to the people whose money it spends.

### In other states, Democrats have led reforms

Voters rejected a second term for Gov. Bruce Rauner. But he was right during his election night concession speech when he said Democrats in other states have championed the pro-growth policies Illinois desperately needs. "Let's realize many states have made the exact changes that we need to make in Illinois — yes, they have — they have made them in other states on a bipartisan basis, led by Democrats," he said the evening of Nov. 6.

■ Rhode Island's Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo, elected to a second term in November, revamped that state's pension system by curbing costly benefits and offering employees 401(k)-style plans. Raimondo also instructed state agencies to cut regulations that were onerous to employers. The result was a 30 percent reduction in state regulations and 8,000 fewer pages of rules and codes.

■ California Democrats led on redistricting reform. A dozen other states have followed with fairer models that include less partisan influence. Illinois voters have been begging for those changes from a recalcitrant legislature. Unless Pritzker takes a leadership role on that issue, the next legislative map, drawn in 2021 after the 2020 census, likely will be a repeat exercise in incumbent protection and hyperpartisan politicking. Democrats fashioned the last set of maps for state and federal offices behind closed doors. They drew incumbents' homes, their churches, their friends and their voting bases into each district on a block-by-block basis. It was patently undemocratic and self-serving — politicians choosing their constituents rather than the other way around.

■ Democrats in Arizona joined with majority Republicans to change that state's constitutional clause on pensions and curb costly, annual pay increases for retired workers. Yes, Democrats were on board. Those changes have stabilized funds in Arizona's pension system. Illinois Democrats, by comparison, have allowed the unfunded liabilities in the state pension funds to grow from about \$40 billion to \$133 billion since they took over both chambers of the legislature in 2003.

### Pritzker and public unions

Pritzker will serve as governor of the sixth-largest state with a personal checkbook and a political organization Democrats need as much as they covet and in some cases fear. He can answer not to Madigan's Democratic Party but instead to the voters who chose him to replace Rauner.

How to gauge whether Pritzker will operate independently? One big clue will be the way he concludes contract negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Union leaders think they got Pritzker elected, and therefore he owes them. In

fact, Pritzker's fiduciary responsibility is to all Illinoisans. High state and local taxes are discouraging job growth and driving the exodus. Rauner refused to increase labor costs, negotiating contracts that froze wages for other unions. Will Pritzker show resolve in his dealings with AF-SCME or will he cave?

### After the sweet policy promises, then what?

On inauguration day, Pritzker will murmur the sweet policy promises those voters want to hear — more spending on this, more spending on that. He also knows, though, that the state government he'll lead is insolvent, unable to pay its bills as they come due, and gravely vulnerable in the inevitable next recession, whenever it arrives.

That said, Pritzker enters office with gigantic advantages. He can leverage his financial and electoral independence to diminish the power of the establishment Democrats who created, and who guard, the miserable status quo. There are many.

Pritzker knows that Illinois has to rescue its finances and generate more jobs. He's beholden to no one. What will he do with his clout?



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The candidates for mayor of Chicago are meeting with the Tribune Editorial Board. Here's how to watch live:

Fifteen candidates for mayor of Chicago have confirmed that they'll appear before the Tribune Editorial Board and livestream audiences who'll be watching every moment.

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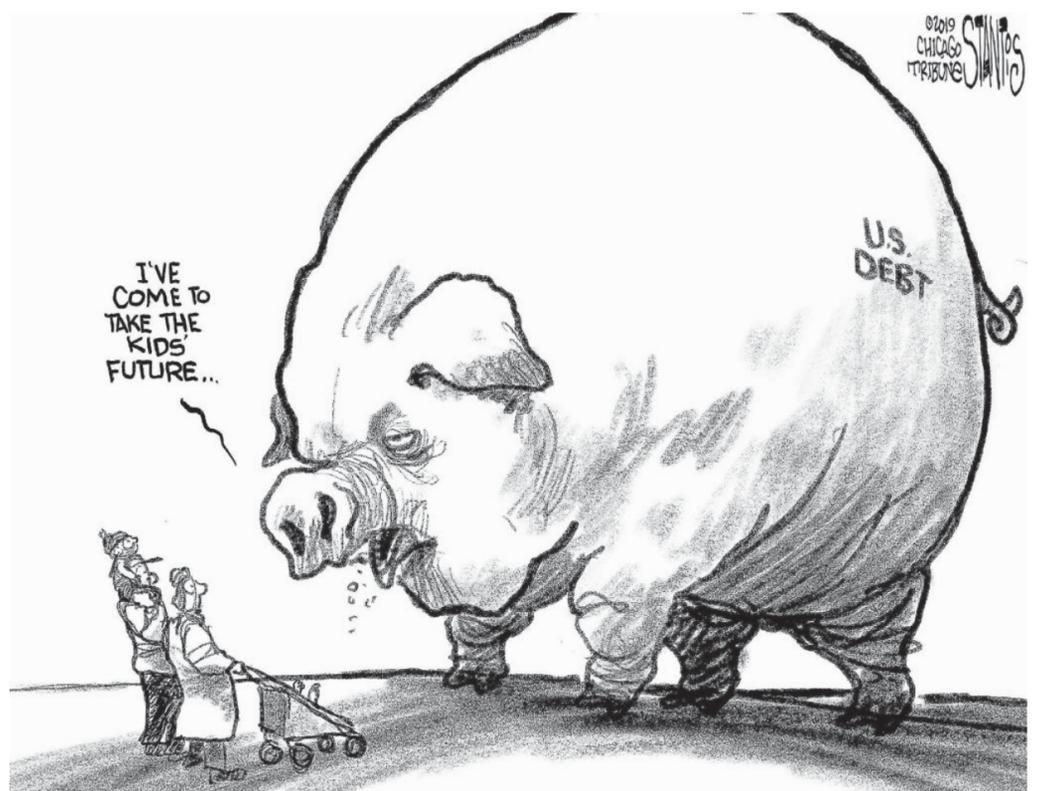
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We're grateful to the candidates for making time to talk to voters. We expect a big online audience and hope you'll be part of it.

### SCOTT STANTIS



## PERSPECTIVE



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Some researchers have found that an increase in the labor supply through immigration often generates more jobs in the long run.

## Trump's sly attempt to pit Hispanics, African-Americans against immigrants



CLARENCE PAGE

Almost as an afterthought near the end of his nationally televised address on what he calls the “border crisis,” President Donald Trump remembered his black and Hispanic constituents and what’s good for us — as he sees it.

“(A)ll Americans are hurt by uncontrolled illegal migration. It strains public resources and drives down jobs and wages,” he said from behind his Oval Office desk. “Among those hardest hit are African-Americans and Hispanic Americans.”

As an African-American who cares about closing income gaps between advantaged and disadvantaged groups, I appreciated the shoutout, even if it seemed to contradict his usual sunny boasts about black and Hispanic employment climbing to record highs under his watch.

History shows the public tends to turn against immigrants at times of high unem-

ployment, quite the opposite of the currently vigorous national employment rates.

Presidents have a right to toot their own horns during good economic times because, heaven knows, they’ll get the blame when things turn sour.

In that spirit, it’s only fair to mention that the upward trajectory of black, Hispanic and every other group’s employment rates has continued a climb that began under President Barack Obama, six years before Trump took office.

With that in mind, Trump’s highlighting unemployed black and Hispanic workers as victims of illegal immigration unfortunately suggests a new version of an old sneaky divide-and-conquer political tactic: Turn one disadvantaged group against another through half-truths and stereotypes.

While there is little argument that a growing percentage of low-skilled immigrants undercuts the job supply and pay for low-skilled Americans, some researchers also have found that an increase in the labor supply through immigration often generates more jobs in the long run.

A 2016 University of Pennsylvania study, for example,

found more jobs generated in home construction and food production. As Treva Lindsey, an Ohio State associate professor in women’s gender and sexuality studies, told *The Washington Post*, “Simply put, more demand for goods and services means greater demand for those providing those goods and services.”

Yet, the health of that job-creating engine is hardly helped by the fact that 800,000 government workers’ paychecks are held up by the partial government shutdown, which was triggered by deadlocked negotiations over the president’s proposed border wall — or, as he put it on Christmas Day, “a wall, a fence or whatever they’d like to call it.”

Whatever. Trump’s insistence on a barrier in his pitch to racial and ethnic minorities sounds better suited to 1919 than 2019. During the Industrial Age, black leaders such as Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. Du Bois and Marcus Garvey occasionally spoke out against immigration, mainly against the preference by too many industrialists for immigrant labor instead of training and employing native-born black Americans.

In war and peace, blacks

often were the “last hired, first fired,” as an old saying of the civil rights movement goes, unable to enjoy the benefits of long-term employment except as a last resort.

As opportunities in employment, job training and union membership opened up nationwide, particularly in the civil rights revolution of the 1960s, black leaders found it made more sense to ally with other ethnic groups to try to expand opportunities for everyone. Black Americans did not invent what is often called “identity politics” today. They only found ways to turn it into a tailwind for progress instead of a headwind against their aspirations.

You can see the impact of that shift in polls such as one taken by Lake Research Partners in 2013, which found that 66 percent of African-Americans favored a pathway to citizenship for immigrants, including the undocumented, quite the opposite of Trump’s hard-line, build-that-wall approach.

And need I mention that black and Hispanic voters overwhelmingly supported Hillary Clinton over Trump — 89 percent of black voters and 66 percent of Hispanic voters — and his message to African-

Americans of “What have you got to lose?” As we have seen under Trump’s divisive policies, they could lose a sense of unity as Americans around a commonly shared American dream of opportunity.

If anything, most voters — minority and otherwise — want to see some sort of comprehensive immigration reform that improves border security and also resolves the unsettled status of law-abiding immigrants who already are here with some sort of pathway to legalization — beginning with the “Dreamers” who were brought here without documents as children.

That’s the real issue behind the current border wall standoff. President Trump has shown himself to be tone-deaf or sadly indifferent to the need for compromise and consensus in our very diverse country on those broader issues. He apparently prefers to win by division more than addition.

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## Billionaire Tom Steyer’s impeachment ads are a waste of money

BY JENNIFER RUBIN

The more the merrier in the presidential race should be the general rule for a party not in power and eager to reclaim the White House after multiple years in the wilderness. However, I draw the line at self-absorbed billionaires with no governing experience who throw their money around on vanity projects.

I’m not talking about President Donald Trump, for now, but progressive moneyman Tom Steyer.

The *New York Times* reports: “Tom Steyer, the California billionaire who has crusaded for President Trump’s impeachment, said on Wednesday that he would not join the pack of Democrats running for president in 2020.” Instead, he will continue running those impeachment ads. “Underwritten by Mr. Steyer’s personal wealth,” the *Times* report continued, “the impeachment campaign has bombarded television and computer screens around the country with ads demanding Mr. Trump’s ouster, and staged pro-impeachment events around the country.” He’s spent tens of mil-



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Democratic activist Tom Steyer’s tens of millions in ads will have no influence on the lawmakers empowered to impeach the president.

lions of dollars already and plans to spend \$40 million more.

I don’t share Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren’s aversion to self-funded candidates. A candidate such as former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg would add a lot to the 2020 race, has well-thought-out positions on important issues and would be

qualified to serve as president.

However, I certainly do object to unqualified dilettantes taking up space and political oxygen. (In fact, put me down as against any presidential candidate who has zero military or civilian service.) Steyer’s decision not to run therefore is good for the country and the Democratic Party. It is also far

from certain that he would have won many votes.

“Steyer made his vast fortune as the founder of a hedge fund, and his portfolio of investments included considerable stakes in fossil fuel companies,” *The New York Times* report noted. “As a wealthy white man, he could have been an awkward cultural match for a party increasingly defined by demands for racial and gender equality, and economic populism.”

However, it is ridiculous, deplorable even, for him to spend tens of millions of dollars on an utterly useless campaign to impeach Trump, regardless of whether you favor impeachment. Trump either will or won’t be impeached after the report from special counsel Robert Mueller is completed; lawmakers and the public won’t be influenced by Steyer’s annoying, ubiquitous ads — featuring himself! — but by what’s in the report, Trump’s political standing and the reaction of voters.

Steyer’s financial wastefulness is his own concern, I guess, but the moral vacuity of spending

money on such an ostentatious activity is matched only by Arab sheikhs eating gold. (Really, that’s a thing now.) Imagine the children who could be educated, the families fed, the shelter and mental health services provided to the homeless, the diseases eradicated, the species saved and the mentors hired for \$40 million.

Even if you wanted to spend your money on politics, why not do something halfway productive? Register new voters, promote civics education, run a campaign to end gerrymandering or finance media literacy. The possibilities are endless. (It should be noted that Steyer did spend on activities such as voter turnout, but he chooses to blow tens of millions more on his vanity project.)

Oh, and I have one question for the environmentalist mogul: Why did he add to his carbon footprint by flying to Iowa to announce he wasn’t running for president?

*The Washington Post*

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## NATION & WORLD

# No end in sight to record shutdown

Trump threatens stalemate could last indefinitely

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE, LISA MASCARO, JILL COLVIN AND DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the partial government shutdown slipped into the record books Saturday as the longest ever, members of Congress were out of town, no negotiations were scheduled and President Donald Trump tweeted into the void.

He did not tip his hand on whether he will move ahead with an emergency declaration that could break the impasse, free up money for his wall without congressional approval and kick off legal challenges and a political storm over the use of that extraordinary step. A day earlier, he said he was not ready to do it "right now."

Lawmakers are due back in Washington this week.

Trump fired off a series of tweets pushing back against the notion that he doesn't have a strategy to end what became the longest government shutdown in U.S. history when it entered its 22nd day Saturday. "Elections have consequences!" he declared, meaning the 2016 election in which "I promised safety and security" and, as part of that, a border wall.

But there was another election, in November, and the Democrats now control the House and they refuse to give Trump money for a wall.

Trump threatened anew



People pass an empty merry-go-round and the closed Smithsonian Natural History Museum on Saturday in Washington.

### More shutdown

■ Partial government shutdown contagion spreads.  
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that the shutdown could continue indefinitely.

He says he will sign legislation that has been passed by Congress to provide back pay for some 800,000 federal workers who aren't being paid during the shutdown. Paychecks were due Friday, but many workers received stubs with zeroes.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, traveling Saturday in the United Arab Emirates, said morale is good among U.S. diplomats even as many work without pay.

"We're doing our best to make sure it doesn't impact our diplomacy," he said.

Almost half of the State Department employees in the U.S. and about one-quarter abroad have been furloughed during the shutdown. With the exception of certain local employees overseas, the rest are working without pay, like those tasked with supporting Pompeo's trip, which has thus far taken him to Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and Bahrain, with additional stops to come.

An emergency declaration by Trump could break the stalemate by letting him use existing, unspent money to build the U.S.-Mexico border wall, without needing congressional approval.

Democrats oppose that step but may be unable to stop it. Many Republicans are also wary.

Nevertheless the administration has accelerated planning for it. Officials explored diverting money from a range of accounts, including \$13.9 billion given to the Army Corps of Engineers after last year's deadly hurricanes and floods. That option appeared to lose steam following an outcry.

Other possibilities included tapping asset forfeiture funds, such as money seized from drug kingpins, according to a congressional Republican not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations. The White House also was eyeing military

construction money.

As polls suggest Trump is getting most of the blame for the shutdown, he has been counseled by outside advisers to move toward declaring a national emergency for the "crisis" that he says exists at the southern border.

But some in the White House are trying to apply the brakes.

Jared Kushner was among those opposed to the declaration, arguing to his father-in-law that pursuing a broader immigration deal was a better option. A person familiar with White House thinking said that in meetings this past week, the message was that the administration is in no rush and wants to consider vari-

ous options.

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi argues that Trump is merely trying to steer attention away from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation and other White House problems. "This is a big diversion, and he's a master of diversion," she said.

Trump has told advisers he believes the fight for the wall, even if he never gets money for it, is a political win for him.

Some of the outside advisers who want him to declare a national emergency say it could have two benefits.

First, it would allow him to claim that he was the one to act to reopen the government. Second, inevitable legal challenges would send the matter to court, allowing Trump to continue the fight for the wall — and continue to excite his supporters — while not actually closing the government or immediately requiring him to start construction.

But while that might end the standoff and allow Congress to move to other priorities, some Republicans believe such a declaration would usurp congressional power and could lead future Democratic presidents to make similar moves to advance liberal priorities.

"Most conservatives want it to be the last resort he would use," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a leader of the conservative House Freedom Caucus who speaks to Trump frequently. "But those same conservatives, I'm sure, if it's deployed, would embrace him as having done all he could do to negotiate with Democrats."

# Kidnapping, killing suspect lived under the radar in Wis.

Girl's grandfather says there's no link between family, man

BY STEVE KARNOWSKI AND TODD RICHMOND  
Associated Press

GORDON, Wis. — The man suspected of kidnapping a Wisconsin teenager and killing her parents with a shotgun nearly three months ago appears to have led an unremarkable existence until that fateful night, blending into the state's vast northwestern forests.

Jake Thomas Patterson grew up in Gordon, a sprawling township of 645 people tucked into the snowy evergreen forests 35 miles south of Lake Superior. It's wild country; roadside signs admonish motorists to share the pavement with ATVs. The few neighbors who know Patterson's family say he grew up in a cabin in a remote development that's a mix of seasonal and year-round homes 10 miles outside Gordon proper.

Patterson's high school teachers barely remember

the now 21-year-old man who graduated three years ago, and say they didn't realize he still lived in the area. Jayme Closs, 13, has told authorities since her escape Thursday that she was held captive at that same remote woodland cabin after her abduction in October from her family home in Barron.

Authorities believe Patterson went to the Closs home intending to kidnap Jayme. But they haven't been able to find any connection between him and the Closs family.

Jayme's parents, James and Denise Closs, were gunned down, and she was abducted Oct. 15.

The girl's grandfather, Robert Naiberg, insisted Saturday that none of them know him, raising questions about how Patterson became aware of Jayme.

"He didn't know Jayme, he didn't know Denise or Jim," Naiberg said. "(Jayme) don't know him from Adam. (But) he knew what he was doing. We don't know if he was stalking her or what. Did he see her somewhere?"

Investigators say they've found no evidence of any online conversations between the two.

Patterson's parents divorced in 2008, according to online court records.

Neighbor Daphne Ronning told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that the parents moved away, but that Patterson and his older brother, Erik, continued to stay in the cabin. She said she and her husband once caught them siphoning gas.

Another neighbor, Patricia Osborne, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that the brothers often got into trouble. She said they stole things and spent time in foster care.

The development was sealed off by police Saturday, preventing reporters from knocking on neighbors' doors. No telephone listing could be found for Ronning, and Osborne declined to comment before hanging up.

Patterson graduated in 2015 from Northwood High School in nearby Minong, a single building that houses pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. He was a member of the school's quiz bowl team, competing against other schools.

The Journal Sentinel re-



This photo by Jennifer Smith and used as her new Facebook profile picture, shows Jayme Closs, right, her aunt Jennifer and Molly the dog after they were reunited.

ported Saturday that he wrote in a school yearbook about his plan to join the U.S. Marine Corps following graduation, but The Associated Press has been unable to confirm if he followed through.

Northwood Superintendent Jean Serum called Patterson a "quiet, good student who had wonderful friends and a supportive class," but said she had no

real memories of him.

Kristin Kasinskas, one of the neighbors who took Jayme in after her escape last week, said she was Patterson's middle school science teacher. She said she didn't remember anything about him except that he was quiet.

He worked for a day in 2016 for the Jennie-O turkey plant in Barron before he quit, saying he was mov-

ing out of the area, according to Jennie-O President Steve Lykken. It's unknown what he has done for a living since then. Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald said he was unemployed when officers arrested him.

The suspect has no apparent online presence.

It appears he has been living in the family cabin; property records indicate his father still owned the place in October. But he has kept a low profile. Kasinskas told The Star Tribune that she didn't even realize he was her neighbor.

Patterson has no criminal history in Wisconsin, but his brother has had multiple run-ins with the law, including convictions for marijuana possession, bail jumping and sexual assault, online court records show.

Fitzgerald hasn't said whether Jayme was sexually assaulted but said Saturday that investigators believe Jake Patterson acted alone.

Despite Erik Patterson's criminal record, few across the township seem to have heard of his family.

One of the businesses closest to the development is J&K's Halfway House Bar and Grille. Owner Karen Beeler said she's run the place for 22 years and had never heard of the family before Jake Patterson was arrested.

"I have no clue who they are," she said.



Two men strain as they push a car out of a snow pile it was stuck in after sliding sideways Saturday in Belleville, Ill.

# Storm leaves at least 5 dead in crashes

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A massive winter snowstorm that blanketed most of Missouri and several other Midwest states was a factor in at least five road deaths Saturday and forced the grounds crew to scramble to clear snow from Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City ahead of the NFL playoff game.

The storm moved into Kansas and Nebraska from the Rockies on Friday, then east into Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, cov-

ering roads and making driving dangerous.

Part of Interstate 44 near St. Louis was blocked for several hours Saturday, and at one point the Missouri State Highway Patrol warned of traffic delays as long as eight hours.

In Indiana, the northbound lanes of Interstate 65 were closed for hours Saturday after a semi jackknifed near Lafayette.

The storm was expected to spread east into the Mid-Atlantic region, with between 3 and 6 inches of

snow expected in the Washington area, including parts of northern and central Maryland, by Sunday.

Missouri had gotten the worst of the storm by Saturday, with the National Weather Service reporting more than 18 inches in Columbia.

At least five were killed in crashes on slick roadways in Kansas and Missouri.

They included a woman and her 14-year-old stepdaughter whose car slid into the path of a semitrailer in Clinton, about 80 miles

southeast of Kansas City, on Friday, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

Another died when her car slid on U.S. 24 in northern Missouri and was hit by an oncoming SUV.

In Kansas, a 62-year-old man died after his pickup skidded on the Kansas Turnpike and hit a concrete barrier, according to the patrol.

Another crash involving two semitrailers in snowy conditions killed a 41-year-old driver from Mexico, the patrol said.

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# Before Trump, there was Truman

Bid to take U.S. steel mills landed before high court

By STEVE HENDRIX  
Washington Post

The president was frustrated. He was at odds with Congress. The regular workings of government didn't let him do what he desperately wanted to do. So he went on national television to explain why a public policy impasse amounted to a national emergency allowing him to take extraordinary action.

"My fellow Americans, tonight our country faces a grave danger," President Harry S. Truman said from the White House on April 8, 1952. "These are not normal times. These are times of crisis."

Truman explained why he had just directed his secretary of commerce to seize control of the country's steel mills. An ongoing dispute between the companies and their workers threatened to deny U.S. troops the weapons and tanks they needed to fight in the Korean conflict.

"I would not be faithful to my responsibilities as president if I did not use every effort to keep this from happening," he argued.

Truman's actions 67 years ago sparked a fiery constitutional dispute that rocketed to the Supreme Court. And now, as President Donald Trump considers claiming similar emergency powers to build his long-promised border wall despite lawmakers' refusal to fund it, scholars are looking back at Truman's gambit and the legal precedent it created. Suddenly, *Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer*, a great test of presidential power, is in vogue again.

"Youngstown is the right place to look," constitutional scholar Jeffrey Rosen said. "But a lot has happened since then."

Trump used a White



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President Truman was thwarted by the Supreme Court in his bid to take over steel mills during the Korean War.

House address Tuesday to make the case that the United States is facing a security crisis at its southern border. Though he has threatened to declare a national emergency to build his border wall, he did not do so in his Oval Office speech. Instead, he demanded that congressional leaders provide \$5.7 billion he is seeking and end a partial government shutdown over the spending impasse.

Truman's conflict was much different. In 1950, North Korea had invaded South Korea, and Truman, declaring an emergency, had sent troops for what he hoped would be a short deployment to defend a U.S. ally. But the Chinese joined the North, and the conflict raged on.

At home, Truman struggled to keep inflation in check with a new law that allowed him wartime wage and price controls over strategic industries. With the

price of steel in check, the companies refused to meet workers' demands for a pay increase, and by the end of 1951, a strike was looming.

Truman wanted to avoid disrupting the steel supply while U.S. troops were fighting, and he had a weapon to head off the strike. The 1947 Taft-Hartley Act gave the president authority, through court order, to suspend a strike for 80 days in cases in which national security was at risk. But Truman was a labor ally (Taft-Hartley had passed over his veto), and didn't want to anger his base.

"His pro-union sympathy prevented him taking the most legally safe route," said Rosen, who is president and CEO of the National Constitution Center. "He was forced by the polarized politics of the time to make exceptional claims about executive authority."

But first, Truman ordered the parties before a special Wage Stabilization

Board to work out a deal. The board recommended a wage increase, but the steel companies refused unless they were allowed to hike steel prices. Truman effectively accused the industry of trying to profiteer during an emergency, and after further negotiations collapsed and the unions voted to walk out, he went on the air to announce his intent to take over the mills. He had signed an executive order before going on camera.

"Our national security and our chances for peace depend on our defense production," Truman said in that address. "Our defense production depends on steel."

The steel companies reportedly had lawyers at the door of a federal judge within an hour of the broadcast. The arguments and appeals flew up the judicial chain until landing before the Supreme Court on May 12, 1952.

The government argued

that even though the Constitution did not explicitly empower the president to seize private property, his role as commander in chief gave him authority to do so in times of national emergency. The steel companies argued that not only did Truman lack the power to take over their mills, but also that Congress had considered granting him such powers while debating the Taft-Hartley Act and deliberately rejected it. Instead, it had approved another mechanism to protect national security by giving the president authority to suspend a strike.

Truman lost.

By a 6-3 vote, the justices sided with the steel companies. The "President's power, if any, to issue the order must stem either from an act of Congress or from the Constitution itself," Justice Hugo Black wrote in the majority opinion.

Rosen said the ruling instantly became "a canon-

ical case of constitutional law."

It was a sharp rebuke, and Truman immediately ordered the mills returned to company control, heading off a deep constitutional crisis. But it didn't stop future presidents from testing the limits of their emergency powers. During a wildcat postal strike in 1970, President Richard Nixon declared a national emergency and deployed the National Guard to deliver the mail.

In 1976, Congress tried to rein in presidents with the National Emergencies Act, which placed various limits on how executives could declare emergencies and how long they would be in effect. Still, by renewing some declarations year after year, from one administration to another, presidents have managed to use the power dozens of times. Jimmy Carter's emergency sanctions against Iran are still in effect, as are George W. Bush's against Zimbabwe and Barack Obama's against Syria, among about 30 others.

Truman was shocked by his Supreme Court smack-down, in part because he thought his arguments were sound. "The president has the power to keep the country from going to hell," he said in response to critics. But more so because the court was full of justices appointed by Democrats, including four Truman had elevated himself.

Truman would complain about the case for the rest of his life. But his personal pique was mollified a few weeks after the ruling, Rosen said, when Justice Black invited him to a party at his house with other jurists.

"Hugo, I don't much care for your law, but, by golly, this bourbon is good," he said.

"It's impossible to imagine the Roberts court making up with Trump like that if they rule against him," Rosen said.

## Another likely battle over border wall brews

Texas landowners preparing to fight against Trump

By NOMAAN MERCHANT  
Associated Press

HIDALGO, Texas — As President Donald Trump continues to make the case for his \$5.7 billion wall, Texas landowner Eloisa Cavazos says she knows firsthand how the project will play out if the White House gets its way.

The federal government has started surveying land along the border in Texas and announced plans to start construction next month. Rather than surrender their land, some property owners are digging in, vowing to reject buyout offers and preparing to fight the administration in court.

"You could give me a trillion dollars and I wouldn't take it," said Cavazos, whose land sits along the Rio Grande, the river separating the U.S. and Mexico in Texas. "It's not about money."

Congress in March funded 33 miles of walls and fencing in Texas. The government has laid out plans that would cut across private land in the Rio Grande Valley. Those in the way

include landowners who have lived in the valley for generations, environmental groups and a 19th century chapel.

Many have hired lawyers who are preparing to fight the government if, as expected, it moves to seize their land through eminent domain.

The opposition will intensify if Democrats accede to the Trump administration's demand to build more than 215 new miles of wall, including 104 miles in the Rio Grande Valley and 55 miles near Laredo. Even a compromise solution to build "steel slats," as Trump has suggested, or more fencing of the kind that Democrats have previously supported would likely trigger more court cases and pushback in Texas.

Legal experts say Trump likely cannot waive eminent domain — which requires the government to demonstrate a public use for the land and provide landowners with compensation — by declaring a national emergency.

While Trump's first visit to the border in Texas as president came this past week, his administration's immigration crackdown has been felt here for months.

Hundreds of the more than 2,400 children separated from their parents last summer were detained in cages at a Border Patrol facility in McAllen. Three "tender-age" facilities for the youngest children were opened in this region.

The president also ordered soldiers to the border in response to a wave of migrant caravans before the November election. Those troops had a heavy presence in the Rio Grande Valley, though they have since quietly left. A spokeswoman for the border security mission said they closed their base camp along the border on Dec. 22.

Building in the region is a top priority for the Department of Homeland Security because it's the busiest area for illegal border crossings. More than 23,000 parents and children were caught illegally crossing the border in the Rio Grande Valley in November — more than triple the number from a year earlier.

Homeland Security officials argue that a wall would stop many crossings and deter Central American families from trying to migrate north. Many of those families are seeking asylum because of violence in their home countries and often



JOHN L. MONE/AP

Roy Snipes, pastor of the La Lomita Chapel, could see part of his church land seized for Trump's border wall.

turn themselves in to border agents when they arrive here.

The number of families has surged. DHS said that it detained 27,518 adults and children traveling together on the southern border in December, a new monthly high.

With part of the \$1.6 billion Congress approved in March, U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced it would build 25 miles of wall along the flood-control levee in Hidalgo County, well north of the Rio Grande.

Congress did not allow construction of any of Trump's wall prototypes.

But the administration's plans call for a concrete wall to the height of the existing levee, with 18-foot steel posts on top. CBP wants to clear 150 feet in front of any new construction for an "enforcement zone" of access roads, cameras, and lighting.

The government sued the local Roman Catholic diocese late last year to gain access for its surveyors at the site of La Lomita chapel, which opened in 1865.

It remains an epicenter of the Rio Grande Valley's Catholic community, hosting weddings and funerals, as well as an annual Palm Sunday procession that

draws 2,000 people.

The chapel is a short distance from the Rio Grande. It falls into the area where CBP wants to build its "enforcement zone."

Father Roy Snipes leads prayers each Friday for his chapel to be spared. Wearing a cowboy hat with his white robe and metal cross, he's known locally as the "cowboy priest" and sometimes takes a boat on the Rio Grande to go from his home to the chapel.

"It would poison the water," Snipes said. "It would still be a sacred place, but it would be a sacred place that was desecrated."

## Joshua trees, parks fall victim to shutdown

By ALLYSON CHIU  
The Washington Post

In most depictions, Joshua trees tower above the earth. Feathery-looking limbs topped with spiky green leaves twist skyward, completing the gangly succulent's striking appearance.

But now, viral photos of these protected trees show a vastly different scene unfolding at Joshua Tree National Park, about 130 miles east of Los Angeles.

The trees in the photos

have been felled and are lying on the dusty ground — and Park Service officials say people are to blame.

Shared widely on social media, the photos have sparked outrage over the plight of national parks that remain open amid a partial government shutdown, leaving them understaffed and vulnerable to the antics of unruly visitors.

In the course of the shutdown, conditions at Joshua Tree National Park have worsened, prompting Park Service officials to

schedule a temporary closure to "allow park staff to address sanitation, safety, and resource protection issues in the park that have arisen during the lapse in appropriations."

The park spans more than 1,200 square miles, straddling the Mojave Desert and Colorado Desert, but only eight law-enforcement rangers are patrolling the landscape in the shutdown, National Parks Traveler, a nonprofit dedicated to news about national parks, reported.

Joshua Tree Superintendent David Smith told the nonprofit that visitors have been illegally off-roading, cutting down trees and spray-painting rocks, among other infractions.

Rand Abbott, a resident of the town of Joshua Tree, has frequented the park since the 1980s, and said seeing the damaged trees was "devastating."

"The true issue is that people ... think that they own the park," the 55-year-old said. "They don't own it. They're guests in the park."



BRAD SUTTON/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

A Joshua tree is silhouetted at the California park where some of the protected tree have been felled or damaged.



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Doug Jones, a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate from Alabama, posted a narrow upset over Republican Roy Moore in 2017.

# Homegrown misinformation

## Russian-inspired tactics were used in Alabama Senate race, report says

BY CRAIG TIMBERG, TONY ROMM, AARON C. DAVIS AND ELIZABETH DWOSKIN | The Washington Post

A secret effort to influence the 2017 Senate election in Alabama used tactics inspired by Russian disinformation teams, including the creation of fake accounts to deliver misleading messages on Facebook to hundreds of thousands of voters to help elect Democrat Doug Jones in the deeply red state, according to a document obtained by The Washington Post.

But unlike the 2016 presidential campaign when Russians worked to help elect Donald Trump, the people behind the Alabama effort — dubbed Project Birmingham — were Americans. Now Democratic operatives and a research firm known to have had roles in the project are distancing themselves from its most controversial tactics.

Jones' narrow upset of Republican Roy Moore in all likelihood resulted from other factors, political analysts say. Moore spent much of the special-election campaign battling reports in The Post that he had decades earlier made unwanted sexual advances toward teenage girls.

Recent revelations about Project Birmingham, however, have shocked Democrats in Alabama and Washington. And news of the effort has underscored the warnings of disinformation experts who long have said that threats to honest, transparent political discourse in the age of social media are as likely to be domestic as foreign.

As the scandal has expanded, with calls for federal and state investigations and Facebook also conducting a review, the tactics described in the Project Birmingham document have come under intense scrutiny. Those included a "false flag" effort that generated phony evidence that automated Russian accounts called bots had supported Moore on Twitter and the creation of a misleading Facebook page, aimed at Alabama conservatives, that sought to undermine Moore by encouraging them to vote for a rival Republican through a write-in campaign.

But all those who acknowledged playing a role in Project Birmingham have denied knowing the full extent of the activities described in the document.

Project Birmingham got

its funding from internet billionaire Reid Hoffman, who emerged as a leading underwriter of Democratic causes after the 2016 election. While acknowledging his money ended up paying for Project Birmingham, Hoffman said he did not know how his funds were used until details began to emerge in the New York Times and The Post.

Hoffman gave \$750,000 to a progressive technology start-up called American Engagement Technologies — founded by Mikey Dickerson, a former Obama administration official — that aimed to help Democrats, according to a person familiar with the finances who spoke on the condition of anonymity. This person said Dickerson used \$100,000 of that to hire New Knowledge, a Texas-based social media research firm, to work in Alabama in support of Jones during the special election in December 2017.

Dickerson, who is best known for leading the effort to fix HealthCare.gov — the glitchy portal for President Barack Obama's signature health-care initiative — said in a statement to The Post that he learned of the extent of Project Birmingham only months after it was complete, when he received a report on the operation.

That report, he said, came from New Knowledge, a company known mainly for its efforts to investigate online disinformation. More recently, it co-authored a report last month on Russian disinformation for the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Jonathon Morgan, the chief executive of New Knowledge, has denied knowledge of most of the activities described in the Project Birmingham document and disputed Dickerson's claim that New Knowledge authored it.

What is known about Project Birmingham comes mainly from the 12-page document labeled "Project Birmingham Debrief," which was obtained by The Post. It is dated Dec. 15, 2017, three days after the Alabama vote.

The document describes the effort as "a digital messaging operation to influence the outcome of the AL senate race" by targeting 650,000 likely voters with messages on social media platforms such as Facebook, while obscuring the fact



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

A new document shows that an effort to influence the 2017 Senate election in Alabama was inspired by Russian disinformation teams. Republican Roy Moore narrowly lost.

that the messages were coming from an effort backing Jones. Jones has said he had no knowledge of Project Birmingham and has called for a federal investigation.

The goal of the effort was to "radicalize Democrats, suppress unpersuadable Republicans ("hard Rs") and faction moderate Republicans by advocating for write-in candidates," the document states.

The document also makes bold but unverified claims about the effects of the operation, saying that it provided the decisive margin in an election decided by fewer than 22,000 voters — moving "enough votes to ensure a Doug Jones victory."

Political analysts expressed skepticism that any of these tactics affected the election.

"My initial gut says that the alleged disinformation campaign I've read about would not have been enough to affect this race. Roy Moore is so well known in Alabama that people had very settled opinions about whether they wanted them as their senator before the race even started," said University of Alabama political scientist Joseph L. Smith.

Last September, Dickerson presented what he said was a truncated version of the Project Birmingham debrief at a meeting of technology experts in Washington. The 13 attendees were required to sign nondisclosure agreements.

In the version of the document distributed at the meeting, a black rectangle obscured part of a sentence that would have made clear the name of the entity that conducted Project Birmingham. After weeks of declining to comment, Dickerson told The Post that the redaction was "NK" — for New Knowledge.

"Prior to presenting the

report in September, I edited New Knowledge's report for length and to redact identifying information," Dickerson wrote in his statement to The Post. "This was the only firsthand account of this kind of operation that I knew of, so I presented it to the group to analyze and discuss."

Dickerson declined to answer numerous other questions about the campaign, including what he knew of Hoffman's role.

Before Dickerson had sent his statement to The Post, Morgan, the New Knowledge chief, had publicly denied writing the Project Birmingham report or knowing about most of what it describes.

Morgan, in comments to The Post and in a blog post on the self-publishing site Medium, acknowledged conducting some "experiments" with disinformation tactics during the Alabama election. Those included creating a Facebook page called "Alabama Conservative Politics" that shared news links with its followers. He also said that New Knowledge spent about \$30,000 on targeted Facebook advertising during the Alabama election season and that he bought some retweets to test his ability to "lift" social media messages.

Morgan characterized the work as a "small, limited research project on Facebook" while speculating that Project Birmingham as described in the debrief document was a combination of his efforts and those that might have been conducted by others. He described the Project Birmingham document as "AET's report" — suggesting it had been a product of Dickerson's start-up, American Engagement Technologies.

"I acknowledge working with AET, but I don't recog-

nize the claims they're making now," Morgan said on Medium. "We did not write the leaked report and we could not have because it didn't reflect our research. The leaked version of the report made a number of claims that did not originate with us."

Hoffman also has denied knowing about the operation in Alabama, though he has acknowledged providing the money to AET and apologized for his role in how it was eventually used.

"I find the tactics that have been recently reported highly disturbing," Hoffman said in a statement. "For that reason, I am embarrassed by my failure to track AET — the organization I did support — more diligently as it made its own decisions to perhaps fund projects that I would reject."

Hoffman's financial relationship with AET was brokered by his political adviser, Dmitri Mehlhorn, who heads a group called Investing in US that helps direct Silicon Valley money into left-leaning political causes.

Mehlhorn said he was unaware of key details about Project Birmingham, but defended the idea of learning from the Russian disinformation operatives at the Internet Research Agency, who backed Trump in the 2016 election and in his first year in the White House, according to U.S. officials.

"The Internet Research Agency engaged in many, many tactics, some of which I think it is appropriate for us to mirror and some of which I think we should disavow. The tactics they engaged in (that) we need to disavow (include) misinformation and promoting racial hatred," Mehlhorn said. "The tactics we need to mirror are really good social microtargeting."

Project Birmingham had its roots in anger and frustration Democrats felt after losing the White House and Congress in 2016 — with the assistance, many were convinced, of online disinformation peddled by Russians and U.S. conservatives on social media, who pushed damaging but false information about Democrat Hillary Clinton's health, honesty and suitability for office.

One person who expressed a desire to fight back was Dickerson, according to social media researcher Renee DiResta, who met him in January 2017 at a conference in Chicago. Dickerson told her at the time about his desire to create a start-up to battle political disinformation, she said.

"There was a feeling after the Trump election that Democrats hadn't prioritized tech, that Republicans had built this amazing juggernaut machine," said DiResta. "The right wing was running a meme war, and there were these crazy dirty tricks. People wanted to build countermeasures."

DiResta briefly advised AET, offering technical guidance and helping them meet potential supporters in the months before Hoffman agreed to fund the company.

DiResta, who also accepted a single share in AET and a seat on its board, said she became concerned with the opaqueness of the project and severed ties with the company a few months after joining.

She became research director at New Knowledge in January 2018 but said that, while she had heard of an experiment in Alabama, she did not know about the tactics.

As debate continues over who did what in Project Birmingham, The Post was able to find evidence for several claims in the explanatory document.

The document, for example, says it "planted the idea that the Moore campaign was amplified on social media by a Russian botnet. We then tied that botnet to the Moore campaign digital director, making it appear as if he had purchased the accounts." Morgan denied any knowledge of the incident involving Russian bots.

During the campaign, journalists wrote about Twitter accounts that appeared to be Russian followers of Moore.

Those accounts were later suspended by Twitter. The Post found an archived tweet and also several news reports and tweets by journalists during the election describing evidence that Russian bots were supporting Moore.

# Stakes rise as Trump legal team beefs up

Lawyers eye using executive privilege on Mueller report

By CAROL D. LEONNIG  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A beefed-up White House legal team is gearing up to prevent President Donald Trump's confidential discussions with top advisers from being disclosed to House Democratic investigators and from being revealed in the special counsel's long-awaited report, setting the stage for a potential clash between the branches of government.

The strategy to assert the president's executive privilege on both fronts is being developed under newly arrived White House counsel Pat Cipollone, who has hired 17 lawyers in recent weeks to help in the effort.

He is coordinating with White House lawyer Emmet Flood, who is leading the response to special counsel Robert Mueller's report on his 20-month investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 campaign. Flood is based in White House counsel's office but reports directly to Trump.

Trump aides say White House lawyers are focused on preserving a legal protection routinely invoked by presidents of both major parties.

But any effort to fight investigators is likely to further inflame Trump's relationship with Democratic leaders and could lock the administration and Congress in protracted legal standoffs that may ultimately go to the Supreme Court.

Of particular concern to Democrats: whether the White House will seek to use executive privilege to keep private any portions of Mueller's report that addresses alleged obstruction of justice by the president.

There is a growing sense that the special counsel's



White House counsel Pat Cipollone, left, and President Trump's acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney attend a meeting.

investigation could come to culmination soon. Some Trump advisers think Mueller could deliver the confidential report explaining his findings to senior Justice Department officials next month. Under the rules authorizing the special counsel, the attorney general can then decide whether to share the report or parts of it with Congress and the public.

Some House leaders have vowed to seek to obtain a copy of Mueller's findings. But the White House would resist the release of details describing confidential and sensitive communications between the president and his senior aides, Trump advisers say.

It is unclear whether the special counsel's report will refer to material that the White House views as privileged communications obtained from interviews with senior White House officials. Some Trump advisers anticipate that Mueller may simply write a concise

**"At that point, we can decide whether we have executive privilege exceptions to the report."**

— Rudy Giuliani, one of Trump's personal attorneys

memo laying out his conclusions about the president's actions.

However, Rudy Giuliani, one of Trump's personal attorneys, said the president's lawyers have made clear to Justice Department officials that they want to see Mueller's completed report before the department decides what to share with Congress. Their aim: to have a chance to argue whether they believe some parts should remain private under executive privilege, Giuliani said.

"At that point, we can decide whether we have executive privilege exceptions to the report," Giuliani said.

If the Justice Department agrees with the White

House counsel that the report or portions of it should be withheld from the public, the House could try to subpoena the document, Giuliani said — but the White House could then go to court to resist its release.

The legal showdown could be one of the most significant debates over presidential executive privilege since President Richard Nixon sought to block the release of his White House tapes in the Watergate investigation.

Ronald Weich, an assistant attorney general under President Barack Obama, said the Mueller report will be of such "overwhelming interest" to Congress and to the public that it is highly likely the courts would rule

in favor of Congress receiving it, as the Supreme Court did in ordering Nixon to turn over his tapes in July 1974. Nixon resigned the following month.

Further complicating the current dynamic is a possible change in Justice Department oversight of the special counsel probe, which Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein has continued to supervise day to day under Matthew Whitaker, the acting attorney general.

Trump's nominee for the top post, former Attorney General William Barr, has criticized aspects of Mueller's investigation. Rosenstein is expected to leave the Justice Department if Barr is confirmed, although the timing of his departure is unclear.

In preparation for the looming legal battles, Cipollone has been beefing up the White House counsel's office, which was down to fewer than 20 lawyers late last year, compared with 40

to 50 in past administrations. Four of the five deputies under previous White House counsel Donald McGahn had left the office, The Washington Post reported last year.

Since his arrival in December, Cipollone has expanded the staff to about 35 lawyers, administration officials said, and he aims to bolster the ranks to 40 in the coming weeks. He also hired three deputies, all with extensive experience in the Justice Department and Republican administrations.

Cipollone, a longtime litigator who worked briefly in the 1990s for then-Attorney General Barr, declined to comment. But Jay Sekulow, one of Trump's personal attorneys, said the new White House counsel has quickly assembled a stable of top-notch lawyers.

"It's almost as if he's building a law firm within a government entity," Sekulow said.

Under Cipollone's guidance, White House lawyers are preparing a strategy to fend off a blizzard of requests expected from congressional Democrats, who are planning to launch investigations into an array of topics such as Trump's finances and controversial administration policies.

Cipollone's goal, Trump aides said, is to try to find common ground with Democrats in responding to their subpoenas when he can, but to draw a clear line that would protect the confidentiality of the office of the presidency.

People who know Cipollone describe him as a self-effacing listener who will work to build relationships on Capitol Hill.

Cipollone first met Trump when Fox News commentator Laura Ingraham, a friend, recommended him to help prepare the then-candidate for the 2016 presidential debates. He began informally advising Trump's team of personal lawyers in 2018.

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Firefighters work the scene after the explosion at a bakery Saturday on a corner in central Paris. Authorities said 200 firefighters and police were involved in the operation.

## 3 dead, 47 hurt in Paris bakery gas leak explosion

Firefighters pull injured victims out of broken windows

BY ANGELA CHARLTON AND SYLVIE CORBET  
Associated Press

PARIS — A powerful explosion apparently caused by a gas leak blew apart a Paris bakery Saturday and devastated the street it was on, killing three people and injuring dozens as it blasted out windows and overturned nearby cars, French authorities said.

Witnesses described the sound of the explosion as deafening.

Firefighters pulled injured victims out from broken windows and evacuated residents and tourists as a fire raged and smoke billowed over Rue de Trevis in the 9th arrondissement of central Paris.

Charred debris and broken glass covered the pavement around the apartment building housing the bakery, which resembled a blackened carcass, and people were trapped inside

nearby buildings.

Interior Minister Christophe Castaner paid homage to the courage of rescuers, who saved the life of one firefighter buried under the rubble for 2 hours.

The French Interior Ministry said two firefighters and a female Spanish tourist were killed by the blast and about 10 of the 47 wounded were in critical condition. French authorities corrected the figure of four dead given earlier by France's interior minister.

Paris prosecutor Remy Heitz said the cause of the blast appeared to be an accidental gas leak. He said Paris firefighters were already at the scene to investigate a suspected gas leak at the bakery when the explosion happened about 9 a.m.

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo extended a "message of affection and solidarity" to the victims. She said many residents and tourists had been evacuated from neighboring buildings and hotels and Paris authorities were helping to provide them temporary accom-

modations.

Authorities said 200 firefighters and police were involved in the operation. A helicopter evacuated the wounded. Silver-helmeted firefighters and red fire-trucks filled the street and inspected adjoining courtyards.

Pedro Goncalves, an employee at the Hotel Mercure opposite the bakery, said he saw firefighters enter the bakery in the morning, but he and his co-workers "thought maybe it's a joke, a false alarm," and they went back to work.

About an hour later, he said a blast rocked the surrounding streets, one so powerful that he felt a whistling in his ears.

"I heard one big explosion and then a lot of pressure came at me, a lot of black smoke and glass," he said. "I had just enough time to get down and cover myself and protect my head."

Goncalves, who was struck by shattered glass, had cuts on his head and spots of blood on his sweatshirt and undershirt.

## Trump shielded details of meetings with Putin

He's said to have kept them private even from aides

BY GREG MILLER  
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump has gone to extraordinary lengths to conceal details of his conversations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, including on at least one occasion taking possession of the notes of his own interpreter and instructing the linguist not to discuss what had transpired with other administration officials, current and former U.S. officials said.

Trump did so after a meeting with Putin in 2017 in Hamburg that was also attended by then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

U.S. officials learned of Trump's actions when a White House adviser and a senior State Department official sought information from the interpreter beyond a readout shared by Tillerson.

The constraints that Trump imposed are part of a broader pattern by the president of shielding his communications with Putin from public scrutiny and preventing even high-ranking officials in his own administration from fully knowing what he has told one of the United States' main adversaries.

As a result, U.S. officials said there is no detailed record, even in classified files, of Trump's face-to-face interactions with the Russian leader at five locations over the past two years.

Such a gap would be unusual in any presidency, let alone one that Russia sought to install through what U.S. intelligence agencies have described as a campaign of election interference.

Special counsel Robert Mueller is thought to be in



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Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin have met, but officials say there's no detailed record of some encounters.

the final stages of an investigation that has focused largely on whether Trump or his associates conspired with Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign.

Trump's secrecy surrounding Putin "is not only unusual by historical standards, it is outrageous," said Strobe Talbott, a former deputy secretary of state now at the Brookings Institution, who participated in more than a dozen meetings between President Bill Clinton and then-Russian President Boris Yeltsin in the 1990s. "It handicaps the U.S. government — the experts and advisers and Cabinet officers who are there to serve (the president) — and it certainly gives Putin much more scope to manipulate Trump."

A White House spokesman disputed that characterization and said that the Trump administration has sought to "improve the relationship with Russia" after the Obama administration's "flawed 'reset' policy."

Trump allies said the president thinks the presence of subordinates impairs his ability to establish a rapport with Putin, and that his desire for secrecy may also be driven by embarrassing leaks that occurred early in his presidency.

Still, Rep. Eliot Engel,

D-N.Y., the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said in an interview that his panel will form an investigative subcommittee whose targets will include seeking State Department records of Trump's encounters with Putin, including a closed-door meeting with the Russian leader in Helsinki last summer.

"It's been several months since Helsinki, and we still don't know what went on in that meeting," Engel said. "It's appalling."

The concerns have been compounded by actions Trump has taken that are seen as favorable to the Kremlin.

He has dismissed Russia's election interference as a "hoax," suggested that Russia was entitled to annex Crimea, repeatedly attacked NATO allies, resisted efforts to impose sanctions on Moscow, and began to pull U.S. forces out of Syria — a move that critics see as effectively ceding ground to Russia.

At the same time, Trump's decision to fire Comey and other attempts to contain the ongoing Russia investigation led the bureau in May 2017 to launch a counterintelligence investigation into whether he was seeking to help Russia and if so, why, a step first reported by the New York Times.

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### S. Korea balks at Trump's push over more funds for U.S. troops

WASHINGTON — South Korea is resisting a Trump administration demand for sharply higher payments to defray the cost of basing U.S. forces on its territory, raising fears that President Donald Trump might threaten a troop drawdown at a time of sensitive diplomacy on the Korean Peninsula.

U.S. negotiators have sought a 50 percent increase in Seoul's annual payment, which last year

was about \$830 million, or about half of the estimated cost of hosting 28,500 U.S. troops, according to two U.S. officials familiar with the discussions.

South Korea is expected to make a counteroffer this month.

The standoff is straining the alliance as Trump plans a second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to renew the U.S. push for elimination of Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal.



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A fireman clears a roof Saturday in Krusen, Germany. The snowfall has closed roads, triggered avalanches and cut villages off across southern Germany and much of Austria. At least 21 weather-related deaths have been reported across Europe in the past 10 days.

### Former Obama housing chief Castro enters 2020 campaign

SAN ANTONIO — Asailing President Donald Trump for "a crisis of leadership," former Obama Cabinet member Julian Castro joined the 2020 presidential race Saturday as a rush of Democrats accelerates.

Castro, 44, could end up being the only Latino in a crowded Democratic field. He was San Antonio's mayor for five years and U.S. housing secretary in President Barack Obama's second term. He became the second Democrat to formally enter the race, after former Maryland Rep. John Delaney.

Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., have formed exploratory committees. Castro's first trip as a candidate comes Monday to Puerto Rico, where an outcry has begun as the White House considers diverting disaster funding to pay for a border wall.

The newspaper cited unidentified law enforcement officials and others familiar

## Trump slams report that FBI probed if he worked for Russia

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday angrily rejected a New York Times report that said the FBI opened an investigation in 2017 to determine whether he worked, knowingly or unknowingly, on behalf of Russia.

The report said that in the days after Trump fired Comey as FBI director in May 2017, the agency began investigating whether the president had been working on behalf of Russia against American interests.

The newspaper cited unidentified law enforcement officials and others familiar

with the investigation.

U.S. counterintelligence investigators attempted to assess whether Trump's actions constituted a possible threat to national security, and agents also tried to determine whether Trump was knowingly working for Russia or had unknowingly come under Moscow's influence, the Times reported.

Trump has repeatedly denounced the FBI and Justice Department.

"The corrupt former leaders of the FBI, almost all fired or forced to leave the agency for some very bad reasons, opened up an

investigation on me, for no reason & with no proof, after I fired Lyin' James Comey, a total sleaze!" the president tweeted. "My firing of James B. Comey was a great day for America. He was a Crooked Cop."

The president also criticized familiar targets including special counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating possible ties between the Trump campaign and Russia, and Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump concluded Saturday by asserting that he'd been tougher on Russia than former U.S. presidents.

### Pompeo upbeat on deal with Turkey over Kurds

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Despite Turkey's vows to the contrary, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Saturday he was confident the two nations can agree on a way to protect U.S.-allied Kurdish rebels in Syria after American troops withdraw from the country.

After speaking to Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, Pompeo said an agreement was a work in progress but can be achieved in a way that allows the Turks to defend their country while leaving alone Kurds who do not pose a threat.

The top U.S. diplomat

said he was "optimistic" that Kurds who fought alongside U.S. forces against the Islamic State group in Syria are not threatened by pledges from Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to launch military operations against what he terms Kurdish "terrorists."

### Hamas probe: Israel tried to wiretap group in Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Gaza's ruling Hamas said Saturday that Israeli undercover forces had attempted to install equipment to monitor the Islamic militant group's landline communications network during a botched mission in November.

The findings of an investigation were announced by the Hamas military wing, Qassam Brigades, in a prerecorded TV statement.

Hamas presented surveillance footage and photos to back up its claims.

Hamas thwarted an attempt to "plant spying devices in the Gaza Strip," a Qassam spokesman said in the statement.

Israel's military has not released details about the operation, which went awry Nov. 11, leading to the heaviest round of cross-border fire, including Hamas rockets and Israeli airstrikes, since a 2014 war between the two sides.

**Still missing:** Police arrested 12 people alleged to have been involved in the kidnapping of an American in Costa Rica. Police say a joint operation caught nine Costa Rican suspects Friday; three others were arrested in Spain. William Sean Creighton Kopko was abducted Sept. 24, 2018, in Costa Rica. He is still missing.

**In Congo:** Presidential runner-up Martin Fayulu has asked a constitutional court to order a recount. He has accused the winner, Felix Tshisekedi, of a deal with President Joseph Kabila. An official said Fayulu has two options: accept the vote or it is annulled, which would keep Kabila in power until another election.

### U.S. calls for the formation of new government in Venezuela

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — The U.S. stepped up its criticism of Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro on Saturday with an explicit call for the formation of a new government in the South American country.

The State Department said in a statement that it stood behind the head of Venezuela's opposition-run congress, Juan Guaido, who said Friday that he was prepared to

step into the presidency temporarily. The statement was the latest in a series of Trump administration attacks on Maduro, whose inauguration to a new term as president Thursday has been widely denounced as illegitimate.

"The people of Venezuela deserve to live in freedom in a democratic society governed by the rule of law," State Department spokesman Robert Palladino said.

**OBITUARIES**

**THOMAS KLUTZNICK 1939-2019**

# Water Tower Place developer shaped N. Michigan Avenue

By **GRAYDON MEGAN**  
Chicago Tribune



CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
Thomas Klutznick, shown around 1983, was known as a visionary and a mentor.

Thomas Klutznick was a developer and entrepreneur who helped usher in the concept of vertical mixed-use development in projects including Chicago's Water Tower Place that blended retail, residential and a luxury hotel in a high rise.

With Water Tower Place and other mixed-use hotel projects, Klutznick changed the look of downtown Chicago's northern gateway, according to Maria Zec, general manager of the Peninsula Chicago hotel, 108 E. Superior St.

"He definitely helped transform this part of Michigan Avenue," said Zec, who is also regional vice president of The Peninsula Hotels group. "Between us and the Ritz-Carlton and Four Seasons. ... Tom built all three luxury hotels."

Klutznick, 79, died of complications from dementia Jan. 4 in assisted living in Evanston, according to his daughter Karen. He lived in Woody Creek, outside Aspen, Colo., for many years but returned to the Chicago area in 2008.

Klutznick was also involved in developing office structures in Chicago, including 515 North State Street and 333 West Wacker Drive.

Projects outside Chicago included Copley Place in Boston, One Logan Square in Philadelphia, City Center Denver, Houston's First City Tower in Houston and projects in Los Angeles, Cleveland, Reston, Va., and in Seattle, where he was involved in the restoration of the Olympic Hotel.

Klutznick was born in 1939 in Omaha, Neb., and soon moved to Chicago with his family. His father, Philip, who died in 1999, had been a federal housing administrator during World War II and came to the area with the idea of building a town for returning veterans and other young families.

The town was Park Forest and that was where Philip Klutznick raised his family, passing along what Jim Klutznick, Thomas' brother, agreed could be called the "developer gene."

"We were all sort of born in the dirt," Jim Klutznick said, who also has been in development work for most

ultimate orchestra leader, and he was," Himmel said. "That's what I learned from Tom."

Chicago developer John Buck said Klutznick was a generous mentor who shared his knowledge and experience and was more than fair in his dealings.

Buck was putting together the project that became 200 S. Wacker Drive and needed an equity partner. A lender suggested he get in touch with Klutznick. After hearing details, Klutznick assured Buck they would come up with a workable structure for a joint venture, put up 95 percent of the equity and still made Buck and his group 50-50 partners.

"He knew I was a novice. He educated me and that was important," Buck said. "More important, we struck up a (lasting) friendship."

In 1982 Klutznick became managing partner of Miller-Klutznick-Davis-Gray Co., a real estate firm with properties including two premier resort companies, Pebble Beach Co. in California and Aspen Skiing Co. in Colorado. He played a leading role in the planning and development of The Inn and Links at Spanish Bay at Pebble Beach and the Little Nell hotel in Aspen, his daughter said.

In 1991, he formed Chicago-based Thomas J. Klutznick Co. The firm's projects included a full-block retail and hotel complex on North Michigan Avenue between Chicago Avenue and Superior Street that opened in 1997 and now includes the Peninsula Chicago hotel. The retail portion of the development included Tiffany & Co., Banana Republic, Pottery Barn, Polo Ralph Lauren and American Girl.

Himmel described Klutznick as a visionary who brought big projects to life and brought others along with him. "This man took me to the top of a mountain," said Himmel. "He was a remarkable."

In addition to his daughter, Klutznick is survived by another daughter, Katherine; sons John and Daniel; a sister, Bettylu Saltzman; another brother, Robert; and two grandsons.

His two marriages ended in divorce.

Plans for a memorial service are pending.

of his life. "Any of us who ended up in development got it from Dad."

After graduating from Oberlin College in Ohio in 1961 and working with a real estate firm in Chicago, Klutznick joined his father in building the shopping centers Oak Brook Mall and River Oaks, his brother said. After a long apprenticeship in the real estate business, Klutznick succeeded his father in the mid-1970s as chairman and chief executive officer of Urban Investment and Development Company.

Klutznick and his father worked together on Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Ave., which opened in the mid-1970s. The development includes retail stores and shops, condominiums and the Ritz-Carlton hotel. For developer Kenneth Himmel, then in his mid-20s, it was a remarkable introduction to mixed-use development.

"Tom was my mentor," said Himmel, who went on to work on development of Copley Place in Boston and is now president and CEO of Related Urban, the developer of the Hudson Yards project in New York. "Tom really took us through all that complicated mixed use and really taught us the business."

Klutznick, Himmel said, was able to embrace great planning, design and architecture, had a firm understanding of finance and budgeting and the ability to manage a diverse group of people. "Aligning the stars," Himmel called Klutznick's ability to assemble a team of top professionals from various disciplines.

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**In 1733** James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, S.C., while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

**In 1794** President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

**In 1832** author Horatio Alger was born in Massachusetts.

**In 1941** acclaimed novelist James Joyce, whose "Uly-

ses" ranks among the best works of the 20th century, died in Zurich; he was 58. **Also in 1941**, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship.

**In 1966** Robert Weaver became the first black Cabinet member as he was appointed secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Lyndon Johnson.

**In 1968** country singer Johnny Cash performed and recorded a pair of shows at Folsom State Prison in California; material from the concerts was released as an album by Columbia Records under the

title "Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison," which proved a hit.

**In 1990** L. Douglas Wilder, of Virginia, became the nation's first elected African-American governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

**In 1999** Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan announced his retirement from basketball. (He returned to the NBA in 2001.)

**In 2000** Microsoft chairman Bill Gates stepped aside as chief executive and promoted company president Steve Ballmer to the position.

**In 2012** More than 30 people were killed after the Costa Concordia cruise ship, carrying more than 4,200 passengers and crew, struck rocks off Tuscany, Italy.

**In 2017** the U.S. Department of Justice, after a 13-month investigation, issued a scathing report describing a broken Chicago Police Department falling woefully short on nearly every level, resulting in systematic abuse of citizens, widespread distrust and a crisis of public safety.

**In 2018** a false alarm that warned of a ballistic missile headed for Hawaii sent the islands into a panic for 38 harrowing minutes until officials said the cellphone alert was a mistake; a couple of weeks later authorities said an employee misunderstood a drill and believed that a ballistic missile had actually been fired.

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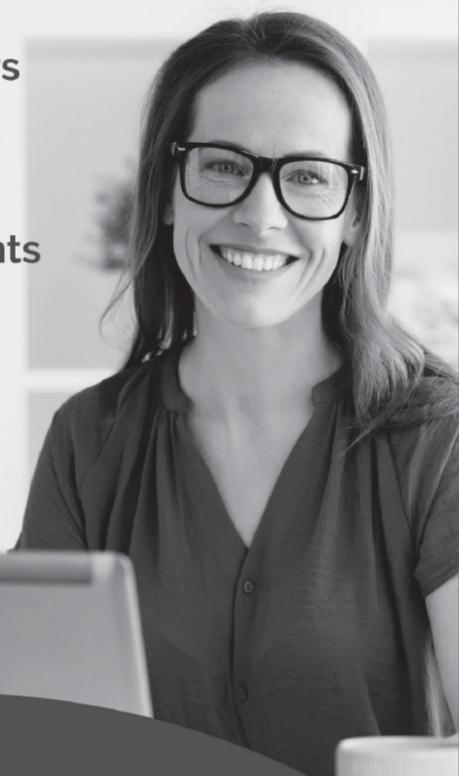
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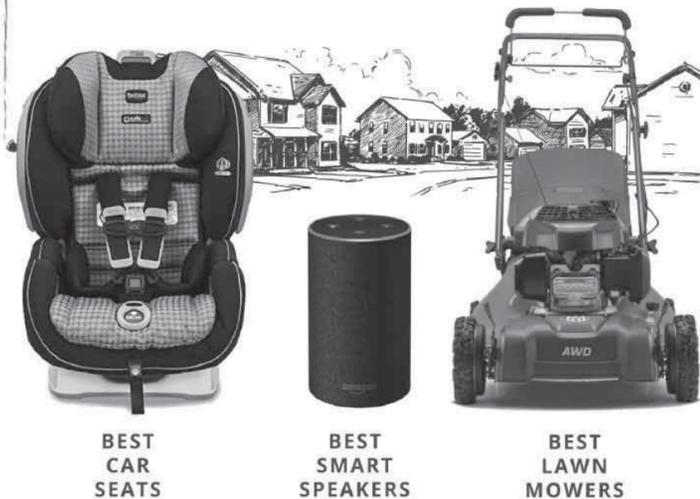
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## In Memoriam



**Irvin 'Lefty' Albert**  
12/19/1918-12/22/2006

IN MEMORIAM ON YOUR 100TH BIRTHDAY Dad, you took great pleasure in seeing your family enjoy your efforts. You were such a good dad and husband, good to your parents and aunt and uncle. You were by far the best of all of us. You protected and provided and we still benefit from your caring efforts every day.

The most beautiful prayer I have for you is that the Lord lifts up his countenance upon you, and smiles-probably because you just told him a goofy joke.

I love you daddy. 100 hugs, I wish I could give. Your "favorite daughter"

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## Philip A. Gavin

Phil, Can't believe you have been gone for 9 years. We miss and think about you everyday. Love always, Diane, Erin and Maura

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## Death Notices

### Abate, Robert Paul

Robert Paul Abate passed away on December 5th, 2018 after a long illness. He was surrounded by family members and loving caregivers.

Robert was born in Oak Park, Illinois on January 16, 1929. The only child of Paul and Rose Freundt Abate, he was raised in Melrose Park, IL. He was a graduate from DePaul University and received his MBA from the University of Chicago.

After college he embarked on his lifelong career in banking. He worked at the American National Bank as a Group Vice President. While there he served at the Office of Education at the requests of Presidents Johnson and Nixon, helping to organize the Student Loan Program.

He acquired control of the Elgin National Bank in 1973. He was also at the same time, the Chairman of the Elgin State Bank, The Plum Grove Bank of Rolling Meadows, IL and the First National Bank of Marengo, IL. Until his retirement in 2011, he divided his time between homes in Lake Bluff, IL and La Quinta, CA. The last year and a half of his life was spent at his home in Spokane, WA.

For many years an avid golfer, he was a member of Bob O' Link Golf Club in Highland Park, IL, La Quinta County Club and The Quarry in La Quinta, CA. He was a voracious reader, reading up to three to four books a week. He loved crossword puzzles and movie trivia. He was known to write handwritten notes to friends and family sharing articles in the news he thought they would appreciate. He was a man's man and was a mentor to many.

Robert is survived by his wife, Sonja, son Mark Abate (Gloria) of Greer, SC, stepchildren; Robin Black of Palm Desert, CA, Ray Black of Indio, CA, Rhonda Black of Spokane, WA, and granddaughter Lauren Albright (John) of Palatine, IL.

The family would like to acknowledge his caregivers and doctors who were so attentive and kind, giving him wonderful care during his last years. Services were private at his request. Remembrances in his honor may be made to Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army.

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### Acosta, Connie

Connie Acosta, formerly of Clinton Ave in Berwyn and 23rd St in Chicago left this world and her loving family on December 24, 2018 in Wenatchee, Washington. Connie was 90 and was married nearly 69 years to her husband Louie who survives her. Connie was born at home on Jefferson Street in Chicago on January 25, 1928, the year before the

Wall Street Crash of 1929, and grew up during the Great Depression and World War II. Growing up on the south side near 47th Street and Wentworth, she graduated from St. Cecilia Grammar School. As a young woman, she enjoyed going to dances with her sister Esther especially at the elaborate and famous Aragon and Trianon Ballrooms. Part of the "pioneering" Mexican-American families of Chicago, she was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Roosevelt Road. A devout Catholic always dependent on God, Connie also had a great love and devotion to St. Anthony, the patron saint of lost articles. She always encouraged her family to ask St. Anthony to pray for them when something went missing. Connie married her loving husband Louie on January 22, 1950 at St. Francis. Together, they produced a family of four children: Hope, Richard (Rick), Martha, and Louis (Louie Jr.). Primarily a homemaker, she also worked outside of the home as a school bus driver for 22 years with Diversey Bus Service. She was proud of her professional driving ability as she cared for students with special needs. Connie and Louie left Berwyn for Las Cruces, New Mexico and spent 12 warm sunny years there before moving near their son two and a half years ago. One of Connie's favorite foods was potatoes. She loved them cooked in every way, and was famous in her family for her enchiladas filled with cheese, onion, and potatoes. A hard worker and handy around the house, she helped her husband Louie with special projects, and especially enjoyed yard work and being outside. However, everyone knew to keep their fine china out of her reach since she seemed to have the uncanny ability to accidentally cause breakage. She had good rhythm and loved to dance with her kids, pursuing her lips and keeping time to the beat of all kinds of music including Big Band and disco. As a friend and good neighbor, she helped her neighbors with their dying mothers as she had done for her own mother in own her home for many years. Her priority in life was her family and she would do all she could for her kids and family. She is survived by her husband Louie currently of Wenatchee, Washington, daughter Hope of Arlington, Texas, son Rick of Wenatchee, Washington, and daughter Martha of Chicago, Illinois. Also left behind are four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter at birth, her son Louie Jr., and her siblings. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Paul Church, 2127 W. 22nd Pl. in Chicago on Friday, January 18th at 10:00 am with interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. A luncheon hosted by the family will follow.

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### Bangart, Phyllis J

Phyllis Jane Bangart nee Wentland, 82, quietly passed away on January 1, 2019. Phyllis was the cherished mother of Laura, Jill (Robert) Moore and Cynthia. James, her loving husband of 53 years, and son, Steven, preceded Phyllis in death. Her funeral service will be at St. David's Episcopal Church in Glenview on January 19, 2019, at 11 AM. An extended obituary may be viewed at [www.cremation-society.com](http://www.cremation-society.com)

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### Baty, Jody

Jody Baty, nee Licht. Age 66, of Park Ridge. Passed away peacefully on January 10, 2019 from complications of a ruptured aneurysm in her brain. Born March 9, 1952, graduate of York High School (1970), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Northeastern Illinois University, and St. Xavier University; biologist, swim coach, science teacher at Emerson Middle School in Park Ridge. Jody had a beautiful and ready smile. She was an enthusiastic learner, an energetic teacher, a lover of adventure, astronomy, and life. Beloved wife of William Baty. Loving mother of Jill (Ian Pearce) Baty, and Karin Baty. Adored grandmother of three. Dear sister of John (Joanne Renna) Licht, Priscilla Licht, Jennifer (Vicki Sliger) Hamilton, Jeffrey Hamilton (Carol) Licht, Nancy Breed, Richard Breed, and David (Paula) Baty. Dear cousin and aunt to many. Preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth Licht, father, Herbert Licht, and step-mother, Ruth Breed Licht.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019, 10 a.m., at First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Doctors Without Borders, [www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org) or The Nature Conservancy, [www.nature.org/en-us](http://www.nature.org/en-us), appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, [www.ryan-parke.com](http://www.ryan-parke.com).

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### Baumstark, Louise A.

Louise A. Baumstark, 72, of Buffalo Grove, at rest January 7, 2019. Loving mother of Jim (Bridget) Baumstark. Proud grandmother of Matthew and Maggie Baumstark. Sister of Ellen (Bob) Hansen. Aunt of Brandon and Kirstin. Beloved daughter of the late Robert and Dolores Werderlitch. Visitation Thursday January 17, 4-8 p.m. at the **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Rd. Glenview. Family and friends will meet for funeral mass, 10 a.m. Friday January 18, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St. Glenview. Interment private All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Bernie's Book Bank, 917 N. Shore Dr., Lake Bluff, IL 60044.91917 N

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### Bejna, Jacqueline

Jacqueline Bejna nee Grimaldi, age 57, of Darien, Illinois, passed away on January 10, 2019 at her home after a courageous battle with lung disease. She was the beloved wife of Jim Bejna and mother of Jimmy and Jessie Bejna. Jackie was born in Cicero, IL May 15, 1961 and grew up in Elmhurst, IL. She was the daughter of Anthony Grimaldi and the late Carole Grimaldi. Jackie was a dedicated wife and mother who worked tirelessly to provide a beautiful home and life for her whole family. Besides her husband, Jim, Jackie leaves her son, Jimmy Bejna, daughter Jessie Bejna and grandson James Bryant. Jackie also leaves behind her beloved father Anthony Grimaldi, sister Sandy Acanfora, nieces, Nichole Gehman and Michelle Darrach-Pace, as well as numerous close friends and family members. Jackie was an incredible person who was dedicated to her family and friends and loved spending time with them. She also enjoyed gardening, decorating and creating a loving safe haven for her family. She was extremely generous and did all she could to help those around her. Visitation Monday 9:00 AM until prayers at 10:45AM at **Modell Funeral Home** 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien, to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Mass 11:30 AM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the COPD Foundation @ [www.copdfoundation.org](http://www.copdfoundation.org). For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

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### Bersani, Paul M.

Paul M. Bersani, 60, passed away at his home on January 9, 2019. He was born to Joseph and Gloria Bersani in Chicago on February 28, 1958. Paul grew up in a large Irish-Italian family and had eight siblings, including his twin Gloria. In 1987 he met the love of his life, Barbara Peterson, in Chicago and they were married December 31, 1989 in Sunriver, OR. They moved to Vancouver, WA in 1992 where they started their family.

He was very proud of his Italian heritage and could often be found cooking or making pasta "gravy" for his family and friends. Paul was an avid hockey fan and played goalie until he was 50. He loved the Chicago Blackhawks and the Chicago Cubs, and attended Game 3 of the historical World Series with his son. He was best known for welcoming his family and friends into his home for meals, always toasting to La Famiglia. Paul is survived by his wife of 29 years, Barbara Bersani, son Stephen (Rudi); daughter, Anna; and grandson Grayson. He is also survived by his siblings Patty (Ted), Christine (Rich), Elaine (Fred), Joseph (Brenda), Gloria (Dean), Michael (Sharon), Tony (Tammy), Margaret (Jim), and 50+ nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vancouver WA. A reception will follow immediately after. A memorial will also be held February 9, 2019 10:00 a.m. at St. Thecla, 6725 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, IL 60631.

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### Bird, Betty L.

Betty Lou Bird, nee Neumann; Former loving wife of the late Robert; Beloved mother of Ann Yacullo, Tara (Spero) Pavlopoulos, and Mary (Patrick) May; Proud grandma of Alexa and Joanna Pavlopoulos, and Nicole Yacullo; Visitation Monday, 3:00 p.m. until time of Chapel Service 7:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street. Interment Private; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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### Brian Owley, Dr. Thomas

Dr. Thomas Brian Owley, age 53, died on December 19, 2018, at Loyola University Medical Center. He fought valiantly for his life, but was unable to overcome medical challenges associated with IPF.

Dr. Owley attended the University of Illinois at Champaign and Chicago, where he earned degrees in medicine and psychiatry. He specialized in the study and treatment of childhood autism. In recent years, he treated and helped adolescents and American veterans with psychological issues. Dr. Owley was a distinguished physician with a myriad of accomplishments in medicine and publishing. His fellow colleagues were among his dearest friends.

In addition to his medical career, Tom enjoyed traveling the world and experiencing different cultures. He was an accomplished guitarist, recording and touring with a local Chicago band. Because of these and other pastimes, he made many additional close friendships.

Tom will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. In a selfless act of kindness, as an organ donor, Tom continues to help others.

Thomas "Tommy" Owley was preceded in death by his father, John Owley and a cousin, Rick Butler. He is survived by his mother, Carol, nee Nelson, (Walt) Thyng, a brother Steven (Judith) Owley, a sister Katherine (James) Hepp, fond nephews, Peter, Jackson and a niece Amanda; an aunt Jane, nee Nelson, Butler and a cousin Patti (Scott) Haiduck. In addition, he is survived by many friends he considered family, especially Chance Ramirez and Sonya Owley, and one uncle, several aunts and cousins living in Wisconsin.

Please visit and contribute to Tom's memorial page at [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com) as well as Conley Funeral Home's Facebook page and website, [www.conley-care.com](http://www.conley-care.com).

A celebration and remembrance of Tom will take place at a later date.

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### Bryant, Kevin Patrick

It is with great sadness the family of Kevin Patrick Bryant announces his passing on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at the age of 38. Kevin joins his Grandpa Jack with whom he shared a special bond. Kevin will be forever remembered by his wife, Kristin, his parents, Beth and Fritz Kroeger and Joy and Paul Bryant, his brothers Matt (Jennifer) and Kevin

(Sue), his Grandmother Rose Alice and his playful and enormous dog, Egon. Kevin will also be lovingly remembered by his nephews and nieces, Maddie, Jack, Henry, Ellie and Will, and Aunt Beverly and Uncle Ward and many cousins.

Kevin was born on May 2, 1980 and grew up in Lake Forest, IL. He attended Westminster School in Connecticut and Skidmore College in New York. He treasured the countless good times with his friends and held special memories from his time spent in school.

Kevin was athletic and a star player on the hockey rink and the lacrosse field. He found great joy in his teammates, never wanting to leave the locker room and always engaging in good natured banter.

Kevin brought smiles to everyone in the room and always shared himself generously. He mastered the art of storytelling and could hold the attention of any room. Kevin had an engaging personality and was a natural salesman, both contributors to his professional success. He will be remembered for his big loving heart, his warm smile and his contagious laughter.

A Celebration of Kevin's life will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at Knollwood Country Club in Lake Forest from 4-7pm.

Memorial donations in memory of Kevin can be made to the animal rescue association of your choice.

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### Buhle Sr., Donald F.

Donald Frederick Buhle, Sr. of Glen Ellyn passed away valiantly on January 9, 2019 after several medical challenges.

Don was born on April 27, 1937 in Chicago to George Henry Buhle and Josephine Verna (née Eikel) Buhle and was a brother to George, Shirley and Patricia Buhle. In addition to his parents and siblings, Don was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years Mary Ann in 2017, as well as their daughter Nancy in 2016.

After graduating from Rich East High School in Park Forest in 1955, Don served in the US Army from 1957-59 as part of the Military Police. He met the love of his life Mary Ann Gergel, and Don and Mary Ann were married on October 1st, 1960.

Don worked for many years at Illinois Bell and Ameritech Cellular and later in life became a successful real estate broker. Don was awarded the AT&T Vail Medal in 1961 after climbing through a tangle of downed power lines to pull an accident victim from his car and successfully administering CPR.

Don and Mary Ann had four children: Nancy, Leslie, Donald and Gary. They are survived by their daughter Leslie (Johnson), her husband Brad and their children Henry and William; their son Donald, his wife Cathy and their children Anna and Eric; their son Gary, his wife Michelle and their twins Amelia and Natalie; their son-in-law Dave Weinstein, his wife Penny and their children David (Kate), Danny (Caitlyn), Matthew and Nicole as well as one great-grandchild Jackson (Danny and Caitlyn).

Don was a loyal husband, incredible father, amazing grandpa and good friend. He lived a full and happy life, centered around his family and work. His great optimism and good cheer inspired everyone he met. Don and Mary Ann are greatly missed by their family and many, many friends.

Also, the Family appreciates so many kind thoughts and prayers, and in Don's memory, suggests that all seniors and military veterans remember to request the appropriate recognition and discount everywhere it could possibly apply!

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### Carollo, Karen Regina Minetz

Karen Regina Minetz Carollo went to the lord on January 9th, 2019. She was born on June 26th, 1942 in Chicago, IL to Stephen and Helen Minetz. She is survived by her children, Dawn Payne (Husband Robert), Donald Carollo (Wife Johnnie), Dominic Carollo (Wife Michele), and Daren Carollo. She is also survived by her Grandchildren (Who called her GG and Graham) Marlene, Savana, Briana, Jordan, Natalie, Sara, Dominic, and Jack and her great grandchildren Rylee and Cooper. Also, her brother Robert Minetz (Wife Jill). She translated a love of travel into a 20 year plus career at American Airlines. Her constant laugh was extremely infectious. We do not think she ever shook a hand because she always insisted on a hug.

A visitation will be held at 10am at Corpus Christi Church in Carol Stream, Illinois. There will be a funeral service immediately following the visitation. In Lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to her favorite theatre, 42nd Street Moon, PO Box 426470 San Francisco, CA 94124

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### Casey, J. Suzanne 'Susan'

Pittsford: Died peacefully on January 10, 2019 at the age of 82. Susan was born September 15, 1936 to Irwin 'Duke' and Maizelle (Edwards) Haviland in Chicago, IL and predeceased in death by her parents. Susan was married to her loving, devoted husband, Thomas H. Casey, MD, in Chicago, IL in 1958. She was a graduate of Northwestern

University Passavant School of Nursing. She was the teacher and loving parent of Maureen A. (Don) Novak, MD of Gainesville, FL, and Kevin J. (Janet) Casey, MD of Pittsford, NY. She is survived by her husband Thomas; children, Maureen and Kevin; grandchildren, Colleen A. (Kays) Gutman, MD and Tommy Gutman of Atlanta, GA, Allison M. Kays, PhD and Ryan Mark of Atlanta, GA, Bridget A. Casey of New York, NY, Andrew S. Kays of Indianapolis, IN, Patrick T. Casey of Santa Monica, CA, and great grandchild, Theodore T. Gutman of Atlanta, GA. Susan always had a quiet pride in her family, her Mayflower ancestry and her DAR membership.

Services will be held privately for the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Susan's honor to the American Heart Association, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02247 or a charity of your choice. To share a memory of Susan or send a condolence to the family visit [www.anthonychapels.com](http://www.anthonychapels.com).

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## Cebuhar, John Anthony

John Anthony Cebuhar, age 68, passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2018. 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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## Coe, Robert Alan

Robert Alan Coe, age 81, beloved and adored husband of Roberta Coe; loving father of Mark (Shari) Coe, Chad (Jill) Coe and Jamie Coe; cherished grandfather of Justin, Geoffrey, Breana (fiancé Jay), Jordan and Zachary Coe, Taylor, Brendan, Ashley and Alec Wise, friend Zulie; dear brother of Barbara (Gerald) Saperstein and brother-in-law of Randy (Steve) Martin; favorite uncle of Mindy, Cary (Michelle) and Meredith; caring step-father of Jeff, Howard (Ali), and Ed Wise; step-grandfather of Jesse, Brandon and Nicholas; step-great grandfather to Luna; Chapel service Tuesday, January 15, 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Keshet at [www.keshet.org](http://www.keshet.org). For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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## Cohen, Marvin

Marvin Cohen, 88, beloved husband of the late Jacqueline Cohen (nee Nixon); devoted father of the late Michelle (Thomas Kissel) Cohen-Kissel; cherished "honorary" father of Lori Anderson; dear brother of the late Frieda (late Fred Isaacson) Cohen-Isaacson; treasured brother-in-law of Shirley (late Jaime) Saponar; proud uncle and great-uncle of many. Marvin was honored to serve in the U.S. Army. He touched many students' lives as a beloved math teacher at Von Steuben High School. Funeral service Monday, Jan. 14, 10:30 AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org). For info: 847-256-5700.

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## Conklin, Thomas William

Thomas William Conklin, age 80, of Lawrence, MI passed peacefully from this life on New Year's Day 2019, with family by his side. Thomas was born March 1, 1938, in Chicago, Illinois, a son of Clarence Robert and Ellen Pauline (Gleason) Conklin. He received his BA degree from Yale University in 1960 and his JD degree from University of Chicago in 1963. During the Vietnam War, he completed basic training with the U.S. Air Force and then joined the U.S. Navy, achieving rank of lieutenant while serving as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps until his honorable discharge in 1969. He practiced law from his admittance to the Illinois Bar in 1964, when he joined his father's law firm in Chicago, until his retirement from the bar in 2012, while practicing in partnership with his son, Tom, Jr. in Chicago, IL. During his long career, he had numerous legal partnerships in Chicago. He was primarily a defense attorney and trial lawyer involved in local, state, district and federal cases. Although he tried many high profile cases, perhaps the most lasting result of his career was sharing of his knowledge and experience by mentoring those willing to apply the energy and methods needed to achieve results in accordance with his high legal and ethical standards. In 2007, he was selected by his peers to be named an Illinois Super Lawyer.

Thomas always had an appreciation for the beauty and diversity of living things, especially plants. His hobby interest developed into a second profession as he studied and became an ISA Certified Arborist and a Michigan Certified Nurseryman. When he purchased Walnut Hill Farm in southwest Michigan in 1997, with his landscape architect partner, Joyce Latta of LaGrange, IL, it was with the intention to grow roses hardy enough to survive Michigan winters without protection. They held seminars, workshops, and tours of their many display gardens to teach others about roses, herbs, and woody plants. Thomas was a member of the American Rose Society for 48 years, an ARS accredited Rose Judge in the Great Lakes District, a Consulting Rosarian since 2002, was awarded the designation of Master Consulting Rosarian in 2015 for his many years of service, and served as President of the local ARS affiliate, the Southwest Michigan Celebration of Roses.

At a very young age, Thomas found solace in the written word. He had a special appreciation for the classics, poetry, and works of a religious nature. He used his vast collection as reference when he taught comparative religion classes. He was a Christian believer who practiced those principles daily. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Bangor, MI, a member and was married in 2008, at the First Congregational Church in Kalamazoo, MI. He also attended services at the Family Gospel Church in Bangor, MI.

Thomas loved all types of music, collecting various types of recording media, attending live performances, and supporting artists in the recording their performances. Although he always had appreciated fine art, it wasn't until his later years when he received a gift of a drawing class at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts from his wife, that he was finally able to develop his artistic creativity. He enjoyed interacting with the artist/instructors and other students as he learned to create with various media. Thomas believed in truth, kindness to one another, and equitable treatment of women. He was a loving generous person, an uncommon man who was making lasting friendships until the very end. He led a life rich in his association and interaction with people and beautiful things of this world. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Adrienne Stephens; and a step brother, Robert Burkoff. On June 7, 2008, he was united in marriage to Joyce E. Latta of LaGrange, IL, who survives. Also surviving, 2 children, Thomas W. (Ava Zacharuk) Conklin, Jr. of Park Ridge, IL and Sarah Conklin of Kansas City, MO; 2 grandchildren, Olivia Alicia Conklin and Charles Thomas Conklin; a sister, Melissa Pedersen of Arlington Heights, IL; in-laws Alice Zacharuk of Arlington Heights, IL, and Jack (Dawn) Zacharuk of Machesney Park, IL. Private cremation and ceremony has taken place. Memorials may be directed to the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Kirk Newman Art School Scholarship Fund ([www.kiarts.org](http://www.kiarts.org)) and the Rose Arbor Hospice Residence, a division of Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan ([www.hospiceswmi.org](http://www.hospiceswmi.org)).

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## Davis Jr., Champ W.

Champ W. Davis, Jr., 78, recognized by Chicago Magazine as an "Illinois Super Lawyer," died Wednesday at home in Oak Brook. Born in Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Davis attended the University of Illinois, earning a BS in General Engineering and his JD at the College of Law, where he served on the Law Review and was admitted to the Order of the Coif. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. After moving to Chicago, he joined the law firm of Chadwell & Kayser, where he was a partner and head of the Litigation Group, until 1990, when he co-founded the Davis McGrath law firm. Involved with many legal issues and matters, Mr. Davis was appointed in 2010, Chair of the Full Hearing Board of the ARDC (Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission of the Illinois Supreme Court). For his long history of dedicated service in the Illinois Bar Association, he was recognized by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin as a "Leading Lawyer" in Illinois in the fields of commercial litigation and computer and technology law. From 1992-2012, he taught Negotiations as an adjunct professor at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, receiving accolades from the student reviews and faculty alike. A resident of Oak Brook since 1986, he unselfishly volunteered his time, effort, and expertise. The past eight years, he served as the village's Zoning Board Chairman. Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, Janet, and their three children, Champ III (Lisa), Craig, and Jill (Evan Brown). He is also fondly remembered by five grandchildren, Champ IV, Clara and Lucy Davis, and Austin and Tyler Brown. BOTH the Visitation, Thursday, January 17, (3:00-8:00 PM) and the Memorial Service, Friday, January 18th, (10:00-11:00 AM), will be held at the Elmhurst First Congregational, UCC, 235 Kenilworth, Elmhurst. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Elmhurst First Congregational Church, where Champ served faithfully as a trustee and chairman of the church endowment committee. Arrangements by **Ahlgim Funeral Home**. Info 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgim.com](http://www.ahlgim.com).

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## Duchen, Shirley Beatrice

Shirley Beatrice Duchen, nee Hurwitz, age 100. Beloved wife of the late Samuel J. Duchen. Loving mother of Jerry (the late Gail) Duchen and Tina (Alan) Marcus. Cherished grandmother of Melissa (Brian) Wightman and Jolie (Brad) Friedman. Proud great-grandmother of Benji, Myla, Devin and Bryn. Dear sister of the late Richard Hurwitz. Cherished sister-in-law of the late Audrey Dixton. Treasured aunt of Cindy Hausfeld (the late Richard) and the late Alan Hurwitz. Service Monday, 10 AM Westlawn Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge with interment to follow. The family thanks her loving caregivers Heidi and Lulu. We would be lost without them. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove - 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com).

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## Falato-Funk, Mary Dolores

Mary Dolores Falato-Funk, 84, formerly of Arlington Heights was born March 5, 1934 in Chicago to Ralph and Josephine Tassone and passed away peacefully on January 11, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Dolores was the beloved wife of the late Nicholas J. Funk and former wife of the late James F. Falato II; loving mother of JoAnne (David) Cederberg, James Falato III, Ralph (Donna) Falato, Robert (Lora) Falato, Vincent Falato, Steven Falato, Juliana (Edward) Schulte and MaryBeth Funk Elfering (Gary); cherished grandmother of Brittany Cederberg, Jennifer (Salvatore) Licata, and Michael Cederberg; Angella, James IV, Thomas, Noelle, and Anthony Falato; Bryan (Margaret) Falato, Keith (fiancé Lauren Delehoy) Falato, Scott and Paige Falato; Joseph, Gina, and Francesca Falato; Victoria, Samuel, Mariana, Vincent, Marchella, and Giada Falato; Kristen and Kaitlyn Elfering; great-grandmother of Carson, John and Benjamin Falato and loving sister of the late Therese Anne Ragano. Beloved by all who knew her for her kindness, warmth, and compassion. Dolores will be truly missed by all. Visitation will be Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights and Monday, January 14, 2019 at St. Edna Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights from 9:00 AM until the time of the funeral mass at 10:00 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to ALS Foundation, Chicago Chapter, 220 W. Huron Street, #4003, Chicago, IL 60654 appreciated. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or [lauterburgoeher.com](http://lauterburgoeher.com).

James Falato III, Ralph (Donna) Falato, Robert (Lora) Falato, Vincent Falato, Steven Falato, Juliana (Edward) Schulte and MaryBeth Funk Elfering (Gary); cherished grandmother of Brittany Cederberg, Jennifer (Salvatore) Licata, and Michael Cederberg; Angella, James IV, Thomas, Noelle, and Anthony Falato; Bryan (Margaret) Falato, Keith (fiancé Lauren Delehoy) Falato, Scott and Paige Falato; Joseph, Gina, and Francesca Falato; Victoria, Samuel, Mariana, Vincent, Marchella, and Giada Falato; Kristen and Kaitlyn Elfering; great-grandmother of Carson, John and Benjamin Falato and loving sister of the late Therese Anne Ragano. Beloved by all who knew her for her kindness, warmth, and compassion. Dolores will be truly missed by all. Visitation will be Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights and Monday, January 14, 2019 at St. Edna Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights from 9:00 AM until the time of the funeral mass at 10:00 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to ALS Foundation, Chicago Chapter, 220 W. Huron Street, #4003, Chicago, IL 60654 appreciated. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or [lauterburgoeher.com](http://lauterburgoeher.com).

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## Fisher, Joseph Paul

Joseph Paul Fisher, 94, of Chicago, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. He was born February 27, 1924, in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Paul G. and Marie Fisher. He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Helen Schwarzl Fisher; his son Mark Fisher (Laura Fisher); his son Paul Fisher (Danah Fisher); his daughter Janet Fisher (companion, Fabrice Baumgartner); his grandchildren Charles Fisher (fiancee, Catherine Napier); Daniel Fisher (Kristin Harris); and Gabriel Fisher (Jamie Elerbe Fisher) and many nieces and nephews. He was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and was Deputy General Counsel of Aluminum Company of America before retiring in 1989. He was naval officer who served in the Pacific theater of World War II and a civic leader in his long-time hometown of Moon Township, Pennsylvania. In his own words, he wished to be remembered as "a man filled with gratitude to God for a long and happy life, sustained by the love of my wife and children to the end." A private interment will be at Holy Angels Mausoleum, Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Township.

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## Gannon, Patrick Roy

Patrick Roy Gannon, 76 of Itasca. Beloved husband of Diane nee Hoffmann. Loving father of Patrick M. Gannon, Kerry (Rocky) Sainato and Colleen (Don) Butler. Cherished grandfather of Lindsey, Brynn, Shannon, Cassidy and Nicholas. Dearest great-grandfather of Autumn. Fond brother of Corinne (the late Raymond) Flemm. Memorial Visitation, Sunday January 13, 2019 2-5 PM, with a Memorial Funeral Service at 4 PM at **Humes Funeral Home**, 320 W. Lake St., Addison (2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83, 2 Mi. E. of Rt. 53). Interment private. For info, [www.HumesFH.com](http://www.HumesFH.com) or 630.628.8808.

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## Gaston-Gray, Mary C.

Mary C. Gaston-Gray (née Deluce), age 61, late of Lansing. Beloved wife of Steve; devoted mother of James; proud grandmother; loving sister of Darlene, Issac, August, and the late Augustina; kind aunt of Joshua, Loretta "Reda", Jonathan "Jonny", and Jessica "Princess". Mary was a security officer at G4S. Services and interment private. Arrangements entrusted to **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)**, (708)841-2300 or [www.thornridgefuneralhomes.com](http://www.thornridgefuneralhomes.com)

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## Giannini, Donald V.

Donald V. Giannini, age 87. Beloved husband of the late Arlene Giannini nee Foss; loving father of Stacy (Victor) Damato, Wendy (Kenny) Brewer, and Scott (Debby) Giannini; beloved son of the late Giuseppe and Rose Giannini nee Saravo; fond grandfather Rosanna (Eddie), Nick, Arlena, Katie (Greg), and Alex; great grandfather of Domenico. Visitation Sunday January 13, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral Services begin Monday at the funeral home at 8:30 a.m. and will proceed to Our Lady Mother of the Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Entombment to follow at All Saints Mausoleum. For more info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com) or 708-456-8300.

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## Gudgeon, William

William Gudgeon 100, beloved husband of the late Louise, loving father of Julie (Jeff) Arfsten, Donna (Mike) Roman, the late Mary Ellen Koutney, grandfather of 10, great grandfather of 9, brother of the late Frank, Robert and Margaret Finlayson. Visitation is 4-8 PM Friday January 18, 2019 at the Kristan Funeral Home PC 219 West Maple Ave. (2 blocks west of Rt. 45 on Rt. 176) Mundelein. Funeral mass is 10 AM Saturday at Santa Maria del Popolo Chapel 116 N. Lake St. (Route 45) Mundelein. Interment Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville. In lieu of flowers memorials to the St. Vincent de Paul Society 116 N. Lake St. Mundelein, IL 60060. For information visit [www.kristanfuneralhome.com](http://www.kristanfuneralhome.com) or call 847-566-8020.

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## Hall, Claire Brophy

Claire Brophy Hall, 58 of Chicago was born February 17, 1960 to James and Barbara (nee Cook) Brophy and passed away January 7, 2019. Claire was the beloved wife of Mark J. Hall; dear step-mother of 4 and step-grandmother of 2; loving sister of Barbara (Thomas) Haravon, Mary Alice Brophy, James (Gail) Brophy and Michael (Marili McFawn) Brophy and cherished aunt of 9 nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation will be Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 10:00 AM until the time of the Memorial Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Mary Parish, 10 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove. Interment will be in St. Mary Church Cemetery. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or [lauterburgoeher.com](http://lauterburgoeher.com)

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## Hunt, Edmund B.

Ed Hunt, 73, of Chandler, AZ, formerly of Chicago, passed December 12, 2018. He will be remembered for his kindness, advocacy, wisdom and wit. A memorial will be held in Chicago mid-May. Please consider a donation in Ed's name to the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. [www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/chandler-az/edmund-hunt-8086949](http://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/chandler-az/edmund-hunt-8086949)

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## Huybrecht, Carole

Carole Huybrecht died Dec 23, 2018 in Green Bay, WI. She was employed at the National Safety Council in Chicago for forty-two years as a Program Coordinator in the Community and Agricultural Safety department until her retirement. Missed by her sister-in-law, Jean Huybrecht, two nephews and families: Jeffrey and Jennifer Huybrecht of Maple Grove, MN, and Matthew and Melissa Huybrecht of Richfield, MN. She has been reunited with her parents, Alden and Delia (Selen) Huybrecht, her brother, William "Bill" Huybrecht, and friend who passed on before her. A private service will be held in January in Green Bay WI. Full obituary at [www.cotterfuneralhome.com](http://www.cotterfuneralhome.com) Memorials to the Wisconsin Humane Society Green Bay Campus at <https://bayareahumanesociety.com/>.

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## Kadziela, Frank A.

Frank A. Kadziela, 95, Veteran WWII, Army. Loving husband of the late Dorothy S., nee Wlezen. Beloved father of Cynthia M. (the late John L.) Haberkorn and Judy M. (Bob) Burns. Fond grandfather of Holly, Kevin and Kyle. Dear brother of the late Edward (late Ann), Adam (late Julia) and Stephanie (late Stanley) Groszek. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received at Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 Cermak Rd, Westchester Sunday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Prayers Monday, 9:15 a.m. to Divine Providence Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to your favorite charity. 708-562-5900.

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## Kanz, Beverly D.

Beverly D. Kanz, age 91, devoted wife of Vernon G. Kanz for 70 years. Loving mother of Jeffrey B. Kanz and Tracey (Steven) Pekala. Much loved "Mum" to her grandchildren Katherine, Madeline, Patrick and Brian Pekala. Her spirit will be honored by her family and friend through her memories, her laughter and passion for life. Memorial Mass Friday, January 18, 2019 at 10:00am at St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Avenue, Northbrook. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Northshore University Healthcare Foundation, Hospice Fund, 103 University Pl., Ste 450, Evanston, IL 60201, [www.foundation.northshore.org/donate](http://www.foundation.northshore.org/donate). Funeral info: John E. Maloney Funeral Home (773)764-1617

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## Kim, Tong Soo

Dr. Tong Soo Kim, of Chicago, passed away at home on January 5, 2019, at age 89. Dr. Kim was loving husband to Dr. Gemma Yoonsim Kang; father of Albert (Miriam) and Hermann (Margaret); grandfather to Max, Henry, Miles, Robyn, and Zoey. He was born in Seoul, Korea. He moved to Chicago in 1951, when the Korean War interrupted his undergraduate studies at Seoul National University. He continued his studies at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), where he earned a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering. He worked for many years in the field of heat transfer research at IIT and the Borg Warner Corporation's Research Center in Des Plaines, IL. He was a deeply intellectual man, who read widely and enjoyed debate in the areas of politics, economics, and multiple branches of science, especially the sciences of the mind and the brain. He loved music and devotedly attended performances of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Lyric Opera. He was a great appreciator of nature's beauty and was lucky enough to travel to many beautiful places in the world, always with a camera. In addition to his immediate family, Dr. Kim is survived by a brother and four sisters, along with many nieces and nephews. A private family farewell service was held. A gathering to celebrate his life will be held in summer, 2019.

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### King, Patrick G.

Patrick G. King, resident of Lake Forest, passed away on January 10, 2019 at age 51. He is survived by his four cherished children, Shane, Colin, Molly and Riley King and their mom, Beth, of Vernon Hills. Beloved son of Therese King and the late John. Loving brother to Gerry (Brian) Micheli, Jim (Wendy) King, John King, Maura King, Noreen (Robert) Suing, and Therese (Lou) Nohos. Caring uncle to Tess Micheli; Kelsey, Daniel and Kori King; Ryan, John, Steven and Daniel King; Sean King; Kate Suing; and Abby and John Nohos. Devoted nephew, cousin, friend and colleague to many.

An avid fan of watersports, motorcycles and fast cars, his driving was outpaced only by his wit. He was a talented trial attorney, graduate of John Marshall Law School and former partner with Ulmer & Berne and Neal Gerber.

Visitation will be Tuesday Jan. 15 from 9:30 AM until services at 12 Noon at **McMurrugh Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Place Libertyville (Rt 176, 1 Block East of Milwaukee Ave). Interment will follow at Ascension Cemetery. Information 847 362 2626 sign guestbook at [libertyvillefuneralhcm.com](http://libertyvillefuneralhcm.com).

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### Kuzin, Louise A.

Louise A. Kuzin, of Berwyn, beloved wife of the late Leonard; loving mother of Norine (Emil) Radtke, Gary (fiancée Carol), Cynthia (Scott) Collins and the late Mary (Ted) Charnstrom; dear grandmother of Marshall Radtke, Margaret Carrico, Wendy Wickman, Emil Radtke, Jr., Hollie Worden, Krista Fink and Corey Collins; cherished great grandmother of 7 and great great grandmother of one; fond sister of Lucille (George) Weidner. Funeral Wednesday 9:00 a.m. from **Linhart Funeral Home**, 6820 W. Cermak Rd., Berwyn to St. Odilo Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3 to 8 p.m. Info at [www.linhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.linhartfuneralhome.com) or (708) 749-2255



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### La Ha, Carol Ruth

Carol R. La Ha, age 72, of No. Aurora, IL, passed away on December 17th, 2018.

Beloved mother of Carole Russell (Paul) of Brookfield, IL, and Michele Pieniasek (Scott) of Lombard, IL. Dear Sister to James Cahill (Sandra) and preceded in death by her brother, Daniel Cahill (Joanne). Proud grandmother to Paul, Christopher, Daniel (Stephanie), and Thomas Russell, Ethan and Aidan Pieniasek. Cherished daughter to the late James and Eleanor Cahill. Loving aunt and loyal friend of many. Retired from Walgreens. Her smile and selfless heart of gold will be lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Memorial Visitation will be held at St. Louise de Marillac (1144 Harrison Ave., LaGrange Park, IL 60526), Saturday, January 19th, 2019, at 9:30am. Followed by a Memorial Service at 10:00am. Interment will follow the service at Queen of Heaven Cemetery (1400 S. Wolf Rd., Hillside, IL 60162). In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: The Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. 2121 K Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037 or <https://www.lupus.org/illinois/home>.

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### Leslie, R. Conrad

R. Conrad Leslie passed away on December 25th.

He was 95 years old. Conrad is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Cynthia; his three children: Bruce, Lynda and Elizabeth; and three grandchildren: Molly, Chrissy and Jeffrey. Conrad's financial career in Chicago spanned five decades and he was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade for over 40 years. He embraced commodity futures trading and was affiliated with five NYSE member firms, for which he issued an early morning market newsletter. "Les" was internationally recognized in the agri-business world and his monthly crop estimate report of American corn, soy beans and wheat production during the growing season was greatly anticipated throughout the business community. He authored three books on the stock market, two of which were written in the last five years of his life. Conrad was very proud of his service as a B-24 pilot in the European theater during WWII. He flew 35 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 3 Clusters. After the war, he returned to and graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Conrad was originally from Xenia, Ohio.

A private memorial will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to the Leslie/Messenger Scholarship Fund at Miami University or a charity of your choice.

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### Lind, Marilyn Ruth

Marilyn Ruth Lind, nee Hepburn, age 86, of Streamwood, formerly of Hoffman Estates. Beloved wife of the late Bruce Clement Lind. Devoted mother of Kristin (Mark) Huston, Steven (Sharon) Lind and Marjorie (Bill) Wright. Caring grandmother of Melissa, Bradley, Colleen, Will and Ian. Born November 18, 1932 in Galesburg, Illinois to the late Robert & Ruth Hepburn, Marilyn passed away peacefully on January 5, 2019 in Elk Grove Village. Marilyn was a teacher with District 211, active with and chairman of the Hoffman Estates Historical Sites Commission and enjoyed her time at the Institute of Continued Learning at Roosevelt University. She was a gifted artist and loved playing the piano. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Field Museum of Natural History, 1400 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL 60605, the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603 or if you would like to do a good deed in her name. All services are private.

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### LINDER, GLENNA M.

Glenna M. Linder nee McKillip, 92, of Riverside, IL at rest January 10, 2019, beloved wife of 51 years of the late William Dyer Linder; devoted mother of William Glenn and Curtis Arthur (Nancy); dearest sister of the late William David (Carol) McKillip and sister-in-law of the late Arthur and Gail Gerken; dear aunt of many; fond cousin of Virginia Scott Heinemann. A lifelong resident of Riverside (Shenstone and Lawton Roads), she attended Riverside Brookfield High School (Class of 1944), was an active member (and former Deacon) of the Riverside Presbyterian Church and The Frederick Law Olmsted Society, and spent countless hours playing bridge and doubles tennis as "Big Red" at the Riverside Swim Club, for which she was among the founding members. After graduating from Blackburn College, she attended the Katharine Gibbs secretarial school and worked at the Western Electric Company Hawthorne Works in Cicero. She later attended Triton College, earning a degree in criminal justice, which she applied in her 34-year career at Carson Pirie Scott & Co. as an undercover detective, where she assisted in innumerable shoplifting pinches. With her ever-present camera and adventurous spirit, she traveled extensively through North/South America, Europe, Asia, Australia/New Zealand, and Africa with husband Bill, and later with sons Bill and Curtis and dear Riverside friends, and snapped the fateful photo in Tanzania of Curtis meeting "her Nancy" to be. An avid autograph collector, among her fondest memories of celebrity encounters was drinking with Errol Flynn and meeting Joe Louis. The family thanks the dear staff of Caledonia Senior Living/The Scottish Home for their loving care. Family and friends are invited to visit on Monday, January 14, 2019 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at **Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home**, 80 E. Burlington St., Riverside, 708-447-2261 or [www.ivinsfh.com](http://www.ivinsfh.com).

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### Lipse, Bernice J.

Bernice J. Lipse (nee Cehovick), age 88. Beloved wife of the late Louis A. Lipse. Loving mother of Brian (Linda), Nancy (Don) Nauheimer and the late Phyllis A. Lipse. Devoted grandmother of David and Michael Nauheimer, Stephanie (Richard) Conley and Michael Fiore, great grandmother of Gavin and Eli. Dear sister of Frances Stuth and preceded in death by nine siblings. Funeral Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 9:15 a.m. from the **Richard-Midway Funeral Home** 5749 Archer Ave. (corner of Lorel) to Our Lady of the Snows Church for a 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Monday from 3 to 9 p.m. [www.richardmidwayfh.com](http://www.richardmidwayfh.com) 773-767-1840

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### Loos, Paul A.

Paul A. Loos, 81, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019. Devoted father of Paul Jr., (Dawn Marie), Debbie (Steven) English, John (Jackie), Dana (Ralph) Tufano, and Jeremy. Cherished grandfather of Jonathan, Ryan, Derek, Tanner, Dalany and Gianna. Dear brother of Stephen (Belen). Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation, Sat., Jan. 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7600 W. Lake St., River Forest. (847)823-5122 or [www.nelsonfh@gmail.com](mailto:www.nelsonfh@gmail.com)

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### Maio, Rose

Rose Maio (nee Cherne), age 96. Passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, January 11, 2019. Rose was born to Lawrence and Leah Cherne on September 1, 1922 on Chicago's Southeast Side. She was the wife of William J. Maio also of the Southeast Side who preceded her in death after 65 years of marriage. Upon her retirement from General Mills, Bill and Rose moved to Merritt Island, Florida where they lived for 22 years before moving to Addison, Illinois to be near their family.

Rose is survived by her sons: William J. (Gail) Maio Jr. and Alan L. (late Rosemary) Maio; grandchildren: Kimberly (Dean) Siebert, William Maio, Alan Dominic (Cheryl) Maio, Lisa (Tony) Lesina, and Julie (Tony) DeCarlo; great grandchildren: Andrew, Elizabeth, William, Eva, Anthony, Julia, Emily, Madison, Gabriella, Vincent and her sister Ann.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents, brother Lawrence, and sisters Lorraine, Leah, and Bertha. Visitation and Funeral Services Tuesday, January 15, 2019 from 10:30 am until time of prayers at 11:30 am at the Elmwood Chapel 11200 S. Ewing Ave. Chicago to Church of the Annunziata. Mass of Christian Burial 12:00 noon. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, IL. For more information 773-731-2749 or [www.elmwoodchapel.com](http://www.elmwoodchapel.com)

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### Mamak, Anna M.

Anna M. Mamak, age 96, Beloved wife of the late Edward. Loving mother of John (Peggy) Mamak and Carol (Late Patrick) Kinsella; Proud grandma of Robert Beuck, Amanda (Charles) Prohaska, Brian (Alysia) Kinsella and Andrea (Erik) Lacy; Cherished great-grandma of Bob, Chaz, Zach, Ailey, Patrick, Greysen and Harper. Devoted sister of Adele Koza; Also loved by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday 9:30am from the **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, to St. George Church, Mass 10:00am. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery; Visitation Tuesday 5-8pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601 most appreciated. (708) 614-9900 or [www.bradygill.com](http://www.bradygill.com)

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### Marco, Gene

Gene Marco nee Burnstein, 97. Beloved wife of the late Jerome A. Marco. Loving mother of Susan (Jeffrey) Berman, Debra (Jerry) Brody and David (Laura "Rocky") Marco. Proud "Nana Genie" of Todd (Michelle) Brody, Kimberly (Aaron) Walsh, Trevor (Jennifer) Brody, Taryn (Brett) Stein, Garrett Marco and Charlotte Marco. Cherished great grandmother of Tyler, Mason, Kaya, Cole, Lily, Liv and Adeline. Dear sister of Florence (the late Barnard) Wittert and Delores (the late Bernard) Gordon and sister-in-law of Phyllis (the late Edward) Marco. Service Monday 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. She was a lover of everything that involved the arts, including painting, poetry, gardening, music and most of all she loved her family. Interment Oak Woods. Memorials to the Susan G. Komen, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., #401, Chicago, IL 60631, [www.komenchicago.org](http://www.komenchicago.org) or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

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### McCallister, Heather C.

Heather McCallister, 57, of Chicago, passed away January 4, 2019. She graduated from Southern Illinois University and earned a Master's degree from Loyola University. Heather was an administrator at UIC for 22 years and served as advisor to Tau Sigma, the transfer students' honorary society. She lovingly cared for her mother, Jane, 99, a founding member of Congress of Racial Equality. She is also survived by her husband, Norman Watkins, her sisters Susie McCallister and Julie Howell, and niece Laurel and nephews Rowan and Austin. Memorial service Saturday, March 30, 10:30am, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 716 W. Addison St, Chicago, IL 60613. Memorials preferred to The Night Ministry, [thenightministry.org](http://thenightministry.org) or to Sarah's Circle, [sarahs-circle.org](http://sarahs-circle.org). Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or [www.cremation-society.com](http://www.cremation-society.com).

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## McEntegart, Sister Anne Patrice

Sr. Anne Patrice McEntegart, O.S.M., age 97 years and 11 months. At rest January 11th. Beloved member of Sisters Servants of Mary for 68 years. Beloved daughter of the late John and Mary. Loving sister of Kathleen (the late Lawrence) Curran and the late John, Mary Stritter, William, Thomas, Patrick and Margaret Agrella. Dear aunt of many nieces, nephews and friends. Longtime educator at St. Domitilla School in Hillside, Ill. In lieu of flowers donations to Misericordia Home at misericordia.com or Servants of Mary, P.O. Box 389, Ladysmith, Wisconsin 54848, appreciated. Visitation Tuesday Jan. 15th 3:00pm until 8:00pm at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS / GAMBONEY & SON DIRECTORS 6938 W. North Ave. (3 blocks east of Harlem Ave), in Chicago and on Wednesday Jan. 16th at Addolorata Villa, 555 McHenry Rd. in Wheeling, Ill. at 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment at St. Michael Cemetery, 1109 Warrenville Rd. in Wheaton, Ill. Info: 708/848-6661

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## Merrin, Claude E., M.D.

Dr. Claude E. Merrin of Deerfield, Illinois, a talented and respected surgeon and urologic oncologist passed away suddenly October 27, 2018. Born April 18, 1936 in Paris, France, Dr. Merrin obtained a Bachelor of science degree in Experimental Science from the University of Paris and a Medical Degree from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He completed his internship and residency in General surgery and Urology at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Merrin did a Fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York in the Department of Urology as a Cancer Research Clinician and Director of the Dialysis Unit and Transplantation Program, eventually being named Chief of the Department of Urologic Oncology in 1974.

Dr. Merrin was the co-author of over 95 clinical research papers and a pioneer in innovative and experimental treatment of genitourinary tumors. He was nationally and internationally renowned. In 1979 he moved to Chicago where he practiced for 30 years mainly at Swedish Covenant Hospital. He retired in 2010 due to health circumstances. A non-smoker, he courageously fought Stage IV lung cancer for more than nine years.

Dr. Merrin had always maintained a great sense of personal and professional satisfaction not only for the confidence placed in him by his patients, but the realization that his expertise extended their lives.

Dr. Merrin was a member of numerous medical societies in Chicago as well as on the national level. He was active in the French community in Chicago and a member of the Union of the French Abroad (UFEC). He frequently traveled to France with his family. An avid licensed pilot, he flew gliders, ultralights, single engine airplanes and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). In addition, he built an ultralight aircraft and two experimental airplanes from aircraft kits.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Susan (nee Eagan) Merrin, son Robert (Irene Alonso Aparicio) Merrin, daughter Catherine Merrin and two grandchildren. Also survived by his sister Monique (Michel) Bertet, nieces and nephews, friends and extended family. A memorial service is being planned for sometime in the Spring.

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## Meyer, Norma L.

Norma L. Meyer, nee Levy, 92. Loving mother of Bruce and Michael (Sylvia) Meyer. Cherished grandmother of Austin Meyer. Dear sister of the late Arnold (Myrna) Levy. Devoted aunt of Barry and Ronald (Chris) Levy. Service Monday 1 PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, 225 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, [www.luriechildrens.org](http://www.luriechildrens.org). Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com).

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## Minear, William Lester 'Bill'

It is with great sadness that the family of Bill Minear announces his passing on December 31, 2018 at the age of 73 in Evanston, IL. Bill will be lovingly remembered by his sons Ryan Shaver, Adam Minear and his daughter Morgan Minear. Bill served in the Vietnam War in 1965-67 with the United States Army 4th Infantry Division and was a proud vet. Bill was a lifelong Evanston resident and small business owner for over 40 years. A wake will be held in his honor at River's Edge in Batavia, IL at 12. N River Street on January 18, 2019 at 5-8pm.

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## Mittleman, Edna S.

Edna S. Mittleman of Evanston, IL died on December 27 after a short illness. She was born in Bronx, New York on July 24, 1926 to Louis and Rose Kamener. She grew up in the Bronx, and also in a summer house her father built near the small town of Adams Corners, NY. That is where she got her love of nature. She attended Hunter College in New York, married Joseph Adelson, and traveled across the country by train to Berkeley California. She studied with, among others, Erik Erickson, and got Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of California. During the 50s and 60s Edna was content to be a faculty wife and mother to three sons, first in Bennington Vermont and then Ann Arbor, Michigan. In Ann Arbor she met child psychoanalyst Selma Fraiberg, joined the Child Development Project and began a career in infant mental health. She earned a second Master's degree from the University of Michigan, and co-authored the influential paper "Ghosts in the Nursery" with Selma Fraiberg and Vivian Shapiro. She survived breast cancer, a divorce and being widowed twice. Her enthusiasms included handicrafts, tai chi, chorale singing and crows. She leaves behind her husband Dr. Edwin Mills, her brother, Basil (Doris) Kamener, sons Lawrence (Pamela) Adelson, Edward (Ruth Rosenholtz) Adelson, Paul (Lynne Westphal) Adelson, stepdaughters Lisa Fraiberg and Meg (Gordon) Billheimer and stepson Guy (Deborah) Mittleman. She took great pleasure in her granddaughters Emily (Michael Polito), Sarah and Robin, and her great-grandson William Polito.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Encore Illinois <https://encoreillinois.org/donate/> or Clearbrook <https://www.clearbrook.org>. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or 847-675-1990.

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## Morrison, Dolores

Dolores Craughwell Morrison, 85, died at Silverado Memory Care in Morton Grove on January 9, 2019 following a battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Her family and dear dog Sammie were by her side. Sam will remain at Silverado as a therapy dog providing support to other patients. Mrs. Morrison was born on March 5, 1933, to Agnes Meyer Craughwell and Thomas Craughwell of Evanston. She was the widow of the late Patrick T. Morrison. Mrs. Morrison is survived by her two children, Patricia S. Morrison (formerly Hanna) of Chicago, and Thomas P. Morrison of Big Canoe, Georgia. Visitation will be Monday, January 14 at 9:00am St. Nicholas Church, 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois and followed by a mass at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 110 East 42nd Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10017. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Dolores' memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## Nikchevich, Robert

Robert Nikchevich 87. At Peace with Christ, Thursday, January 10, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Jeannette. Loving father of Rich (Ann) and John (Betsy). Loving grandfather of Ryan, Justine, Alexander (Nicole), Eric (Gina), Caroline (Stan) and Robert and Kate. Dear brother of Ronald (Pat). Uncle and great uncle to many. Visitation Monday from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Cumberland Chapels (FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS) 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Pomen Service will be held Monday at 7:00 P.M.. Family and friends will meet on Tuesday at St. Steven of Decani Serbian Orthodox Church 3543 W. Leland Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Funeral Service 10:00 A.M., Interment Montrose Cemetery. Memorials to St. Steven of Decani Serbian Orthodox Church appreciated. Info: [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com) or 708/456-8300

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## Nordhaus, John P.

John P. Nordhaus, 98, of Vernon Hills formerly of Northbrook, passed away January 8, 2019. Beloved husband for 53 years of the late Helen Byron Nordhaus, nee Kark; loving father of Peter Nordhaus, Shelley (Douglas) Wiegmann, Anne (William) Nordhaus-Bike, Beth Nordhaus, Paul (Kathryn) Nordhaus, Carol Doane, and Joyce Nordhaus (Christopher Galassi); cherished grandfather of Douglas Wiegmann II, Rachel, Matthew (Hannah), and Jonathan Wiegmann; and David (Ying), Colin, Abijah and Benjamin Mitchell. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Olga "Ollie" Tschirley Nordhaus, and four brothers and two sisters. Visitation Wednesday, January 16 from 4 to 8 pm at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Rd. (just south of Lake Ave. on west side), Glenview. Funeral Service Saturday, January 19 at 11 am at Memory Gardens Cemetery Chapel, 2501 Euclid, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Austin Special Chicago, 5318 N. Elston, Chicago, IL 60630, [www.austinspecial.org](http://www.austinspecial.org). Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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## O'Connor, M.D., Joseph S.

Joseph S. O'Connor, M.D., age 84. Beloved husband of Jane O'Connor nee Powers; loving father of Karen (Dennis) Kolb, Mark, Susan, Lynn (Troy) Gooding, Kathleen (Michael Uhran) and Brian (Susan Terwilliger) O'Connor; proud grandfather of Kevin Kolb, Kelly (Kevin) O'Malley, Michael Kolb, Patrick Avello, Connor and Dimitri Gooding, Megan, Gavin and Katelyn Uhran, Kelsey, Teagen, Keelin and Aislinn O'Connor, Matthew, Mitchell, Chase and Caden Terwilliger; great grandfather of Joseph, Grace and Miriam Kolb; dear brother of Jerome (the late Lorry), Mary, Paul (Pam) and the late Michael O'Connor. Visitation Thursday, January 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd., at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Friday, January 18, 2019, 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (note: Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund in memo line) or The Michael J. Fox Foundation, Post Office Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014, would be appreciated. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or 847-675-1990

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## Osborne, Mary Patricia

Mary was born January 28, 1924 in Kansas City, MO and died January 1, 2019 in St. Charles, IL. Mary was a principal/teacher for 43 years. Her BA was from National College of Education in Evanston, IL. Her MA was from Northwestern University. She first taught grades 1 through 3 in a 2 room schoolhouse, Grove School, in Northbrook, IL. She next taught 1st grade at Sunset Ridge School in Northfield, IL. When Middlefork School was built for grades 1 through 3, Mary was the principal and also taught 1st grade. She retired in 1988. Mary was active at her church, United Methodist Church of Geneva and was a full time letter writer and Card Sender to many delighted recipients. She is survived by her sister Joan Peterson, nieces, Gaye Peterson (David Eddy), and Merry Luehr (Mike) and nephews, Mark Peterson (Pat) of Colorado, and Dirk Peterson of Washington State. Grand nieces, Shanna McCabe (Mike), Maggie Lewin (Michael), Leslie Peterson, Breese Eddy and Taryn Eddy, Grand nephews, Michael Luehr (Michelle), Russel Peterson and Daniel Eddy (Colleen). Great-grand nieces Maddie and Melody Luehr, Cassandra Comacho and Quinn McCabe and Great-grand nephews Conner and Leon Lewin, Clemente Camacho and Carter McCabe. She was preceded in death by her parents Russel and Esther Osborne. A memorial service will be held at United Methodist Church of Geneva Saturday January 26th. 10:00 AM visitation and 11:00 service.

Memorial contributions may be made to UMGCG or a charity of the donors choice.

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## Pacer, Mary

Mary Pacer (nee Conlon); beloved wife of the late Hank Pacer; loving mother of Ken (Karen) Pacer, Mary Beth (Udo) Drafz, and Steve Pacer; cherished grandmother of Henry, Claire, Matthew, and Evan; dear sister-in-law of Geri (late Ron) Pacer. Preceded in death by her brothers, Jack (late Pat), Joe (Marie) and Bernard (Johanna). Visitation 3 to 8pm Monday, Jan. 14 at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers 9:15am Tuesday, Jan. 15 from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Rd., Western Springs. Mass 9:45am. Interment to follow at Fairmount Willow-Hills Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be given to Misericordia. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or [hjffunerals.com](http://hjffunerals.com)

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## Paul, Jeffrey

Jeffrey Paul, 56, died Thursday, 3 January 2019, in Chicago, Illinois. Visitation 10:00am. Funeral Mass 11:00am, Saturday, 19 January 2019: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois. Jeff is survived by his mother, Marian O'Brien Paul; sisters, Amy Paul, Kiersten Sharp (Brian), Sharla Paul; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Donations in Jeff's memory to support schizophrenia research: "Northwestern Memorial Foundation" (include "Jeffrey Paul" in the memo line) <https://foundation.nm.org/>

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## Perakis, John W.

John W. Perakis, age 82 of Oak Lawn, IL. Beloved husband of 45 years to Mary "Terry" (nee McNamara); loving father of Maria, Bill (Kelly), Stephen, Tim (Kathy), and Nick (Jacki) Perakis; cherished papou of Yano, Lina, CJ, Andy, Poppy, Ava, Alexis, Yianni, Johnnie Cas, and Lianna; dear brother and uncle to many. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 14th 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Trisagion at 7:00 p.m. at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** 4727 W. 103rd St. Oak Lawn, IL. Funeral Service Tuesday, January 15th 10:00 a.m. at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church 12307 S. Ridgeland Ave Palos Heights, IL 60463. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church or Cure It Foundation for pediatric cancer. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit [www.blakelamboaklawn.com](http://www.blakelamboaklawn.com)

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## Peterson, Jean

Jean Peterson, nee McDonnell, 80, of Winnetka, passed away December 16, 2018. Beloved wife for 57 years of Thomas F. Peterson; loving mother of Pamela J. (Geoff) Moore, Richard T. (Katherine) Peterson, Jeffrey C. (Sheila) Peterson; proud grandmother of Alison, Thomas, and Sarah Moore, Douglas, William, Helen and Katherine Peterson; dear sister of the late Sheila (late Stanley) Grace; cherished daughter of the late Charles and Ruth McClelland. A memorial service will be held Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 1 pm at Christ Church on the Hill, 784 Sheridan Road (at Humboldt), Winnetka. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christ Church Winnetka, 470 Maple Ave., Winnetka, IL 60093 or COPD Foundation ([www.copdfoundation.org](http://www.copdfoundation.org)). Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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## Piccen, Raymond W.

Raymond W. Piccen age 80. Beloved husband of the late Rita. Loving father of Renee (Jon) Warner and Roxanne Piccen. Cherished brother, uncle and cousin of many. Funeral service Monday January 14, 2019 11:00 am at Matz Funeral Home 3440 N. Central Ave. Chicago, IL Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Monday 9:00 am until time of service. Info 773-545-5420 or [www.matzfuneral-home.com](http://www.matzfuneral-home.com)

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## Piraino, Kathryn Mary

Kathryn Mary (Czopek) Piraino, age 76, a resident of The Springs at Monarch Landing, and former long-time resident of Huntington Hill in Naperville, IL, passed away Monday, January 7, 2019, at The Springs at Monarch Landing. She was born on December 28, 1942, in Chicago, IL, the eldest child of Andrew and Elizabeth (Budaj) Czopek. Kathy is survived by her devoted husband of 54 years, Andrew John Piraino; her loving children, Steven Piraino (Krista) and Cynthia (Piraino) Nabicht (Ralph); her cherished grandchildren, Avery and Ross Piraino and Noah and Hannah Nabicht; and her dear brothers Andrew Czopek and Michael Czopek her dear sister, Mary Beth (Czopek) Jackson; and her nephews Mathew and Byron, and her niece Elizabeth. Kathy graduated from Trinity High School in River Forest, IL. She moved with her family from Westchester, IL, and on to Naperville, IL in 1979. She and her family were among the founders of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville, IL, where they were active members. She participated in the Council of Catholic Woman. She worked at Snelling and Snelling for six years, and at the City of Naperville Departments of Human Resources and Public Works for 13-plus years. She enjoyed shopping, entertaining and had a strong devotion to Our Blessed Mother. She will be deeply missed. For those wishing to leave a lasting tribute to Kathy's life, donations to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 211 Main Street West Chicago, IL 60185, would be appreciated. Visitation will be Sunday, January 13, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Beidelman - Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 516 S. Washington Street, Naperville. The Christian Mass will be Monday, January 14, at 10 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 1450 Green Trails Dr, Naperville. A private interment service will be Tuesday, January 15, at SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. Info [www.beidelmankunschfh.com](http://www.beidelmankunschfh.com) (630) 355-0264.

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## Razgaitis, Alphonse

Alphonse "Al" Razgaitis died Dec. 26, 2018 in Henderson, NV, formerly of Chicago, IL. WWII Navy Veteran, Retired Commercial Insurance Manager. Survived by his wife Cindy; daughter's Barbara Cronin, Claudia Johnson both of Kansas; one brother Richard (Carol) of St. Petersburg, FL; 4 grandchildren 1 great grandson. Memorial Services and Burial to take place Monday 1/14/2019 at 10am at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery 1900 Veterans Memorial Dr, Boulder City, NV 89005

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## Recht, Michael Peter

Our brother, Michael Peter Recht, unexpectedly passed from this world on December 11, 2018 at age 62, due to complications from diabetes. Born in Oak Park, Illinois, Mike attended Mary Lyon elementary and Steinmetz high schools in Chicago and the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. A long-time resident of Seattle and recent citizen of Miami, Mike worked for Federal Express for 26 years and had recently retired. Mike loved sports (especially the Bears and the Cubs), was an avid jazz fan, enjoyed travel in the U.S. and abroad, and was a caring brother, uncle and great-uncle. Preceded in death by parents Jack and Dolores Recht, Mike is survived by sisters Leslie, Sue, Emily (Johnson) and Elizabeth (Jones) and brother John, five nieces, one nephew and a great nephew. We have all experienced his gentle nature, big heart, sincere thoughtfulness and great sense of humor, and we will miss him always. A private memorial for Mike is being planned in 2019. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name can be made to the American Heart Association.

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## Sablick, Judith A. 'Jude'

With love and sadness, the family of Judith "Jude" A. Sablick (nee Smith) announce her death on January 10, 2019. Beloved and devoted wife of 62 years to Eugene "Gene" Sablick. Loving Mom to the late Mary, Jeanine Krol, Maura (David) Conrath, Tracey (Tom) Naughton, Amy (Dan) Graver, Kara (Joe) Roach. Proud Gram of Drew (Maribel), Bob (Bri), Matt (Katie), Kate, Kevin, Maggie, John, Connor, Claire, Truman, Lauren and Emma. Great-Gram to Vivi, Charlie and Harper. Dear sister of Jack (Anne) Smith and sister-in-law of Bob (the late Mary) Sablick. Fond cousin to Marietta Brennan, aunt and cherished friend to many. For the past few years, Jude was cared for with kindness by the Smith Village 3J staff and her family is grateful for their presence and vocation. Visitation Sunday, January 13, 2019, 3pm to 8pm. Funeral Monday 8:30am from the Schmaedeke Funeral Home 10701 S. Harlem Avenue, Worth, IL to St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, IL for Mass at 9:30am. Private Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations appreciated to Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep, an organization helping parents suffering the loss of a baby at <https://www.nowilaymedowntosleep.org/donate>. Service info 708-448-6000 or [www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com](http://www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com)

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## Saltwell, Betty Ann

Betty Ann Saltwell died peacefully in her Park Ridge home surrounded by loved ones on January 10, 2019. She was born on July 12, 1923, in Sioux City, Iowa, daughter of Forest Ward and Lillie Gertrude Cairy. She received a bachelor's degree from Morningside College where she worked as the assistant to the president until she married her devoted husband, E. R. "Salty" Saltwell, on February 14, 1955. Salty's career with the Chicago Cubs provided them a wonderful life and many memories. She was the marvelous and selfless mother to Cairy (Thomas) Brown and Susan (Scott) Traylor. Her greatest gift was the special bond she shared with her grandchildren, Caroline and Steven Brown and Jackson and Catherine Traylor. Betty is remembered as a loving and fun aunt by her nieces and nephews. The amazing caretakers were treasured by Betty. Salty and family will celebrate her life privately. Donations can be made to Cubs Care or Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa. Services and interment will be private. Arrangements entrusted to **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, [www.ryan-parke.com](http://www.ryan-parke.com).

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## Schoen, Robert E.

Robert E. Schoen, 72, of Glenview, passed away December 1, 2018. Beloved husband for 48 years of Nicole "Niki" Schoen nee Bouxsein, loving father of Rebecca "Becky" (Lee) Williamson; cherished grandfather of Nathan, Ava and Nick Williamson. Mr. Schoen was a retired attorney for Deutsche Credit Corp. where he served as Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel. Robert was a US Army veteran who served during Vietnam. Memorial visitation will be held, Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 10am until time of funeral mass at 11am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St. (at Church St.) Glenview. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd, Chicago, IL, 60645. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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## Sims, Florence D.

Florence D. Sims, nee Dubec, age 99 of Oak Park. Beloved wife of the late Eugene, dear sister of the late Harold (late Ruth) Dubec, fond aunt of Ross and Harold Jr. (Alyce) Dubec, great aunt and great-great aunt of many. Visitation Monday, January 14th, 10:00am-1:00pm at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside. Cremation Private. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.kuratkonosek.com](http://www.kuratkonosek.com). Info: (708) 447-2500

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## Soltis, Frank

Frank Soltis, age 95, World War II Naval Aviator; beloved husband of 60 years to the late Evelyn nee Pestelnik; loving father of Thomas and Marilyn Soltis. Services will be held at a later date.

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## Spieß, Friedrich

Friedrich Spieß, 82, dear son of the late Magdalena and Friedrich Spieß. Beloved husband of the late Elfriede Spieß. Loving father of Susannah (Gregory Mork) Spieß and Anita (Nicholas Vlahos) Spieß. Devoted grandfather of Elayna, Eric and Paul. Adored brother of Erika Michel. Visitation Sunday, January 13th, 3 PM to 8 PM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave., Chicago. Funeral service Monday, January 14th, 10 AM at the funeral home. Interment St. Luke's Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Friedrich's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## Stolfa, Evelyn A. "Bunny"

Evelyn A. "Bunny" Stolfa, nee Wertz, 94, resident of The Danish Home of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Frank R. Stolfa. Loving mother of Ellen Frances (Kenn Rowe) Stolfa and the late Robert Leo Stolfa. Proud grandmother of Robert Rowe. Dear sister of the late Kathryn Wertz, the late Rosemary Wertz, the late William Wertz, the late Bernadette Peters and the late Helen Isenbeck. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Graduate of Saint Scholastica High School Class of 1941. Visitation Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 3 until 9 PM at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Funeral Friday with prayers at the funeral home at 11:00 AM, proceeding to Immaculate Conception Church, Harlem and Talcott Avenues, Chicago. Mass 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers memorials to The Danish Home of Chicago, 5656 N. Newcastle Ave., Chicago, IL 60631 appreciated. Interment Private. For further information 773-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com)

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## Susler, Eugene

Eugene Susler, 92, beloved husband of the late Delphine "Dell"; loving father of Larry (Leslie) and Dr. Steven (Caroline); cherished grandfather of Sarah and Rachel; dear brother of the late Eleanor; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Tuesday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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## Sutton, Malena G.

Malena G. Sutton (nee Garro) 93, January 10th. Beloved wife of James B. Sutton. Loving mother of John P. (Dana), Robert J. (Stephanie) and James E. (Ann Marie Sanderlin) Sutton. Dear grandmother Romas (Elizabeth) Sutton, Emma, Otoño, Maía, Josephine Malena Sutton. Great-grandmother of 3. Sister of the late Diofanto Garro. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Former Minister of Care at the University of Chicago Hospital. Visitation Monday 3:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church 5472 S. Kimbark Chicago. Int. All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society 225 N. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60601. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com).

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## Thomas, Irving George

March 24, 1930 - October 24, 2018  
Irving G. Thomas of Valparaiso formerly of Bass Lake and Chicago, passed away at home with his loving family close at hand. He was born in Indianapolis to Harvey & Mary (Parks) Thomas. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Reserve before his service in Germany with the U.S. Army's First Atomic Artillery battalion. His education after Thomas Carr Howe High School, where he played basketball and baseball, included a B.S. degree in Economic Statistics from Indiana University and an MBA in Marketing from the University of Chicago. On September 3, 1955 he married Patricia L. Gray who survives along with their children: Melanie Nadar (Donald), Jeffrey (Stephanie), Cathlene and Leslie, grandchildren: Devin, Caitlin, Bradley (Irene), Wesley, Alexandra (Marco), Ramon, Jessie, great-granddaughter, Mila and dear friend for 85 years, Robert Corya. He was preceded in death by his sister, Joan Cannaday. His career began with 20 years at World Book - Childcraft International as Administrative Statistical Manager and culminated as Director of the Office of International Publishing for the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). He was a lecturer in statistics at Roosevelt University and served on the Oak Park, IL "Committee for Tomorrow's Schools" and the "Citizens Action Committee" that was instrumental in leading Oak Park to being named "All American City" in 1976. In retirement, he delivered Meals on Wheels and served as treasurer of "Friends of the Starke County Public Library System" and helped to disperse a generous Lilly Foundation grant to the library. A memorial service will be held in March. Information is available at **Moeller Funeral Home**, 219-462-0535. No flowers please, donations may be made to V.F.W., Doctors Without Borders, or a charity of your choice.

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## Tyler, Lillian May

Lillian May Tyler, "Lim", nee Olsen. Born: February 21, 1920. Died: January 10, 2019.

Lim was the beloved wife for 65 years of Oliver K. Tyler (d. 2009), loving daughter of Lawrence Edward Olsen and Lillian Carlson Olsen.

Lim was the loving mother of Denis J. Tyler (Darla), Christine Predick (Paul), Karen Christianson (Kenneth) and Barbara Huecksteadt (David, deceased). She was the proud grandmother of Danielle Tyler (Jeremy Izzard), Joel Tyler, Katharine Predick (Talesin Sutton), Daniel Predick (Jasmine Moises), Erik Christianson, Britta Christianson, Peter Huecksteadt (Kristen), and Elizabeth Huecksteadt. Lim also welcomed her great-grandchildren, Damon Tyler, Minerva Predick-Sutton, Calliope Predick-Sutton, Linus Predick-Sutton and Alexis Dowd. Lillian was preceded in death by two sisters; Laura Briggs, and Ileana Sundberg and one brother, Lawrence E. Olsen, Jr.

She was born in Chicago Lying-In Hospital and raised in Woodlawn, Chicago. Her parents moved the family to Beverly where Lim went to Morgan Park H.S., graduating in 1937. Lim and Ollie met while both were working for United Air Lines.

Lim married Oliver King Tyler (d. 2009) on August 21, 1943 in Charlotte, N.C. while Ollie was in flight training for the Army Air Corp. Lim and Ollie raised their children in Hinsdale, IL. Lim had many lifelong friends from her High School Thalia Sorority.

Lim had a friendly, happy nature that attracted friends and made her a pleasure to have in company. She was beloved by her caretakers at Church Creek before her death.

Interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery. Memorial service private. Arrangements by **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan** Funeral Home, Downer Grove. 630-968-1000 or [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com)

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## Valesh, Catherine Ann

Catherine Ann Valesh, formerly of Glendale Heights, Beloved wife of the late George Valesh Jr., Devoted mother of George III (Pamela), Michael (Sharon), Edward (Sandra), Richard (Cathie), and Robert (Jeanne) Valesh; Dear sister of the late Margaret (the late William) Murtha, Leonard (Maria) Gassmann Jr., and the late Evelyn (the late Raymond) Nykle; Dear grandmother of Gary, Richard, Joseph, Brian, Ryan and Leah Valesh, Carrie Zaccaria, Karen Raymond, Kimberly and Keni Lemay, and great grandmother of 8. Funeral Monday, family and friends are asked to gather 9:45 a.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle Rd. (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Isidore Church. Mass 10:45 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or [www.salernofuneralhomes.com](http://www.salernofuneralhomes.com)

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## Vanni, Joanna B.

Joanna Bernadine Vanni, 87, of Oak Park passed away on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. She was born to the late Frank and Mary (Breckenridge) Kirchgessner and preceded in death by her loving husband Steno, her daughter Sylvia Candela, and siblings, Fr. Julius Kirchgessner, Gene Elbert, Albert Kirchgessner, Isabel and Anna Belle Kirchgessner.

Joanna is survived by her children Paul Vanni, Bill Vanni (Lori), Jim Vanni (Julie), and Jane Vanni-Noone (Kevin); and her cherished grandchildren Chrissy (Ben), Stanley, and Aidan. Visitation Monday, January 14th, 3 p.m. until 8 p.m., at Drechsler, Brown, & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Prayers Tuesday, January 15th, 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Catherine/St. Lucy, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park for a Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.com)

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## Walsh, Ann

Reunited with her husband, Edward Saturday December 29, 2018 at the age of 101. Mother of Edward Jr., Marianne (Thomas Brady) and Phillip Walsh (Caryn May). Grandmother of Lauren Elizabeth Brady (Michael Seward) and Theodore Brady (Meredith Riemersma). Great-grandmother of Jane and Thomas Seward. Further survived by many other fond relatives and friends.

Memorial Gathering Saturday January 19, 2019 at ALEXIAN VILLAGE CHAPEL 9301 W. 76th Street Milwaukee, WI 53223 from 10-11 AM. Mass at 11AM. Krause Funeral Home 7001 W. Brown Deer Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53223 414-354-9400

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## Webster, Arthur D. Jr

96, was peacefully taken to heaven on December 24, 2018. He is survived by his loving wife Ila (Nee Weigand), his children Bonnie Turczynski, Judi Spuris, Robin Starnes, and Randal (Terri); his stepchildren Brad Huotari (Cathy), Cindy LaBuy, Heidi Sykora (Tom). He was the adored grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather of many. Art was

a World War II veteran having served in the Coast Guard Marching Band, Dance Band and Symphony orchestra playing trumpet and French horn. He was a member of the Chicago Federation of Musicians for more than 70 years. He had a passion for music, which was handed down from his grandfather Jan Meyroos who played viola with the Chicago Symphony under the direction of Theodore Thomas and his grandmother Emily Meyroos who played the piano in the silent movie theaters in Chicago.

After the war he was employed by Kemper Insurance as an Officer, managing the Special Risk and Commercial Casualty Underwriting Departments. He retired in 1989 after 42 years. During retirement he continued to play trumpet with 5 local bands, including the Highland Park Pops.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10 am at the Presbyterian Church of Palatine, 800 E Palatine Rd, Palatine, IL 60074.

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## Weiss, Janice and Bob

Janice Weiss, nee Schneider, 88, passed away on January 4, 2019, and her beloved husband Bob Weiss, 90, passed away on January 6, 2019. They had just celebrated their 69th anniversary on January 1. They were the devoted parents of Barbara

(Lonny) Fleischer and the late Ron Weiss; the caring in-laws of Kathy Weiss; the cherished grandparents of Jeff, Marc, and Julie Fleischer, Daniel (Carey) Weiss, Michael Weiss, Allison (Jonathan) Goldstein, and Jon (Danielle) Weiss; proud great-grandparents of Madison, Jaina, Xayla, Leyora, and Shayna; dear sister and brother-in-law of Burt (Sharron Rivlin) Schneider and Howard (Iris) Schneider; and loving brother and sister-in-law of Mickey (Sue) Weiss and Sandy Weiss. They will be deeply missed by all who knew them. A funeral service will be held Weds, Jan 16, 1 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Great Vest Side, [www.greatvestside.org](http://www.greatvestside.org), or the Kellogg Cancer Center, [foundation.northshore.org/donatekellogg](http://foundation.northshore.org/donatekellogg). For info: 847-256-5700.

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## Wirtz, Alice Pirie

Alice Pirie Wirtz, 87, known to her close friends as "littie", died peacefully at her home in Winnetka on December 8, 2018 following a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was surrounded by her children, and with her dear dog Molly by her side. Born on March 24, 1931, to Alice Quarles Pirie and John Thomas Pirie II of Winnetka, Mrs. Wirtz graduated from the North Shore Country Day School in 1949 and Finch College in 1953. She was the widow of the late William W. Wirtz, former President of the Chicago Blackhawks and Wirtz Corporation. Her first husband was the late Homer Hargrave, Jr. Mrs. Wirtz is survived by her three children, Charles Pirie Hargrave (Kathy Laughlin) of Wilmette, William Arthur Hargrave (Christina Louise Cox) of Chicago and Alice Quarles Hargrave of Chicago, widow of Jean-Brice Wallon; her eight grandchildren, Sara, Charles, Katie, Jennifer, Ezra, Gabriel, Joseph and Deshler; her great-grandchildren Malcolm; and her brother William Quarles Pirie of Minocqua, Wisconsin. Alice will be remembered most of all for her two passions ... her artistic creations and her sense of civic responsibility. In 1972, she became conservator of The Thorne Rooms at The Art Institute of Chicago, a position she held for 14 years. Her lifelong love of miniatures was certainly enriched by her mother-in-law, silent film actress Colleen Moore Hargrave (dear friend of Narcissa Thorne) who created The Colleen Moore Fairy Castle. Alice created exquisite shell-enrobed mirrors, each unique and reminiscent of 18th and 19th century decorative arts which she also collected along with English antiques. Many of these exotic shells were collected by Alice from remote islands in the Bahamas while on trips with her husband, Bill, aboard the Blackhawk. Alice's involvement in the community was manifested in her civic work. She served as President of The Junior League of Chicago, President of the Women's Board of the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital (formerly Children's Memorial Hospital), and volunteer for The Crusade of Mercy. Always a proud alumna of North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, she volunteered as Archivist of the school's history, which included reconnecting alumni from across the country. Most recently, Alice dedicated herself to the John T. Pirie School in Chicago, a well-respected school within The Chicago Public School System, named for her great grandfather, John T. Pirie, founder of Carson Pirie Scott & Company. The department store (founded in 1854) survived the Chicago Fire and resided for over a century in its landmark store designed by Louis Sullivan. Most important to Alice's many friends, family and the neighbors who love her was her extreme kindness and thoughtfulness. She shared her award-winning roses with anyone in need of a special pick-me-up and gifted countless homegrown raspberries and jam. Her hand-written notes of thanks, sympathy or congratulations were all infused with love. Visitation, Thursday, December 20, 2018 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road Skokie, Illinois 60077. A Celebration of her Life will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church 784 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Rush University Medical Center's Lung Cancer Research Fund, c/o Kevin R. Gray, 1201 W. Harrison St., Suite 300 Chicago, IL 60607 or The John T. Pirie Fine Arts and Academic Center 650 East 85th Street, Chicago, IL 60619. Info [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.

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(John 11, 25)

**Mary Dong Nguyen**  
(1929-2019)

was born into Eternal Life  
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on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

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† RITE OF MOURNING  
Thursday, January 10, 2019 :  
5 PM - 9 PM  
&

† VISITATION AND PRAYERS  
Friday, January 11, 2019 : 3 PM-9PM

**At Cooney Funeral Homes**  
625 Busse Highway Park Ridge, IL 60068  
Phone: 847-685-1002

† FUNERAL MASS  
Saturday, January 12 : 11 AM

**At Saint Henry Church**  
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† ENTERMENT AND RITE OF COMMITMENT FOLLOWED BY THE FUNERAL MASS

**At Mary Hill Catholic Cemetery**  
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**Mr. Alphonse Khen Nguyễn, his children, and grandchildren**  
The devoted mother of 15 successful children and 48 grandchildren, Mrs. Mary Dong Nguyen dedicated her life to her family. She will be forever remembered.

**R.I.P**

*"Chính Thầy là sự sống lại và là sự sống"*  
(Ga 11, 25)

**CÁO PHÓ**  
Trong niềm tin vào Đức Giêsu Kitô Phục Sinh,  
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**Cù Bà Nguyễn Khen**  
**Nhũ danh MARIA**  
**NGUYỄN THỊ ĐÔNG**  
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Đã hoàn tất hành trình trần thế vào lúc 3:13 pm  
Chúa Nhật ngày 06.01.2019

tại Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Illinois, USA

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† Thứ sáu, ngày 11 tháng 01 năm 2019 :  
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**THÁNH LỄ AN TÁNG**  
**SẼ ĐƯỢC CỬ HÀNH :**

† Thứ bảy, ngày 12 tháng 01 năm 2019 vào lúc 11:00 am  
tại **Nhà thờ Saint Henry**  
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D.T: 773-764-7413

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**R.I.P**

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SUNDAY, JAN. 13

NORMAL HIGH: 31°

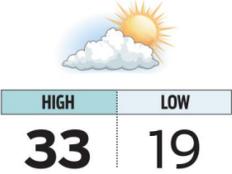
NORMAL LOW: 16°

RECORD HIGH: 58° (1932)

RECORD LOW: -9° (1929)

## Temperatures to moderate a bit as snow exits

### LOCAL FORECAST



**Weather slowly improves as storm system heads east.**

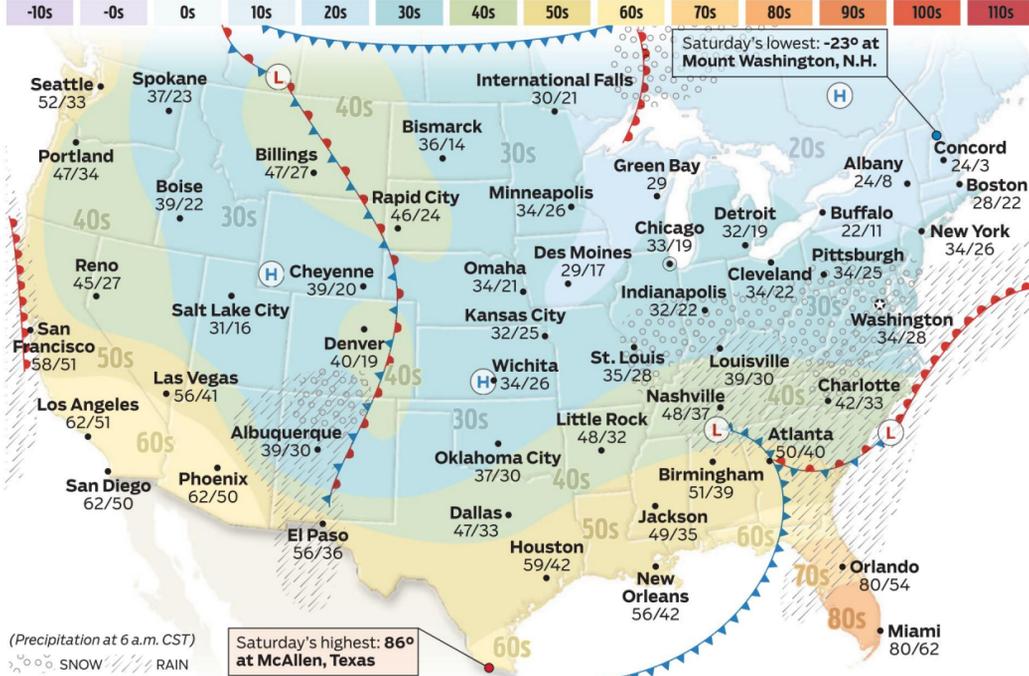
Considerable cloudiness early. Lingering light snow or flurries possible, especially S-E of the city. Temps hover in the mid 20s.

Clouds decrease in coverage through the day. Temps rise little despite emergent sunshine. Readings peak in the low-mid 30s.

NE winds 15-20 mph diminish to 10-15 mph in the afternoon.

Clearing and seasonably cold overnight. Lows from the teens in the suburbs to mid 20 downtown.

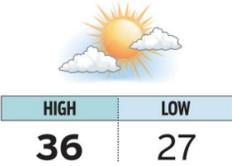
### NATIONAL FORECAST



Through Saturday, temperatures had been at or below freezing for four straight days, making this our longest period of freezing weather in what has been an abnormally mild winter. The influx of chilly air has also brought our first subnormal temperatures since early December.

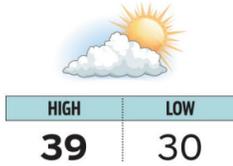
Despite the arrival of more seasonable January weather, no significant pattern shift is underway. Instead, milder-than-average conditions are forecast to resume as the system that brought snow to much of the Midwest moves toward the East Coast. Emergent sunshine could prompt a return of thawing temperatures as early as Sunday afternoon. Increasing southwest winds Monday and Tuesday are to deliver a stronger push of milder air. Readings are forecast to approach 40 degrees before moderately colder air arrives midweek.

### MONDAY, JAN. 14



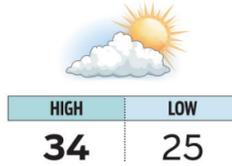
High pressure over the Midwest provides tranquil weather under mostly sunny skies. Temps again rise above normal, peaking in the mid 30s. SW winds increase to 10-20 mph. Clouds increase overnight.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 15



Considerable cloudiness develops as milder air streams into the region. Patchy drizzle or freezing drizzle possible early. SW winds increase to 15-20 mph helping temps climb to near 40 degrees.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16



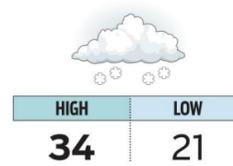
Cold front brings a modest influx of polar air. Cloudy skies turn sunny. Not as mild, but daytime readings still break above freezing. Clouds increase again overnight. N-NE winds 15-20 mph.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 17



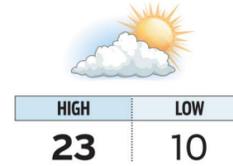
Winds turn SE and increase to 10-20 mph. Stubborn cloudiness persists, though peeks of sun emerge at times. Temps reach highs in the mid-upper 30s. Not as cold overnight. Temps hold around 30 degrees.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 18



Another cold front passes bringing a stronger push of polar air. Temps peak in the mid 30s, then slowly fall. Clouds thicken, leading to a chance of snow late, and at night. Winds become N-NE 15-25 mph.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 19



Blustery and colder. Variable cloudiness brings a chance of flurries. Temps rise little, struggling to reach the mid 20s. N-NE winds 20-25 mph diminish toward evening. Clearing, cold overnight.

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What is the length of lightning bolts?  
— James Torrinson, Chicago

Dear James,  
The National Lightning Detection Network, or NLDN, operated by the Vaisala Group, measures the lengths of lightning bolts by utilizing a very high-resolution, three-dimensional detection system that records the emission of flashes in the very high-frequency range.

The NLDN has been in place since the early 2000s and has generated some astounding information about the length of lightning bolts. Meteorologist Ron Holle, a lightning expert with Vaisala, tells us, "The network has measured quite a few flashes over 100 miles long; our current record is 120 miles from a flash that shot from Dallas (Texas) to Ft. Worth. ... I don't think we would have expected that, but there it is!"

Write to: ASK TOM  
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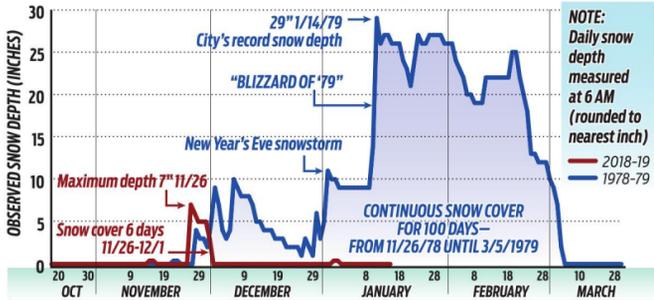
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## A look back at the record-setting winter of 1978-79

Observed snow depth—the winter of 1978-79 produced a record 89.7 inches of snow. At least 1" of snow covered the ground from late November to early March, a period spanning 100 days. In contrast, this winter has produced a snow cover for a mere 6-day period. Currently, the shortest period of snow cover stands at 8 days during the winter of 1948-49.



### SATURDAY SNOWFALLS AS OF 6 P.M. SAT.

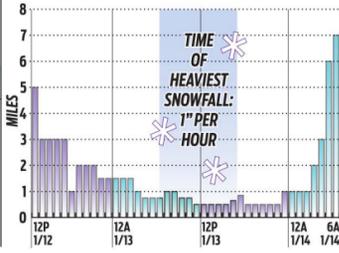
CHICAGO METRO AREA	ELSEWHERE
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St. Charles 3.2"	Mexico, Mo. 19.0"
Downers Grove 3.2"	Mason City, Ill. 12.5"
Batavia 3.1"	Jacksonville, Ill. 11.3"
Midway Airport 2.9"	St. Louis, Mo. 10.5"

### CHICAGO SNOWFALL

January 12-14, 1979	1978-79	2018-19
16.5"	1.5"	2.3"
Three-day total: 20.3"		

40 years ago today, Chicagoans were experiencing the 4th biggest snowstorm in the city's history. Light snow began just after noon on Friday, January 12, and gradually became steadier and heavier overnight. Snow fell continuously for 39 hours, ending early Sunday morning with a storm total of 20.3 inches. In the wake of the storm, the city was immobilized for a week, and O'Hare Airport was closed for 42 hours as temps plummeted to a bone chilling -19°.

### VISIBILITY DURING THE BLIZZARD OF 1979



### CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES				
LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION HI LO	
Aurora	31	29	Midway	31 30
Gary	32	30	O'Hare	31 29
Kankakee	30	28	Romeoville	30 28
Lakefront	31	28	Valparaiso	30 28
Lansing	29	28	Waukegan	32 29

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION			
PERIOD	2019	NORMAL	
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.03"	0.04"	
January to date	0.56"	0.58"	
Year to date	0.56"	0.58"	

CHICAGO SNOWFALL			
PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY	
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	1.9"	2.9"	
Season to date	16.2"	13.1"	
Normal to date	13.6"	14.5"	

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS			
SUNDAY			
Wind	NE 15-20 kts.	W/SW 10-15 kts.	
Waves	4-6 feet	2-3 feet	
Sat. shore/crib water temps	36°/33°		

U.S. SNOW COVER			
JAN. 12	2019	2018	
Area covered by snow	37.1%	32.9%	
Average snow depth	3.1"	3.0"	

TRACKING THE COLD			
SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY	
Sub-32° highs	9 days	10 days	
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days	

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY			
Saturday's reading	Moderate		
Sunday's forecast	Good		
Critical pollutant	Particulates		

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES			
Sun	7:16 a.m.	4:41 p.m.	
Moon	11:23 a.m.	Next day	

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH			
PLANET	RISE	SET	
Mercury	6:47 a.m.	3:46 p.m.	
Venus	3:44 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	
Mars	10:35 p.m.	11:05 p.m.	
Jupiter	4:33 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	
Saturn	6:38 a.m.	3:51 p.m.	

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION			
Mercury	Not visible		
Venus	5:45 a.m.	18° SE	
Mars	5:45 p.m.	49.5° SSW	
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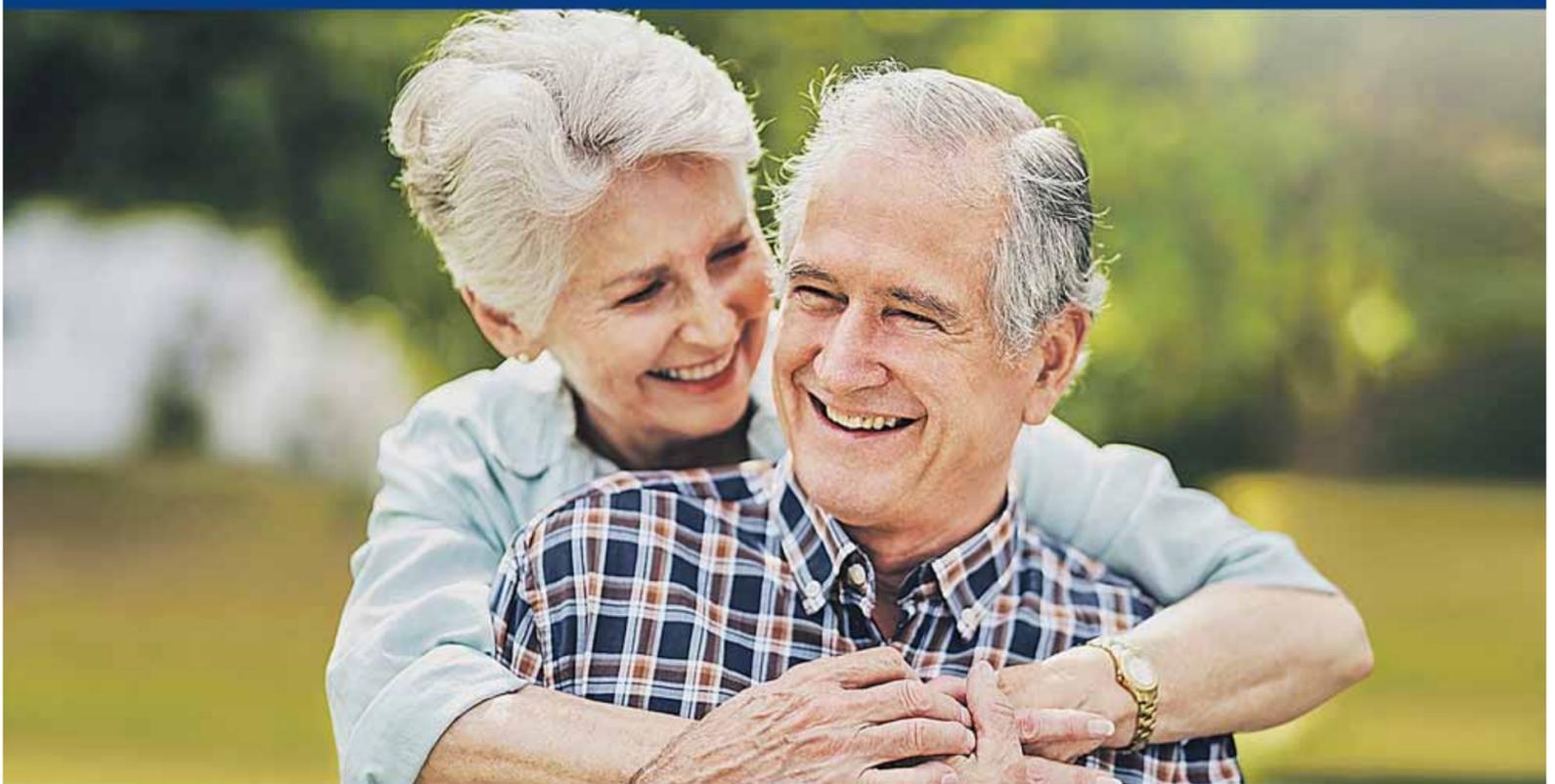
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## Monday holds the fate of a retail giant

Liquidation, Lampert's bid and what's next for Sears

By LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

In its 126-year history, Sears grew to become the country's biggest retailer and outlasted Chicago competitors like Carson Pirie Scott, Montgomery Ward and Wieboldt's. Its future now hinges on a bankruptcy auction scheduled to start Monday.

Edward Lampert, chairman and former CEO of Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holdings Corp., is trying to buy the retailer with a plan to keep it in business and keep up to 50,000 workers employed. Lampert's hedge fund, ESL Investments, sweetened its offer for Sears this week, bringing the total value of its proposal to more than \$5 billion.

But some of Sears' creditors are skeptical of ESL, and it's not yet known how the hedge fund's proposal stacks up against other offers for the company's assets.

If Lampert's plan fails, Sears could face liquidation — the end of the road for an iconic American company, at least as consumers know it.

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CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

## Sears' legacy lives on

Regardless of whether Sears survives, the company's impact remains — especially in the Chicago area — in buildings, businesses and brands that may long outlast the stores themselves. **Page 2**

# 2019: Year of the megadevelopment

These 6 sites could alter Chicago's skyline forever



The Tribune Tower CHRIS WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Burnham Lakefront FARPOINT DEVELOPMENT RENDERING

Almost a decade into a real estate development boom, commercial property owners face some obstacles that could derail this year's momentum.

Nationally, there are signs of economic uncertainty, including a wobbly stock market. Locally there also is political uncertainty, with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner on the way out.

Yet the city appears on the verge of having multiple megadevelopments under construction. Those multibillion-dollar projects once again have the potential to alter Chicago's skyline, particularly along the Chicago River.

In part because of Chicago's ultimately unsuccessful effort to woo Amazon's second headquarters, some of the most ambitious developments gained city approval or took significant steps in their planning during 2018. How the economy holds up, and how many big office tenants commit to new buildings, will determine the viability of many projects in the coming year.

A few important Chicago properties to watch in 2019, **Page 3**



RYAN ORI  
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## Not ready for snow? There's an app for that

By ALLY MAROTTI  
Chicago Tribune

LouAnne Ooton's 86-year-old mother lives up on a hill in West Chicago. There's a winding sidewalk that leads to a substantial driveway, all of which become treacherous when the snow falls.

Ooton and her husband live nearby and used to shovel the snow. But now her husband is recovering from a heart attack, she's not interested in doing it herself, and it's too much to ask of a friend. Shoveling snow is a young person's game, she said.

"I'm 61," Ooton said. "It doesn't mean I'm ready for the grave, but the idea of picking up a shovel, that heavy (snow), in my peer group is just not very appealing anymore."

So instead of reaching for the shovel when a late November snowstorm dumped more than 7 inches of snow, Ooton reached for her smartphone. On-demand snow removal is gaining popularity in the Chicago area, as residents increasingly turn to apps to outsource daily tasks.

Plowz & Mowz, the app Ooton used, gained 5,000 new users in the day after that November storm. Showler, which

Turn to **Snow, Page 4**



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# To Chicago, it will always be Sears Tower

Allstate, Craftsman, WLS-AM — retailer's legacy lives on, whatever happens

By **ROBERT CHANNICK** | Chicago Tribune

For more than century, Sears has been a Chicago business icon and the place where America shopped, evolving from a mail order catalog to a department store chain anchoring malls across the country.

Now facing the possibility of liquidation — a bankruptcy judge is expected to decide the retailer's fate in the coming weeks after Chairman Edward Lampert raised his bid to keep the company in business — Sears may soon be relegated to the history books.

Whether or not Sears survives, the company's legacy is set to live on — especially in the Chicago area — in buildings, businesses and brands that may long outlast the stores themselves.

## Willis (Sears) Tower:

There is no greater monument to the scale of Sears at its height than the 1,451-foot, 110-story tower it erected in Chicago. When Sears Tower opened in 1973, it was the world's tallest building, a title it held until 1996. Sears occupied less than 20 percent of the distinctive tubular steel building at 233 S. Wacker Drive, but its name became synonymous with the iconic symbol of Chicago's brawny skyline.

The retailer left its namesake home in 1992, moving its corporate headquarters to a sprawling suburban campus in Hoffman Estates and selling the tower two years later. In 2009, the name of the building was changed to Willis Tower as part of the deal for the London-based insurance firm to lease office space there. But for many Chicagoans, the name change didn't take, and the city's tallest building will always be known as Sears Tower.

## Allstate Insurance

Allstate was founded during the depths of the Great Depression in 1931 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Sears, and it grew into an insurance giant. Its inaugural mission was to provide mail-order car insurance, with its name borrowed from a Sears product, the Allstate automobile tire. In 1993, Sears sold more than \$2 billion worth of shares in Northbrook-based Allstate — then the largest initial public offering of a U.S. company — as part of its exit from the financial services business. Two years later, Sears completed the spinoff, selling its remaining stake in Allstate to Sears shareholders.

## Discover Financial Services

Competing with Visa, Mastercard and American Express for space in consumers' wallets, the Discover card launched nationally with a Super Bowl ad in January 1986.

The Discover card was initially part of Sears' subsidiary Dean Witter Financial Services, a brokerage house the retailer bought in 1981. Sears spun off the subsidiary in 1993, and it merged with Morgan Stanley four years later. Riverwoods-based Discover Financial Services spun off as an independent publicly traded company in 2007.

## WLS-AM 890

Sears became a broadcasting pioneer when it launched WLS, one of the first Chicago radio stations, in 1924. The call letters stood for "World's Largest Store," a moniker Sears earned from its massive headquarters and mail-order plant in Chicago's Homan Square neighborhood, where the radio studios were initially located. Catering to the rural customer base of the Sears catalog, early program offerings included "National Barn Dance," which became a long-running staple on the station and an influential force in country music. Sears sold WLS to Prairie Farmer magazine in 1928, but the legacy call letters have endured through multiple owners and formats. Atlanta-based Cumulus Media is the station's current owner.

## Sears kit homes

While not nearly as imposing as its eponymous tower, Sears' mail-order kit homes leave another architectural legacy dotting the landscape. Between the early 1900s and 1942, Sears sold thousands of the homes, which buyers ordered from a catalog and built themselves — with the help of a 75-page instructional manual, detailed blueprints and, if necessary, a hired construction professional of their choice. Models such as the Barrington, Lexington, Kismet and Solace cost several thousand dollars and arrived via rail car in several thousand pieces. Hundreds of completed Sears kit homes remain standing in the Chicago area. Sears briefly re-entered the home sales market with the purchase of residential real estate firm Coldwell Banker in 1981, which it sold along with other non-retail assets in 1993.

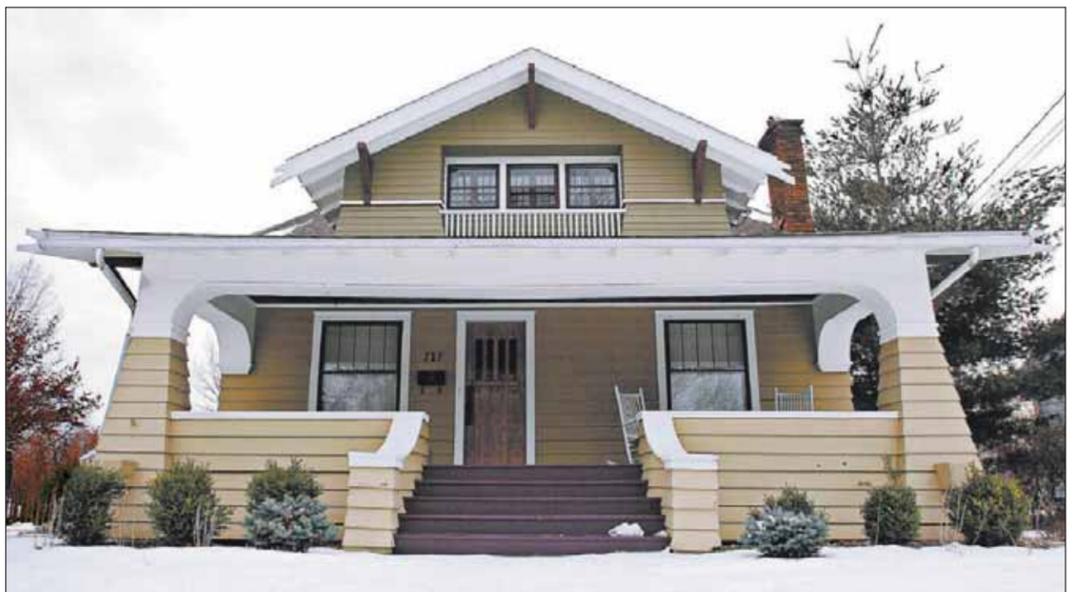
## Craftsman tools

While Sears has created a number of signature brands including Kenmore and DieHard, Craftsman tools have already found a new home. In 2017, Stanley Black & Decker bought the Craftsman brand from Sears for about \$900 million in a deal that allowed both companies to make and sell their own tool lines under the same name. Sears purchased the Craftsman name for a reported \$500 from a competing tool company, launching the brand in 1927.



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Sears Centre Arena was developed by Ryan Cos. with Sears, which supplied 35 acres and paid \$10 million for naming rights.



SETH PERLMAN/AP 2007

Between the early 1900s and 1942, Sears sold thousands of kit homes, like this "Hollywood" home in Carlinville, Ill.

## Sears Centre Arena

The Sears Centre Arena, an 11,000-seat venue, opened in 2006 in the Hoffman Estates business park where the retailer built its corporate headquarters. The arena, built on the site of the former Poplar Creek Music Theater, was developed by Minneapolis-based Ryan Cos. in partnership with Sears, which supplied 35 acres and paid \$10 million for naming rights. Rock band Duran Duran christened the new indoor entertainment venue, which has since been home to everything from minor league hockey games to monster truck events. The NBA G League's Windy City Bulls are among the most prominent current tenants.

In October, Sears signed a \$1.8 million, three-year extension that could keep its name on the arena through 2022, perhaps outlasting the retailer itself. Sears paid its most recent \$600,000 annual installment, due in advance, in September. Hoffman Estates took over the Sears Centre in 2009.

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# 126-year-old retailer's fate on line

Sears, from Page 1

Here's what you need to know ahead of the bankruptcy auction on Monday.

## Q: Sears used to be the country's biggest retailer. What happened?

A: Online shopping is part of the story, but Sears' challenges go back decades. It was slow to react to new competition from discount chains and specialty stores and to changes in shopping habits, including a shift away from suburban shopping malls. Lampert was accused of focusing on cost-cutting at the expense of investing in stores. He insisted the company was working to turn itself into a smaller but profitable retailer. As time went on, Sears kept shrinking — closing hundreds of stores and getting rid of more than 60 percent of its employees in less than three years. But it also continued losing money, racking up more than \$11 billion in losses since 2011.

## Q: The company planned to reorganize in bankruptcy. Why is it now at risk of shutting down?

A: It's possible ESL won't emerge as the winning bidder, and it's not clear whether the company has any other offers from buyers who want to save, rather than liquidate, Sears. An attorney representing Sears creditors told the U.S. Bankruptcy Court at a hearing Tuesday in New York that it continues to have "significant concerns" about ESL's bid. The concerns creditors have about ESL's bid have to do with financial dealings between Lampert, ESL and Sears. The creditors say those transactions "may be part of an extended pattern of conduct that served to benefit certain (insider) equity holders," according to court filings. ESL denied those allegations.

## Q: What are the potential outcomes?

A: Lampert's ESL has said it will strive to keep Sears in business if it wins the bid. But even if the company liquidates, the Sears Home Services business or brands like Kenmore and DieHard could live on. ESL also has said it would bid on some pieces of

the business individually. It's also possible that someone could buy Sears' intellectual property and try to bring the brand back online or in bricks-and-mortar stores.

## Q: Will more stores close?

A: Sears has already closed or announced plans to close 262 Sears and Kmart stores by late March. Lampert's ESL has said it wants to buy the remaining 425 stores in the bankruptcy auction, though it could change its bid or decide to close more stores after buying the company. If Lampert's push to keep the company alive fails, the fate of the stores will depend who ends up buying Sears' assets.

## Q: What will happen to Sears' employees?

A: If Lampert wins the bankruptcy auction and keeps Sears in business, his fund has said it expects to employ up to 50,000 people. If Sears goes out of business, those jobs would disappear. The company said it had 68,000 employees, including 32,000 full-time workers, when it filed for bankruptcy in October.

## Q: If there's a chance to keep stores open and workers on the job, why wouldn't the court automatically choose that option?

A: Bankruptcy courts would generally rather not liquidate a company that has a chance of succeeding after exiting bankruptcy. But the priority is recovering as much of the money the company owes as possible, and the judge could decide it would be better to sell the remaining assets immediately to pay back the company's lenders.

## Q: What happens next?

A: Sears will aim to notify the Bankruptcy Court of the auction results by Wednesday, according to a timeline approved by the court. Other parties have eight days to challenge the outcome in court. Ultimately, a judge has to approve the sale of Sears' assets, a decision expected in the coming weeks.

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Certificates of deposit are great for stashing away money reserved for buying a home, since their withdrawal restrictions make them harder to access than other bank accounts. But can CDs actually help you qualify for a mortgage? And how do they impact your credit score?

Let's start with your credit report. Here, the answer is that CDs have no bearing on how good you look to credit rating agencies. That's because credit scores generally only factor in loans that's been extended — in other words, your credit, debts and credit lines.

In contrast, bank accounts and investments are savings, not debt obligations, and therefore don't fall within a credit report's scope. So no matter how much money you hold in deposit at a bank, whether in CDs or other accounts, it won't appear in your credit report or factor into your score.

The only exception is for individuals who use a CD as collateral to take out a personal loan. Here, credit has been extended, so the personal loan will make it onto your credit report.

As for how CDs influence mortgage lender decisions, any funds held in certificates can certainly count toward your down payment. But whether your down payment funds come from savings, money market, checking or CD accounts really doesn't matter. Cash in any of these is calculated equally.

Because CDs are not as liquid as savings accounts, though, the lender may require you to spell out when you'll cash in the certificates, and perhaps how much you'll surrender in any early withdrawal penalties.

Other than that, however, owning CDs will not sway the lender to be any more or less favorable to you, making their best value that of securely holding your funds with reduced temptation until you're ready to apply them to your new home.

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Sterling Bay now plans to create 20.9 acres of publicly accessible space, up from 13.4 acres.

## How will Chicago look after 2019?

### Lincoln Yards

Only days into the new year, Sterling Bay's development is headed toward sweeping changes that will drastically alter the look and feel of one of the boldest mixed-use projects ever drawn up on the city's North Side.

After years of buying formerly industrial land on the river along Lincoln Park and Bucktown, Sterling Bay has been seeking city zoning approval to build more than 12 million square feet of office and residential high-rises, retail, a 20,000-seat soccer stadium and other entertainment venues.

On Tuesday, Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, made the bombshell announcement that he's forcing Sterling Bay to remove plans for the stadium, where a United Soccer League team owned by Cubs owner Tom Ricketts was supposed to play, and several live entertainment venues that Live Nation Entertainment was to run. Hopkins said he rejected those aspects of Sterling Bay's plan because of neighbors' concerns about traffic congestion.

Hopkins wants the stadium to be replaced by open recreational space and the entertainment district to be split into restaurants, theaters and other smaller venues.

Before Sterling Bay can break ground on its \$5 billion to \$6 billion vision for the vacant land between North and Webster avenues, the developer also will need to allay concerns about the project's impact on nearby businesses, schools, public transportation, roads and bridges. Other remaining points of potential conflict include: the amount of park space Sterling Bay will provide on the site; heights of the tallest buildings, which could rise more than 50 stories; and the proposed use of public funds to create new infrastructure in an already traffic-choked area of the city.

The city is considering creating \$800 million in tax increment financing that could be used to help fund a relocated Metra station, new roads and bridges and other infrastructure in and around Lincoln Yards. City officials have argued that the financing — in which Sterling Bay would pay for infrastructure up front, as it's built in phases, and be reimbursed later — offers a way to build much-needed improvements the city otherwise can't afford.

Hopkins said he's pushing the city to include the creation of a 24-acre, \$200 million public park along the river near Lincoln Yards — a project also championed by Aldermen Michele Smith and Scott Waguespack, who represent the nearby 43rd and 32nd wards — as part of any public funding package.

### The 78

Related Midwest was thinking big when it drew up plans for its riverside site connecting the South Loop and Chinatown, and when it named the development — which the developer says will be large enough to become Chicago's 78th community area.

The 62-acre site gained national attention after the Tribune reported that Amazon officials made a second visit there in August, as the company considered sites for what it called HQ2. It was one of the few sites reported to

receive a follow-up visit from Amazon.

Although Chicago lost out on HQ2 — which ultimately was split into large offices in New York and Arlington, Va., rather than an actual second headquarters — Related Midwest gained a seal of approval of sorts. Site selection experts predict other corporations will use Amazon's already vetted list of potential cities and sites for their own office searches.

Related Midwest is carrying on with plans to build 13 million square feet of office, residential, hotel, retail, restaurant and entertainment space along a half-mile of the Chicago River south of the Loop. The estimated cost is \$7 billion. The developer plans to set aside about 3 acres of the site for the planned University of Illinois-led Discovery Partners Institute innovation center.

Related Midwest likely will need a big office tenant to commit before construction will start on one or more of the skyscrapers envisioned on the site.

Zoning was approved by the City Council in December.

### Tribune Tower

The Chicago Tribune moved out of the newspaper's 93-year home on Michigan Avenue in June, heading south of the river to Prudential Plaza.

Los Angeles-based CIM Group and Chicago's Golub & Co., which bought Tribune Tower in 2016, unveiled a dramatic plan in April to build a 1,422-foot-tall skyscraper just east of the site. The skyscraper would be part of a two-phase redevelopment that already has begun to convert the historic tower into 163 residential condominiums and retail space.

The thin skyscraper, designed by Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture, would have a 200-room hotel, 439 rental apartments and 125 condos. The tower would be just 29 feet lower than the city's tallest, Willis Tower.

Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, has yet to weigh in on the project's fate. The skyscraper, if approved by the city and built, would take a prominent place on Chicago's skyline — and command attention near some of the city's top tourist destinations, including Navy Pier and Millennium Park.

### Burnham Lakefront

More than a year ago, a group led by Farpoint Development and Draper and Kramer disclosed plans for up to 14 million square feet of residential and office buildings on land near McCormick Place that includes the 49-acre former Michael Reese Hospital site.

The group is working to finalize a development agreement with the city, and to move forward on a project that would fill a gap of unused space along Lake Shore Drive between the city's massive convention center and South Side neighborhoods.

The developers' plan continues to evolve, with the focus possibly shifting to making the site a destination for medical labs, offices and research, Farpoint principal Scott Goodman said.

Burnham Lakefront, as the development is now called, could bring a park and pedestrian walkway over Lake Shore Drive, connecting it to the lake. Other infrastructure, in-

cluding a 31st Street Metra station, also is proposed.

### Chicago Spire site

A decade after work stopped on the Chicago Spire, the site's new owner took the wraps off its vision for the 2.2-acre parcel. Related Midwest in May unveiled plans for residential towers of 1,100 and 850 feet tall, designed by One World Trade Center architect David Childs of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill's New York office.

Plans for 400 Lake Shore Drive, as it's now called, renewed hopes for something dramatic on the site.

But in October, Ald. Reilly announced he was rejecting Related Midwest's proposal. He cited concerns from neighbors about traffic, security along the riverwalk, the height of the podium on which the towers would be built and a proposed hotel in a portion of one of the towers.

In a message to constituents, Reilly said Related Midwest had not adequately addressed "major concerns" about the proposal. Reilly's move doesn't end plans for the project, but it sent the developer back to the drawing board.

The zoning setback also puts on hold the long-discussed DuSable Park on a 3.3-acre peninsula just across Lake Shore Drive, as well as riverwalk extensions.

### The River District

After years of planning, broadcast company Tribune Media's plan to build more offices, a hotel and more than 4,000 residential units along the river was approved by the City Council in October.

The 37-acre site runs between Chicago and Grand avenues along the river, and it includes the Freedom Center facility where the Chicago Tribune and other newspapers are printed.

The newspaper's parent company has said it has a lease for the Freedom Center that runs until 2023, with two options to extend the lease 10 years each, and has no plans to move the printing facility. Tribune Media said it plans development phases north and south of the printing facility early on, and it's unclear how the broadcast company eventually plans to redevelop the middle portion.

Furthest along is a phase, in a joint venture with Riverside Investment & Development, where offices and apartments are planned on 7 acres on the north end of the site.

The River District includes a path for the city's planned new public transit route between the North Side and Ogilvie Transportation Center to pass through. The route would help move tens of thousands of new residents and workers that new developments along the river, including the River District and Lincoln Yards, would bring to areas north of the Loop.

Tribune Media's site is one of several likely to be transformed in a 760-acre formerly industrial corridor along the North Branch of the river. A construction boom has been anticipated since the Emanuel's administration in 2017 finalized major land-use changes to allow nonmanufacturing functions such as apartment towers and hotels to be built in the corridor.

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# Different trains of thought for two big developments

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Two of the boldest real estate developments proposed in decades are chugging toward big changes as developers grapple with the critical role of public transportation in Chicago's growth.

As a result of neighbors' concerns about access to the Lincoln Yards' site on the city's Chicago North Side, developer Sterling Bay on Tuesday said it will remove a 20,000-seat soccer stadium and several Live Nation Entertainment venues from its blueprints for the more than \$5 billion mixed-use development envisioned along the Chicago River. Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, had said he wouldn't support those features.

Before that dust settled, 3rd Ward Ald. Pat Dowell on Thursday announced her opposition to Related Midwest's plan to build a new CTA Red Line station at Clark and 15th streets to support The 78, a proposed \$7 billion mixed-use development on the river between the South Loop and Chinatown.

"What strikes me here is that transit gets pushback from both ends," said DePaul University transportation professor Joe Schwieterman, director of the school's Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development. "At Lincoln Yards, there's a need for massively more transit. Here (along The 78), the neighborhood is pushing for the status quo."

Outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel has pushed to encourage transit-oriented development along train stations and, more recently, on the city's busiest bus lines.

Schwieterman described resistance to a Red Line station at 15th and Clark as "a real head-scratcher."

"You either push transit-oriented development in

the city or you don't," Schwieterman said.

Public transportation is a major contributor to job growth and property values in the Chicago area, according to the Metropolitan Planning Council.

Half of the new jobs created between 2005 and 2015 were located within a half-mile of a CTA or Metra station, according to the Chicago-based public policy group. More than 85 percent of commercial construction in the seven-county area occurred within a half-mile of a train station, according to a study by the group.

Commercial property sales in Chicago the past five years also were strongly influenced by proximity to train stations.

Office buildings within a half-mile of train stations sold for an average of \$252 per square foot, compared with \$209 for buildings farther out, the group said, using data from CoStar Group. Apartment buildings along train stations sold for an average of \$195,513 per unit, compared with \$122,061 outside the half-mile ring.

Plans by Related Midwest and Sterling Bay each would create about 13 million square feet of office, residential, hotel, restaurant, retail and entertainment space.

Sterling Bay and the city are working to gain approval for as much as \$900 million in tax-increment financing to build a new Metra train station on the Lincoln Yards site, add bridges across the river and make other improvements.

TIF funding was approved Friday by the city's Joint Review Board, advancing it to the Community Development Commission.

The city also proposes creating a route on which buses or trains would run from Lincoln Yards and other formerly industrial sites along the North

Branch of the river to downtown train stations.

But with those projects years away, many neighbors urged Hopkins to prevent large sports and entertainment events at Lincoln Yards.

South of the Loop, Dowell said she opposed the Red Line station because of concerns by neighbors about proximity to existing homes, as well as construction staging that would eliminate or reduce access to nearby Cotton Tail Park.

After Dowell's announcement, Related Midwest said it plans to move the station away from CTA-owned land and onto its 62-acre riverside site west of Clark.

The revised plan moves the station out of Dowell's ward, and into Ald. Danny Solis' 25th Ward. The Joint Review Board on Friday approved \$700 million in TIF funding to cover the Red Line station and other upgrades near The 78.

Red Line trains already run beneath Related Midwest's site, between the subterranean Roosevelt station and the above-ground Cermak station in Chinatown.

It's unclear whether Dowell and neighbors will back Related Midwest's revised plan.

"It's a little too early for me to say," Dowell said Friday. "I have to see how this new option lays out and the impact it would have east of Clark Street."

Josh Ellis, a Metropolitan Planning Council vice president who lives in the South Loop, said he believes neighbors are open to a Red Line compromise.

"We haven't really answered what the best way is to meet current and future transit needs in the neighborhood," Ellis said. "We hope that's the discussion we move forward with. There's more development coming, and we have to meet the needs of those developments and the neighborhood."

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# Here's what to do if you don't want to shovel

Snow, from Page 1

lets people with their own shovels or snowblowers answer snow-removal requests that come in through the app, has about 10,000 users in the Chicago area. There are others, too, including a San Diego-based app called Lawn Love, which launched its snow-removal service in Chicago on Friday.

The apps — not all of which are profitable — bet on repeat customers. If they need their driveway plowed in the winter, maybe they'll need their yard mowed in the summer.

Stacy Sobut used Plowz & Mowz last winter to hire someone to dig out the 16-car garage at her Back of the Yards condo building.

"It was a huge snow," she said. "Usually we can plow through it (with our cars), but I'm like, 'There's absolutely no way.'"

She was pleased with the results. Sobut, who declined to give her age, is the treasurer of the condo board and liked how the app allows users to pay only when they use it. Vendors she used in the past required annual fees, regardless of how much snow came down. Her neighborhood didn't get enough snow to need plowing when that storm blew through in November, but she had the app pulled up in case it did.

"I was already plugging it in to see the cost," she said.

The apps are tapping into the needs of different players. There's the consumer, who needs to hire someone to come plow or shovel and doesn't know who to call. There's the gig economy worker, who owns a shovel, has some spare time and wants to make an extra buck.

And there's the snow-plow driver, looking for a way to pick up extra jobs and make a route more efficient. Those folks can't make money unless they're working, said Dan Lopez, operations manager of Syracuse, N.Y.-based Plowz & Mowz. But if they play their cards right, they can rake it in, Lopez said.

"There's a reason why landscapers and our partners call snow 'white gold,'" he said. "They get super amped because they know there's money to be made."

The apps are free to download. Their pricing structures vary, and they all work a little differently.

With Plowz & Mowz, users plug in the size of their driveway, how much snow has fallen and when they want it plowed — as soon as possible or tomorrow morning before work, for example. The snow plow operators answer the request and text a picture to the homeowner when the job is done.

Lawn Love pairs vetted contractors with homeowners, and pricing is "deeply discounted" if users sign up for recurring service, CEO Jeremy Yamaguchi said. The app uses satellite images and other

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software to map out a property and determine pricing.

Shovler incorporates snow depth, property size, temperature, shoveler availability and more into its pricing, founder Daniel Miller said. Users put in requests to get their sidewalks or driveways shoveled, and the people who have registered as shovelers through the app answer the requests.

In the last storm, the average cost for clearing a driveway with a two-garage and a sidewalk was about \$50 throughout the Chicago area, Miller said. The shovelers also take home tips.

The last shoveling job Demetrius Leatherwood completed through the app paid about \$75, he said. The Roseland resident, who has his own shovel and snowblower, answers requests within a 15-mile radius. They vary from shoveling sidewalks that flank houses to salting driveways and clearing off snow-covered cars.

Leatherwood, 28, also drives for Uber and delivers food via DoorDash. With a 2-year-old and a 4-year-old, the flexibility is essential, he said.

"You can just cut off the app when you're done and go straight toward the day care to get your kids," Leatherwood said.

Shovler is one of the few on-demand apps Valerie Williams, 60, of the West Pullman neighborhood, uses. She downloaded the app in November in search of someone to shovel and salt the walkways around the apartment building she and her husband own and live in. She used it to have her 79-year-old mother's walkway and drive in Harvey shoveled too.

Last year, Williams paid a neighbor \$40 to do the shoveling at her apartment, and he didn't do a good job, she said. The people she hired through Shovler did a fine job, she said, and she didn't have to find someone herself.

"The app made that much easier," Williams said. "I don't want to take the risk of a tenant or someone slipping and falling because the snow isn't shoveled."

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## INVESTING

### Stocks Recap



WEEKLY PERFORMANCE					YTD				1YR				
52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG
26951.81	21712.53	Dow Jones industrials	24014.78	23301.59	23995.95	+562.79	+2.4	+2.9	-7.0				
11623.58	8636.79	Dow Jones trans.	9660.40	9143.17	9625.25	+400.23	+4.3	+5.0	-15.4				
762.26	647.81	Dow Jones utilities	717.82	700.25	713.86	+1.95	+0.3	+0.1	+4.4				
13637.02	10723.66	NYSE Comp.	11851.55	11502.26	11847.96	+314.61	+2.7	+4.2	-10.9				
6222.14	4682.10	NYSE International	5144.20	4988.68	5130.91	+123.30	+2.5	+4.9	-15.2				
7700.56	5895.12	Nasdaq 100	6631.06	6412.98	6601.40	+178.72	+2.8	+4.3	+2.3				
8133.30	6190.17	Nasdaq Comp.	6991.37	6741.40	6971.48	+232.62	+3.5	+5.1	-4.0				
2940.91	2346.58	S&P 500	2597.82	2524.56	2596.26	+64.32	+2.5	+3.6	-6.8				
2053.00	1565.76	S&P MidCap	1765.54	1680.52	1763.62	+79.28	+4.7	+6.1	-10.3				
30560.54	24129.49	Wilshire 5000	26862.67	26048.54	26855.23	+774.44	+3.0	+4.3	+7.1				
1742.09	1266.93	Russell 2000	1448.28	1380.84	1447.38	+66.64	+4.8	+7.3	-9.1				
403.72	327.34	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	350.18	341.38	349.20	+5.82	+1.7	+3.4	-12.3				
7903.50	6536.53	FTSE 100	7001.94	6778.01	6918.18	+80.76	+1.2	+2.8	-11.1				

<b>Gold</b>	↑	+4.40	\$1,287.10
<b>Silver</b>	↓	-0.12	\$15.58
<b>Crude Oil</b>	↑	+3.63	\$51.59
<b>Natural Gas</b>	↑	+0.06	\$3.10
<b>10-year T-note</b>	↑	+0.04	2.69%
<b>Euro</b>	↓	-0.0050	to .8722/\$1
<b>Yen</b>	↓	-0.01	to 108.50/\$1

### Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Gen Electric	8.94	+0.71	
Bank of America	26.03	+0.45	
Chesapeake Energy	2.72	+0.47	
EnCana Corp	6.74	+0.51	
Ford Motor	8.82	+0.74	
Annaly Capital Mgmt	8.94	-0.08	
AT&T Inc	30.87	+1.04	
Weatherford Intl Ltd	5.4	+0.07	
PG&E Corp	17.59	-0.81	
Pfizer Inc	42.88	-0.12	
Nabors Inds	2.82	+0.43	
Twitter Inc	32.87	+2.92	
Energy Transfer L.P.	15.04	+0.86	

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Adv Micro Dev	20.27	+1.27	
Apple Inc	152.29	+4.03	
Micron Tech	30.61	+3.31	
Microsoft Corp	102.80	+8.7	
Caesars Entertainment	8.71	+1.67	
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.07	-0.10	
Roku Inc	39.57	+5.84	
Intel Corp	48.93	+1.71	
Bed Bath & Beyond	15.23	+3.28	
Cisco Syst	43.49	+0.57	
Comcast Corp A	35.63	-0.18	
Facebook Inc	143.80	+5.85	
Nvidia Corporation	148.83	+12.64	

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Alps Alerian MLP	9.62	+0.18	
Barc iPath Vix ST	39.31	-4.63	
iShs China Large Cap	40.39	+1.01	
iShs Emerg Mkts	40.73	+1.04	
iShares EAFE ETF	61.03	+1.12	
iShs iBoxx HY CpbD	83.89	+1.50	
Invesco COO Trust	160.69	+4.46	
ProShs UltraPro ShtQQQ	14.50	-1.25	
SPDR S&P500 ETF TR	258.98	+6.59	
SPDR Lehman HY Bd	34.83	+0.72	
SPDR Financial	24.50	+0.24	
US Oil Fund LP	10.90	+0.72	
VanE Vect Glb Miners	21.08	-0.22	

### Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
AT&T Inc	30.87	+1.04	
Alibaba Group Hldg	151.32	+11.57	
Alphabet Inc C	1057.19	-13.52	
Alphabet Inc A	1064.47	-13.60	
Amazon.com Inc	1640.56	+65.17	
Anheuser-Busch InBev	73.73	+4.64	
Apple Inc	152.29	+4.03	
Bank of America	26.03	+0.45	
Berkshire Hath A	293980.00	+1480.00	
Berkshire Hath B	196.29	+1.09	
Boeing Co	352.90	+25.82	
Chevron Corp	112.54	+1.72	
China Mobile Ltd	51.05	+1.82	
Cisco Syst	43.49	+0.57	
Citigroup	56.69	+1.56	
CocaCola Co	47.34	-0.23	
Comcast Corp A	35.63	-0.18	
Disney	112.65	+3.04	
Exxon Mobil Corp	71.72	+0.57	
Facebook Inc	143.80	+5.85	
FEMSA	93.35	+3.95	
HSBC Holdings PLC	41.42	-0.19	
Home Depot	179.41	+5.79	
Intel Corp	48.93	+1.71	
JPMorgan Chase & Co	99.91	-0.78	
Johnson & Johnson	129.75	+1.92	
MasterCard Inc	195.90	+6.47	
McDonalds Corp	182.37	+4.09	
Merck & Co	74.90	-1.37	
Microsoft Corp	102.80	+8.7	
Netflix Inc	337.59	+40.02	
Novartis AG	87.77	+1.88	
Oracle Corp	48.29	+1.58	
PepsiCo	108.16	-2.32	
Pfizer Inc	42.88	-0.12	
Procter & Gamble	91.77	-0.72	
Royal Dutch Shell B	62.16	-0.06	
Royal Dutch Shell A	60.54	-0.01	
Taiwan Semicon	36.61	+1.64	
Toyota Mot	125.07	+5.34	
Unilever NV	53.56	+0.87	
Unilever PLC	52.40	-0.32	
Unitedhealth Group	247.67	+8.05	
Verizon Comm	58.02	+2.26	
Visa Inc	138.06	+4.41	
Walmart Strs	94.84	+1.40	
Wells Fargo & Co	47.87	-0.08	

### How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and north-west Indiana as of Friday, January 11, 2019

Market capitalization in millions of dollars

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	200,406	352.90	▲+25.82	
2 McDonalds Corp	140,590	182.37	▲+4.09	
3 AbbVie Inc	132,837	88.31	▼-7.6	
4 Abbott Labs	121,766	69.33	▲+1.22	
5 Caterpillar Inc	77,953	132.10	▲+3.95	
6 Walgreen Boots Alli	67,654	71.71	▲+2.14	
7 CME Group	61,536	180.55	▼-4.13	
8 Mondelez Intl	61,395	42.23	▲+1.39	
9 Kraft Heinz Co	55,618	45.61	▲+1.12	
10 Deere Co	50,423	158.28	▲+6.60	
11 Exelon Corp	44,279	45.79	▲+1.17	
12 ITW	43,236	130.31	▲+3.13	
13 Baxter Intl	35,552	66.81	▲+0.31	
14 Allstate Corp	28,743	83.45	▲+0.78	
15 Equity Residential	24,888	67.55	▲+2.99	
16 Arch Dan Mid	24,197	43.16	▲+1.45	
17 United Contl Hldgs	21,816	80.07	▼-2.61	
18 Ventas Inc	21,430	60.12	▲+2.52	
19 Discover Fin Svcs	21,011	62.54	▲+1.25	
20 Motorola Solutions	18,965	116.00	▲+4.4	
21 Nthn Trst Ctp	18,962	85.65	▲+0.90	
22 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	16,851	284.11	▲+29.08	
23 Gallagher WW	16,223	284.50	▲+5.37	
24 Gallagher AJ	13,351	72.70	▲+0.38	
25 CNA Financial	12,132	44.70	▼-1.11	
26 CDW Corp	12,087	80.59	▲+2.71	
27 Dover Corp	11,393	77.86	▲+4.90	
28 ConAgra Brands Inc	10,494	21.61	▼-2.25	
29 IDEXX Corp	10,475	136.56	▲+7.21	
30 TransUnion	10,399	56.12	▼-0.9	
31 CBOE Global Markets	10,254	91.39	▼-6.97	
32 CF Industries	10,247	44.40	▲+4.4	
33 NISource Inc	9,757	26.39	▲+0.85	
34 Equity Lifestyle Prop	8,902	99.19	▲+3.80	
35 Zebra Tech	8,780	163.20	▲+10.23	
36 Packaging Corp Am	8,610	91.12	▲+4.95	
37 LKQ Corporation	8,375	26.32	▲+2.49	
38 US Foods Holding	7,290	33.55	▲+0.79	
39 GrubHub Inc	7,123	78.54	▲+2.74	
40 Ingredion Inc	6,855	96.96	▲+2.92	
41 CDK Global Inc	6,443	50.04	▲+2.96	
42 Old Republic	6,355	21.00	▲+0.36	
43 Hill-Rom Hldgs	6,249	92.89	▲+5.05	
44 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,174	135.51	▲+8.12	
45 Middleby Corp	6,143	110.00	▲+5.98	
46 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	6,060	42.86	▲+2.98	
47 USG Corp	6,012	43.02	▲+0.4	
48 Aptargroup Inc	5,950	94.73	▲+3.66	
49 Morningstar Inc	4,645	108.90	▲+3.39	
50 Littelfuse Inc	4,614	183.43	▲+13.15	
51 Kemper Corp	4,600	71.06	▲+4.14	
52 Brunswick Corp	4,233	48.81	▲+2.17	
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Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell  
Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725  
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Richard Monocchio,  
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Telephone Number:  
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The site of construction is located at 6100 South River Road, Hodgkins, IL 60525.

The purpose of this notice is to receive public comments on the proposed project. The public has ten (10) days to comment on the proposed project. Comments can be sent to Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, MWRDGC, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611 or to Mr. Bill Jankousky, IEPA, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

Additional information and access to planning documents can be found at MWRDGC offices at 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois. Please contact Mr. Louis Storio at (312) 751-3167, or [louis.storio@mwrdr.org](mailto:louis.storio@mwrdr.org), for an appointment. Pub: 1/13/2019 6084498

**NOTIFICATION OF SALE OF LIENED ASSET PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE §9-610**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Schwartz & Kanyock, LLC ("S&K"), as agent for James Janousek ("Janousek"), will sell at public sale a \$5,735,038.63 promissory note dated November 1, 2015 (the "Note") from The Slotky Group to the Michael B. Slotky Revocable Trust (the "MBS Trust") to the highest qualified bidder under §9-610 of the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code (the "Sale"). The sale shall take place at 2:00 p.m. on January 23, 2019 (the "Sale Date") at S&K's office, located at 33 N. Dearborn, Suite 2330, Chicago, IL 60602.

Judgment creditor James Janousek ("Janousek") holds a judgment against Michael B. Slotky ("Slotky") and the Estate of Burton A. Slotky, Deceased ("Estate") in Janousek v. Slotky, et al, Cook County Circuit Court No. 09 CH 22216 (the "Litigation"). The Court in the Litigation has ruled that (1) the MBS Trust is Slotky's self-settled trust; (2) the MBS Trust's assets are subject to execution in the Litigation; and (3) S&K, as Janousek's counsel, shall sell the Note at a public foreclosure sale under §9-610(a) of Illinois' Uniform Commercial Code, with the proceeds to be applied against Janousek's judgment in the Litigation.

Janousek holds a perfected citation lien in and to all of the MBS Trust's assets, including the Note.

THE NOTE WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS AND WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION, WARRANTIES OR COVENANTS OF ANY NATURE AND NONE SHALL BE IMPLIED.

The Sale will be conducted as an "open-cry" auction, with all bids to be given orally at the Sale. The Note will be sold to the highest bidder at the Sale. An accepted bid price by anyone other than Janousek must be paid by certified funds to the order of the "Schwartz & Kanyock, LLC IOLTA" with payment received by the end of business on the Sale Date. Janousek has the right to credit bid any or all of his judgment in the Litigation (which judgment, including unpaid principal, accrued interest and fees, currently aggregates \$15,942,862.16 as of the date of this notice, with \$3,404.03 in interest accruing each day thereafter) without any deposit. S&K has the right to postpone, continue or cancel the Sale in its sole discretion and without further notice, except as announced at the Sale Date. S&K reserves the right to establish bidding procedures at the Sale in addition to and consistent with this Notice and with the January 2, 2019 turnover order entered in the Litigation authorizing this UCC sale.

Upon completion of the Sale, S&K shall file a report of the Sale in the Litigation. Any party may move to approve the Sale. Upon approval of the Sale, S&K shall furnish an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness due and owing to Janousek to the judgment debtors in the Litigation.

Parties interested in bidding or receiving additional information about the Note, the Note's obligor or the Sale should contact Andrew R. Schwartz at Schwartz & Kanyock, LLC, 33 N. Dearborn, Suite 2330, Chicago, IL 60602 (Tel.: (312) 441-1040) (E-mail: [andy@schwartz-lawyer.com](mailto:andy@schwartz-lawyer.com)).

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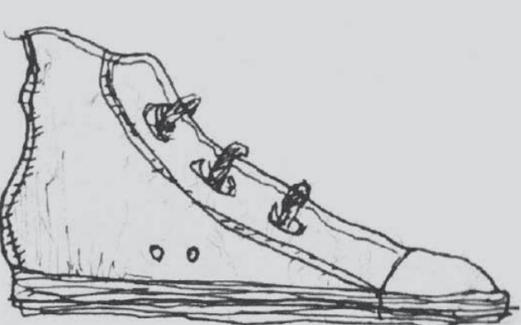
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# Say it again: A look back at some of memorable quotes from 2018

Whether they're offering advice, complaining about their jobs or commenting on the very essence of working, our sources had a lot to say in 2018. Here's a look back at some of our favorite quotes:

#### Zazz in the morning

"I'm grinding it out with guys in their 20s who don't know the word 'sleep.' They're sending emails at three in the morning with new ideas. I have no ideas at three in the morning. I've already been asleep for three or four hours."

— Peter Baros, a 42-year-old copywriter in Morristown, New Jersey, on the futility of keeping up with his younger, "always on" co-workers

#### Parent trap

"I was thinking about having my 6-year-old daughter leave my out-of-the-office voicemail message, something like 'leave my daddy alone and figure it out yourself.'"

— Sam Trenton, a database administrator in Oakland, California, explaining a possible strategy to keep his co-workers from contacting him when he's on vacation

#### Be like Mike?

"You would have thought I was stepping in for Michael Jordan or something. I lasted about six months. The pressure of trying to be myself and trying to be the guy who retired — it was too much. And I tried. I'd show up with muffins every Monday — like, good muffins, the kind that are the size of grapefruits. Nothing. People would take one, nod 'thanks' and walk away."

— PR specialist Greg Leona on his futile attempt to replace a beloved, retiring employee at a Boston university

#### Money talks

"In large corporations, all the good feelings in the world can't make up for a loss of revenue or overspending in a certain area. If you look deep enough, every employee-retention decision that doesn't directly relate to performance comes down to dollars."

— Tina Boswell, a career adviser and former analyst with the U.S. Department of Labor, on why even long-term, "cost-effective" employees aren't spared during company layoffs

#### Slap happy

"Our chairs are so close that if I stretch while yawning, I can hit Jacy in the face if I'm not careful."

— Hayden Frye, an associate with Keybridge Communications in Washington, D.C., on his close proximity to co-worker Jacy Gomez

#### Shotgun roastmaster

"It was classic, like an anti-TED Talk."

— Brian Chadwick, a software developer in Madison, Wisconsin, on a former CEO's tirade against his company, his employees and his clients during a wintery drive to Milwaukee from Chicago

#### Hold the hug

"Some guys just say 'OK, then' and leave it at that. Some guys come in for a hug. I'm like 'seriously? I'm not your grandma.' And then other guys offer this weird handshake like they're afraid to touch a girl or they think they're going to break my hand. It's awkward."

— Jenna Rios, a San Francisco accountant on how certain male clients approach her when meeting for the first time

#### Big thoughts, small skills

"I'd say 50 years ago, there wasn't a manager in this country that couldn't get on his hands and knees and fix whatever needed to be fixed, but that changed in the '90s. Managers became the vision guys. They became the people with the MBAs who thought of new ways to solve problems without having any real experience with those problems in the first place."

— Career coach Christine Emmanuel on the limited job knowledge of some of today's managers.

#### Ghost in the machine

"I don't need to check in all the time but if you're a contract worker, you better be visible. I don't want people looking around saying 'Where's Casey?' Out of sight, out of mind, you know?"

— Casey White, a medical equipment service tech in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on why he occasionally visits the companies who set him up with repair appointments, whether he needs to or not

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*

## CAREER ADVICE

# Now or then? Is there ever a good time to go back to school?

The economy's humming, the job market's soaring, you are achieving more than ever at work and the only thing you can think about is how you're going to study for finals.

"It's on my mind from when I wake up until I go to bed," says Peter, who doesn't want his last name used because his manager doesn't know he's gone back to school. "I do everything I need to do at work, but I'm always switching screens back to my discussion groups and to my academic work."

Peter, a resident of Chicago's Roscoe Village neighborhood, says he has the added pressure of keeping the work on his MBA a secret from his employer. "Most places want you to go back to school but I work for a small firm and when I interviewed, they made it a point to tell me the last three people in my position left for a new job as soon as they finished their MBA," Peter says. "I wasn't about to tell them that I was already one semester into my program. I wanted the job."

Peter says he thinks he probably would have been hired anyway, "but it's nice that people think I'm very committed to the job, which I am, I guess, in a way," he says.

But Peter says he's seen enough people get burned by past employers to know he needed to keep working on advancing his academic experience. "People say the MBA is dying, that's it's no longer necessary, but tell that to two of my good friends who were passed over for promotions when their company hired MBAs with no experience whatsoever in their field," he says. "I'm not letting that happen to me."

### 'Face in the crowd'

Los Angeles resident Martin Harper gets it. A few years ago, he felt like he reached his potential at work and was "surrounded by people with MBAs and these graduate degrees in finance and marketing, and there I was with my bachelor's degree in political science," says Harper. "My manager agreed at the time

but he said he couldn't kick in any money toward degrees for employees, and I had more than enough student loans at the time."

Harper decided to begin the slow-but-steady process of obtaining a degree in marketing and taking a series of classes in graphic design. "I can be a one-man band now," says Harper. "Bad economy, good economy — it doesn't matter. I work independently now but I'm always looking for new work. I'm about 200 percent more hireable than I was five years ago. Back then, I was one of many, just a face in the crowd. Maybe to some extent, I still am today, but it's a better crowd, that's for sure."

### Company cash

If you'd like to go back to school, check with your boss and your HR department. There's a good chance your company is offering money to those employees who want to further their education. "The job market is so tight right now that companies don't want to lose employees," says Dawn O'Brien, a career consultant in San Jose, California. "If you're already employed and want to go back to school, get some or all of that money from your employer. If you're looking for a job and want to go back to school, negotiate a tuition-assistance package before you agree to take the job."

O'Brien says she's seeing more employers not only pay for their employees to work for advanced degrees but also offer leave of absences to some of their top workers so that they can spend a semester or two focused entirely on their studies. "Most times, you have to sign an agreement that you'll work three to five years once your degree is finished or you'll need to pay back the money that your company paid out to your school, but that's not an issue for most people," O'Brien says. "And when people find a reason to leave before their time is up, the feeling is usually mutual with their employer so it's easier to negotiate a payback agreement, which is usually nothing at all."

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## 2 not-so-smooth career moves

Here are two career management mistakes to avoid, along with suggestions to help:

### 1. Ignore industry changes

Think you can get by on the knowledge and skills you gained 10 — or even five — years ago? Think again. If you don't stay on top of evolving industry trends and practices, you'll quickly render yourself obsolete. Employers value workers who help their organizations stay ahead of the competition. They want employees who are aware of relevant industry issues — especially those who can lead the change.

**What to do:** Make sure that your skills are current and you're always paying attention to what's happening in your industry. Start by subscribing to relevant newsletters and following experts on LinkedIn and Twitter. Attend industry conferences so you can stay in the know, learn about cutting-edge developments and bring innovations back to your team. Also ask your manager about career development programs.

### 2. Don't network — ever

You may think of yourself as shy and a bit introverted, but if you don't interact with others on the job, you'll have difficulty effectively handling career management. Even if you're the office's most productive employee, you need your colleagues if you're going to advance professionally. Your co-workers and friends can introduce you to new ideas, help you keep up on what's happening in your company and industry, and even alert you to a job opening that would represent the next step on your career path.

**What to do:** Leave your desk and network. Join a professional association and attend meetings and mixers. Socialize with co-workers when you can, at lunch or at after-hours get-togethers. Do what you can to put yourself in the path of people who could one day help propel your career forward, whether or not they work in your field. Seek out colleagues you're in frequent contact with by email and phone but never see. Ask them to share lunch or coffee with you, and show that you take an interest in who they are and not just what they do. You'll become a better team player.

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"Sims wanted a change of scenery, so I transferred him to our branch office."

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**B: Benefits:** Not sure you should accept a job because of pay that's lower than you expected? Keep in mind that your salary isn't the only form of compensation. Don't overlook unique benefits like onsite daycare, flexible hours or tuition reimbursement. Still, money talks. Don't be fooled into thinking that bringing your dog to work is worth taking a job that pays you \$7,000 less than the place across the street.

**C: Coordination:** You need to research, network, improve and educate. Finding a job isn't about singular things, like the perfect resume or a strong interview. It's about all of the aspects of your job search working well together. Make sure you pay attention to all facets of your quest for a new career.

**D: Directions:** Want to be on time for your interview? Then get clear directions to your interview location. Getting lost on the way doesn't make for casual pre-interview conversation. It only reflects on your lack of preparation and your minor-league professionalism.

**E: Eye contact:** If you're interviewing for a job, it's essential to maintain eye contact at all times. OK, don't be creepy. If your interviewer takes a phone call, don't stare her down. But when you're talking, eye contact shows that you're paying attention and are actively engaged with your interviewer. Ask any recruiter: A job prospect who glances out the window every 20 seconds expresses a lack of interest in the position.

**F: Facts:** Are you sure you want to claim you were the manager of that local pizza place in Macomb, Illinois, when you were a student at Western Illinois University? After all, one phone call and your status as an unkempt pizza deliverer who drank Sprite directly out of the machine could be revealed. Tell the truth on your resume and during your interview. Small claims can be fact-checked fairly quickly so just stick to the facts.

**G: Goals:** You can deny the touchy-feely aspects of goal-setting all you want but it's important to have a blueprint for your life. Set short-term and long-term goals. Where do you want to be in one, two, five and 10 years in terms of salary, responsibilities and position? Use your answers as a roadmap for your current and future job searches.

**H: Handshake:** When you meet with prospective employers or interviews, offer a firm handshake. It may seem corny but your handshake is indicative of your confidence and initiative. Don't offer a limp hand when someone extends his or her hand to you. Be assertive, be professional and give a handshake that would make your grandfather proud.

**I: Individualized:** While you may have an overall strategy you use when looking for a new job, it's important to change how you approach certain employers. Tinker with your resume, change up your interview answers and make the small adjustments that may directly appeal to a potential employer.

**J: Join:** Surround yourself with successful people in your field. Sign up for professional organizations — and not just



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online. If you attend meet-ups with others in your field, you'll encounter mentors and peers who can help advise you on career strategies. You also may be able to take classes and seminars through the group, which will help strengthen your skills.

**K: Knowledge:** Be well informed for your job interview. Do some research and not just through the internet. In addition to finding out a company's mission, its recent history, its goals and its priorities, talk to someone who works there. A quick conversation with a current or former employee might provide you with some unexpected-but-essential information.

**L: Location:** Where you work impacts your physical and mental health. Do you need to work within 15 minutes of your home? Do you want to spend two hours stuck in traffic each day? Be sure to consider location when looking for a new job.

**M: Money:** As much as we are afraid to admit it, the almighty dollar still dictates the job search. Are you being paid what you're worth? Job advisers often frown on lateral career moves but what's so lateral about the same title and responsibilities if you've just increased your salary by \$10,000?

**N: Networking:** Yes, the cliché is true — it is who you know. Create a list of people who can help you find a job, find them on LinkedIn and make a connection. Remember not to ask your contacts for a job directly. Instead, ask them if they have any advice or suggestions about your job search.

**O: Organize:** When you interview for a job, have any relevant documents with you in case your interviewer needs more information. She finds your work with Habitat for Humanity interesting? Well, here's a letter of recommendation from the organization's local liaison.

**P: Preparation:** Be sure to brush up on your interview presentation. Don't expect to improvise — come prepared. Practice in front of a mirror and tape yourself giving answers beforehand. Listen to your responses and adjust your voice, tone and speed accordingly.

**Q: Questions:** Always come prepared with a list of questions about the company, the job and the potential for advancement. Don't ask about vacation time or how long employees get for lunch.

**R: Resume:** It should summarize your experience and illustrate why you are an ideal candidate for the position. Read it over, send it to others to check and continually revise it until it reflects the perfect summary of your past, present and potential.

**S: Savings:** It pays to have a savings account set up in case you find yourself out of work unexpectedly. Even a paycheck or two worth of savings can help you bridge the financial gap until you find a part-time job or begin collecting unemployment.

**T: Thank you:** Never overlook a thank-you letter — both an email and a handwritten, snail-mailed note. The digital-print, one-two combination reaffirms your interest in the job and shows potential employers a level of professionalism they'll appreciate in a candidate.

**U: Update:** Update your resume, even if you're working full time and adore your job. You never know when your situation may change. Update it and any online profiles when you score a major victory at work as well. You'll describe your accomplishment in more vivid terms when it's fresh in your mind.

**V: Volunteer:** Whether you're working or not, find a way to help others with one of your obvious or hidden talents. You'll make new contacts, sharpen your skills and — most importantly — do your part to make the world a better place.

**W: Whining:** Don't do it if you're out of a job. Your friends and family members know you're out of work. If you want to discuss it with them, fine, but don't sit there and complain. That goes for online as well. Whiny people online? Insufferable.

**X: Xenophile:** According to the dictionary, a xenophile is someone who embraces other cultures. Apply this philosophy to your working life. Find ways to appreciate companies, employees, methods and styles of work that aren't in your comfort zone. You may find out some surprising things about yourself.

**Y: Yawn:** Get more sleep. Not just before an interview, either. There's a ton of information on sleep so there's no excuse for not knowing its drawbacks and benefits. Get more sleep each and every night. You'll be healthier, more alert and less irritable.

**Z: Zeal:** Find a line of work that gives you a reason to get up each morning — something you're passionate about. Don't settle for something you absolutely hate when you can do something you truly love. You can also find something you like, and then slowly shape your career until you end up doing something you love. But let's face it, "liking" a job is a great place to end up. There's a balance between enjoying what you do and being able to pay the bills. Find your sweet spot.

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*But ...* the Bears believe **Mitch Trubisky's** play on the final drive of the 2018 season can carry over to 2019

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#### AFC PLAYOFFS

**Chiefs 31**  
**Colts 13**  
K.C. goes up 17-0, then cruises.

**Chargers at Patriots**  
Sunday  
12:05 p.m.  
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he penultimate completion of Mitch Trubisky's second season was an absolute dart. Corner route. Between two defenders. Just as he was being hit. Fired into Allen Robinson's mitts with conviction. Twenty-five-yard gain.

This was the throw that pushed the Bears into field-goal range in the closing seconds of a playoff game. This was the completion Chicago could have spent this past week celebrating and lionizing. This was the pass coach Matt Nagy would have pointed to as evidence of what he'd emphasized three days before the game — that a quarterback's legacy is ultimately defined by his performance in the postseason.

"I don't think it's a stat thing as much," Nagy had said. "What people remember are the comebacks, making big plays at the right time."

If only Cody Parkey had been able to squeeze a 43-yard field goal into the 18 1/2-foot space between the north end-zone uprights at Soldier Field. *Turn to Trubisky, Page 6*

#### NFC PLAYOFFS

**Rams 30**  
**Cowboys 22**  
Anderson, Gurley run over Dallas.

**Eagles at Saints**  
Sunday  
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## What's it like to follow *the man*? Ask Vince

Vince Tobin, the man the Bears picked to replace Buddy Ryan, the franchise's most beloved assistant coach ever, walked into his first meeting in 1986 as the team's new defensive coordinator and immediately made an adjustment.

Linebacker Otis Wilson had his feet propped up on the lectern where Tobin planned to stand.

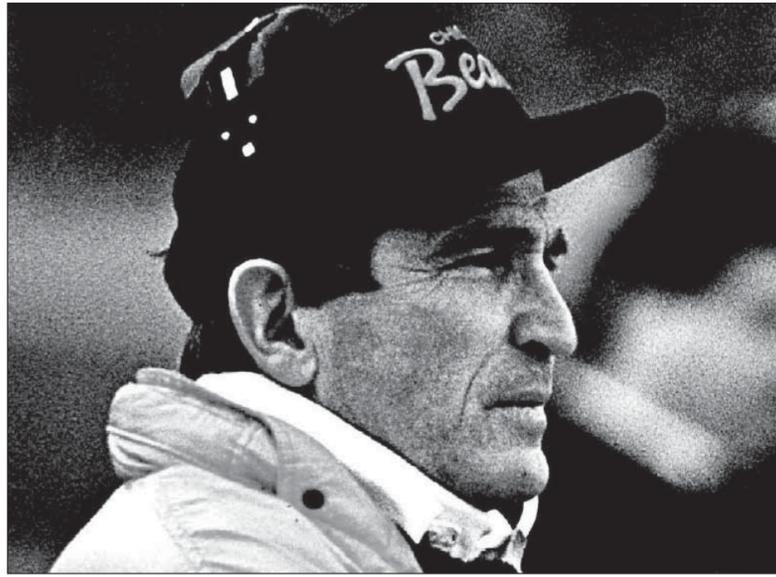
"I said, 'Otis, get your damn feet off my lectern,'" Tobin, 75, recalled in a phone interview from his home in Arizona. "That was Otis' way of testing me. I knew I'd be tested because I wasn't Buddy. But he took his feet down and listened. Mike Singletary was a big help in that transition. It was a unique situation."

It parallels the reality facing newly hired Chuck Pagano, who replaces Vic Fangio — the Bears' popular and successful defensive coordinator who left Wednesday to become the Broncos head coach. Designing defenses is one thing. But managing personalities of accomplished players perhaps poses a greater challenge that will determine whether the Bears 2019 defense can duplicate its 2018 dominance.

In 1986, weeks after the Bears won Super Bowl XX and carried Ryan off the field at the Louisiana Superdome, they faced the same daunting prospect. The Eagles hired Ryan as head coach, and then-Bears coach Mike Ditka wasted no time in hiring Tobin, whose brother, Bill, was the Bears director of player personnel.

Vince Tobin was the defensive coordinator of the Philadelphia Stars of the now-defunct USFL — one of his coaching proteges was an earnest young staffer named Fangio — and turned down the chance to follow coach Jim Mora to the Saints when Ditka called. For a Bears defense among the NFL's all-time leaders in charisma, going from the bombastic Ryan to the serious Tobin was like switching from hard rock to classical music. Even Ryan criticized Tobin's hiring.

"We were very different. Buddy ran a different ship," Tobin acknowledged. "But Mike never once said, 'You have to do this or that.' He never looked over my shoulder. I had total autonomy and always appreciated that. The main thing for the coordinator who replaces Vic is to be yourself. You have to remember you've proven you can coach. You can't worry about the coach you followed, no matter



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how good he was. I couldn't stand up there and think, 'Well, Buddy set all the records and now it's my job.' There is no way I could have done my job that way."

Confident in his ability and football intellect, Tobin switched from the Bears' legendary "46 defense" that featured four down linemen to a 3-4 scheme he used in the USFL. Tobin's weekly game plans called for fewer blitzes and more structure, perhaps the biggest adjustment for a group as aggressive as the '85 defense. His philosophy dictated the Bears take fewer chances than they did under Ryan, which didn't always sit well with players judging Tobin as critically as fans and media did.

"One of the first things I said was, 'I know you guys loved Buddy, but Buddy left you,'" Tobin said. "It wasn't me that had anything to do with that. We can lament that for a long time or we can pull together. We pulled together. ... Whoever comes in for the Bears now after Vic has to be the same way. It wasn't the coordinator that necessarily made them good. It was the talent."

Talent prevailed in 1986, when the Bears went 14-2 with a defense that enjoyed a better year statistically under Tobin. The

Bears again dominated, giving up only 187 points — 11 fewer than they did in '85. They held 10 of 16 regular-season opponents to 10 points or fewer. They held opponents to an average of 258.1 yards per game with 62 sacks — only two fewer than in '85.

Bears history suggests the defense improved in 1986, but Wilson tells a different story, demonstrating how acceptance of Tobin came slowly.

"If Buddy stayed we would have won two Super Bowls in a row," Wilson said on WSCR-AM 670. "We went from a dominating defense to just an all-right defense. All the aggressiveness was gone. The system changed the way we played football. We had enough pride that we weren't going to let it fall apart. We struggled to play the way we play as people. You play with somebody who says we're going to 'bend, don't break.' Well, I can't play getting punched in my face and then react."

Tobin's system was more paint-by-numbers compared to Ryan's abstract approach, and former Bears safety Gary Fencik recalled how Pro Bowl-caliber players used to such free expression resisted. Fencik cited how limited the secondary became, for instance, by

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< Vince Tobin, who took over as Bears defensive coordinator after Buddy Ryan bolted to become the Eagles head coach

eliminating certain pre-snap coverage checks based on formations compared to changing on the fly in Ryan's scheme.

"Vince began to erode the things that made us unique," Fencik said. "But we wanted to prove we were great without Buddy. Vince inherited a tough position, not unlike the guy replacing Vic. The expectations are to maintain it or take it to the next level, and the tricky part is the dynamics and personalities. It's a vulnerable situation until you see results."

The Bears expect positive results in 2019 from a defense expected to return at least 10 regulars from the NFL's stingiest unit. But as coach Matt Nagy expressed after the team's crushing 16-15 playoff loss to the Eagles, every season introduces a change in chemistry. Seasons are like snowflakes — no two are alike.

A guy who survived that scrutiny offered some advice for Pagano, a man with whom Tobin can relate.

"You've got to be yourself because you got hired based on your ability to do the job and if you do something different than Vic Fangio, that's OK," said Tobin, the Bears defensive coordinator from 1986-92. "Be yourself. Do what got you there in the first place. If that's the same system the Bears fan, great, but if it isn't, that's fine too."

Asked how hot his seat was from day one, Tobin chuckled.

"I'm not sure I felt all that much pressure because Mike turned it over to me," he said. "Whoever replaces a guy like Vic or a guy like Buddy has to know he has the full support of the head coach. That takes away any anxiety. I loved Chicago."

Even when the feeling wasn't always mutual.

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### NATIONAL VIEW

## In latest coaching carousel, NFL takes a step back

By TIM DAHLBERG | Associated Press

Where have all the black coaches gone? To the unemployment line, at least in the NFL. Five of the eight coaches fired over — and since — the last season were black, and so far none of them has been rehired as a head coach in the league.

That leaves two African-American coaches still standing among 32 NFL teams. And in a league in which more than two-thirds of players are black, that's not nearly enough.

The news Wednesday that the Broncos hired Vic Fangio as coach and the Jets named Adam Gase means six of the eight teams looking for coaches found their man.

And so far none of the new hires is a minority — although multiple reports Friday indicated the Dolphins are targeting Patriots defensive play-caller Brian Flores, who is black, to be their coach.

That's not a new problem in the NFL, of course. It's also one the league addressed with the Rooney Rule, which ensures teams interview minority candidates for any head-coach and other front-office openings.

The rule was a step forward, and for a long time it seemed to be working. To make sure, the NFL just last month announced changes to strengthen it.

The changes were hailed as a breakthrough at the time by former Giants linebacker Harry Carson, executive director of the Fritz Pollard Alliance, which promotes diversity in NFL coaching and executive ranks. They came after a season in which seven coaches were replaced — and only one of the replacements was black.

"After last season's hiring cycle, something had to be done," Carson said. "These enhancements should strengthen the rule and ensure that it applies as intended and truly gives candidates of color a fair chance."

So far, not so good. Teams might be interviewing minority candidates but — lately, at least — they're not hiring them.

And if last year was a step back from true diversity, this year has started even worse. Of the last 13 coaching hires in the NFL over two seasons, the only minority hire was Steve Wilks — and the Cardinals fired him after just one season. The only two black coaches left in the NFL — which at its peak in 2011 had eight — are the Chargers' Anthony Lynn and Steelers' Mike Tomlin.

"I liked it better when there was eight and not just two," said Richard Lapchick, director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at Central Florida. "But I do think there is a cyclical nature to this and that may be part of it."



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The Chargers' Anthony Lynn, whose team faces the Patriots on Sunday, is one of two black coaches left in the NFL. The Steelers' Mike Tomlin is the other.

Lapchick, who authors annual reports on the level of diversity in all the major professional leagues, said the NFL experienced a similar dip in the hiring of black coaches after the 2011 season into 2014. Then the hiring picked up again to the point in the last two years when there were eight coaches of color — including Panthers coach Ron Rivera, who is Hispanic.

Lapchick is hoping this dip also might be short-lived while others believe promising black coaches might get more opportunities if the Rooney Rule were expanded to include coordinator positions too.

"Am I concerned there are (two) coaches of color?" Lapchick asked. "Of course, and if I hadn't just gone through it in my head looking at 2011 and the three years after that I would have been deeply discouraged by what I saw at the end of this season."

Just why the number of minorities is down depends on whom you're talking to, though it's certainly not for a lack of qualified candidates. Almost all NFL team have black coaches on their staffs who potentially could run things just as well as any of the coaches hired this postseason.

It doesn't help that a few of the more recent hires are head-scratching choices, at least to those outside the organizations.

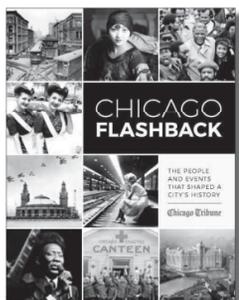
The Cardinals reached into the college ranks to name Kliff Kingsbury as their new coach. That was unusual because Kingsbury had a losing record at Texas Tech and never has coached in the NFL.

And the Buccaneers hired former Cardinals coach Bruce Arians, 66, who is coming out of a one-year retirement to take the job.

Diversity is one of the NFL's strengths. But right now, there's not nearly enough of it among head coaches.

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## BEARS

## CHUCK PAGANO'S PATH

## Keys to the kingdom

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

Inheriting this Bears defense is akin to pulling on a pair of jeans and finding a crisp \$100 bill in the front pocket. ■ And another hundo in the back. ■ So here you go, Chuck Pagano. Here are four Pro Bowlers (three All-Pros), part of the NFL's third-ranked defense in 2018. No team took the ball away more. No team was scored upon less. ■ And now, no new coordinator faces higher expectations in 2019. ■ Pagano, 58, was hired Friday to replace respected coordinator Vic Fangio, whom the Broncos hired as head coach. Exactly what Pagano will accomplish with this loaded defense remains to be seen. But the evidence from his recent history shows checkered results on the field and many loyal players who vouch for his energetic, dedicated, aggressive style. ■ Here is a rundown of Pagano's only year as an NFL defensive coordinator and the six he coached the Colts before spending 2018 away from the sideline. From his battle with leukemia in 2012 to the Colts' run to the 2014 AFC championship game to their swift downfall, Pagano joins the Bears with a lot to prove.

## PAGANO'S PATH

Beginning with his first professional coordinator job

## Ravens

Defensive coordinator (2011)



## 2011 | 12-4 | Lost AFC championship game

**Pagano's path:** Pagano was promoted from defensive backs coach in mid-January, saying at his introductory news conference: "Let's go out and wreak havoc." In joining an illustrious line of Ravens defensive coordinators that includes Marvin Lewis and Rex Ryan, Pagano inherited three future Hall of Famers in linebackers Ray Lewis and Terrell Suggs and safety Ed Reed. No wonder his only year as an NFL D-coordinator produced such terrific league rankings. The Ravens' 48 sacks were third-most in the NFL, up from 27 sacks (27th) the year before. Suggs was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year, and Pagano left after the season to become the Colts head coach

**Quote of note:** "I wish I could be with him the rest of my life. I like him, man. He knows football and he knows people. He treats me with the utmost respect, and I do the same with him."

— Cornerback Lardarius Webb on Pagano after he took the Colts job

NFL rank  
in total defense

3rd

- Points allowed: 3rd
- Takeaways: 13th

Pro Bowl defenders

- DT Haloti Ngata
- LB Ray Lewis
- LB Terrell Suggs
- S Ed Reed

## Colts

Head coach (2012-17)



## 2012 | 11-5 | Lost wild-card round

**Pagano's path:** Pagano arrived in Indy following the previous year's infamous "Suck for Luck" campaign and 2-14 record. No. 1 draft pick Andrew Luck took over as quarterback, completing the Colts' transition from Peyton Manning. Pagano brought a 3-4 base front and began the conversion from a 4-3. His first season took a harrowing turn in late September, though, when he was diagnosed with an acute form of leukemia. He returned Week 17 after interim coach Bruce Arians, the offensive coordinator, guided the Colts to nine wins in 12 games. Pagano's illness affected him deeply, crystallizing his perspective on mortality and a fighting spirit.

**Quote of note:** "We're a team of misfits who've come together around one big cause. And that's our leader, who gives us inspiration and hope and makes us understand it's much bigger than us."

— Punter Pat McAfee

NFL rank  
in total defense

26th

- Points allowed: 21st
- Takeaways: 30th

Pro Bowl defenders

- OLB Robert Mathis

## 2013 | 11-5 | Lost divisional round

**Pagano's path:** The Colts' second year under Pagano meant continuity in the 3-4 and his aggressive, blitzing style. But after giving up 44 points in a playoff win over the Chiefs and 43 in a season-ending loss to the Patriots, questions festered about the defense's consistency, athleticism and supply of playmakers. Mathis was outstanding, as usual, with 19½ sacks. And inside linebacker Jerrell Freeman had a breakout season with 5½ sacks and six forced fumbles. Vontae Davis showed potential as a shutdown corner but was still a focal point for the consistency questions.

**Quote of note:** "It's not the level of play any of those guys or the coaches expect?" — Pagano after the Colts surrendered 234 yards and six touchdowns on the ground in the playoff loss to the Patriots

NFL rank  
in total defense

20th

- Points allowed: 9th
- Takeaways: 15th

Pro Bowl defenders

- OLB Robert Mathis

## 2014 | 11-5 | Lost AFC championship game

**Pagano's path:** The Colts won the AFC South for the second straight year after repeating their 6-0 record against division opponents. Then they won two playoff games. But the Patriots ended their season again, exposing the defense's personnel shortcomings. Their D-line was bullied in the 45-7 defeat. The Colts gave up 177 rushing yards — a beatdown similar to the 2013 playoffs. "If you can't dominate the line of scrimmage, you're going to have a long, hard day," Pagano said afterward. Without Mathis (Achilles injury), the Colts lacked a consistent pass rush.

NFL rank  
in total defense

11th

- Points allowed: 19th
- Takeaways: 10th

Pro Bowl defenders

- ILB D'Qwell Jackson
- CB Vontae Davis
- S Mike Adams

## 2015 | 8-8 | Missed playoffs

**Pagano's path:** In the final year of Pagano's first contract, the Colts plummeted from their perch as a Super Bowl contender. Losing consecutive December games to the Steelers and Jaguars by 35 points each made Pagano's tenuous future the top storyline of the final few weeks. He ended up signing a four-year extension, though he lasted only two. Pagano fired offensive coordinator Pep Hamilton after a Week 8 loss, and he fired defensive coordinator Greg Manusky after the season. Five other assistants were let go, including current Bears safeties coach Roy Anderson.

**Quote of note:** "Game ball to a guy (who gave) his mind, body and soul, literally, put it on the line, everything he got and then some. We love you."

— Mathis after the season amid speculation Pagano could be fired

NFL rank  
in total defense

26th

- Points allowed: 25th
- Takeaways: 12th

Pro Bowl defenders

- CB Vontae Davis
- S Mike Adams

## 2016 | 8-8 | Missed playoffs

**Pagano's path:** Year 5 under Pagano and general manager Ryan Grigson was another step back. The Colts' change to defensive coordinator Ted Monachino didn't help. Their 6,126 yards allowed were the franchise's most since moving to Indianapolis. The pass rush was inconsistent. The back end didn't contest enough passes. They cut starting cornerback Antonio Cromartie and linebacker Sio Moore after a Week 4 loss to the Jaguars, reinforcing questions about the quality of the roster. Grigson was fired after the season.

NFL rank  
in total defense

30th

- Points allowed: 22nd
- Takeaways: 26th

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QUOTES FROM  
THE BALTIMORE SUN  
AND INDIANAPOLIS STARNO PRO BOWL  
DEFENDERS  
IN 2016 OR 2017

## 2017 | 4-12 | Missed playoffs

**Pagano's path:** Another huge regression cost Pagano his job, the decision made by first-year GM Chris Ballard. Look at the defensive rankings, and it's impossible to blame the final record entirely on Luck's seasonlong absence due to a shoulder injury. In six seasons, Pagano's defenses never finished in the top 10. The Colts were 0-9 against AFC stalwarts the Patriots and Steelers.

**Quote of note:** "He's a players' coach, and you dream of having a coach like that. He's special."

— Receiver T.Y. Hilton after Pagano's final game

NFL rank  
in total defense

30th

- Points allowed: 30th
- Takeaways: 20th



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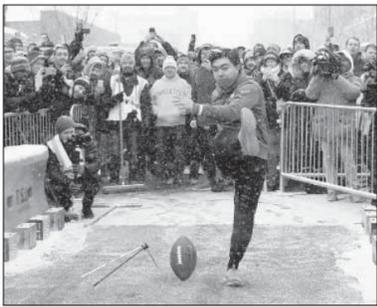



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## BEARS



## REAL TALK

# 'Today' means no tomorrow

Our guys agree that Parkey's morning-show appearance has to be the final frame of kicker's career in Chicago

BY RICH CAMPBELL AND DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

Five days after missing a field-goal attempt that would have pushed the Bears into the second round of the NFC playoffs, Bears kicker Cody Parkey made an appearance on NBC's "Today" show. In a five-minute interview Friday morning with hosts Savannah Guthrie, Hoda Kotb and Craig Melvin, Parkey discussed his failed 43-yard kick, the support he received from teammates afterward and his approach to processing the disappointment.

"I'll continue to keep my head held high," Parkey said. "Because football is what I do. It's not who I am."

Predictably, Parkey's appearance became a lightning rod for those who saw the veteran kicker as a noble pro owning up to his error and those wondering just what he was trying to accomplish by reliving the "Double Doink" in the national spotlight.

**Wiederer:** Forgive me, Rich, if I seem a bit out of sorts. I still have no idea what Parkey was trying to accomplish with that.

The idea of making a morning-show appearance so soon after such a devastating loss felt incredibly tone-deaf to me. We weren't even a week removed from the Bears' 16-15 loss to the Eagles that abruptly demolished their legitimate Super Bowl hopes. That's far too early to be taking a "handling failure well" victory lap.

How about just handling failure well?

**Campbell:** Each second of Parkey's appearance was more unbelievable and astonishing than the last.

Let's make one thing clear: The Bears did nothing to facilitate this national TV appearance. This was an independent, look-at-me move arranged by Parkey and his representatives. Parkey was not alone in losing last Sunday's game. But the other 42 players who played in that mega-failure seem to have a much better clue about the deference and humility appropriate following such a colossal disappointment.

Let's make a second point clear: Sorry, Savannah, you weren't in that postgame locker room like we were. Parkey did not answer every question. He sat slumped at his locker and was more than happy to get out of Dodge when a team PR representative cut off his interview.

Then on Monday during the Bears' final media session of the year, Parkey was nowhere to be found.

**Wiederer:** The folks at "Today," with full agreement from Parkey and his camp, just took one of the more devastating moments in Chicago sports history and drowned it in Velveeta.

Guthrie's take? She praised Parkey as "the classiest of class acts." "They have MVPs," Guthrie added later. "I think they should have MHPs. Most Honorable Player."

Still, under all that thick and gooey cheese, there's a sharp torment, a deep emptiness that won't soon go away. And it's not only Bears fans feeling it. Many did their jobs better than Parkey, who had one primary responsibility. To make kicks.

Yet to my knowledge, Parkey is the only one who has made an appearance on a morning show. What was the point?

**Campbell:** I was shocked Guthrie didn't hand him a blue participation ribbon. "Congrats, Cody, you played in the playoffs! Even scored nine of your team's 15 points!"

I was similarly surprised the Bears didn't precede his TV appearance with a transaction requiring him to be introduced as a former Bears kicker. Just give it time, I suppose.

Let our discussion be misconstrued as one big meatball take, we can wholeheartedly acknowledge there can be grace in failure. Sports not only entertain us, they do teach life lessons about handling adversity, teamwork and commitment. To that point, I give Parkey's teammates, the ones who publicly supported him, my nominations for MHT.

Instead of exalting Parkey, remember we're talking about professional sports here. It's big business with sky-high stakes. Jobs that depend on other people doing theirs.

On the elevated stage of pro sports, you know what other life lessons there are? The importance of dependability and reliability. In many run-of-the-mill jobs that aren't guaranteed \$9 million like Parkey is, it's about much more than showing up and trying hard. It's about more than saying, "Aw, shucks, I'll get 'em next time." It's about performing well in competitive circumstances. About being dependable and reliable.

It's about: Do. Your. Job.

**Wiederer:** I know our audience is smart enough not to misconstrue this discussion as mean-spirited contempt. Think of it more as constructive criticism. And again, to be clear, I applaud Parkey for being able to process his failure with a certain amount of grace and resolve. He didn't blame the snap or the hold or the wind or even the give of the goalposts. He didn't blame the linemen who helped allow his kick to be tipped. He owned up to his misfire. And his push to move forward rather than wallow in disappointment or self-pity is admirable. To some extent.

I just think many people have an issue with the odd self-congratulatory vibe of an appearance like Friday morning's. Ten months ago, the Bears guaranteed Parkey \$9 million to do his job. Sunday's season-ending miss wasn't his first stumble. It was his 11th missed kick in 17 games and the sixth to hit the upright.

"As a kicker, you live for those moments," Parkey said.

As a kicker, you also have to live with the results.

**Campbell:** If Parkey had gotten that field goal through the uprights, the Bears would have flown to Los Angeles on Friday. If he hadn't missed wide right in overtime against the Dolphins, the Rams or Cowboys would have flown to Chicago, and there would be playoff football at Soldier Field this weekend.

Instead, it will be at least nine months until Parkey has a chance to answer his seasonlong failures with an in-game performance. Friday's TV spectacle is one of several reasons his redemption story simply can't be set in Chicago.



## Kickin' and screamin'

STORY BY PHIL THOMPSON  
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Chicago Tribune

If any of the 100 amateur kickers was going to nail a 43-yard field goal Saturday during the Goose Island Beer Co.'s marketing stunt, Zach Laszkiewicz, above, seemed like the best bet.

The 23-year-old special education assistant from Westchester was a kicker at Fenwick High School and was first in line when he arrived at the brewery at 7 a.m. — six hours before kickoff for the outdoor event.

Laszkiewicz was determined not to follow in the missteps of Bears kicker Cody Parkey, whose tipped 43-yard field-goal attempt six days earlier hit the left upright and crossed before falling into the end zone — a "double doink," as it has been labeled — to doom the Bears in a 16-15 playoff loss to the Eagles.

But Parkey's miss also inspired Saturday's "Field-goal Challenge."

With a moderate snow falling, Laszkiewicz — wearing a Fenwick practice jersey — took four steps back from the football, lined up the angle with his hand and took two more steps to his left. He then ran up to the football, planted and — just as a random onlooker yelled "doink" — ate some icy artificial turf.

"I just flipped on my (butt). I did terrible," Laszkiewicz said. "I fell and I didn't make it even over the fence. I know I can make the kick. I just slipped."

Laszkiewicz wouldn't be the only contestant to end up on his rear on a snowy Saturday in Chicago.

None of them had both the distance and accuracy to put the ball over a chain-link fence and through a makeshift goal post erected in the street outside the brewery. A handful came close, though.

Goose Island had offered anyone who made the 43-yard attempt a prize of airfare, hotel and tickets to any regular-season NFL game next season. If any contestant had made the attempt, he or she would have had a chance to break the NFL record with a 65-yard try.

Goose Island announced plans to donate \$20,000 to Lurie Children's Hospital, which company officials said is Parkey's charity of choice.



**BEARS**

# Trubisky looks to keep momentum

Trubisky, from Page 1

Alas ... Still don't minimize the importance of that final Bears drive, of that clutch Trubisky completion to Robinson with 44 seconds left. Had last Sunday's season-ending one-point loss to the Eagles ended with a discombobulated four-and-out or an ill-advised sack or a brutal Trubisky interception, the young quarterback would have been blasted for the next six months, stalked through the offseason by questions about his ability and composure.

Instead? Trubisky offered evidence in a pressure-packed point of a huge game that he could rise to meet the moment. And late Sunday night and into Monday, it was evident in his teammates' eyes just how important that was.

"It was fun to be out there with him," Robinson said. "To see him handle his first playoff game was cool. This is what we all prepared for and this is what we're all here for. ... So for him to be able to make plays when we needed it was fun and exciting."

Added guard Kyle Long: "If we've got the ball and we've got a chance to win, I know we're going to go down the field and handle our business. And that starts with No. 10. ... He's a leader and he's a heck of a football player. He's the guy you want in your huddle in that situation."

Nagy was in full agreement. "Those are the moments you live for," the coach said. "He did everything that we asked him to do. He made big throws with the big-time opportunities that he had."

## 'I've come a long way'

Still, as Trubisky trudged off Soldier Field, he left with the stadium scoreboard giving him plenty to file away for the offseason. Specifically, the Bears quarterback should have made sure the glowing "15" hovering above him was burned into his psyche. As in 15 points. As in not nearly enough. Not in a playoff game certainly. But not in most NFL games played in this pinball era either.

Only 15 times in 256 regular-season games this season did a team win when scoring 16 points or fewer. Trubisky and the Bears did it three times.

Relying on a defense so heavily, as the Bears did all season, can be dangerous. Borderline reckless really.

Eventually, there will be games like last Sunday's when the defensive life raft doesn't inflate. Eddie Jackson was on the sideline with a sprained ankle and couldn't save the Bears the way he had in Detroit on Thanksgiving or against the Vikings four nights earlier.

Khalil Mack didn't get a sack or force a turnover against the Eagles.

Kyle Fuller failed to add to the seven-interception total he posted during the regular season.

The two takeaways the Bears did force with picks by Roquan Smith and Adrian Amos? The offense converted those into only three points.

Not nearly enough. Maybe those are the three words that should be bolded and underlined in the comments section of Trubisky's 2018 report card, reminders that the quarterback's growth in Year 2, while encouraging, couldn't break the Bears' long, long drought without a playoff victory.

"I feel like I've come a long way," Trubisky said. "But I also feel like I'm just getting started. There's a lot I can improve on. ... I'm hungrier than ever."

## In need of more

Trubisky must understand he is still the linchpin of the Bears' Super Bowl hopes. A trip to Atlanta next month is off the table. And if the Bears have serious aspirations of participating in Super Bowl LIV next winter in Miami Gardens, Fla., their offense will need to make a major leap forward in 2019. Which means the starting quarterback will need to make monumental leaps forward too.

For as brilliant as that final-drive throw to Robinson was last Sunday, for as special as the back-to-back completions of 34 and 22 yards on a touchdown drive two possessions earlier were, it's hard to shake the visions of Trubisky's playoff struggles.

Remember the throw to Robinson in the second quarter that Avonte Maddox cut in front of and caught? Sure, a replay review showed Maddox bobbled the ball and never got his left foot down in bounds. Thus a potentially costly Trubisky turnover became a relatively harmless incompleteness. Still, it was an errant throw that just can't happen.

**"In big-time situations, how did you respond? I know this: I want him on my side."**

— Matt Nagy on Mitch Trubisky

And what about the Cutler-esque force into the end zone on first down later in the first half? Just because Eagles safety Tre Sullivan handled that sure pick as if it were a catfish covered in Crisco shouldn't let Trubisky off the hook for an inexcusable decision.

Through three quarters of a playoff game, the Bears offense had 241 total yards and six points. Their quarterback had failed to provide a spark.

"That's how it was with our offense," Trubisky acknowledged. "Sometimes we were rolling and in rhythm. And other times we weren't."

Trubisky deserves credit for persevering past a rough start, for showing an ability to work through his struggles enough to turn an ugly performance into something more pleasant. That's not something many Bears quarterbacks have been able to do consistently. But eventually a higher standard must be set.

Seven times in Trubisky's 15 starts this season, the Bears offense failed to reach 20 points. That won't cut it. Much more is needed if the rest of the league is to see the Bears as a complete team and not just a feisty opponent with a scary defense.

## Growth chart

Overall, Trubisky's strong finish against the Eagles meant something. His aplomb throughout the fourth quarter left a lasting impression on teammates.

"When you go back and see the progress he made throughout the whole season, he's done an unbelievable job for a young quarterback," center Cody Whitehair said. "We see that his ceiling is really high."

Throughout the Bears locker room, such sentiments are prevalent. There's a belief that Trubisky has all the tools to become a star — the talent, the work ethic, the confidence, the humility, the aura.

When training camp began, before anyone had any clue the 2018 season would turn into a rocket ship to the playoffs, the conversation centered around whether Trubisky could be a decidedly better quarterback in late December than he was in mid-July. That bar, for most objective observers, was cleared. Easily.

Trubisky posted a 66.6 completion percentage and a 95.4 rating. He had four 300-yard passing games and showed he could be a significant threat as a runner.

Little by little, he grew more comfortable in a new system. Trubisky sharpened his timing and rapport with a large cast of pass catchers. He grew to better understand the wide array of looks from opposing defenses.

Nagy also praised the quarterback's improvement with his next-play mentality and overall vision.

As an inconsistent quarterback in a major media market, Trubisky rode a roller coaster with impressive equanimity.

The cacophony of criticism and praise never affected him much. He remained immersed in the grind and obsessed with his pursuit of improvement.

Still, Chicago heads for Trubisky's third season still divided on what carries more weight. Should Trubisky's second-season successes be held up as proof that he's ascending into a star? Or were his occasional struggles, sometimes quite pronounced, a warning that his inconsistency might be permanent?

This trial was always going to take longer than a frustrated football city wanted it to. For now, it's a hung jury.

Trubisky, meanwhile, heads into this offseason with two realities to balance. His fourth-quarter contributions against the Eagles were reassuring and clutch.

Said Nagy: "In big-time situations, how did you respond? I know this: I want him on my side."

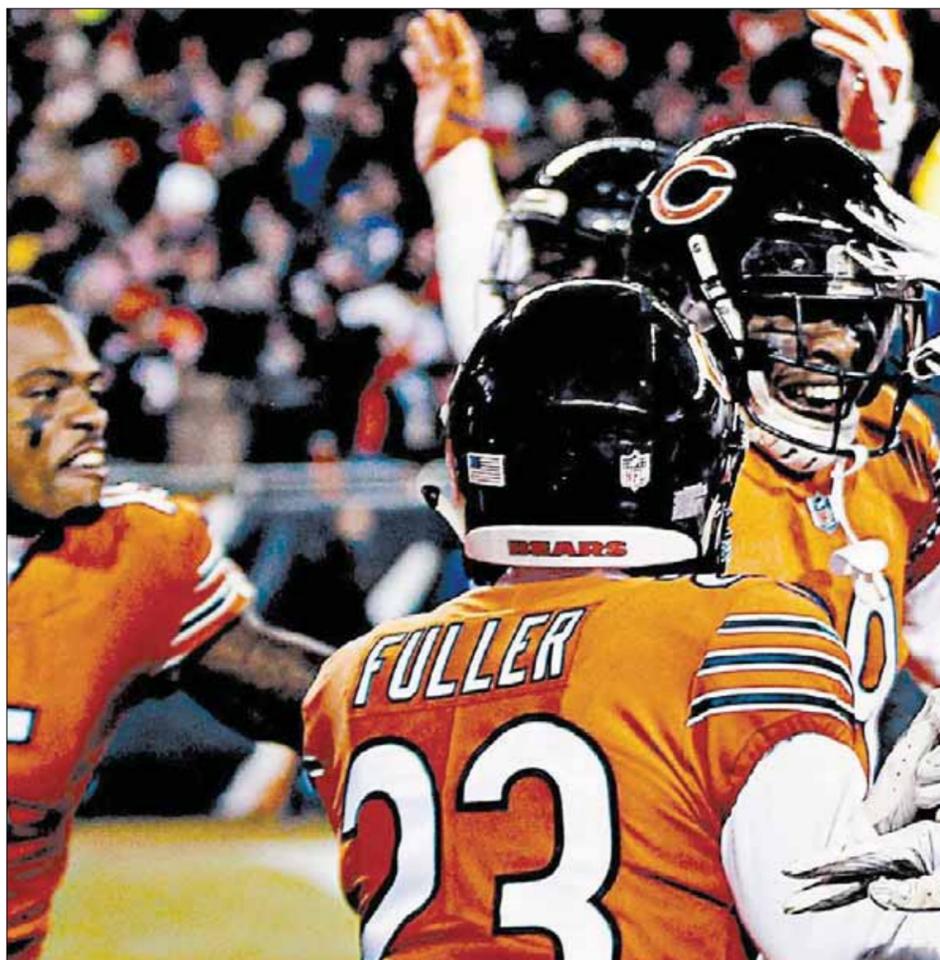
But the Bears are left as spectators for the second weekend of the NFL playoffs and beyond. So those late contributions must also file back into that important three-word review: Not nearly enough.

Trubisky understands that as well as anyone.

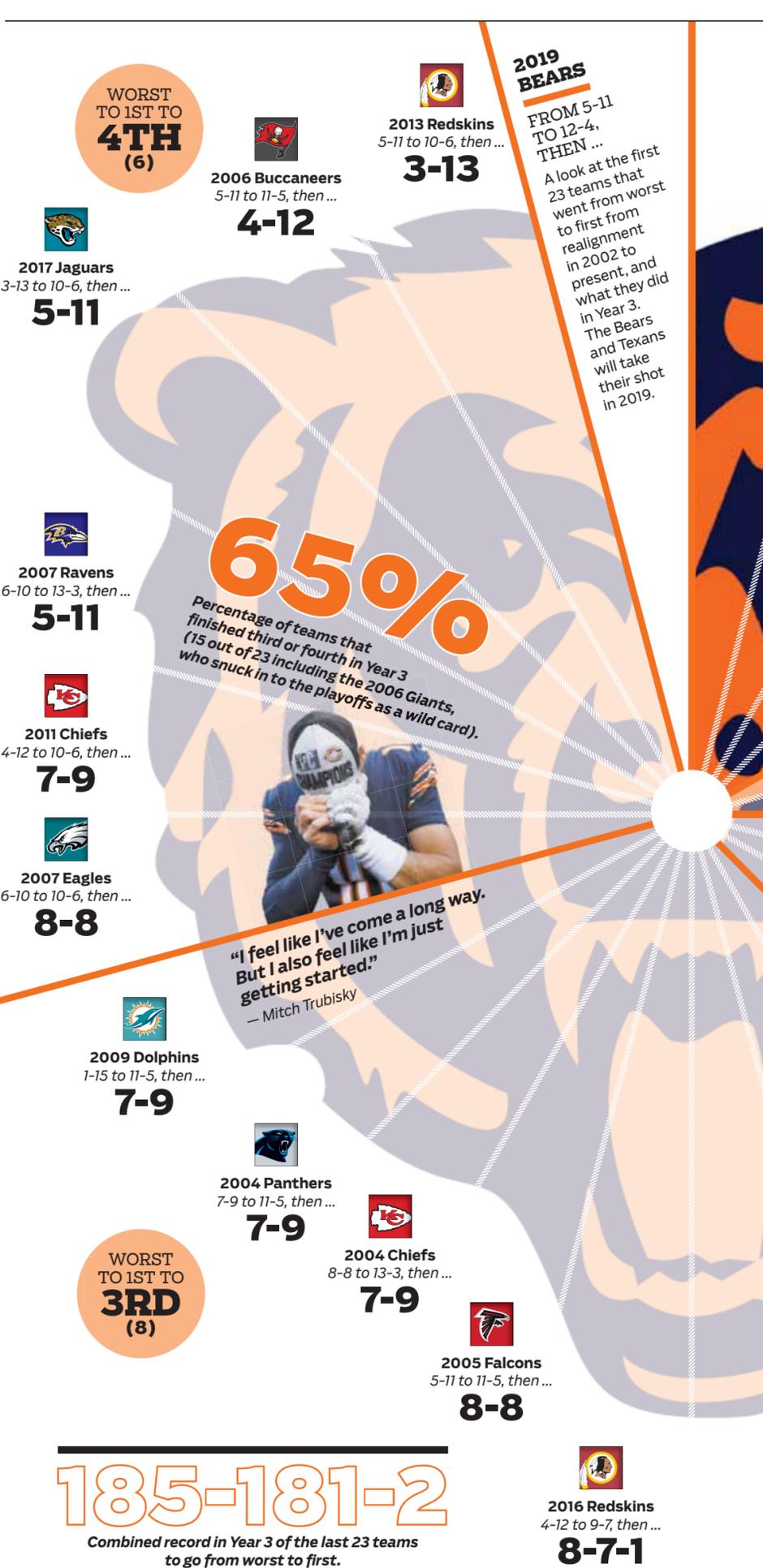
"I'm going to do a lot of self-reflecting and make sure I get better from this," he promised.

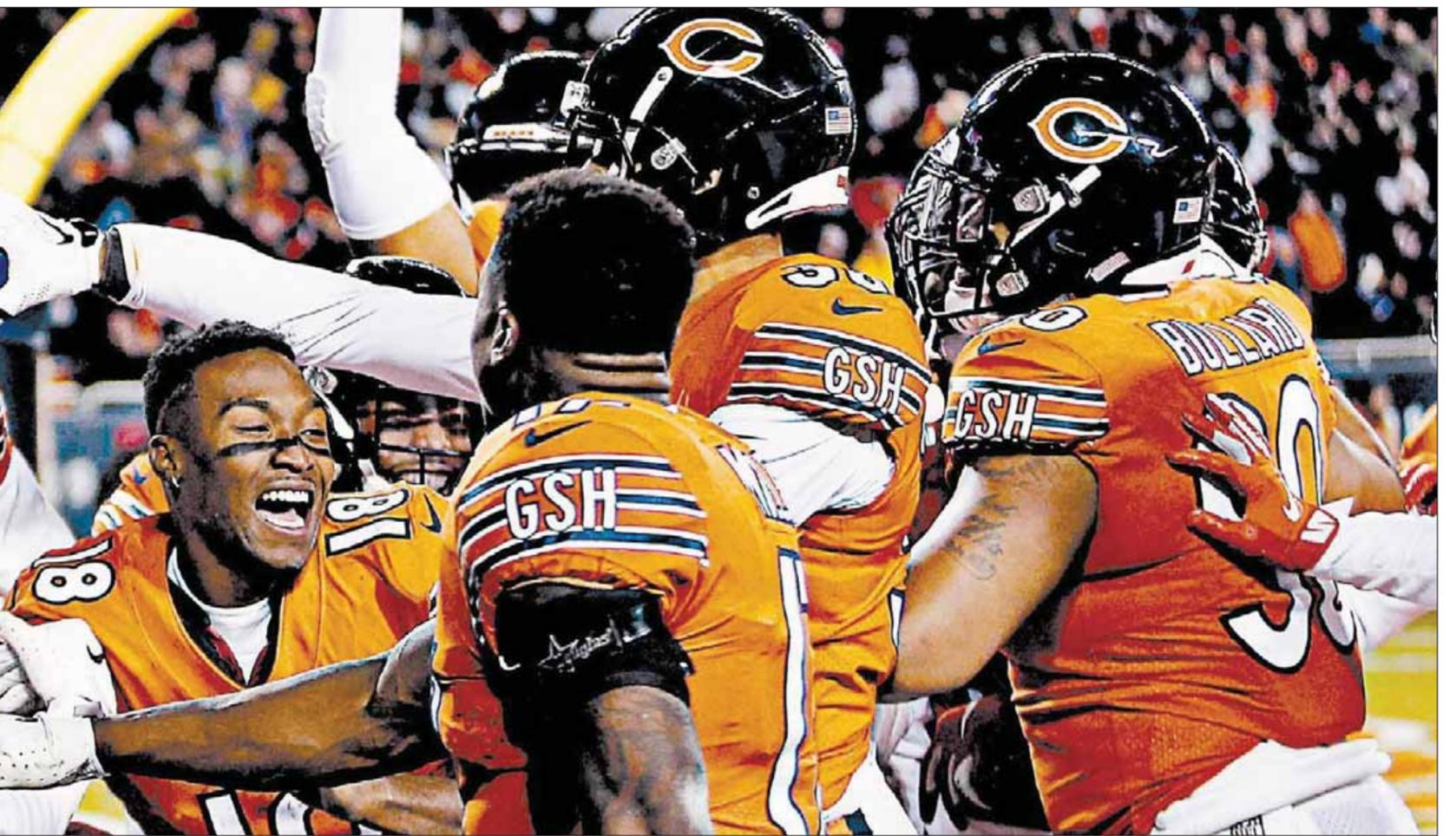
The demands in 2019 will only become greater.

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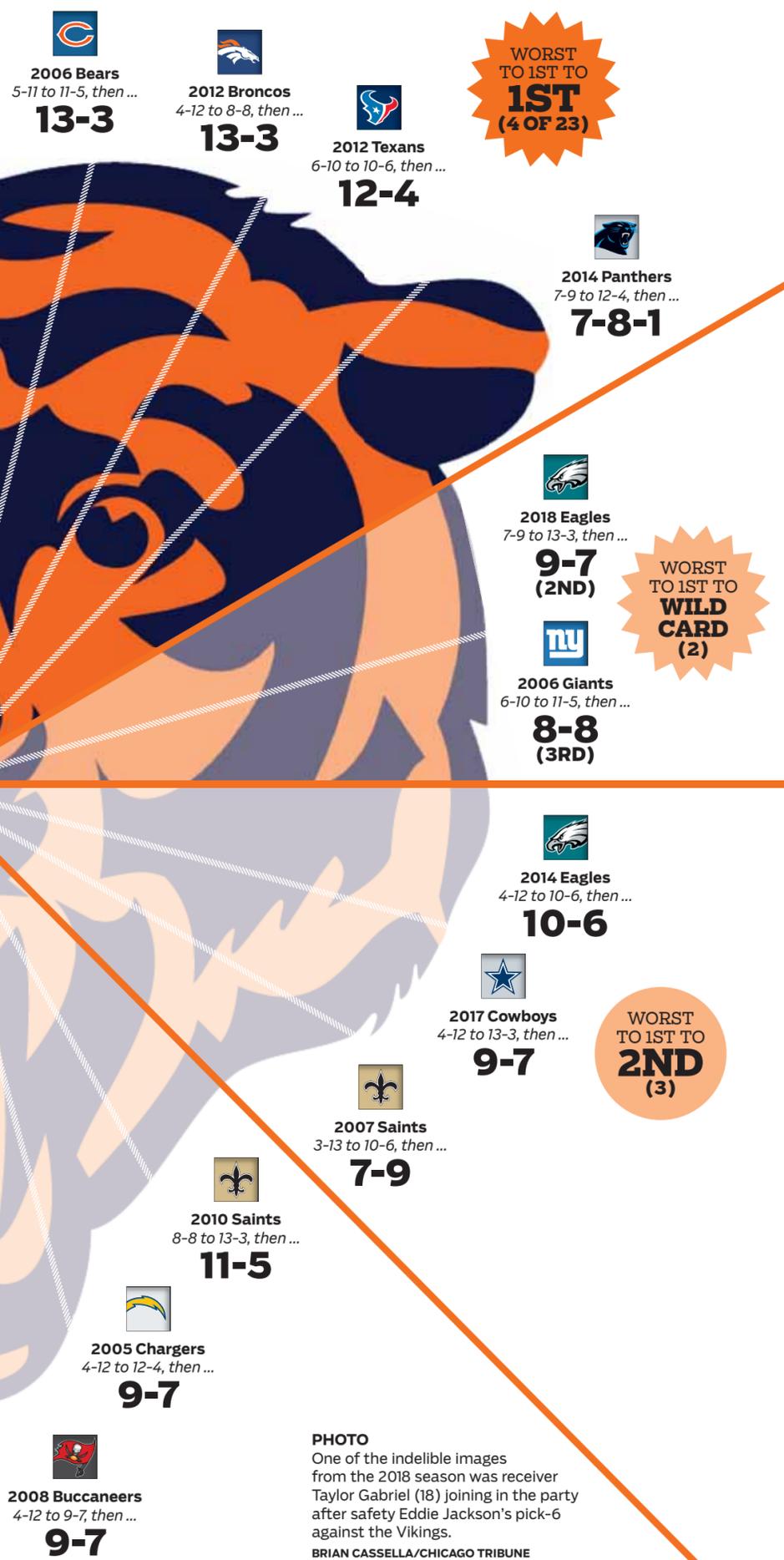




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**PHOTO**  
One of the indelible images from the 2018 season was receiver Taylor Gabriel (18) joining in the party after safety Eddie Jackson's pick-6 against the Vikings.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Going from worst to first is just the first step for the Bears, who now face the more difficult challenge of remaining on top.

Yes, going from worst to first may be easier than going from first to first.

That's what veteran wide receiver Allen Robinson says, and he watched from a distance this season as the Jaguars team he came from crashed, completing the worst-to-first-to-worst circuit in the AFC South.

Plenty of factors give the Bears confidence they're just getting started on the kind of sustained run that has eluded them since the Mike Ditka era: a dominating defense, a foundation of young players, an innovative coach and a second-year quarterback they believe is poised for much bigger things in 2019.

"First to first is harder to do," Robinson said. "It's tough because a lot of things vary from season to season. Coming back here next season is going to be twice as hard."

"There is no way we can expect to end up in the same spot that we left off. It's going to take a lot of work. It's tough to get back to that position. To have success in the league, the better you play, the better you have to play."

The NFL sells the idea of parity and brings facts to back it up. In 15 of the last 16 seasons, at least one team has won its division after finishing last or tied for last the year before. Each year since 1990, a span of 29 years, at least four new teams have qualified for the playoffs. There were eight new qualifiers in 2017 and seven this season. That's a great way to sell hope, but that turnover is precisely why the biggest obstacle is remaining competitive.

The Bears and Texans pulled off worst-to-first moves this season, bringing the number to 25 teams in the last 16 seasons. Of the previous 23 teams, only six reached the playoffs the next season. More teams (six) returned to last place the year after finishing first than defended their division titles (four).

Those are eye-opening figures about the difficulty of being in the playoff mix on a regular basis. There are the Patriots, who have won the AFC East a record 10 consecutive years, and there is everyone else.

Besides the Patriots, 12 teams have qualified for the postseason at least five times in the last 10 years: the Packers (eight); Seahawks (seven); Steelers, Saints, Chiefs, Colts, Ravens and Bengals (six each); Broncos, Falcons, Eagles and Texans (five each).

The common thread for many of those teams is a franchise quarterback. Because Mitch Trubisky can pick up the same playbook this offseason and not have to go back to ground level, the Bears are confident he can elevate his game.

Trubisky showed real signs of growth throughout the season and did a better job of protecting the ball at the end of the season. He was sharp in the fourth quarter of the 16-15 wild-card loss to the Eagles. The moment wasn't too big, as it was against the Packers in the season opener at Lambeau Field.

The Bears hired Matt Nagy as coach because they believed he could bring out the best in Trubisky, and with the skill-position players also picking up where they left off, it's reasonable to expect improvement in Year 2 of the offense.

How much better the Bears can get is the question. The Jaguars backslid this year for a variety of reasons, and a big one was quarterback Blake Bortles, who was benched during the season. The Jaguars also have a stout defense, but the Bears appear in a much better place for offensive growth.

Of the four teams over the last 16 seasons to go from worst to first and then repeat as division champions, the 2013-14 Panthers are the most recent. They're an anomaly because they won the NFC South in 2013 at 12-4 and then defended that title at 7-8-1, becoming the fourth team to reach the playoffs with a losing record.

The Texans went 10-6 to win the AFC South in 2011 and repeated the next year at 12-4. The Broncos won the AFC West in 2011 at 8-8 with Tim Tebow at quarterback, then repeated at 13-3 after the arrival of Peyton Manning. The fourth team to win back-to-back division titles after a last-place finish is the 2005-06 Bears.

What those Lovie Smith teams couldn't do was remain a consistent factor. The Bears went 7-9, 9-7 and 7-9 the next three seasons, plagued by offensive inconsistency and a defense that had a lull between the departure of coordinator Ron Rivera after the 2006 season and the arrival of Rod Marinelli in 2009.

The 2010 Bears, who reached the NFC championship game, didn't pull a worst-to-first move, but it's significant to note they couldn't sustain success either. Again, quarterback play was topsy-turvy, and by then the defense was aging.

What bodes well for the Bears is they have the kind of game-changing talent on defense — with outside linebacker Khalil Mack, defensive linemen Akiem Hicks and Eddie Goldman, cornerback Kyle Fuller, free safety Eddie Jackson and inside linebackers Danny Trevathan and Roquan Smith — that they should adjust nicely to a new coordinator.

The offensive line was solid and should get better under Harry Hiestand. Robinson should be better another year removed from ACL injury, and receiver Anthony Miller had a promising rookie season.

The schedule will be more demanding, but it's impossible to say how it will play out. The salary cap remains in good shape. The Bears had an overdue run of good health in 2018, and that's a wild card every year.

The Bears won't sneak up on anyone in 2019, but they also shouldn't fade away. Robinson is right. Finishing first and staying there can be more difficult than one thinks. Now the Bears have to prove parity will not turn them from this year's darling into next year's outcast.

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## NFL PLAYOFFS



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Chiefs linebacker Justin Houston (50) celebrates with Derrick Nnadi after recovering a third-quarter fumble.

## CHIEFS 31, COLTS 13

## A winter classic

Chiefs' snowy win eases their playoff frustration as Mahomes leads way

BY DAVE SKRETTA  
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chiefs' defense had heard the chorus of critics all season long, the ones that claimed their sieve-like line and shaky backfield would undermine young superstar Patrick Mahomes and cost them a chance to chase their first Super Bowl appearance in decades.

Well, that defense is a big reason the Chiefs are one step away.

With persistent snow turning Arrowhead Stadium into a winter wonderland, the Chiefs successfully shut down Andrew Luck and the potent Colts on Saturday.

Mahomes and their own high-powered offense took care of the rest, rolling to a 31-13 divisional round victory to end 25 years of playoff frustration.

"We're such a different team," said Mahomes, who threw for 278 yards and ran for a score. "We have such young players. We have such confidence we're going to win

every single game."

Damien Williams plowed through snow and muck for 129 yards and another score, and Tyreek Hill had 72 yards receiving and a touchdown run as the Chiefs beat the Colts for the first time in five playoff meetings to earn their first AFC title game appearance since January 1994.

Meanwhile, Luck was held to 203 yards passing for the Colts, while Marlon Mack was a non-factor on the ground. He had 46 yards rushing before leaving late in the fourth quarter with a hip injury.

The AFC West champions will play the winner of Sunday's game between the Chargers and Patriots next weekend for a spot in the Super Bowl in Atlanta.

"We wanted to light up the city," Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones said.

"We didn't want to take the road down memory lane."

The Chiefs set out to change history from the opening minutes, when they forced a three-and-out and then waltzed right over a Colts defense that nearly shut out the Texans a week ago. Mahomes and Co. scored on their first three possessions, then again just before

halftime to take a 24-7 lead.

If there was any question whether this would be the Chiefs' day, it was answered when Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri missed a 23-yard field-goal try off the upright just before halftime. It was the first time in 22 postseason attempts that he'd missed from that close.

Not that the Chiefs thought they had it wrapped up. They've had bigger playoff meltdowns against the Colts.

There was the 10-7 loss in which Lin Elliott missed three field goals when the Chiefs were the No. 1 seed, and the loss at Arrowhead Stadium in 2003 in which nobody punted. Five years ago, they blew a 38-10 second-half lead against Luck and the Colts to spoil Andy Reid's first season with the team.

But not this time.

Even when the Colts caught a break and Sammy Watkins fumbled late in the third quarter, they were quick to give it back. Dee Ford stripped Luck, and fellow linebacker Justin Houston plopped on the ball, ruining another red-zone opportunity.

The party in the stands already had begun.

## Old story for Brady, Rivers

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady typically shrugs off any mention of records or milestones he sets.

But even he had to chuckle at the one he and Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers will mark when they meet in Sunday's divisional playoffs.

Brady, who will be 41 years and 163 days old, and Rivers, at 37 years and 36 days old, will combine to be the oldest pair of quarterbacks to face each other in an NFL playoff game, breaking the mark Brady held with Peyton Manning.

"Nice," Brady said of the impending footnote. "Nice and old."

Sunday will be just the fourth playoff meeting between the teams, with the Patriots holding a 2-1 edge.

Rivers enters Sunday with a 1-7 record against the Patriots, including 0-4 in games in Foxborough and 0-2 in the playoffs. Rivers earned his lone victory against the Pats during the 2008 regular season, when the Chargers were still in San Diego. Brady was sidelined for that game by a knee

injury and Matt Cassel started in his place.

Brady is 7-0 as a starter against Rivers.

The Patriots (11-5), who captured their 10th straight AFC East title this season, will be seeking their eighth consecutive trip to the AFC title game.

The Chargers (13-4) haven't even been to the conference title game since losing 21-12 to the Patriots during the 2007 season.

Rivers played in that game just days removed from tearing the ACL in his right knee. He limped his way through it while being intercepted twice and failing to throw a touchdown pass.

It's become the toughness brand

for a quarterback who hasn't missed a game since becoming the Chargers' starter in 2006.

Rivers, who led his team to five wins in its last six regular-season games and a road win against the Ravens in the wild-card round last week, said he's tried to keep past shortcomings against the Patriots out of his mind this week.

"It's not something you think about a whole lot," he said. "It exists and it's there but again, and I mean this, I don't feel that I'm playing Tom. Certainly, it's a Tom Brady-led team and we know how things work with the quarterback and the head coach that have the record attached to it. We've got a heck of a challenge."

It will also be a chance to earn a signature win for second-year Chargers coach Anthony Lynn, who has steered the team through its relocation and a season that included a game in London.

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## RAMS 30, COWBOYS 22

## Rams run it up, trample Cowboys

Anderson, Gurley both able to top 100 yards in double-barrel attack

BY GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — C.J. Anderson rushed for 123 yards and two touchdowns, and Todd Gurley rushed for 115 more yards and another score in the Rams' first playoff victory in 14 years, a 30-22 win over the Cowboys on Saturday night.

Gurley and Anderson punished the Cowboys' normally sturdy run defense and sent the second-seeded Rams to the NFC championship game for the first time in 17 years. The Rams racked up a franchise playoff-record 273 yards on the ground — also the most ever allowed in the postseason by the Cowboys, who were playing in their NFL-record 63rd postseason game.

The long-struggling Rams had won only one postseason game since their last trip to the Super Bowl in February 2002, but 32-year-old coach Sean McVay has added his first playoff victory to his spectacular two-season franchise turnaround.

Ezekiel Elliott rushed for a touchdown and Amari Cooper caught an early scoring pass for the Cowboys, who still haven't won a playoff game on the road in 26 years. After winning the NFC East and beating the Seahawks last week, the Cowboys lost in the divisional playoff

round for the sixth consecutive time and fell short of its first trip to the NFC championship game since January 1993.

Next weekend, the Rams will face the winner of the other divisional playoff game in New Orleans between the top-seeded Saints and the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles.

The Rams are one win away from another Super Bowl trip after McVay's high-flying, inventive offense largely kept it on the ground, methodically punishing the Cowboys with their running back tandem.

"It's scary," Anderson said. "We've got two different styles, and we can keep teams off balance."

The hadn't allowed two 100-yard rushers in a playoff game since the NFL-AFL merger.

Dak Prescott passed for 266 yards and rushed for a score with 2:11 to play, but the Cowboys couldn't climb out after falling into a 23-7 hole midway through the third quarter. Elliott managed just 47 yards on 20 carries as Dallas lost for just the second time in its last 10 games.

Jared Goff passed for 186 yards and spent much of the night handing off, but the gangly quarterback improbably scrambled 11 yards for a first down with 1:51 to play, essentially wrapping up his first playoff victory.

Gurley and Anderson became the fourth set of teammates in NFL history to rush for 100 yards apiece in a postseason game.



HARRY HOW/GETTY

C.J. Anderson finds some daylight on his way to a 123-yard night as the Rams put up some historic numbers in the rushing game.

## Eagles well aware what Saints can do

BY GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Sean Payton dismisses the premise that the Eagles could derive extra motivation from the widespread perception that the Saints ran up the score on them when they met in November.

"My question would be: We're all playing hard in these divisional playoff games, right?" the Saints coach began, referring to Sunday's rematch in the divisional round of the NFC playoffs. "Are you going to play harder" because of a perceived slight?

Still, Payton expects a more competitive affair than the Saints' 48-7 blowout Nov. 18, which gave the Eagles the dubious distinction of becoming the first reigning Super Bowl champion to lose by that wide a margin in the following regular season.

The Eagles (10-7) appeared to be sinking fast when their loss in New Orleans dropped them to 4-6. But they've rallied to win six of seven since, including a road victory against the Rams that helped the Saints (13-3) capture the conference's top seed.

"They've kind of been in a playoff role really going back to those games, needing to win to get in," Payton noted. "So it's impressive."

Now the Eagles, who opened as 10-point underdogs this week, can ruin the Saints' Super Bowl dreams with a second straight road upset.

"We're looking forward to it," Eagles tight end Zach Ertz said. "We're a completely different team than we were seven weeks ago. I don't think the team that showed up on that Sunday is

SAM FARMER'S  
NFC PICK  
Eagles at Saints

3:40 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32

The Eagles have defied logic before, so an upset is possible. But the Saints are trending up defensively, they should be able to run the ball, and the Superdome is a really tough place to play.

**Saints 30, Eagles 24.**

even remotely close to the team that we are right now."

Such a lopsided loss in New Orleans could have resulted in finger-pointing and a fractured locker room, Ertz suggested. Instead, Ertz said, "It was a rallying point for our season."

The Eagles survived last week's wild-card round with a 16-15 victory in which quarterback Nick Foles — who's won four straight starts since taking over for injured starter Carson Wentz — engineered a late scoring drive capped by a fourth-down touchdown pass. And that only stood up after Bears kicker Cody Parkey's "double-doink" miss on a field-goal attempt that hit both the upright and crossbar in the final seconds.

The Eagles likely will need more offense in the Superdome, where the Saints averaged 37 points in Drew Brees' seven home starts before the record-setting QB got a rest day during the club's anti-climactic regular-season finale.

"I assume they'll come in as motivated as ever. Just like we're going to come in as motivated as ever," Brees said. "Just two really good teams about to play in a playoff game."

# SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			@LAL 9:30 WGN-9, AM-670		@DEN 8 NBCSCH, AM-670		MIA 7 WGN-9, AM-670
		@NJ 6 NBCSCH, AM-720			@NYR 6 NBCSCH, AM-720		

## SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

**NBA**  
**8:30 p.m.** Cavaliers at Lakers **NBA TV**  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**11 a.m.** Villanova at Creighton **FOX-32**  
**11 a.m.** Butler at Xavier **CBSN**  
**2:30 p.m.** Massachusetts at Dayton **NBCSN**  
**3 p.m.** East Carolina at Central Florida **ESPNU**  
**3 p.m.** Drake at Northern Iowa **NBCSCH**  
**3:30 p.m.** Michigan State at Penn State **CBS-2**  
**4:30 p.m.** George Mason at Rhode Island **NBCSN**  
**5 p.m.** Memphis at Tulane **ESPNU**  
**6:30 p.m.** Northwestern at Michigan **BTN, WGN-AM 720**  
**7 p.m.** USC at Oregon **ESPNU**  
**9 p.m.** UCLA at Oregon State **FS1**

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**11 a.m.** Cincinnati at Central Florida **ESPNU**  
**Noon** South Florida at UConn **ESPN**  
**Noon** Providence at Seton Hall **FS2**  
**1 p.m.** Alabama at Texas A&M **ESPNU**  
**1 p.m.** Duquesne at George Mason **CBSN**  
**2 p.m.** Rutgers at Nebraska **BTN**  
**2 p.m.** Tennessee at Georgia **ESPN**  
**3 p.m.** Fordham at Saint Louis **CBSN**  
**4 p.m.** Purdue at Northwestern **BTN**

**NFL PLAYOFFS**  
**Noon** Chargers at Patriots **CBS-2, WSCR-AM 670**  
**3:30 p.m.** Eagles at Saints **FOX-32, WSCR-AM 670**

**GOLF**  
**1 p.m.** The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic **Golf Channel**  
**5 p.m.** Sony Open **Golf Channel**

**NHL**  
**5 p.m.** Rangers at Blue Jackets **NHL Network**

**PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER**  
**8:10 a.m.** Everton vs. Bournemouth **NBCSN**  
**10:25 a.m.** Tottenham Hotspur vs. Manchester United **NBCSN**

**TENNIS**  
**6 p.m.** Australian Open **ESPN2**  
**2 a.m.** Australian Open **ESPN2 (Mon.)**

**COLLEGE WRESTLING**  
**Noon** Iowa at Minnesota **BTN**

**NFL**

**POSTSEASON SCHEDULE**  
**DIVISIONAL SCHEDULES**  
**Saturday**  
 Kansas City 31, Indianapolis 13  
 LA Rams 30, Dallas 22

**Sunday**  
 LA Chargers (13-4) at New England (11-5), 12:05 (CBS-2)  
 Philadelphia (10-7) at New Orleans (13-3), 3:40 (FOX-32)

**CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Sunday, Jan. 20**  
 AFC: TBD, 2:05 (FOX-32)  
 AFC: TBD, 5:40 (CBS-2)

**PRO BOWL**  
**Sunday, Jan. 27**  
 at Orlando, Fla.  
**AFC vs. NFC** (ABC-7/ESPN)  
**SUPER BOWL LIII**  
**Sunday, Feb. 3 in Atlanta**  
 AFC champ vs. NFC champ, 5:30 (CBS-2)

**CALENDAR**  
**Feb. 26-March 4**: NFL combine, Indianapolis.  
**March 13**: League year and free agency begin.

**RAMS 30, COWBOYS 22**  
**Dallas** 7 0 8 7-22  
**LA Rams** 3 17 3 7-30

**CHIEFS 31, COLTS 13**  
**Indianapolis** 0 7 0 6-13  
**Kansas City** 14 10 0 7-31

**First quarter**  
 KC: Dam.Williams 10 run (Butker kick), 10:55.  
 KC: Hill 36 run (Butker kick), 6:28.  
**Second quarter**  
 KC: FG Butker 39, 12:13.  
 Ind: Pascal 0 blocked punt return (Vinatieri kick), 5:56.  
 KC: Mahomes 4 run (Butker kick), 1:40.  
**Fourth quarter**  
 Ind: Pascal 0 blocked punt return (Vinatieri kick), 5:56.  
 KC: Dar.Williams 6 run (Butker kick), 2:23.

**TEAM STATS**

IND	KC
First downs	15
Total net yards	263
Rushes-yards	14-87
Passing	176
Punt returns	0-0
Kickoff returns	4-80
Int. returns	0-0
Comp-att-int	19-36-0
Sacked-yds lost	3-27
Punts	7-48.3
Fumbles-lost	1-1
Penalties-yards	10-70
Possession time	20:11

**Rushing:** Ind, Mack 9-46, Hines 3-24, Hill 2-17, KC, Dam.Williams 25-129, Hill 1-36, Dar.Williams 3-9, Mahomes 3-28, Watkins 1-minus 2.  
**Passing:** Ind, Luck 19-36-0-203, KC, Mahomes 27-41-0-278.  
**Receiving:** Ind, Ebron 5-51, Rogers 5-30, Hilton 4-60, Inman 4-55, Pascal 1-7, KC, Hill 8-72, Kelce 7-108, Watkins 6-62, Hill 5-Williams 5-5, Dieter 1-11.  
**Missed field goals:** Ind, Vinatieri 3.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE**

**ALL STAR BOWLS**

J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J20 <th>Collegiate</th> <th>Pasadena, Calif.</th> <th>American vs. National</th> <th>3</th>	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National	3
J26 <th>Senior</th> <th>Mobile, Ala.</th> <th>North vs. South</th> <th>1:30</th>	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

**DATE BOWL SITE RESULT**

D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T 24, Alcorn St. 22
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane 41, La-Lafayette 24
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Utah State 52, N. Texas13
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St. 31, Arizona St. 20
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	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 Diego State 0
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg	Marshall 38, USF 20
D21	Bahamas	Nassau	Virginia 23, E. Michigan 21
D21	Florida	Orlando	Appalachian State 45, MTSU 13
D21	Idaho	Boise	BYU 49, Western Michigan 18
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Texas	Army 70, Houston 14
D22	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Troy 42, Buffalo 32
D22	Hawaii	Honolulu	La. Tech 31, Hawaii 14
D27	SEVPRO	Tucson, Ariz.	Boston Coll. vs. Boise State, ccd.
D26	Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota 34, Ga. Tech 10
D26	Cheez-IT	Phoenix	TCU 10, California 7 (OT)
D27	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Duke 56, Temple 27
D27	Pinstripe	Bromy, N.Y.	Wisconsin 55, Miami 3
D27	Bahamas	Houston	Baylor 45, Vanderbilt 38
D28	Music City	Nashville	Auburn 63, Purdue 14
D28	Camping World	Orlando	Syracuse 34, W. Virginia 18
D28	Alamo	San Antonio	Wash. St. 28, Iowa St. 26
D29	Peach	Atlanta	Virginia 41, Michigan 15
D29	Beik	Charlotte, N.C.	Virginia 28, S. Carolina 0
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Michigan 30, Notre Dame 3
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Texas	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, Texas	Stanford 14, Pittsburgh 13
D31	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Oregon 7, Michigan State 6
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Oklahoma State 66, Missouri 33
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern 31, Utah 20
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Texas A&M 52, NC State 13
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	LSU 47, Mississippi State 22
J1	Citrus	Orlando	LSU 47, Penn State 24
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU 40, UCF 37
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Texas State 28, Washington 23
J1	Sugar	New Orleans	Ohio State 68, Georgia 21
J7	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Clemson 44, Alabama 16

**GOLF**

**PGA TOUR - SONY OPEN**  
**3rd of 4 rds at Waialae CC**  
**Honouliuli**  
**Yardage: 7,044; Par: 70**

**192 (-18)**  
 Matt Kuchar 63-63-66  
 Andrew Putnam 62-65-67  
 Bryson DeChambeau 69-67-63  
 Davis Love III 67-68-64  
 Charles Howell III 69-66-64  
 Dominic Bozzelli 71-64-64  
 Brian Stuard 69-65-64  
 Hudson Swafford 65-67-67  
 Ted Potter 66-65-68  
 Marc Leishman 67-64-68

**201 (-18)**  
 Brandt Snedeker 66-69-65  
 Sergio Garcia 71-64-65  
 Roger Slonov 69-65-66  
 Stewart Cink 68-62-70

**201 (-9)**  
 Hideki Matsuyama 69-67-65  
 Emiliano Grillo 68-65-68  
 Christian Munoz 70-68-63

**202 (-8)**  
 Sung Kang 70-67-65  
 Patton Kizzire 67-68-67  
 Justin Thomas 67-68-67  
 Abraham Ancer 68-66-68  
 Patrick Reed 68-66-68  
 Julian Etlahin 67-67-68

**203 (-7)**  
 Harris English 68-68-67  
 Matt Jones 67-69-67  
 Dylan Frittelli 67-69-67

**68-67-68**  
 Rory Sabbatini 67-67-66  
 Scott Langley 67-67-66  
 Jeff Dahmen 71-66-66  
 Scott Piercy 68-66-69  
 J.T. Poston 68-66-69  
 Cameron Smith 66-68-69  
 Alex Prugh 73-65-65  
 Keegan Bradley 68-65-70  
 Stephan Jaeger 69-69-65  
 Shugo Imahira 65-67-71  
**204 (-6)**  
 Ryan Armour 72-64-68  
 Brian Gay 67-69-68  
 Chase Krieger 69-68-67  
 Russell Knox 70-67-69  
 Tyler Duncan 72-66-66  
 Scott Brown 68-66-70  
 Ian Poulter 69-69-66

**205 (-4)**  
 Adam Svensson 61-74-70  
 Sam Saunders 68-69-68  
 Kyle Stanley 73-64-68  
 Wess Roach 67-68-70  
 Michael Thompson 68-69-70  
 Hank Lebioda 70-67-68  
 Ryan Blaum 68-66-71  
 Jimmy Walker 69-69-67

**66-70-70**  
 Jose de Jesus Rodriguez 66-70-70  
 Danny Lee 70-66-70  
 Y.E. Han 68-68-70  
 Orlando Gomez 69-68-69  
 Kevin Kisner 69-69-68  
 Brett Gurnett 70-67-68

**68-68-71**  
 Anirban Lahiri 68-68-71  
 Johnson Wagner 68-69-70  
 Brandon Harkins 71-66-70  
 Carlos Ortiz 68-69-70  
 Rikuya Hoshino 66-72-69

## LATEST LINE

**NBA**  
**pregame.com**  
 at New York Off Philadelphia  
 Toronto Off at Washington  
 at Atlanta Off at Orlando  
 Houston 5% at Dallas  
 Golden State 5% at Portland  
 at LA Lakers 9% Cleveland

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 at Creighton 1 Villanova  
 at Xavier 1 Butler  
 Michigan St 5 at Penn St  
 at Penn St 1% UMass  
 at UCF 18% East Carolina  
 at N. Iowa Pk Drake  
 at Rhode Island 6 George Mason  
 at Tulane 10 at Tulane  
 at Michigan 12% Northwestern  
 at Oregon 5% USC  
 at Oregon St 3 UCLA  
 at S. Carolina Off Missouri

**NHL**  
 Nashville -120 at Carolina +110  
 at Winnipeg -190 Anaheim +175  
 at Columbus Off NY Rangers Off  
 Tampa Bay -152 at NY Islanders +140  
 at Vancouver -111 Florida +101  
 at Calgary -254 Arizona +224

**NFL PLAYOFFS**  
 at New England 4 L.A. Chargers  
 at New Orleans 8 Philadelphia

**AHL**

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SO	PT	GF	GA
G. Rapids	21	12	3	4	49	124	120
WOLVES	22	13	1	4	48	141	115
Texas	21	11	3	2	47	136	111
Iowa	20	12	4	3	47	132	114
Milwaukee	19	15	5	1	44	105	113
San Antonio	20	18	1	0	41	105	110
Rockford	16	16	3	5	40	92	115
Manitoba	15	18	2	1	33	89	114

2 pts for a win, 1 for an OT/shootout loss

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**  
 Tucson, Wales 2  
 Rochester 5, Toronto 1  
 Charlotte 5, WB/Scranton 3  
 Grand Rapids 5, Belleville 2  
 Hartford 4, Bridgeport 2  
 Lowell 5, Springfield 5 (SO)  
 Utica 3, Syracuse 2  
 Binghamton 5, Cleveland 4  
 Hershey 3, Lehigh Valley 0  
 Providence 4, Springfield 3  
 Texas 4, Iowa 2  
 San Antonio 4, Rockford 3  
 San Diego 5, Milwaukee 2  
 Stockton 6, Ontario 10  
 Bakersfield 2, Colorado 0

**NBA & LEAGUE**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Fort Wayne	13	11	.542	-
WINDY CITY	14	13	.519	3 1/2
Grand Rapids	10	13	.435	2 1/2
Canton	9	14	.391	3 1/2
Wisconsin	4	20	.167	9

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**  
 Greensboro 120, Windy City 96  
 Capital City 114, LA Lakers 106  
 Northern Arizona 106, Maine 99  
 Canton 122, South Bay 115 (OT)  
 Memphis 120, Texas 103  
 Rio Grande Valley 97, Santa Cruz 96

## SOCCER

**ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE**

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Liverpool	18	3	5	50	10	57
Man City	16	2	3	56	17	50
Tottenham	12	5	4	41	21	43
Chelsea	14	5	4	40	17	47
Arsenal	12	5	4	46	32	41
Man United	11	5	4	32	38	38
Watford	9	5	8	43	32	32
Leicester	2	6	12	16	31	18
West Ham	9	4	9	30	32	31
Wolverhampton	8	5	8	23	25	29
Everton	7	6	8	31	31	27
Bournemouth	8	3	10	31	40	27
Brighton	7	5	10	24	26	26
Crystal Palace	6	4	12	20	28	22
Burnley	6	3	13	23	43	21
Southampton	4	7	11	23	39	19
Cardiff	5	4	13	19	41	19
Newcastle	2	6	12	16	31	18
Fulham	3	5	14	20	49	14
Huddersfield	2	15	13	17	37	11

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**  
 West Ham 1, Arsenal 0  
 Burnley 2, Tottenham 2  
 Cardiff 0, Huddersfield 0  
 Crystal Palace 1, Watford 2  
 Brighton 0, Liverpool 1  
 Leicester 2, Southampton 2  
 Chelsea 2, Newcastle 1

**SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
 Everton vs. Bournemouth, 8:15 a.m.  
 Tottenham vs. Man United, 10:30 a.m.

## TENNIS

**SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL**  
 At Olympic Park Tennis Centre  
**Sydney; hard-outdoor**  
 Sofia Kenin d. Alison Riske, 6-3, 6-2  
 Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, 6-3, 6-0.

**ATP TOUR ASB CLASSIC**  
**Final at ASB Tennis Arena**  
 Auckland, New Zealand; hard-outdoor  
 Tannis Sandgren d.  
 Cameron Norrie, 6-4, 6-2.

## TRANSACTIONS

**FOOTBALL**

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Cleveland:** Named Fred Kitchens coach.  
**Miami:** Signed OJ Jake Rudock to a reserve/futures contract.  
**Feb. 17:** NBA All-Star Game, Charlotte, N.C. Play-off eligibility waiver deadline.

**HOCKEY**  
**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Arizona:** Assigned F Michael Bunting to Tucson (AHL).  
**New Jersey:** Activated G Mackenzie Blackwood and F Marcus Johansson from injured reserve. Assigned G Cam Johnson to Binghamton (AHL).

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**

**MEN**

**MIDWEST**  
 Bowling Green 97, C. Michigan 87 (OT)  
 California Baptist 71, Chicago State 75  
 Detroit 93, Milwaukee 84  
 E. Michigan 95, Kent State 61  
 Ill.-Chicago 73, Cleveland State 56  
 Indiana State 72, Evansville 66 (OT)  
 Loyola 67, Illinois State 64  
 Minnesota 88, Rutgers 70  
 Murray State 85, SE Missouri 67  
 N. Illinois 73, Akron 56  
 North Dakota 71, W. Illinois 65  
 Notre Dame 69, Boston College 66  
 Oakland 90, Green Bay 78  
 Ohio State 76, San Diego 10  
 Toledo 85, W. Michigan 77  
 Valparaiso 65, S. Illinois 61  
 Youngstown State 82, IUPUI 76

**EAST**  
 Boston U. 75, Navy 69  
 Colgate 91, Lehigh 78  
 Duquesne 85, Saint Joseph's 84  
 Georgetown 96, Providence 90 (2 OT)  
 Holy Cross 77, Lafayette 70  
 Oklahoma State 85, West Virginia 77  
 Princeton 62, Penn 53  
 Richmond 75, George Washington 56  
 St. Bonaventure 71, Fordham 64  
 Temple 82, South Florida 80 (OT)

**SOUTH**  
 Davidson 64, VCU 57  
 Jacksonville St. 90, SIU-Edwardsville 54  
 Louisiana Tech 73, Middle Tennessee 56  
 Miami 76, Wake Forest 75  
 Southern Miss. 73, UAB 68  
 Texas Tech 76, Alabama 80

**SOUTHWEST**  
 SMU 77, Tulsa 57  
 Troy 90, Arkansas State 85 (OT)

**WEST**  
 Air Force 62, San Diego State 48  
 Boise State 87, San Jose State 64  
 Colorado State 91, New Mexico 76  
 Pepparing 76, San Diego 10  
 Utah State 71, Wyoming 55

**WOMEN**

**MIDWEST**  
 Akron 74, Bowling Green 71  
 Buffalo 65, Cleveland State 66  
 E. Michigan 69, N. Illinois 66  
 Cent. Michigan 64, W. Michigan 61  
 Green Bay 60, Youngstown State 42  
 Jacksonville St. 59, SIU-Edwardsville 54  
 Louisiana Tech 73, Middle Tennessee 56  
 Miami 76, Wichita State 50  
 Milwaukee 59, Cleveland State 53  
 Murray State 64, SE Missouri 59  
 Ohio 90, Ball State 75  
 S. Dakota 69, Oral Roberts 55  
 S. Dakota 69, Purdue Fort Wayne 51  
 Texas 64, Iowa State 62

**EAST**  
 American U. 61, Army 51  
 Boston U. 58, Lehigh 45  
 Davidson 77, Rhode Island 67

## NHL

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	45	35	8	2	72	188	128	19-4-0	16-4-2	12-2-0
Toronto	44	28	14	2	58	158	122	13-9-1	15-5-1	6-2-2
Boston	45	26	15	4	56	131	116	16-6-0	10-9-4	12-6-1
Montreal	46	24	17	5	53	138	139	12-9-2	12-8-3	7-5-4
Buffalo	45	23	16	6	52	131	130	14-6-3	9-10-3	8-6-3
Florida	47	17	28	8	42	137	155	8-6-5	9-12-3	8-4-3
Dallas	47	17	23	7	41	133	160	9-12-4	9-11-3	4-4-4
Ottawa*	45	17	23	5	39	142	174	11-9-4	6-14-1	6-8-2

**METRO** GP W L OT PTS GF GA HOME AWAY DIV

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Winnipeg	44	28	14	2	58	152	125	16-6-2	12-8-0	9-6-0

## BLACKHAWKS AND BULLS



GOLDEN KNIGHTS 4, BLACKHAWKS 3 (OT)

# Now that's deep-6

After a half-dozen tries against Golden Knights, Hawks still have yet to win

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

The Golden Knights played their first game in franchise history just 15 months ago, so perhaps it wasn't too embarrassing that the Blackhawks never had beaten them in five meetings entering their game Saturday night at the United Center.

On the other hand ...

The Golden Knights played their first game in franchise history just 15 months ago, so it's pretty embarrassing the Blackhawks never had beaten them.

At no moment during those five previous meetings were the Hawks the better team. The Golden Knights arrived last season fully formed en route to an appearance in the Stanley Cup Final and after a slow start this season are again one of the top teams in the league.

The Hawks blew a two-goal lead, and Shea Theodore scored 1 minute, 19 seconds into overtime to give the Golden Knights a 4-3 victory Saturday night at the United Center and keep them perfect in six tries against the Hawks.

A tying goal for the Knights by Pierre-Edouard Bellemare with 6:58 remaining was wiped out when it was ruled Bellemare had kicked the puck into the net. But Paul Stastny's tally at the 4:04 mark counted and got the game to overtime.

"It's happened a bunch this year where we've gotten into tight games and for whatever reason we sit back," Patrick Kane said. "The way we were playing the first two periods, that was fun hockey. That's the way we need to play, so why stop no matter what the score?"

Alex DeBrincat had a pair of goals, and Kane scored his 25th of the season for the Hawks.

The Golden Knights dominated those first five meetings, winning every one in regulation and outscoring the Hawks 26-14, including an 8-3 drubbing Nov. 27 at the United Center.



A shot by Ryan Carpenter sails past Blackhawks goalie Collin Delia, above, in the second period. Dylan Strome gets turned around as he is surrounded by three Golden Knights.

The Hawks took a 2-0 lead after the first. DeBrincat's 22nd goal after some nifty stick work put the Hawks ahead 1-0 with 15:24 left in the first. It was the fourth straight game with a goal for DeBrincat, who couldn't explain why the Hawks weren't the same team in the third period.

"I just think late in the third period we kinda — we're praying," he said. "We've gotta keep working and not let them score." Praying?

"We were sitting back on our heels, playing defense," DeBrincat said. "We were not going on offense. We're just trying to stay alive, I guess. We need to attack them, and if they don't get any momentum, it's hard for them to win."

A few minutes later, Patrick Kane had a goal wiped off by video replay after officials ruled Brandon Saad had been offside. But that only delayed Kane, whose power-play goal with 4:40 left in the first gave the

Hawks a 2-0 lead.

After the Knights' Alex Tuch made it 2-1, DeBrincat's second of the game restored the two-goal lead on the back end of a four-minute power play. Kane found DeBrincat for a one-timer that easily beat goalie Marc-Andre Fleury. The Knights' Ryan Carpenter scored with 54 seconds left in the second to cut the Hawks' lead to 3-2.

Erik Gustafsson assisted on both power-play goals to give him his own eight-game point streak, just two shy of Pierre Pilote's team record for defensemen.

"We've closed out games, so it shouldn't be totally foreign," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "But we did take our foot off the gas a little bit, and you're at the mercy of a bounce."

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The Bulls' Jim Boylen was the coach at the University of Utah from 2007-11.

JAZZ 110, BULLS 102

## Coach reflects as he comes back to Utah

Boylen believes he's matured, is becoming more tolerant

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN | Chicago Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — Tom Thibodeau was a taskmaster. Fred Hoiberg was a low-key players' coach.

On what side of the scale does Jim Boylen fall? Tough to say.

After the Warriors obliterated his Bulls on Friday night, Boylen alternated between old-school and new-school, tough guy and sympathetic soul.

At times he expressed compassion, saying: "I'm just trying to support our guys — we have a young group. Of course nobody likes getting their butt kicked, but we'll take the good moments and build on them and take the bad moments and learn from them."

He also was critical of his players for allowing Klay Thompson to drain three 3-pointers in the game's first 70 seconds, saying: "I don't know if we were watching them, if we were in awe, fearful ... we were a little too respectful."

And then asked if there would be some "boots to asses" reactions from him, Boylen replied: "Yeah, well, we've had some boots to asses and will continue to have that. We'll handle that in practice."

Maybe coaches don't have to pick a lane. There was only one Pat Riley. There was only one Phil Jackson.

The Bulls took the floor Saturday night against the Jazz having lost six straight games, four by double digits. They played it close most of the game but still lost 110-102 as Donovan Mitchell torched the Bulls for 34 points. Five Bulls scored in double figures, but no one topped Zach LaVine's 21 points on 7-for-21 shooting.

One night earlier in Oakland, Calif., they were run off the court. The Warriors led 43-17 after one, the largest first-quarter deficit for a Bulls team in franchise history.

"We definitely didn't come out with an edge," rookie forward Wendell Carter Jr. said, "and didn't execute our game plan on defense."

Boylen expressed pride that the Bulls "won" the second quarter, outscoring the NBA champions 38-33.

"I think you've got to talk about that," Boylen said. "Win the next moment. Break it down. Try to win two of four quarters, three of four quarters."

The play that typified the Bulls' lackluster effort came in the third quarter: With the Warriors leading 110-70, Stephen Curry was left all alone at the top of the key. He was so open, you half-wondered if the Bulls had five players on the court.

Curry misfired and immediately hustled to the corner to retrieve the ball. Carter then chased after Curry, who dished, retreated to the 3-point line, received the ball and hit the shot.

Carter's perspective?

"Ain't gonna lie," he said, "him being that wide open, I thought it was nothing but net. He missed it and I saw him coming. I thought: What the heck? He went like he was going to cut, so I was going with him. I turn around and he's already shooting. Man, Steph is on a whole 'nother planet."

The Warriors missed 39 shots and rebounded 11 of them. The Bulls missed 43 shots and tracked down just five.

Was a "boots to ass" response warranted?

Boylen on Saturday returned to Salt Lake City, where hoops fans called him "Jimmy Ball" after he led the University of Utah to the NCAA tournament in 2009.

"I think people in Utah liked my passion," he said.

Forward Will Clyburn, who now plays professionally in Moscow, thrived under Boylen, calling him both a "hard-nosed coach" and a "loving guy" off the court.

"He really loves the game, so when stuff was not going right, emotionally, he would really get into it and push you," he said. "He would say some stuff to you where you'd either crack or keep going."

That meshes with the narrative that formed after Boylen was hired. Within days, some Bulls threatened to blow off a Sunday practice following a franchise-worst 56-point loss to the Celtics.

Boylen responded by forming a leadership committee to give players a voice.

Asked Saturday how he has changed since Utah fired him in 2011, Boylen replied: "Maturity. I think I'm a better communicator than I was then. I'm a little more patient, more tolerant. And hopefully wiser."

Boylen is signed through next season. ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski reported Saturday that \$1 million of Boylen's \$1.6 million salary for the 2019-20 season is guaranteed, leaving the Bulls flexibility if they want to conduct a search after the season.

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### BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## Koekkoek waiting to see where he will fit in

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

When new players have arrived via trade or from Rockford, Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton's style has been to work them into the lineup immediately.

That wasn't the case with defenseman Slater Koekkoek, whom the Hawks acquired Friday in a trade that sent Jan Rutta to the Lightning and also swapped late-round draft picks.

Koekkoek (pronounced "Koo Koo") was with the team Saturday for the morning skate wearing No. 68 but wasn't scheduled to play against the Golden Knights.

There simply isn't a spot for him at the moment. The Hawks have been happy with their current blend of veteran and young blue liners: Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook, Connor Murphy, Erik Gustafsson,

Henri Jokiharju and Carl Dahlstrom.

Koekkoek, 24, has been trying to figure out where he fits in with the Hawks. He had not been able to crack the Lightning's lineup and was with their AHL team when he learned of the trade.

"In my head, I have some ideas, but ultimately it's up to the coach and what he thinks," Koekkoek said. "I'm just here to work hard until I get my opportunity and then do what I can out there."

Colliton spoke highly of Koekkoek's skating skills and said it's not necessary for him to be overly physical.

"He can compete for a role," Colliton said. "We'll see how that plays out. We can watch all the tape you want, but when you get him, here that's when we're going to really evaluate him."

With Koekkoek and Brandon Davidson,

the Hawks are carrying eight defensemen and will have another in the mix when Gustav Forsling (upper torso) comes off injured reserve. The most likely scenario would be sending Forsling and Davidson to Rockford. Davidson already has cleared waivers and Forsling is exempt.

**Young-gest stars:** The Hawks invited 9-year-old Colman Kuzniar to join them on the ice for morning practice to fulfill his wish to practice with his favorite team. Kuzniar, who has common variable immune deficiency, was able to shoot and score on Cam Ward and spent time talking with his favorite player, Jonathan Toews.

"(Toews) just wanted me to beat him in a faceoff," Kuzniar said. "Which I did."

The Hawks worked with Make-A-Wish Illinois to help Kuzniar's dream come true.

**BLACKHAWKS**

# Starstruck moments normal

Getting used to playing against boyhood heroes is part of life in the NHL

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

Looking across the ice, the hockey fan lights up at the sight of his hero in front of him.

Then the hero digs his skates into the ice, lowers his shoulder and lights up the fan straight into the boards.

That's not a video game or a fantasy. It's a routine that plays out on rinks across the NHL when rookies first take the ice against their heroes.

"There's different instances of playing against LA and getting hit by Rob Blake and thinking, 'Why is he hitting you?'" Blackhawks forward Chris Kunitz recalled. "You think: 'Oh, my God, he's just doing his job. If you want to be in the lineup, that's what you've got to go do.'"

"Those are the moments that make you forget being a fan and move on to being a player."

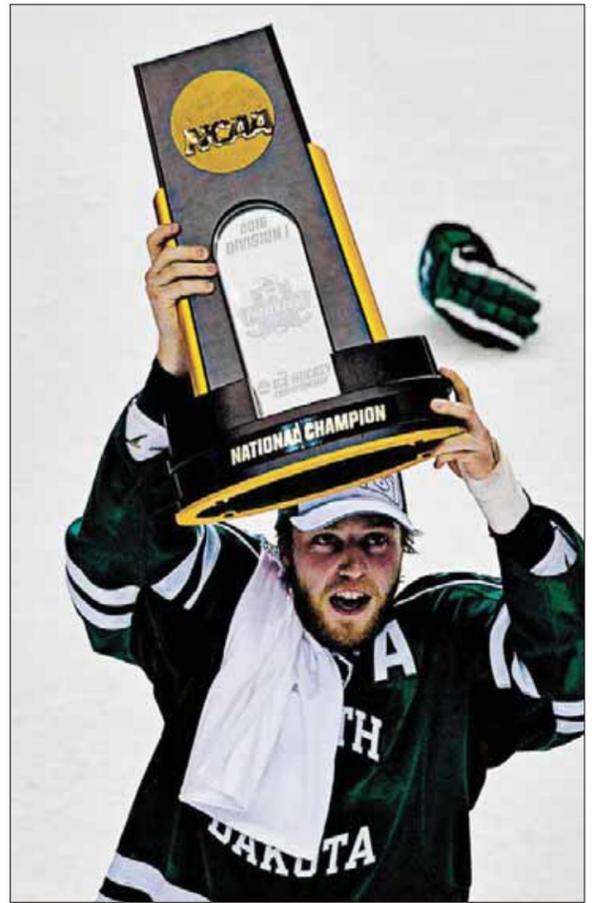
It's hard to forget your first love, though. Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton remembers going up against Jaromir Jagr and Peter Forsberg during his 57-game NHL career and understands what some of the young Hawks are going through now.

"That's part of the transition when you get to the league," Colliton said. "You end up playing against guys who you grew up watching or you've been idolizing, and it can be a challenge. There's some excitement you get out of it too. You can use it in a positive way and get energy out of it. It's important not to show too much respect. But everyone goes through it."

Dylan Strome went through it in his first NHL game in 2016 with the Coyotes. Growing up near Toronto, Strome was heavily invested in the rivalry between his Maple Leafs and the hated Senators. Dion Phaneuf was with the Leafs when Strome was growing up but had joined the Senators by the time Strome made his debut in Ottawa.

Strome, 21, has still never played against the Leafs and has been eyeing a March 13 game in Toronto since he joined the Hawks a couple of months ago.

"It's pretty cool to play against the guys that you're watching growing up," Strome said. "You try not to get starstruck and realize you're in the same league as these guys. At one point you were one of the top players in the league you were in before, so I'm sure younger guys were thinking of you as that type of player. It kind of goes both



GETTY PHOTOS

The Blackhawks' Drake Caggiula, right, says he went to North Dakota to play college hockey because Jonathan Toews, left, went there.

ways. It takes getting used to."

Young players have to get used to being around not only opposing players, but also their own teammates.

"I remember walking into a locker room and riding a bike and Paul Kariya walks by and says some little comment to me because I'm wearing my college shirt," Kunitz said. "That wasn't on the ice but kind of that realization like, 'Oh, my God.' Even though I was a little bit older, you're still a fan of the game and players that are in it. It took me a little while to figure out that it's a job and it's not just a glorified (way) of watching other people play the game."

"Once you figure that out, then try to make a place for yourself and try to earn a job every single day. And when you do that, you forget about being a fan or being a child

watching these guys play. Until you realize that, you don't really put yourself in a great spot to have success."

Sharing the joy with friends and family members who will never come close to playing in an NHL game is also part of the experience for a young player. Hawks forward Drake Caggiula remembers his brother's reaction when Caggiula played against Sidney Crosby for the first time.

"My brother's got like five jerseys of Crosby's in his closet," Caggiula said. "My brother's texting me before and after the game: 'How was it?' It is a pretty cool feeling the first time you play against these big superstars that have been around the league for a while and done some pretty big things. Eventually it wears off and you get used to playing regular hockey against them."

And then something unexpected happens. You get traded and you get a chance to play with your heroes. Caggiula, 24, was a huge Hawks fan and grew up near Toronto watching video highlights of Patrick Kane on YouTube before heading to the basement to try to copy Kane's moves. Caggiula says he even chose to play college hockey at North Dakota because Jonathan Toews went there.

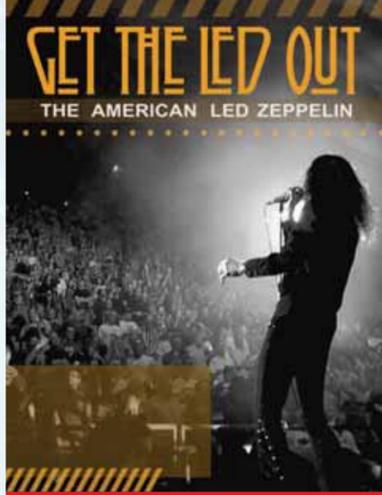
Has he had a chance to share this with Kane and Toews?

"No, I won't tell them," Caggiula said. "Maybe down the road. That's something I may keep to myself for a little while."

Well, unless it appears in the paper.

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# INTO THE FRAY

CSO concertmaster Robert Chen and friends are heading to Asia



**HOWARD REICH**  
*On Music*

The last time Chicago Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Robert Chen played his hometown — Taipei, Taiwan — in 2013, the stakes were rather high.

Music director Riccardo Muti abruptly had bowed out of the orchestra's 2013 Asia tour due to emergency hernia surgery. That meant the CSO had lost a marquee attraction and needed to rethink the expedition at the eleventh hour.

So CSO management hit on an ingenious idea: Ask Chen to step up as violin soloist in the city where he was born and spent the first 10 years of his life. The question was whether he would — and whether he could.

The episode plays on Chen's mind as he prepares to return to Taipei, where the CSO will launch its forthcoming Asia tour on Jan. 19.

"There was some last-minute scrambling to get other people to come and play the concerts, and they had to change the program," recalls Chen of a "stressful" turn of events for musicians and administrators.

Martha Gilmer, then a CSO executive, made the pitch to Chen.

"Obviously, when Muti canceled, there was a lot of disappointment," recalls Gilmer, currently chief executive officer of the San Diego Symphony.

"So we were looking at what would make these concerts very special. And Robert being a native

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Chicago Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Robert Chen in his home Monday.

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## When a show's a Broadway hit, says Actors' Equity, pay the tryout folks



**CHRIS JONES**  
*Tribune theater critic*

Broadway announced some stunning financial results over the holidays: "Wicked" pulled in \$3.4 million in a single week; \$2.6 million thawed the ice at "Frozen"; \$3.7 million circled back to "The Lion King"; an eye-popping \$4 million happened in a

single New York week of "Hamilton." These are profit margins of 300 to 400 percent or more.

You didn't even need to be a musical: Aaron Sorkin's new dramatization of "To Kill a Mockingbird" took in \$1.7 million. In a week. Atticus Finch would have fallen off his porch.

The post-Christmas period long has been prime time on Broadway. But this year's results still turned heads. The cumulative gross was close to \$58 million — if every week sold like that, and they do not, Broadway would be a \$3 billion industry. And they told you there was no money in

the theater.

Why those huge numbers? Fewer and fewer people now work between Christmas and New Year (this is true throughout the developed world, if you're talking about those with the ability to fly to New York), so everyone wants to see shows at the same time. And producers have become far more sophisticated at raising ticket prices according to demand — they are no longer squeamish about charging what the market will stand on a peak night, because such drastic

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DEEN VAN MEER PHOTO

Over the holidays "Frozen" pulled in \$2.6 million in a single week.



EIKE SCHROTER/NETFLIX

Usman Ally, Neil Patrick Harris and Lucy Punch in "A Series of Unfortunate Events."

# A work of television art

Why is Netflix's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' superior to the movie? We ask Barry Sonnenfeld

BY ROBERT LLOYD  
Los Angeles Times

Believe me when I tell you that one of the great works of television art — yes, art — over the last two years is the Netflix adaptation of "A Series of Unfortunate Events," 13 alliteratively titled volumes of suspense, adventure, terror, love, obsession, satire, absurdity and vocabulary lessons written by Daniel Handler under the name Lemony Snicket. (Snicket is also the story's narrator, and a quasi-character just outside it, driven like the Ancient Mariner to relate his tale.) The third and final season began streaming on New Year's Day.

The series concerns the Baudelaire orphans — Violet (who invents things), Klaus (who reads and retains a great deal) and Sunny (a baby with a talent for biting) — and the menacing Count Olaf, whose great dream is to separate them from their inheritance, and throughout the series assumes disguises only the children see through. Horrible things happen, mostly. The first three novels were adapted for the big screen in 2004, with Jim Carrey as Olaf. It was a disappointment to this fan of the books and, I assume, others as no further films arrived to continue the tale.

It turns out the series was just waiting for the age of streaming television. Where the film compressed three books into less than two hours, the television version, which began in 2017 and stars Neil Patrick Harris, has adapted each at two-part feature length, filling out and refining the novels' mythology. Most important, it has Barry Sonnenfeld ("Get Shorty," "Men in Black," "The Tick," "Pushing Daisies") as showrunner, executive producer and primary director, not to mention Handler writing the screenplays. It feels definitive and looks fantastic.

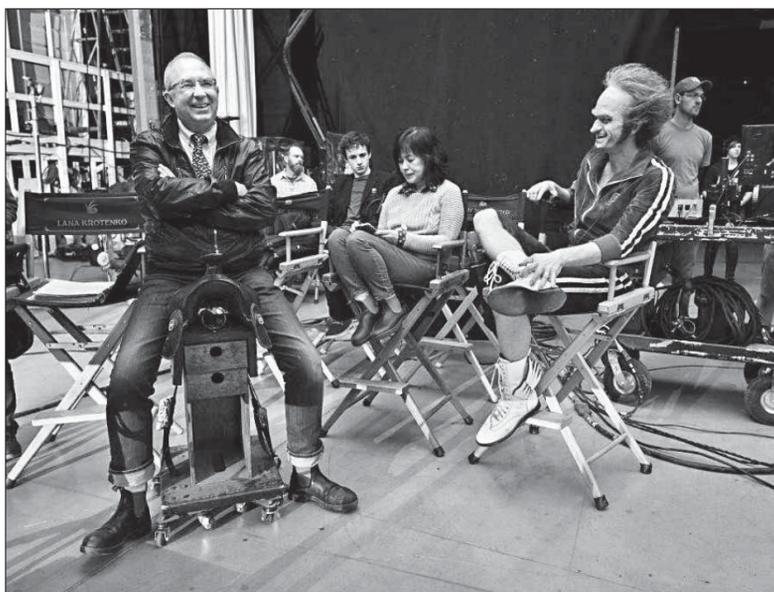
Both Sonnenfeld and Handler were originally involved in the movie; both were let go from it. Sonnenfeld, with whom I spoke recently by phone from Telluride, Colo., where he has a home, calls their history bringing the novels to the screen a "series of unfortunate events that ended well." The series, he says, has been "the best experience I've ever had working in the film or television business."

**Q: Where does your history with 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' begin?**

I had read the books to my daughter, Chloe, when she was a kid, and at some point she moved on and I didn't. I would say the second half of the series I read without her. What attracted me to the books was that they posit that children are capable and smart, and all adults, whether they mean well or are villains, are equally ineffectual and horrible — which could have described my parents. They meant well, but they were horrible.

**Q: Tell me about working with Daniel Handler.**

Daniel's really funny and really dry; we have a similar dark sense of humor. He has a much bigger vocabulary than I do. We both felt the movie was more over-produced [relative to] what we wanted to do on the show. I went to Netflix and said, "I want to shoot this show entirely on the stage; I want everything to be controlled, from the skies, to the colors, to the water." We didn't want a huge, loud production; we wanted something that was much more intimate. It's dry, it's flat. The comedy is never meant to be jokey so much as allow-



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Director Barry Sonnenfeld, left, Louis Hynes (in back) and Neil Patrick Harris on set.



ERIC MILNER/NETFLIX

Patrick Warburton as Lemony Snicket.

ing the audience to find the joke. We don't try to sugarcoat things — people die in the show. This isn't to say good or bad, but it's the opposite of a Disney show. It's not bright, it's not colorful, it's not sing-songy, it's not happy. It's dark, it's dreary. The palette is very restricted.

The other thing we wanted was that Lemony should be an onscreen narrator. I thought the character was not served well by the movie — which was basically Jude Law at a typewriter. [Our Lemony] would never be in the same chronological time as the action, but he was telling the story and could be physically in the scenes. That was a huge plus. And even though I had worked with [Patrick] Warburton on "The Tick" and "Men in Black II" and "Big Trouble," he was actually Daniel's idea for Lemony. He brings so much to the show emotionally and tonally; he can say really funny things without you ever thinking, "This guy's trying to be funny."

**Q: But that character is also so sad. He's so wounded.**

He's incredibly sad, he's incredibly wounded, and one of the things that makes me cry every time I see the third season is the resolution of Warburton's character. We don't want to give that away, but I will say it so bookends the three seasons — it was not in the books, but it feels like it was always supposed to be that way. I think what we've managed to do, while still remaining mysterious and subtle and never spoon-feeding information, is to fill out a lot of questions that were never resolved in the books, and resolve them in an organic way that feels like, "I remember that."

Without becoming overly commercial or wrapping everything up, I think our ending ultimately is more satisfying.

**Q: How did you settle on Neil Patrick Harris for Count Olaf?**

Neil was also Daniel's idea. What's funny about that is soon after I had the meeting with Netflix — I hadn't been hired yet, but I felt the meeting went very well — my wife and child and I were having Thanksgiving with Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos in Manhattan, and among the guests were Neil and his husband, David Burtka, and their kids. And I sat opposite Neil, and I said, "Hey, Neil, we've never met and I think you'd be great in a show I can't tell you anything about because I don't have the job yet, but if I get the job I'd love for you to be ... the guy." And then I got the job and we were discussing who would play Olaf and Daniel said, "What about Neil Patrick Harris?" I said, "Perfect, I've recently met him and offered him the job."

He's extraordinary. Not only is he playing Count Olaf, but he's playing Count Olaf playing Shirley, Captain Sham, whatever — and he's brilliant, and so funny and smart. He wore a different cologne as each character; you always knew when he was coming onstage 'cause you could smell the over-cologned Neil Patrick Harris as the stage door opened.

**Q: What about him made you feel he was right?**

Part of it was that he feels equally at home in television, in movies and onstage; he could be stylized, he could be big, but he would always be real — real and theatrical at the same time is hard to find. And Olaf's character is all over the place; he's got to be really mean and really funny, and sort of a failure, but a threat. The first episode we ever did, "The Bad Beginning," there's a scene early on where Olaf slaps Klaus across the face; we did several takes and Neil kept trying to show remorse. I said, "Neil, we've got to do one where there's no remorse." And Neil said, "Well I feel bad about that, I just hit the kid." I said, "Olaf is a buffoon, but our heroes are only as heroic as our villain is villainous, and this is one of the few chances we have to say to the audience, and to the Baudelaire kids, this guy's dangerous."

**Q: Was it hard casting the Baudelaire children?**

Yes and no. I had worked with Malina Weissman on a movie called "Nine Lives," and she totally got my direction, which is

always, "Flatter, faster." I find if actors talk really quickly, it doesn't give them time to act, and I hate to watch acting onscreen. In fact, my wife always has to sit to my right and hold my right arm down so I can't wave at the screen to make them talk faster. I only got through half an episode of "Mad Men," 'cause I couldn't believe they were allowed to talk so slowly. So Malina was easy, because I knew she could be flat and fast and not like a kid actor.

What's really hard is to find male actors because there seem to be fewer boys who want to go into acting, and often when they do they want to sort of overact. We had a really hard time finding Klaus; Louis Hynes put himself on tape in London — he's British. He had never acted before, except an occasional school play or something, and we flew him from London to L.A. and worked with Malina and Louis for about an hour and decided at the very last minute — we were heavily into building sets — that he was our guy. And then Sunny was hard; we interviewed a lot of twins, but they just didn't look right. And Presley [Smith] had the right look and the right personality. We took a chance and decided we'd go with one baby, which is always hard to do, and she turned out great.

**Q: She turned into a good little actress.**

I know! In the third season she's saying words. When she says to Mr. Poe [the incompetent executor of the Baudelaire estate, played by K. Todd Freeman], "I despise you," it's just ... fantastic.

**Q: The show is very stylized but very human and emotional at the same time; can you talk about the relationship of something that looks quite unreal and fantastic and at the same time gets right to matters of the heart?**

I think it's specific to my personality. Or my tone. Whether it was "Pushing Daisies" or "Addams Family" or "Men in Black," I love to create specific worlds, yet not let the viewer feel they're outside of the world; I like to invite them in. This sounds technical, but I think the fact that I use very wide angle lenses makes a really big difference. On the one hand, wide angle lenses are very stylized, but it also means the camera is near the actor. I think the audience feels they're there in the scene and therefore more emotionally engaged. It's the opposite of what, for instance, Tony and Ridley Scott do, and did; they always use very, very, very long lenses, telephoto lenses, and their shows are very beautiful. But somehow the audience unconsciously knows they're far away, that they're observing the scene as opposed to participating in it.

**Q: Do you have a picture of your audience?**

Netflix gives us no information. I have no idea who's watching the show. I have no idea what percentage of the people watching the show have read the books. I had no idea if we should have more action, or more comedy, or they all love Mr. Poe, we need more of that — no idea. They're fantastic to work with, they were so supportive and so great, but they just don't give the filmmakers any information about how well the show's doing, not doing, who's watching.

**Q: Is it freeing in any way not to have to think about that?**

No. I'm a commercial director — I want to please the audience. I want to please them on my terms, but if I knew that 80 percent of the audience said, "We want more action," we would have found a way. If everyone had said, "We want more Presley" — well, of course they'd want more Presley. It's not a bad thing to know who your audience is.

# Major transformations

How Christian Bale, Nicole Kidman and others became unrecognizable on-screen

BY SONIA RAO  
The Washington Post

Actors who undergo major transformations are a staple of award-season chatter, and this year is no exception. We've heard a great deal of it already: Did you recognize Tilda Swinton under all that old-man makeup? How did Rami Malek manage to speak coherently while sporting such large fake teeth? Just how many pounds did Christian Bale put on to play a certain calculating politician? And so on.

But no matter how talented an actor is, they never go it alone. Among those who help them physically embody their characters are often prosthetic and makeup artists, hair stylists, vocal coaches and, of course, directors.

In honor of the Golden Globe Awards, which air Sunday night on NBC, here's a closer look at how several nominated actors — plus a couple others — transformed for the big screen.

## John C. Reilly, "Stan & Ollie"

In getting ready to play Oliver Hardy, half of the world's most famous comedy duo, Reilly referred to one of the funny-man's nicknames: Babe.

"He was called Babe because he looked like a chubby little baby from the time he was a chubby little baby to the time he was a grown man," Reilly said. "I got inspired by the name and said, 'Let's look at what some fat babies look like.'"

So he donned a fat suit, carrying weight as a baby's body does, and Oscar-winning makeup artist Mark Coulier used prosthetics to turn his features into Hardy's. It took three hours for Reilly to transform each morning, and another to take it all off at the end of the day.

"Mark was such a great painter, I couldn't tell where my skin was and where the piece was unless I felt it," the actor said.

## Bradley Cooper, "A Star Is Born"

As his own director, Cooper had the benefit of being able to portray Jackson Maine exactly as he saw fit. That included growing out his hair and beard; hiring Oscar-winning makeup artist Ve Neill to give him spray tans, darken his beard and make his eyes bloodshot for drunk scenes, as she told *Vulture*; and working with vocal coach Tim Monich to perfect the country-rocker's gravelly voice and twangy, not "too country" accent.

"It hurt my esophagus. I would have pain for the first couple of months," Cooper told *The Washington Post* in the fall. "It's not only lowering your voice, it's speaking different rhythmically."

## Charlize Theron, "Tully"

Theron has transformed before, most memorably for her Oscar-winning turn in



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Charlize Theron in "Tully."



AMAZON STUDIOS  
Tilda Swinton in "Suspiria."

2003's "Monster." For "Tully," in which she portrays a beleaguered mother of three young children, Theron turned to potato chips — which she had in her car, in her kitchen, in her trailer, even in her bathroom — to help her gain close to 50 pounds.

"What they say about 'what you eat is who you are' is so true, because I ate like a person who just didn't move, and I felt like that," she said on "The Ellen Show" in April. "I was lethargic and tired all the time, and that was a hard thing to break. Because it's more mental than it is almost physical."

## Rosamund Pike, "A Private War"

Pike, an English actress, spent a year preparing for her role as late war correspondent Marie Colvin in "A Private War." She worked with a dialect coach to drop her voice an octave and adopt a Long Island accent, according to director Matthew Heineman, and spent months with a dance coach to learn how to move and carry herself as Marie did — holding tension in her neck and splaying her hands when she gesticulated, for example.

Designer Denise Kum helped with Pike's makeup, hair and prosthetics.

"It was remarkable to see how (Pike) turned into this woman who didn't obviously look or sound at all like her," Heineman said, later adding: "I was very as-



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Christian Bale in "Vice."



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Rosamund Pike in "A Private War."

tounded and blown away by Ros' performance."

## Christian Bale, "Vice"

Bale frequently changes his weight to play different characters — as Trevor Reznik in "The Machinist," he shrank to just 120 pounds. But to play Dick Cheney in "Vice," Bale instead gained 40 pounds, by "eating a lot of pies" and, according to a recent piece published in *The New York Times*, wore fleshy prosthetics created using an identical mold of his head. After makeup, the actor bore features such as the former vice president's nose, his chin dimple and deep creases running from his nose to his jowls.

"He put on the suit, walked into the office with all of us, and everybody just died," prosthetics and makeup effect designer Greg Cannom told the *Times*. "I was just shocked. He looked just like him."

## Margot Robbie, "Mary Queen of Scots"

How do you make such a modern beauty look like a smallpox-suffering Queen Elizabeth I? A prosthetic nose and boils, an array of wigs and a whole bunch of makeup. "Mary Queen of Scots" features at least five stages of the 16th-century monarch's evolution — what British makeup artist Jenny Shircore called her "fresh and pretty stage"

to her balding, pancake makeup stage. For Shircore to accomplish the latter, Robbie would sit in the makeup chair for three hours.

"Jealousy and fear between the two women was about power, and they were both very aware of each other's beauty," Shircore told *The Post* in December, referring to the queen's rivalry with her cousin Mary. "When Elizabeth was losing her beauty because of the smallpox scarring, she harnessed what was left with makeup."

## Nicole Kidman, "Destroyer"

In "Destroyer," Kidman plays a Los Angeles police detective who went undercover with a criminal gang years ago but is now, as director Karyn Kusama told *Vanity Fair*, a "middle-aged woman with a past that she wears on her face." This translated to makeup that displayed the effects of sun damage, sleep deprivation, stress and anger.

Kidman doesn't undergo extensive transformations as often as some of her peers do, according to Kusama, who added that the actress would rather be on the set than in the makeup chair. So they kept the makeup application process short, but still ended up with a character who looks as if she "wears her ugliness on the outside, all that smallness and bitterness."

## Rami Malek, "Bohemian Rhapsody"

What stands out most about Malek's version of Freddie Mercury might be his large teeth. Makeup, hair and prosthetics designer Jan Sewell had originally asked a teeth specialist to create a prosthetic set comparable to the Queen frontman's, according to *Variety*, but that overwhelmed Malek's face. So it was scaled down.

The actor's jawline was already as strong as Mercury's, Sewell told the trade outlet, but his eyes were too far apart. So they tacked on a prosthetic nose that "pulled Rami's eyes together" and finished the looks with fake mustaches and wigs.

## Tilda Swinton, "Suspiria"

Remember Mark Coulier, the makeup artist from "Stan & Ollie?" He's back.

Swinton and director Luca Guadagnino long denied rumors that she was actually Lutz Ebersdorf, an "actor" who had been photographed in full costume and makeup during "Suspiria's" production, and whom they both insisted played the elderly male psychoanalyst Dr. Josef Klemperer, one of the only men in the film.

But in October, Swinton came clean to the *New York Times* about Lutz's true identity, and Coulier revealed how he made Swinton and her "very feminine bone structure" seem more masculine. They committed to the bit.

"She had this nice, weighty set of genitalia," Coulier said. "She managed to get it out on set on a couple of occasions."

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# These teens carry a movie as easily as an iPhone

BY RANDEE DAWN  
Los Angeles Times

Awards season is full of prestige roles for veteran actors with big names — but just scratch below the surface of many of this year's lineup and you'll discover great performances from the newer, younger set. In films like "Wildlife," "Vox Lux," "Leave No Trace" and "Eighth Grade," adolescent actors go up against some of Hollywood's best and brightest — and truly give us hope for cinema's future. Here are four leading lights who are ready for their close-ups:

**Elsie Fisher (Kayla, "Eighth Grade")**

**Age:** 15 now; 14 when filming  
**Working next to giants:** "I was a really big fan of Bo's [Burnham, director-writer] comedy before the film," says the California-born actress. "But after the first audition, we jumped into the script and there was an immediate friendship between us."  
**Directing the director:**

"Directors need to treat teenagers like people. You don't have to pander to them when you're working with them — just be respectful. They're just kids, people who don't pay taxes yet."

**Playing myself:** "Kayla was totally relatable for me; she's portrayed in a way that allows you to empathize with her actions. She's a confused teenager — and I know I'm a confused teenager — so it's hard not to relate to her. Eighth grade was especially tough for me in my life; my social life was really awkward that year, and I was considering stopping acting, but it's much better now."

**Thomasin Harcourt McKenzie (Tom, "Leave No Trace")**

**Age:** 18 now; 16 when filming  
**Name game:** Originally McKenzie's character was named Caroline, but director Debra Granik changed it. "It happened during the rehearsal period, or maybe even a week into filming," says the New Zealand-born McKenzie. "I feel like Tom



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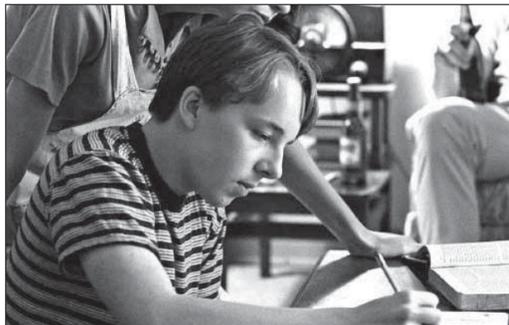
Elsie Fisher's tips for directors who work with teens: "Treat teenagers like people. You don't have to pander to them."

suits the character a lot better than Caroline; it's gender-neutral and fitted her personality."

**Directing the director:** "Because teenagers are younger than directors, their opinions or ideas aren't always taken seriously. Debra treated me as her equal, but in general, teenagers are treated like kids on a set."  
**Learning experience:** At one point in the film, McKenzie's character works with a beehive, which the actress loved. "Listening to their buzzing and the warmth they generate for me was calming and empowering as well, holding these tiny beings that could band together and kill me if they wanted or felt the need to."

**Ed Oxenbould (Joe, "Wildlife")**

**Age:** 17 now; 16 when filming  
**Working next to giants:** Oxenbould struggled not to be intimidated by actors Jake Gyllenhaal and Carey Mulligan or director Paul Dano. "I had to figure out a



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Ed Oxenbould appears in "Wildlife" by Paul Dano.

way to deal with that," says the Australian actor. "It's overwhelming. But they make you feel so relaxed — you never feel like they're in a different realm. They're so grounded."

**Directing the director:** "So often you get dialogue for [young people] that's rigid and unnatural. I sometimes help directors on set and say, 'We don't say that anymore.' Paul handled everything with so much confidence and passion — I never felt nervous."

**Playing myself:** "In some ways, Joe is like me; he's a quiet, passionate character, a keen observer. I have experienced some of

what he's experiencing when his parents are fighting — but not the same way Joe does. I'm from a loud family that really likes to voice their opinions!"

**Raffey Cassidy (Celeste/Albertine, "Vox Lux")**

**Age:** 17 now, 16 when filming  
**Working next to giants:** Despite having co-stars that included Natalie Portman, Jude Law and Willem Dafoe, Cassidy, who's from England, swears she wasn't intimidated. "You say, 'Oh, my God, I'm going to work with Natalie Portman today,' and then when you meet them, you forget



ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA

Raffey Cassidy in a scene from "Vox Lux."

about it — they're normal people."

**Directing the director:** "All the directors I've worked with have had [portraying teens] completely right. ['Vox Lux'] director Brady Corbet had previously been an actor, so the way he gave direction — he knew how to make sure I completely understood."

**Mentor moment:** "I learned things from everyone; I ask a lot of questions on the set. I find it really interesting to learn what everyone else has to do on the set; everyone in their different professions added to my knowledge of how a film set works."

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# Born in Iran, actress/activist avoids cliches

Nazanin Boniadi plays spy traveling between parallel worlds in 'Counterpart'

BY MEREDITH BLAKE  
Los Angeles Times

Nazanin Boniadi has what may be the juiciest role — make that roles — of her career in “Counterpart,” a science-fiction-infused espionage thriller now in its second season on Starz.

The drama, co-starring Oscar-winner J.K. Simmons, relies on a bold premise: an alternate version of the world was created in the waning days of the Cold War.

Now covert operatives travel between “Prime” and “Alpha” worlds through a portal in — where else? — Berlin. (Think of it as “The Spy Who Came in From the Cold” meets “Sliding Doors.”) Boniadi plays Clare, a particularly zealous agent who sneaks across the border and — spoiler alert — assumes her doppelganger’s identity.

Despite its outre concept, the series, created by Justin Marks, is rich with “metaphors and allegories of what’s going on today,” says Boniadi, who is excited by its sociopolitical themes.

Born in Iran after the revolution but raised in London, Boniadi is also an activist who’s fought to bring attention to human rights abuses in her native country through work with the Center for Human Rights in Iran, Amnesty International USA and the Council on Foreign Relations.

“I always say as an actor you get to portray the human condition,” she says, “but as an activist you get to change the human condition.”

“Homeland,” in which she played a hijab-wearing

CIA analyst who challenges the agency’s latent Islamophobia, “was the first time I got to talk about current affairs and foreign policy in connection to my work.” In addition to “Counterpart,” she’ll soon be seen with Dev Patel and Armie Hammer in “Hotel Mumbai,” a gripping account of the 2008 terror attack on the Taj Hotel in Mumbai, and in Jay Roach’s untitled film about Roger Ailes. The following is an edited transcript.

**Q: Clare is such an intriguing, layered character. What’s it like to play her?**

A: I’m Middle Eastern; the last thing I want to do is play a villain. It’s such a cliché.

I auditioned for this role and it was open to all ethnicities. My initial conversation with Justin was, “Please don’t change the name.” I don’t want her to all of a sudden be named “Fatima.” And he said, “I have no intention of doing that. There are people who look like you whose names are Clare.” She is a multifaceted woman indoctrinated to do bad things. And I love the idea that if you can learn to hate, surely you can also learn to love. So that’s really her journey in Season 2: Can she shed herself of this brainwashing and indoctrination? Can she find out who she really is? Essentially she’s leaving a cult.

**Q: So is the colorblind nature of the part a departure for you?**

A: I found myself being at the top of producers’ and studios’ list for Middle Eastern roles, which is a



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Actress and activist Nazanin Boniadi stars in sci-fi espionage thriller “Counterpart.”

beautiful position to be in, but it does cage you in as an actor. Most Caucasian actors, they don’t lead with their ethnicity; they’re just playing a human being. So with minority actors, it is a struggle.

**Q: The fate of the “Hotel Mumbai” film was uncertain for a time following the collapse of The Weinstein Co. That must have been frustrating for you.**

A: People don’t realize, when someone does something truly horrible, there are direct victims but there are also peripheral victims who suffered in the sense that they lost their careers, they had their films tank because of this. It’s really livelihoods at stake — collateral damage.

**Q: How do you strike the balance between paying your bills and bearing the burden of**

**representation?**

A: I had the blessing and privilege of being on “Homeland.” The show gets criticized for various things, but I found how they treated my character to be very delicate. I wanted to make sure that, after that, I went into something that was equally layered.

I had to audition for “Counterpart” while on location in Australia shooting “Hotel Mumbai.” I had

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— Nazanin Boniadi

my reservations culturally about what was involved with the role. There was a nudity clause, there was kissing a woman for the first time. And immediately the first thing my mind went to was, “What will the Persian community think?” But then I realized, this is what I do for a living. Now I look back and I think I can’t imagine having turned this job down. I would have kicked myself every day. It really is the most therapeutic role.

**Q: How so?**

A: I think it’s very self-explanatory. Hopefully, people will just understand sometimes there are personal traumas that you don’t ever talk about publicly, but you pour it into your work. There are things that have happened in my personal life that I don’t feel comfortable publicly discussing, but I found a way to through this show and this role — it’s catharsis. There’s a trajectory for this character that mirrors mine. I’ve never been an assassin or a terrorist, but this idea of shedding indoctrination and finding out who you are, for me, is a strong one. It has been extremely therapeutic for me to be able to put it out into the world through my art as opposed to openly discussing it.

**Q: Are you referring to your past experience with Scientology? (Boniadi reportedly left the organization.)**

A: I’d rather not say. Some things we just talk about through art.

# Vanessa Redgrave’s pivotal projects

BY EMILY ZEMLER  
Los Angeles Times

Vanessa Redgrave has crafted an impressive career since beginning as a theater actress in the 1960s. Redgrave, 81, has starred in everything from massive blockbusters like “Mission: Impossible” to period dramas like “Howards End,” accumulating Oscars, Emmys and Golden Globes along the way. She continues to perform on the stage (she’s currently in “The Inheritance” in London) and is interested in projects that give her the opportunity to work with “intelligent” directors, a trait she considers of highest importance in her collaborators.

Here Redgrave looks back on some of her most pivotal projects.

**“The Aspern Papers,” Juliana Bordereau (2018).** “I first came across this story when my father (Michael Redgrave) wrote a play (in 1959, based on the novel). I thought it was a terrific play, and then I convinced some West End producers to do it with me, and I got Christopher Reeve to play the American writer. ... Joely (Richardson, Vanessa Redgrave’s daughter) got me involved with this production, which was directed by Julian Landais, and I was so interested because I’d played Miss Tina in two theater productions. So I fell for it, and I’m very glad I did.”

**“Atonement,” Older Briony (2007).** “Ian McEwan is a great writer, and it’s a great novel. And, as always, the director was important. Saoirse Ronan played the younger version of my character and she’s a superb actress. Joe Wright



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**“There’s a lot more to the work of a director — at least the great ones — than most people who love film think.”**

is an extremely remarkable director and young man. It was exciting working with him. ... There’s a lot more to the work of a director — at least the great ones — than most people who love film think.”

**“Mission: Impossible,” Max (1996).** “The reason I wanted to be part of this is very simple and can be answered in one sentence: It showed a British villain. That’s what made me really want to do it.”

**“Howards End,” Ruth Wilcox (1992).** “It’s one of the best novels in the English language that has ever been written. That was the first thing. It wasn’t the first time I worked with James Ivory — the first time was “The Bostonians” — and he’s a very intelligent director. I prize intelligence. It’s very

rare.”

**“Julia,” Julia (1977).** “I treasure the days I spent with (director) Fred (Zinnemann), both before and during and after we made this film. ... I will tell you about his words to me and Jane Fonda the evening before we shot our scene in the cafe. ... Fred told both Jane and me to make as many cuts in our individual texts as we could. The next morning, we gave Fred our cuts, which the script supervisor made notes of. As far as I remember, Fred accepted both Jane’s and my cuts. Then we filmed the scene — very little discussion. In his final edit with Walter Murch, Fred cut the scene to something like the barest minimum. All this was — and still is — for me, a master class in filmmaking.”

# Lohan playing the grownup in reality show ‘Beach Club’

BY VERNE GAY  
Tribune News Service

Along with her business and creative partner, Panos Spentzos, Lindsay Lohan has been working to build her own “brand” of hotels and clubs in Greece — notably the Lohan Nightclub in Athens and Lohan Beach House in Rhodes. For this latest launch on the island of Mykonos, she and Spentzos hire a bunch of “ambassadors” from the States who will tend to guests on the beach, which means getting them to buy drinks and spend lots of money. They’re a bunch of spirited, hard-drinking hard bodies, and it’s up to Lindsay to keep them in line. Will she? (Can she?) They are: Aristotle, Billy, Brent, Gabi, Jonitta, Jules, May, Mike and Sara. They won’t all last the summer.

Both hotel/club and show are set in Mykonos, the program explains, because Lohan — now 32 — was physically assaulted here by her ex-boyfriend three years ago. “Instead of getting angry, I said I’m going to own this beach someday,” she says, “because I want everyone to feel safe.”

This is Lohan’s second unscripted series — the first, “Lindsay,” aired on OWN back in 2014. (“Living Lohan,” which aired on E! in 2008, focused on mom, Dina, and her other children.)

There are lots of reasons to want both club and “Lindsay Lohan’s Beach Club” to succeed, but this is a review, not listicle, so let’s settle for just one. A success, conceivably, means Lohan can finally say goodbye to all that — all the baggage and troubles, the tabloids and paps, and the assorted creeps who have made a living sponging off of her. They just drift away, and disappear forever, leaving Lind-



KEVIN MAZUR/GETTY 2013

Lindsay Lohan is a hotelier and kindergarten teacher supervising hard-drinking hard bodies in “Beach Club.”

say alone with her hotel balance sheets. Sounds boring but beats the alternative. Besides, we’re sick of being Lindsay voyeurs, right? Time for us to move on, too.

Now, the review part: The show’s not very good. It’s dull, derivative and peopled with a cast shrewd enough to know exactly where the camera is and how to perform for it. “Mic drop! Mic drop!” says one cast member to another in a made-for-and-by TV put-down. The bodies are well-tanned and gleaming, the booze is flowing. You suspect — no, you know — the hookups are coming. It’s a tawdry bit of the Hamptons splattered on a beach in Greece.

But in that dullness may be both cloud and silver lining. Lohan in fact is the resident adult here — the sparkly-attired kindergarten teacher in a flowing Greek chiton who stands bestride the unruly toddlers. “They’re representing the Lohan Beach House,” she glowers at pilot’s end, “so get ready!” It’s an unintentionally funny line because everyone — Lohan included — knows the roles have been

reversed. It’s like “Freaky Friday: The Greek Beach House” edition.

Nevertheless, she makes a game effort to do her Kardashian best in the pilot. She frequently alludes to the “Lohan brand,” as if the “VIP” hosts are expected to hawk a line of Lohan hair-care products along with the mai tais.

Meanwhile, Lohan never lifts a drink herself — she’s insisted in interviews in recent years that she’s maintained her sobriety. She also scolds a host for wearing a bra at their first meeting, which sets up this line: “When you meet your boss, don’t show up in a bra. It’s not appropriate. It’s like me going to meet Steven Spielberg in a bra and wet hair with wet bikini shorts. It’s impossible!”

In fact, it is possible and maybe once even happened. But that’s the distant past — thank goodness — and this the present, maybe future. Lohan as hotelier and kindergarten teacher and reality TV show boss appears serious this time, and finally ready to grow up. Here’s hoping anyway.

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son, as it were, we felt had a very special sentiment.”

Chen remembers his response. “I said, ‘OK, fine, I’ll step up and do it, take one for the team. ... I’ll pull it out of my library and practice little bit and give it a whirl.’”

When the big moment came, “It felt a little bit like a dream,” says Chen, 49. “It was a good response, very enthusiastic. They felt like I’m one of them,” he adds, referring to the Taiwanese audience.

“It was a connection to your own people.”

Or, as Gilmer puts it, “I can’t imagine how proud it must have been for him to stand with his orchestra at that moment. ... I think it was a golden moment.”

Chen returned to Taiwan during the CSO’s Asia tour with Muti in 2016. This time around, if all goes as planned, Chen and the orchestra will play tour-opening concerts with their music director in Taipei, the second (Jan. 20) featuring Rimsky-Korsakov’s “Scheherazade.” Muti and the orchestra played the piece majestically last September in Orchestra Hall, the extensive solo passages for violin placing Chen in a spotlight he’ll reclaim when the musicians return to Taipei.

Chen’s “first solo told the story,” I wrote in my review of the CSO performance, “the sweetness of his tone, tautness of his vibrato and sweep of his phrases avoiding sentimentality.”

As Chen and the orchestra get ready to head to Taiwan, though, stress will be coming from another source: international politics. At the start of the New Year, Chinese President Xi Jinping asserted in a speech that Taiwan’s unification with China was “a great trend of history” and warned that “we make no promise to abandon the use of force” to make it happen.

To which Taiwanese president Tsai Ing-wen responded defiantly a few days later: “It is impossible for me or, in my view, any responsible politician in Taiwan to accept President Xi Jinping’s recent remarks without betraying the trust and the will of the people of Taiwan,” she said in a briefing to foreign reporters.

Into the fray go Chen and the CSO, in a tour that will venture from Taiwan to China and then Japan.

“It’s crazy, the politics of it all now, but we’re cultural ambassadors in a sense,” observes Chen.

“We’re not there to discuss whether Xi is right or whether Trump is right,” he adds, referencing the ongoing trade battle between the two powers. “It’s silly. It’s like watching a fight on a playground a little bit. It always starts with something that is seemingly inconsequential.”

If any force can ameliorate struggles among nations, it’s music, especially when delivered



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Chicago Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Robert Chen, pictured in his home on Monday, was born and spent the first years of his life in Taipei.



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Chen performs beside conductor Riccardo Muti, right, during a Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert at Symphony Center.

at the level the CSO long has epitomized.

For Chen, the return to Taiwan will be personal, too, evoking memories of a picturesque childhood on the other side of the world.

“Life was pretty idyllic,” he says of his youth in Taipei. “We had a nice little house in the hills and two dogs, a little goldfish pond, some fruit trees in the backyard. ... I remember enjoying being in school. It was fun, and there was a rice paddy that was right adjacent to the school. We would go in there and hunt for frogs and bugs and things of that nature.”

Chen began keyboard proficiency classes at age 6, and when he was 7, “I came home, and a violin was waiting for me,” he says. “Maybe it had something to

do with the fact that my sisters played piano, and there was one piano in the house, so they figured it might be easier to divvy up the practice time” if someone played fiddle.

Like most youngsters, Chen “much preferred going outside — I wanted to go to the swimming pool or play ball in the field or hang out in the neighborhood with the kids,” he says. “Practicing was not so high up on the totem pole.”

Still, he believes he learned a lot from a “very strict” violin teacher in Taipei, and when the family moved to Los Angeles in 1979, when Chen was 10, he continued his studies, working with violinist Robert Lipsett and taking part in Jascha Heifetz’s master classes. Chen went on to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees

## CSO’s Asia Tour

Following is the itinerary for the CSO’s Asia Tour:

■ **Jan. 19:** National Concert Hall, Taipei, Taiwan: Brahms Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2.

■ **Jan. 20:** National Concert Hall, Taipei, Taiwan: Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5; Rimsky-Korsakov “Scheherazade.”

■ **Jan. 22:** Oriental Arts Centre, Shanghai, China: Brahms Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2.

■ **Jan. 23:** Oriental Arts Centre, Shanghai, China: Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5; Rimsky-Korsakov “Scheherazade.”

■ **Jan. 25:** National Centre for the Performing Arts, Beijing, China: Brahms Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2.

■ **Jan. 26:** National Centre for the Performing Arts, Beijing, China: Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5; Rimsky-Korsakov “Scheherazade.”

■ **Jan. 30:** Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan: Brahms Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2.

■ **Jan. 31:** Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan: Verdi Requiem Mass.

■ **Feb. 2:** Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan: Verdi Requiem Mass.

■ **Feb. 3:** Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan: Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5; Rimsky-Korsakov “Scheherazade.”

■ **Feb. 4:** Festival Hall, Osaka, Japan: Brahms Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2.

from the Juilliard School, where he was a student of Dorothy DeLay and Masao Kawasaki.

“He’s an excellent violinist,” says violinist Samuel Magad, who

shared the concertmaster post with Chen beginning in 1999.

Magad retired from the orchestra in 2007, after a 48-year run, and since then, “I’ve heard him, and he sounds beautiful. It’s really a pleasure to hear him. I know he continues in the tradition of the Chicago Symphony, which is all we try to do.”

Married to violinist Laura Park Chen and father of two teenagers now studying music on the East Coast, Robert Chen has a particular goal for the upcoming tour.

“Whenever you go on tour to a place that’s not home, one’s desire is always to bring something to the public, to express something that touches them in a specific way,” says Chen.

“And it’s something that they will take away from that experience. It’s about giving. The more you give, the more you get in return. That’s how it should be for a musician. So that’s what I’m hoping to get from this trip.”

During two Tokyo concerts, the CSO will perform Verdi’s Requiem Mass, a Muti specialty.

“It’s a work that he’s very fond of — it’s his daily bread, almost,” says Chen.

“It will be a great honor to go to Asia again with maestro Muti. I’m not sure if we will do it again.

Given his tenure will finish in 2022, it might be the last time that we go there with this music director.

“There should be some kind of meaning in that.”

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variance in price is no longer so fervently resisted by the likes of you and me. The same issues are in play if you want to fly from Chicago to Florida on American Airlines on Dec. 26. Like theaters, airlines don’t significantly change their capacity. They just charge a small fortune for the available seats. And their payroll costs don’t change either. Cha-ching!

But no sooner had the Broadway producers popped the champagne corks than the party-poopers at Actors Equity Association announced that they wanted their members, the people who perform those shows, to get a bigger piece of the action. Securing more compensation and better benefits for its members is a union’s job, of course, but the demands, accompanied by a do-not-work — or strike — notice, were not about an increase in weekly wages but actors getting a foot into the so-called royalty pool and snagging a share of the profits.

Equity wasn’t referring to the current cast members of the aforementioned Broadway shows, which are not threatened by industrial action (yet), but the actors who develop new projects through so-called labs, or workshops. Broadway shows do not just suddenly happen — they are shaped and honed over months, sometimes years, through a variety of small-scale stagings and tryouts, often in Chicago. Actors crave those gigs because they get in on the ground floor and a show might run for years. But they are poorly compensated — labs pay only about \$1,000 a week, a figure that has gone unchanged since 2007 and is no longer a living wage in New York City, especially if you don’t work every week.

Consider: There you are, toiling away on the very early stages



JULIETA CERVANTES

In a week, Aaron Sorkin’s “To Kill a Mockingbird” took in \$1.7 million.

of a hot new musical, freely giving of your ideas that someone at the back of the house may well be typing into a laptop. You walk away with a thousand bucks for helping a show that eventually makes hundreds of millions of dollars. Then they move on to someone else but keep some of your ideas. You’re miffed every time you read the grosses. Equity this week came up with a cute tagline for its campaign: #NotALabRat.

“Hamilton” has changed much on Broadway — and it has been a key player in this issue, too. Back in 2016, the original cast of the hit musical, performers who said they had contributed to the final creative product during pre-Broadway productions, demanded a share of the profits — a collective royalty or “point,” putting them in the same category as authors, composers, directors and designers. They won out and, shortly afterwards, Disney Theatricals announced a similar deal for actors who have helped them develop “Frozen.”

Of course, most shows that have labs aren’t on the level of a “Wicked” or a “Frozen.” Many will never see Broadway at all — or, if they do, their arrival will come at substantial risk to their investors. Actors don’t have to risk those losses — they get their \$1,000 a week, after all. So how is it fair that they should reap a piece of the profits? And if too many people are in that royalty pool, then the returns to investors, the people risking cold, hard cash, becomes dissipated, meaning that investing in Broadway is an even riskier proposition, putting a chill on commercial creativity.

The dispute will settle soon, I suspect, labs being too important to the Broadway process for their existence to be threatened. But the most interesting issue here involves the transition of actors from non-exempt hourly workers, in essence, to entrepreneurs.

Is this a good thing for these American workers?

It’s complicated. In many industries, unions fight against the transition to the so-called gig

economy, where workers have fewer workplace protections and their compensation is tied to companies doing well, and, even then, hardly rises at the rate of their bonus-snagging managers. During the “Hamilton” issue, Equity supported those cast members, but the union was in a tough spot contractually, since its contracts historically have fought for better wages, not investments. For years and with the exception of major stars, Equity has campaigned for increased weekly paychecks and railed against any such attempt to tie that compensation to a show’s fiscal performance. And you can see why.

But here’s the thing. Never has the truism that you can’t make a living in the theater, but you can make a killing, been more true.

These are boom times for Broadway hits (people still have money to spend on tickets) and, in some cases, the big winners are making such massive amounts of money over such a long time that it all feels unfair. Shows like “Wicked” appear to be able to run for decades — such is the new power of their brands, and their ability to attract both new customers and repeat business.

Equity, though, has to protect its members who have rent to pay whether or not their new show is ever likely to be in the black. If the labs become entirely linked to future profits, a lot of actors will be working for free. And as any worker who fume while their company makes what seem like terrible decisions well knows, there is nothing more galling than being a passive human entity when your livelihood is tied to profit. And to someone else’s lousy choices.

So. Actors would probably be ill-advised to nix their guaranteed weekly minimum salaries; they do not have enough control over key decisions that affect profitability, which is rarer than it appears. A hybrid of wages and a

piece of the action is the ideal outcome for them. In the case of these blockbusters — a select group — fairness clearly demands that everyone involved in their creation gets a share of the massive overages. I’d argue that the time for more profit-sharing on Broadway has come. Actors who brought in millions in a week deserve a Christmas bonus, be they “lab rats” or not.

Of course you don’t know in advance what will be a hit. If you did, we’d all have one. If actors want a share of the spoils from the hits, they’ll have to take some risks with their time on the flops. It’s only fair. Broadway is looking more and more like a slot machine with a progressive jackpot. Actors deserve far more than they get, but they also will have to examine their personal tolerance for risk.

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# WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Mahershala Ali

**"True Detective"** (8 p.m., 10 p.m., 12:30 a.m., HBO): An Arkansas community is rocked by the unsolved murder of two schoolchildren as this acclaimed crime drama returns for Season 3 after an extended hiatus. Academy Award winner Mahershala Ali stars as West Finger, Ark. police detective Wayne Hays, who remains haunted by the case more than three decades later. The story plays out in three timelines: the 1980 crime and subsequent investigation, new developments that arise in 1990, and 2015, as Hays reflects on the mystery.

**"24th Annual Critics' Choice Awards"** (6 p.m., CW): Actress Claire Foy and writer-producer Chuck Lorre receive special awards during this annual gala ceremony by the Broadcast Film Critics Association and the Broadcast Television Journalists Association, hosted by Taye Diggs. Among film categories, the historical dramedy "The Favourite" leads the field with 14 nominations.

**"Best Friend's Betrayal"** (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): Katie and Jess have been BFFs for a long time, but when Jess gets serious about a new "perfect" guy, there's something about Nick, a celebrated crime writer, that raises red flags with Katie. Up to a point, Katie's concern for her best friend is only natural, but as the story unfolds, she moves into obsessive feelings about Jess that have Nick struggling to find a way to make Jess see the truth. Mary Grill, Vanessa Walsh and Jaime M. Callica star in this new thriller.

**"American Style"** (8 p.m., 10 p.m., CNN): Tim Gunn, Donna Karan, Andre Leon Talley, Christie Brinkley and Diane von Furstenberg are among the style and fashion icons appearing in this new four-part docu-series, which uses archival footage and interviews to highlight the most memorable moments from fashion and pop culture. The opener, "1940s/50s: War Boots to Work Suits," explores how World War II and Hollywood helped establish a sense of an American fashion identity.

**"Emma Fielding Mysteries"** (8 p.m., HMM): Courtney Thorne-Smith returns as archaeologist-sleuth Emma Fielding in the new "More Bitter Than Sweet," which opens with her character hosting an annual conference for her professional peers. Things get off to a rocky start at the opening night dinner, however, when the association's president (Janet Kidder) abruptly drops dead at the podium just as she's about to name her successor.

**"Valley of the Boom"** (8 p.m., 10 p.m., NGeo): This hybrid of scripted drama and documentary interviews presents an inventive examination of the game-changing birth of Silicon Valley, starting with the "browser wars" of the early 1990s through the catastrophic 2001 implosion of the dot-com bubble. In the series premiere, "Part 1: Print (Hello, World)," Marc Andreessen (John Karna) and his team hit the road trying to get investors for their Netscape browser. The series cast also includes Bradley Whitford, Steve Zahn and Lamorne Morris.

**"Rel"** (8:31 p.m., FOX): Alerted that his daughter has gotten into some trouble at school, Rel (Lil Rel Howery) immediately hits the road to resolve this pressing family matter in the Season 1 finale, "Cleveland." Meanwhile, in Chicago, Brittany (Jessica "Jess Hilarious" Moore) tries to help Nat (Jordan L. Jones) set some personal goals by showing him how to create a personal vision board. Leah Jeffries and Che Tafari guest star.

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	God Friended Me: "Miracle on 123rd Street." (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles: "Better Angels." (N) ©		Madam Secretary: "Strategic Ambiguity." (N) ©		News (N) ★
	NBC 5	★ (6) Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG,'01) ★★ Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. ©				Dateline NBC ©		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	America's Funniest Home Videos (N) ©		Shark Tank (N) ©		(9:01) Shark Tank ©		News at 10pm (N) ★
	WGN 9	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	blackish ©	blackish ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	Chicago's Best
	Antenna 9.2	Two Dads	Two Dads	Growing	Growing	Johnny Carson ©		
	This TV 9.3	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		Heat/Night ★
	PBS 11	★ (6:30) Victoria on Masterpiece (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Victoria on Masterpiece (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Victoria & Albert: The Wedding (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Check, Please!
	The U 26.1	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Engagement	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Columbo Goes to College." ©				Touched by an Angel ©		Night G'ery
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ★
	Bounce 26.5	★ (6) Freedomland ('06) ★★		Eraser (R,'96) ★★ Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Caan.				
	FOX 32	The Simpsons (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	(8:01) Family Guy (N)	(8:31) Rel (Season Finale) (N) ©	(9:01) Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday		Fox Chicago Final Word
	Ion 38	NCIS: Los Angeles ©		Private Eyes ©		NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: LA ★
	TeleM 44	★ The Last Witch Hunter ★★		La voz (N) ©				Noticiero
	CW 50	★ (6) 24th Annual Critics' Choice Awards (N) ©				Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam
UniMas 60	★ (6) Spider-Man 2 (NR,'04) ★★		The Counselor (R,'13) ★★ Michael Fassbender. ★					
WJYS 62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Mira quien baila All Stars				Crónicas: Historias (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	John Wick (R,'14) ★★ Keanu Reeves. ©				(9:01) Walking Tall (PG-13,'04) ★★		
	AMC	Rocky III (PG,'82) ★★ Sylvester Stallone, Mr. T. ©				Rocky IV (PG,'85) ★★		
	ANIM	Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)	Animals (N)	Animals (N)	Animals	Animals	Lone Star ★	
	BBCA	Planet Earth II ©		Planet Earth II: "Jungles."				Planet ★
	BET	★ (6:04) White Chicks (PG-13,'04) ★★		Martin ©		Martin ©		Martin ©
	BIGTEN	★ College Basketball (N)		BIG Basket		The Hour	Basketball	Basketball ★
	BRavo	Housewives-Atlanta (N)		Married to Medicine (N)		Dirty John (Season Finale) (N) ©		Watch (N) ★
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		News ★
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		The Profit ★
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		American Style (Premiere) (N) ©		American Style (N) ©		Style ★
	COM	★ That's-Boy Jack and Jill (PG,'11) ★ Adam Sandler. ©						Hot Tub Tm 2 ★
	DISC	Alaska (N)		Last Frontier (N)		The Last Alaskans (N) ©		Homestead
	DISN	★ Lorax	Raven	Coop	Coop	Star Wars	Bunk'd ©	Raven
	EI	Total Bellas ©		Total Bellas (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Nightly (N)	Total Bellas ©	
	ESPN	NFL PrimeTime (N) ©		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N) (Live) ©				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	★ (6) 2019 Australian Open		Tennis: First Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live) ©				
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	FX	Keeping Up With the Joneses (PG-13,'16) ★★ ©				(9:15) Keeping Up With the Joneses ★		
	HALL	Winterfest Movie Countdown ©				Winterfest Movie Countdown ©		
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	HIST	American Pickers		(8:02) American Pickers		(9:05) American Pickers		Pickers ★
	HLN	Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Death Row ★
	IFC	Gladiator (R,'00) ★★ Russell Crowe. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. ©				(9:03) The Sinister Surrogate ('18) ★		
	LIFE	Best Friend's Betrayal (NR,'19) Mary Grill. ©						
	MSNBC	Kasie DC (N) ©		Headliners ©		Headliners ©		Date. Ext. ★
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	Beer (N)	Poker (N)	Heartland Poker Tour (N)		World Poker Tour (N)		Basketball ★
	NICK	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG,'08) ★★ ©				The Office	The Office	Friends ©
	Ovation	★ (6) An Officer and a Gentleman ★★		Die Hard (R,'88) ★★ Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. ★				
	OWN	Police Women		Police Women		Police Women		Police ★
	OXY	Killer Couples ©		Killer Couples ©		Killer Couples ©		TBA ★
	PARMT	Creed (PG-13,'15) ★★ Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. ©						Homefront ★
	SYFY	Iron Man (PG-13,'08) ★★ Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard. ©						Futurama
TBS	Horrible Bosses 2 (R,'14) ★★ Jason Bateman, Charlie Day. ©				Horrible Bosses ('11) ★★			
TCM	A League of Their Own (PG,'92) ★★ Tom Hanks, Geena Davis. ©				Pat and Mike ('52) ★★			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: "Tell All, Part 2." (Season Finale) (N)				Return to Amish (Season Finale) (N) ★			
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PREMIUM	HBO	★ (6:05) Ocean's 8 ('18) ★★		True Detective (Season Premiere) (N) ©		True Detective (N) ©		True Det ★
	HBO2	★ Snowman		Ghosts of Girlfriends Past ('09) ★★ ©		(9:15) 17 Again (PG-13,'09) ★★		
	MAX	Dunkirk (PG-13,'17) ★★ Fionn Whitehead. ©				(8:50) 12 Strong (R,'18) ★★		
	SHO	★ (5:30) Den of Thieves ★★		Ray Donovan (Season Finale) (N) ©		Ray Donovan: "The Dead." ©		Feel ★
	STARZ	Outlander (N) ©		(8:01) Outlander ©		(9:02) Outlander ©		Rundown ★
STZENC	Frozen (PG,'13) ★★ ©				(8:45) The Secret of My Success (PG-13,'87) ★★			

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Danai Gurira's striking play "The Convert" explores whether faith has a cost — and if so, when is that cost too much?

# Actress returns to writing

For 'Black Panther' star Danai Gurira, now is the right time

BY EMILY ZEMLER  
Los Angeles Times

Despite the towering success of "Black Panther" and "The Walking Dead," Danai Gurira, the actress, is steadfastly holding onto her alternate identity: Danai Gurira, the writer.

Gurira, whose plays grapple with cultural identity and her heritage as a Zimbabwean and an American, recently opened her 2012 "The Convert" at London's Young Vic, with "Black Panther" co-star Letitia Wright in the lead role. The play, which Gurira calls "something I deeply needed," is set in colonial Zimbabwe in 1896 and reflects on the period solely from the African perspective, with no white characters on the stage. In this version, directed by Ola Ince, the story unfolds in the round with sparse, stylized sets that bring even greater drama to the narrative.

That's just one of several Gurira plays onstage around the world. Her 2015 "Familiar" played at Chicago's Steppenwolf, and another production of "Familiar" will open Jan. 26 at San Diego's Old Globe.

Gurira remains busy in Hollywood too. Her "Black Panther" character, Okoye, is likely to return in next year's "Avengers: Endgame," and she is adapting Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's "Americanah" into a miniseries starring Lupita Nyong'o. The playwright, actress and now Goodwill Ambassador for UN Women took a few days to fly in for the opening of "The Convert" in London, where she sat down to talk. The following is an edited transcript.

**Q: Have your plays been performed in London?**

A: This play has been done at the Gate, which also did "Eclipsed" — which Letitia was in as the lead role. I didn't work with her too much with "Eclipsed." I came in for a few days for that one, but I couldn't get back to watch a performance. So I got to know her a little bit then, but not as much as I did during "Black Panther." At this point, we have a shorthand with each other for many things.

**Q: What was driving you when you wrote "The Convert"?**

A: Where is the history of my people told from our perspective on the screen or on the stage? Where is our experience of the colonial impact and assault? And who would I have been if I'd been born 150 years ago, and what journey would I have trekked?

A lot of those questions were at the fore. I grew up in a British colony, in Zimbabwe, when it was a young ex-colony. It was very much a British schooling system, and I was taught very little about the land I was living on.

I left Zimbabwe and came to the United States for university, and in liberal arts colleges, you're allowed to start thinking about, "Who are my people? Who am I? What's our history?" And start to really explore that in a way that's necessary for your own journey. And I think it's even necessary for the Brits, quite honestly. Their history doesn't seem to involve those who were colonized, in how it's assessed. So it is exciting for me to see this play performed in front of a British audience.

**Q: Do you write plays to offer new perspectives?**

A: I guess they are new, but for me, they're just me. They're perspectives from my people, who are often the ones margin-

alized and underrepresented or misrepresented. So it really is about, "Can I explore another angle of humanity that hasn't been represented?" It's the other-ized perspective. That's what I do. People say, "Oh, it's political." But it's not political. It's my people. It gets other-ized, and that's the thing I'm aiming to obliterate. Or, at least, to provoke another understanding.

**Q: Are you writing new plays?**

A: Right now, I've been focused on writing for the screen. I've been very involved in the plays I already have created. I've been involved in their various productions. I'm constantly connected to productions, but in terms of writing, my writing right now is for the screen. But that doesn't mean it's not going to be for the stage as well. It's just not what I'm doing right now, which is an important step for me because I've had a burden on my heart for a long time to put these types of characters on the screen.

**Q: How are you feeling about the appreciation for "Black Panther" and how those characters that were brought to the screen?**

A: It's been deeply nourishing. And more so than we could have been anticipated or expected. We definitely put all our heart and soul into it. We were seeking the most authentic, the most truthful, the most alive, the most connected version of the story we could all tell. And the beauty was that was a collective perspective. It was deeply rooted in Ryan (Coogler), but it wasn't just Ryan. It was all of us. He put around him an amazing team that enhanced that core that he brought. We were able to work as a great unit. And Marvel was great in embracing that we were coming in with this whole other perspective and deep desire to say many things in an African language. They al-

lowed us to feel like collaborators, as, of course, did Ryan. So as a result, we all feel a collective ownership, which is really special.

**Q: Does that make the SAG nomination for outstanding performance by a cast even more validating?**

Yeah. It's beautiful. It's really cool. I just saw that list of all of us and I was like, "That's really beautiful."

**Q: Before "Black Panther," do you think there had been a depiction of Africa in a film that's as positive and progressive?**

A: I don't think so. I really don't think so. That's what drove me to start writing. Like, "This cannot be the way my people are portrayed in a cinematic form." For me, it was theater at the time — that's my medium. It was really that dearth. Every time I saw a film — and not all — there were many interpretations of the continent I found really disturbing and limited and from a perspective that wasn't ours. To all the ways in which "Black Panther" counters that just by telling an excellent story excellently was deeply heartening. And I think it was a first.

**Q: Can that help change representation in Hollywood?**

A: Let me take out my crystal ball! But one can hope this is about climate and not weather. That's what I keep saying. It's about a shift that's happening because that's how it should be. There has been an openness that has prevailed around these types of stories being told, absolutely. We've seen some higher ups in this industry speak really powerfully around how you do what makes sense, and that means you tell a variety of stories from a variety of perspectives and you tell them with authenticity.

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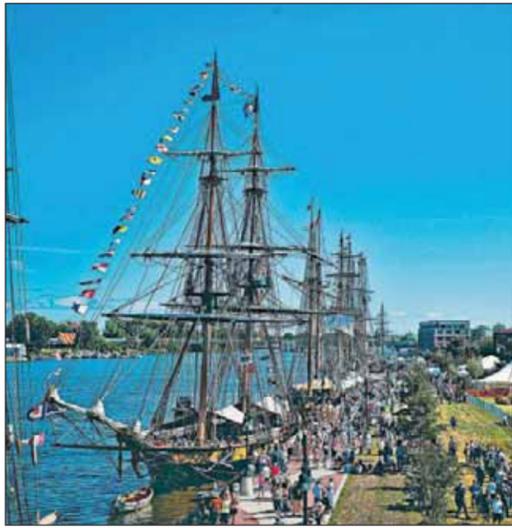
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## for '19

### Our picks for where to go in the Midwest in 2019

BY LORI RACKL | Chicago Tribune

Now is that sweet spot, after the holiday crush but before the new year picks up momentum — the perfect time to plot your next vacation. Better yet, vacations.

We're here to help. Check out our list of Midwest getaways for 2019: Nine for '19.

Most of the destinations are within a six-hour drive of Chicago. All of them are worth a visit, especially this year.

Take a look. See what you like. And start making plans while there's still plenty of blank space in the calendar.

#### St. Paul, Minn.

Minneapolis got all the love in 2018, thanks to that little sporting event known as the Super Bowl, but the "other" twin city's got game too, especially in the coming weeks. Bundle up for the 133rd installment of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, Jan. 24 to Feb. 3, when hardy Minnesotans say whatever to finger-tangling temps and take the party outdoors with parades, fireworks, ice bars and snow sculptures. The festival's key events usually take place in Rice Park, but ongoing renovations mean the shindig has migrated this year to Kellogg Mall Park overlooking the Mississippi River. The hottest new attraction in the capital city (whose Capitol got a major makeover not long ago) is Keg and Case West 7th Market, a culinary/

retail bonanza that opened in the fall on the historic grounds of Schmidt Brewery. Food options range from small-batch ice cream and 50-plus flavors of cotton candy to the fine-dining concept In Bloom, where all of the dishes — duck hearts, pheasant, trout, mushrooms — are cooked over a wood fire. The Bell Museum — part planetarium, part natural history institution — moved into its new home on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus last summer, and after a yearlong renovation, the Minnesota Museum of American Art — aka "the M" — came back in bigger and better digs as of December. A kicky \$250 million soccer stadium, Allianz Field, onboard this spring.

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Counterclockwise from top: Gateway Arch National Park in St. Louis. Shinola Hotel in Detroit. Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. Tall Ship Celebration in Bay City, Mich. The Milwaukee Bucks. Pablo Center in Eau Claire, Wis. Dana-Thomas House in Springfield. The Citizens Trust in Columbus, Ohio. Capitol building in St. Paul, Minn.

# Weighing pros and cons of taking a cruise



**RICK STEVES**  
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Recently, I was on a massive cruise ship with 3,000 passengers blitzing the great ports of the Mediterranean — and having lots of fun. No, I'm not suddenly abandoning my independent travel principles and becoming a huge proponent of cruising. But I am impressed by the economy, efficiency and popularity of this kind of travel ... and, to be honest, I enjoy cruising.

I'm the first to admit that cruising doesn't appeal to everyone. For some, it's anti-travel. For others, it's the perfect vacation.

On our ship, I met people who seemed to be having a great time ... most of them veterans of many cruises. I also met lots of budget-conscious travelers who told me that a cruise (which includes transportation, lodging and food for one discounted price) is a wonderful value.

The per-day base cost for mainstream cruises beats independent travel by a mile. For a weeklong European cruise, a couple can pay as little as \$100 per person per night — that's less than most hotel rooms in London or Paris. To link all the places on your own — with hotels, rail passes, boat tickets, taxi transfers, restaurants and so on — would add up fast. And you can't beat the convenience and efficiency of sleeping while you travel to your next destination.

There are some negatives. There's no denying that the cruising industry contributes to water, air and marine-noise pollution — but technology and consumer pressure are helping a bit. Environmental responsibility is such a hot topic that all the large cruise lines have website sections where you can evaluate their efforts. (Just keep in mind that this info is also intended to help market their cruises.)

And what about the impact on local economies and communities? Cruising can trample towns with sightseers who leave almost no money (since they eat, sleep and buy their tours onboard). On



CAMERON HEWITT/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

Cruising might not be for everyone, but it's an economical, efficient and popular mode of travel.



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Cruise staff prepares quality dishes, but the food still pales compared with meals you can get in port, lovingly prepared with local recipes.

the other hand, most of those communities view cruise ships as an economic boost — which explains why so many ports are investing in cruise-worthy piers and terminals.

Then there are issues of economic justice. Critics point out that the industry is built on rich tourists being served by crew members from poor countries. But I've talked to many people who work on cruise ships, and they've told me that the income they earn on a

shopping, grandma and grandpa to take in a show ... and then all of them can have dinner together and swap stories about their perfect days. (Or, if they're getting on each other's nerves, there's plenty of room on a big ship to spread out.)

Cruising is especially popular among retirees, particularly those with limited mobility. Cruising rescues you from packing up your bags and huffing to the train station every other day. Once on land, accessibility for wheelchairs and walkers can vary dramatically — though most cruise lines offer excursions specifically designed for those who don't get around well.

And yet, I still have reservations. Just as people trying to learn a language will do better by immersing themselves in that culture than by sitting in a classroom for a few hours, I believe that travelers in search of engaging, broadening experiences should eat, sleep and live Europe. Good or bad, cruising insulates you from Europe. If the taxi drivers in Naples are getting a little too pushy, you can simply retreat to the comfort of 24-hour room service, American sports on the TV and a boatload of people who speak English. It's fun — but is it

Europe?

Cruising might not be for everyone. But neither is my style of travel. And at least cruising gets people (who might otherwise stay home) out interacting with the world. Frankly, many of the people I met on my last cruise were enjoying (and benefiting from) the chance to broaden their perspective through travel ... even if tethered to a big floating chunk of America.

Let's face it: Americans have the shortest vacations in the rich world. Some choose to dedicate their valuable time off to all-inclusive, resort-style vacations in Florida, Hawaii, the Caribbean or Mexico: swimming pools, song-and-dance shows, shopping and all-you-can-eat buffets. Cruising lets you toggle back and forth between the floating American-style resort each evening and a different European adventure each day. If you know how to use your time on shore smartly, it can be the best of both worlds. Bon voyage!

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By **CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT**  
King Features

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After a 14-hour flight from California to Germany, I arrived at the Dollar counter in Frankfurt, which was closed. A sign directed me to the Hertz counter next to it. I presented my voucher, but a Hertz employee told me that I could not rent the car without purchasing a collision-damage waiver (CDW) and theft insurance from Hertz.

Initially, I refused because the Chase Sapphire Visa card I use to pay for rental covers CDW and theft worldwide. But Hertz would not rent me the car. I told them I had rented cars all over the world, from South Africa to Costa Rica, without problems, but they did not budge. I was forced to accept the insurance.

I could not walk away because I had already prepaid for the rental. The extra insurance cost 246 euros and the theft protection cost 106 euros. After taxes, that came to \$510 on top of the initial rental charge.

I've asked Hertz and Auto Europe for a refund, but they won't budge. Can you help?

— *Silvia Restelli, San Jose, Calif.*

A: Hertz and Auto Europe should be falling all over themselves to help you with a refund. If your Auto Europe confirmation said "INSURANCE OPTIONAL," then the insurance should have been optional. Instead, Hertz hit you with a charge for CDW and "theft protection." (What is that and why is it mandatory? Who knows?)

Worse, the car rental company had you over a barrel, since you'd prepaid for your car. I think car rental companies and their agents need a reality check. How the heck can you charge someone \$213 for a rental and then \$510 in "mandatory" insurance?

The paper trail of correspondence between you, Hertz and Auto Europe, your agent, is even more frustrating. At one point, it

appears you're in an online chat with Auto Europe. In one memorable exchange with Hertz, a representative declares, "Silvia, we are showing that the CDW and TP are mandatory in Germany unless you have a letter from your insurance company stating that rental cars in Germany are covered. Did you have this letter? All reservations with Dollar/Thrifty in Germany have this requirement."

You ask why the requirement wasn't disclosed. Then Hertz says, "The charges are valid." Your reaction is priceless: "Am I talking to a bot?" It wouldn't surprise me if you were. If Dollar, which is owned by Hertz, requires insurance and theft protection for its vehicles — and it's well within its rights to do so — then it must say so.

Upfront. Quoting \$213 but charging \$723 is wrong.

I publish the names, numbers and email addresses for the Hertz and Dollar customer-service executives on my consumer-advocacy site: [www.elliott.org/company-contacts/hertz/](http://www.elliott.org/company-contacts/hertz/). I also have the contact information for the Auto Europe executive contacts: [www.elliott.org/company-contacts/auto-europe/](http://www.elliott.org/company-contacts/auto-europe/).

I contacted Auto Europe about your case. The company agreed to refund your insurance charges.

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**CELEBRITY TRAVELER**  
JAE SUH PARK

## Hawaii: Romantic and good for kids

By **JAE-HA KIM**  
Tribune Content Agency

"Friends from College" star Jae Suh Park is based out of Los Angeles, where she resides with her husband, actor Randall Park, and their daughter, Ruby. But she also spends a lot of time in New York City, where her Netflix series is filmed. "I would say that New York is the seventh friend in the show," says Park, who portrays Marianne. "The energy of the city is so inspiring. I can't help but bring it into my role on the show."

An edited version of our conversation follows.

**Q: When I interviewed your husband, Randall said Kauai was his favorite destination, because that's where you honeymooned. What would you pick?**

A: Well, it's still in Hawaii. But now with our 6-year-old in tow, I would say Oahu. I think it's a little more kid-friendly.

**Q: To someone who was going there for the first time, what would you recommend that they do during their visit?**

A: Go to Leonard's Bakery immediately upon arrival for a coffee and malasada (Portuguese doughnuts). Go to the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet to bring back kitschy things for your friends and the Ala Moana Center to take advantage of the Hawaii sales tax. And, of course, relax on the beach. The water in Hawaii is always so clear and just the right temperature.



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**Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?**

A: The first trip I remember as a child was our immigration to the United States from South Korea. I was 6 and I remember being really sad and crying, because we were leaving my grandmother, and being on the plane for what felt like forever. I was the same age as my daughter is now. I'm not sure what I understood or what I was able to process at the time, but I guess it turned out OK. My daughter wouldn't be here if I didn't take that trip.

**Q: Where are your favorite weekend get-aways?**

A: I really enjoy going to the Solvang, Santa Barbara and Ojai area. It's just so quaint. It's not too far of a drive and I love the restaurants, shops and the wine tasting there.

**Q: Where is the most romantic destination?**

A: Well, I'd have to say Kauai. We honeymooned at the Grand Hyatt there and they have these amazing giant lagoons, which are very romantic. Also, there's something about that slight humidity in the air and ocean breeze that

makes my husband look extra sexy.

**Q: Do you prefer to stay in town or go away for the holidays?**

A: I don't really go away for the holidays. The holidays are the best times of the year in LA. It feels like half of LA goes home, so the streets feel empty and there's very little traffic. No traffic in LA is the Christmas miracle.

**Q: What is your best travel memory?**

A: One of the best memories I have is when I traveled to Osaka, Japan, in college. I was cast in a theater production of an original Japanese play. Our group performed the play in English at our college and at a college in Osaka. Their group performed it in Japanese at their college and ours. We hosted them in our country as they hosted us in theirs. It was just the coolest experience, although I think they got the short end of the stick as our college was in Davis, Calif. No dig on Davis but, you know, not the most exciting town.

For more from the reporter, visit [www.jaehakim.com](http://www.jaehakim.com).

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# WILD RETURN

At botanical garden in central Mexico, natural species blossom again after overgrazing

BY KIM CURTIS  
Associated Press

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, Mexico — Imagine a botanical garden, and acres of carefully designed, highly manicured, delicately pruned “zoos for plants” may come to mind. But at El Charco del Ingenio, a botanical garden and natural protected area in central Mexico, the sprawling scrubland has been allowed to return to its unencumbered, wilder roots.

The approximately 160-acre property, acquired from several different families, had been overgrazed for hundreds of years, according to Mario Arturo Hernandez Pena, the park's director.

“Thirty years ago, people said the only thing that grows here is stones,” Hernandez said. But by limiting access, protecting the soil from runoff, pruning trees and controlling unwanted species, the land has blossomed, he said.

In 1991, when El Charco first opened, volunteers and staff had identified about 183 species of plants and about 130 species of birds. Those numbers exploded to about 600 and 186 in 2007 and 2014, respectively.

“We're just helping nature,” he said.

El Charco is easily accessible from touristy downtown San Miguel de Allende. It's a few minutes by car or a longer, uphill jaunt by foot. The park hosts about 50,000 visitors each year. About 70 percent are Mexicans and, of those, about 35 percent are students, which is exactly how Hernandez and the board of directors like it.

“It's an educational environment, not a park where you can have a picnic,” explained Naomi Zerriffi, the only non-Mexican on the seven-member board of directors.

Even so, the high tourist season of November through February is the



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The canada, or canyon, in El Charco del Ingenio protected area. The number of species of plants and birds there has skyrocketed in recent years.



El Charco del Ingenio Director Mario Arturo Hernandez Pena leads a tour of the botanical garden, which opened in 1991.



KIM CURTIS/AP PHOTOS

park's busiest time of year, Hernandez said.

“We're working with the University of Guanajuato on a study of the capacity of intake. We're discussing how much is too much,” he said. “We can pack this place with people ... but then its natural structure, which we guard as a treasure, would be highly affected.”

In addition to its biodi-

versity, El Charco is culturally and historically significant. Its name combines two Spanish words, “el charco,” or “puddle,” and “ingenio,” or “mill.” They refer to the ancient flow of water in the canyon, which originated in a natural spring, long since dried up, and the remains of an ancient mill or waterwheel, likely used to grind grain, which shows up on a map

of San Miguel from 1580.

Today's visitors also can see the remains of an 18th-century bridge, the ruins of a 19th-century hacienda and a still-intact dam built in 1902. There are workshops and classes, guided tours in Spanish and English, bird-watching excursions, a sweat lodge and full-moon ceremonies, as well as an annual spring

equinox concert and summer festival in July.

El Charco, a nonprofit organization, receives no government funding, and the bulk of its annual budget is drawn from memberships and fees, Hernandez said. About 20 percent comes from private donations. In addition to Hernandez and the board of directors, the park is run by a team of 24 full-time

staff, including an environmental engineer and two biologists, and 10 volunteer tour guides.

Andrew Goodell, a volunteer and engineering geologist, said groups of students, ranging from prekindergarten to post-doctoral, have toured the park.

“I want to give them an appreciation for nature and their heritage,” he said. “I want to show them what the land has looked like in the past, what the names of things are and what they've been used for.”

Hernandez's intentions are even broader.

“We can have a much larger impact if we focus not just on environmental education but on cultural change,” he said. “We can just have tourists running through here and taking off, but if people leave here thinking about their actions and their impacts, that's real.”

## 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:

■ Car buffs will want to motor over to Motor City for the North American International Auto Show, open to the public Jan. 19-27 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. Hundreds of new-model cars and trucks will be on display along with prototypes. [www.naias.com](http://www.naias.com)

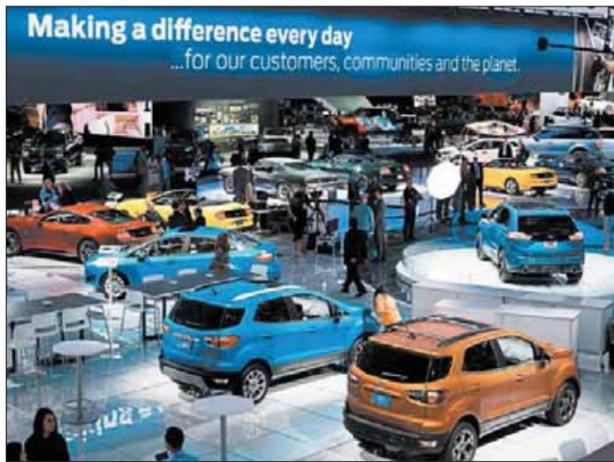
■ The popular getaway spot Brown County, Ind., is promoting winter fun with Winter in the Woods on Jan. 18-21. Activities include a wellness retreat, visits to wineries and breweries, winter hiking and an outing to view birds. [www.winterinthewoods.com](http://www.winterinthewoods.com)

■ The 132nd annual Suicide Ski Hill Ski Jumping Tournament will be Jan. 22 at the Ishpeming Ski Club in Negaunee, Mich. A 3.1-mile Nordic race will be held before the ski jumping, which begins with trial runs at 6 p.m. [tinyurl.com/yboqhakl](http://tinyurl.com/yboqhakl)

■ Who says carnivals are for warm weather only? Winterval 2019 will be Jan. 26 in downtown Fort Wayne, Ind., offering outdoor activities, such as ice carving and rugby, and indoor fun, too, like building bird feeders at the Botanical Conservatory and dancing to live music in an adults-only heated tent. [tinyurl.com/yco5ksy7](http://tinyurl.com/yco5ksy7)

■ The McHenry County Historical Society and Museum displays quilts from its collection Jan. 4-31 at the Woodstock Opera House in Woodstock. Nine quilts from the 1870s through 1940s will be on display. [tinyurl.com/ya77znxx](http://tinyurl.com/ya77znxx)

■ The Betty Brinn Children's Museum in Milwaukee has a new exhibit that's dedicated to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. Innovations, Inc. is part of the museum's Home Town exhibit and includes a kid-sized research and development office that has children explore the influence of science and math on our everyday lives. It also shows how scientists, engineers, designers and others work together to develop innovative products. [tinyurl.com/y7dhyxd](http://tinyurl.com/y7dhyxd)



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The North American International Auto Show kicks off Jan. 19 in Detroit.

■ Winterfest will be celebrated Jan. 26 to Feb. 3 in Lake Geneva, Wis. Among the activities will be the National Snow Sculpting Championship, live music and entertainment, human dog sled races, a wine pairing dinner and much more. [www.visitlakegeneva.com/winterfest](http://www.visitlakegeneva.com/winterfest)

■ The Kickapoo Valley Reserve in La Farge, Wis., hosts hikes to explore ice formations in the reserve on Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb.

2 and 9. Expect steep, slippery and strenuous hiking. Registration is at [tinyurl.com/y8swygeu](http://tinyurl.com/y8swygeu), and info on the ice formations and reserve trails is at [tinyurl.com/y9mx7gdo](http://tinyurl.com/y9mx7gdo).

■ Winter Jam, billed as Christian music's largest annual tour, will be Jan. 25 at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Headlining will be Newsboys United, a band that has four Grammy nominations in its three-decade career.

[tinyurl.com/yapru4c](http://tinyurl.com/yapru4c)

■ The 2019 Wisconsin State Snowshoe Championship Race will be held during Phillips Flurry, Jan. 26 in Phillips, Wis. There will be 3.1- and 6.2-mile courses for teams and individuals, and the action is for both competitive and noncompetitive snowshoers. [www.phillipsflurry.com](http://www.phillipsflurry.com)

■ Traverse City Escape packages are available from participating lodgings in the Traverse City, Mich., area at [tinyurl.com/y9k9lwgmn](http://tinyurl.com/y9k9lwgmn).

■ The Michigan tourism folks have advice on where you can go fat-tire biking in their state this winter at [tinyurl.com/yatx4e9v](http://tinyurl.com/yatx4e9v).

*Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to [ChicagoTrib-Travel@gmail.com](mailto:ChicagoTrib-Travel@gmail.com).*

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### GEOQUIZ ANSWER

**Answer:** Denmark. It is one of nine countries that have land borders with Germany.

## Resorts offer perks for handing over phones

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN  
Associated Press

Can you take a vacation from your cellphone? A growing number of hotels will help you find out.

Some resorts are offering perks, like snorkeling tours and s'mores, to guests who manage to give up their phones for a few hours. Some have phone-free hours at their pools; others are banning distracting devices from public places altogether.

Hotels that limit cellphone use risk losing valuable exposure on Instagram or Facebook. But they say the policies reflect their mission of promoting wellness and relaxation. And, of course, they

hope that happily unplugged guests will return for future visits.

“Everyone wants to be able to disconnect. They just need a little courage,” said Lisa Checchio, Wyndham Hotels' chief marketing officer.

People's inability to disconnect is an increasingly serious issue. Wyndham knew it had a problem when hotel managers requested more beach chairs to accommodate all the people who would sit in them and stare at their phones. It discovered that the average resort guest was bringing three devices and checking them once every 12 minutes — or roughly 80 times a day.

On Oct. 1, Wyndham Grand's five U.S. resorts began offering prime spots by the pool, free snacks and the chance to win return visits when guests put their phone in a soft, locked pouch. The phones stay with the guests, but only hotel staff can unlock the pouches.

Wyndham says 250 people have used the pouches so far at resorts in Florida and Texas. The program will be found at more Wyndham hotels this year.

## New Life + Travel section coming Sunday

If you're like me, you love the Sunday Travel section — and the Sunday Life + Style section. Starting next week, we're giving you more of what you love about both in a supersized new broadsheet section we're calling Life + Travel.

Each week, you'll find a dynamic, modern cover highlighting the week's best stories in Lifestyles, Travel, Style, Relationships and Home design. Inside, you'll find a colorful section filled with the stories and columns that bring you back week after week, including Ask Amy, Heidi Stevens, Rick Steves, Miss Manners, Answer Angel and Candid Candace.

We're rearranging things a bit to put stories and sections together in a manner that reflects the way we live. Travel, whether it's to a nearby Midwest destination or a cruise to an exotic locale, is part of the fabric of our lives. The Life + Travel section is designed to help you navigate your life, whether it's booking

your next trip, finding new things to do with the kids or shopping with confidence. It's also a place for storytelling and exploring important issues that have an impact on our lives and our city, from health care and education to #MeToo and internet security.

Our Books coverage is moving to its previous home in the Sunday A&E section. The weekly best-seller list can be found in Saturday A&E and online at [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com).

We're making A&E easier for you to find inside the Sunday paper, and we're tucking Puzzle Island behind the Comics section. You'll still be able to pull it out and work on all your favorite puzzles at your leisure.

We hope you'll enjoy all of these improvements to our Sunday product and visit us at [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com) for more each day.

Thank you for reading.

— Amy Carr, director of content/life + culture



GREAT LAKES BAY REGIONAL CVB

An arm of Midland's new canopy walk overlooks a pond in Whiting Forest in Michigan. The quarter-mile-long, ADA-accessible canopy walk hovers as high as 40 feet in the air.

## Midwest

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### Eau Claire, Wis.

A bit of a Brooklyn-Austin-Portland vibe flows through this university town at the confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa rivers. Hometown hero Justin Vernon, of indie folk band Bon Iver fame, helps up the cool quotient of this outdoorsy city 90 miles east of Minneapolis. The Grammy winner is part owner of the 30-room Oxbow Hotel, a hot spot for jazz sessions, vinyl-spinning DJs and tasty food in its Lakely restaurant, where a popular pick is the Scandinavian "koldtbord," a customizable appetizer tray offering Wisco cheese, sausage, sauerkraut and pickled beets. The downtown hotel also makes a good jumping-off point to explore the area's bike trails and waterways. Vernon is a co-founder of the summer music festival Eau Claire, where Chance the Rapper and Wilco rounded out the talent in 2017. Last year, organizers kept the lineup a secret until the day of the fest — an experiment that reportedly didn't go over well. Eau Claire is taking a break in 2019 to regroup but promises to be back with a vengeance in 2020. Until then, the city has no shortage of other events to keep festivalgoers occupied. Another draw: It welcomed an impressive new arts and performance venue, Pablo Center, in the fall. Pablo's inaugural season lineup includes dance productions, family-friendly performances, and music and film events, and admission to the center's multiple art galleries is free.

### Detroit

Motor City didn't just land on *this* list; it also merited a spot on travel guidebook publisher Fodor's Go List for 2019, rubbing elbows with the likes of Berlin and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Ever the fighter, Detroit emerged from the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history and has been rebuilding at a feverishly fast clip. Old buildings are finding new life, especially in the form of boutique hotels, like the brand-new, buzzy Shinola Hotel as well as Element Detroit at the Metropolitan and The Siren. The Siren transformed the once-decaying Wurlitzer Building into a hip place to stay and play — its millennial pink Candy Bar cocktail lounge is just one example of the city's white-hot food and bev scene. Nearby, construction crews are turning the site of the former Hudson's flagship department store into what will be the tallest building in the state, reaching 912 feet. The riverfront keeps on getting better; Atwater Beach, a "beachfront" park with a floating cafe barge, is slated to open this summer. Ghosts of Detroit's glory days continue to be resurrected; the art deco Willis Show Bar recently returned as an upscale cabaret and cocktail joint after a 40-year hiatus.

### Columbus, Ohio

A youthful, entrepreneurial energy has fueled a lot of changes in Ohio's capital, a fashion design hub (you read that right) brim-



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Visitors to Springfield can tour the Governor's Mansion, which was recently restored.

ming with creative restaurants, craft breweries, distilleries and small-batch coffee roasters. Epicures will want to bring their appetite and check out newcomers Ambrose & Eve and the vegetarian eatery Comune, as well as the tasting menu-only Veritas, which moved about a year ago from suburban Delaware to downtown Columbus. That's where it shares a swanky space in a former bank with the innovative cocktail lounge, The Citizens Trust. The region's 40-plus breweries recently added a sour beer bar to the roster with Seventh Son's sister brewery, Antiques on High. Wake up inside a brewery at the new DogHouse hotel, a 32-room property that's part of BrewDog's Ohio campus, about 15 miles from downtown. Coming in 2019: The historic Budd Dairy building in Italian Village will become a food hall and incubator for up-and-coming chefs. Italian Village is also where you'll find the original location of Fox in the Snow, one of the best cafes in the Midwest. The husband-and-wife team of Jeff Excell and Lauren Culley — she's a crazy-good baker — dish up custard-filled doughnuts, elevated egg sandwiches and artful cups of joe in an airy, renovated garage. Columbus also added a major new attraction last fall with the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. Situated on the banks of the Scioto River, the architectural stunner of a building is an \$82 million tribute to servicemen and women from all branches of the military.

### St. Louis

The city's iconic Gateway Arch and its recently revamped grounds got a well-deserved upgrade to national park status in 2018. If you've never visited this landmark or it's been a while, time to go. The landscape around Eero Saarinen's soaring tribute to westward expansion is more accessible and attractive than ever, and the overhauled underground museum exploring Lewis and Clark, life as a pioneer and the nation's growth, is straight-up fascinating — and free. Also downtown, the Soldiers Memorial Military Museum reopened shortly before Veterans Day following a \$30 million face-lift. The



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Enjoy a bite at Frida, part of Milwaukee food hall Crossroads Collective.

much-anticipated St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station plans to make a splash this fall. Entertainment options abound in the Grand Center Arts District, where you can bed down in the new Angad Arts Hotel, a boutique property that aims to match guest-room colors with travelers' moods — red for passion, blue for tranquility, etc. For a memorable dinner, indulge in the veggie-centric, Midwest-proud menu at Vicia, a sleek restaurant that's been getting rave reviews since it opened in 2017 in the tech-heavy Cortex District.

### Illinois' Frank Lloyd Wright Trail

Fill up the tank for a road trip built around some of the famed architect's greatest hits on a journey spanning from Rockford, a city on the rise, down to the state capital of Springfield. Illinois introduced its Frank Lloyd Wright Trail last spring, a year after Wisconsin rolled out its own version. The Prairie State's iteration consists of 13 Wright sites open to the public, including his home and studio in Oak Park, a bank in Dwight, a chapel in Belvidere and a farmhouse in Hampshire. Visit the state's tourism website, EnjoyIllinois.com, to find self-guided itineraries pegged to the trail, like a 110-mile trip from Chicago to Rockford, where you can tour the only building the prolific Wright ever designed for a client with a disability. While you're in town, get some coffee at Rockford Roasting,

food at Social Urban Bar & Restaurant and beer at Prairie Street Brewing Co., on the banks of the Rock River. On the southern end of the trail in Springfield is the stunning (and free) Dana-Thomas House, a showcase of Wright-designed furniture — more than 100 original pieces — and an even bigger inventory of his art glass windows, doors and light fixtures. Another abode worth visiting in the capital: the recently restored Governor's Mansion, open daily for public tours 1-4 p.m.

### Great Lakes Bay Region

A collection of half a dozen communities, this something-for-everyone playground is tucked away by a Lake Huron bay, where the thumb meets the rest of the Michigan mitten. In July, the popular Tall Ship Celebration returns to Bay City for the first time since 2016. If tall ships don't float your boat, Bay City boasts killer antique shopping too. Continue your retail therapy in Frankenmuth, or "Little Bavaria," home to what's billed as the world's largest Christmas store and a famed cheese purveyor that relocated to a bigger address last summer. The town of Midland is upping its game with the debut of an LPGA tournament in the summer and the recent addition of the country's longest canopy walk in Whiting Forest of Dow Gardens. Opened last fall during prime leaf-peeping season, the quarter-mile-long, ADA-accessible cano-

py walk hovers as high as 40 feet in the air, giving visitors vistas of pine trees, ponds and orchards.

### Milwaukee

Brew City has plenty of reasons to raise a glass in 2019, including the upcoming relaunch of America's Black Holocaust Museum in a brand-new building in Bronzeville. A lynching survivor named James Cameron opened the original museum in 1984, but financial woes forced it to close its doors in 2008. Meanwhile, the Milwaukee Bucks are settling into their new address at Fiserv Forum, a multipurpose arena that swung into action last summer. Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is betting more guests will head its way with the arrival of a new hotel tower this summer, and the Intercontinental Hotel is morphing into the artsy Saint Kate, complete with performance space, a gallery and an artist-in-residence program just like its sister property, the historic Pfister. The food hall trend shows no signs of slowing its roll. The East Side's sleek new Crossroads Collective features barbecue, crepes, tacos and scoops of homegrown Scratch Ice Cream, and more than 20 local vendors are on tap to populate 3rd Street Market Hall when its doors open this fall. In a positive development for Sherman Park, a neighborhood that made national news in 2016 as the site of violent unrest following a fatal police shooting, an old bank has been turned into a cozy, creative hub for small businesses run by people of color. The growing list of tenants at Sherman Phoenix includes painting and yoga studios as well as purveyors hawking buffalo wings, gourmet popcorn and what are said to be the tastiest spring rolls in MKE.

### Des Moines, Iowa

Skateboarding is on a roll; the fast-growing sport makes its Olympic debut in Tokyo in 2020. Des Moines is ahead of the curve, breaking ground on what will be the largest skate park in the Midwest when it launches downtown in 2019. In other sporting news, Drake University will host the first and second rounds of the NCAA March Madness basketball tournament. Moving on from sports to spirits and suds: A historic train car barn in West Des Moines has been repurposed into a sprawling food and beverage hall. The Foundry features 50-plus beers on tap, a rotating roster of food trucks and a distillery by the co-founder of Templeton Rye. Hopheads should download the new "Brew Moines" beer passport app for deals at breweries and taprooms in greater Des Moines. If you're swinging by Iowa's capital May through October, don't miss the Saturday Downtown Farmers' Market, whose nearly 300 vendors draw crowds as big as 25,000. That turnout seems downright intimate compared with the million-plus folks who flock to the ever-popular Iowa State Fair, Aug. 8-18. Whenever you visit, overnight at the recently refurbished Renaissance Savery Hotel, an 11-story structure that reigned as Iowa's first skyscraper when it opened in 1919.

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# FORK IN THE ROAD



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Patrons prepare to split dishes at Buffalo's new vegan cafe, Room and Bloom. Married duo Sarah Sendlebeck and James Ernst opened the eatery in May.

## Cold Buffalo is a food hot spot

Sports-loving city is a year-round dining destination

BY LYNN FREEHILL-MAYE  
The Washington Post

Maybe your most recent image of Buffalo comes from late 2017, when the Bills looked like they were playing the Colts inside an overpacked snow globe.

Ever since Johnny Carson made a running gag of Buffalo's Blizzard of '77, the city has been famous for its winter precipitation. But while lake-effect snow does pile up sometimes (particularly in the southern suburbs), the flip side is friendly locals who happily band together to dig a newcomer's car out in winter — or show off its glistening Lake Erie waterfront in summer.

I experienced both during three years in the city, and I recently returned with my mom to visit friends. I discovered that Buffalo now is a hot spot year-round. The sports-loving city embraces cold with activities such as outdoor ice skating and curling, and it celebrates summer with unique boat-up recreation venues.

Its history of all-year friendliness goes back well over a century. From immigrants to visionaries, open-hearted Buffalo has always welcomed workaday folks and ambitious leaders to its cramped Victorian rowhouses and handsome turn-of-the-century mansions.

These days, immigrants still bring their traditions and skills to Buffalo's historic spaces. Case in point: James Beard Award-nominated chef Victor Parra Gonzalez runs one restaurant in Buffalo and another in Mexico.

### Silo City

Buffalo's workaday ethic runs straight into its cultural and artistic flair in an unlikely spot: Silo City. The cluster of massive grain elevators stands on a gravelly lot along the once-overpolluted Buffalo River. Owner Rick Smith, a metal magnate, tried to start an ethanol business on the property before giving it over to high-minded events like art exhibitions and poetry readings.

Today, it's creative enough that the visual artist Nick Cave is basing himself there for a year-long Buffalo residency. This summer, Smith opened Duende, a bar and restaurant on the site. Although it wasn't yet open for the day when I came by, staffers invited me in anyway. On my way out, chef Doug Peck hollered at me to come back for the vegan eggplant wings. Next time.

Across the Buffalo River is a set of grain elevators with a different vibe, as evidenced by the half-dozen silos painted ultramarine like a six-pack of Labatt Blue. RiverWorks has a lot going on. In the warmer months, the complex



Public Espresso + Coffee's Vlad sandwich, with egg, bacon and cheddar, is a staple at the Hotel at the Lafayette, but prepare to get in line.



The wings at Duff's Famous Wings are a classic on the new Buffalo Wing Trail. The dish is said to have originated in Buffalo.



Owner and James Beard Award-nominated chef Victor Parra Gonzalez prepares camote tetelas at Las Puertas in Buffalo. The tetelas include sweet potato puree, coconut cream and salsa matcha.

is a boat-up brewery and restaurant that people can approach by water; powerboats, kayaks and kitschy floating tiki bars now dock along the recently cleaned-up river.

A fresh zip-line course operates in the warmer months, and matchups in roller derby, ice hockey and martial arts happen at different times of the year across the venue, with its slightly macho, sports-bar vibe.

Even the scents are a fun time, since General Mills still produces cereal in a nearby grain elevator. Sniff the air and decide whether they're making Cheerios, Lucky Charms or Honey Nut Chex that day.

### Local faves

The antithesis to chicken wings might be Buffalo's ethereal new vegan cafe Root and Bloom. The macrame art of the '70s meets millennial pink walls in the dreamy, plant-filled interior space. (Another portion of the restaurant is even greener: It's a light-strung back patio open only in the warmer months.)

Married duo Sarah Sendlebeck

and James Ernst opened Root and Bloom in May, in what was a cheesemonger's and then a chocolatier's shop. En route to a friend's place, I stopped in for to-go pastries, including autumnal apple-chai turnovers that were spicy and so flaky I couldn't fathom how they didn't include butter. Good thing I didn't plan to sit: Long before any reasonable dinner hour, every table was full.

It's an unusual but seasonally brilliant spread for a restaurateur: Chef Gonzalez's Buffalo spot, Las Puertas, recently got him nominated for a James Beard Award for his next-level Mexican cuisine. The space, in a former home on Buffalo's diverse West Side, is mostly white and stark, yet the welcome is familial. The food is as inventive as you'd imagine from a chef who had worked at Montreal's famous Au Pied de Cochon.

Mom and I met a friend there for dinner. Although we all understood what to expect from "fall-spice brined chicken" and "brown-butter-roasted squash," we didn't grasp in advance what camote tetelas were. They were a kind of sweet-potato pastry with a soft almond crust, it turned out, and the phrase "mezcal-laced

coconut cream" told us all we needed to know about how decadent they'd be.

### Guidebook musts

The new Buffalo Wing Trail, established in the spring, includes 12 classic spots for gnawing on Buffalo's immortal gift to the food gods.

My pick is Duff's, where President Barack Obama once ate while in town, and an older Buffalo gal saw fit to tell him exactly what she thought: "You're a hottie with a smokin' little body." (I'm sure he passed that on to Michelle.) Although Obama had swooped into the Duff's nearest the airport, Mom and I visited the original Sheridan Drive location. We sat under a 1946 black-and-white image showing when the place was the Sheridan Patio, a weed-edged stand for hamburgers and hot dogs.

The Erie Canal that brought in Buffalo's heyday was derided early in its existence as New York Gov. DeWitt Clinton's "big ditch." Big Ditch Brewing swims in that history from its roaring downtown brewery. A huge mural extols "Strength, Pride, Ambition:

The Spirit of the Erie Canal" on one wall. After launching in 2014, Big Ditch quickly won the Tap NY cup for Best Craft Brewery in New York state, and the taproom became a must-stop.

Over Cinnamon Apple ales and chicken wings there, I caught up with a local friend who had been involved in developing the Wing Trail. Although we couldn't necessarily single out the Hayburner IPA that Big Ditch mixes into the hot sauce, this expert wing-nawer pronounced them as having a good "sauce to crisp ratio."

### Where to stay, play

The facts on the Hotel at the Lafayette: The masterwork of the country's first certified female architect, Louise Blanchard Bethune, was restored to its Art Moderne glory as one of Buffalo's first comeback-hotel projects. The building now hosts a brewery, lofts, shops, restaurants and countless weddings. Actress Vanessa Williams made one of its suites into a bridal when she stayed there not long ago after her wedding ceremony in downtown Buffalo.

My fresh opinion: The bright new space occupied by the coffee shop and all-day cafe Public Espresso + Coffee has made the hotel one of the most energized spots in town. Inhale the rich scent of the beans roasted and the English muffins baked on-site, and prepare, as I did, to get in line.

Buffalo's former Little Italy business strip, Hertel Avenue, has been diversifying lately, with Caribbean and Middle Eastern immigrants opening restaurants, and trendy ice cream and taco joints setting up shop. Jumbled antique shops sit alongside pricey designer-run home furniture stores, and classic dive bars near sleek cocktail lounges.

Our ramble was pepped up by fresh public art along the avenue. But our best new find had to be Pastry by Camille, a bakery from a Gallic-accented French chef who told us he'd married a Buffalonian. We could taste the fresh cultural representation he'd brought to the avenue with spicy-sweet creations like wasabi meringue.



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## ask amy

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## Is he a worthy rival to her phone?

**Dear Amy:** I am a 57-year-old man dating a 49-year-old woman. We've been together for over a year. She is beautiful, smart, sexy and tons of fun. However, she never puts her phone down.

No matter what we are doing, she is texting and answering texts from her teenage children. This goes on no matter how serious or inconsequential the issue. She will sit in a dark movie theater and text her son about where his shoes are, or answer questions that could definitely wait until she isn't busy.

Her reply is that she has three kids and has to be available to them always, no matter what. She literally has rolled over in bed, grabbed her phone and answered questions about family birthdays, etc.

To make it even more complicated, she plays online games and thinks nothing of whipping out her phone in a nice restaurant as I sit there so humiliated while waitresses look at me with pity.

She says I am old-fashioned and that this is normal behavior. Is it?

— Old-fashioned Guy

**Dear Old-fashioned:** Let's grant your gal her obsession with her teenage kids' shoes. If she is an involved mom and not at home because she is with you, then I'd say yes, she should get a pass to communicate with them, even though she seems to do so to a ridiculous degree. (But no texting in the movie theater, Mom!)

Now, why is she playing Candy Crush at the dinner table? Do you confront her about her rudeness? And if not, why not?

You are a fellow adult. You have feelings. You don't like being ignored, discounted and then told that your feelings are less important than her online gaming or that you are "old-fashioned" because you don't like being ignored. Frankly, she doesn't seem that into you. If she were, she would be paying more attention to you when she was physically with you.

Enjoy this relationship for what it is, while it lasts. I hope ultimately you will choose to be with someone who makes you feel wanted, important and worth it.

**Dear Amy:** This seems petty, and it's a little embarrassing, but every afternoon I go to my public library to pick out books, do a little work and just in general enjoy the atmosphere. This library is lovely and

historic. I've been visiting it my entire life.

Lately there is a group of children who come to the library after school (and sometimes on weekends). They seem like nice enough kids, but they are given access to a (monitored) computer, and they play a game that has verbal prompts and various noises. Amy, it is like nails on a blackboard. I literally cannot stand it.

I don't want to discourage these kids from coming to the library, but is there anything I can do?

— Library Lover

**Dear Lover:** All of our libraries are changing as they transition from being silent places where the books stood sentry to being places that are more like community centers. I applaud these changes, even though I know it's a tough adjustment (I'm writing this column in my own local library).

A library is the perfect place for kids to gather, and I hope you will keep this in mind as you cope with the annoyance.

Ask your librarian if there are designated quiet times or quiet spaces where silence will rule. Bring along some headphones to wear. With noise-canceling headphones, you will only hear the sound of your own breath. This might be a game-changer for you.

**Dear Amy:** I was very moved by the letter from "Hurt and Sad," who was upset when friends didn't extend condolences after her father's death.

I want you to know that this particular line really got to me: "Showing up as a witness to someone else's loss is a vital expression of our own humanity."

I've cut it out and put it in my wallet. Thank you.

— Grateful

**Dear Grateful:** I wrote that line, and yet even I need to remember that doing the hard work of "witnessing" is profound and important.

No one ever knows what to say or do after a loss. And so starting with "I don't really know what to say" is both honest and acceptable.

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# balancing act

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## Cody Parkey, thanks for life lesson

Grace you showed in crushing moment was a gift to my kids

Thank you, Cody Parkey, for teaching my kids, in one failed field goal attempt, pretty much everything I want them to learn about sports.

My son plays flag football and baseball. My daughter is a gymnast. I spend a whole lot of money and time on these endeavors, and I wouldn't have it any other way, because their teams provide them so much joy and, more to the point, so many of the moments and lessons I want them to carry through life.

Show up for your people, and show up on time. Be grateful for your spot — someone else would love to have it. Finish what you start, even when it stops being fun. Don't gloat. Don't taunt. Cheer on your teammates, even when (especially when) they perform better than you. Learn from your mistakes. Try not to keep making the same ones.

A judge handing out awards at one of my daughter's debate competitions once told the participants, "Don't let the wins go to your head or the losses go to your heart." We try to apply that to their sports too.

Later, I hope, my kids will rely on these lessons in a bunch of endeavors that have nothing to do with athletics: college, friendships, marriage, careers.

I take my son to a lot of games — professional and college. (My daughter mostly declines our invitations.) Before your game Sunday, in fact, my son and I drove up to Evanston to watch Northwestern basketball play Illinois. Always a few Cubs games. A minor league game here and there. College football when



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears kicker Cody Parkey walks off after his field goal attempt in the final seconds of last weekend's playoff game against the Eagles at Soldier Field hit the goalpost, ending the team's season.

we can get tickets. We haven't been to a Bears game yet, although I did take him to Bears training camp in Bourbonnais.

I'm always on the lookout for lessons there too. *See that? Even the best guys in the league strike out sometimes.* That kind of thing.

On Sunday, we all watched with bated breath as the Bears' future hung in the balance. Your 43-yard field-goal attempt goes in, your team's one step closer to the Super Bowl. You don't knock it through, season's over.

We all know what happened.

And then you walked off the field and handled questions with grace. ("One of the worst feelings in the world," you said. "Continue to put things in perspective. Continue to just put my best foot forward and sleep at night knowing I did everything in my power this week to go make that kick, and for whatever reason, it hit the crossbar

and the upright, and I still couldn't do it. I feel terrible.")

And then you woke up the next morning. Because life really does march on, even after crushing disappointments. That's a tough thing to teach kids in the abstract. Your real-life example helps.

Some fans have acted like jerks. There are lessons there too.

I showed my kids a couple of the cruel tweets. I asked them how they thought it would feel, after a so-so performance, if people piled on and called them names and threatened them. I told them how I would feel if people did that to me every time I made a mistake at work.

We talked about how pro athletes — despite giant paychecks and enviable endorsements and the (fickle) adoration of millions — are humans first. And no game is grounds for threatening or abusing a fellow human.

(I also showed them the tweets saying your team's

offense didn't do you any favors by putting up only 15 points the rest of the game — 9 of which you scored. A nice reminder that every moment of a game counts, not just the final moment.)

I realize all of this, if you're even seeing it, is cold comfort. Who wants to be a teaching moment instead of a Super Bowl champ? Nobody.

But as long as I'm raising sports-obsessed kids, I'm going to be searching deep and wide for the instructions we can glean from the triumphs and defeats and all the layers therein.

You handed us a book of them last Sunday — mostly, I guess, by being human.

Thank you for that.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon. This week she'll be joined by Smart Dating Academy founder Bela Gandhi to talk about dating and relating better in 2019.

## New Life + Travel section coming Jan. 20

If you're like me, you love the Sunday Life + Style section — and the Sunday Travel section. Starting next week, we're giving you more of what you love about both in a supersized new broadsheet section we're calling Life + Travel.

Each week you'll find a dynamic, modern cover highlighting the week's best stories in Lifestyles, Travel, Style, Relationships and Home design. Inside you'll find a colorful section filled with the stories and columns that bring you back week after week, including Ask Amy, Heidi Stevens, Rick Steves, Miss Manners, Answer Angel and Candid Candace.

We're rearranging things a bit to put stories and sections together in a manner that reflects the way we live. Travel, whether it's to a nearby Midwest destination or a cruise to an exotic locale, is part of the fabric of our lives. The

Life + Travel section is designed to help you navigate your life, whether it's booking your next trip, finding new things to do with the kids or shopping with confidence. It's also a place for storytelling and exploring important issues that

have an impact on our lives and our city, from health care and education to #MeToo and internet security.

Our Books coverage is moving to its previous home in the Sunday A&E section. The weekly best-seller list can be found in Saturday A&E and online at [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com).

We're making A&E easier for you to find inside the Sunday paper, and we're tucking Puzzle Island behind the Comics section. You'll still be able to pull it out and work on all your favorite puzzles at your leisure.

We hope you'll enjoy all of these improvements to our Sunday product and visit us at [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com) for more each day.

Thank you for reading.

— Amy Carr,  
director of content/life + culture





Professional organizer Marie Kondo is bringing her system to a new Netflix show, "Tidying Up With Marie Kondo," but her method is not the only way to manage the mess.

GARY GERSHOFF/WIREIMAGE

# Tidy up without Ms. Kondo

BY CINDY DAMPIER  
Chicago Tribune

Here's why you don't need her help to finally get your place organized

Bright and early Jan. 1, there was a new reality to face.

Marie Kondo was in your living room.

For the past four years or

so, Kondo, a professional organizer from Japan, has been on the march. She penned two publishing juggernaut books that occupied slots 1 and 2 on

The New York Times best-seller list, simultaneously. She was named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People. An odd list of almost-relevant ce-

lebrities professed their love for her. She arrived at cultural phenom status by telling people how to clean up.

Now, Netflix has deliv-

ered Kondo and her Kon-Mari method to our digital doorsteps, dropping an eight-episode season of "Tidying Up With Marie Kondo" on Jan. 1.

It's a U.S. version of her reality show, which follows along as she visits messy, cluttered houses and makes them neat again, all while maintaining a perfect, omnipresent smile and her preternaturally crisp, trademark bangs.

## To get started, here's all you really need to know

**Break down the task.** Kondo's real magic is in creating a basic order to do things in. Pick one category of stuff at a time, look at what you have, and start sorting.

**"Do I use this item, and/or do I love it?"** are still the best criteria for choosing what to keep and what to get rid of. You can skip thanking your old socks if you want to.

**You don't need to feel guilty** about accumulating things, or getting rid of them. Let all that, and the stuff, go. It's healthy on every front. If you notice some other issues cropping up as you clean, consider tackling those with a therapist.

**Organizing is not hard.** Group things by categories, and make sure the most-used items are stored in the most-accessible places, close to where you use them. Give everything a home it can always be returned to.

**Any Gap employee can fold a T-shirt.** Kondo's "origami-like" folding has been much discussed, but any folding style that works for you is good. Just choose a method, and stick to it.

**Maintaining a house is everyone's job.** Make your family the owners of the organizational system, not just the beneficiaries — participation and understanding are key.

She definitely timed it right — January is when many of us think about how we manage our stuff, having accumulated more of it during the preceding holiday season. Clutter is also a legitimate source of stress, and the stress epidemic is currently rolling along at breakneck pace. Any potential relief — like a supernaturally calm neatness guru — is almost irresistible.

Princeton scientists have shown that cluttered environments have an impact on the brain's ability to focus, and affect working memory. At UCLA, research on family life showed that the stress hormones of mothers spiked whenever they had to deal with the family's possessions. Yale researchers documented a spike in brain activity that points to genuine psychological pain when people are asked to part with possessions — in hoarders, it's akin to the pain of drug withdrawal.

Yet Kondo falls short in addressing the psychological implications of clutter, even though there is definitely cause to examine

some of the behavior demonstrated on her show. The borderline-unlikable couple in the first episode spar in an uncomfortable way, while the ever-smiling Kondo urges them to talk to their clothes. How about talking to a therapist? Cleaning up, while it has great psychological benefits, is unlikely to solve underlying issues — the unexamined mound of trashy possessions is hardly worth throwing out since the angst is still piling up.

Kondo's almost android-like persona doesn't allow for confrontation: She's set to perma-soothe. Her best effort at getting people to understand their problem with clutter is to force them to pile all of their clothes, for instance, in one place, look at it, then start sorting. She doesn't judge, but stands back and waits for a revelation to hit.

Not making us feel bad about our messes is a huge part of her appeal and hits at the basic truth that no one can learn our lessons for us. What doesn't seem necessary is the pseudo-ritual she's concocted to go

along with cleaning, which involves holding each item to see if it brings you a zing! of joy (Kondo is at her most animated when describing this zing), then thanking each holey sock and sprung-elastic bathing suit before consigning them to rapidly filling garbage bags.

I'm all for gratitude, and I get the notion of revisiting the memory of the great concert you went to as you are bidding fond farewell to the ragged concert T-shirt. Applying that to every item you own seems like a little bit of magical thinking that is bound to ring false when you're looking at your 25th pair of piled, black underwear. And it's likely to make your cleanup take seven times longer than it needs to.

Kondo's theories also hit a snag when it comes to her main sorting criteria. "Does this item spark joy?" is an OK question to ask, but there's also "does this item replicate the 2,000 other Christmas nutcrackers in our rumpus room?" and "does this item represent the tipping point into insanity?"

Kondo nods at the idea that we'd all be better off with less stuff, but she's most intent on building in a way to let ourselves off the hook when we hang on to too much — leaving us to wonder whether some of her subjects are headed for a serious relapse into clutter. (I'd bet on it.)

Bottom line: Mindlessly surrounding ourselves with more stuff is bad. But you don't need Kondo to break the habit and get your place cleaned up. If you want to watch her tiptoe around messy houses as a way to ease into a cleanup of your own, I won't deny you. Episode 3 features an adorable family relocating from Michigan to California, and delivers enough of Kondo's system to give you the idea.

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## New year, stale marriage?

Divorce Day brings surge in filings, but try to stay clear-eyed

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Some ring in the new year with Champagne at midnight. Others wait a week and partake in "Divorce Day."

The day — which comes across like a made-up, faux holiday to celebrate the ending of once-joyous nuptials — actually refers to the first post-holidays Monday when law firms receive a spike in new divorce filings.

Kimberly Cook, a partner at Chicago law firm Schiller DuCanto & Fleck, said she returned from vacation Monday and already had four inquiries about setting up meetings that week.

"There's a surge on this day," she said, "which comes from people having a sense of urgency."

The uptick continues through the rest of January, Cook said, largely due to the hope of a clean, fresh start in the new year.

"People have this renewed sense of not having a repeat of the last couple of years," she said. "A lot of times the holidays and the

end of the year was somebody's last straw. The decision to file at this time usually is due to resolving to take the relationship and life in a new direction; it's similar to the surge in gym memberships. It's signifying that you can't live like this another year."

Cook calls January the "hangover month," saying that between Thanksgiving and New Year's, there's often one last binge on family time or even one last attempt at saving a marriage. But when the rubber meets the road, she said, "you wake up and you feel sick, like, 'I can't do this anymore, and I've got to do something about it.'"

If you find your marriage lacking the ring-tingle that once was, Cook offers a few thinking points before deciding to sign or serve those papers.

**Don't rush.** Divorce is certainly a serious decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. If you haven't tried marriage or couples counseling (and assuming you're not in a domestic violence situation), consider meeting with somebody. There are no guarantees it will work, but when you settle on filing for divorce, it needs to be a decision you've thought through.

**Explore the process.** It doesn't hurt to meet with a lawyer, ask questions and know your options. Get a feel for your legal rights before throwing down the gauntlet. Do your homework and research, especially when kids are involved. People are better off taking a step back and understanding how the process works, Cook said. And laws can change, so get informed about how the current rules will affect your specific situation.

**Keep the kids in mind.** Don't suffer through an unhappy relationship for the sake of the kids — they pick up on things and model certain behaviors, but they're also resilient. Parents will often stay in relationships for 15 or 20 years "for the kids," and later (the kids) tell you, "I would have been OK," Cook said.

**Be shocked, but take action.** If you get served with divorce papers at the beginning of the year, don't put your head in the sand — meet with someone right away. It can be shell-shocking, but stuffing the papers in a drawer won't make the situation go away.

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# A week of things to do with the kids

BY WEB BEHRENS | Chicago Tribune

## Monday

### 'VAN GOGH FOR ALL'

Experience the unusual perspective of Van Gogh's famous bedroom in this interactive exhibit, which encourages visitors to step into life-size dioramas created from his paintings. The traveling exhibit, designed by the Highland Park-based Dolores Kohl Education Foundation, is on display downtown through Jan. 25. At Water Tower Place (second floor), 835 N. Michigan Ave. Free. [vangogh4all.org/visit/](http://vangogh4all.org/visit/)

## Tuesday

### LEGOLAND LITTLE PLAYTIMES

Calling all little ones! Tuesday morning is your time to rule the Legoland roost: The playground/store opens early exclusively for toddlers and parents. Activities include storytime, open play and, of course, workshops with Duplo blocks. 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday (repeating Jan. 22) at Legoland Discovery Center at Woodfield, 601 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg. \$10-\$12. [tinyurl.com/y798ed7y](http://tinyurl.com/y798ed7y)

## Wednesday

### 'NOISES OFF'

If you and your kids loved the recent set-busting tour of "The Play That Goes Wrong," then you owe it to yourself to see the apex of meta-theatrical farce: Michael Frayn's "Noises Off." One of the funniest plays ever written, it depicts one tech rehearsal and two runs of a struggling company's attempt to perform "Nothing On," the kind of ribald comedy that involves slamming doors and folks running about in their underwear. The Playhouse's clever twist on Act 2 invites audiences backstage to watch. There's no recommended minimum age for this risqué farce; The Playhouse encourages families to choose what's best for them. (For perspective: It was written in 1982, when the definition of "risqué" was much tamer; junior-high kids see racier stuff in Taylor Swift videos.) Runs through March 31 at Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road. \$45-\$85; \$10 discount for students with ID. [tinyurl.com/y7nssrxg](http://tinyurl.com/y7nssrxg)

## Thursday

### CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL PUPPET THEATER FESTIVAL

In 2015, Blair Thomas announced his determination to "redefine what the word 'puppetry' means to audiences" —



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an ambitious goal he accomplished by founding the biennial Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival. Right on schedule, the fest returns for its third iteration, an 11-day celebration of all forms of puppetry. Not every show is suitable for younger kids, but the schedule clearly indicates "family friendly" for the shows that are. That includes the headliner, Ibex Puppetry's "Ajijaak on Turtle Island," running Thursday through Sunday (\$30-\$40), and Borja Ytuquepintas' hourlong "Jojo," about an orphaned orangutan, showing Friday and Saturday (\$15-\$20). The fest runs through Jan. 27. [tinyurl.com/y8shry5b](http://tinyurl.com/y8shry5b)

## Friday

### JUICEBOX: DUKE OTHERWISE

One of the city's best free programs for families, Juicebox spices up its winter/spring lineup with a few acts it hasn't booked before, including this Madison-based troubadour. A pro with a guitar (and tap shoes too), the much-lauded Duke Otherwise writes whimsical tunes such as "What Kind of Hairdo Do You Do?" and "Don't Say What Daddy Says."

As with all Juicebox events, the performance takes place twice: 11 a.m. Friday at the Chicago Cultural Center (Preston Bradley Hall), 78 E. Washington St.; and 11 a.m. Saturday at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. Free. [tinyurl.com/z6gjq9p](http://tinyurl.com/z6gjq9p)

## Saturday

### 'DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD: A GRR-IFIC EXHIBIT'

The award-winning PBS Kids show for preschoolers (and, notably, the first spinoff of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood") follows the adventures of 4-year-old Daniel Tiger and his friends, who are owls, cats and humans. The timeless themes of both "Neighborhood" shows come to interactive life in this touring exhibit, which opens Saturday at the DuPage Children's Museum, 301 N. Washington St., Naperville. \$12. [tinyurl.com/y8dbblu3](http://tinyurl.com/y8dbblu3)

### 'TOO HOT TO HANDEL: THE JAZZ-GOSPEL MESSIAH'

Scoop up the kids and the grandparents

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### LUNAPALOOZA

It's an eclipse party! Unlike the solar-eclipse frenzy we experienced two summers ago, this total lunar eclipse is a much more chill event — both literally (it's a winter night, after all) and figuratively, because you won't need to drive to a narrow swath of the state to see it. You could just look up from your backyard, but going to the Adler brings lots of perks, including pros staffing telescopes for viewing and complimentary hot cocoa. Or head indoors to enjoy a lot more moon-related programming, including a glow-in-the-dark pajama party in the planetarium's Family Zone. It'll be a late night, sure, but tomorrow's a national holiday — thanks for great timing, Universe! 8 p.m. till midnight (the eclipse itself begins at 9:34 a.m.) at the Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive. Free to gather outside with telescopes; \$12, \$8 for kids, for indoor programming. [tinyurl.com/ybsd2oxj](http://tinyurl.com/ybsd2oxj)

Web Behrens is a freelance reporter.

# Dry January's easier than you might think

Here's to taking a break from booze

BY FRITZ HAHN  
The Washington Post

The first time I voluntarily gave up alcohol for a few weeks after New Year's was in 2009, years before "Dry January" began showing up on Google Trends and appearing in countless news stories.

Back then, taking a break from drinking while continuing my day job of writing about bars and nightlife was a struggle. Many people didn't understand I was doing it by choice — they assumed I must have been worried about alcoholism or was seriously ill — and wanted to discuss my choice.

A decade later, the idea of a temporary absence from alcohol isn't such a shocking idea. The concept of "Dry January" is featured in media all over the world, complete with eye-roll-worthy portmanteaus like "Drynuary" or "the dryathlon."

Of course, tell people you're giving up alcohol, and you'll get a lot of questions and what could politely be called "feedback." If you've ever thought about giving up alcohol for a period of time, whether in January or another month, here are things I've learned.

## You don't have to turn into a hermit.

At first it may seem weird to go to a bar when you have no intention of drinking alcohol. But the truth is, it's easier to go out and have fun with friends than ever before, because bars are about much more than drinking: Video games, trivia nights, bingo and karaoke offer ways to socialize when one or more members of a group aren't tipling.

## Your drink choices are wider than ever.

After years of offering non-drinkers a choice of iced tea, Coke or water, restaurants have started putting more nonalcoholic options on the table. More mixologists are showing their creativity and crafting housemade sodas, which offer interesting and unusual flavors without with the preservatives and chemicals found in big brands. Others are



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There are lots of side-positives to not drinking for a whole month. Think of all the calories you're forgoing, and the cash that'll stay in your wallet.

bringing back shrubs, the savory blends of vinegar and herbs or fruit that can be mixed into cocktails or served straight with carbonated water.

## There are benefits for your wallet as well as your health.

Do the math: A glass of wine can have 135 to 200 calories, depending on the sugar and alcohol levels, while a pint of craft beer — not a low-cal, low-carb Michelob Ultra — can be about 250 if it's 6 or 6.5 percent ABV. Go out to happy hour, have two drinks and that's a significant chunk of your suggested daily caloric intake. Just watch out that your nonalcoholic replacement

isn't as bad as the booze: A can of San Pellegrino sparkling fruit juice or an Ale-8-One Ginger Ale is a calorie-laden sugar bomb.

And a soda or nonalcoholic drink is far cheaper than booze. Who wouldn't want to be richer and healthier?

## You don't have to explain why you're not drinking.

I'll be honest: I've lied about participating in Dry January. If I was out and turned down a beer or a shot, I'd say that I was the designated driver or on medication — sometimes it's easier not to mention Dry January, because a week or so in, I'm tired of explaining why I've given up alco-

hol. But there's no reason that your decision not to drink is anyone's business. (Please don't be that person who tries to press a drink into someone's hand after they've said, "No, thank you.")

But there's an easy way to ward off questions: Have something nearby — a pint glass of nonalcoholic beer, a rocks glass of soda water with a lime on the edge, a sparkling house soda — so when asked if you need a beverage, you can say, "I'm good, thanks."

## It's OK if you slip up — or choose to cheat.

Above everything else, remember that this is just a personal decision — the fate of the world

does not rest in your decision to abstain from booze. It's OK to participate in the Champagne toast at a friend's baby shower or have a bloody mary at a going-away brunch. Enjoy it, and start again the next day.

If you stay dry for only 19 or 27 days in Dry January, guess what: You still win. Research from the University of Sussex in England has shown that Dry January participants were drinking more wisely six months later, whether or not they completed the whole month. And if you want to go longer than Dry January? That's great too. Like I said, it's easier than ever to have a good time without booze.

# An incomplete look at legal giant

## Marshall bio focuses on politics over law

BY GARRETT EPPS

Special to The Washington Post

To call John Marshall the Babe Ruth of American constitutional law is an understatement. He didn't just master the game, he made it up. In his new biography of Marshall, Richard Brookhiser summarizes the chief justice's triumph thus: "He gave the office what its first occupant, John Jay, had complained it lacked: dignity" and "instilled his dignity into his Court."

Brookhiser is an editor at National Review and an indefatigable chronicler of the founding generation. He has produced studies of George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and Gouverneur Morris. He is, however, not a lawyer, and in "John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court," his focus is on politics, not law: "I keep my eye, as Marshall always did, on the politics that surrounded him." It's an understandable, but regrettable, lapse. Marshall's great talent was his legal creativity, which takes hard work for a layperson or lawyer to appreciate. Brookhiser also underestimates the chaos and danger of the politics that he does highlight. Perhaps for that reason, he doesn't give Marshall his full due.

"John Marshall" is, to be sure, entertaining and instructive — worthy to be set beside its author's earlier works. It would be ideal reading for a student contemplating law school. And in addition to the pleasure of its prose, it may, one hopes, whet appetites for an even deeper look at the career of "the Great Chief Justice."

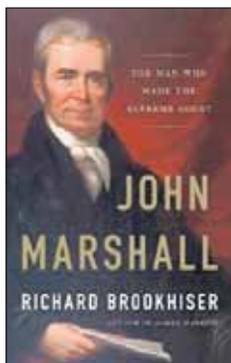
Marshall lacked the self-creating fire of a Washington, the scattershot genius of a Jefferson and the inner demons of a Hamilton. He rose thanks to a knack for being in the right place at the right time. He served in the Continental Army under Washington at Valley Forge; succeeded at the Virginia bar; took on a diplomatic mission that made him a national hero; was elected to Congress, then appointed secretary of state by John Adams; and after Adams lost the White House to Thomas Jefferson, Mar-

shall served as chief justice for 34 years until his death in 1835.

Over those decades, he united the court into a powerful institution, largely on the strength of opinions he wrote. His landmark rulings are at best eloquent and usually persuasive. In *McCulloch v. Maryland*, he laid out the contours of Congress' commerce power; in *Burr v. United States*, he blunted the law of treason as a tool to punish political enemies; in *Dartmouth College v. Woodward*, he anchored the constitutional underpinnings of contract law; in *Johnson v. M'Intosh*, *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia* and *Worcester v. Georgia*, he gave birth to the entire field of federal Indian law.

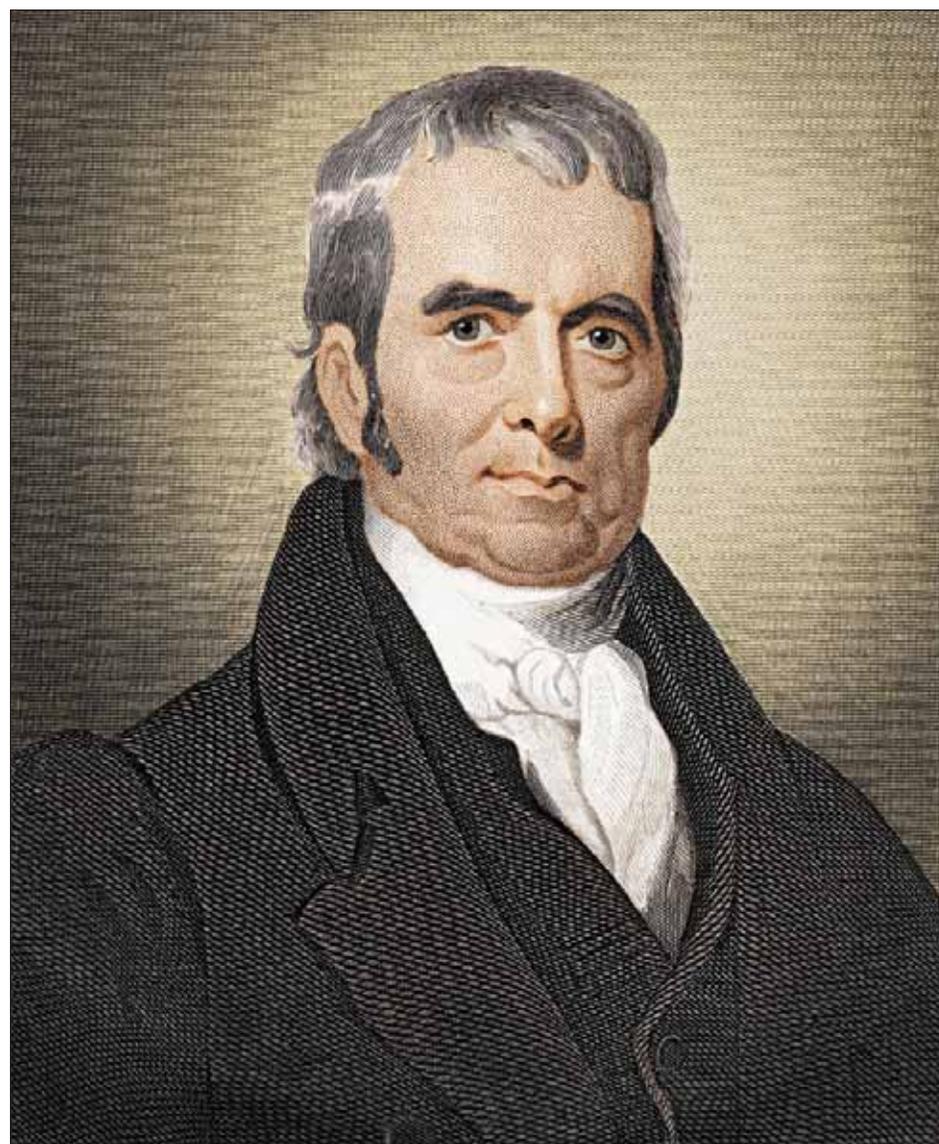
But his most important creation is the doctrine of *Marbury v. Madison* — the idea that the Supreme Court has the power and the duty to invalidate acts of Congress that it finds in conflict with the Constitution. That result was by no means inevitable; to reach it, Marshall had to navigate a treacherous political landscape. If Brookhiser aims to reveal the politics surrounding Marshall's career, he disappoints somewhat at this point. A fuller political profile of the Marshall years would give the reader more of the scope of his unlikely triumph.

Consider Brookhiser's brief summary of America's first constitutional crisis, the Alien and Sedition Acts controversy. Adams' Federalists, he writes, "struck at enemies at home with laws allowing the president to deport aliens he deemed dangerous and the federal courts to prosecute libels on the federal government." This understates both the sweep and the aim of the acts. They were, in fact, essentially part of an attempted coup by the Federalist Party. Faced with almost certain defeat in 1800, the Federalists tried to shut down criticism of their leaders. The acts didn't aim at libels on the "federal government" — they made it a crime to criticize the president or Congress. But they pointedly did not outlaw criticism of the vice president — who was Jefferson, the certain challenger to Adams in 1800. The acts also put in place sweeping



### John Marshall

By Richard Brookhiser, *Basic*, 336 pages, \$30



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John Marshall was U.S. chief justice for 34 years starting in 1801. His ruling in *Marbury v. Madison* established Supreme Court review of the constitutionality of acts of Congress.

restrictions on immigrants. They were accompanied by a clumsy attempt to take control of the Electoral College away from the states and put it into Federalist hands.

After passage of the laws, as many as 20 Jeffersonian newspaper editors were prosecuted, and many were jailed; one member of Congress, Rep. Matthew Lyon of Vermont, was convicted of sedition. The attempt backfired: Jefferson and his supporters swept the elections in 1800, and the Federalists faded into history.

But before they exited, the lame-duck Federalist Congress installed dozens of loyalists on the bench. In fact, they created an entirely new layer of "circuit courts" full of partisans — and they installed Marshall as chief justice.

As soon as he took office, Jefferson — a distant cousin whom Marshall despised — sought to neuter the court and rid himself of Marshall.

Marshall headed off those efforts

through his response in *Marbury v. Madison*. Federalist William Marbury had been approved as a justice of the peace by the outgoing Federalist Congress but was barred from the bench by Jefferson. Marbury sought an order from Marshall requiring Jefferson to allow him to serve. If the Supreme Court ruled against Marbury, it would be admitting that Jefferson's partisan purge was lawful. If it ruled against Jefferson, the new president would gleefully tear up the order. There was no clear law that gave the court the power to issue orders to the president, and Marshall had no means of enforcing such an order. The Jeffersonian Congress could accuse Marshall of overreaching — and impeach him. But the chief justice proved too wily for Jefferson and Congress. In his opinion, he explained that Jefferson had lawlessly deprived Marbury of his property, in fact, his job — and in 18th-century political terms, that was the essence of tyranny. But

instead of ordering Jefferson to return it, Marshall invalidated the statute that gave the Supreme Court jurisdiction over the case. Thus, Marshall could issue no order, and no order could be defied. In this environment, the purge fizzled.

Marshall's move in Marbury was brilliant and uniquely influential. Its doctrine that federal courts can invalidate acts of Congress has, for good or ill, been law ever since.

But Brookhiser's account misses the fireworks: "The law and the Constitution disagreed," he writes. "Either the law would have to be overruled, or the Constitution ignored." But Marbury wasn't an easy case; it was more like a magic trick. In fact, Marshall invented the supposed conflict between law and Constitution so that he could assert his authority without losing it.

Brookhiser brings to vivid life the gaudy facts and seamy characters behind such great cases as Dartmouth College and McCulloch. And he summarizes the one area where Marshall's legal creativity was lacking — the law of American slavery. He cites historian Paul Finkelman's recent finding that Marshall owned many more slaves than had been thought: at least 130, in his home and on his country plantations. In his 2018 book, "Supreme Injustice," Finkelman also reported that, in seven suits brought by slaves seeking freedom under the law, Marshall never sided with the slaves. Brookhiser confines his narrative to Marshall's decision in a case concerning the Antelope, a slave ship seized by the Coast Guard in 1825 — long after Congress outlawed the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Deciding the fate of the human cargo, the most creative legal mind in American history turned to stone. He could easily have read federal statutes to require that all the slaves be transported to Africa and freed. But because some of the "owners" had title to the slaves under Spanish law, Marshall wrote, they could reclaim them. Brookhiser mournfully notes that Marshall sometimes "smuggled the language of nature and of rights into constitutional law," but didn't do so here. "Africans might not be protected by it, but contracts were."

Marshall's reluctance to confront slavery clouds his legal legacy more than his admirers like to admit: Two decades after his death, his successor, Roger B. Taney, issued a decision that echoed Marshall's respect for slave "property" rights. In that decision, for only the second time in history, the Supreme Court used the Marbury doctrine to invalidate an act of Congress. That case was the disastrous Dred Scott v. Sandford.

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# 'Wit's End' author offers tips

## Misunderstandings, puns train the brain

BY SADIE DINGFELDER

The Washington Post

Wit — it's not just for dinner party banter anymore. In his new book, "Wit's End," journalist James Geary argues that wit is a necessary quality of mind for navigating our complicated world.

"Wit is essential to making jokes and making quips, but it's also essential to all kinds of creativity," Geary says.

One of the keys to wit, he says, is finding connections between seemingly disparate or even contradictory ideas.

"Wit involves being alert to how things can be interrelated."

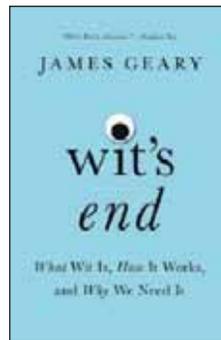
Geary says being witty is within anyone's grasp. Here are some of Geary's tips for sharpening your tongue — and your mind.

### Deliberately misunderstand people

Our brains are so good at correctly interpreting common phrases, it happens automatically without us noticing. But if you listen closely, you'll find that language is often very vague. Exploit ambiguity for situational comedy: Next time someone struggling with a large box asks for a hand, respond by clapping. "I try not to do that one too often, because it annoys people," Geary says.

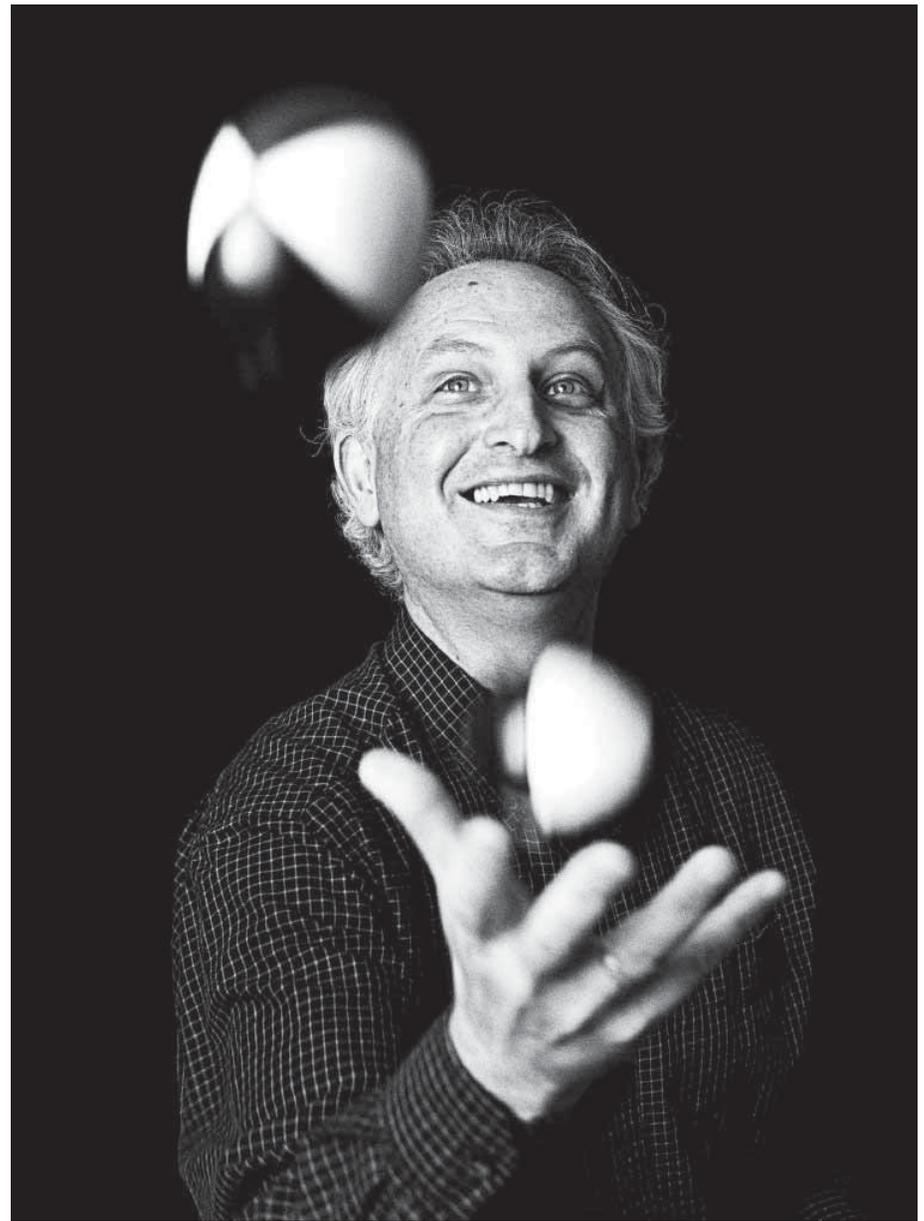
### Practice making puns

Puns are a great way to train your mind to make unlikely connections, Geary says. Try getting a few friends together and then take turns making puns around a particular category. For instance, if you start with "animals," you might say, "Let



### 'Wit's End'

By James Geary,  
Norton, 128 pages,  
\$23.95



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James Geary, journalist and author of "Wit's End," likes to juggle ideas as well as balls.

me otter here" or "I'm a little horse." The jokes don't have to be good, but they have to come quickly. If you hesitate, you're out. "Practicing puns has a lasting effect because it trains your brain to be staying alert to these kind of hidden correspondences — in words, but also in life," Geary says.

### Quiet your inner critic

A key to being witty is to let your mind play, to free-associate without judgment, Geary says. For example, when Abraham Lincoln got a letter asking him to suspend the sentence of a man who was about to be hanged, the president famously quipped, "If I don't suspend it tonight, the man will surely be suspended tomorrow." To make this joke, Lincoln had to let his mind wander to a different meaning of suspend, even though it was seemingly

irrelevant to the matter at hand. "It's important not to be critical at the beginning, because that's how the ideas arise," Geary says.

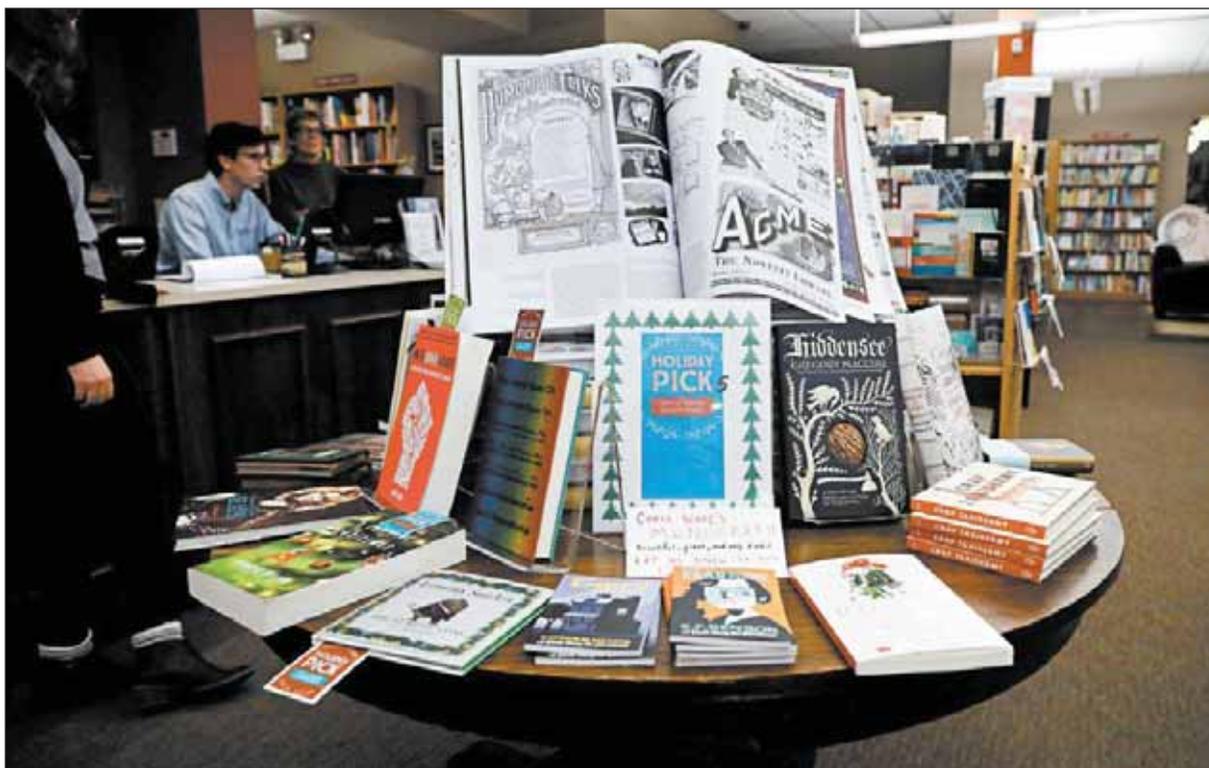
### Shut down humor snobs

Silly wordplay abounds in all kinds of classic literature. Shakespeare's plays are full of puns and James Joyce's "Finnegans Wake" is "a 600-plus-page novel made up almost entirely of macaronic (mixed-language) puns," Geary notes. So if your family complains about all your terrible new jokes, simply explain that you're working your way up to writing the great American novel.

### Buy Geary's book

"Read it from cover to cover. That's the most important thing," he says. "No, I'm kidding, of course. But not really."

Biblioracle columnist John Warner received a gift certificate to City Lit Books in Logan Square this Christmas, so he used it to take a flier on a book. Now he's suggesting readers do the same.



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# Want to spice up your reading?

## Take a flier on a book

BY JOHN WARNER  
Chicago Tribune

I want every reader to pledge to do one of the most pleasurable things possible: take a flier on a book.

By definition, to “take a flier” is to take a risk. If there wasn’t the potential for disaster, it wouldn’t be taking a flier. We primarily use the term when referring to financial investment, a category where every last choice seems like taking a flier these days.

Recently, thanks to a Christmas gift certificate from my brother and sister-in-law to Logan Square’s City Lit Books, I had the chance to take a flier on a book for the first time in a long time, and boy was it fun.

First some ground rules: This is almost certainly best done in an independently owned, neighborhood bookstore. By design, chain stores are seeking to cater to as many people as possible, which makes taking a flier significantly harder. Similarly, Amazon’s algorithms aggregate the books other people have purchased the most, hardly a way to find something off the beaten path.

The book must be entirely unfamiliar to you prior to laying eyes on it in the store. You should not know anything about the book or the author prior to your first encounter with the book. Your initial expo-

sure must come from a place of total ignorance.

To start the process, take a slow walk through the store. At first, you’re just looking for some books that catch your eye. It could be the title or cover that draws you in. At a well-arranged independent, you might find yourself attracted to a themed table. Make sure to survey the entire store. Don’t fixate on your usual favored genres. Maybe you’ve never read a graphic novel before, but something grabs you as you peruse. Go with that impulse.

No judgment! You are reacting purely on instinct, alert for that little internal *oooh* that signals interest coming from your primitive, yet possibly wise, lizard brain.

Next, gather the candidates — no fewer than three, no more than five. Too few means you weren’t sufficiently open to the *oooh*. Too many risks turning the process into a lottery.

Candidates identified, you can look more closely at each book, title, description, endorsements and author bio. After that initial inspection of each book, you can read exactly one page of the text and no more. Line the books up. Reflect on each of them, and then make your choice.

In my case, I was captured by a novel titled “Listen to the Marriage” by John Jay Osborn. I was first drawn in by its glossy cover among a sea of matte finishes. I’d never heard of Osborn, but when I went to the bio in back, I found that he’d written

“The Paper Chase” when in law school (later turned into the classic film), and has been writing and practicing law ever since, including a long stint as a law professor at the University of San Francisco.

Intrigued, I declared it the winner.

(Do the bookstore workers a favor, and put the others back where you found them.)

Here’s the next most important step. When you get the book home, do not read it right away, and resist digging for any additional information about it. Put it somewhere where you see it every so often, waiting for you. Let your curiosity continue to be piqued until you can stand it no more. It’s entirely possible the book will disappoint. You took a flier, after all, but remember how much fun the whole process has been anticipating an encounter with the unknown. If the book turns out to be good, consider it a bonus.

*Readers: If you take a flier on a book, tell us about it. Write us at [books@chicagotribune.com](mailto:books@chicagotribune.com), and let us know what book you chose, why and what you thought of it when you read it. Your comments may be featured in a future Biblioracle column.*

*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. “Sing, Unburied, Sing” by Jesmyn Ward
2. “Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism and Progress” by Steven Pinker
3. “The Map That Changed the World: William Smith and the Birth of Modern Geology” by Simon Winchester
4. “Warlock Holmes: My Grave Ritual” by G.S. Denning
5. “A God in Ruins” by Kate Atkinson — Janet C., Lemont

A little mystery, a little mysteriousness, maybe even a little metaphysics in this mix. Janet seems to want something that’s going to make her think while giving a nice dose of good, old narrative pleasure. This adds up to “The Rebel Angels” by Robertson Davies.

1. “Things Fall Apart” by Chinua Achebe
  2. “Midaq Alley” by Najib Mahfuz
  3. “The Deerslayer” by James Fenimore Cooper
  4. “Little Novels of Sicily” by Giovanni Verga
  5. “Crime and Punishment” by Fyodor Dostoyevsky — Lynn B., DeKalb
- Lynn says she’s not afraid of a challenge, and I’m taking her at her word by recommending the utterly one-of-a-kind, 946-page “Shantaram” by Gregory David Roberts.

1. “Night of Miracles” by Elizabeth Berg
  2. “Pachinko” by Min Jin Lee
  3. “Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate
  4. “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah
  5. “Mudbound” by Hillary Jordan — Nancy V., Cary, Ill.
- I’m thinking that “Possession” by A.S. Byatt has just the right amount of thematic heft and narrative propulsion for Nancy.

## Get a reading from the Biblioracle

Send a list of the last five books you’ve read to [books@chicagotribune.com](mailto:books@chicagotribune.com).

# Unwelcome substitute guest causes dilemma for hostess



**JUDITH MARTIN**  
*Miss Manners*

**Dear Miss Manners:** I hosted a dinner at my home for some close friends, and one texted the day before to let me know that she would not be able to attend; however, her husband would still be able to make it. They had taken it upon themselves to invite a friend of theirs named Bert in her place. I had met Bert on prior occasions and have always been appalled at his rude manners.

While I can simply remove myself from his presence at their gatherings, I would not have the same option at my own table. I certainly would not want to subject my guests to his belligerent attitude.

The fact is, he is not welcome in my home. I was in a very difficult situation, since my friends had already issued the invitation. I couldn't use the excuse that I wouldn't have room at the table, as the wife would be absent and Bert would be occupying her spot. I told her that I didn't mean to be offensive, however, I needed to be able to trust that Bert would refrain from being rude to me and to my guests. She was taken aback, as she insists that he is "a sweet guy."

In the end, the husband and Bert did not show up, and my friend is quite offended. I'm sure that I could have handled it better, but I'm at a loss as to what could have been said. Whenever anyone has tried to discuss the topic with her, she completely denies it and is very insulted. How could I have politely conveyed that it is

not appropriate to invite someone else to my home, especially someone that I don't even like?

**Gentle reader:** The specific problem you mentioned is simpler to answer than the general problem you propose. Rather than exact a pledge for Bert's behavior, you could have apologized but explained that Bert is not among the guests you invite to your home.

This creates a problem for the friend who violated this rule by inviting him, but not for you. And while the answer may upset her, Miss Manners notes that your less direct approach had the same effect. Less extreme situations require less direct answers, with a less guaranteed result: "You know how Bert is an acquired taste, and while we should definitely get together, my other guests are very sensitive and will not get his sense of humor."

**Dear Miss Manners:** On a small-boat river cruise my husband and I booked in Europe, the vast majority of our fellow travelers were enjoying the opportunity to explore the local cultures, foods and customs.

But unfortunately, one of them spent most of the time setting passive-aggressive traps for the crew of the boat.

This person would place an order for an exotic favorite drink from back home, then berate the bartender when the presentation did not match all the details from the hometown bar. When the bartender offered to alter the drink to meet expectations, the response was, "You obviously don't know what you're doing; just take it away." Similar demeaning comments were directed to the chef, the cabin attendant and the

local guides.

The senior crew members did their best to step in to take the worst of the abuse. Fellow travelers were embarrassed by the behavior and wanted to mitigate the situation. At various times, we pulled the crew members aside to offer our apologies. We wanted to confront the aggressive passenger, but no one could devise a polite way to intervene. If we encounter a similar situation in the future, what would Miss Manners suggest?

**Gentle reader:** No society can function without an agreed-upon code of etiquette, but the problems of not having one become apparent more quickly among those thrown together in close proximity for an extended period of time.

Who, then, enforces the rules? Both the crew and the other passengers acted correctly, but it was not enough. Such efforts having failed, it was time for the captain (or some other officer in a recognized position of authority) to speak with the unruly passenger.

Any sensible captain would be happier ordering passengers into lifeboats and may feel hesitant to intervene, remembering that the charges are also paying clients. But such is the burden of command. Judgment must be exercised in determining when such an extreme step becomes necessary, but Miss Manners trusts the captain to act before a full-fledged mutiny occurs.

*To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to [missmanners.com](http://missmanners.com) or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.*

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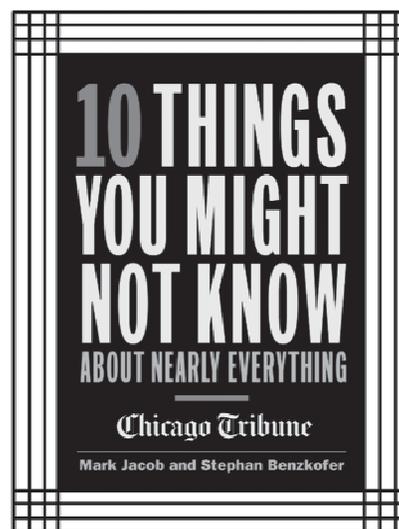
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This Singapore rice recipe was created using what was on hand in the fridge and pantry.

## Work with what you have

BY KARY OSMOND  
Chicago Tribune

I tried to make Singapore noodles one night, only to realize I had no rice noodles in the house. And, yes, I could have ventured out to get some; but at times I can be lazy. So out went the noodles, and in came rice. The substitution worked perfectly.

Stir-frying is easy, if you head to the stove with everything prepped. Since the cooking happens really fast, there isn't enough time to prep as you stir-fry. It's all about timing and layering ingredients into the pan to get the right colors, textures and flavors.

When making fried rice, it's always better to use leftover rice. But if you don't have it in your fridge, don't let that stop you from making this recipe. Just make a pot of rice while you prep the rest of the ingredients.

*Kary Osmond is a Canadian recipe developer and former television host of the cooking show "Best Recipes Ever."*

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### Singapore rice

**Prep:** 15 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes

**Makes:** 2 to 3 servings

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 cup diced onion

1 cup diced sweet red pepper

2 teaspoons minced garlic

2 teaspoons minced ginger

Salt

½ pound extra firm tofu, cut into ½-inch cubes (about 1 cup)

1 tablespoon curry powder

½ cup water

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 teaspoon sugar

3 cups cooked white rice, see method

1 green onion, finely sliced

¼ cup minced cilantro, optional

**1. Heat** oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion, red pepper, garlic, ginger and a pinch of salt. Cook, stirring often until the onion starts to soften, about 3 minutes.

**2. Add** tofu and curry powder; cook and stir until everything is coated in curry powder, 1 to 2 minutes.

**3. Add** water, stirring up any bits stuck to the bottom of the pan. Allow mixture to bubble away until the water has evaporated, about 5 minutes.

**4. Stir** in soy sauce, sugar and cooked rice. Cook, stirring, until rice is warmed through and everything is coated in the curry mixture, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Finish with a pinch of salt, green onion and cilantro.

**Rice:** In a saucepan over high heat, bring 1 cup long grain white rice, 1½ cups water and a pinch of salt to a boil, about 1 minute. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer until rice is tender and no liquid remains, 12-15 minutes.

**Makes:** 3 cups

**Nutrition information per serving (for 3 servings):** 375 calories, 10 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 56 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 14 g protein, 360 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

## Vichy Catalan water offers flavorful versatility in drinks

BY LISA FUTTERMAN  
Chicago Tribune

Vichy Catalan water originally turned my head in Barcelona. It was a warm day of wandering, and I needed something cold, so I popped into a bodega and the tessellated can with a resealable red top caught my eye. Clean, cute and functional, plus the fizzy, chilly and, most notably, salty contents satisfied.

Turns out Vichy Catalan contains 27 minerals (including sodium, bicarbonates, sulfates and potassium) that occur naturally in the springs from which it, er, springs. Its incredibly high mineral content comes in at 3,000 parts per million of totally dissolved solids, known as TDS. (In comparison, Perrier contains less than one-sixth of that, at 475 ppm TDS, and San Pellegrino about one-third at about 1,100 ppm.) Harvested since 1818 in Girona, Spain, it is now the most popular sparkling water in that country.

Starting from an aquifer called Puig de les Animes, where the water lives at 140 degrees Fahrenheit, Vichy Catalan passes through natural springs in Caldes de Malavella. A doctor, Modest Furesty Roca, purchased the springs in 1881 and opened a plant to bottle the waters in 1890. The accompanying "health spa" opened in 1898. Now known as the Vichy Catalan Hotel Balneario, it offers, among other spa treatments, a thermal pool where you can bathe in the 93-degree water.

Vichy Catalan claims many health benefits from soaking in and consuming its mineral rich water. But I like it because it tastes so good. Super bubbly and flavorful, the water is a delightful thirst quencher on its own and makes a very successful mixer in cocktails, both with or without alcohol. Just like the role salt plays as a flavor enhancer in cooking, it can boost flavor in beverages as well.

I tried a fernet and soda highball, typically a digestive drink for those with a high tolerance for bitterness — it becomes rich and round when made with the salty mineral water. The complex minty, fruity and herbal flavors that are usually buried in the amaro's bitterness unfurl.

I also played with the Greyhound, usually a simple mix of vodka and grapefruit juice. Subbing the botanical notes of gin for vodka and topping the drink with Vichy refresh and lighten the cocktail. Since salt tempers bitterness, I added a dash or two of Angostura bitters to restore the balance, and named it Pomelo.

Finally I mixed a salad in a glass, a Vichy cucumber mojito, a drink that could easily be served with or without rum for a fresh aperitif I call a Pepino.

*Lisa Futterman is a freelance writer.*



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Vichy Catalan can be used as a mixer in drinks.

### Pomelo

**Makes:** 1 drink

1½ ounces gin, optional

2 ounces pink grapefruit juice

1 to 2 dashes Angostura bitters

2 ounces Vichy Catalan water

To a tall glass filled with ice, add gin if using, juice and bitters. Top with sparkling mineral water, such as Vichy. Garnish with grapefruit zest or a small wheel or wedge. Serve at once.

### Pepino

**Makes:** 1 drink

2 thick slices cucumber

6 fresh mint or basil leaves

1 ounce fresh lime juice

1 tablespoon agave syrup

1½ ounces white rum, optional

4 ounces chilled Vichy Catalan Water

Muddle the cucumber, mint and lime juice in a cocktail shaker. Add agave and rum if using, plus ice, and shake until well chilled. Strain into a tall glass over fresh ice, and top with sparkling mineral water, such as Vichy. Garnish with a fresh cucumber slice, lime wedge and herb sprig, if you like.



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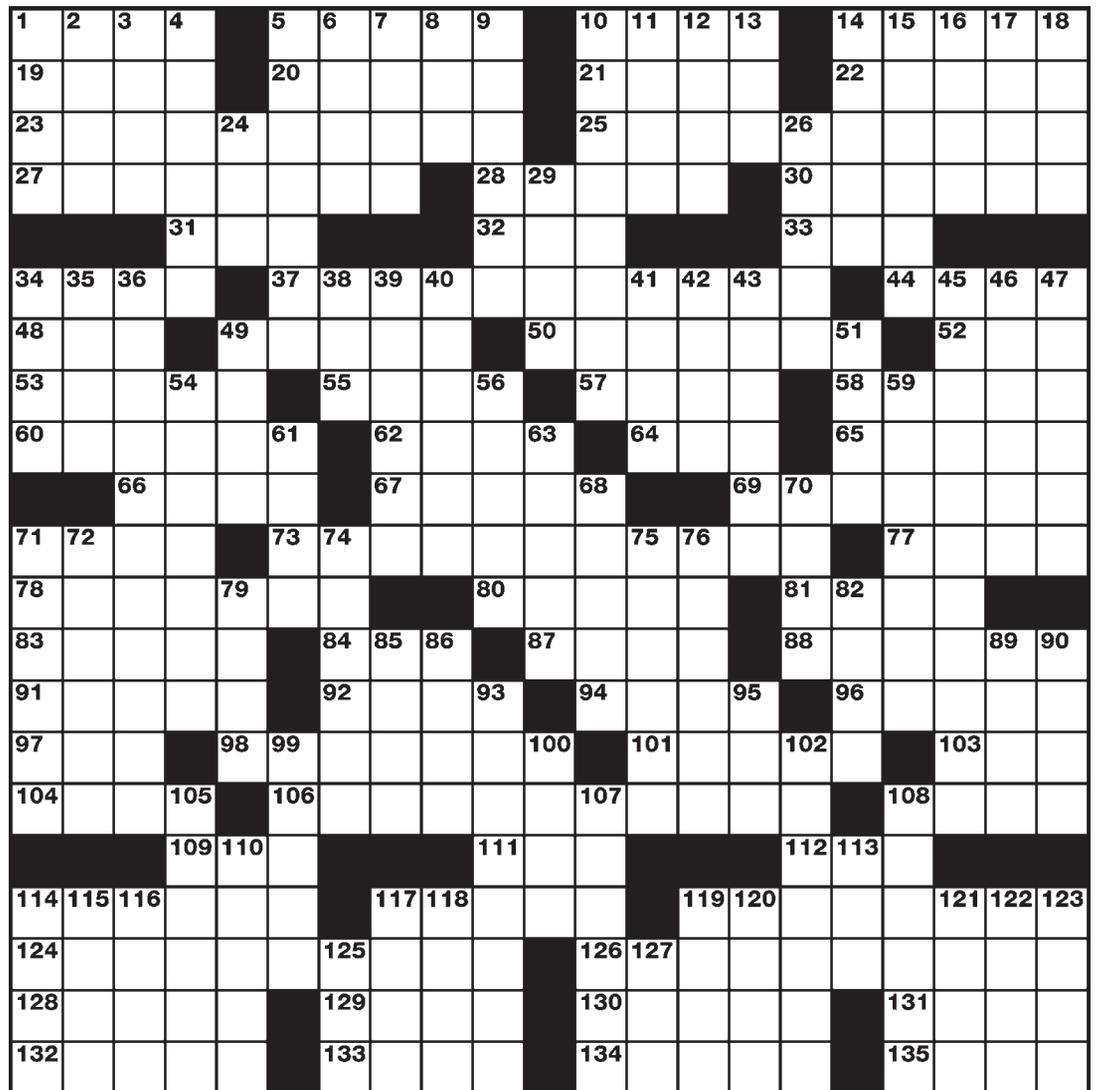
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| 5 Biological duplicate         | 78 Unsettle                               | 3 Neighbor of Pakistan                           |
| 10 Masterpieces                | 80 Finnish telecom giant                  | 4 Mismatch                                       |
| 14 Hidden hazards              | 81 Orange juice material                  | 5 Minting process                                |
| 19 Queen of Olympus            | 83 Metallic bar                           | 6 After the buzzer                               |
| 20 Wild West movie             | 84 Kitchen vessel                         | 7 Vertical transportation giant                  |
| 21 Natural balm                | 87 Personal quirks                        | 8 It means "recent"                              |
| 22 Shakespearean teen          | 88 Thinly spread                          | 9 Name on the cover of <i>A Farewell to Arms</i> |
| 23 As well                     | 91 March master                           | 10 Patio appliance                               |
| 25 Romantic song for dancing   | 92 "I ___ the opinion that ..."           | 11 Couture monthly                               |
| 27 Restricts                   | 94 Branch of Islam                        | 12 Secure at a pier                              |
| 28 All fired up                | 96 Having unpaid bills                    | 13 Create seams                                  |
| 30 Skiing category             | 97 Blunder                                | 14 Without question                              |
| 31 Brewpub designation         | 98 Strikes out                            | 15 Frolicked                                     |
| 32 Respectful address          | 101 Finish with                           | 16 "Both" prefix                                 |
| 33 Darken or lighten, say      | 103 Periodical, for short                 | 17 End of some hammers                           |
| 34 Whispered summons           | 104 Thought-provoking                     | 18 Ticked off                                    |
| 37 Rocky Mountains line        | 106 Plant in traditional Chinese medicine | 24 Tango move                                    |
| 44 June honorees               | 108 Violin pins                           | 26 Public Citizen cofounder                      |
| 48 Turn to compost             | 109 Dumbo's wing                          | 29 Lends a hand                                  |
| 49 Entice                      | 111 Book jacket blurb                     | 34 British baby buggy                            |
| 50 Tiny wood fragments         | 112 Partakes of familiarly                | 35 Sing singly                                   |
| 52 <i>The Simpsons</i> barkeep | 114 Tampa neighbor, familiarly            | 36 Simple drawing of a person                    |
| 53 Girl in Wonderland          | 117 Cope with change                      | 38 Apartment ad abbr.                            |
| 55 Parks it                    | 119 Collapsible headgear                  | 39 Allergy treatment injector                    |
| 57 Shakespearean monarch       | 124 Continuously                          | 40 Garb  |
| 58 "It matters to me"          | 126 Hobby store buy                       | 41 Contended (for)                               |
| 60 Coffeehouse orders          | 128 East Asian peninsula                  | 42 Russian royal name                            |
| 62 Water carrier               | 129 Planetarium roof                      | 43 Throw off course                              |
| 64 High-tech marker            | 130 Common computer typeface              | 45 E-tail membership plan                        |
| 65 Did nothing                 | 131 Tiny quantity                         | 46 <i>The Sound of Music</i> song                |
| 66 Sushi seaweed               | 132 Nautical poles                        | 47 Began, as a lawn                              |
| 67 Blow one's top              | 133 Lose traction                         | 49 Greenish blue                                 |
| 69 Exasperating                | 134 Because of                            | 51 Kimono fabric                                 |
| 71 Overrun (with)              | 135 Unlikely, as odds                     |  |
| 73 Closest friends             |   |  |

### Down

- 1 In vogue



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| 54 Puff-snack brand      | 76 House of cards and wheels        | 99 Long-legged wader             | 115 Former Corvette roof option |
| 56 Reject rudely         | 79 Slightly                         | 100 Shears sound                 | 116 Prefix for legal            |
| 59 Body of precedents    | 82 "Once ___ a midnight dreary ..." | 102 Shakespearean general        | 117 Riotously                   |
| 61 Rotisserie rod        | 85 Mystical warning                 | 105 Kitchen implement            | 118 Moore of films              |
| 63 Orlando-area park     | 86 Two-year-olds                    | 107 Became irate                 | 119 Yellow canine of comics     |
| 68 Polynesian carvings   | 89 Impediment to progress           | 108 Book before Proverbs         | 120 Mulch material              |
| 70 Workout counts        | 90 Baker's supply                   | 110 Mythical lifter              | 121 Flag down                   |
| 71 Embossed              | 93 Financial advisor descriptor     | 113 Artist known as Jean or Hans | 122 Prefix for virus            |
| 72 Don't think about     | 95 Commotion                        | 114 Upscale retail chain         | 123 Be abundant                 |
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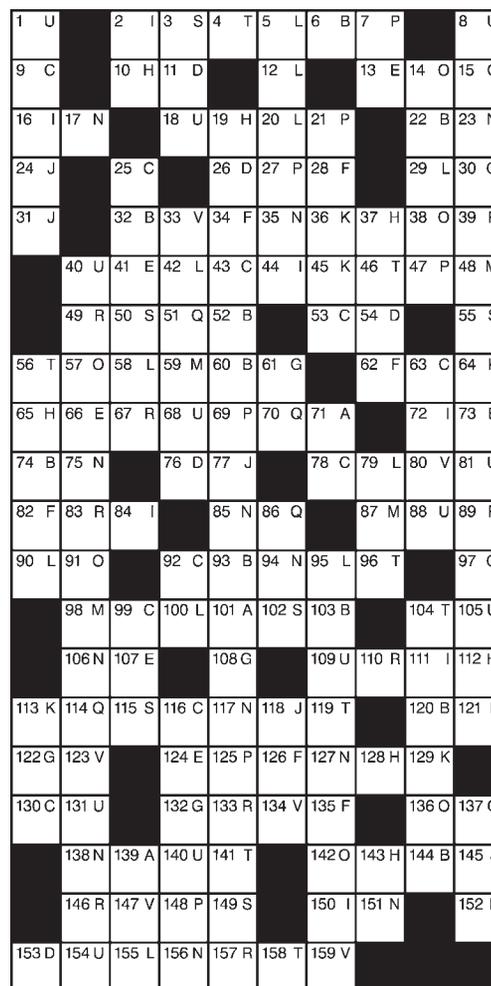
## Quote-Acrossic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

## Clues Words

- A. Run around 101 139 71
- B. Former Dodgers' stadium: 2 wds. 144 93 22 73 52 32 74 60 6 120 103
- C. Sound-imitating word formation 9 78 130 53 92 116 99 43 137 15 25 63
- D. Alternative to reason 153 26 54 76 11
- E. Overcharge 13 124 41 66 107
- F. Declining state: 2 wds. 34 152 62 135 82 28 126
- G. Commandeer 30 97 132 108 61 122
- H. Washington Monument, e.g. 19 10 143 128 37 112 65
- I. Jerusalem wall 2 16 150 72 44 111 84
- J. Occurrence 31 118 77 145 24
- K. Cackle 45 129 113 64 36

- L. Overly fancy 155 58 29 20 100 90 12 5 121 79 95 42
- M. Patch of grass 98 59 87 48
- N. 'Don't even —': 3 wds. 85 138 117 151 156 35 106 94 23 75 127 17
- O. 'Jane Eyre' author 142 14 57 38 136 91
- P. Domed circular hall 148 47 21 69 125 7 27
- Q. Muscat is its capital 86 114 51 70
- R. Bothersome 49 67 110 133 146 157 89 83 39
- S. Occur 50 3 115 55 102 149
- T. Completeness 141 4 104 46 56 119 96 158
- U. Russian conductor, cellist 88 105 40 8 131 68
- V. Shakespeare poem 134 147 159 33 123 80



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## The Late Show

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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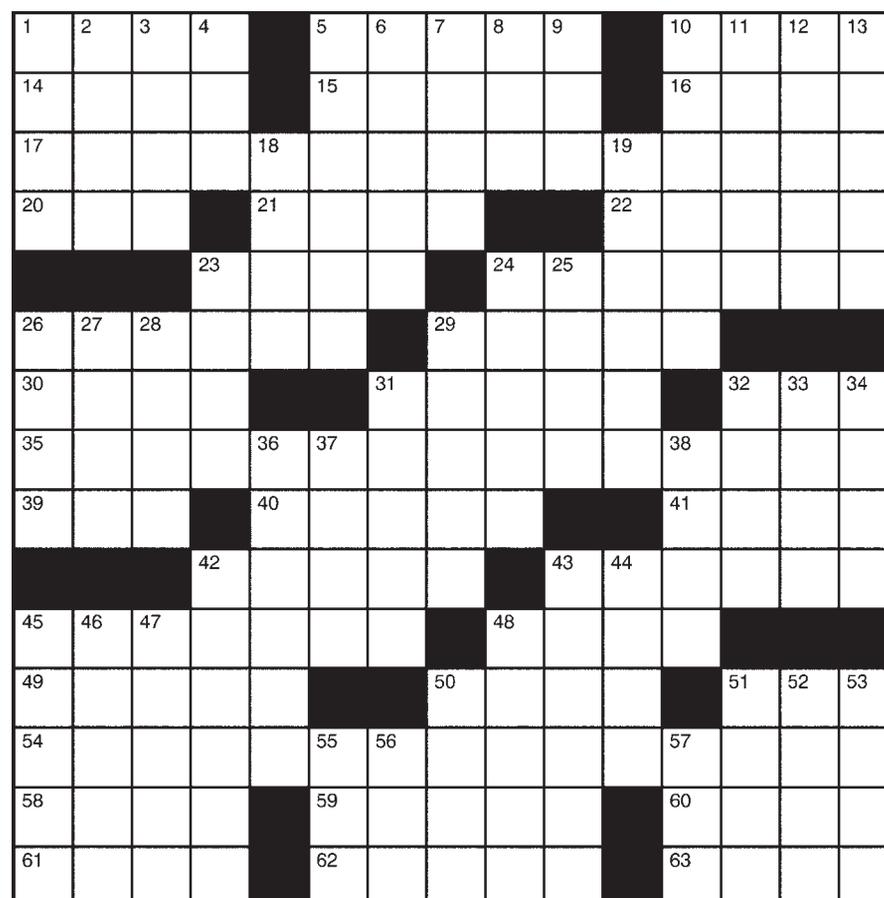
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14 Booty  
15 Speak one's mind  
16 Scarp  
17 A Reagan classic  
20 Classified items  
21 Sour  
22 UFO pilot, possibly  
23 \_\_\_ *Smile Be Your* ...  
24 Bookmaker's establishment  
26 Inuit  
29 French impressionist  
30 Superb  
31 Sisters of Charity founder  
32 Kennedy arrival  
35 1971 TV movie  
39 Implant  
40 Like honey  
41 Teutonic one  
42 Fury  
43 Pine kind  
45 Tropical growths

- 48 Combatants  
49 Love affair  
50 Scheme  
51 Besides  
54 Swanson's swan song  
58 Villa d'\_\_\_  
59 Main artery  
60 Mimicked  
61 Editor's Rex  
62 Perkins role  
63 Highland toppers

## Down

- 1 Napoleonic residence  
2 Campus figure  
3 Brick carriers  
4 Giant great  
5 Sauce staple  
6 Britten composition  
7 Altercation  
8 \_\_\_, *due, tre*  
9 Sun. talk  
10 Reviles  
11 *L.A. Law* character  
12 Onlooker  
13 Pain  
18 Article  
19 Split requisite

- 23 Mortgage  
24 Historic Ross  
25 \_\_\_ *Rhythm*  
26 Diner sign  
27 London area  
28 Was aware of  
29 Prevent  
31 Brogue and blucher  
32 Blackout  
33 Transmitted  
34 Deuce beater  
36 Snub  
37 Kind of dancer  
38 Sayer and Gorcey  
42 Mistreated  
43 Aussie marsupials  
44 Hawaii's state bird  
45 More vile  
46 Entertain  
47 Emcee Hall  
48 Galway's instrument  
50 Computer outlet  
51 Spanish appetizer  
52 City near Provo  
53 Gambler's concern  
55 Chit  
56 Anaconda  
57 Tub



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# Beta Blockers

BY JOHN LAMPKIN

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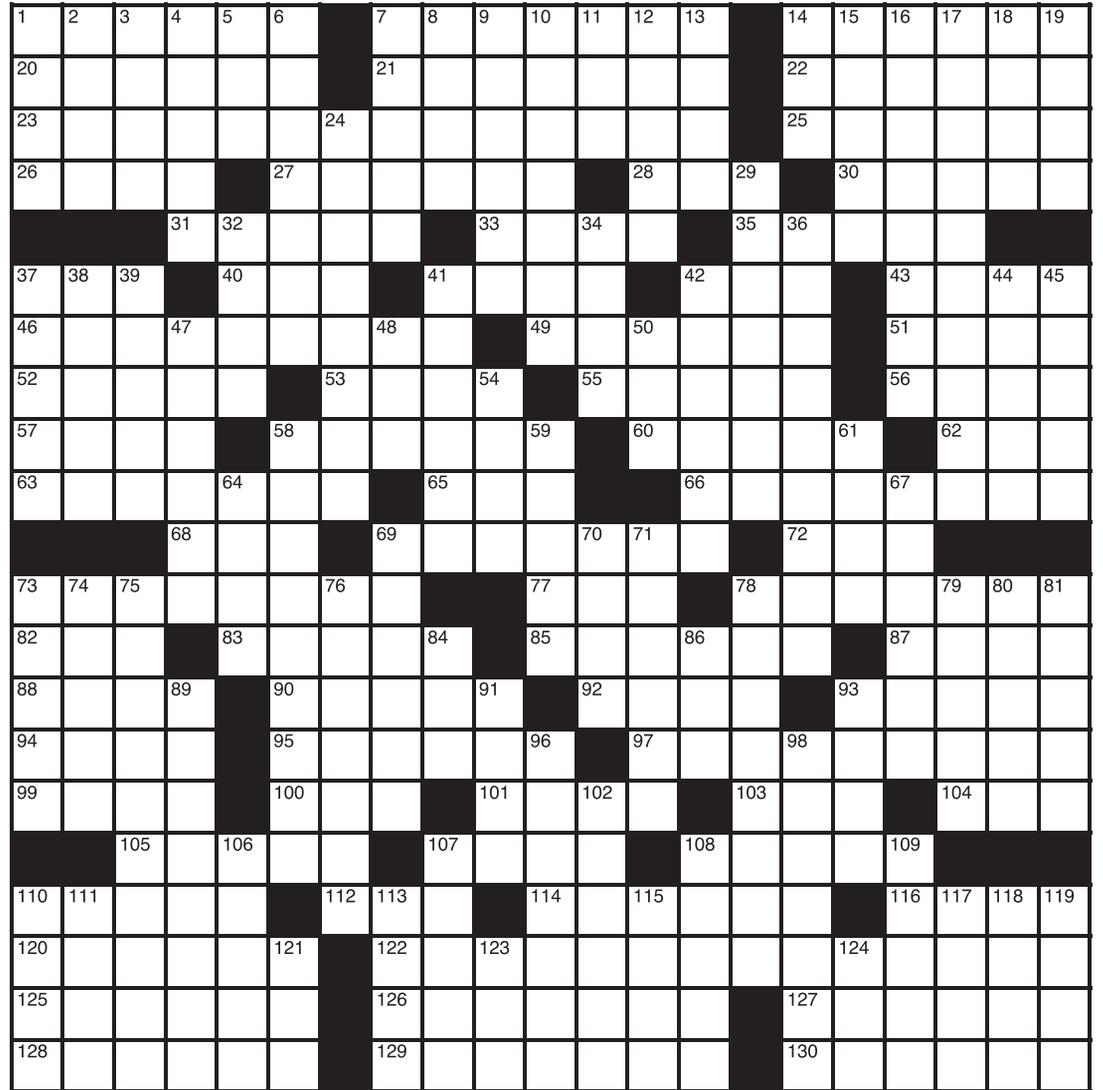
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- 7 Prolong painfully
- 14 Pablo's putting-off word
- 20 Heat-sensitive patch
- 21 1982 Toto hit
- 22 Twist counterclockwise, as a nut
- 23 Defeat decisively in an annual Nathan's contest?
- 25 Hardly modest
- 26 Hardly quick
- 27 Steamed dumplings, e.g.
- 28 Oft-mispunctuated word
- 30 Plane angle symbol
- 31 Alley Oop's love
- 33 Diplomacy
- 35 Tribute with bent elbows
- 37 Best-liked, in texts
- 40 Flabbergast
- 41 One in line for what's left
- 42 For instance
- 43 Whale-tale captain
- 46 Cutlery causing boo-boos?
- 49 Cell dead spot indicator
- 51 European capital
- 52 Many misses
- 53 Ripped
- 55 Super
- 56 \_ fu
- 57 Amer. fliers
- 58 Ripped off
- 60 Handle change
- 62 Actress Peeples
- 63 Bird on LSU's seal
- 65 Is for all
- 66 Apply, as butter
- 68 41-Across, often
- 69 Explore à la an aging Captain Kirk?
- 72 Director Lee
- 73 "Enough already!"
- 77 Vague opening?
- 78 98, but not 98.6
- 82 Bird hunted to extinction by the Maori
- 83 Easygoing sort
- 85 The boy well-known in meteorology?
- 87 California roll ingredient
- 88 Bat head?
- 90 Cardiff's country
- 92 Galileo's birthplace
- 93 Give \_

- 94 Last-\_: desperate
- 95 Greening up
- 97 Roleo official?
- 99 Actress Sommer
- 100 Revival prefix
- 101 Some reddish deer
- 103 Place to stay when you're out, ironically
- 104 Many retirees: Abbr.
- 105 Against a thing, at law
- 107 Utah national park
- 108 Bury
- 110 Eager kids' plea
- 112 Heady quaff
- 114 War zone excavation
- 116 GI no-show
- 120 Achieve success
- 122 Farm workers' coffee setup near a fence post?
- 125 "We can't hear you!"
- 126 Consequence of only getting close?
- 127 "Enough already!"
- 128 "The Communist Manifesto" co-author
- 129 Sign off on
- 130 Govt. securities

- 36 Painfully off-pitch Jewish diva?
- 37 Get all misty
- 38 "\_ woman wishes to be no one's enemy (and) ... refuses to be anyone's victim": Angelou
- 39 Like some memes
- 41 Kind of tea
- 42 "Because I \_!"
- 44 OB/GYN test
- 45 Set off
- 47 Into shenanigans
- 48 "The Gift of the Magi" gift
- 50 Support wear
- 54 Comic-Con attendee
- 58 Sampling from Quaid's vineyard?
- 59 Dig deeply
- 61 Sleeping bag site
- 64 Lab \_
- 67 Ax to grind
- 69 Verdi opera based on a Shakespeare tragedy
- 70 TripAdvisor rival
- 71 Einstein
- 73 Photoshop fodder
- 74 Outspoken
- 75 Carpet made from corn husks?
- 76 Beach in a classic bossa nova hit
- 78 If all else fails
- 79 Ends
- 80 Misjudgment
- 81 Smartphone options
- 84 Pollen-packing petal pusher
- 86 Surreal ending?
- 89 Dentist's directive
- 91 Mumbai wrap
- 93 Designer Klein
- 96 It's played secretly under the table
- 98 Secretly
- 102 More than irk
- 106 Celebrate wildly
- 107 Cause of temporary weight loss?
- 108 101 course
- 109 1:1, for one
- 110 NASCAR's Yarborough
- 111 Elvis' middle name
- 113 Moon goddess
- 115 Coup target
- 117 Power eponym
- 118 "The Grapes of Wrath" character
- 119 Rents
- 121 Defib settings
- 123 Big name in ATMs
- 124 Radiation source

**Down**

- 1 Conks out
- 2 Verbal
- 3 Con \_: musical tempo
- 4 Halved
- 5 Japanese 7-Down
- 6 Dies in this puzzle?
- 7 See 5-Down
- 8 Pitchers Darling and Guidry
- 9 Quick-witted
- 10 Pilot feeder
- 11 Palindromic celeb
- 12 Not suitable
- 13 First presidential swinger, golf-wise
- 14 Org. with minors
- 15 Critical ticker
- 16 Where even termites were welcome, presumably
- 17 One who sniffs out good investments?
- 18 Tree house
- 19 "Dragonwyck" novelist Seton
- 24 Criticize to death
- 29 Astronomer's aid
- 32 Kentucky \_, event before the Derby
- 34 Trim, as a pic



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**Jumble**

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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MIRHET

SCOYTK

You really got me thinking — we need to practice after five and in the mornings.

I'll move my schedule around.

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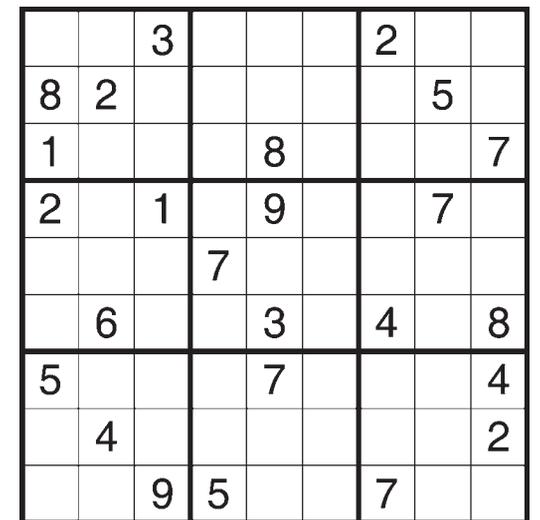
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**Sudoku**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**



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## SOCIAL GRACES

# What to say if you're gifted an ugly decoration

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

**Q: Guests brought a honkin' big decoration for your house. They love it; you hate it. How do you tell them this isn't going to work for your home?**

A: In this situation, your guests are at the top of the hierarchy when it comes to how you lend courtesy, which is an awareness of how your words, actions and behaviors affect those around you.

Thank your guests for their generosity, and for thinking of you

and your family. While your guests are still visiting your house, display the decoration proudly — hiding it would be discourteous, and your guests are the most important people in your life when they're visiting. Once the guests leave, remove the decoration if it truly is abhorrent.

Before you make a decision on putting the decoration away or keeping it out, factor in the gift's decorative quality and your relationship with the gift giver — the gift represents both. If you still decide to remove it from display,

go ahead. Bring it out at special times to most fully appreciate the decoration and its deeper meaning.

If the guests return and ask about it, say that the decoration has special meaning because of your friendship but that it's a bit inconsistent with your decorative theme.

— Robert A. Shutt, *etiquette educator*

A: For the givers: Never ask if the recipient is using and enjoying the gift. Let it be.

For the recipients: Graciously accept the gift and move on. You do not have to place the gift in your home or hang it the moment your guest arrives at your house again.

Remember the thought behind the gift. The giver took the time to pick out something she thought you would enjoy.

Most may find this surprising, but it is a nice gesture to write a thank-you note for receiving a gift. This is where you can focus your thoughts and gratitude: on the guest's action and intentions.



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Yes, that's right, write a thank-you note for the hostess gift!

— Lisa Richey, *manners and etiquette expert*

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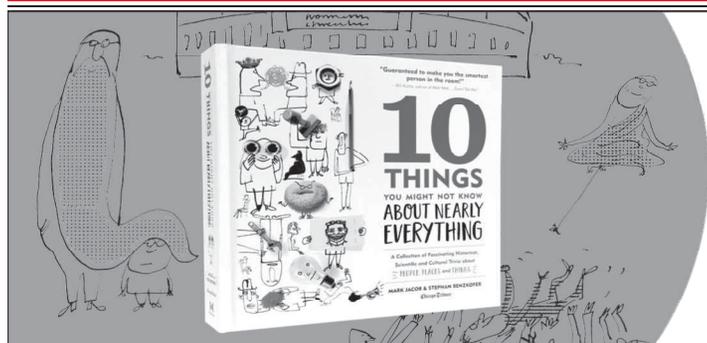
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A full-height backsplash can be a stylish focal point or a dramatic accent in a kitchen. The backsplash can add to the illusion of additional surface area.

# Best design bets of new year

**BY MEGAN McDONOUGH**  
The Washington Post

As we enter 2019, home design experts already have some predictions for the new year.

The home remodeling and design platform Houzz recently released its annual forecast, derived from conversations with industry

experts as well as trends spotted among its 40 million monthly users. It offers a snapshot of what we might see in stores, living rooms and Instagram feeds this year.

We chatted with Houzz editor and writer Mitchell Parker and asked him to dig into this year's projections. So before you pick up that

paintbrush, take a look at the colors and styles the pros say will be big in 2019.

**The backsplash as a focal point.** In 2019, home design professionals expect to see more full-height backsplashes that seamlessly stretch from the counter to the ceiling — behind floating shelves and

range hoods — for a clean and cohesive look. This dramatic statement can create the illusion of additional surface area.

**Dark and moody colors throughout the home.** Although Living Coral may be Pantone's pick for color of the year, Houzz predicts homeowners will lean

toward darker and moodier colors, such as navy and forest green, in the new year. Color experts say it is a reaction to white and bright hues that dominated the design world for the past several years. Parker also suspects that visual social networks such as Houzz and Instagram may have helped people gradu-

ally become more comfortable with the idea of experimenting with richer and darker colors. "If you tell somebody, 'Paint your walls dark blue or black,' people might imagine the Addams family house," Parker said. But when they see a photo of the design and how these colors create a warm and serene setting,



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Dark and moody paint colors are gaining traction throughout the home.

they are much more likely to have the confidence to try it.

**Destination tubs.** Bubble bath fans, rejoice. As bathrooms shift from private, utilitarian spaces to open, spalike environments, homeowners are focused on the accoutrements, including free-standing tubs. According to Houzz's 2018 Bathroom Trends Study, 80 percent of home remodelers were planning to upgrade their bathtubs. A soaking tub was the most popular option and received 69 percent of the vote (a 7 percent boost from the 2017 findings). To achieve the look, bath aficionados

are "stealing space from hall and bedroom closets" to expand the size of the room, Parker says, and creating built-in nooks to keep the tub out of the footpath of the shower, sink and toilet.

**"Tuxedo" kitchens.** Although white kitchens have long reigned supreme, professionals are seeing a return to black in kitchen cabinets, range hoods and island accents. The color can be edgy, chic and surprisingly practical for parents. "If you've got a house with dogs and kids, scuff marks on white kitchen cabinets are going to be a big problem. Black paint hides a lot more," Parker

says. Expect to see a lot more "tuxedo" kitchens contrasting black with white walls, backsplashes and marble countertops.

**Glass-and-steel room dividers.** Thanks to the popularity of open floor plans, statement-making partitions will continue to flourish in the new year. Thin metal-and-glass doors and walls offer the illusion of open space while still providing privacy, light and noise mitigation. The dividers can also be used to add visual interest and provide definition to a room, without making it feel cramped or closed off.

**Free-standing dining**

**benches.** Custom, built-in benching, while popular and convenient, can be expensive. Homeowners are instead opting for padded furniture benches as an affordable alternative. The multifunctional pieces are great for small breakfast nooks, providing flexible seating and in some cases hidden storage.

**Board-and-batten accents.** The modern farmhouse style will continue to flourish in 2019 and spread to the exterior of the home, Houzz experts say. The white siding delivers a "homey look" and can provide texture and interest to an otherwise flat facade.



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Glass-and-steel room dividers are becoming more popular, thanks to open floor plans.



CHRIS SNOOK/HOUZZ

As self-care routines become even more popular in 2019, the bathtub will follow the trend.

**Kitchens that open to the outdoors.** Fans of entertaining and cooking may want to consider expanding their kitchen area to the outdoors. Homeowners in warmer climates are transforming patios into extra seating areas, with durable rugs, cushions and fabrics. Expect to see more kitchens completely open to decks and patios via collapsible doors and window walls.

**Wood vanities.** Houzz experts saw a resurgence of unpainted wooden vanities in 2018, and they predict it will be amplified in 2019, with a turn toward reclaimed and light wood.

Visible grain and knots can add texture and visual interest to a space and work well in crisp, clean white bathrooms.

**A four-wall accent color.** Forget the accent wall; 2019 is all about the accent room. Homeowners are opting to paint all the walls — even the trim and molding — in one room a dramatic color. "Typically, I see this trend happening in smaller, somewhat private rooms, such as bedrooms, home offices, studies and media rooms — places where you want a comforting and relaxing vibe," Parker says. Popular color choices include navy and forest green.






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## garden

# How to handle plant that you got as a holiday gift

BY BETH BOTTS  
Chicago Tribune

Your aunt or neighbor gave you a lovely plant as a holiday gift. Now what?

Some common gift plants are small specimens of shrubs or even trees, and homeowners often wonder if they can be planted outdoors in the garden. "I don't recommend it," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "They're very unlikely to survive."

The warm environment inside a house is more like the tropics than Chicago, which is why most plants sold as gifts are tropical or subtropical species that can't survive cold temperatures. Even familiar species, such as azaleas or hydrangeas, are usually not winter-hardy varieties.

"The species and varieties sold as florist plants are chosen for how they will perform as short-term, indoor plants, not as outdoor plants," Yiesla said.

Is it worth keeping them as houseplants? It depends.

Some popular plants for gifts, such as a Christmas cactus, make fine houseplants. However, flowering shrubs may have been manipulated to make them bloom during the holidays, rather than at their usual flowering time. "It will be difficult or impossible for you to duplicate that treatment and make them bloom again," Yiesla said.

Here is advice from Yiesla for what to do with common woody gift plants:

**Norfolk Island pine:** This tropical tree (*Araucaria heterophylla*), from an island in the South Pacific, is not actually a pine and will not survive outdoors. "You can keep it for a while as a houseplant," Yiesla said. "However, it wants to become a very tall tree, and



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Florists' azaleas are lovely, but like other shrubs sold as gift plants, they are unlikely to survive if planted outdoors.

there's no way to control its growth." When the plant gets too large, discard it.

**Poinsettia:** The "flowers" of this subtropical shrub (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*), which is native to Mexico, are actually leaves that change color in response to changes in day length. Growers manipulate poinsettias in darkened greenhouses to make them turn color for Christmas. "You can keep a poinsettia as a houseplant, but getting it to 'rebloom' is complicated and a lot of work," Yiesla said. "It's not worth it for me." She composts her poinsettias after the holidays.

**Gardenia:** "This is a garden shrub in the South, but it won't survive here with our cold winters," Yiesla said. You can keep gardenia (*Gardenia jasminoides*) as a green houseplant, but it is unlikely to bloom again.

**Hydrangea:** Although some species of hydrangea are hardy summer-flowering shrubs in Chicago, the ones sold as gift plants are not. They are usually tender varieties of bigleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*). "If you plant them outdoors, their roots might survive here, but the

cold would kill the stems and flower buds each winter," she said. "Most likely the plant would never bloom."

**Azalea:** Azaleas are a type of rhododendron shrub (*Rhododendron*). Only a few rhododendron varieties, and scarcely any azaleas, are winter-hardy in the Chicago area. "Even if they could survive a Chicago winter, they can't tolerate our alkaline soil," Yiesla said.

If you decide to keep a gift plant as a houseplant, remove the wrapping from the pot and make sure water can drain freely. The pot should never stand in water, which would keep the soil too wet and might lead to root rot or fungus gnats.

Water the houseplants attentively to keep the soil moist but not wet. "Check the soil often, and water whenever the top inch or so of the soil is dry," Yiesla said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)).

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# 5 quick ways to reduce your heating bills

BY DEBBIE CARLSON  
Chicago Tribune

Heating bills are looming large. Check out these five tips to quickly cut your energy costs without sacrificing comfort.

## 1. Stop leaks

Drafty rooms suck (the heat out of your home). Single-pane, older windows without reliable storm windows can lose heat quickly, so use plastic sheeting — like the 3M Window Kit — to seal them. If drafts are coming in around the frame, fill those with caulking.

Sealing leaks around windows and doors will instantly raise the comfort level in the room and save money, said Keri Murschell, director of product and business innovation for NRG Energy. Your front door can be a big culprit, so add weather stripping. Heat gets pulled from attics and escapes out the front, something she discovered at her home after an energy audit.

Matt Sundeen, store manager at Lowe's Wicker Park location in Chicago, said light switches can be an unseen source of cold air. Products like White Foam Outlet Switch Weatherstrips fit behind the wall plate to prevent drafts.

While you're at it, give your water heater a hug by wrapping it in an insulation blanket. "Cold basements make water heaters work harder, increasing everyday energy use," Sundeen said. "It's cheap and a quick, easy way to cut back on your heating bill," he said.

## 2. Get smart

Smart thermostats, like the Nest Learning Thermostat and Ecobee, can reduce heating bills by learning your schedule and programming temperatures around your activity.



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Wearing layers is an easy way to save on heating costs.

Murschell said she likes being able to access her thermostat on her phone when she's away, so if she forgets to turn it down before leaving for vacation — or wants to raise the heat before she returns — she can do so remotely.

"It also gives you reports on how you're doing, what your energy history is like and other insights into energy that people haven't traditionally had to think about," she said.

Although smart thermostats are still pricey, many utilities are offering rebates to homeowners who want one, and some even install the devices if purchased through the utility.

If you want to measure



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Two popular smart thermostats are the Ecobee 4 and the Nest Learning Thermostat.

your total energy consumption, a professionally installed home energy monitoring system, like Sense, will monitor all your electricity use and give you choices of how and when to use energy smartly.

## 3. Turn down the temps

The U.S. Energy Department says setting your thermostat to 68 degrees when you're at home and

active and then lowering it when you sleep saves money. Lowering the thermostat 7-10 degrees for eight hours daily from its normal setting can save as much as 10 percent a year, on average, depending on where you live.

## 4. Heat just a small space

Work from home, but don't want to heat the whole house all day? Consider a single-room space heater. New space heaters can be much more stylish — and many are programmable, which means they use less energy. Sundeen says an attractive option is the Lasko 1,500-Watt Ce-



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ramic Tower Electric Space Heater, which has a seven-hour auto-off timer. Freaking out because you left the house with the space heater running? Relax. Use a smart plug like iHome to turn it off with your phone and you won't have to worry about burning down the house.

## 5. Layer up

Now that you've saved money on heating bills, splurge on a beautiful cardigan or gorgeous throw. Sure it's an old-fashioned way to stay warm, but you get a twofer, being both stylish and practical. Check out the fashionable sweaters from X[DI] and X. Or find a snuggle buddy, and invest in an heirloom-quality throw from Imperial Yarn, whose all-American blankets are woven using fiber from America-raised sheep and alpaca.

Debbie Carlson is a freelance writer.

# How to create a retro-inspired dining room

BY MEGAN McDONOUGH

The Washington Post

Winter is here, and for many of us, that means a lot of quality time spent around the dining room table. It's the perfect place to share good meals and conversation with friends and family.

Interior designer and stylist Ginny Macdonald's cozy, retro-inspired dining room caught our eye on Instagram. The standout space looks warm and inviting — a perfect place to swap stories and laughs with guests around the holidays.

"My main inspiration for this room, and the house in general, was heavily taken from having grown up in the U.K.," said Macdonald, of Ginny Macdonald Design.

The designer, who lives in Los Angeles, incorporated a mix of vintage furnishings and contemporary accents to create a curated look.

While the dining table and Eames chairs are new and speak to a midcentury era, most of the other pieces of furniture are flea market finds, she said.

Want to get the look? Try these tips.

■ For dining room chairs, don't be afraid to mix and match styles. "Start off by selecting the main pieces, whether it be the dining table or the chairs," Macdonald advised. "If you choose a modern dining table, then look for vintage chairs, and vice versa." To "add a layer of eclecticism," she mixed two modern Eames armchairs with her beloved vintage bentwood dining chairs.

■ An 8-by-10-foot striped mattress ticking woven cotton rug from Dash and Albert complements Macdonald's dark and moody walls, painted Farrow & Ball's Stiffkey Blue.

■ Macdonald was planning to swap out the art deco-inspired light fixture that came with the house, but she decided to keep it after receiving compliments. She also used a round brass tray to add color and shine against the stark white table. "It not only breaks up all the negative space but allows you to corral water glasses and snacks."



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A retro-inspired dining room by interior designer and stylist Ginny Macdonald.



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# Maximizing the wardrobe in your closet

BY ARAMIDE ESUBI

Tribune Content Agency

Have you ever rushed to get ready in the morning, only to feel the defeat of finding absolutely nothing pretty enough to wear for the day? No high heels seem to match an outfit perfectly, and the button on a favorite pair of jeans just so happens to not close all the way like it used to.

While our clothes are supposed to make us feel great, we manage to clutter our closets with materials that become more of a pain than a way to conquer the day. But when we invest time to organize our closets and shop in a way that represents who we are, we emphasize a life of self-love and self-care. The moment we start reorganizing what we have in a way that benefits our style needs, we set ourselves up to spend less money shopping and actually put on the clothes we've purchased so we get our money's worth.

If you're ready to spend less and maximize what you have, here's how to make the most of what's already in your closet.

## Actually wear the clothes you're buying.

Your money is so valuable! If you've bought something to hang in your closet, wear it. If you've worn a certain outfit multiple times before and feel like it's boring, spice things up and find new, creative ways to style it. Try putting an old leather belt around your waist or accompanying it with that cute bomber jacket hiding in the back of your closet.

Clothes are more diverse than we think, and when we make an effort to restyle every so often, it will look like we bought a completely new outfit. Maybe if you've typically dressed down a blouse, dress it up with a statement necklace and simple blazer to make it fit the occasion you need it for. When it comes to fashion, creativity speaks volumes. Be a trendsetter, and try to curate a new look that no one else has ever seen before.

Pinterest can also help with styling tips and beauty looks. Recreate the look, and rock what you have! Your bank account and your wallet will thank you.



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If you're frustrated with the inside of your closet, a few simple tips might help with attitude and organization.

## Declutter your closet to reduce waste.

Cleaning out your closet should be a year-round thing. Go through your closet according to what may still fit and what may not fit anymore. Compile the clothes into a simple garbage bag or two, and make a trip to your local Salvation Army or thrift store to donate.

Donating accessories, clothes or shoes allows for the items to be recycled and repurposed for others who may need them more than we do. Decluttering is such a healthy habit for your mental health, as well, because studies have shown that people who declutter their rooms or any home spaces typically experience less

stress and anxiety, more inner peace and self-confidence.

As decluttering produces so many positive health benefits, our old things can also help others in need. What better way to declutter than to do it through an avenue that helps the community around you?

## Shop for today, not tomorrow.

Sometimes shopping can lead us to many (if not hundreds of) purchases that go something like this: "Oh, wow, a denim romper! This looks just like the one I saw that blogger wear on Instagram. This isn't my size, but maybe if I lose two dress sizes, it'll fit me! I'll take it."

Red flag! Instead of spending your money on outfits that don't actually fit, utilize those dollars to invest in pieces that do; that way, in a few months, when you see the outfit in your closet, it reminds you how beautiful you are in the size you are today.

Your closet should always be a happy space that reflects a positive affirmation; not a negative reminder of all the things you're

not. By shopping for the fit or size you are today, you are empowering yourself to embrace what mama gave you and wear clothes that will make you feel enough; because, guess what, you are. If, later on, you find that you've lost weight, then treat yourself by simply buying new clothes when the time comes. This helps to avoid unnecessary clutter in the closet.



## Where's Ellen?

Answer Angel columnist Ellen Warren is taking the day off.

## COMMENTARY

# Fashion world vexed by racist imagery

BY ROBIN GIVHAN

The Washington Post

Fashion, fashion, fashion. What now? An avoidable pratfall into America's racist history.

A display of expensive tchotchkes in the windows of Prada's Soho boutique in downtown New York included one style that recalled a Golliwog, the 19th-century blackface character with big round eyes and large red lips. The thing also resembled the title character from "Little Black Sambo," a children's book of the same era. Either way, the connotations were unequivocally racist.

After complaints from the public, the Prada Group issued an apology, dismantled the display and announced that it would pull the offending \$550 charm from circulation. "They are imaginary creatures not intended to have any reference to the real world and certainly not blackface. Prada Group never had the intention of offending anyone and we abhor all forms of racism and racist imagery," the company said in a statement.

When it comes to the subjects of race, ethnicity and diversity, the fashion industry's ability to confound and enrage seems to have no bounds. It has demonstrated a limited capacity to learn from its mistakes even as companies become more global.

In November, Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana were scheduled to host a fashion extravaganza in China, but the event was canceled after the designers mounted an online promotional campaign that played into clichés and stereotypes about Chinese food and docile Asian women — they featured a model struggling to eat spaghetti with chopsticks, for example. The designers apologized, but as serial offenders on subjects ranging from gay parenting to sexual harassment, their apology fell on deaf ears.

"The spread of fashion across the world has perhaps become too easy and careless," wrote veteran fashion columnist Suzy Menkes in her *Conde Nast International* column assessing the



PRADA

Critics said some of Prada's Pradamalia fantasy charms evoked the racist imagery of blackface characters from the 19th century.

controversy.

The list of companies that have insulted whole religions, ethnic groups and races is long. Chanel scrawled a verse from the Quran across the bodice of a dress. Dutch label Viktor & Rolf covered white models in black body and face paint, creating a look that called to mind a high-fashion minstrel show. Even American designer Marc Jacobs caused a stir when he incorporated fake dreadlocks on white models in a New York runway show.

Fashion companies aren't just selling gadgets. They are selling personal identity, intimate fantasies and even self-esteem. And as fashion companies have become ever more international, with their products reaching wildly diverse audiences, these brands still struggle to inform themselves in a deep and considered way about the customs and sensibilities of the countries in which they are doing business.

Prada has been making key-chain figurines for years. In October, the company introduced the

collection called Pradamalia — fantasy charms that are vaguely akin to cartoon robots. Taken as a group, the characters are a kooky, silly mix.

The Soho store windows, however, were dominated by one particular charm — the one that looked like a red-mouthed monkey. That image has a particular, painful resonance in this country. And it stopped Chinyere Ezie in her tracks. Ezie, a staff attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights, was returning from a trip to Washington; she'd visited the National Museum of African American History and Culture and been deeply moved by the experience. "It's a heavy space. Our history in this country is heavy," says Ezie, who is black.

Ezie had gotten off the subway at Prince Street, suitcase in hand, and then passed the Prada store windows. What she saw reminded her of the racist propaganda she'd just viewed in the museum. "I felt enraged. I felt flabbergasted. I felt confused," she says.

Ezie juxtaposed her pictures from the Prada store with historical images of Sambo and shared them on Twitter and her Facebook page. "I didn't want to have to grieve in silence," she says. "I didn't want to have to swallow this bitter pill of racism alone."

Her post made its way through the social media biosphere, stirring outrage along the way, until it reached the doorstep of Prada Group in Milan.

Fashion companies are fluent in the language of marketing. Designers are savants of the visual arts. But both often lack the ability to see beyond the surface — beyond the sales pitch and the color palette — to get at the complex humanity of people. A designer can be deeply moved by one individual's story yet able to overlook or ignore the story of an entire population. And designers, for as much as they travel around the globe, are often still deeply rooted in their own culture. They continue to see everything from their own singular point of view. To some degree, that is their job.

They digest a bounty of inspiration. And they create something personal and proprietary.

That's an explanation, however, not an excuse. "I don't cut them slack" because they're an Italian company, Ezie says. "There are black people everywhere. They're a multinational brand. That tells me they don't have black people in their boardroom." Globalism demands allowing more voices — more diverse voices — into the creative process and into the decision-making equation.

Ezie, the spark that started the fire over Prada, has yet to hear from anyone at headquarters. But she is clear about how the company could begin to make amends. "Take a step back," she advises, "and reckon with what their company looks like and if diversity is embraced."

"And since this is not blackface on some college campus, but blackface at \$550 (a charm) — divest the profits," she says. "Donate the proceeds to an organization committed to racial justice."

# Bed covers, thrifted jeans make for royal costumes

BY MOIRA MACDONALD  
The Seattle Times

If you needed to create 150 costumes reflective of the early 18th-century British court, where would you begin? The British costume designer Sandy Powell, a three-time Oscar winner (“Shakespeare in Love,” “The Aviator,” “The Young Victoria”), found inspiration in a couple of unlikely sources: thrift stores and eBay.

Yorgos Lanthimos’ “The Favourite” — a quirky, perverse and thoroughly enjoyable historical comedy/drama — takes place during the 1702-14 reign of Queen Anne. Played by Olivia Colman, the monarch is in frail health and spends much time in her bedroom, dressed in a nightgown and robe. To make that robe, said Powell in a telephone interview, “I bought a couple of bed covers — they’re called candlewick — from eBay.” The robe is reversible; sometimes she wears the dark side out, sometimes the white.

And Abigail, a character played by Emma Stone, begins her court career at the humblest level: as a servant in the kitchen. She’s wearing a dark-blue dress, like all the other kitchen staff, made of denim. “I wanted it to look like they were wearing workwear,” said Powell. “I used jeans that we bought from thrift stores and cut those up and turned them into the bodices and the men’s waistcoats of the kitchen staff, and the skirts.”

Powell was drawn to the project because of its unusual time period (it’s rare to find a film set in the early 1700s), and the opportunity to dress a trio of female leading roles (Colman, Stone and Rachel Weisz). Knowing that director Lanthimos wasn’t going for strict historical



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Emma Stone and Olivia Colman in “The Favourite.”

accuracy, she enjoyed finding unusual sources for fabrics. The garments created for the film focused on the correct early-18th century silhouette — “it was such a good, interesting sculptural period for fashion.”

A well-off woman in Queen Anne’s court, Powell explained, would wear a chemise next to her skin, and over that a “bum roll” that ties around the hips and “gives the skirt that puffy bit.” Then comes a petticoat, then a skirt, and a corset, and a gown that goes on like a jacket, and drapes over the skirt.

All of these layers could be hellishly uncomfortable if rendered in the sort of heavy brocade that comes to mind when you think about the period, but Powell created nearly all of the dresses from light cotton fabrics. “You have to think about comfort, there’s a lot of action in these dresses,” she said.

At the same time that Powell and her crew were creating costumes for “The Favourite,” the designer had another very different project going on, she was finishing work on “Mary Poppins Returns.”

Few of us know precisely how Queen Anne might have dressed; generations of us, however, know and love Julie Andrews’ depiction of “Mary

Poppins,” and the sensible dark raincoat and pert cherry-trimmed hat in which she descends from the sky. Powell’s challenge for the new film, in which the magical nanny is played by Emily Blunt, was to create a look that was fresh but still recognizably Mary Poppins.

“I was lucky, because 1934, silhouette-wise, is not a million miles away from the Edwardian look of the original,” Powell said. For Blunt’s initial outfit as Mary Poppins, Powell created another belted coat, of a similar length to the original, but its blue is more vivid and it features a cape detail over the shoulders, “to give a bit of movement when she is flying.” The hat is red, but has a similar silhouette to the one Andrews wore.

It’s the lot of a costume designer to create an array of intricately detailed, meticulously thought-out garments and then never see them again; Powell, recognizing this, says she doesn’t get sentimental about the costumes she creates, and doesn’t have favorites. One slight exception: She did re-create for herself, in a different color, a gown made for Cate Blanchett’s Katharine Hepburn in “The Aviator,” and wore it to that year’s Academy Awards ceremony.

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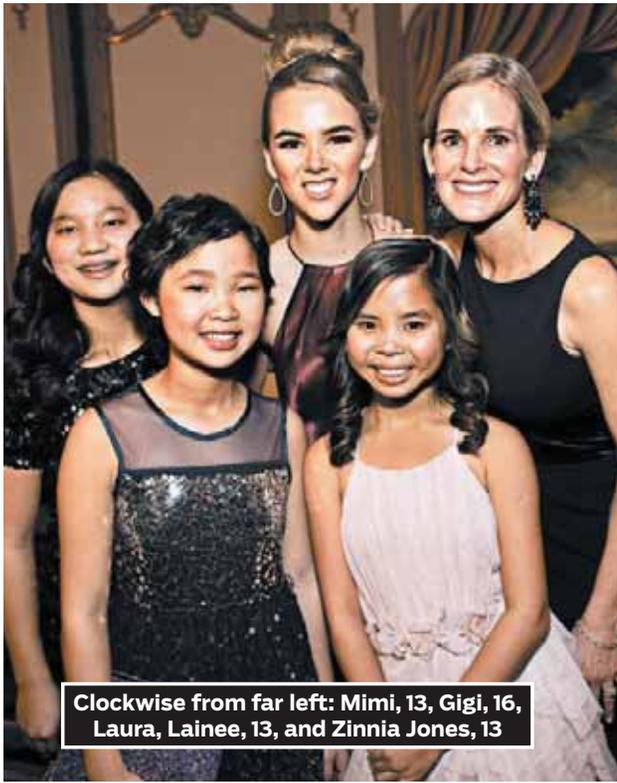
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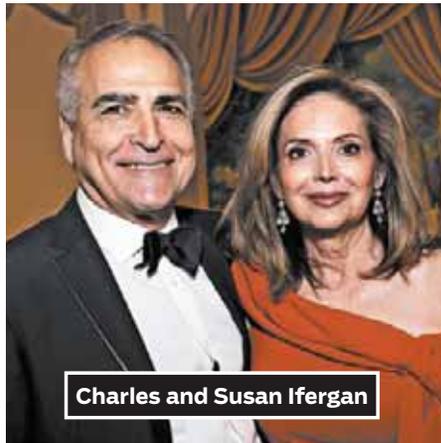
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## Candid Candace

BY CANDACE JORDAN  
Chicago Tribune



# \$3.8 million to benefit cancer research for kids

The Children's Research Fund hosted its 60th annual signature fundraising benefit, the Children's Ball, at the Hilton Chicago with more than 1,100 guests in attendance. Presented by Boeing Co., the Dec. 1 black-tie gala raised a record-breaking \$3.8 million to benefit pediatric medical research at the Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

Themed "I'm In," the event began with a reception where attendees were serenaded by former Lurie Children's patient Matthew Jazwinski and his jazz quartet, Mateyko. The Becca Kaufman Orchestra played as guests entered the International Ballroom, where a short program included remarks from co-chairs Trish Rooney, Christopher Keogh, and Holly and Matthew Maloney; Lurie Children's President and CEO Patrick Magoon; Dr. Thomas Shanley, Department of Pediatrics chairman, president and chief research officer of the Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute; and Donna Drescher, Children's Research Fund chair.

Highlights from the evening included a touching dance performance by Ava Blaser and her sister Emma Blaser. Ava was diagnosed with Wilms tumor, a form of childhood cancer, at 3 years old. Throughout her treatments, dance has been Ava's escape. She even appeared on "The Ellen Degeneres Show" and has won competitions while undergoing chemo treatments.

Dr. Shanley presented a video spotlighting the institute's research. It featured sisters Zinnia Jones, 13, and Laine Jones, 12, who were treated at Lurie Children's for beta thalassemia, a rare genetic blood disorder. In the video, the children's doctor, Alexis Thompson, called their treatments "a breakthrough trial that resulted in life-sustaining therapy for many children."

Over the last several years, the Children's Research Fund has helped support scientists of the Manne Research Institute by more than doubling the number of clinical trials open to children.

*Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many organizations, including some whose events she covers.*

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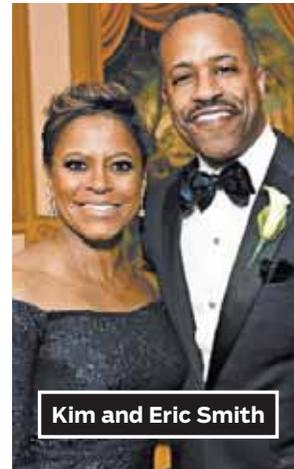
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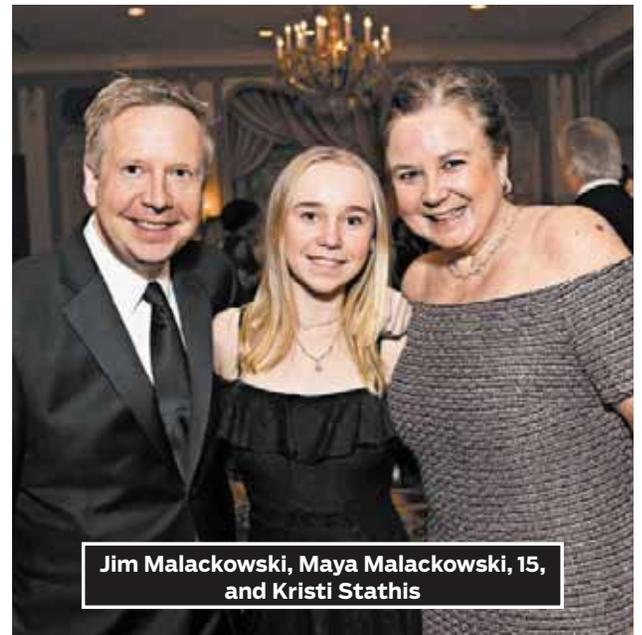
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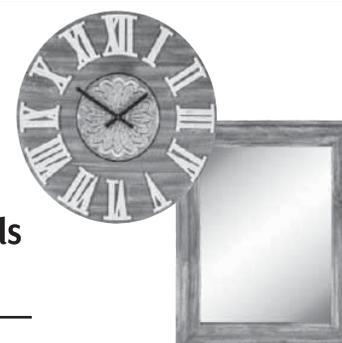
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# REAL ESTATE



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BY JOANNE CLEAVER  
Chicago Tribune

What's your house worth? To whom? When, and how?

The moving parts that go into the estimated value of a house are legendary. Factors from the obvious (location, size and condition) to those only in the eye of the beholder — that the stained glass is just like grandma's — play into the ultimate validation of value: the sale price.

As the 2019 home-selling season opens, sellers and buyers have more valuation tools than ever at the ready. But confusion is growing along with the number and type of tools. While automated valuation models (AVMs) are used often, real estate professionals agree that only an experienced, well-informed appraiser or agent can craft a compelling case to support a sale price that will be accepted by a lender.

AVMs are computer algo-

# Algorithm vs. appraiser

Estimating a home's value can be complicated. Here's what sellers should know.

rithms — i.e., formulas — that estimate the value of a house based on millions of pieces of data. AVMs draw information about recently sold houses similar to the house in question; price trends in that neighborhood; and other factors available from public sources, such as building permits. When a listing website

offers to give you an instant estimate of your home's value, it is offering data generated by an AVM.

AVMs sound coldly indifferent, but they do deliver different results depending on how they are designed, say executives at the companies that design and sell them.

Different AVMs are designed to deliver different types of valuations. And therein lies confusion.

Consumers don't realize that there's an AVM for nearly any purpose, which explains why different algorithms serve up different results, said Ann Regan, an executive product manager with real estate analytic firm

CoreLogic. "The scores presented to consumers are not the same version that is being used by lenders to make decisions," she said. "The consumer-facing AVMs are designed for consumer marketing purposes."

For instance, more accurate models used by lenders do not include outliers — properties that sold for extremely high or low prices and that consequently would skew the averages and the comparable sales for a particular house, like yours. But models used by consumer websites, such as brokers' sites and national listing sites, scoop in as much "sold" data as possible when concocting a valuation, because then they can claim to include all available data. That's true, said Regan, but it's more accurate to weed out misleading data.

AVMs used by lenders send along "confidence scores" that indicate how firm the estimate is. That is a factor typically not included alongside consumer AVMs, she added.

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## Federal shutdown creating home mortgage victims



KENNETH R. HARNEY  
*The Nation's Housing*

When the government shuts its doors because of a funding brouhaha that pits the White House against Capitol Hill, who gets hit hardest among people needing a home mortgage? The latest version of federal breakdown made one fact painfully clear: It all depends on the type of loan you

seek and where you're located.

Worst hit, of course, have been the thousands of federal employees who've been furloughed, gone unpaid and had no assurances about when the financial uncertainty might end.

But what about others? Here's a quick overview:

If you'd been hoping to buy or refinance a house during the past couple of weeks with a conventional loan — a mortgage eligible for purchase by dominant investors Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — your application or closing probably sailed through with few if any hitches, according to Pete Mills, a senior vice president for

the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Though Fannie and Freddie operate under federal government conservatorship and use federal guarantees, they are not government agencies, and they've conducted business as usual. To the extent that they've been touched by the shutdown — such as through the nonavailability of tax return transcripts the IRS routinely provides lenders to verify applicants' incomes — both companies have adopted workarounds to keep the loans flowing.

The situation has been starkly different for prospective buyers

who live in the small towns and exurbs surrounding virtually all major cities. Many of them are in the process of financing homes with mortgages backed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which offers exceptionally attractive terms — zero-down payments and favorable interest rates. But for these borrowers, the shutdown has been a nightmare. The USDA loan program, which has provided well over 100,000 home mortgages per year recently, has been in total lockdown. Scheduled loan closings have been put on hold, and no new applications are being processed.

"It breaks my heart" to see what this has been doing to small-town buyers, says one lender who specializes in USDA loans. Not only have closings been postponed indefinitely, but some buyers are facing potentially deal-killing deadlines in their purchase contracts, according to Helga James, president and owner of Barr Group Mortgage, based in Gulf Shores, Ala. "I'm afraid that the sellers will not extend contracts, and buyers could be out money (they've spent) on inspections and appraisals and have to start the

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**Art deco-inspired Chicago home: \$5.9M**

**ADDRESS:** 520 N. Armour St. in Chicago  
**ASKING PRICE:** \$5,900,000  
 Listed on Dec. 2, 2018

This Streeterville home has a sunken-in living room with soaring 30-foot ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, radiant heated limestone floors, a fireplace and a Macassar ebony wood bar with seating. A lofted, open seating area above the living room is part of the master bedroom. The kitchen features a red island with seating, Miele appliances and a custom breakfast nook. The master en suite has a private terrace overlooking the pool and grand double doors to the lofted area. The master bath features a freestanding tub and steam shower.

Agent: Chaz Walters and Linda Monty of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Lincoln Park Clybourn office, 773-405-8707 and 312-320-9477, respectively



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 Sale Price: \$2,149,000  
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1050 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE



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2238 N MAGNOLIA AVE



Fabulous & nearly new home by Platinum Homes, styled and designed with upgrades galore. Located on one of the finest one way streets in Lincoln Park, this home offers a great floorplan and designer selections throughout. Amazing chefs kitchen & butler pantry with beautiful white millwork. Backyard space w/ fireplace and built in kitchen, garage roofdeck & fireplace, plus a huge rooftop terrace w/ 3rd outdoor fireplace + wiring for TV. 4 ensuite beds on upper levels + a fab penthouse den w/ wet bar. Luxe master suite w/ spa bath. Rec/media room on lower level w/ wet bar & custom wine storage, office with built-ins, & a guest bed/bath. Steps from Oscar Mayer School and DePaul!

5 Beds | 5.1 Baths  
 \$3,300,000  
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2033 N FREMONT ST

Outstanding 100% modern new construction behind this vintage facade home. Wide and gracious living spaces feature White Oak flooring and contemporary lighting. The completely custom kitchen features Calcutta marble countertops and backsplash, sleek cabinetry, a butler's pantry and a large island with seating for 6. An addition to the home makes for a great room off of the kitchen with access to a private deck. Three beds on second level. Top floor master suite features a spa-quality bath, great closets, coffee station and private deck w/ city views. Finished lower level rec space, guest suite & laundry. This home is spectacular!



5 Beds | 4.1 Baths  
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1924 N MOHAWK ST, 15B



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3 Beds | 2 Baths  
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2046 W WILLOW ST, D



Rarely available two bedroom+den end unit at Willow Court! This home has been completely redone from top to bottom!

2 Beds | 1.1 Baths  
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# What to do about noisy neighbors



**HOWARD DAKOFF**  
Condo Adviser

**Q. I purchased a condominium three months ago. After three months of quiet, apparently due to the above tenants being out of the country, we have started to hear significant sound transmission coming from the unit above, which has old parquet flooring without sound insulation. We complained to management about the noise and the tenants put down area carpets that muffled some of the sound. But we can still hear much noise due to heavy walking and a child that runs throughout the unit. Is there anything in condominium law that would apply to this noise situation?**

A. Sound transmission in condominium buildings from time to time is an issue, especially depending on the construction of the building. For example, loft buildings may have sound transmission issues between units due to the original construction of the building, but even newer construction buildings could have sound transmission issues when flooring in a unit does not contain sound dampening insulation.

As a part of the analysis regarding legal rights and remedies, the cause of the sound transmission must be determined. If the noise is being caused by unreasonably loud people in a unit, condominium declarations and by-laws contain a provision that prohibits noxious and offensive activities and grants the condominium association the right to levy fines

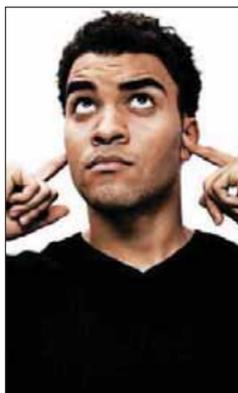
and evict a tenant for such a violation of the association governing documents.

However, if the conduct of the unit occupants is reasonable and not the underlying cause of the sound transmission, then the board of directors has no basis to levy fines or evict a tenant. If the building construction is actually the culprit, the parties involved should communicate with each other and discuss remedial measures that can be implemented to mitigate the sound transmission, which may include installing sound insulation under the flooring or in the ceiling of the unit that is sensitive to the sound transmissions.

**Q. I live in a self-managed condominium association and the garden-level unit owner has reported to the board that water is entering his unit through the foundation, although no cracks have been identified in the foundation. What obligations does the association have to address this issue if the cause of the water infiltration cannot be easily determined?**

A. Pursuant to Section 18.4(a) of the Condominium Act, the board of directors has a legal obligation to maintain, repair and replace the common elements. It is the legal obligation of the board to ensure the common elements do not allow water infiltration into a unit, whether the source is from the roof, exterior walls or the foundation.

The board needs to retain an appropriate consultant to investigate the foundation, which may include water testing, to determine the source of the water infiltration. As a common expense, the board must repair the foundation to prevent the



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If a neighbor is unreasonably loud, the condo association has the right to levy fines and evict a tenant.

water infiltration into the unit.

**Q. I am the owner of two units in a condominium association with three units. There are only two directors serving on the board. As we are preparing our annual report for the Illinois Secretary of State, the report requires the reporting of three officer positions: president, secretary and treasurer. Can one person legally serve in multiple officer positions?**

A. A single director may serve in more than one officer position. For example, a single board member could be both the president and the treasurer.

As a practical matter, each unit in a three-unit condominium is entitled to have one owner serve on the board, assuming a three-person board. Therefore, with a husband and wife on title of two units, the wife can serve on the board representing one of the units and the husband the other, allowing for three directors. Each person could serve in a different officer position. Three serving directors is preferred over two directors because if two directors do not agree on a particular board decision, a third director could break the tie.

CondoAdviserQuestions@lptlegal.com

# Why some home insurance premiums are much higher

By ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN  
Chicago Tribune

**Q: We put in a bid on a 1920s home for \$275,000. I called my insurance company to get a quote, and they told me it would cost around \$1,800 a year. My parents pay only \$800 a year for their homeowners insurance policy, and their home is worth over \$500,000.**

**How do insurance companies charge for homeowners insurance policies? Is it based on the age of the home?**

A: The age of the home is only one part of the puzzle when it comes to how insurance companies determine what you will pay for your homeowners insurance premium.

And, we're not really surprised that you're confused over the way premiums get priced. When Sam deals with homeowners insurance companies, he is also typically somewhat confused and puzzled.

But let's start by talking about the characteristics an insurance company will evaluate when pricing your insurance policy: the home's size, the materials with which it's built, the location, the age and the type of property (condo vs. single-family home). In addition, you might "earn" a discount off the policy if you buy your homeowners insurance policy and auto insurance policy together or if you install an alarm system.

Let's start with size. If your parents' home is twice as big as your home, you'd expect your parents' homeowners insurance policy to cost roughly double what yours might cost. But there are other considerations, like the cost to reconstruct the home if it is totally destroyed.

Let's say your parents'



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There are several characteristics an insurance company will evaluate when pricing your insurance policy.

home burns down and so does yours. Your home is 2,000 square feet and your parents' home is 4,000 square feet. The insurance company might look at its charts or computer models and figure out that it will cost about \$200 per square foot to rebuild each of these homes. So, the insurance company would have to shell out \$400,000 to rebuild your home and \$800,000 to rebuild your parents' home.

But if one of the homes has top of the line finishes and the other is in lousy shape, the cost differential to rebuild might be even greater and it might even be more than the market value of the property.

That's why insurance companies look at the age, type of construction, the finishes, the amenities, location (because the cost to rebuild might be greater in one location than another due to local building codes and extreme weather hazards) and a multitude of other factors to come up with a number.

Say your home is in a remote area, and getting supplies and contractors to that remote area is costly; we'd expect your homeowners insurance premium to be higher than if the insurance company had to rebuild the same property in a lower-cost area where supplies and

tradespeople are readily available.

Insurance companies may also look at your credit score, credit history and past claims history to determine pricing. Still, you need to make sure you're buying the proper type of insurance and amount of coverage so that you can build should catastrophe strike.

Some insurance policies will indicate that the policy covers "replacement cost," but you need to know what the limitations are on the amount they will pay. They may pay only up to the insurance limit. In some cases they may cover a tad over the insurance limit; and in others, the insurance company will pay whatever it takes to rebuild your home. Each one of these policy limits might cost different amounts.

Your parents' policy may have one type of coverage, and your policy might be better than your parents' policy. And then there's the bundling with other coverages, such as sump pump and backup sewer, inflation endorsements, and myriad other coverages.

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### Can CDs boost my credit score or help my mortgage application?

Certificates of deposit are great for stashing away money reserved for buying a home, since their withdrawal restrictions make them harder to access than other bank accounts. But can CDs actually help you qualify for a mortgage? And how do they impact your credit score?

Let's start with your credit report. Here, the answer is that CDs have no bearing on how good you look to credit rating agencies. That's because credit scores generally only factor in credit that's been extended — in other words, your loans, debts and credit lines.

In contrast, bank accounts and investments are savings, not debt obligations, and therefore don't fall within a credit report's scope. So no matter how much money you hold in deposit at a bank, whether in CDs or other accounts, it won't appear in your credit report or factor into your score.

The only exception is for individuals who use a CD as

collateral to take out a personal loan. Here, credit has been extended, so the personal loan will make it onto your credit report.

As for how CDs influence mortgage lender decisions, any funds held in certificates can certainly count toward your down payment. But whether your down payment funds come from savings, money market, checking or CD accounts really doesn't matter. Cash in any of these is calculated equally.

Because CDs are not as liquid as savings accounts, though, the lender may require you to spell out when you'll cash in the certificates, and perhaps how much you'll surrender in any early withdrawal penalties.

Other than that, however, owning CDs will not sway the lender to be any more or less favorable to you, making their best value that of securely holding your funds with reduced temptation until you're ready to apply them to your new home.



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The partial government shutdown has hurt many people affiliated with the USDA loan program.

## Victims

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whole process over again," James told me.

Matt Leyrer, a senior loan officer with Northern Mortgage — which operates in multiple states in the Midwest as well as Connecticut, Massachusetts, Florida and California — says some USDA borrowers potentially could be left homeless from the shutdown. If their purchase contract contingency deadlines aren't met, and they've already canceled their rental lease, they could forfeit their good-faith deposit and end up with no home at all. "They could lose everything," he told me.

If you applied for a Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or Veterans (VA) loan, the odds are you've had no major problems so far. The Department of Veterans Affairs has kept its home-loan program functioning during the shutdown. Lenders say a small percentage of VA applicants who've needed to obtain replacement discharge documentation required for a VA certificate of eligibility have experienced delays, but otherwise there have been no unusual holdups. FHA loan applications have seen delays because of limited staff and backlogs of cases, according to lenders, but the impact has

not been significant.

One source of problems that borrowers might not have anticipated during the shutdown: Some self-employed homebuyers or others who are seeking a "jumbo"-sized mortgage that can't be sold to Fannie, Freddie or FHA have found themselves subject to hyperconservative underwriting standards.

Paul Skeens, president of Colonial Mortgage Group based in Waldorf, Md., says some big banks and investors who normally fund jumbo loans have balked at loan applications that are not pristine, such as those lacking standard IRS Form 4506-T tax transcripts or verifications of employment. This is despite the fact that Fannie and Freddie have adopted easy workarounds to problems like those.

"It can be a hassle" for borrowers with out-of-the-ordinary income profiles or any sort of special situations or quirks in their applications when major sources of funding decide to avoid taking on extra underwriting risks during a federal shutdown, Skeens said.

Bottom line: Shutdowns have mortgage victims — some people simply get inconvenienced, others face personal disasters. The longer the shutdown, the more widespread the likely pain.

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# Muhammad Ali's widow sells estate

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH  
Chicago Tribune

Boxing legend Muhammad Ali's widow, Lonnie Ali, on Dec. 21 sold the couple's 81-acre estate on the St. Joseph River in southwest Michigan for \$2.5 million.

While a South Side resident in the mid-1970s, Ali bought the estate for a reported \$400,000, and although he later moved to Los Angeles and then to Arizona, he continued to use the estate as a retreat. The estate, located on a bend in the river in Berrien Springs, Mich., has a four-bedroom, 3,960-square-foot Cape Cod-style main house and seven other buildings on the property, including a carriage house, a combined office and gym building with a boxing ring, a bath house, two climate-controlled garages and two original barns.



Ali

Lonnie Ali, who now lives in Arizona, first listed the estate in June for \$2.895 million. She technically was asking \$2,895,037, which was an overly specific number that was a nod to Ali's 37 knockouts in his career.

Over the past six months, listing agent Tim Mitchell of Cressy & Everett Real Estate told Elite Street, there was no shortage of interest in the property, including from a car collector in Barrington and possible buyers from Indonesia and Dubai. Ultimately, however, the buyer was the New York City-based Turken Foundation, a non-

profit educational foundation that was established in 2014 by Turkey's two major foundations.

"I think the buyers kind of fell in love with the location and the nostalgia," Mitchell said. "I don't know that they know yet what they're going to do with it. Lonnie Ali was one of the best sellers I ever worked with, and she was very happy with the outcome, and I was, too."

Other features on the property include fully a mile of river frontage, a full-sport basketball court, an outdoor kitchen with appliances and grills under a barreled rooftop, a pergola, a gazebo, a fire pit, gardens and a waterfall rock garden.

**Midcentury modern house in Lake Forest designed by architect Roy Binkley sells for \$1.45 million:** A four-bedroom, 3,962-square-foot midcentury modern house in Lake Forest sold Jan. 2 for \$1.45 million.

The one-story house was designed by architect Roy Binkley (1910-1994) and built in 1961. It was built for orthodontist Glenn Jackson, who used local artisans on the project, listing agent Marina Carney of Griffith, Grant & Lackie told Elite Street.

The house has four baths, four fireplaces and a new Bulthaup kitchen with Gaggenau ovens and a Sub-Zero refrigerator. The architectural details include tongue-and-groove black walnut walls and



MICHRIC

A gym building with a boxing ring is among the features of Muhammad Ali and his wife's southwest Michigan estate.



MICHRIC

The Ali estate, which sits along a bend in the St. Joseph River, sold for \$2.5 million to a New York-based foundation.

views of a ravine.

"The best part was that the people who (sold it) loved it enough not to change it a lot, and where they did change it, they made the changes that would have been consistent with the overarching architectural theme," Carney said.

The sellers paid \$1.49 million for the house in 2006. They first listed it in October for \$1.5 million and found a buyer the following month. Public records do not yet identify the buyer.

**Lake Forest mansion once owned by Bulls' Ben Wallace for sale at \$1.6**

**million:** A six-bedroom, 6,983-square-foot French Provincial-style mansion in Lake Forest that former Chicago Bulls forward-center Ben Wallace had owned from 2006 until 2010 was listed in November for \$2.2 million, and since that time it has undergone five price cuts and now is available for \$1.6 million.

Built in 2005, the stone and slate mansion is "in need of TLC," according to listing remarks from agent Lorelee Van Vleet of Coldwell Banker. Wallace bought the mansion in 2006 for \$3 million and sold it in 2010 for \$2.06



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The Roy Binkley-designed Lake Forest house sold Jan. 2 for \$1.45 million includes high-end kitchen appliances.

million, losing almost \$1 million.

The mansion is situated on a 1.74-acre secluded "flag lot," which has a long driveway extending north from Old Mill Road. The two-story home has seven baths, eight fireplaces, a two-story foyer, a kitchen with a fireplace and a butler's pantry, a cherry-paneled library and a recently redone lower level with a wine cellar, fireplace, rec room and sports bar. Outside on the property are a pool and spa, a bluestone patio, an outdoor fireplace and a large gas grill.

"The interior finishes are incredible quality and the

kitchen opens into a full, open living room and a very family-friendly entertaining type of home," Van Vleet told Elite Street. "The backyard has a ... pool and a hot tub in it, and it's all enclosed with a wrought-iron fence. It really is a secluded haven in the midst of Lake Forest."

The property is being sold as-is. Just east of the mansion is a house that Chicago Bears guard Kyle Long owned from 2014 until 2018.

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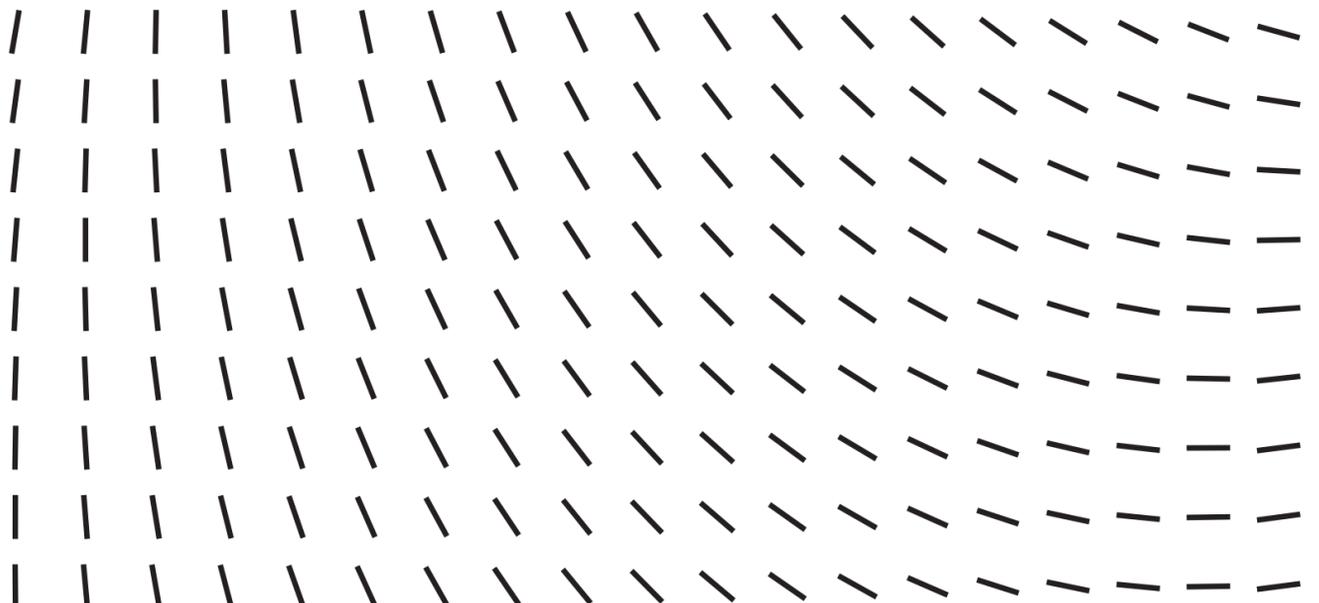
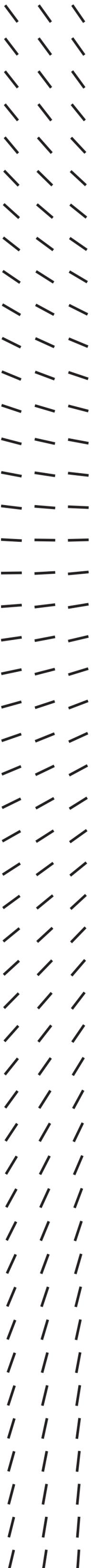


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# Estimating home values complicated

Valuation, from Page 1

## Revvng up the algorithms

AVMs are most relevant for cookie-cutter properties, such as condominiums in a building or similar houses in a subdivision. Such properties often are sufficiently similar that a homeowner might wonder if it's a waste of money to get a real, live appraiser at all.

Several key federal regulators now agree. In November, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) and two other agencies proposed that AVMs be used instead of on-the-ground appraisals for some types of houses. If approved, lenders for some types of houses with sales prices of \$400,000 or less would accept a computer validation of the sale price instead of the current standard, which is an appraisal completed by a human. There is an exception: The rule would not apply to loans for houses that would be federally insured, such as through the Veterans Administration, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or the Federal Housing Administration.

That's a big loophole, considering that just Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac together own or insure at least 46 percent of residential mortgages.

Still, that AVMs would be officially accepted at all has sent a shiver down the collective spine of property appraisers.

"The appraiser is the only entity in the transaction that is impartial and independent," said James Murrett, president of the Chicago-based Appraisal Institute, a professional association for appraisers. "I can see the use of an AVM for a very low-risk situation, where an appraisal was recently done and the homeowner is looking for, say, an increase in the line of credit. But if it's a new purchase, you need someone who can analyze that individual property."

Simple statistics can deliver a ballpark estimate of value, but the nuances of condition, location and local preference fine-tune value, he said.

## Professional eye

Take the sprawling, brick midcentury ranch at 9657 Kedvale Ave. in Skokie. It was originally listed at \$599,000.

Initially, listing agent Sohail Salahuddin thought the updated ranch would merit a stretch price, given its location in the leafy northern quadrant of the suburb and its popular one-floor layout. Split-level houses, he noted, are less popular these days and generally are valued lower than a house built at the same time with a traditional one- or two-floor design.

But the Kedvale property didn't draw interest, and its owners are now asking \$549,000. That's more in line with recent



POSITIVE IMAGE

This brick midcentury ranch in Skokie was originally listed at \$599,000. Its owners are now asking \$549,000.

sales and with the preferences of young buyers, Salahuddin said.

Homeowners are often distracted by valuations that bob up and down with monthly market trends. But when it's time to actually put the house on the market, they drill down to the factors that actually determine reasonable asking prices. "Once they are selling, people look at the facts about the market," said Salahuddin. "Once they are serious about selling, they're in a different frame of mind."

## AVMs against humanity

The AVM-as-hobby is largely due to Zillow, the Seattle-based real estate listing supersite that came about because its founders were annoyed by how hard it was to dig up publicly available property sale data.

Zillow has injected more transparency into its value estimates. Now, house hunters can click on "Zestimate history and details," which appears below the value estimate. Clicking reveals the logic behind an estimate: the comparable properties, tax assessments and recently sold properties that the company's model used to arrive at the value estimate.

And, it's important to bear in mind that the Zestimate is more a range of likely values than a single bull's-eye, explained Emily Heffter, director of communications, reputation management, for Zillow and its chief Zestimate wrangler.

"It's a starting point; it's not an appraisal," she said. "It's a computer, and we

**"The appraiser is the only entity in the transaction that is impartial."**

— James Murrett, Appraisal Institute president

haven't been in your home. We haven't seen your new kitchen."

Not yet. In its never-ending mission to quantify every aspect of homeownership, Zillow now includes estimates of the impact of nearby highways, air quality and other environmental factors in its valuations. Soon, it will be "adding new technology that looks at the photos of a home and can see what types of counters you have," she said.

As computers shape home value expectations, some listing sites are trying to satisfy consumers' appetite for data and also placate agents and brokers who want to use their pricing skills to win listings.

In the hot seat is Realtor.com, the national listing site that licenses its brand from the Chicago-based National Association of Realtors, but that is actually owned by Move, Inc. Move, Inc., in turn, is owned by News Corp., the media company owned by Rupert Murdoch.

Move, Inc. uses a CoreLogic AVM, explained Todd Callow, senior director of product management, and adds to the results, equipping agents with additional data.

Consumers can read between the lines of any AVM, he said, by also looking at metrics not captured by an AVM: how long a house has been on the market (the longer on the market, the less likely it is that the house is worth what the owners are asking) and accuracy of the listing.

Any listing is only as accurate as the agent completing the listing form for her local multiple listing service. An error in the property description — for instance, mislabeling a fireplace as gas when it is woodburning, or "accidentally" counting a closet-free room as a bedroom — can touch off a cascade of misinformation as the error affects automated valuations.

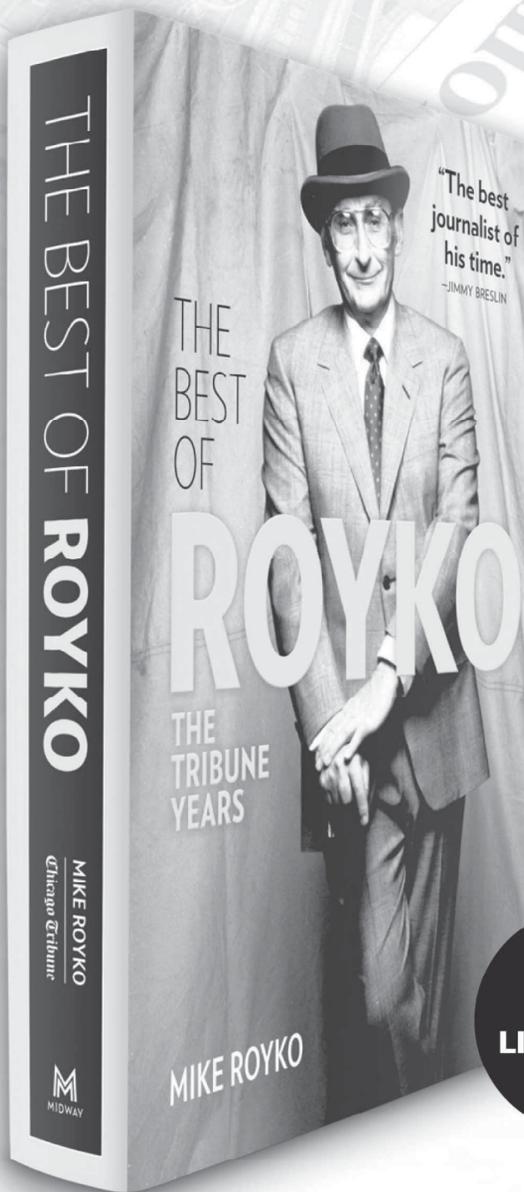
After all, square footage doesn't tell anything about layout, which determines how well the space is organized. Some multiple listing services like MRED, the service that covers much of the city of Chicago, require room dimensions that can help with evaluating space use. Others do not.

And, adds Callow, homeowners have a chance before they put their houses on the market to ensure that the data that will soon flow into AVMs is accurate. Zillow and Realtor.com both allow homeowners to "claim" their homes and update the data.

Just know that when you do, the listing services capture that activity as a signal that your house will soon be for sale ... and that information will soon be available to agents who just might want to help.

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The 2018 Nissan Kicks SR crossover offers a loud, harsh ride but a well-equipped interior.

## Get no kicks in this crossover

BY ROBERT DUFFER  
Chicago Tribune

The best thing about the Nissan Kicks is the price. For about \$22,000, the subcompact crossover comes well-equipped with advanced driver assistance systems and convenient technology. The worst thing about the Nissan Kicks is it is not a very good car.

There are no kicks with the Kicks. It makes me better appreciate the Nissan Juke, its odd predecessor. The Juke was at least different. It's OK that it's dull — so is just about every other small crossover, even with its two-toned roof like the Toyota CH-R. Kicks is more about the destination than the journey. But the journey in the Kicks is loud, harsh and priced accordingly.

"Why is it so bumpy?" my 11-year old asked on a weekend road trip. It felt as if a spring coil or strut in the front suspension was ready to quit. It picks up whatever the road is putting down, and takes in a lot of road and wind noise while doing so. We thought a window was cracked it was so loud on the highway.

The continuously variable transmission doesn't steer us away from complaining either. Although much improved, it drones on when cold and at heavier throttle and when the powertrain is cold. In

### 2018 NISSAN KICKS SR

Subcompact crossover  
As tested:

**\$21,250**

(excluding \$995 destination)

**Base price:** \$20,290

**Mpg:** 31 city, 36 highway, 33 comb.

**Engine:** 1.6-liter four-cylinder

**Transmission:** Continuously variable

**Competitive rank:** Mazda CX-3, Hyundai Kona, Honda HR-V, Toyota C-HR, **Nissan Kicks**, Ford EcoSport

normal around-town driving, it's fine. It helped return an impressive 33 mpg at an average speed of 46 mph. But the gas station will still be a familiar sight due to the tiny 10.8-gallon fuel tank.

Once you get beyond that stuff, there's a lot to like about the Kicks.

With its short overhangs, two-toned roof and aggressive body cladding, it looks like a cross between a Toyota C-HR and Hyundai Kona. Unlike the C-HR or Juke, it has normal door handles (on the door, not wedged in the window frame). But the Kicks is priced at least \$1,500 less than the competition.

The small engine has

something to do with the small price. But the 125-horsepower four-cylinder provides a bit of kick because the Kicks only weighs 2,672 pounds (in SR trim). That's really all there is to say about performance — it'll get you there.

The interior of the top SR trim surprises for this price. Leather steering wheel and shift knob, orange stitching and seat pattern to match the orange roof and a very simple interface combine for an attractive, minimalist cabin. The circular outer vents are kinda cool too. Most important for the targeted urban consumer is the advanced driver assistance systems, including the subtle-but-effective blind spot warning that appears on the side mirrors, 360-degree split-screen backup camera and easy to use steering wheel controls to access vehicle info. The 7-inch color touch screen is small but effective. Android Auto and Apple CarPlay come standard on SR trim.

Rear legroom is tight, but the cargo volume with the seats up is near tops in the class. It is easy to get in and out of, but it is not too high off the ground, even for our pup wary of the lovely remote start function.

There are smoother, quieter small crossovers, but not with the interior appointments at this price.

## No, cars don't veer right on purpose to avoid crashes



BOB WEBER  
Motormouth

**Q: I had a flat on my Grand Cherokee last week that couldn't be fixed. I was getting close to needing a new set of tires, so I had all four replaced. I also had a four-wheel alignment, after reading about this in your column. I noticed that while driving on the highway, my Jeep pulls slightly to the right. My boyfriend and his buddy said that is done on purpose so that if a driver falls asleep, the car will veer to the right and not into oncoming traffic. Is that the reason, or do I need to take my Jeep back in for a redo?**

— PP, Rockford, Ill.

**A:** Your vehicle is pulling while your boyfriend and his buddy are pulling your leg. Does the pulling problem seem more likely to happen on a certain road more than others? That road may have a greater crown than others. Most roads, especially in flat terrain as found in Illinois, are crowned at the center and slant to the outer edges to remove water from the road. That typically causes some vehicles to pull slightly to the right. Take it back for a redo. A good alignment technician can adjust the steering system to compensate for crowned roads.

**Q: I have a 2014 Nissan Altima. At 65,000 miles, it would not start. The starter would go through its cycle, but the engine would not run, although it sounded as if it was trying. I had to finally give up and call a tow**



CHRYSLER

A Grand Cherokee is pulling to the right on the highway, even after a four-wheel alignment.

**truck. My shop finally got it started but did not tell me how. At 76,000 miles, it did it again. On the internet, I found others have had the same problem. One guy posted that he applied the brake, opened the accelerator about 3/4 and his engine cranked right up. I did this, and it worked. My Nissan dealer and the shop manager said they had never heard of the problem before. Without a fault code, there apparently is not much the dealer can do. Any suggestions?**

— WH, Waycross, Ga.

**A:** As vehicles rely more on computers and the sensors that report to them, tracking down a problem, especially an intermittent problem without a trouble code, becomes increasingly difficult.

Your no-start problem may be a faulty brake light switch that fails intermittently as you press the pedal and then the start/stop switch. It may be due to a weak fuel pump, or it may be a faulty camshaft position sensor. Or it may be something else. Your shop may have to spend considerable time chasing it down.

**Q: I have a 2010 Ford Expedition with 104,000 miles. I keep it well maintained and have the front end aligned at each oil change. Recently I have noticed a vibration that appears to be in the front end when I reach 60 mph. Do you know what could be wrong?**

— JF, Oakland Park, Fla.

**A:** A vibration that only occurs at a specific speed is usually caused by wheel imbalance. If you feel the vibration in the steering wheel, it usually indicates a front wheel problem. If you feel it in the seat of your pants, it usually indicates a rear wheel problem.

Checking alignment at every oil change is probably unnecessary. Save your money, and spend it on getting your wheels re-balanced.

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## 2018 Nissan Kicks SR

This well-equipped budget crossover with a poor ride proves you get what you pay for. **Review inside**



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# Chicago Tribune RIDES

# HYPE MACHINES

Most exciting vehicles for 2019 include American supercars, off-road kings

BY ROBERT DUFFER  
Chicago Tribune

As 2018 fades into the rearview mirror, there are plenty of new vehicles to look forward to in 2019 for model year 2020 or later. New muscle cars injected with even more horsepower shoulder in on a new pack of electric vehicles, while a half-dozen new or redesigned three-row crossovers continue to crowd into an insatiable segment. A 2020 Ford Explorer, built in Chicago, will debut at the 2019 Detroit auto show; BMW has shown off the three-row X7, the largest Bimmer yet; Hyundai and Kia each have a three-row committed to market this year in the Palisade and Telluride, respectively; and Cadillac finally has a three-row more scalable than the Escalade in the all-new XT6. We'll cover those in another article, because each of them probably will sell more than the combined list below.

Now, on to the cool stuff. Some of these vehicles have been announced as fact by automakers and will be making the auto show rounds this season, while some remain speculative with a high probability for production. Despite a cool forecast for new car sales in 2019, these hype machines should heat up imaginations if not asphalt (and pocketbooks) this year.

## Off-road capable

### 2020 Ford Bronco

By far the most hyped launch of the year belongs to the return of the truly off-road-capable Ford Bronco. Production stopped in 1996, shortly after O.J. Simpson stopped running from police in his infamous Bronco, but the 2020 model returns with a body-on-frame truck platform shared with the new Ford Ranger. That should make it more distinct than the returning Chevy Blazer, especially if the Jeep Wrangler has been benchmarked for the new Bronco. Ford has promised it will be different from the Everest SUV sold in Australia, but how different we don't know. There probably won't be a removable hard-top, there probably will be at least one turbocharged engine offering. There might be a two-door option if the Baby Bronco rumor comes true.

Launch date: Spring 2019  
Arrival date: Early 2020  
Estimated price: \$50,000

### 2020 Land Rover Defender

Like the Bronco, the



TESLA

Tesla says the second iteration of its Roadster will be capable of hitting 60 mph in 1.9 seconds and a top speed of over 250 mph with a 620-mile range.



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The Volkswagen I.D. Buzz minibus concept is the basis for the upcoming Microbus.

off-road Defender stopped selling in America more than 20 years ago. The British colonizer is back, confirmed by Land Rover, with teaser images suggesting the same boxy, G-Class-type design with a spare on the gate, but with modern appointments and turbocharged engine offerings. We don't know what for sure, but we hope it doesn't have two touch screens.

Launch date: Spring 2019  
Arrival date: 2020  
Estimated price: \$60,000

## Sports cars

### 2020 Ford Shelby GT500

More than 50 years ago, Ford and Carroll Shelby teamed up to create the most powerful Mustang ever, with a 7-liter 355-

horsepower V-8 engine called Cobra Le Mans. A legend was born. For the modern era, Ford is unveiling its most powerful production car ever, a track star with a supercharged V-8 engine expected to make more than 700 horsepower. And there's no way it'll weigh as much as a Dodge Challenger Hellcat.

Launch date: Jan. 14, 2019, at Detroit auto show  
Arrival date: Fall 2019  
Estimate price: \$75,000

### Midengine Corvette

Automotive myth becomes reality with the eighth generation of America's supercar, the midengine Chevy Corvette. Even though the General has not confirmed this unicorn, spy photos abound online of the C8 on tracks and Michigan streets. En-

gine possibilities could be anything from the 455-horsepower V-8 in the C7 to a twin-turbo V-8 with an electric motor generating 900 or even 1,000 horsepower. We'll have to keep waiting, at least for a while. Rumor had it for a Detroit auto show debut in January, but alleged electrical issues have pushed it back to a summer debut, or possibly late May.

Launch date: Summer  
Arrival date: Early 2020?  
Estimated price: \$70,000

### 2020 Toyota Supra

The return of the Supra rear-wheel-drive sports coupe after a 20-year hiatus has been confirmed for the 2019 Detroit auto show. Last time Toyota launched a sports car, it teamed up with Subaru in the 86, which was one of our favor-

ite affordable sports coupes in 2017, raw, basic and connected. The Supra, a tuner's dream made for everyday racing, will benefit from a partnership with BMW and get an inline six-cylinder engine or a turbo four, as confirmed by Road & Track.

Launch date: Jan. 14 or 15, 2019  
Arrival date: Fall 2019?  
Estimated price: About double the \$26,505 Toyota 86?

## Electrics

### 2020 Porsche Taycan

Based on the futuristic Mission E concept, the production-ready Taycan electric sports sedan is expected to beat the Tesla Model S for electric sedan awesomeness. Two motors on each axle should provide up to 605 horsepower in all-wheel drive for a 60 mph time in under 3.5 seconds, according to Porsche. Range is expected to be more than 300 miles, though we doubt that will be the case with a base model. Fast charging — at a rate of 250 miles of range in 15 minutes — will be offered at dealers, initially, but then on popular roadways as part of parent company Volkswagen's investment in electric vehicle infrastructure as part of its penalty for dieselgate. It's not a rebooted Panamera but will share a platform with the Audi e-Tron GT.

Launch date: September 2019?  
Arrival date: Orders being taken now for end of 2019  
Estimated price: Base \$75,000

### 2020 Tesla Roadster

Tesla is a bona fide automaker with bona fide problems, yet it is historically impossible to rely on delivery dates and production targets from the company.

The new Roadster is not only much different from the Lotus-based one that started the all-electric American automaker, it promises to be different from anything else on the road. The four-seat all-wheel-drive supercar has a 620-mile range, 250 mph top speed and hits 60 mph in 1.9 seconds!?!? We'll believe it when we drive it (please, Elon?), and not in outer space. There are \$50,000 reservations being taken now.

Launch date: Already announced in November 2017  
Arrival date: We're not even going to try  
Base price: \$200,000

### 2022 Volkswagen Microbus

Hop on the bus, Gus, the Volkswagen Microbus is back with a charge. The iconic hippie camper based on the I.D. Buzz concept vehicle shown at auto shows could be the flagship in VW's nascent electric vehicle and autonomous driving program. The all-electric bus will have an estimated 369 horsepower and 300-mile range in all-wheel-drive at the top level. The interior seating will be configurable on tracks to maximize utility. Groovy.

Launch date: 2021  
Arrival date: 2022  
Estimated price: \$45,000

## Auto sales up in 2018, despite rising prices

BY TOM KRISHER  
Associated Press

DETROIT — Sales of new vehicles in the U.S. rose slightly in 2018, defying predictions and highlighting a strong economy. Automakers reported an increase of 0.3 percent over a year ago to 17.27 million vehicles.

The increase came despite rising interest rates, a volatile stock market, and rising car and truck prices that pushed some buyers out of the new-vehicle

market.

Industry analysts and automakers said strong economic fundamentals pushed up sales and should keep them near historic highs in 2019.

"Economic conditions in the U.S. are favorable and should continue to be supportive of vehicle sales at or around their current run rate," Ford Chief Economist Emily Kolinski Morris said after the company and other automakers announced their sales numbers Thursday.

That auto sales remain near the 2016 record of 17.55 million is a testimonial to the strength of the economy, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. The job market, he said, has created new employment, and wage growth has accelerated.

"That's fundamental to selling anything," he said. "If there are lots of jobs and people are getting bigger paychecks, they will buy more."

The unemployment rate is 3.7 percent, a 49-year low.

The economy is thought to have grown close to 3 percent last year, its best performance in more than a decade. Consumers, the main driver of the economy, are spending freely. The Federal Reserve raised its key interest rate four times in 2018 but is only expected to raise it twice this year.

Auto sales also were helped by low gasoline prices and rising home values, Zandi said.

It all means that people are likely to keep buying



JOE RAEDLE/GETTY

new vehicles this year even as they grow more expensive. The Edmunds.com auto-pricing site estimates that the average new vehicle price hit a record \$35,957 in December, about 2 percent higher than the previous year.

It will be harder for

automakers to keep the sales pace above 17 million because they have been enticing buyers for several years now with low-interest financing and other incentives, Zandi said. He predicts more deals in the coming year as job growth slows and credit tightens.

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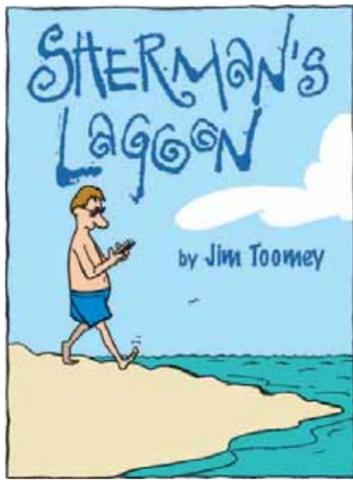
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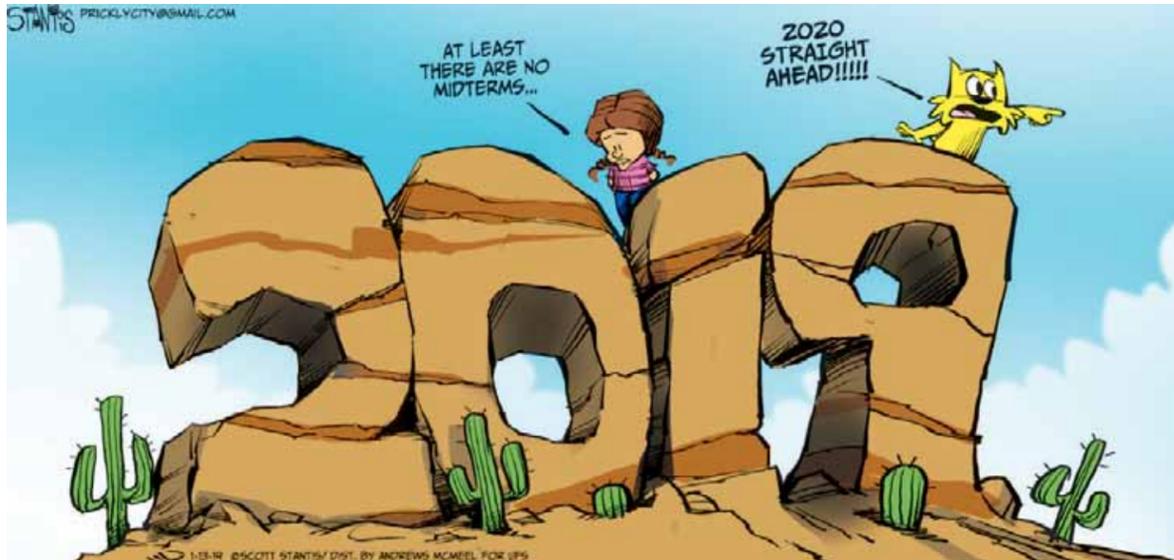
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# STORYTELLER

# Channeling the pain of black artists

Mahershala Ali sees Hollywood's changing attitude

BY SONAIYA KELLEY  
Los Angeles Times

Roughly halfway through “Green Book,” about one of the unlikeliest friendships of the civil rights era, Jamaican piano prodigy Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), explains to his Italian-American driver and companion, Frank “Tony Lip” Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen), that though he’s found success playing popular music, he was trained for the classical stage.

“Trained?” says Vallelonga. “What are you, a seal? People love what you do. Anyone can sound like Beethoven or Joe Pan or them other guys you said. But your music, what you do, only you can do that.”

“Thank you, Tony,” Shirley says patiently. “But not everyone can play Chopin, not like I can.”

The scene, one of the film’s most poignant insights into the musician’s conflicted feelings about his identity and legacy, was not always written that way.

“Dr. Shirley used to just say, ‘Thank you, Tony,’ and that’s it, that’s the scene,” recalled Ali over lunch in Los Feliz, Calif. “That scene always ate at me. It just didn’t ring true to me as a black person. It felt like what I would call a ‘TV moment.’”

After watching Nina Simone’s Netflix documentary “What Happened, Miss Simone?” Ali was able to pinpoint just what it was that bugged him about the scene and brought it to director Peter Farrelly.

“I spoke at length with him about Nina Simone in that, as much as we love and appreciate her music,



JAY L. CLENDENIN/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Mahershala Ali has gotten critical acclaim for his portrayal of Jamaican pianist Don Shirley in “Green Book.”

she didn’t become who she wanted to become, she became who she was allowed to become,” he said of the legendary dive-bar chanteuse, who’d originally had designs on being a classical pianist.

“And Don Shirley was the same way.”

“Green Book,” which is now playing nationwide, is already being floated as a potential best picture nominee.

Ali’s portrayal of the emotionally tortured Shirley is all but guaranteed to earn him a supporting actor nod.

If so, it would mark his second Academy Award nomination, after a breakout turn in Barry Jenkins’ dazzling “Moonlight,” for which he took home the

trophy in 2016.

But awards consideration, though appreciated, couldn’t be less of a driving force for the actor.

“For me, it’s about the diversity of my experience as an actor,” he said. “I’m just constantly looking for something that feels appropriate for me at the time. I don’t ever want to do something I’ve already done. I’m not interested in that at all.”

Though Farrelly calls him an “unbelievable actor,” the director was hesitant to cast Ali because of the tonal difference between the outwardly powerful drug-dealer Juan in “Moonlight” and the more delicate, internal restraint of Shirley.

“He was such an impos-

ing figure in ‘Moonlight,’” Farrelly said. “He was big and strong and really a force. And Dr. Shirley is not that. I thought maybe Mahershala might be too big a figure for this film, but when I met him, and he talked about who this guy was, he quickly became him. It was such an impressive performance.”

“This is going to sound like B.S., but it was an honor and a pleasure (working with Ali),” Mortensen said. “For me, the foundation of good acting is always good re-acting. I’m looking at his face and there are all these incredible, minute, beautiful reactions. Like, so precise, his work. It was really difficult to keep a straight face because he was so

hilarious and getting perfect timing.”

The painstaking performances of the two leads elevate the film’s fairly simple premise: In 1962, Shirley, a distinguished pianist, prepares to embark on a concert tour that will take him through the Deep South.

He knows he needs to hire some muscle, which is where Lip comes in, a racist bouncer who just lost his job at Manhattan’s Copacabana nightclub.

(The title “Green Book” came from “The Negro Motorist Green-Book,” Victor Hugo Green’s guide for African-Americans to find safe accommodations in segregated Southern towns.)

Ali was immediately sold

on the opportunity to play a character as dynamic and rich in texture as Shirley.

“Don Shirley was exceptional ... I haven’t seen him on film,” he said. “The opportunity to step into the shoes of a man with that much complexity — who spoke eight languages, was a piano prodigy, had affluence and was successful and connected — even though he’s in an environment that limits his freedom, I think that he has more power than any other black character that I’ve personally seen in a pre-civil-rights-era film or story.”

Though it only makes sense that conversations about race dominate the press run for “Green Book,” Ali says it’s a nagging point of discussion no matter what project he’s promoting.

“When I go and do these press junkets ... I always spend a good 30 percent to 40 percent of the time talking about race,” he said. “You spend so much time as a black artist speaking about the black experience that it’s almost like the writers are conditioned to speak to me on those terms. Which is cool, but they still don’t necessarily reserve enough space to really get into the nuances of the work.”

But Ali says that Hollywood is much more open to diverse stories and storytellers now than in the recent past.

“I think Hollywood is always ready to embrace a new vein, a new anything that’s going to help expand storytelling that is also economically beneficial,” he said. “If Hollywood is making money off of something, then they want to figure out ways to tap into that. And for us, the positive thing is that we get to tell our stories how we want to tell them.”

# What's in your handbag? Too much stuff



ELLEN WARREN

## Dear Answer Angel

**Ellen:** You wrote recently about how to pare down your travel luggage, but how about reducing the amount of stuff I carry around in my purse? I am tired of carrying a shoulder bag that seems to get heavier by the day. And, specifically, can you point me to a notebook I can carry around in any size purse — including a small evening bag. I find myself wanting to write down a name, phone number, movie or book recommendation and have nothing to write on. But all the notebooks I see in stores, even the “small” ones, are bigger than I need or want.

— Ashley B.

**Dear Ashley:** Let me answer your second question first since I've got a solution. Moleskine makes a teensy notebook in the soft-cover Volant series — only 2.5 by 4.25 inches. It fits in the palm of your hand so it will fit in even the smallest of evening bags or pockets. They're expensive — \$5.95 for two on Amazon. There's also the hardcover Moleskine Classic Portfolio even slightly smaller (2.5 by 4) and more expensive (amazon.com, two for \$8.69). Also on amazon.com is the cheaper but slightly larger top-bound (not side-bound like the Moleskine's) Portage Field Tactical Sized Notebook. It's 2.8 by 4.6 inches but well priced at three for \$3.99. Many notebooks online boast of a small size, but they're 3.5 by 5.5 and that isn't all that



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Large handbags can be quite stylish, or overcrowded with stuff you don't need to lug around.

small after all. Also, there's always the index card option, but I can't seem to locate them after I write down crucial info.

On to the much tougher issue of reducing the stuff in your purse. Long ago, I actually set up a scale and weighed women's purses for a column I wrote (trib.in/2PdAncN), and it was mind-boggling. One woman's purse weighed 13.3 pounds (including the laptop), and the average purse weight was 6 pounds. That's way too much. I came up with some suggestions then on how to put

your purse on a diet, which still work:

**Consider the empty weight** of the purse before you buy it. All the fancy hardware and heavy leather add weight.

**Miniaturize:** A small notebook instead of that big one (see above); a smaller water bottle; travel-size everything; one lipstick instead of four (I plead guilty.)

**Be brutal:** Dump out the contents often and take out what you don't need. If you're going shopping at lunchtime, don't haul around your snacks or

laptop. Do you *really* need to carry around all those keys or three pacifiers, dog treats or your kid's toy truck?

## Dear Answer Angel

**Ellen:** I have an unusual question: Our son hates the taste of mint, and has always used a fruit-flavored kids' toothpaste. But now he's getting older, and I think it's kind of goofy for him to be using toothpaste with a smiling watermelon on the front! (Although he's never been made fun of at summer camp or sleepovers.) I would like to know

if there's a toothpaste that is less minty than most, or if there are toothpastes you and your readers can recommend.

— Barbara V.

**Dear Barbara:** How about Cleure's cinnamon, lemon-lime or cranberry. They're \$9 each at Cleure.com. Tanner's Tasty Paste Cha Cha Chocolate is \$6.99 (amazon.com). There's even bacon-flavored toothpaste by Mr. Bacon (fun-slurp.com, \$6.95). Also, Dr. Brite Berrylicious (pharmaca.com, \$7.99). And, Schmidt's Natural Deodor-

ant Tooth & Mouth Paste comes in Vanilla Chai and Coconut & Lime (iHerb.com, \$5.99).

## Angelic Readers 1

For Kathy F. who doesn't like pantyhose but needs to do something to conceal her varicose veins when she wears her new green dress, Gayle F. writes, "I've had very good luck with Sally Hansen Airbrush Legs. Used it numerous times and it does not come off on your clothes yet washes off easily with soap and water. You can get it at Walgreens, Walmart etc." Debbie D. suggests thigh-high hosiery. "They're great! They have patterns and various colors to make my legs look so much better; the veins and discoloration aren't visible. Hope this suggestion helps others."

## Angelic Readers 2

For reader Mary McL., who was looking for a warm winter coat, Dani S. sent along a photo of her and her friend Christine C. looking toasty in Lands' End long coats (LandsEnd.com) on duty in a chilly elementary school parking lot. "They come in all different levels of warmth and have many different styles and colors. It is lightweight, and I can squish it into my locker. They are durable; I've had mine for five years. They are priced well. It is easier to be smiling and welcoming when we are warm and toasty. Believe me these coats have been put to the test."

*Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@ellen@gmail.com.*

# Go wild with animal prints

BY DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

Classic leopard prints never really go out of style, but this season, a menagerie of animal prints, from tiger to cheetah to snakeskin, ruled fashion's runways.

How to get the look? There are endless options. Fast fashion powerhouse Zara created the perfect New Year's Eve outfit in a chic, long, knit skirt covered in leopard-print sequins shown with a fitted black sweater. Alexander Wang went sleek '80s with his studded leopard-print ankle boots, and Dolce & Gabbana put a fun twist on the trend with its furry tiger-print Mary Janes.

On the home front, designers embraced the trend, creating animal print accessories from pillows to rugs, often abstracting the pattern and adding bold colors.

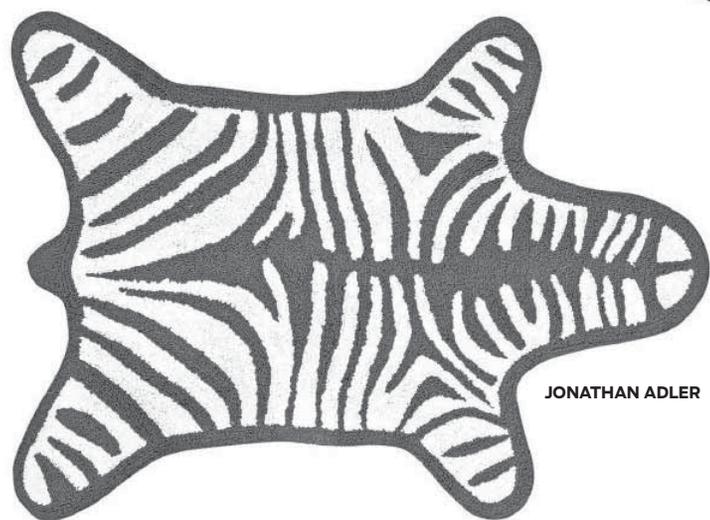
Here are some of our favorite looks.

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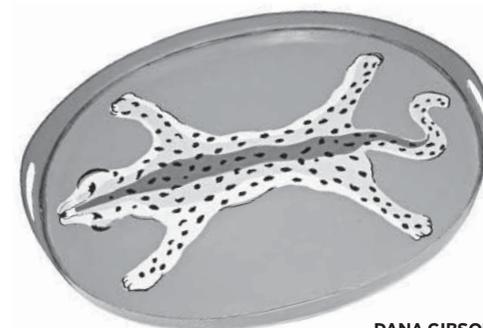
Jaipur's leopard spots En Casa pillow, left, \$49, and Square Feathers' hand-sewn Kingdom Zebra pillow, \$359. [nordstrom.com](http://nordstrom.com)

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Dana Gibson 20-inch oval pink-leopard aluminum tray. \$170, [danagibson.com](http://danagibson.com)



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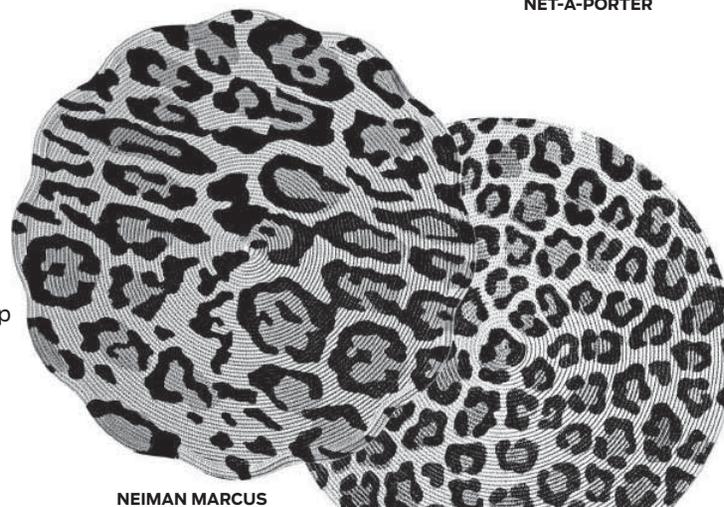


Alexander Wang Eri studded leopard-print calf-hair ankle boots. \$475, [net-a-porter.com](http://net-a-porter.com)

Zara printed leopard sequin skirt. 69.99, [zara.com](http://zara.com)

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Deborah Rhodes Mod Jaguar scallop place mat, \$50, and Mod Leopard round place mat, \$35. [neimanmarcus.com](http://neimanmarcus.com)



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# Jerry Lorenzo tells story through clothes

By **VICTORIA HERNANDEZ**  
Los Angeles Times

The day of the official release of Fear of God's sixth collection, label founder Jerry Lorenzo stood thoughtfully in his downtown Los Angeles showroom gazing at the pieces he'd made, quickly pointing to boots and pants that he wanted his team to take to New York Fashion Week.

The new collection, which will drop at retailers worldwide and online in December and early 2019, features 100 looks for men and women made up of denim pieces, oversize coats and the plaid Henley Lorenzo was wearing, partnered with sweatpants from his more accessible Essentials line. Lorenzo has always viewed himself as the core customer for Fear of God, which he started in 2013 with a handful of hoodies and uniquely tailored T-shirts to fill what he saw were holes in the market.

"I kind of wanted to tell this story of, I guess, where I've been and kind of where I'm at now," Lorenzo said of the sixth collection. "My personal style is kind of maturing a little bit, and there's some pieces that I wanted to wear, so in order to do that, you've got to make them."

Lorenzo's inspirations from sports are evident in Fear of God's new collection, which includes a pair of work pants (\$1,295) with buttons on the side that look like tear-away pants used as basketball warmups. Each collection Lorenzo does has a story, and this one is the creator's influences from living in the Midwest, working blue-collar jobs and believing in an eternal God.

Buyer Sara Merabet was shopping the showroom for RSVP Gallery that day and thought the message was clear. "You can definitely see the Americana and workwear inspiration and Jerry's personal storytelling in this collection," she said.

Lorenzo, 41, is self-taught and derives his knowledge of fashion



Lorenzo inspects clothing in his downtown Los Angeles showroom. His new collection features 100 looks for men and women.

from years working in retail, not from internships at major fashion houses. He doesn't sketch his looks but conceptually modernizes vintage pieces.

In the sixth collection, among his favorite pieces are blue shorts (\$495) inspired by a pair worn for physical training in the Army. The shorts were given the Fear of God treatment by being remastered in a Japanese nylon fabric. Another gem is the revival of prairie ghost camouflage. Lorenzo's team stumbled upon the print while vintage shopping and thought it was perfect for the more rustic collection.

Lorenzo made a few pieces for former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick to wear for his GQ Citizen of the Year feature last year. Fear of God has also worked with Justin Bieber, Kanye West and Jay-Z to make their tour merchandise, and crafted Kendrick Lamar's Bruce Lee-inspired tracksuit for the *Damn*. Tour. The list of the label's celebrity clientele is lengthy and includes Janet Jackson, Michael B. Jordan, Big Sean, Ellen DeGeneres, Dave East and Lorenzo's personal highlight, Beyoncé.

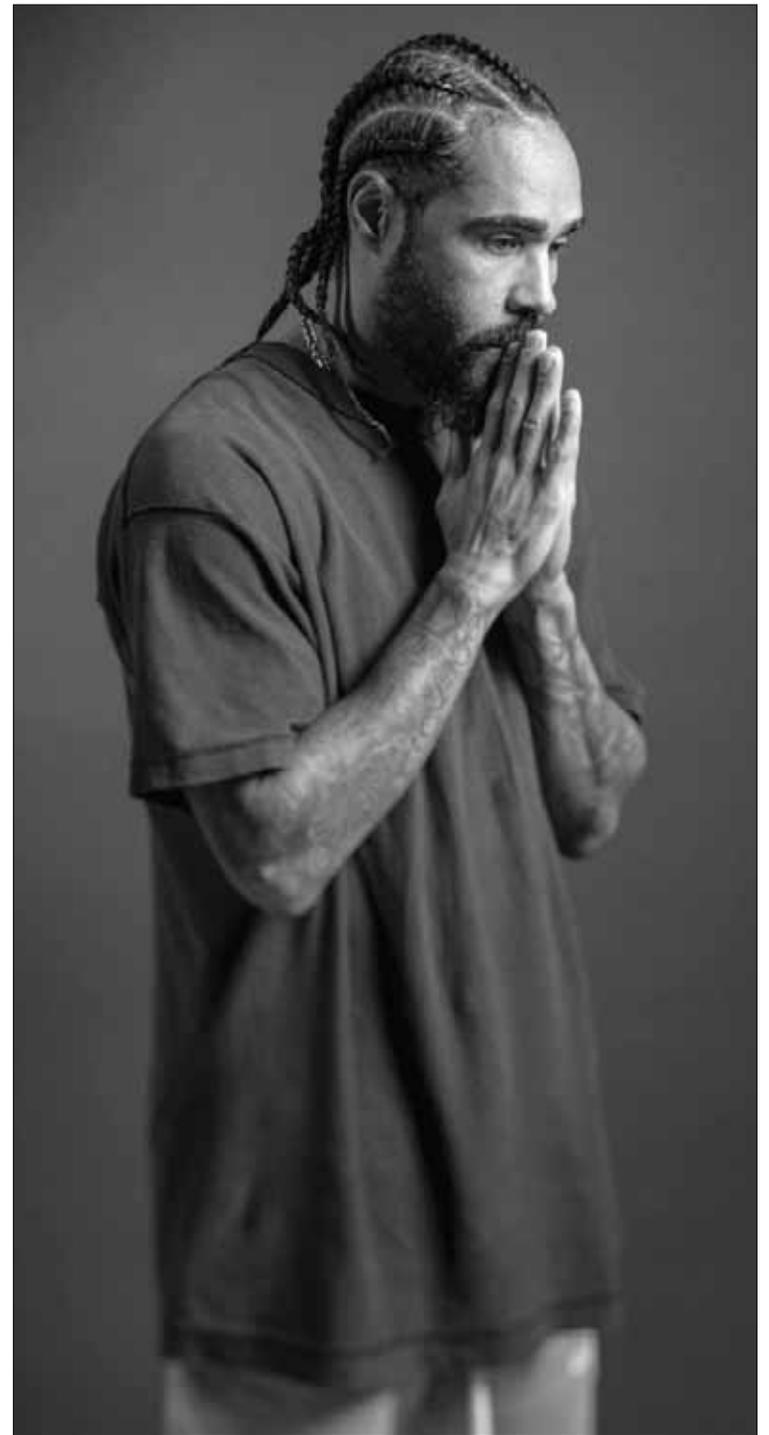
Instead of chasing around influencers to work with, Lorenzo sees more value in letting the brand grow organically. And it's

hard to beat knowing Beyoncé wore your first collection thermals. "Everything else," he said, "is the gas that you put back in the tank on some of these long days during the process."

Part of the process that needs endurance is the ongoing battle for diversity in the fashion world. For Fear of God's fifth collection, Lorenzo, a black designer and businessman, was conscious of the need for representation, understanding that his 8-year-old son, Jerry III, should see people who look like him. Lorenzo admits he compromised part of the storyline then to make his son the priority but says there was no undermining the vision for the sixth collection.

However, upon the campaign's release, there were a few questions on social media about the lack of diversity with model Maggie Maurer and Academy Award-winning actor and rock star Jared Leto, who are white, as the face of the collection. Lorenzo had a simple reply: "I'm the representation."

Filmmaker Lane Stewart has been with Lorenzo as he has embraced his role as a black man in the fashion industry. "I'm really proud to have seen and witnessed his growth over the years," he



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Jerry Lorenzo, creative director of fashion line Fear of God, put the focus on his own life story for his soon-to-be-released sixth collection.

said. "I think from the beginning, he hesitated to call himself a designer, but I think it's clear now that his ideas are so boundless that it makes sense that they're coming together now so clearly."

"I feel like if we wouldn't have put this collection out, we could have easily just faded into the sunset, and kids would be over us," Lorenzo said. "They were

already kinda not looking for us after a year and a half of us not putting a collection out; they were kinda onto the next. So you can either fight to stay on top of their radar, or you can fall back and trust and believe in your abilities and your craft, and then come back with something worthy of being celebrated outside of the hype."

# Actress finds self through travels

BY JAE-HA KIM  
Tribune Content Agency

Actress Lindsay Price says her first trip to Maui surprised her because she felt so comfortable. “It was less the surrounding and more the people,” she says. “Being mixed growing up, I never really felt like I fit in anywhere. But when I went there for the first time, I felt completely at home. The people are of all different Asian cultures and mixes. They are American. They are Hawaiian. And the Hawaiian culture is all about family. Ohana. I just got it. Also, I learned I am a hapa — half Asian, half white. They have a word for what I am. I was like, ‘Yeah. This is my place.’” Price, 41, is one of the stars of the ABC series “Splitting Up Together.” She resides with her husband, celebrity chef Curtis Stone, and their children in Los Angeles.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

**Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?**

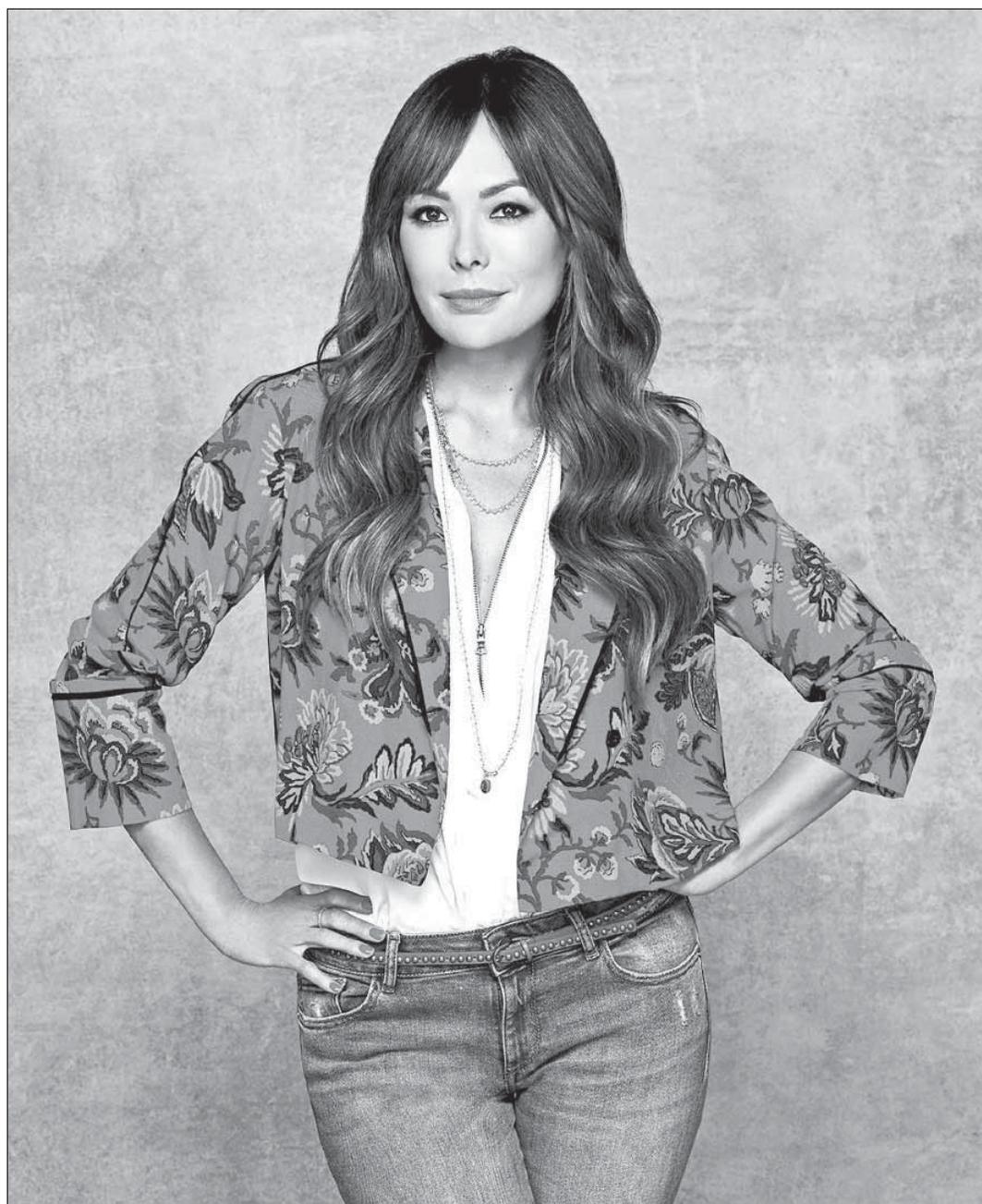
A: So far it has been Mallorca, Spain. Other than getting married there and obviously having dreamy memories of the island, there is something magical about the sea-meets-the-countryside vibe there. It has fairy-tale villages, and there is an artists’ haven soul to the island that resonates with me perfectly. It’s chic, old-world Europe. The first thing you must do is visit the little town of Valldemossa. Walk the cobblestone streets and absorb the culture a bit. Follow the steps of Frederic Chopin, who lived there and wrote, (and maybe) gain some inspiration yourself.

**Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?**

A: It was in an RV with my family (going) from Los Angeles to the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and the sequoias and Mount Zion. Setting out onto the open road with my family with nothing to do but explore and share an adventure was the single joyous thing for me as a kid. Honestly, California alone has some of the most incredible nature and landscape in the world.

**Q: What is the most important thing you’ve learned from your travels?**

A: Perspective. It is so important to see the world from outside your own perspective. Travel is the best way to gain empathy for others, to understand your



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position in the world and have gratitude for your life. There is so much wonder to be seen. I feel it connects me to those that I love. I feel there is nothing like a new shared experience between loved ones. Each time I take a trip, I don’t feel that travel is as much of an escape as it is a return to my true self.

**Q: Do you ever spend time away from home during the holidays?**

A: The best holiday trip I ever took was last year. We rented a cabin in Mammoth Mountain for 10 days. My dream of being snowed in came true. We had all the people we loved in one place, and no one could leave! (laughs) It was a winter wonderland — lots of fireplace talks and laughs, fuzzy slippers and

hot chocolate. It was an absolute dream.

**Q: What’s on your travel bucket list?**

A: I’m dying to see the Northern Lights, maybe in one of those incredible glass-ceiling hotels. Also, I have not explored Italy and France like I need to. I think I might be French deep down. I need to know for sure.

**Q: What would be a dream trip?**

A: A long stay in the Italian countryside. Also, I would love to ski the Swiss Alps, or maybe Courchevel.

For more from the reporter, visit [www.jaehakim.com](http://www.jaehakim.com).

# Watch geeks drive booming trade in pre-owned pieces

BY AMIR BIBAWY  
Associated Press

Around two dozen traders sit in an open-layout second floor of a building in suburban Philadelphia. Surrounded by computer monitors, loud conversation and ringing phones, the energy on this trading floor is high, and the commodity is bling.

At the headquarters of Govberg, they're not dealing in diamonds or gold but pre-owned luxury watches, of which the company sells about \$200 million worth a year.

Some 100 miles northeast, 23-year-old Christian Zeron sits in his parents' dining room in suburban New Jersey looking at around 30 pre-owned vintage watches. In a few days, he'll put them up for sale on his company's website, [theoandharris.com](http://theoandharris.com), which sells \$2 million in watches annually.

Govberg, in the watch business for 35 years, and Theo & Harris, founded only three years ago, are part of the thriving pre-owned luxury watch business. Along with dozens of other companies, they are the core of an industry that has exploded over the past few years.

Even though watches have been disappearing from people's wrists with the spread of mobile phones, luxury watches remain a popular status symbol. In fact, sales have crept up slightly in the last two years.

The pre-owned business allows shoppers to get a good deal on modern watches like Rolex Submariner, while also offering a large selection of vintage pieces like an early 20th-century Cartier Tank.

Danny Govberg, the founder of Govberg's global watch operation WatchBox, compared the rise of pre-owned watches to the "quartz revolution" nearly five decades ago.

"Pre-owned watches are coming out of drawers so fast and furious now that I've never seen anything like it," Govberg said in an interview in the company's headquarters in Bala Cynwyd, just outside Philadelphia. "It's a real disruption coming to our industry."

Zeron, of Theo & Harris, uses video to offer his thoughts on the industry, and regularly gets hundreds of thousands of views for his four weekly YouTube posts.

"Social media is where it took off," he said, sitting in his parents' living room with Anna Griffin who was his first employee and a fellow student at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. "We don't have a retail store — there was no actual foot traffic. It was all social buzz."

The young entrepreneur, who founded the company with \$10,000 in saved-up birthday money when he was a college sophomore, has a larger-than-life persona on social media, with a no-holds-barred approach to roasting iconic brands such as Breitling,



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Christian Zeron, right, of Theo & Harris, sells \$2 million in watches annually on his company's website.

A watch enthusiast can spend hours on web forums, debating the differences between the various iterations of a \$4,500 Tudor Black Bay ("I love the domed crystal but I'd be interested to see it 1mm thicker," says one member on [RolexForums.com](http://RolexForums.com) of the latest "Fifty-Eight" release.)

The explosive growth of pre-owned watch sales has deeper roots than social media, however. There's an emotional and intellectual appeal to owning a mechanical device that could have 300 small pieces inside.

"Nothing that anyone consumes is very interesting anymore," said Zeron, sporting a 1980s 18-karat gold

Rolex Oyster Perpetual Day-Date.

Take the ubiquitous iPhone — easily replaceable, Zeron notes.

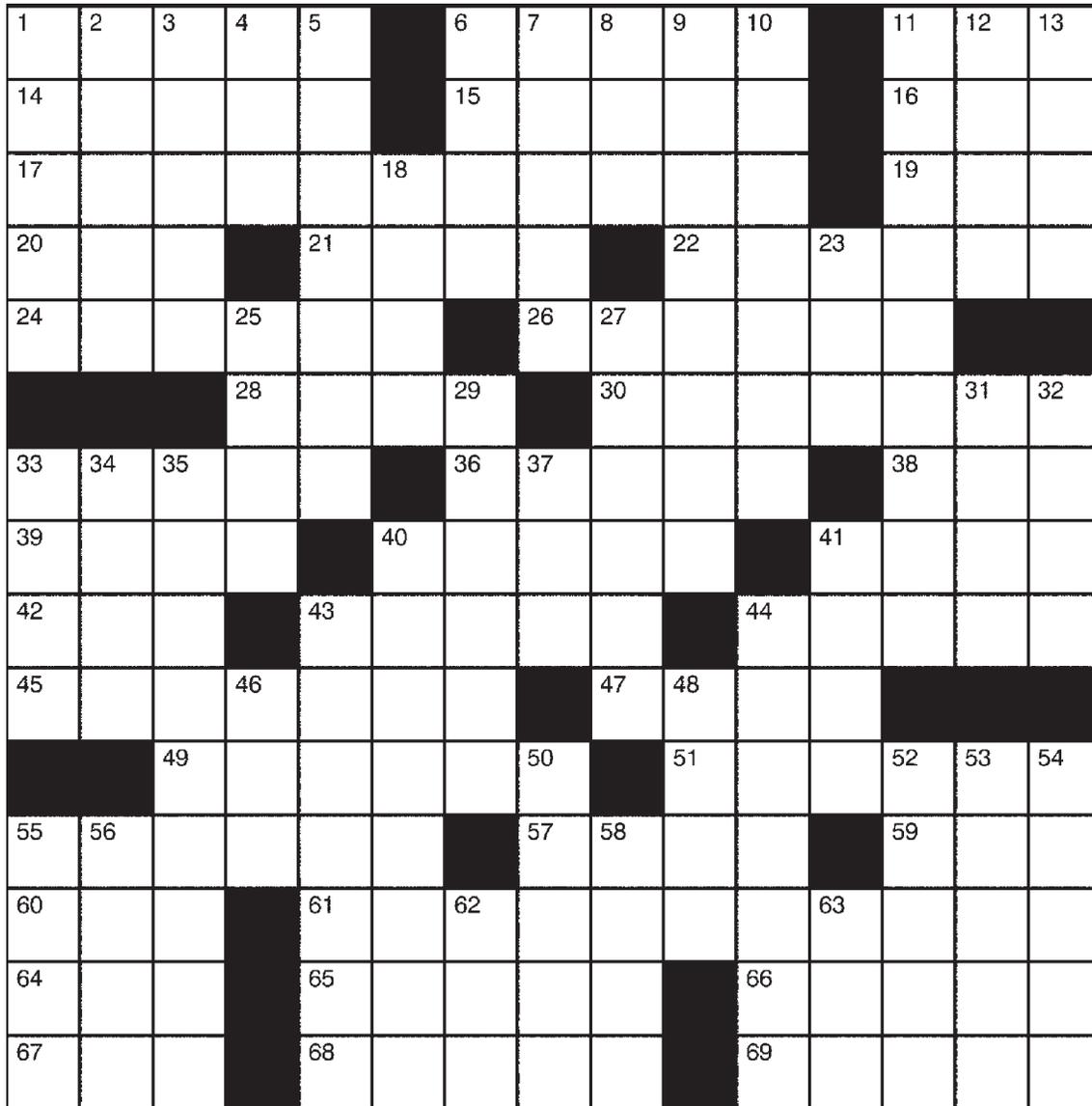
"If your vintage Omega breaks, that's it. It's over. You will never get another one like it," he said.

Then, there is the sheer volume and variety on offer, with supply flowing out of people's drawers.

"If you went into an IWC boutique, they may have 50, 60, 70, 80 watches to choose from," Govberg said. "But in the pre-owned space of IWC, you may have 900 watches to choose from."

Bottom line: A pre-owned luxury watch in great condition is usually a third of the price of a new one.

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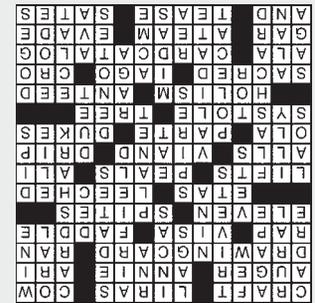
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# Personality Parade

Walter Scott Asks

## Ronnie Milsap

The six-time Grammy-winning entertainer, 75, is joined by Jason Aldean, **Luke Bryan**, George Strait, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, Kacey Musgraves, Little Big Town and more on *Ronnie Milsap: The Duets* (on sale Jan. 18). The collection features remakes of some of his classic hits, including "Stranger in My House."



**What's a highlight of your long career?** There are several, but I remember the first No. 1 record. The head of promotion called and said, "'Pure Love' is going No. 1 on *Billboard* next week." I'd cut that on Elvis' birthday, January 8, 1974.

**And you worked with Elvis Presley?** I did. I was in a studio in 1969, and Elvis brought his producer to Memphis to record. I played on [his] record "Kentucky Rain." Elvis always said, "More thunder on the piano, Milsap." He was fun to be around.

**With *Bohemian Rhapsody* and award-winning movies like *Ray* and *Walk the Line*, is there any thought of a Ronnie Milsap biopic?** I think so. I came from dirt. I came from nowhere. I'm

thankful most of all for the chance to go to school at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind [in Raleigh, N.C.]. They really saved my life. They taught me Braille at 6, violin at 7 and piano at 8. They wanted me to go on to college and be something like a teacher or a lawyer. I said, "No, I want to be a musician." They said, "No, no, no. We want you to do something better than that."

What advice did he get from the great Ray Charles? Go to [Parade.com/milsap](http://Parade.com/milsap) to find out.

## Mahershala Ali Plays Detective

It's a whole new cast and crime when HBO's *True Detective* returns for its third season (Jan. 13) with a macabre story set in the heart of the Ozarks. *Moonlight* Oscar winner and current *Green Book* star Ali, 44, plays Wayne Hays, a state police detective, a part originally written for a white



actor. Ali thinks it may have helped him land the lead when he showed producers photos of his grandfather, who was a state police officer in real life.

## Meet Young Spock

When *Star Trek: Discovery* continues the voyages of the USS

*Discovery* in season two (CBS All Access, Jan. 17), **Ethan Peck** will be joining the cast in the iconic role of Spock, previously played by Leonard Nimoy and Zachary Quinto, but as a younger version. "In no way will I ever try to imitate

Nimoy," says Peck, 32, grandson of the late **Gregory Peck**. "But we have to start Spock in a place where we see how he becomes the Spock we know, standing beside Kirk on the bridge of the *Enterprise*."



Who doesn't love a good dog movie? With *A Dog's Way Home* (starring **Bryce Dallas Howard** and **Ashley Judd**) currently in theaters, here's a chance to remember some of the doggone best dog movies ever made. What's your favorite?



**Lassie Come Home (1943)**



**Lady and the Tramp (1955)**



**Old Yeller (1957)**

### ◀ *The Shaggy Dog (1959)*



**101 Dalmatians (1961)**



**Benji (1974)**



**The Fox and the Hound (1981)**



**Turner & Hooch (1989)**



### *All Dogs Go to Heaven (1989)* ▶

**Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993)** ▼



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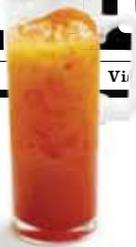


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# MARTHA KNOWS BEST

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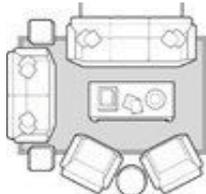


—Leanne Potts

Want to learn how to create a gallery wall of photos? Visit [Parade.com/martha](http://Parade.com/martha) for her picture-hanging tips.

## Space Tip

Martha is all about placement and proportion, whether on a gallery wall of photos or in how you arrange your furniture. In her perfect living-area plan, there's 14 to 18 inches between the sofa and the coffee table and every chair has a handy little table, like Acme's **Aberta Side Table** in teal. **\$75, [target.com](http://target.com)**



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**How should I use PRALUENT?**

- **See the detailed "Instructions for Use" that comes with PRALUENT about the right way to prepare and give your PRALUENT injections.**

- Use PRALUENT exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to use it.
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- PRALUENT is injected under the skin (subcutaneously) every 2 weeks or every 4 weeks (monthly).
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- If you forget to use PRALUENT or are not able to take the dose at your regular time, inject your missed dose as soon as you remember, within 7 days. **Then**, if you inject every 2 weeks take your next dose in 2 weeks from the day you missed your dose **or** if you inject every 4 weeks take your next dose in 4 weeks from the day you missed your dose. This will put you back on your original schedule.
- If you missed a dose by more than 7 days and you inject every 2 weeks wait until your next scheduled dose to re-start PRALUENT **or** if you inject every 4 weeks start a new schedule from the time you remember to take your dose. If you are not sure when to re-start PRALUENT, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.
- If you use more PRALUENT than you should, talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist.
- **Do not** stop using PRALUENT without talking with your healthcare provider. If you stop using PRALUENT, your cholesterol levels can increase.

**What are the possible side effects of PRALUENT?**

PRALUENT can cause serious side effects, including:

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Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all of the possible side effects of PRALUENT. Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for more information.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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**What are the ingredients in PRALUENT?**

- Active ingredient: alicocumab
- Inactive ingredients: histidine, polysorbate 20, sucrose, and water for injection.

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## Ask Marilyn

By Marilyn vos Savant

Can you put 50 coins into 10 envelopes such that each envelope contains a different number of coins?

—Brian James, Dallas, Texas

To think about this yourself, readers, pause here. The answer is in the next paragraph.

It's impossible. Envision putting one coin in one envelope, two coins in another and so forth. By the time you put nine coins in the ninth envelope, you would have used 45 of the 50 coins. So you wouldn't have enough coins to put a different number in the 10th envelope.

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# WILD &

Steve Martin feels a draft. “I’m kind of deciding what to do about it,” he muses aloud. He trades places with his comedy partner Martin Short on the couch. Nope, no good. “Sit on the chair,” Short orders in mock exasperation, pointing. “Then go out the door and close it behind you.”

Their close friends have been familiar with Martin and Short’s quippy, witty, friendly-fire banter for ages. But during the past seven years, the consummate entertainers and dear friends of 35 years have taken their act on the road for live audiences all over the country.

The performance—which combines both showmen’s comedic as well as musical talents—also spawned the Emmy-nominated 2018 Netflix special *Steve Martin & Martin Short: An Evening You Will Forget for the Rest of Your Life*.

The 2018 tour was so successful, they’re doing it again, with fresh material atop more of their greatest hits. The 2019 *Now You See Them, Soon You Won’t Tour* just hit the road.

“We absolutely love doing it and we want the audience to say that this was one of the best shows they’ve ever seen,” says Martin, 73, clearly not joking.

## A FRIENDSHIP IS BORN

Their professional relationship dates back to 1985, when they filmed the comedy Western *Three Amigos!* (1986). Though they had never met before, there was a *Saturday Night Live* connection—Martin had guest-hosted several times in the 1970s; Short was a cast member in the 1984–85 season.

“When you’re making movies, you’re in this intense world for two and a half months and often never see each other again,” says Short, 68. “In this case, I made a conscious decision that, no, I didn’t want to lose this guy.” By his count, they’ve shared roughly 850,000 dinners, uncountable laughs—and

On the eve of their new live comedy tour, **STEVE MARTIN** and **MARTIN SHORT** talk dirty Scrabble, who’s the biggest jokester and other secrets of their three-decade friendship.

one particularly memorable game of Scrabble. (Short slipped Martin a hilarious, desperate note that mentioned his wife and what he was willing to do “for a Q or an E,” recalls Martin.) There have been family vacations together and quality time in Short’s cottage in Canada with his three kids and his actress wife, Nancy Dolman (who died of ovarian cancer in 2010). They co-starred in two more hit movies together, 1991’s *Father of the Bride* and its 1995 sequel.

Their big comedy show-on-the-road was hatched after Martin and Short closed the Just for Laughs Festival in Chicago in 2011. Short, in fact, was already touring with a successful one-man show. Martin was playing bluegrass, recording and performing, but admits his act didn’t have anywhere near “the polish” of Short’s show. So they teamed up.

## GROWING UP FUNNY

Their backgrounds are a study in contrast. Martin, the son of a housewife and a taciturn real-estate



# CRAZY



## STEVE & MARTY'S GREATEST HITS

They're terrific together, but they were terrific apart too! Here are some of Steve Martin's and Martin Short's most memorable pop-culture moments and milestones.

salesman/aspiring actor, moved from Waco, Texas, to Southern California when he was a kid. As a youngster, he found his escape by listening to and watching comedy acts such as Laurel and Hardy.

"I was not born funny, but I was born to love comedy," he says. His first job was selling guidebooks at nearby Disneyland, then working at Merlin's Magic Shop. Soon after he moved out at age 18, he did four comedy shows a day for \$2 a pop at Knott's Berry Farm in L.A. "I had the experience of learning how to fix jokes and change things that didn't work," he says. "I wouldn't call it encouragement, but I was learning."

In time, his five-minute show morphed into a legendary stand-up comedy act. Wearing a white suit to better stand out onstage, he used his physicality and brazenly glib attitude to craft characters from King Tut to the zany "Wild and Crazy Guy" with a prop arrow through his head. His 1977 comedy album, *Let's Get Small*, sold more than 1 million copies. At the height of his stand-up career in the early 1980s, he played to sold-out crowds who screamed for him like a rock star.

Short, meanwhile, grew up the youngest of five siblings in the suburbs of Hamilton, Ontario. "Everyone was funny," he says. He had grand plans to be a doctor, but while a senior at McMaster University in 1972, he landed a role in a local production of *Godspell* with other future comedy stars Gilda Radner and

Andrea Martin, actor Victor Gerber and Paul Shaffer, who'd become David Letterman's band leader. Soon he was in the improv group SCTV, which led to the cult-hit Canadian comedy series *SCTV*, which led to *Saturday Night Live*.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the two both made the switch to films.

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### STEVE MARTIN

**The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour** (1967–69) Martin entered Hollywood by joining the writing staff for this popular variety series. He even won an Emmy for it.

**The Jerk** (1979) In his first movie-starring role he played a doofus who embarks on a series of misadventures. He also co-wrote the screenplay.

**Saturday Night Live** (1976–) During the height of his stand-up career, he made wild and crazy appearances on this iconic series. He's hosted 15 times in all, second only to Alec Baldwin.

**Planes, Trains and Automobiles** (1987) This Thanksgiving comedy classic paired Martin with John Candy as two strangers forced to travel together from New York City to Chicago. And, no, *those aren't pillows*.

**The Crow** (2009) Subtitled "New Songs for the Five-String Banjo," this Grammy-winning bluegrass album showcased Martin's musicianship. (Dolly Parton and Vince Gill supplied some of the vocals.)



### MARTIN SHORT

**SCTV** (1982–83) He took his Second City theater improvisational talents to TV for this Canada-based sketch show. It's where he originated the popular man-child character of Ed Grimley.

**Saturday Night Live** (1984–85) For one shining season, Short was live from New York doing impressions of Katharine Hepburn, Jerry Lewis and many other characters. He quit to spend more time with his family.

**¡Three Amigos!** (1986) Short was Ned Nederlander, Martin was Lucky Day and Chevy Chase was Dusty Bottoms, three ex-cowboy movie stars from the silent era who save a Mexican village. *Ha!*

**Father of the Bride** (1991) Frank? No, *Fraunk*. Short's wacky—and heavily accented—wedding planner drove Martin's title character up the wall in this hit comedy. He planned the baby shower in the sequel four years later.

**Little Me** (1998) He took on multiple roles in this revival of the Neil Simon-scripted Broadway musical. The performance earned him a Tony award.







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a week on a movie is a minimum 12-hours-a-day job, so you never see your family."

Short is the father of three: Katherine, 35, Oliver, 32, and Henry, 29. "Oliver is an associate producer at NBC Sports, but that's as close as the kids get to being in front of the camera," he says with relief. "Just because [success] hap-



The Short family in 2007: Katherine, Henry, Nancy, Martin and Oliver

pened to someone's parents doesn't mean it can happen to the kids. Success in this business can be a fluke."

But achieving four decades of accolades and laughs is a crowning achievement in itself. "Getting older, I believe you become plenty wiser about everything in life," Short says. "You learn not to take it so seriously."

They're both serious about one thing: They love making people laugh together in their show.

"Whatever the travel effort is, whatever the complications are, it's a small price to pay to be able to do it," Martin says.

And they promise audiences will be entertained—by jokes, music and two nattily dressed funny men. But no political humor—that's too divisive, says Martin. "It's not interesting to make the audience cheer or boo—except at Marty."

His partner agrees. "That goes without saying," quips Short.

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stay in my house as long as I can," she says. She realized her traditional bathtub was no longer an option, as the rim of the tub was too high for her to step in safely. Mary liked her walk-in shower, but missed sitting and

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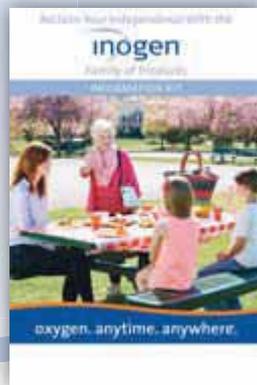
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## UNFORGETTABLE PORK ROAST

Slathered with a wet rub of bourbon, mustard, honey and brown sugar, this stunning pork roast can be on the table in just over an hour, so it's perfect for Sunday night supper. The recipe is from **Dorie Greenspan's** newest cookbook, *Everyday Dorie*, featuring the James Beard Award-winning author's favorite go-to meals. Serve with crusty French bread to soak up the tasty pan juices.



### Bourbon-Roasted Pork Loin

Using a sharp paring knife, cut a shallow crosshatch pattern in the top layer of fat on 1 (3-lb) **boneless pork loin roast**, taking care not to cut into the meat. Mix  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup **bourbon**,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup **grainy mustard** (preferably French, such as Maille), 2 Tbsp **brown sugar**, 2 Tbsp **honey**, 1 tsp fine **sea salt**, 1 tsp **sriracha** and freshly ground **black pepper** to taste. Rub over pork, covering all sides; set aside while oven preheats. (Or put it in a covered container and refrigerate up to 8 hours; let stand at room temperature 30 minutes before cooking.)

Preheat oven to 400°F with rack in center.

Heat 2 Tbsp **olive oil** in a Dutch oven or other heavy high-sided ovenproof casserole over medium. Add 2 medium **onions**, thinly sliced, and 2 **apples**, such as Gala or Fuji, unpeeled, cored and cut into 6 pieces each. Season with salt and black pepper. Cook, stirring regularly, 10 minutes or until onions are translucent and apples are starting to soften. Center roast, fat side up, on top of apples and onions. Pour in any remaining rub and liquids that have accumulated. Roast pork, uncovered, 45–55 minutes, basting a couple of times, or until a meat thermometer inserted into center registers 135°–140°F. Let roast stand a few minutes before slicing and serving with onions, apples and pan juices. **Serves 6.**

Go to [Parade.com/squash](http://Parade.com/squash) for Greenspan's winter squash pasta toss recipe.

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