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BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM

Foxconn job promises falling short

Taiwanese company has been rethinking details of Wis. project

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

It's been 18 months since the Taiwanese electronics giant Foxconn Technology Group announced to great fanfare that it was building a \$10 billion factory to make TV screens on farmland in

southeastern Wisconsin. The plan was as big as it was audacious: Fueled with billions in taxpayer subsidies, Foxconn would build a 22 million-square-foot campus, filled with 13,000 highly paid workers. In the process, it would transform the sleepy village of Mount

Pleasant, Wis., into a high-tech international manufacturing hub. But a year and a half later, a central question remains: Where are the jobs? Foxconn had only 178 employees on board as of December, missing its first year-end hiring target of 1,040 jobs and leaving millions of dollars in incentives on the table. Billed as the largest

greenfield investment by a foreign-based company in U.S. history based on job creation, the promises in the July 2017 memorandum of understanding between the state of Wisconsin and Foxconn were unequivocal. The project would create 13,000 jobs by 2032 on the sprawling Racine County site, at an average annual salary of nearly \$54,000. In return, the state of-

ferred Foxconn \$3 billion in tax credits and other state incentives. With substantial changes being floated from the initial agreement — notably, a greater emphasis on research and development — there is growing doubt the company will reach its ambitious goal within 15 years, if ever. "It doesn't strike me as a feasible project," said Susan

Helper, an economics professor at Case Western Reserve University. "How do you find 13,000 people that go to a facility like that?" Labor experts say that the plant faces significant headwinds if it is ever to meet its promised hiring goals. A low 3 percent unemployment rate in Wisconsin and intense compe-

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Mayoral hopeful Toni Preckwinkle is backed by the Chicago Teachers Union, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and SEIU Local 73.

How CTU support could sway mayoral election

County boss touts teaching cred amid tensions over education

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

About an hour after striking charter school workers grabbed picket signs and surrounded the entrance to Wrightwood Elementary on Tuesday, a top Chicago Teachers Union official took a moment to marvel at a milestone in the organization's

political history. Classes at four Chicago International Charter School campuses were on hold. CTU polling data showed the labor group carried substantial public support. And now Toni Preckwinkle, the county board president and a top contender in the city election, had released a campaign ad to tout the may-

oral hopeful's teaching career. "You saw the commercial," Stacy Davis Gates said Tuesday of Preckwinkle's message, as the CTU vice president raised her voice above the strike chants of 40 educators. "She basically said she's our tribe." Teacher union support failed to carry now-U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia to victory in his 2015 bid to defeat Mayor Rahm Emanuel. But with Preckwinkle

as a front-runner in the Feb. 26 election, the CTU can channel its politics through a powerful Democrat who repeated her classroom credentials and echoed the labor group's demands during a Thursday night debate. So far, the CTU hasn't directly contributed to the Cook County Democratic Party chair. City teachers endorsed Preckwinkle last year, and union officials say

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Target closings personal for some on South Side

Empty stores are sad sight, even economic betrayal

BY LOLLY BOWEAN
Chicago Tribune

Claire Addams-Hoffman can still remember the day in 2002 when she stood with neighbors and elected officials to witness the opening of a Target at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Chicago's South Side. Landing a national, respected, well-known retailer was more than a big deal for Addams-Hoffman, who has lived in the middle-class, majority-African-American community of Chatham for 60 years. She thought it would change how her neighbor-

hood was viewed and possibly lead to more mainstream retail outlets. "Getting a Target signaled that our community, economically, was finally getting some respect," said Addams-Hoffman, 84, who was president of her Chatham Park Village Cooperative complex at the time of the opening. "We knew Chatham was one of the leading communities in the city and an example of what a community should be. If I sound like I'm bragging, I am. "We were grandiose enough to think we could get a Marshall Field's here," she said. "We settled for the Target." But last weekend, not only did the Chatham Tar-

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Smart devices hacked in digital home invasions

The smart devices like baby monitors and thermostats Americans are increasingly installing are ushering in convenience, but they also represent a new frontier when it comes to internet hacking. **Business**



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CHICAGO TRIBUNE'S UNSCRIPTED PRESENTS JACOB TOBIA

Jacob Tobia is a writer, producer and author. From interviewing former U.S. presidents to working with queer and trans youth, Jacob helps others embrace the full complexity of gender and their own truth, even when that truth is messy. Jacob's soon-to-be-released memoir "Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story" follows Jacob's story from the moment a doctor put "male" on the birth certificate though Jacob's work today. With fierce honesty, wildly irreverent humor, and wrenching vulnerability, Sissy takes readers on an odyssey sure to make you never think about gender — both other people's or your own — the same way again. Jacob is a member of the Forbes 30 Under 30, the OUT 100, the Biden Foundation's Advisory Council for Advancing LGBTQ Equality, a Point Foundation Scholar, a Truman Scholar, and has worn high heels in the White House twice. Join us to share the laughs, the stories, the emotions, and more.

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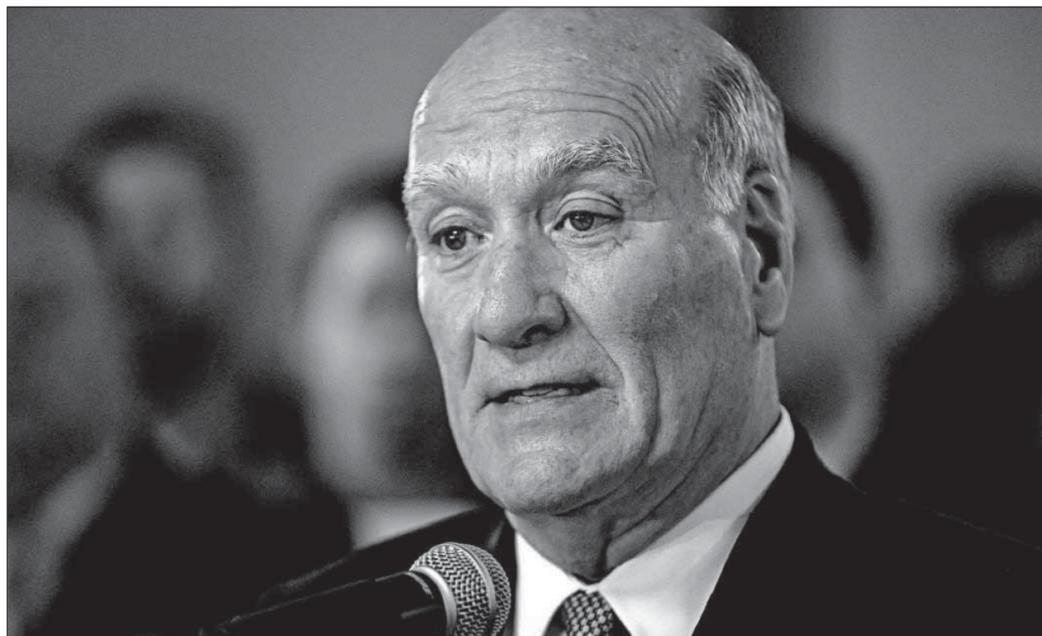
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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bill Daley accepts an endorsement from the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers and Technical Engineers Local Union 130.



JOHN KASS

Daley doesn't want Chicago to dwell on the past. Why?

Bill Daley, bro of boss, son of boss, was running an exemplary campaign for mayor of Chicago.

Until the other day, when he ran away from a televised debate, reminding Chicago of that old Daley arrogance.

Chicago is their town and the rest of you are just passing through. It is why Bill runs a Rose Garden campaign, avoiding most public forums.

Daley blew off that Fox 32 debate after the Chicago Tribune's front-page story by reporter Todd Lighty detailing how Bill benefited from clout and connections and passed a state insurance exam with the aid of some inside tampering.

It reminded me of how his brother Rich had trouble passing the bar exam after DePaul law school, having failed three times, but, amazingly, Rich Daley finally passed the bar.

It was a miracle. But this is Chicago and they are the Daleys.

"He sees one bad story printed about him in the paper and he wilts like a little flower," mayoral candidate Susana Mendoza, the Illinois comptroller, said of Bill Daley in the political line of the week.

Up until then, the mayoral campaign had been candy and nuts for Bill.

The establishment candidates, the ones I call the Burke-Madigan Gang of Four — Daley, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Mendoza and lawyer Gery Chico — seem stuck in the mud, unable to separate.

And former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas and former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot — fresh off her endorsement by the Chicago Sun-Times — are making it interesting.

But Bill Daley has been fascinating to watch. He convinced all of Chicago not to look back in time.

Even with the FBI investigating City Hall, with Ald. Danny Solis wearing a wire and Ald. Ed Burke — the dean of the City Council — charged in a federal extortion rap, and all of that

oozing out on the mayoral campaign, Daley has accomplished a miracle.

He's turned himself into something of a political reformer, which for a Daley is like turning water into wine.

Daley has a smart and capable campaign staff. They know what reporters look for in stories. He's smooth. The big-money guys line up to fund his campaign. They don't want to be on the Daley family's bad side if Bill becomes mayor.

And the past becomes prologue. But then Bill ran away, shocking WFLD-Ch. 32 political editor Mike Flannery and the Lincoln Forum that organized the debate at the Union League Club of Chicago.

The TV station and the Lincoln Forum took media heat — much of it from me — for selecting the Madigan-Burke Gang of Four and Willie Wilson to participate in the debate, while somehow neglecting Vallas and Lightfoot. They said they were using polls. I argued that those other candidates should have been included.

Either way, Daley bailed just two hours before Thursday's debate was to begin and accepted a plumber's union endorsement. Vallas replaced him in the debate.

"He doesn't want people to see how thin of a skin he actually has. I mean, I've seen thicker skin on an amoeba," Mendoza said at a news conference later.

At the debate, Vallas was able to show off his impressive financial chops — important in a city on the verge of fiscal collapse — and he got off a good joke that got a big laugh.

"I always had a vision to replace a Daley," Vallas said.

He added, "I'm not surprised he ducked out, and I agree with Susana, when he gets the tough questions, he wilts."

But is that true? Or was it a smart move?

Daley's been through the political wars with his brother in 1980, when the Democrats tried to wipe Rich Daley off the Chicago political map in

the primary for Cook County state's attorney.

And he didn't wilt while fashioning a spine for Al Gore in that famous hanging-chad presidential recount in Florida.

Back then, it was Gore who was the wilting flower, and Bill Daley was more like the Johnny Rocco of "Key Largo," the Chicago tough guy to Gore's whiny, shrinking violet. The doughy Gore was in Chicago on Friday to endorse Daley.

The thing to remember is that Bill Daley has been mixing with the people in the neighborhoods just enough, but not too much, as would a prince of the city.

He accepts what he figures he's owed. And what he figures he's owed is Chicago itself.

After blowing off Thursday's debate, he was treated as a prince, invited back to Friday's Fox 32 debate, the one I called the kiddie table debate.

Neither the debate moderator nor the other candidates pressed Daley much. Bill must have liked that.

His opponents on Thursday would have peeled him. And if Vallas had been on that stage with Daley, he might have taken Bill's head, going into Bill's past, where he doesn't want people to go.

But on Friday? Billy got a pass.

"There's a reason why the windshield is much larger than the rear-view mirror," said Daley in closing Friday's debate. "We all must look forward."

Really, Bill, must we forget the past? That's like going to sleep with only two weeks before the election.

Wake up, Chicago. Wake up.

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Not sure who should lead Chicago next? Join the club.



MARY SCHMICH

Welcome to therapy, good citizen of Chicago. Have a seat. What brings you in today?

You're anxious? Confused? Immobilized by uncertainty and dread?

I understand. I can't figure out who to vote for either. I mean, every time I think I've decided who should be the next mayor of Chicago, I'll tell a friend — who then tells me I'm crazy.

Hey, can I bum a cigarette? Your anxiety is contagious.

Anyway, enough about me. Today is all about you, your hopes and dreams and fears for our beautiful, troubled city, your search for a mayor you can love. Tell me about your symptoms.

You're arguing constantly with your friends over who to vote for?

Oh, man, can I relate. I'm all for listening to other people, but you can't listen to every person who calls you stupid or evil for even thinking about voting for whomever you're thinking of voting for.

And a little secret between you and me? Most of your friends are as confused as you are.

How do I know? Because these mopes are keeping my therapy practice in business. They're the stressed-out folks who can't decide. The ones, like you, who keep changing their minds.

One day they think the election is all about social justice. The next they think it's all about pension debt. The next they think it's all about bike paths. And lots of 'em are driven to the brink of madness by the fact that it's about all of it.

All of it! Seriously, what deranged person even wants that job? Sorry,

didn't mean to flick my ash on you.

Anyway, these Chicagoans come in here all "whine, whine, whine, I don't know who to vote for, scandal this and Ed Burke that, and not another Daley, and the media stink, and the Chicago Way and how can I trust any of them and blah blah blah." If uncertainty doesn't kill 'em, cynicism will.

But enough of my yakking. Tell me more about your symptoms.

You're yelling at TV ads for the candidates? Very common.

You're getting sentimental about Rahm, even though you dissed him for the past eight years? Hoo boy.

You change your mind about who to vote for each time you read the news? At least you read the news. Some of my patients tell me they can't decide who to vote for but admit they've never read a news story about any of them. One of them told me she was tempted to vote for "Tori" but wasn't sure she could trust "Tori."

You do know there's a Toni and a Lori but no Tori, right?

Don't get defensive. You're a news nerd, great. You're even trying to understand TIFs. No wonder you're anxious.

Now let's get to the diagnostic test. Close your eyes. Imagine a large body of warm water. You're floating, floating, free of care. With your mind clear and calm, we're going to play a game of association. I'll say a name and you tell me the first word — or two — that comes to mind. I'll then repeat your word to you. Ready?

Toni? Soda tax.

Daley? Dynasty.

Amara? IRS.

Vallas? Broom.

Mendoza? Aldermanic cronies.

Chico?

Yoo-hoo, did you hear me? Chico.

Gery Chico? Hello! Are you asleep?

OK, we'll stop there. I'm ready to confirm your diagnosis.

You, good citizen of Chicago, are suffering from a common affliction: Mayoral Anxiety Disorder. Otherwise

Mayoral Anxiety Disorder is characterized by the delusion that there is such a thing as the perfect candidate, which leads to chronic flip-flopping on who to vote for.

known as MAD.

MAD is a disability characterized by the delusion that there is such a thing as the perfect candidate, which leads to chronic flip-flopping on who to vote for.

Whom to vote for, whatever. It's time to get rid of that archaic word, but let's stay focused.

I understand that you want someone you can love unconditionally, who inspires and excites you. We all do. But let me tell you: Love alone is not enough. If love alone were enough, we'd elect Sister Jean.

Hey, that's not a bad idea. But where was I?

Love. Right. We don't have to love our mayor, as long as the mayor cares about the city and has the skills to run a place as complicated as some countries. Love is overrated and perfection doesn't exist.

So take three deep breaths and repeat after me: There are some decent candidates in the race even if none of them is perfect.

One more time.

Good.

Again, slowly and sincerely.

And now our time is up. Sorry, no, you can't come back. I'm fully booked until Tuesday, Feb. 26.

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REX W. HUPPKE

Healing violence should be top priority

His name is Dejon “Chase” Irving and he is 1 year old.

When I write about a child that age, I shouldn’t have to worry about whether the present tense — “he is 1 year old” — might soon change to the past.

But this is Chicago, and Chase is on life support at Comer Children’s Hospital after one of eight bullets meant for God-knows-who pierced the passenger’s side of his grandmother’s SUV and blew a hole in his tiny head.

Chase’s grandfather Melvin Freeman said: “He’s on life support and it doesn’t look good. He was just a baby.”

The grandfather already slipped into the past tense. Like he knows what’s coming. Like he knows this toddler is about to become another line on the city’s seemingly endless list of day-to-day tragedies.

I hope and pray that doesn’t happen. Any Chicagoan — any human, for that matter — would hope and pray the same. The numbness people feel to the routine slaughter on this city’s streets fades when the victim is someone like Chase.

That’s not fair, I suppose. We should feel a pain in our hearts for every victim of a senseless shooting.

But the frequency here is so high, perhaps our hearts can’t withstand it all. Maybe we have to save our sorrow for the littlest ones felled by this epidemic.

I’d like to think it’s some form of psychological self-preservation and not just built-up emotional calluses. I’d like

to think we haven’t surrendered and taken all this violence to be just the way things are.

Listen to the words of Chase’s grandfather: “We need to put these guns down. The summer is coming, we need to put them down. Our babies are dying. We need to stop doing this. Could we please put these guns down and let these babies live? Let these babies live.”

That’s where we are in Chicago. A 1-year-old strapped into his grandmother’s car in the late afternoon takes a bullet in the head, and a grandfather makes a plea that no human being should have to make: Can we please let these babies live?

This city is huge and faces myriad problems. But for the life of me, I can’t understand why the violence that cuts down so many young people — sometimes angels as young as Chase — isn’t the top problem on everyone’s list. It should be problem No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and so on until somebody strikes on a plan that actually starts to help.

Every mayoral candidate has talked about the issue. Some focus on policing, some focus on education, some look at jobs and infrastructure development in violent neighborhoods, and some even discuss multi-pronged approaches.

It’s an issue that comes up in speeches and at debates. But it should be THE issue. If you feel something in your heart when you read about a 1-year-old getting shot in the head, if I have to write about babies and can’t be sure whether the present tense will switch to the past before the column has published, then there should be little else in this city that matters.

We can’t protect our own. We can’t — or don’t care enough to — fix communities whose streets, over the years, have become jigsaw puzzles of washed-away, body-shaped chalk lines.

I’m praying for Chase. I believe all of Chicago is praying for him.

But as with the “thoughts and prayers” robotically dispensed after every mass shooting in America, the prayers of Chicagoans aren’t going to do any good.

Not to Chase. Not to the victims still to come. And not to a gutted grandfather forced to plead for the lives of his city’s children.

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ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The inspector general’s office advised possible dismissal for Cmdr. Anthony Escamilla, but the superintendent opted for a suspension.

Police commander: Tending to his autistic son was a study

Says officers baby-sitting teen gave insight on aiding disabled

BY JEREMY GORNER

Chicago Tribune

Facing allegations that officers under him were baby-sitting his special-needs son, the Chicago police commander gave a novel explanation: He was conducting a secret study.

Grand Central District Cmdr. Anthony Escamilla acknowledged he had on-duty officers pick up his teenage son, who has autism, but insisted he worked as a volunteer in the community policing office.

Pressed by investigators from the city’s inspector general’s office, Escamilla said he wanted to watch how his son did the work and interacted with his officers, taking mental notes he planned to share with the officers later.

“I kind of wanted to just leave it to them, acting out in their job roles, and then him being a volunteer and seeing how it would go,” Escamilla told an investigator. “It’s not about my son and someone keeping an eye on him. This is about kids with his kind of disability and what we can do as a department to help them.”

Neither Escamilla’s officers nor the inspector general’s office saw it that way.

The officers complained that they were just watching over the boy for their boss. “I mean, baby-sitting, let’s just put it out, I don’t know how to say it,” one officer told the investigators. “I never thought about taking care of a kid from another officer on my job hours.”

The inspector general’s office dismissed the commander’s explanation as disingenuous and implausible. It recommended possible dismissal, but police Superintendent Eddie Johnson decided on a seven-day suspension.

The recommendation was included in a summary of its findings released last month. The Tribune has since obtained a copy of the full, confidential report that includes excerpts of its interviews with the commander and his officers.

In one of the interviews, a community policing sergeant who watched over Escamilla’s son — and directed rank-and-file officers to do the same — told the inspector general’s office last year he was concerned that the commander’s actions would overshadow the good police work in the district.

“The commander is a good man. Our crime stats were looking really good, but ... I’m worried this is going to be a blemish on what we’re doing,” the sergeant said, according to the 38-page report. “The good, honest people in my office are probably mad at me now and, you know, they’re probably going to quit.”

A spokeswoman for the inspector general’s office declined to comment for this story.

A complaint about the arrangement surfaced in March 2018 on an online service that allows Chicago police officers to file anonymous complaints. By June, investigators had conducted surveillance nine times outside the school where Escamilla’s son attended, about 3 miles from the station and in a different police district. During most of those stakeouts, investigators saw officers picking up the teen.

Escamilla told the inspector general’s office that he started having his son come to the station in 2017 after bringing him to National Night Out, an event hosted every summer by police departments nationwide to celebrate partnerships with communities.

The commander said he “saw some changes once (his son) started interacting with positive role models such as police officers,” according to the report. “He was really interested in what they did, how they did it, what the rules were, what a good guy was versus a bad guy,” Escamilla told the office. “So at that point I decided that I wanted to bring him in on a voluntary basis to help out and volunteer in the (community policing) office on Wednesdays because they have a lot of duties that he can do such as, you know, stuffing envelopes for meetings, setting up.”

Escamilla said he told the community policing sergeant that his son would be coming into the station on a regular basis, and asked the sergeant to bring him there if he couldn’t. He contended no one in the district came to him concerned about his son being at the station.

“My understanding was that it was a good collaboration and nobody ever came to me and said differently,” Escamilla told an investigator. He said the weekly task “was more of an ask than an order.”

He also told the inspector general’s office that he didn’t disclose this to any of his bosses because he wanted to “test” whether the arrangement truly worked. Asked by an investigator what data he collected, Es-

camilla replied, “(To) be honest with you, a lot of it is mental note-taking.”

Escamilla acknowledged he would want his officers to notify supervisors if they were picking up their child from school in a squad car for personal reasons on a regular basis.

“Yeah, I would say that I would — if I found out about that, I would obviously need to know more,” he said. “And if it wound up being for transportation purposes, that’s not a police function, then we would have to investigate that further.”

But in his case, Escamilla said, it was appropriate to have on-duty officers drive his son in a squad car.

“I don’t think it’s about my son,” he told an investigator. “It’s about a volunteer being part of a program and I would do that for any other volunteer. It’s not specifically about a situation where someone needs to take care of my family. I can take care of my family.”

In interviews with investigators, the sergeant and other officers indicated they felt they were under orders from Escamilla to watch his son. The sergeant told an investigator he felt uncomfortable telling Escamilla that watching his son was a waste of police resources because Escamilla outranked him.

One officer who worked in the community policing office told an investigator that watching Escamilla’s son made him and other officers less productive and created more stress for them.

Another community policing officer said watching Escamilla’s son caused her to interrupt a phone call with a domestic violence victim. “I have to do my job and then I have to supervise him,” she said. “I cannot do my job and supervise him at the same time.” The officer said she feared getting reassigned to less desirable shifts if she complained. “Not that they will literally tell me you’re going back to midnights,” she said, “but I didn’t want to take that risk.”

Escamilla could not be reached for comment. But after the inspector general released its findings last month, he showed no remorse in an interview with a Tribune reporter.

“Apology?” Escamilla said when asked if he wanted to apologize to the officers. “I don’t know if we’re saying those allegations are true or not. I mean ... that would be where there would be an apology.”

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EPA finds another toxic metal in air in Whiting, Hammond

Cadmium found, a metal that can trigger lung, kidney diseases

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

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Brain-damaging lead isn’t the only toxic metal blowing into contaminated neighborhoods in Hammond and Whiting, according to a new federal report that blames a northwest Indiana scrap processor already accused of violating clean air laws.

High levels of cadmium, a soft, silvery white metal that can trigger lung and kidney diseases when inhaled, turned up on eight days between August and December when federal and state monitoring equipment collected air samples near Whiting Metals, 2230 Indianapolis Blvd.

The company contends it isn’t responsible for the pollution. But analysts at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s regional office in Chicago determined the highest levels of cadmium and lead were recorded while scrap metal was being processed and prevailing winds blew from the facility toward nearby monitoring equipment.

Used in batteries, paints and certain alloys, cadmium is dangerous when inhaled or consumed. Levels detected near Whiting Metals last fall spiked as high as 1,676 nanograms per cubic meter of air — more than 55 times higher than the EPA’s safety limit.

Agency officials declined to release the cadmium results in November when they revealed that average levels of lead in the air between August and October were more than twice the legal limit and spiked up to 1,200 times higher.

At the time, EPA officials said they had enough evidence to cite Whiting Metals with multiple violations of the federal Clean Air Act.

In a statement this week, the agency said it is continuing to collect air samples and will work with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management “to determine what actions are needed to protect public health.”

The investigation comes a year after Indiana officials renewed an air pollution permit for Whiting Metals, despite objections from neighbors and the former regional director of the state’s environmental agency.

As Indiana gave the company permission to emit more lead into the air, federal officials discovered that surrounding neighborhoods already were contaminated with high levels of lead deposited by the site’s original occupant.

Of 242 properties in Hammond and Whiting analyzed by the EPA since late 2017, 163 had lead levels exceeding 400 parts per million, the federal limit for areas where children play. The agency has since excavated tainted soil from 28 properties where lead levels were at least three times the federal limit or where lead-poisoned children live.

EPA scientists traced the contamination to Federated Metals, a smelter that operated at the Indianapolis Boulevard site from 1937 to 1983.

The history of Federated Metals appears to have been all but forgotten until 2016, when career EPA employees began digging through files on polluted sites in northwest Indiana that either haven’t been cleaned up or weren’t scoured thoroughly enough years ago.

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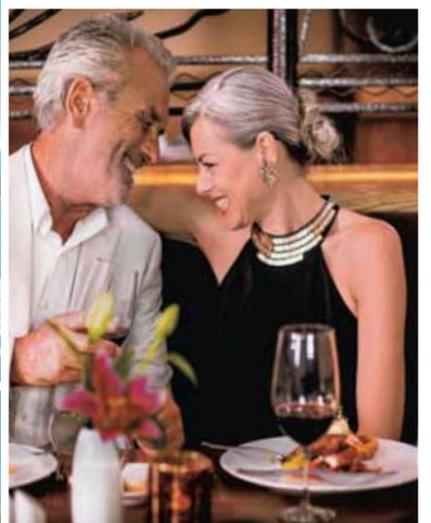
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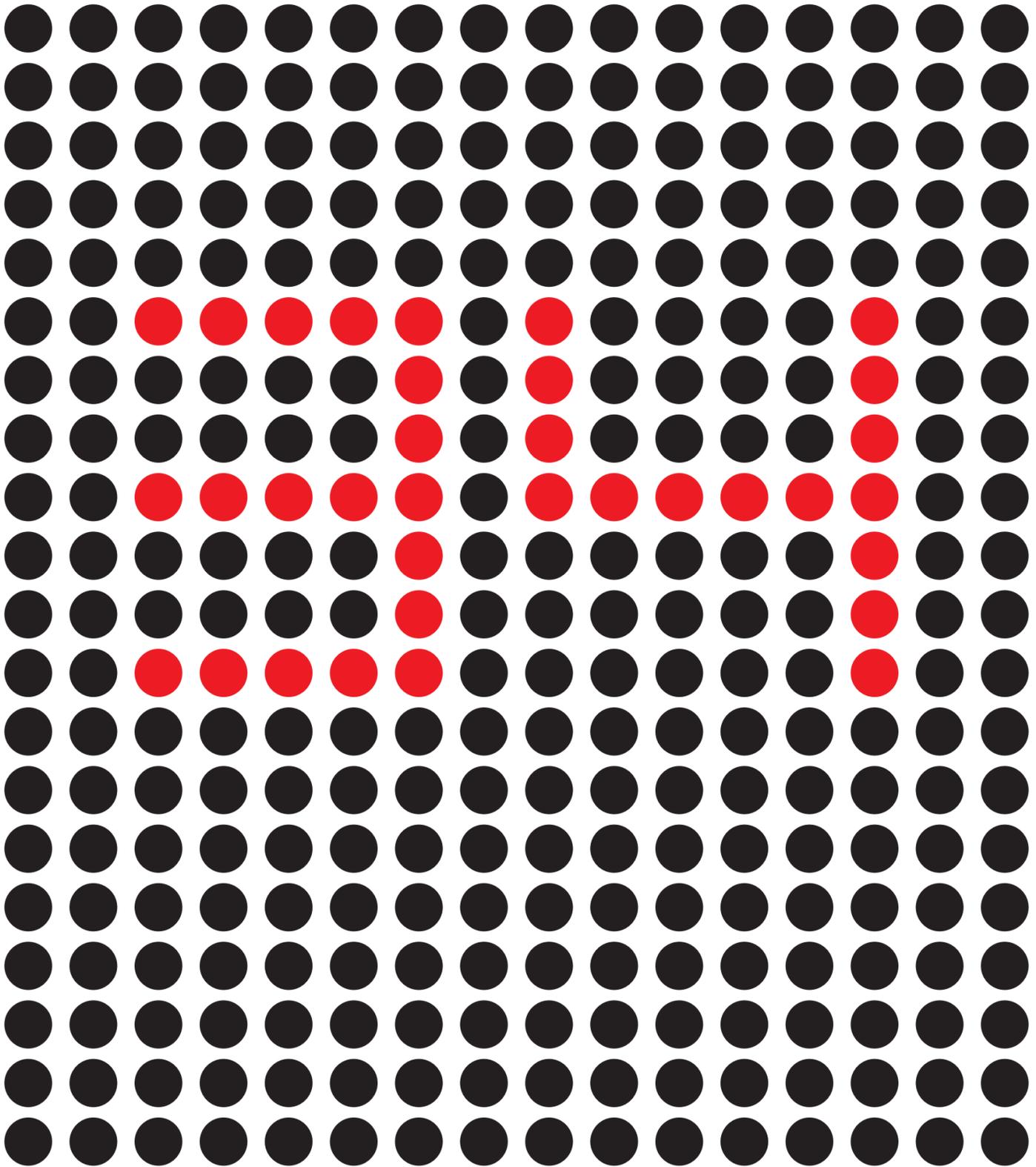
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Weird week stars Bezos, blackface, Ricketts, Neeson



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

This has been, I say with complete confidence, the weirdest week ever.

Jeff Bezos, the richest man in the world, wrote a fiery missive accusing the National Enquirer of extortion over his ... what are we calling them? Racy photos? He's not wearing a lot of clothes, but he is wearing a wedding ring. And the intended recipient of said photos was not his wife. Or the National Enquirer, for that matter. Anyway, his essay is fiery and, despite the sordid circumstances, rather awesome.

(Like I said. Weirdest week ever.)

Jill Abramson, former executive editor of The New York Times, is mired in plagiarism claims over her new book, "Merchants of Truth," which is about journalism.

Gucci apologized for selling an \$890 sweater that looks like blackface.

Blackface, of course, is already on our minds and tongues because elected officials in Virginia keep admitting they posed in it. Or edited yearbooks full of it. Except the lieutenant governor, who's accused of sexual assault.

Joe Ricketts, the billionaire dad of Cubs owner Tom Ricketts, appears to enjoy and share racist, Islamophobic emails.

Actor Liam Neeson told a newspaper he once prowled the streets looking for a black person to kill.

And actress Michelle Rodriguez said Neeson can't be racist because of the way he kissed Viola Davis.

"Dude, have you watched 'Widows'?" she said at a Wednesday night gala.

"His tongue was so far down Viola Davis' throat. You can't call him a racist ever. Racists don't make out with the race that they hate, especially in the way he does with his tongue —

so deep down her throat. I don't care how good of an actor you are."

Mmmmmkay.

I'd like to stay on that last bit for a minute.

Wanting to have sex with a person is not the same as seeing that person as your equal.

Harvey Weinstein, man. That guy *LOVES* women. Look how many he tried to get naked!

See how ridiculous that sounds?

You can desire a person, passionately kiss a person, have sex with a person and still not fully recognize or respect that person's worth, outside of the ability to satisfy your needs — sexual or otherwise.

Slaveholders raped slaves. Strom Thurmond, a notorious segregationist, fathered a daughter with his African-American housekeeper.

I'm not equating Neeson's words with raping slaves or pushing for segregation. I'm saying history proves sexual desire doesn't equal open-mindedness or the desire for parity.

What has a person done to champion equality in his or her community? How has a person pushed for inclusion at his or her workplace? What has a person done to chip away at bias — inherent, structural, historic or otherwise?

Who are a person's close friends?

That, I'll listen to. He kissed hard? Eh.

Crazy stuff happens in the bedroom. Or in the pursuit of the bedroom. Ask Jeff Bezos. It's not the place to judge a person's commitment to a fair and equal society. And pretending it is distracts from the larger, more thoughtful and useful conversations we need to be having around race, gender, power, equality.

If we can take away one thing from this supremely weird week, I hope it's that.

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CTA terminal reaches beyond the ordinary



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Cityscapes

You're likely to notice the CTA's new 95th Street terminal even if you never set foot inside. The ultralong building is an eye-grabber wedged in the middle of the busy Dan Ryan Expressway.

Bright red walls wrap around the terminal, seemingly holding together its disparate pieces like a taut ribbon. The entrances on the terminal's flanks jut outward at a sharp diagonal. Through color and shape, the building asserts itself amid the ear-splitting rush of cars and trucks that whoosh through the Ryan's brutal concrete trench.

But a CTA terminal isn't a piece of sculpture. How well does this building serve its 20,000 daily rail and bus commuters and the scores of CTA, Pace and Greyhound buses that use it on the average weekday?

Pretty well, it turns out.

The most expensive station project in CTA history, the \$280 million terminal takes the passenger experience up several notches by attending to the architectural basics — good proportions, ample natural light, broad paths and (for the most part) clear signage.

It's a solid effort, elevated by a dose of flair — the aforementioned red-ribbon treatment is a fitting flourish for the CTA's Red Line. Though the terminal does not match the aesthetic outcome of the finest new CTA stations, like the South Loop's Cermak-McCormick Place stop, it easily bests them when it comes

to spreading the infrastructure wealth.

Designed by Chicago-based architects and engineers Exp and built with federal, state and local funds, the terminal provides rapid-transit service to Chicago's Far South Side. Some of its buses reach into nearby suburbs. Its surroundings are largely African-American neighborhoods, in places poor and sometimes plagued by violence.

Because good jobs often follow good transit facilities, the terminal could turn out to be a much-needed economic engine, not just a way to get around.

The project's jaw-dropping price tag reflects its ambitious scope: Major track work took into account the planned extension of the Red Line south to 130th Street. New bus bays were built, raising the total to 26 from the previous 12. A 1960s terminal, designed by Chicago architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, that used to occupy the site's north side was renovated and expanded. A new south terminal, which accommodates CTA offices as well as passenger facilities, was added.

Exp, whose team was led by architect Tom Hoepf and engineer Shankar Nair, cleverly responded to the practical and aesthetic challenges posed by the sprawling complex.

The once-cramped north terminal was rebuilt with high ceilings and skylights as well as additional floor space that spans the highway. A truss-supported pedestrian bridge was constructed over 95th Street, connecting the terminals and enabling people to cross 95th without having to worry about getting hit by cars and buses. The bus bays that ring the terminals were



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The south end of the CTA Red Line station at 95th Street in Chicago with outbound traffic on the Dan Ryan Expressway.



The CTA Red Line station at 95th Street in Chicago serves 20,000 rail and bus commuters daily.

arranged in a saw-toothed pattern that allows buses to pull up without blocking traffic.

Large digital display screens, like those in airports, let passengers know how long it will take for their bus to arrive and where the bus will be stopping.

Unfortunately, not all the signage, which was designed by the CTA's in-house customer information team, is clear.

Some arrows directing people to bus bays point at a downward angle, for instance, suggesting that passengers need to go

downstairs to get where they're going. What the arrows really mean is that passengers need to turn around — the stops are behind them.

Despite these faults and the fact that construction of the north terminal isn't expected to be complete until next fall, the overall design can be pronounced a success. That is because Exp conceived of the terminal as a local landmark as well as a transportation hub.

The ribbonlike red walls, which consist of thin aluminum panels, visually connect the north and

south terminals, turning what could have been two static and separate buildings into a dynamic whole.

The linear look of the aluminum panels and their windows also echoes the motion of the vehicles streaming down the highway.

At the same time, the architects created a strong sense of arrival for pedestrians with the browlike entrances, also made of the red aluminum panels, on the terminal's north and south ends.

Old-school modernists might fault the red-ribbon treatment because the aluminum panels are applied to the terminal rather than expressing its internal structure. But connecting a building to its context matters just as much as structural honesty.

Still-to-come features, most notably two public art pieces by Chicago native Theaster Gates, may reinforce such connections, both physically and culturally.

The upper level of the south terminal already contains one of Gates' displays — a pair of tapestries

made from strips of decommissioned fire hoses; they recall the civil rights movement, when fire hoses were used as weapons against African-Americans. But the tapestries are not lit and remain partly covered, so no evaluation can be made.

In the north terminal, a manned DJ booth that will broadcast over the station's public address system is expected to be up and running later this year. Gates has said the broadcasts will reflect a "sacred space" with music valued by many African-Americans.

The prospect of sound animating space is exciting, suggesting that public art can be aural as well as visual and that it can express the identity of a community that transit serves. So there's more to come at the 95th Street terminal. But what's already there is welcome, especially because the building spreads the benefits of well-designed infrastructure to an area that really needs it.

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Assessor can't explain tax breaks for Burke

Alderman saved \$1,500 on home and office building

BY HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

Embattled Ald. Edward Burke got property tax breaks on his home and office building last year that the newly elected Cook County assessor says he can't explain.

The breaks, which saved the 14th Ward alderman more than \$1,500 on his property tax bills, came as Burke was under federal investigation for suspicion of using the considerable powers of his office and Finance Committee chairmanship to leverage business for Klafter & Burke, his property tax appeals firm.

The firm filed appeals in 2015 and 2016 on the assessments of his Southwest Side house and a building he owns that is home to both his ward service operation and the local Democratic organization he runs. In every case, the appeals were rejected "due to lack of data having been submitted."

But in 2017, Burke's firm did get his assessments trimmed. Then-Assessor Joseph Berrios reduced the estimated market value of his home by more than \$50,000, or 6.5 percent on a home that was originally valued at about \$781,000. That saved him about \$1,088 on his 2018 tax bill, lowering it to \$14,787.

Berrios reduced the value on his office building by \$19,630 in market value, or 4.1 percent. That saved Burke about \$423 last year. He paid \$9,956 on that tax bill.

Why was Burke awarded the tax breaks after they were denied the previous two years? That's not so clear.

Klafter & Burke did not submit any independent



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Assessments on Ald. Edward Burke's home, above, and his office building were lowered in 2017 by then-Assessor Joseph Berrios. Fritz Kaegi took over as assessor late last year.

appraisals on either property. On the home, the firm offered what it said were three comparable properties, but all were much smaller homes, according to the appeal document, which the Tribune obtained through an open records request.

It's difficult to find a comparable property to Burke's 5,600-square-foot house, which is surrounded by an iron fence and some have compared to a fortress. His Southwest Side neighborhood is full of modest homes, and the town homes Burke's firm cited in the appeal each were 2,264 square feet.

"It does not appear to us that those properties are comparable," said Scott Smith, a spokesman for Assessor Fritz Kaegi, who took over the office late last year. "Based on the information we have, we can't see why" the assessment was lowered.

The Chicago Sun-Times first reported the Burke tax breaks.

On Burke's commercial building, which also contains a storefront and apartments, the firm submitted no comparable properties.

"It would be a best practice to file comparables when filing an appeal, and as far as our office is

concerned, any successful appeal would need to have good comparables to be considered," Smith said.

Berrios on Friday scoffed at the idea that Burke received any favorable treatment from him.

"I never saw the file," said Berrios, who was defeated by Kaegi in last year's Democratic primary. "I don't have the file in front of me. I never looked at the file, that I recall. ... Ed Burke's file was looked at by staff, like every other file that comes up there. We've had other politician's files up there. I never look at them."

Kelly Keeling, the attorney who filed the appeal on Burke's behalf, could not be reached Friday.

Kaegi won the assessor's office after pledging to fix an assessment system that a Tribune investigation — The Tax Divide — found undervalued more costly homes and over-assessed less expensive ones, which tended to shift the property tax burden to the less affluent.

Another part of the series, done in collaboration with ProPublica Illinois, found that owners of larger commercial properties tended to get improper assessment breaks that shifted the tax burden to

both smaller business properties and homeowners.

The residential part of the series was confirmed by an independent study, and before leaving office Berrios started making changes to address that issue. His method for assessing commercial properties remained the same. Kaegi has vowed to make further changes to the residential system and overhaul the commercial one.

Berrios' initial changes to the residential system might explain the latest assessment on Burke's home. Last year, Berrios' office boosted the assessment on Burke's home by \$130,000, or 17.8 percent. Burke did not appeal.

Last year's assessment on his commercial property came in significantly lower, with a market value drop of \$93,700, or 20 percent. Burke also did not appeal that assessment.

In January, federal authorities charged Burke with attempted extortion on allegations he tried to pressure fast-food magnates to hire Klafter & Burke in exchange for a driveway permit they needed for a Burger King restaurant.

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Planned Parenthood of Illinois announced Friday that clinics across the state are offering free birth control for one year to eligible patients who can't afford the cost, amid increasing attempts by the Trump administration to restrict contraceptive access and funding nationwide.

The new Access Birth Control initiative will cover injectable birth control, vaginal rings, oral contraceptive pills and condoms, as well as long-acting reversible contraceptives like an intrauterine device or implant, said Planned Parenthood of Illinois spokeswoman Julie Lynn.

This allows patients to use the method of birth control they prefer rather than automatically selecting the cheapest option, Lynn said. For example, IUDs are a highly effective form of long-term birth control but might be more expensive than other types.

"A lot of the time, people will get the method that's most cost-effective rather than the method that's best for them," she said.

Eligible patients include those who are uninsured and pay out of pocket or who can't afford birth control even on a sliding-fee scale, Lynn said.

Some have private health insurance that doesn't cover contraceptives, or they have a high unmet deductible; sometimes youths might not want to use their parents' health insurance due to confidentiality concerns. This would also cover the cost for patients who are not eligible for Medicaid, including undocumented

immigrants, she said.

Lynn said the agency has no cost projections for the initiative, which is funded by private philanthropy. It will be in place until 2021, but birth control is offered free to individual patients for only a year. Patients are still responsible for the cost of the clinic visit.

"Increasing access to affordable and comprehensive healthcare remains our priority, despite the challenges of America's complex health system," Jennifer Welch, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Illinois, said in a news release.

The initiative comes as the nation grapples with birth control coverage and access.

Although the Obama administration's Affordable Care Act expanded access to no-cost contraception, the Trump administration issued rules allowing more employers to opt out by claiming religious objections. However, a federal judge last month blocked these changes nationwide before they were to take effect.

The U.S. Department of Justice has argued that the new rules would "protect a narrow class of sincere religious and moral objectors from being forced to facilitate practices that conflict with their beliefs."

Use of long-acting reversible birth control like IUDs spiked nearly 22 percent after Donald Trump was elected, according to research published this month in JAMA Internal Medicine.

Anecdotal reports in the media indicated women were rushing out to secure these types of birth control, fearing future restrictions.

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Foxconn's Wis. job promises falling short

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tion nationally for high-tech labor have already proved challenging for Foxconn to lure talent to its nascent campus.

Filling new jobs was the central justification of devoting significant taxpayer resources, and the early hiring shortfall has left Foxconn and economic development officials scrambling to reassure taxpayers that everything is on track.

A manufacturing renaissance

The Foxconn deal, announced in July 2017, was championed by President Donald Trump and then-Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker as a way to create thousands of new manufacturing jobs in the U.S. The company was planning to make large-screen TVs, staffing up over time and turning the region into the "electronics manufacturing capital of North America," according to county executives.

It would join prominent businesses like the massive new headquarters of packaging supplies distributor Uline and Amazon's giant fulfillment center in an area better known for cheese shops and bratwurst.

The deal immediately faced skeptics. Some thought the nearly \$4 billion in state and local incentives — among the largest ever offered to a foreign manufacturer — made the deal too pricey to pay off, while others questioned whether Foxconn would follow through, based on several previous projects elsewhere that had fizzled out.

Recent flip-flops by exe-



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A November photo shows a new Foxconn Technology Group plant in Mount Pleasant, Wis. In December, it had 178 employees on board, missing its first year-end target of 1,040 jobs.

cutives have only fueled the doubt, but the company is reaffirming its commitment to the project.

"Foxconn is continuing its Wisconsin project," the company said in a statement. "The company remains committed to its long-term investment and creating 13,000 jobs in Wisconsin."

To be sure, the main campus, dubbed Wisconsin Valley Science and Technology Park — think Silicon Valley, but near Kenosha — has begun sprouting up in the bucolic village 30 miles south of Milwaukee and 60 miles north of Chicago in Racine County.

It is unclear, though, how much of the facility will be devoted to manufacturing. The company has given multiple statements in recent weeks saying that engineers may account for anywhere from two-thirds to 90 percent of staffing — a far different mix than the blue-collar manufacturing haven originally envisioned.

The recent doubts kicked

off late in January when Louis Woo, special assistant to Foxconn Chief Executive Terry Gou, told Reuters that his company was rethinking its commitment to the project.

"In terms of TV, we have no place in the U.S.," he was quoted as saying. "We can't compete." He said that the Wisconsin plant would become more of a research hub.

Foxconn's position shifted once again after the company, citing a conversation between Trump and Gou, said it would keep the manufacturing plans moving forward.

But still, the plans keep changing. Foxconn said the facility will now make smaller screens for smartphones and tablets, as opposed to large-screen TVs, reflecting changes in the global market.

The company also outlined construction plans over the next 18 months, which include a liquid crystal module packaging plant, a system integration assem-

bly facility, a research and development center, and a town center to support people working in the park.

Reality meets the hype

Yet through all the talk, Foxconn fell short of the minimum 260 jobs needed by the end of 2018 to qualify for a portion of the first round of state incentives, and looks likely to miss its annual tax credit targets until at least 2020, raising questions about both the scale of the project, and the availability of qualified talent in southeastern Wisconsin.

"It's not surprising that Foxconn has had difficulty finding workers, as the labor market is very tight," said Noah Williams, an economics professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison who wrote a favorable evaluation of the original Foxconn proposal.

Shifting to a research and development focus may make it even harder for

Foxconn to meet its hiring targets, with the pipeline of engineering graduates in Wisconsin not large enough to fill thousands of new jobs, Williams said.

In November, The Wall Street Journal reported that Foxconn, desperate for talent, considered bringing in engineering talent from China. The report drew a swift denial from Foxconn, but it underscored the hard sell the company faces as it tries to recruit against established tech hubs such as Silicon Valley.

Williams said the Chicago area is a better potential talent pool for Foxconn.

"If the labor in demand shifts toward more engineers and knowledge workers, then the (recruiting) problem ... would be even more difficult," Williams said. "There has been an effort to recruit from Illinois, and that is likely to intensify."

Mark Hogan, CEO of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp., which oversaw the Foxconn deal, said Tuesday that if the project scales down and fails to meet its target employment goals, taxpayers will be protected.

"WEDC's performance-based contract with Foxconn provides the company the flexibility to make these business decisions, and at the same time, protects Wisconsin's taxpayers," Hogan said in a statement. "As has been reported, Foxconn will not qualify for tax credits until, at the earliest, 2020, and then only if the company meets its annual job creation and capital investment requirements."

That however, does not reflect other significant costs already incurred, like the \$50 million that Mount

Pleasant has committed to obtain more than 1,000 acres for the project, or the \$300 million in infrastructure improvements undertaken by the village and county.

New Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers, who defeated Walker in November, called the Foxconn development "a broken political deal" during his campaign. He nonetheless took the company at its word that the factory would move forward with a revised plan to build smaller LCD screens.

"I'm comfortable that they're still committed to the state ... but that doesn't mean we won't continue to encourage them to be more transparent and more consistent," Evers said Feb. 1.

But for Case Western's Helper, the former chief economist at the U.S. Department of Commerce during the Obama administration, a shift to higher-paying research and development jobs would essentially put Foxconn's target goal of 13,000 employees out of reach.

"I've never heard of an R&D lab with 13,000 people," Helper said.

Beyond the unwieldy scale of the project, luring large numbers of engineers to southeastern Wisconsin would be a challenge, given competing opportunities available in more fertile tech climates, she said.

"You move to Silicon Valley, that job doesn't work out, there's hundreds of other employers that conceivably you could go to," Helper said. "But you go to Mount Pleasant, Wis., and put down roots, what's the next job for you?"

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Target closings on S. Side leave pain

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get close its doors for good, so did another South Side store in Morgan Park. Addams-Hoffman says she can't help but feel bruised, disappointed, angry and hurt.

Minneapolis-based Target announced the decision to shut the two locations in late October, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel fought it with both carrots and sticks, offering millions of dollars in tax assistance to the retailer to stay open while also signing an executive order that could punish retail developers if a tenant is closing stores elsewhere in the city.

As this was unfolding, the Marshall's store in the same shopping center as the Morgan Park Target also abruptly shut down.

Now those empty storefronts represent a lot of worry and sadness for local residents. Some fear there won't be another large retailer to fill the voids, and that the setback will delay or derail other redevelopment investment in South Side neighborhoods.

"I feel cheated," Addams-Hoffman said. "The money is here. The population is here. Why do we always have to settle for less? Are the other communities just fighting harder? Or do they even have to fight to be seen by larger retailers?"

Store closings aren't unusual. But for neighborhoods served by the Targets that have left — among them Chatham, South Shore, Avalon Park, Grand Crossing, Morgan Park, Calumet Park — it is a particular blow because of the lack of big-box, nationally recognizable shopping options. The community's emotional response reveals just how the disparity is taken personally and its impact on the morale of a neighborhood.

As Target is closing its South Side locations, it plans to open at least one new store on Chicago's North Side, deepening the emotional blow to residents south of downtown.

"Target filled a gap in terms of the quality of life for these communities,"



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The former Target store in Morgan Park on Chicago's South Side sits vacant this month.



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Black Friday demonstrators rally outside the soon-to-be-closed Target store at 8560 S. Cottage Grove Ave. in Chicago.

said U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush of Chicago, who staged public protests and demonstrations to try persuade the retailer to stay. "Abruptly, that gap has been reopened, without any consideration, commentary or collaboration with the community at all."

It's no wonder that residents feel so upset that some are vowing never to shop at the stores again, Rush said.

"The emotional reaction

stems from, here you have a community that has been underserved for decades, finally getting a small respect, some sense of quality of life for consumers and they felt they had options to buy and purchase goods," he said.

"They were kicked to the curb, so to speak. When will it stop? We befriended Target. We supported Target. And now we're left without many options. (Residents) are mad, they are angry."

Nedra Sims Fears, executive director of the Greater Chatham Initiative, said Target's pullout "just feels like a deliberate disinvestment."

"Target wouldn't tell us how many people the stores served, the revenue," she said. "We wanted to work with them. But we can't work with an organization that is impenetrable. It feels like a betrayal."

Target called the decision to close the stores difficult

but one based on their performance. A company spokeswoman said at the time that the move was "not about a neighborhood or geography," though she said the proximity of other stores was a consideration. She also said Target remains committed to Chicago.

A Target spokeswoman declined further comment Thursday.

But in the two South Side areas affected, the closings remain a sore topic raised on email discussion groups and social media, and at community meetings. When people talk to Fears about it, she reminds them of the many small businesses and locally owned stores that could use their support.

"We are not defined by one store," Fears said she tells them. "Target gave our community some cachet ... It had an appeal. I believe we have some lovely boutiques in the area, and we will all come together and figure out what a replacement option will look like."

The Morgan Park Target store was only minutes from Nora Naatz's house, and she'd stop in several times a week to pick up groceries, browse for cosmetics and look over the home goods.

It was like a slap in the

face when she and her neighbors heard the store closed.

"There are a lot of people asking, 'What am I going to do now?'" said Naatz, 35. "This is a great community. We have some of the best schools; the homes are beautiful. There's no reason people wouldn't come and live here, except we have few shopping options compared to the North Side."

With two big boxes closed in the popular shopping center, Naatz said she worries what will happen to the smaller shops there.

"I know shopping centers change. But I wonder what's going to happen there," she said. "Will it be a ghost town in six months?"

For Laura Foley, who also shopped at the Morgan Park store, the retailer didn't give adequate explanation for closing the store. Because the city provided tax incentives for Target to serve the community, how could it break that commitment when the need continues to exist?

"I wish they had sought community input regarding their business since they freely took our money," she said. "Lack of humanity (is) the bottom line."

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How CTU support could sway race

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donations to the candidate from affiliated groups such as the American Federation of Teachers are the result of CTU's organizing.

"I'm a teacher by profession, and so I'm very grateful for the support of teachers. That's frankly the beginning and the end of it, as far as I'm concerned," Preckwinkle said last week after a rain-splashed protest with strikers outside the Illinois Network of Charter Schools office in the Loop.

"This is a professional organization that I am part of, and I'm very grateful for their confidence in me."

A challenge from charters

If successful, teachers' efforts could push Chicago's education politics further left.

The Illinois Network of Charter Schools and its political action committees plan to leverage more than 100,000 registered voters in charter school households who have voted in at least two of the past three elections, according to INCS President Andrew Broy.

Charter households hold enough people with proven voter histories to sway the upcoming elections, Broy said. INCS soon will use that information to target families with what the organization's head called a "pretty substantial communications effort."

Just under 600,000 voters cast ballots in both the 2011 city general election and 2015 runoff, according to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. This year's election features a crowded field of 14 mayoral challengers, and no incumbent. A candidate won't need a big share of the vote to make an expected April runoff election. That means voters who are highly motivated by their views on education could shape a tight race with similar turnout on Feb. 26.

"If the charter community can meaningfully engage 100,000 votes because of the voting bloc, that can have a substantial impact on the winning share and I think we're prepared to do that," Broy said. "We think that is a provable difference in the election."

One INCS political action fund held roughly \$1.9 million at the end of last year, a haul credited in large part to enormous late year contributions from members of the Walton family. The heirs to the Walmart fortune are prominent supporters of school choice initiatives.

A second INCS fund contributed \$10,000 to state Comptroller Susana Mendoza's mayoral campaign last week and parceled out



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2018

Cook County Board President and mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle joins charter school teachers and supporters as they rally in Chicago in December.

another roughly \$20,000 to allied aldermen this month — including Howard Brookins, 21st; Patrick O'Connor, 40th; Emma Mitts, 37th; Joe Moore, 49th; Michael Scott Jr., 24th; and Raymond Lopez, 15th.

The Chicago Teachers Union PAC held a little more than \$170,000 at the end of 2018.

By the time Toni Preckwinkle was well into her influential political career, the CTU and former President Karen Lewis had pushed money to allied community groups and built resistance to urban education reforms that emphasized testing, school closings, teacher evaluations and charter school expansion.

The union itself has still contributed money and support to a slate of City Council hopefuls this year, including \$10,000 to educator and 10th Ward Ald. Susan Sadlowski Garza. Teacher Erika Wozniak, who is challenging 46th Ward Ald. James Cappelman for control of an area that includes parts of the Uptown and Buena Park neighborhoods, also received \$10,000.

Jeanette Taylor, a community activist who participated in a hunger strike aimed at reopening the Dyett High School campus in Washington Park and is running for alderman in the 20th Ward, received a CTU-sponsored mailing campaign valued at nearly \$30,000. Union ally and Ald. John Arena, 45th, got \$25,000 from the union's

PAC. Council candidates Rafael Yanez (15th Ward), Byron Sigcho-Lopez (25th Ward) and Michael D. Rodriguez (22nd Ward) also received union contributions in recent weeks.

So far, though, CTU hasn't sent big dollars directly to Preckwinkle's mayoral campaign. The union has instead contributed in

won big support from SEIU, while the CTU mostly leaned on in-kind contributions from its own ranks and cash from allied education unions to back Garcia.

Much of that support arrived after Garcia forced Emanuel into a runoff.

"We expect a runoff," CTU President Jesse Sharky said. "We're looking at the arc of the entire cam-

and built resistance to urban education reforms that emphasized testing, school closings, teacher evaluations and charter school expansion.

That rhetoric has won a toehold in a crowd of mayoral contenders who have voiced support for an elected Chicago Board of Education, policies that prioritize traditional neighborhood schools, or a halt to school closures and charter expansion.

"Clearly they endorsed Toni Preckwinkle. Her platform on education really mirrors the Chicago Teachers Union platform," said UIC history professor Elizabeth Todd-Breland, who wrote a recent book about the union's role in black politics and education reform. "There's politics to that. But it's not just her, if you look broadly at the candidates, the majority of them are embracing at least one, if not multiple, elements of these core tenets that the Chicago Teachers Union has been really organizing vigorously around for the last decade."

Educators are now testing whether their clout can win a major election in a city that feels persistent tension over segregated schools and slim budgets.

"There are a lot of people who want to claim the mantle of educator but who never set foot inside of a classroom and whose education reform credentials are really corporate credentials," Sharkey said. "The fact that Toni has actually gone to work every day in a classroom as a teacher for a

decade of her life does mean something to us. The more important thing really is it's not just where you're from, it's where you're going. The other important thing for our members is she's advocating the policies we think are good education policy, I think that's the heart of it."

Preckwinkle's support from SEIU, CTU and other labor groups has offered her opponents an opening to question whether she will stand up to unions. Questions about the county board president's independence sparked a tense exchange during Thursday's televised debate.

"You cannot in good conscience argue the interests of the citizens of Chicago when you are a wholly owned subsidiary of those two unions," candidate Gery Chico, — a former Chicago Board of Education president and charter school lobbyist — said to Preckwinkle. "It's not possible."

"I have made the tough decisions that have had to be made regardless of where my political support has come from," Preckwinkle retorted, shortly before WFLD-Ch. 32 political editor Mike Flannery broke in to press the issue.

"Can we count on you when it's needed to say no to the teachers union?" Flannery asked.

"Of course," Preckwinkle said. "Of course."

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Temperature swings from polar vortex make for better whiskey

Frankfort distillery credits the state's 'crazy weather'

BY FRANK VAISVILAS
Daily Southtown

Brothers Phil and Dan Casey were thinking about opening a craft brewery a few years ago, but there was a potential drawback.

The market was saturated, so to speak.

So the Caseys decided to target an older drinking demographic with their craft spirits business in Frankfort. It's a move Phil Casey said has paid off.

He attributed an increase in business, at least in part, to a decrease in the metabolism of aging liquor connoisseurs.

As craft beer lovers become older, Casey said, they're discovering those beverages are causing larger midsections.

So naturally, Casey said, those customers are slowly opening their palates to alternative craft brews that may not have the same impact on their waists.

That said, the Casey brothers also are craft beer lovers. But they wondered how much of an impact they could make in that market after seeing the plethora of microbreweries

that already had been established, both locally and nationwide.

But they found there were relatively few distilleries in the country, and even fewer in Illinois.

After a somewhat lengthy licensing process, Frankfort Spirits establishment became the 15th licensed distillery in the state in 2014.

Casey said there's still only about 20 distilleries in Illinois but that number will likely grow in the coming years given the popularity of craft spirits.

He said the state's climate offers opportunities to make unique and flavorful spirits, unlike in states with warmer climates, such as Florida.

"Illinois is a great place to age whiskey because of the crazy weather," Casey said. He said drastic temperature fluctuations such as the dramatic turnaround that followed the recent polar vortex help the spirits expand and contract inside the wooden barrels lined with charcoal, which helps make the spirits more flavorful and adds a deeper, richer color.

The barrels are stored in a barn in Frankfort where the bourbon, whiskey and other spirits are aged five to eight years or more.

The state's agricultural prowess also factors into the beverages, as the distillers use Illinois sourced ingredients such as barley and corn.

Casey offers tours to the public every Sunday in the showroom in the CD & ME building owned by his business partners Dean Vaundry and Chuck Jabaay at 23320 S. LaGrange Road in Frankfort.

"I've learned more here than at the Kentucky Bourbon Trail tour," said Thomas Ruzga, of Schererville, Ind., who visited Frankfort Spirits on a recent Sunday. "It's really nice to have something close to home like this."

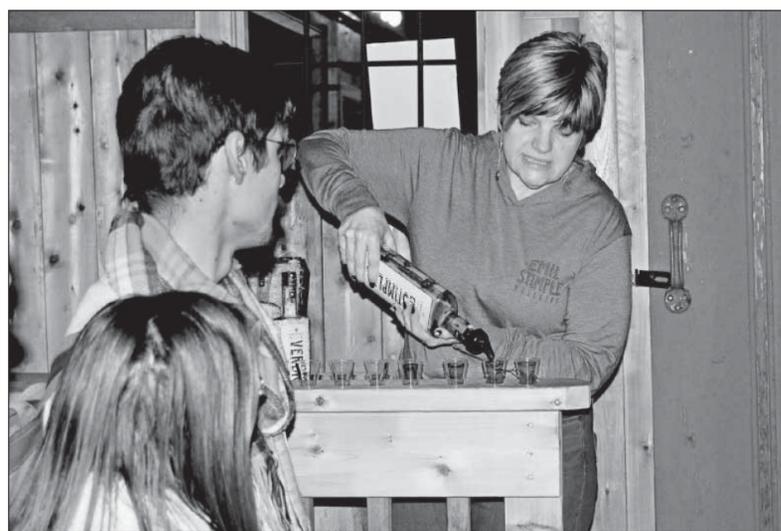
Trish Yugo, also of Schererville, concurred. "There are a ton of breweries in the area and not a lot of distilleries," she said. "It's definitely a hidden gem."

During the tours, visitors can sample some of the beverages, such as Emil Stimple aged whiskey, Los Barbudos rum and Verdict vodka.

Visitors often comment the aged whiskey is very smooth.

"That's why we call it the gateway drug," Frankfort Spirits brand ambassador Jacquie Ohert told visitors.

Her presentation also addresses different ways to



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Frankfort Spirits brand ambassador Jacquie Ohert pours samples of whiskey.

drink the spirits.

"There's no right way or wrong way to drink a whiskey," Ohert said. "Except the wrong way would be to drink it too fast. You don't want to waste a good spirit."

The name Emil Stimple was chosen based on what Casey's business partners found while researching the history of the area.

Apparently, Stimple was a prominent whiskey distiller and German immigrant to the Frankfort area in the 1800s.

And though Casey is an attorney by trade, Verdict vodka's name was chosen because the CD & ME building had once been the

site of a Will County court-

house.

Casey also explains the distilling process to visitors on the tour, showing how the barley and corn is cooked into a meal. Yeast is then added which turns sugar into alcohol, which is then heated to make an alcohol vapor and then re-captured during distillation.

The distillery also produces limited editions of small-batch bourbon and whiskey that tend to sell out very quickly.

Casey said he still loves craft beer and often partners with local breweries such as 350 Brewing in Tinley Park to create concoctions, such as a bourbon

barrel aged stout.

A major event at Frankfort Spirits will be on May 4, which is Derby Day, to celebrate the Kentucky Derby.

Casey said on that day they'll release a limited double barrel Emil Stimple whiskey that's been aged for eight years.

He said they're also working on other spirits, such as a gin that's about 90 percent complete, and a winter schnapps called Big Foot that he hopes will be ready for release next winter.

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State rep regrets word choice in white supremacist note

BY ERIN HEGARTY
Naperville Sun

Nearly two weeks after Anne Stava-Murray said she stood by a statement accusing Naperville of having white supremacist policies, the state representative Wednesday revised that opinion, calling her comment “far from perfect” and saying she wishes she’d written it differently.

“Would I amend my original comment briefly or change the words if given more than 90 seconds I originally took to give the reply? Yes, I absolutely would update them to something like, ‘We’re working on overcoming a legacy of white supremacy and I’m very sorry that happened to you,’” Stava-Murray, D-Naperville, wrote in a post on her Facebook page.

However, she is also “glad of the statement,” she said, because it has spurred some productive community conversations. “Speaking about the experiences of people of color in our city is necessary if we want to keep improving, like so many of us do,” she said.

Among them was a discussion she had with Naperville School District 203 officials, who are doing work to “overcome dispari-

ties we see,” she said.

Her statement came one day after Naperville City Councilman Kevin Coyne called for her resignation because of her white supremacist comment. In her Facebook post, she chastised those who used her words as a means of aggrandizing themselves or bolstering their political party.

“I’m a human. I’m far from perfect. But to those who willfully misunderstand me for their own political gain (Kevin Coyne) let me be abundantly clear: you cannot shame and blame me for your own ego and political gain without having to pay the piper,” Stava-Murray said.

“I am the elected official and you need to get over the fact that we’re more Democrat than Republican now. Doubling down on saying we’re perfect and cannot improve is not only untrue, it harms people. As Benny White notes, as a public official yourself, your voice is amplified.”

Stava-Murray ended the statement by asking for critics to focus on constructive discussions rather than “trying to lead some pitchfork riot to my house. Capiche?”

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Murder charge lodged in fatal Orland Square Mall shooting

Senior at Rich Central killed in confrontation

BY MIKE NOLAN
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A University Park man was charged with murder for the Jan. 21 shooting death of a high school senior in Orland Square Mall, Orland Park police said Friday.

A Cook County grand jury indicted Jakharr Williams, 20, on charges of first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, aggravated battery and several other charges, police said.

During a court hearing Friday for Williams, a prosecutor said an indictment charging him with murder was forthcoming.

It’s alleged that Williams shot to death 18-year-old Javon Britten, of Richton Park, during a confrontation near the Orland Park mall’s food court. Britten was a senior at Rich Central High School in Olympia Fields.

A funeral for Britten was held Feb. 1, with mourners, including several of his

classmates from Rich Central, filling Pentecostal Church of Christ Cathedral in Matteson.

One of Britten’s teachers who spoke at the funeral called him an “extra special” student who was a talented writer of poetry.

Williams was on parole as of last June following a robbery conviction, with his parole due to end in June 2020, according to Illinois Department of Corrections records.

Prosecutors said that Williams also had a prior felony conviction in Will County for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

Williams was arrested in Matteson two days after the shooting by members of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force following an intensive manhunt.

He was initially charged with unlawful possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, with a judge ordering him to be held without bail during Williams’ initial court appearance Jan. 25.

He is being held at



Williams

Stateville Correctional Center, according to Illinois Department of Corrections records.

Prosecutors and police said that Britten was shot multiple times following a confrontation with Williams at the mall. Britten was pronounced dead at an area hospital.

Authorities said Britten and Williams knew each other, and Williams had graduated in 2017 from Rich Central.

Britten’s family said he had been at the mall with his older cousin/adopted brother, with whom he lived in Richton Park.

Other charges Williams faces include aggravated discharge of a firearm, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, reckless discharge of a firearm and unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, police said.

A second person was grazed by a bullet fired by Williams, according to police.

Police and members of the major crimes task force continued their investigation after the initial charge

against Williams was filed, concluding it on Feb. 1, then turning over the information to the state’s attorney, police said.

Orland Park police Chief Tim McCarthy said the department was “pleased that after a pretty significant investigation” the additional charges were filed against Williams.

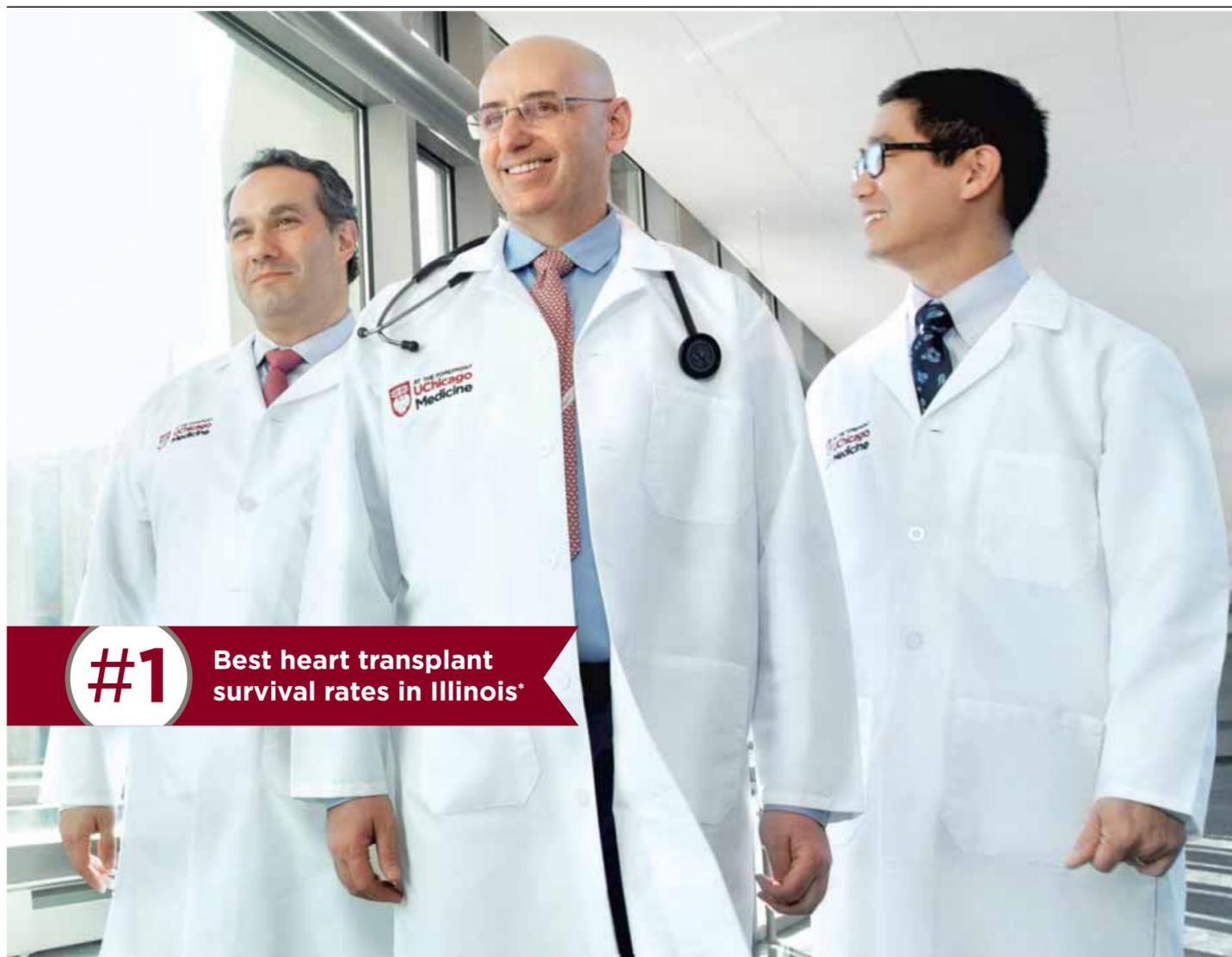
“This was a most serious offense, and it deserved the most serious charges,” he said.

A spokesman for Britten’s family did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Mourners raise money in memory of student

Life-sustaining water well to be built in Mali

By DONNA VICKROY
Daily Southtown

In less than one day, the Richards High School community raised more than \$2,500 for a life-sustaining water well to be built in the African nation of Mali in memory of Amira Nairat.

The freshman student was struck by a car and killed on her way to school Monday.

"Amira was like a little butterfly," said Joan Yousef, the girl's English as a New Language teacher. "Everywhere she went she attracted people. She was super, super loving."

Yousef said in keeping with the Islam tradition of charity, one of the five pillars of the faith, a fund was established Wednesday through Pious Projects of America (www.piousprojects.org/campaign?id=762) to raise \$2,500, enough to cover the cost of materials and labor for a well in Mali, where access to water can be a struggle.

By Thursday afternoon, donations neared \$2,600.

Yousef said the fund was started as part of the Muslim custom of Sadaqah Jariyah, which means the good deeds that one does in life or that others do on one's behalf in death continue to collect as blessings upon the individual named for the work of charity.

"So every person who drinks from this well will be sending credit for good deeds to Amira even in death," she said.

That, she said, is a modicum of comfort to a student body that has been devastated by the incident.

Amira was struck by a 2007 Volkswagen Beetle driven by Edward Cruz



A makeshift memorial of flowers stands where 15-year-old Amira Nairat, a freshman at Richards High School in Oak Lawn, was struck by a hit-and-run driver Monday.

"Amira was like a little butterfly. Everywhere she went she attracted people. She was super, super loving."

— Joan Yousef, teacher

about 7:45 a.m. Monday as she walked to school, assistant state's attorney Nicolas Bross said in court.

Prosecutors allege that Cruz had consumed a dozen beers at a friend's house on Sunday as they watched the Super Bowl, and, several hours before the girl was struck, had been arrested in nearby Merionette Park and charged with theft for allegedly reaching behind the bar at 115 Bourbon Street and drinking from bottles of alcohol. Police said Cruz bonded out at 11:50 p.m. Sunday on that charge.

Cruz, 25, of Oak Lawn, faces multiple charges in connection with the 15-year-old's death. He was ordered held without bail by Cook County Circuit Court Judge John Mahoney.

Yousef, who began and

ended her school day with Nairat in both her first period and eighth period classes, said, "Amira was extremely intelligent, wise beyond her years."

She said the girl also had an easy-going demeanor and was often seen laughing and smiling.

"She had a flock of friends," Yousef said. "For the past three days we've had girls crying nonstop."

Because of the outpouring of grief for this "special girl," Yousef said she was not surprised that the fund's goal was met in less than 24 hours.

Knowing that a new well will bring water to thousands in one of the world's most arid places, while also continuing to bestow blessings upon Amira, is a small bright spot in an otherwise tragic week, Yousef said.

A prayer service and funeral were held for the girl Wednesday at the Bridgeview mosque her family attends.

Mike Jacobson, principal of Richards High School, said, "Amira was so full of energy and life. She deserved better than this. Even though she was at Richards just a short time, her impact was deep."

Evidence of that, he said, came in the number of posters and visuals displayed during the memori-

al service.

Several more students wrote things to read aloud about their late friend.

"It was all so personalized to Amira it really informed me of how many lives she touched," he said.

Teacher Haneen Alzoubi, who had Amira in her 6th period algebra class, said, "Amira was your ideal student. Quiet, very humble and shy, very focused. She was one of those kids who even if you had a substitute would keep working."

Alzoubi said, "Amira was really good at math."

Every day, Alzoubi said, "she would help another student who struggled in the subject. Every day."

Coping this past week, she said, would have been impossible if not for the social workers and counselors who stepped in to help.

Alzoubi said the loss hammered home the notion that "everybody's time is coming and we don't know when, so we have to be the best person we can be."

Jacobson also said the incident underscores the need for drivers to be more careful when driving past schools, especially in this age of distracted driving.

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Atheist to deliver the invocation at DuPage meeting

By ALICIA FABBRE
Naperville Sun

Hemant Mehta won't be asking anyone to bow their heads or clasp their hands when he delivers the invocation at the March 12 DuPage County Board meeting.

Instead, the Downers Grove atheist will ask them to look to one another for guidance.

"It's not going to be a prayer," he said. "No one elected them to live out some religious ideology. We elected them to look out for the people they represent."

Mehta contacted county officials after reading about the discussion about

County Board invocations. In December, three County Board members expressed a desire to end the tradition of invocations before board meetings, pointing to the "primarily Christian prayers" at the start of each meeting.

Other board members noted members of other faiths, including Jewish and Muslim, have been included in the long-standing tradition.

Mehta is believed to be the first atheist in recent history to deliver an invocation before County Board members, officials said.

"I think it's great," board member Dawn DeSart, an Aurora Democrat, said of Mehta's upcoming invocation. DeSart was among the three County Board members who recently raised questions over the tradition of having invocations before county board meetings.

"I think Mr. Mehta will represent an important segment of our community in a respectful matter," she added, noting she has been in contact with Mehta since he was assigned the March

12 date to deliver his invocation.

She said she supported having "people of all religions and even those representing a nonreligion part of the county" deliver respectful invocations before board meetings.

Mehta writes for the Friendly Atheist website and has spoken at various events. However, he said he has never delivered an invocation before a governmental body.

"I'm excited to do it and I'm glad they were willing to let me speak," he said, lauding the county's professionalism in scheduling him to speak. "I hope they are as receptive to what I have to say as they are to all the other speakers who invoke the name of God."

While he welcomes the opportunity to appear before the board, he questions the practice of an invocation — typically delivered as a prayer — before a government meeting.

"Why are we having a prayer to open a government meeting at all," he asked. "Why can't people pray on their own time?"

"We didn't elect them to be pastors, we elected them to do their jobs and represent the community."

However, if the county is going to continue with the practice of invocations before a board meeting, at least they are including those with non-Christian backgrounds, he said.

"If this can help them move that conversation forward, I think that's a good thing for everyone," he said. "I don't care if they keep the invocations as long as they make sure they are diverse and extending an invitation to everyone."

Alicia Fabbre is a freelance reporter for the Naperville Sun.



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Parents target school boundaries in Winnetka

Group launches effort to change decades-old system

BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA
Pioneer Press

After Gretchen Rakowicz paid nearly \$1.3 million for a five-bedroom home in southeast Winnetka last year, she assumed her kindergarten-age son would attend nearby Greeley Elementary School, less than a mile away.

But Rakowicz, a single mom who moved to the North Shore from Chicago in April, said she was shocked to discover that the school district boundaries included her small neighborhood in Winnetka among those in Wilmette, Northfield and Glenview assigned to Avoca School District 37, not Winnetka School District 36.

Unhappy with the prospect of her kindergarten facing a roughly four-mile commute to Avoca Elementary School in Glenview each day, Rakowicz said she enrolled her son in the private Catholic school just blocks from her home.

"I saw the Avoca district on the real estate listing, but I thought it must be a mistake, because Avoca Elementary School is all the way in Glenview, several miles away from my home," Rakowicz said. "When I called District 36, they told me if I wanted my son to go to Greeley, I could pay \$25,000 a year for out-of-district tuition, and I was like, 'Are you kidding me? I'm already paying \$34,000 a year in property taxes.'"

Rakowicz's frustration is shared by about a dozen local residents with the citizens group Winnetka United, which recently hired a Chicago-based consultant to lead a campaign to change what they call "antiquated" boundary lines. The group declined to say how much they have raised for the effort.

The school district boundary lines were estab-



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Winnetka resident Gretchen Rakowicz and others want to send their children to schools closer to their homes.

lished in 1987 when the unincorporated neighborhood just south of Hill Road and east of Locust Road was annexed into Winnetka.

The affected neighborhood includes about 50 homes in the village, and the residents leading the campaign do not have children attending Avoca schools, but are concerned about the boundaries affecting their property value, said Emily Pevnick, a consultant and spokeswoman for Winnetka United.

Pevnick acknowledged that both the Avoca and Winnetka school districts are among the top-ranked districts in the state, likening them to the Ivy League's Harvard and Yale.

But despite the status of the two high-achieving North Shore districts, Pevnick said Winnetka United is determined to keep both the neighborhood children—and the roughly \$1 million in property tax dollars paid to Avoca—in Winnetka.

In addition, Pevnick said residents like Rakowicz say it undermines the local community by sending a small group of children to schools outside of Winnetka, when most of their friends from club sports and other social activities attend neighborhood schools in the village.

"The point of Winnetka United is to have a policy change, and we understand there will be challenges, but we want to take a fair and reasonable approach to a

boundary change," Pevnick said.

"We understand District 36 cannot unilaterally impose an Intergovernmental Agreement on District 37," Pevnick said. "Rather, we are looking to create the environment in which District 36 and District 37 agree to come together to discuss the issue."

Winnetka School District 36 spokeswoman Kate Hughes said officials have not met with the citizens group and "are still early in the process of learning more about Winnetka United's request and implications for both Avoca and District 36."

At Avoca School District 37, Superintendent Kevin Jauch said the Winnetka United proposal is nothing new, and for decades, officials have had random requests that the neighborhood be removed from Avoca and assigned to Winnetka.

"It seems like this issue rears its ugly head every couple of years, and it's always a different group of people," Jauch said. "I'm not sure why they want a boundary change, because Avoca is a fantastic school district, which is the ironic thing."

According to the 2018 Illinois School Report Card, test scores for the 741 students attending the two District 37 schools—Avoca Elementary School in Glenview and Marie Murphy Middle School in Wilmette—ranked far above the state

average last year in both English-Language Arts and math. In addition, both Avoca and Marie Murphy schools were rated "exemplary"—a distinction achieved by only 10 percent of the schools in the state.

In nearby Winnetka School District 36—a much larger district, enrolling 1,668 students—all five schools were rated "commendable," and like Avoca, student test scores also far exceed the state average.

In Avoca District 37, about 76 percent of students were rated proficient in English-Language arts and 72 percent in math, according to the state. In Winnetka District 36, about 66 percent of students were proficient in English-Language arts and 65 percent in math, according to the state.

Jauch said what sets Avoca apart from Winnetka and the other highly rated New Trier High School feeder districts is the relative ethnic and economic diversity of the Avoca students. According to the state report card, about 58 percent of Avoca students are white, 25 percent are Asian and nearly 8 percent are Hispanic, with 5 percent of students from low-income families.

In Winnetka School District 36, about 89 percent of students are white, 5 percent are two or more races, 3 percent are Asian and 2 percent are Hispanic, according to the state report card. Only 0.4 percent of students in the Winnetka district are from low-income families, according to the state report card.

Statewide, 49 percent of students are from low-income families, according to the school report card.

"The beauty of it is, when you look at the school report card, you don't see differences between Avoca children who are getting free and reduced lunches and those living in million dollar-plus mansions," Jauch said. "We are all just Avoca, and it's not about who lives in this neighborhood or that neighbor-

hood."

Jauch said if Winnetka United is granted its request to change the school district boundaries, the financial impact on his district would be devastating.

Currently, more than \$1.1 million in property tax revenue is collected by Avoca from the southeast Winnetka neighborhood, representing about 8 percent of the \$15.5 million in funding Avoca receives from property tax revenues.

The complex process required for the "detachment of territory" from the Avoca district and an annexation to the Winnetka district would begin by filing a petition with the executive director of North Suburban Cook Intermediate Service Center, said Jackie Matthews, a spokeswoman with the Illinois State Board of Education. After a petition is filed, the executive director selects a three-member hearing panel, which Matthews said is tasked with holding public hearings and taking testimony about the proposed change.

Jauch, who has been Avoca's superintendent for eight years, will head to a new job July 1—as executive director of the NSCSC, according to the government agency's website.

Last, the hearing panel would issue a decision either granting or denying the petition, with any party unhappy with the outcome allowed to contest the hearing panel's decision through the Cook County Circuit Court, Matthews said.

But some experts suggest that the resolution of this North Shore school boundary has repercussions that go beyond the impact on the two school districts.

"It's very natural and understandable that parents will seek any advantage they can for their children in the educational system," said Simone Ispa-Landa, an assistant professor in the School of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University. "But any decision on school bounda-

ries should be made with the mindset of equity, and ensuring some measure of diversity, even in a majority white district."

She added that her "hope is that whatever they do decide is based on what's best for all of the students, not just a small group of community activists."

For southeast Winnetka residents like Sarah Balassa, hearing about the boundary change initiative during a recent phone call from the citizens group was troubling.

Balassa, a mother of two and a Winnetka native, said she has fond memories of her days as a student at District 36 schools, including Crow Island Elementary School and Carleton Washburne Junior High School. When she and her husband decided to leave the city and raise their children in the suburbs, Balassa said they headed back to her hometown—a life change bolstered by the stellar education she received at District 36 schools and New Trier.

But despite her son and daughter having a positive experience in District 36, when she and her husband relocated from their first home in the village to a vintage home in southeast Winnetka, Balassa said the couple was not concerned their children would need to transfer into the Avoca school district.

"It's not that the Winnetka district is not a great school district, but you only do this once with your kids, and when I checked out Avoca, everyone was so friendly... it's small, and the superintendent knows all of the kids' names," Balassa said. "My kids have excelled at Avoca, especially with its outstanding science program. They've also kept all of their old friends from the Winnetka district, so I'm just scratching my head at this request to change the boundaries, because I just don't get it."

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Cancer study: African-Americans still die at higher rate

BY NANCY COLTUN WEBSTER
Post-Tribune

About 35,280 new cases of cancer are expected to be diagnosed in Indiana this year with breast cancer and lung cancer topping the list. An estimated 13,690 will die, according to the American Cancer Society.

A new population health study reveals that African-American Hoosiers have a lower incidence of many cancers, but they die at a higher rate, according to author and lead scientist Susan M. Rawl, professor of nursing at Indiana University School of Nursing and co-leader of cancer prevention and control at the IU Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.

The study looks at differences in cancer-related knowledge, beliefs and behaviors between racial and socioeconomic groups in Indiana counties with the highest cancer death rates. The study conducted by the IU cancer center and the Regenstrief Institute was funded by the National Cancer Institute. Twelve other cancer centers in the U.S. are conducting similar studies. Ultimately, each cancer centers' data will be merged to offer a national understanding of the results.

"We were funded by the NCI to do a study of the health of our population in Indiana to understand their cancer-related knowledge beliefs and behaviors," said Rawl. "We asked about screenings, smoking — the things that reduce or increase your risk of getting cancer — to address the needs of our population in our state."

"It provides us with a fundamental understanding of what does health knowledge and belief look like in the state of Indiana. Now that we know what it looks like we can go on," said Joy L. Lee, health services researcher at the IU School of Medicine and Regenstrief Institute. Over time, the data will be mined for other findings.

According to Rawl and Lee, some of the initial results confirmed their hypothesis that higher income resulted in more cancer screenings, less smoking and more physical activities and regardless of race, respondents with low income and low education had poor access to health care.

"None of that really surprised us — that people who have greater resources have access to better care. Income was associated with scans for lung cancer, or screenings for colon cancer — not surprising," said Rawl. "A couple of things surprising were that African-Americans tend to think they were not at risk for cancer or were less worried. It was very surprising finding that black women were more likely to have cervical screening in the last three years than white women."

"That flew in the face of other data. The women who disproportionately die are higher among our minorities — specifically African American or Hispanic women. The results popped off the page. Our black women were much more likely to be up to date (on screenings). We have to figure out how to explain that. Without analysis — the proportion of the surveyed people were in urban areas. The white population was more likely to live in rural areas. We don't have data to explain it yet."

A local doctor agreed. "I'm absolutely seeing all these things," said Roland Walker, pediatrician and owner of Walker Medical. Walker is also the executive director of the Northwest Indiana Health Dept. Cooperative, which is the lead agency for Lake County Tobacco Free.

Walker points to cervical cancer screening.

"I believe that has to do with how we are taught to screen in the African-American community — the recommendations are the same for all races — but it is emphasized more that cervical cancer is higher in the African-American population. So physicians look for it. The next question — after you screen — what do you do with it? How do you make sure they have access to care and faith in the care they are getting? I think it matters not just by race — but by gender and by age. As

an example, women of all races of child-bearing age tend to see more primary care. Women of child-bearing age will see an (obstetrician) and get screened — any population that is having more [obstetrician] visits are going to have more screening. It matters how they break it down by men, by women, and by age."

Walker said he has medical offices in Gary and LaPorte and has the opportunity see patients who live in urban as well as rural

environments. "The demographics are so different. The Gary office is 90 percent African-American. My LaPorte office 50 percent Caucasian and 25 percent Hispanic and 25 percent African-American. Most of my African-American patients in LaPorte reside in Michigan City. Both areas are a higher-risk cancer area. LaPorte has a lot of farming — Gary more industry. LaPorte (patients) might be more likely to have throat or

tongue cancer from chewing tobacco. You don't really see that in North Lake County. It's just different." Rawl also offered a public message of thanks to the anonymous participants from Northwest Indiana. "Thank you to the local counties, for the research would not be possible without them," said Rawl.

"A lot of times, cancer sounds scary and this study is on the population level and might seem hard for the average reader to relate to,"

said Lee. "But there are steps people can take. That is another important aspect and that is very concrete and not scary. They can have a conversation with their doctors. Patients and doctors have to have the same goals and understanding of what is healthy. If they are concerned, (people should) start with a conversation with their doctors."

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Charter teacher strike looks at 2nd week; talks continuing

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

A city charter school strike that has halted regular classes for 2,000 students at four campuses prepared to enter its second week on Sunday, as negotiators grappled over pay and the Chicago Teachers Union planned “stepped-up militancy on the picket line.”

Chicago International Charter School pickets and union allies rallied at the CTU’s headquarters over the weekend for a show of labor force, capping a week of picketing and negotiations that failed to land an agreement to end Chicago’s second work stoppage at its independently operated campuses.

“We know that we are working within a broken system,” said Jen Conant, who chairs a bargaining unit that represents four CICS campuses, during a Saturday rally. “We know that CICS and management value the money and their own greed over the students’ needs.”

The roughly 175 CTU-represented educators at Wrightwood Elementary School, Ellison High School, Northtown Academy High School and ChicagoQuest High School have been bargaining for months with Civitas Education Partners, which manages those four CICS campuses.



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Chicago Teachers Union President Jesse Sharkey attends a rally supporting Chicago International Charter School staff.

Both the union and management acknowledge that CICS has offered pay raises and cost-of-living adjustments in each year of a potential four-year deal, though they offer divergent characterizations of how big those salary increases would be and whether they would bring teachers and classroom assistants on par with colleagues in traditional Chicago Public Schools.

There are also tangles over cuts to the length of the educators’ workday and the number of days they work each year, CICS said Friday, plus disputes over whether to assign a maximum of 28 or 29 students in each classroom.

But, a CICS spokeswoman said, “compensation continues to be the major hold-

out.”
“This is a fight for the soul of what we’re going to be in public education,” Illinois Federation of Teachers President Dan Montgomery said during Saturday’s event at CTU headquarters.

Union officials, citing CICS financial records, have concluded that the charter organization holds roughly \$36 million in budget reserves that could help finance a contract agreement. CICS has contended its reserves are half that amount and said that meeting the union’s latest pay demands would “lead to financial insolvency.”

Negotiations were scheduled to continue Sunday.

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Naperville paid hundreds of hours of OT during polar vortex days

BY SUZANNE BAKER
Naperville Sun

The polar vortex kept Naperville on its toes as the fire department call volume doubled and city employees racked up hundreds of hours of overtime between Jan. 28 and Feb. 1.

Firefighters put in 87 hours of overtime in three days to be on call and provide services during storm, officials said.

The biggest overtime hit was in the water department, with 32 employees accruing 458 hours because of broken water pipes and water main breaks — including a large one at Ogden Avenue and Mill Street, according to Linda LaCloche, spokeswoman for the city of Naperville.

The city’s electric department’s workers totaled 84 hours of overtime, she said. The police and Transportation, Engineering and Development departments reported no overtime.

No figures were available for public works depart-

ment.
LaCloche could not say how much the overtime was going to cost.

Fire Chief Mark Puknaitis said an average week the department usually responds to between 40 and 45 calls in a week but the number was easily doubled on those days when the temperature was as low as 20 degrees below zero.

“We had well over a hundred calls some days,” Puknaitis said.

Total call volume during that time period was 400, or an average 80 calls a day that week, the chief said.

“We had two structure fires that week, which is the worst time to have them,” he said.

Puknaitis said the bulk of the fire department’s responses on a regular day are medical emergencies. While that did not change, he said the number of people calling for medical attention rose as did the amount of accident responses.

One of the biggest in-

creases, Puknaitis said, was in the number service calls from people asking to fire-fighters to check for carbon monoxide, natural gas or water leaks because the extreme weather caused many furnaces to malfunction and pipes to freeze.

Puknaitis said the department doesn’t have the ability to fix those kinds of problem.

“We tried to make sure there was no fire emergency and we were on our way,” he said.

The cold weather also caused havoc on fire alarm systems. Puknaitis said ice in the sprinkling system at the Embassy Suites hotel set off the sprinklers.

Naperville homes and businesses aren’t built to withstand temperatures that felt like minus-60 degrees with the wind chill, he said.

“We reached temperatures that were in untested territory,” he said.

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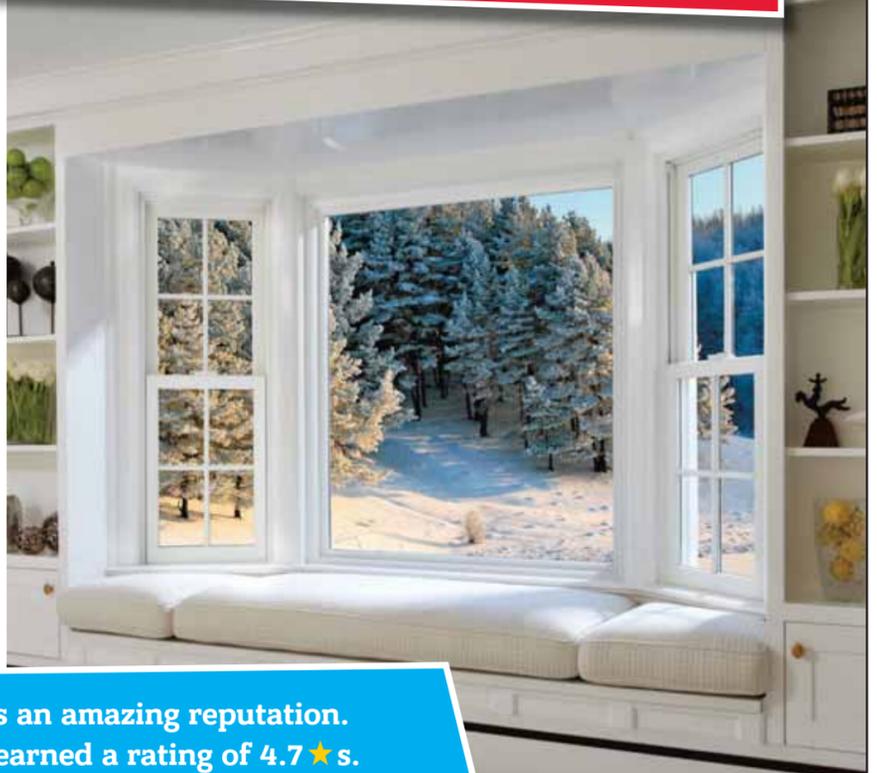
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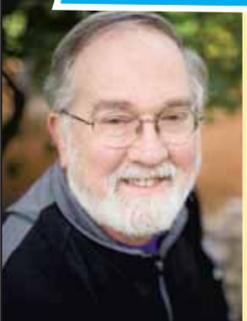
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"We are alarmed by the new calls to adopt socialism in our country," President Donald Trump declared in his State of the Union address on Tuesday.

Trump's attack on socialism is no help to capitalism



STEVE CHAPMAN

Socialism has always been a tough sell in the United States. While socialist parties won substantial support in many Western countries over the course of the 20th century, they were confined to the fringes here. In 1932, in the depths of the Great Depression, the Socialist Party presidential candidate got just 2 percent of the vote.

But the outlook has brightened lately — as demonstrated by the electoral achievements of Bernie Sanders, who won 23 primaries and caucuses in the 2016 Democratic presidential campaign, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, elected to Congress last year. Both wear the label proudly. Now, though, socialists have gotten a boost from an even more prominent politician. "We are alarmed by the new calls to adopt socialism in our country," said President Donald Trump in his State of the Union address. "Tonight, we renew our resolve that America will never be a socialist country."

Capitalism deserves better defenders than this. It has been the greatest engine for the conquest of poverty and suffering in history. It has led to the mass production of marvels that our ancestors could not have imagined. It has fostered personal freedom, broken

down oppressive traditions and aided in the spread of democracy. Even European social democracies understand that capitalists and markets are indispensable. There is no U.S. constituency for nationalizing factories, financial institutions or farms.

Given his low standing among voters, particularly young ones, Trump's attack on socialism — or "socialism" — amounts to a huge gift to the left. For fans of capitalism, it should evoke embarrassment.

Democrats have grown more liberal, but that shift is not because they have been gorging on Karl Marx. It's partly because some of them have a shaky grasp of economics — and an aversion to its inconvenient truths. But it's partly because some social problems have gone unsolved by leaders who defend free-market capitalism. And partly because conservatives have grown more addicted to rigid ideology and less open to pragmatic remedies.

You could denounce public roads and bridges, state universities, community hospitals and national parks as "socialism." But the question is not whether they are owned by the government. The question is whether they work — and work better than possible private alternatives.

Barack Obama proposed a health care overhaul based on a plan once championed by the conservative Heritage Foundation. It relied heavily on measures to make private insurance available and affordable to more people. But not a single Republican in Congress voted for it. Many of them

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reviled it as socialistic.

In fact, it was a classic specimen of welfare-state capitalism, trying to regulate private markets for social purposes. No true socialist liked it.

It would be easier to argue that "Medicare-for-all" amounts to a dangerous socialist scheme. But the same claim was made about the original Medicare. In 1964, Ronald Reagan predicted that if it came to pass, Americans would "spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it once was like in America when men were free."

Somehow most Americans don't feel enslaved by a program that ensures health care for the elderly. Will Wilkinson, vice president for research at the Niskanen Center in Washington, notes that "some of the freest countries in the world, and the most capitalist, have single-payer systems."

He's right. In the latest Economic

Freedom of the World report, co-published by the Cato Institute and the Fraser Institute, the freest nation is New Zealand — which has a single-payer approach akin to "Medicare-for-all." Second is Switzerland, which provides universal coverage through a system reminiscent of Obamacare.

Conservatives depict any expansion of government as a step toward socialist dystopia. But they slight the value of government action to correct failures of the market — such as voluminous carbon emissions, which produce climate change. They also disparage the importance of providing reliable help to people who are in dire need for reasons largely beyond their control, whose numbers exceed the ability of private charity to help. Government programs should be judged not just on the costs they impose but also on the benefits they yield.

To warn of the onslaught of socialism in response to any proposed government initiative is to expose your intellectual bankruptcy. The better approach is to spell out why it is doomed to fail or backfire — as so many government programs are.

If the best argument you make against a policy idea is that it's socialist, you shouldn't bother. You've already lost the debate.

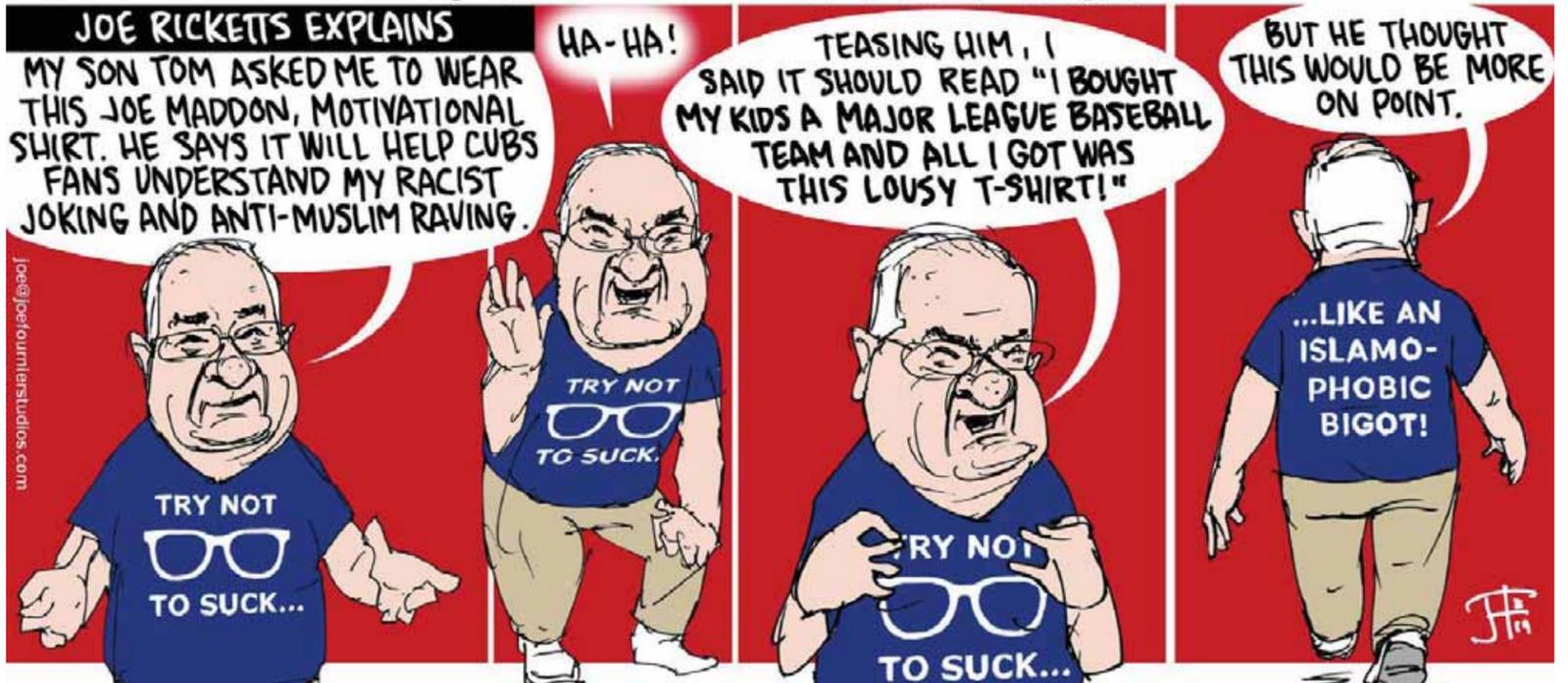
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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



Daley's lame evasion freshens 'ancient' allegations of cheating

What is a fair-minded Chicago voter to make of the strong evidence reported Thursday in the Tribune that current Chicago mayoral candidate Bill Daley received illicit help to pass a state insurance broker's test in 1973?

That was 46 years ago! Talk about bygones.
 "At a time when Chicago is facing serious issues around crime, taxes, education and the city's future, the Tribune's focus on ancient history is irrelevant," said a statement from Daley's campaign.

The fair-minded person, the one who wants to be an objective juror in the court of public opinion, uninfluenced either way by feelings about the candidate or the Daley family, squints skeptically at this deflection. Yes, the allegation is old, but it is serious. Where is the refutation, explanation or apology? Where is the counterpoint or clarification that will allow us to decide how relevant this story is to our vote?

The fair-minded person — this fair-minded person, anyway — views the response as a fresh and therefore relevant offense, a bigger mark against him than any shenanigans he was part of nearly half a century ago.

Another fair-minded person — you, perhaps — will have a different verdict. That's fine. As long as we're all trying to apply our principles consistently and honestly.

I've been thinking a lot about fair-mindedness lately, having received some two dozen angry messages from readers in the past several days accusing me of partisan bias and hypocrisy in my assessment of the controversy involving Democratic Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam.

If Northam were a Republican, these indignant correspondents contend, I would be far less willing to categorize his wearing of blackface makeup 35 years ago as obliviousness rather than racism. I would be howling for his resignation.

Not true. The principle I applied in looking at the situation was that no one is perfect and that time informally erases many mistakes just as time formally



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayoral candidate Bill Daley accepts endorsement by Chicago Journey-men Plumbers and Technical Engineers Local Union 130 on Thursday.

erases many crimes.

Not all mistakes and all crimes, of course. But our understanding that people change as the decades pass and our tradition of forgiving those who repent dictates a response of mercy, not rage, to an offense such as Northam's.

Yes, his apology has been marred by shifts in what he was willing to admit to and by an excruciating performance at a news conference. If we learn that he's been lying today, that's a fresh offense and he has to go. But nothing we know about his life since 1984, when he admits to having darkened his skin to imitate Michael Jackson for a dance contest, suggests that his hurtful and offensive decision was evidence of malice, much less of a toxic character flaw that disqualifies him from public office to this day.

All racism is evidence of ignorance. But not all ignorance is evidence of racism.

Some correspondents asked, what about Brett Kavanaugh? After Christine Blasey Ford accused the conservative U.S. Supreme Court nominee of sexually attacking her when they were both teenagers, correspondents noted that I argued (in vain) that Kavanaugh shouldn't be confirmed by the Senate.

I did. But it wasn't because of what Kavanaugh did or didn't do in the early 1980s, when Ford said

he groped her and tried to take off her clothes at a high school party when he was drunk. Not to minimize the harm of that kind of attack, which I do believe occurred, but it strikes me as a re-deemable sin of youth, so long as the offender seeks redemption.

Kavanaugh's disqualifying offense to my mind was lying under oath to the Senate Judiciary Committee not just about the incident but also about aspects of his character back then as revealed in his high school yearbook.

I bring this up not to relitigate that particular controversy — we've all made up our minds on it and moved on — but to say I like to think my conclusion would have been the same for a similarly accused male Supreme Court nominee with the liberal bona fides of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

I like to think so. But I recognize that it's a constant challenge for all of us not to be overly harsh on members of the other team and overly forgiving of members of our team.

Consider: What's a fair-minded voter to make of the image published recently by The Washington Post showing that Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., identified herself as "American Indian" in 1986 on a registration form for the Texas state bar? It's still more evidence

of Warren's peculiar and seemingly opportunistic effort to claim a Native American identity based on family lore that she had indigent people as distant relatives.

She has abandoned that effort and apologized to tribal leaders angered that she took a DNA test (that found mere traces of American Indian ancestry), as though blood and identity are equivalent. I find it weird but not disqualifying.

But I find it far weirder that President Donald Trump — who has not retracted his own origin story after a New York Times report last year showed his claim to be a self-made millionaire to be a myth if not an outright fraud — gets away with mocking Warren with the slur "Pocahontas."

Trump tells more lies before breakfast than Warren has probably told in her entire life, so the fair-minded voter concludes that Trump and his unprincipled enthusiasts are rip-snorting hypocrites to taunt her.

What's a fair-minded person to make of political scientist Vanessa Tyson's accusation that Virginia's Democratic Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax forced her to perform oral sex on him in a Boston hotel room during the 2004 Democratic National Convention?

This is a significant accusation because Fairfax is next in line should Northam resign, as people all across the political spectrum are demanding he do. But the fair-minded person weighs the evidence supporting this accusation and the evidence supporting Fairfax's insistence that the encounter was consensual without regard to party or consequences.

The passage of 15 years hasn't mitigated this alleged offense, and if it's true then Fairfax needs to resign and see if he can start his political career over.

The news seems to make daily demands on us to judge and pass sentence on the confessed and alleged misdeeds of others.

Fair-minded people won't necessarily all draw the same lines, apply the same standards and reach the same verdicts. But they'll strive for consistency, make sincere efforts to put shoes

on other feet and follow their principles to sometimes uncomfortable conclusions.

And their fairness will illuminate their letters to newspaper columnists.

Quote of the month, so far

Mayoral candidate Daley to the Tribune's Bill Ruthhart on why he stays away from so many mayoral forums: "Some of these people in this group would go to a door opening, because they have nothing else to do. I'm not going to be dictated by the schedules of people who are looking for anything to get a few people in a room and think they're going to get points by kicking the hell out of me with a bunch of lies or rhetoric that heats up the crowd. Why would I want to do their work for them? Forget it. I don't need to do that."

Be all ears

Two new podcasts I've been recommending: "Back Room Deal" is a short, near-daily, ward-level analysis of the coming Chicago election hosted by Ben Joravsky and Maya Dukmasova of the Chicago Reader. Their brisk conversations and insights have made me smarter.

"Public Official A" is a serialized retelling of the bizarre, compelling tale of now-imprisoned former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, hosted by WBEZ-FM 91.5 political reporter Dave McKinney. The archival audio and fresh interviews make this a must-listen for local history buffs.

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Murder of city official
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Shooting of 24th Ward's first black alderman was big news in 1963

BY RON GROSSMAN

Initially Ella Lewis wasn't overly worried when she woke up in the middle of the night to find her husband wasn't home, two days after being re-elected alderman of Chicago's 24th Ward.

She told a Tribune reporter that "his shoes, which he always left outside the door of his bedroom, were not in the usual place."

Still, she knew that Ben Lewis delighted in the sociable side of politics: pressing the flesh, making the rounds.

The 24th Ward's first black alderman liked being known as the "Big Cat" and the "Duke of Dixieland." And why shouldn't he enjoy his West Side celebrity? Along the way, Lewis had some slim pickings. He had to borrow money to buy a suit for his first swearing-in. That was four years before Ella Lewis got up on the morning of Feb. 28, 1963, and began calling people who might know where Ben was.

Then she got a call from the police asking her to come to the 24th Ward Democratic Organization's headquarters at 3604-06 W. Roosevelt Road. A janitor had found Lewis' body on the floor. He'd been handcuffed, and there were three bullet holes in the base of his skull. His fingers were gripping a filtered cigarette, its ash trailed along the floor.

Even for a city known for mob-style killings, Lewis' murder was big news in Chicago and beyond. Noting he'd won re-election by a decisive 12,189 votes to his challenger's 888 votes, Time magazine wrote: "It almost seemed as though Ben Lewis had not an enemy in the world. But he did."

Yet though the cops quickly identified myriad suspects, Lewis' murder remains unsolved to this very day.

Ald. Benjamin Adamowski, the Republican candidate for mayor in 1963, thought the Democratic machine didn't want the crime solved. Running against Mayor Richard J. Daley, Adamowski offered a City Council resolution calling for an investigation. When it was tabled, he asked why during a radio interview.

"Is it because they want to hide the fact that the policy racket has been operating wide open in the 24th Ward?" Adamowski charged. Policy was an illegal predecessor of the Illinois Lottery.

A stung Daley ordered the state's attorney's chief investigator to the probe. The investigation quickly determined one thing: Lewis wasn't killed during a robbery.

He was found wearing a diamond ring and gold watch. There was cash in his pockets, and his wallet hadn't been taken.

Lewis drove a luxury car and took golfing trips to Mexico. He'd bet big money on a single stroke, the Tribune reported. His lifestyle dwarfed an alderman's \$8,000 salary.

An autopsy found 27 milligrams of alcohol in his stomach. That was the equivalent of one or two shots of whiskey, which was a puzzler for a man who was described as a teetotaler. The Tribune reported: "Police have been unable to find any person who had seen him take a drink, even in celebration of election victories."

The time of death suggested that Lewis and his murderer could have had a final conversation. Perhaps there was some kind of failed negotiations. As the Tribune put it: "Lewis may have shared his first and last drink with his killer."

His wife told a Tribune reporter that her husband was extremely nervous just weeks before his murder. "When the doorbell rang, he insisted on answering it," Ella Lewis said, recalling him warning: "You better hope that nothing happens to me!"

Looking for who might have made Ben Lewis jumpy, the police triaged the candidates into distinct lists: politicians, gangsters, girlfriends, and disgruntled customers of his insurance and real estate agencies.

"He led a cataloged life," Lt.



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Ald. Ben Lewis, 24th, shown in 1958, was shot to death in February 1963 after a decisive re-election.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

Ella Lewis, wife of the alderman, is comforted after testifying at the inquest into her husband's shooting.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

People gather at the 24th Ward office building on Roosevelt Road, where Lewis' body was found with three bullet wounds in his head.

John Killackey of the homicide detail explained to a Tribune reporter.

The 24th Ward had long been a

vote-rich fiefdom of Jewish politicians. President Franklin D. Roosevelt saluted it as "the greatest Democratic ward in the na-



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Chicago Police Department Capt. Daniel Dragel, of the crime lab, inspects handcuffs taken off of Lewis' body.

tion." But after World War II, blacks moved into the West Side — Lewis among them — even as Jews continued to dominate the ward organization and the patronage jobs that went with it.

Lewis was the ward's first black precinct captain. In 1961 when he became committeeman while also serving as alderman, 37 of the 58 precinct captains were

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still whites who no longer lived in the neighborhood. The same was true of Erwin "Izzy" Horowitz, the ward's longtime power broker.

Lewis was replacing white patronage job-holders with blacks, which ruffled lots of feathers. Other blacks thought he was moving too slowly. Detectives asked the ward organization for a list of fired patronage workers and payrollers like "court bailiffs, or deputy sheriffs who would have access to firearms and handcuffs."

It was widely assumed that policy and other gambling operations in the 24th Ward were dependent on an alliance of hoodlums with cops and politicians on the take.

Accordingly, as the Tribune reported: "Police said they wish to question Lenny Patrick, gambling boss of the 24th, 49th, and 50th wards; Charles (Chuck) English, a juke box racketeer who controls portions of gambling in the 24th and neighboring 28th wards; and English's brother Sam, a 270-pound labor racketeer."

Then the cops took the investigation down the syndicate's chain of command to Tommy "Shakey Tom" Anderson and Jimmy "Kid Riviera" Williams. They were allegedly the black deputies of Patrick, English and other white gambling bosses.

Lewis made advances on Anderson's wife, and Williams, a 325-pound former boxer, had threatened to kill the alderman presumably on Anderson's behalf, according to Eugene Belton, a cop close to Lewis.

Belton appointed himself a peacemaker and met Lewis and Williams at a West Side restaurant. "We had hard rolls and coffee," Belton recalled to the investigators. "I told both of them: 'You are grown men, there's no sense in you two arguing over a woman.'"

Lewis was indeed a womanizer, as one investigator later recalled. "That guy had a broad for every night of the week," said Frank Flanagan, who headed the homicide detail in 1963.

Six women admitted to having affairs with Lewis, who paid their rent, bought them clothes and gave them money. Figuring his wife couldn't have liked that, the cops brought Ella Lewis in for questioning.

She said Ben Lewis "shut me out of his life," the Tribune reported. Asked if she knew of any business transactions that could have led to his murder, she replied: "No."

The cops, however, had no trouble identifying several. There were complaints that Lewis was slow to pay off insurance claims. Premiums he'd collected didn't appear on his ledger books. He had stiffed property owners of rents his management firm collected from tenants.

"There is no doubt that Lewis' back was against the wall financially," a police official told the Tribune.

One by one, lie detector tests were administered to potential suspects: the janitor who found Lewis' body; the janitor's helper; customers with a beef about his business practices; rebel precinct captains; political rivals; fired patronage workers; disappointed job-seekers; policy-wheel operators; mobsters; the gangster's wife he'd supposedly made a pass at; his girlfriends; his ex-wife; and his wife.

The polygraph operators said all were telling the truth when asked if they had anything to do with Lewis' murder or knew who the killer was.

On the first anniversary of the crime, a Tribune headline proclaimed: "Alderman's Murder Is Still Mystery."

Ever since, it's remained an intriguing jigsaw puzzle — its missing pieces hidden amid the brownstones, two-flats, tenements and rubble-filled vacant lots where Lewis' political career began and ended.

It's like Lewis said when asked his position on a touchy issue: "I stand right at Kedzie and Roosevelt in my ward."

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EDITORIALS

Target Chicago: Will City Hall find new lives for empty boxes?

The transformations are stark and despairing. Two Target stores on Chicago's South Side closed in early February, instantly throwing shadows on two neighborhoods.

One day, the stores in Chatham and Morgan Park were open for business. Customers swung through the attached Starbucks and pushed shopping carts along shiny waxed floors. They plucked through fresh apples and lemons. Even up to the announced closing date, the stores had a pulse. But a day later the stores were darkened shells — abandoned buildings with covered windows and ripped-down signage. The buildings aged 10 years in 24 hours.

How long will they sit empty? How much will their departures sap what's left of the local economy?

There is hope for revival. More on that later.

Citing missed revenue goals, Target unexpectedly announced in October it would close the two South Side stores. Mayor Rahm Emanuel attempted to reverse the decision. But it was a done deal. The retail giant plans to close six stores in Illinois and elsewhere.

Target already left the Chicago communities of South Shore, Avalon Park and Grand Crossing and suburbs that include Calumet Park, Matteson, Calumet City and Romeoville.

When you live in a neighborhood with a boarded-up big-box retailer, the signal is sent. This is a place in decline. Abandoned stores impact the surrounding retail outlets — Marshall's near the Morgan Park Target left, too — and they impact housing and property values. They impact the psyche.

So here's the challenge for Chicago aldermen and the next mayor: Prioritize repurposing the Chatham and Morgan Park Target sites. Row together. The departure of a major employer is not just a problem for two wards in Chicago. What happens on the South Side affects the West Side and downtown. The sooner aldermen break away from the self-centered silo mentality of their ward lordships the better. How about today?

Big-box retailers are closing all over the country. Shoving another retailer in the space is one option, but it's difficult in an environment of downsizing, online shopping and growing competition. And it's difficult in Chicago communities already facing economic development struggles.

Other cities, though, have done it. Nationwide, churches, health facilities and gyms have opened in abandoned big-box stores.



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In Waukegan, Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep, a Catholic school that serves mostly middle-income and minority students, refurbished an old Kmart for a modest \$10 million. Architects added windows and skylights, flooding the space with natural light while economically re-deploying the building's existing features.

In Cleveland's Collinwood community, the city bought an empty Big Lots store and turned it into a recreation center with fitness classes and an indoor water park.

Milwaukee lured a light manufacturing company to an abandoned Lowe's store. In another part of the city, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin opened a clinic inside a former Office Depot.

In Muncie, Ind., U-Haul opened an office and storage facility in a former Kmart.

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., hosts a senior

citizen resource center with adult day care in a former Walmart. You'd never know, looking at the creatively adapted space, that it once included a garden center and aisles of baby diapers and toys.

With strong, focused leadership, it can happen.

Ellen Dunham-Jones is an architecture professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology and an expert in suburban sprawl and rethinking empty big boxes. She recommends that cities rezone properties to entice new users. She says it's important to speed public improvements to areas where a big retailer left to keep the businesses left behind from also uprooting.

Those improvements also encourage private sector development. Add — rather than reduce — public transportation options, which bring foot traffic. Improve

sidewalks — crucial to the Morgan Park Target location, where it's difficult to access the area on foot. Sidewalks along 115th and 119th streets are so badly damaged, people often walk in the street. It's uninviting and unsafe.

Get ahead of this, Chicago politicians. Identify other retailers considering departure. Work with them before they make irreversible decisions.

City Hall is deeply focused on the North Side's Lincoln Yards development, a project Emanuel would like approved before he leaves office. How about sharing some of the energy and attention? Spread it to the South Side. Start now.

Two major retailers have officially left Chatham and Morgan Park. That's an alarmingly destabilizing development. Don't ignore it.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

A lot of people resent the wealthy, especially lately, and according to polls they like some of the latest plans to take away the money of the rich. Maybe so. But most people still admire the wealthy, especially if they got that way by working hard, and that's why I think these plans will turn out to be less popular than Democrats now believe.

At least in the U.S., most envy is local, and not directed at the super-rich. When it comes to income inequality — and unequal outcomes more generally — people tend to worry about their high-school classmates, their in-laws, their neighbors and their colleague down the hall, who perhaps received a bigger raise or a nicer office. Those are the resentments that turn into true grudges, not the wealth gap between you and Bill Gates.

This is only human nature, and it has been remarked upon at least since Adam Smith; it is harder for distant people and events to shake our emotional core.

If you were worried about the emotional impact of inequality, for example, you might wish to start not with changes to the tax code, but by stopping people from putting photographs of their vacations on social media. (I am not, just to be clear, suggesting this.) ...

This is the context in which to consider Senator Elizabeth Warren's proposal for a wealth tax on the rich. However much attention it may command on social media, I don't see it as a big winner in a general election. It directs the attention of the audience to the word "tax," and surely most non-wealthy people will start wondering when they might be taxed more, too.

Tyler Cowen,
Bloomberg Opinion

Candidates, are you taking police reform seriously?

Chicago will not fulfill its destiny as a great city until residents of all neighborhoods trust the police.

As the election approaches, an important issue facing voters is how the next mayor will improve and reform the troubled Chicago Police Department. Chicago has a long history of officers using excessive force against African-American and Latino people. Accountability has been lax. Police misconduct cost the city \$662 million in legal settlements from 2004 to early 2016. The 2014 shooting death of Laquan McDonald elevated this pattern to a crisis.

Mayoral candidates are having their say, but at least they aren't distracted by the question of *whether* to overhaul police practices. It's now a question of *commitment* to the cause: They are all working off the same court-approved blueprint. This is the federal consent decree, approved by U.S. District Judge Robert M. Dow Jr. on Jan. 31. It's a plan to lock in place the direction and many details of reforms that already are underway.

Want a sense of how CPD officers should behave on the job? You'll find expectations to redo training, operations and supervision within this 236-page document. The consent decree, negotiated with the state attorney general's office in the wake of McDonald's death, is a pledge by the city to re-create the police as a trusted crime-fighting partner.

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The consent decree is necessary because previous policing reforms failed due to a lack of political will and resistance within the force. The judge, who will work with a federal monitor, has indisputable power over City Hall, regardless of who's in office. But the document is still just paper. Its components must be breathed into life, first by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and then by whoever follows him. Members of the department will have to implement the policies and hold officers accountable for violations.

Within the decree, which is to take effect March 1, there are stated deadlines to be met for specific tasks, including an immediate start to the tracking of all foot pursuits by officers. Throughout 2019, the decree says, police will provide use-of-force training to officers, including de-escalation tactics. Within months, the decree requires CPD to institute a formal approach to field training for new sergeants and lieutenants, as well as a policy for police-involved shootings "that will require separation of involved and witness officers to prevent contamination

of testimony."

By the end of summer, a slew of other important new reforms should be under development or on the books: a policy to make clear that members of the public are permitted to photograph and record CPD officers; revamped procedures for handling anonymous complaints; a policy to prohibit the "dumping" of individuals in hostile neighborhoods. And on it will go.

Walter Katz, the mayor's deputy chief of staff for public safety, says City Hall and the Police Department are already working to fulfill their obligations. The city has budgeted about \$23 million for police reforms, including funds for the monitor and other steps like increasing the number of sergeants. "There's no U-turn from the reforms we started and from the consent decree," he tells us.

Promises are encouraging. Actions are what count. The city must negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement with the police union, which fought the consent decree. Even with court oversight, there will be obstacles because changing the culture of Chicago policing is a lot more difficult than rewriting a handbook. "It took a long time to get to this place, and it may take a long time to get out of it," Judge Dow wrote.

The more progress City Hall makes now, the better. Then it will be up to the next mayor to lead the charge on reforms. Candidates, are you taking this seriously?

As the Feb. 26 Chicago election approaches, you'll find the mayoral and aldermanic candidates' answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at chicagotribune.com/candidates. To find more information about the mayoral candidates, go to chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace.

PERSPECTIVE



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U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., right, announce their "Green New Deal" legislation Thursday in Washington.

GOP zingers about 'socialism' and 'class warfare' don't sting Dems like they used to



CLARENCE PAGE

When President Donald Trump invoked "alarm" in his State of the Union address over what he described as "new calls to adopt socialism in our country," television quickly cut to Sen. Bernie Sanders. The independent, self-described "democratic socialist" from Vermont reacted with a tight-lipped glare as if he had just bitten into a dill pickle.

But TV might just as well have swung over to Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York. She's another self-proclaimed "democratic socialist," whose rising, camera-ready star power has picked up where Sanders' failed bid for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination left off in fueling the "alarm" on the right.

Indeed, recent polls have shown that socialism has long been viewed more favorably by a narrow majority of Democrats. The party has edged to the left in recent years, while Republicans have stayed firmly on the right.

Although I would question assertions that socialism is somehow sweeping the country, I have little doubt that the right's attempts to intimidate or silence the left by casting liberal ideas as "class warfare" or "so-

cialism" have lost a lot of their sting.

For that, "AOC," as she is increasingly known, can take a lot of the credit or, depending on your point of view, blame. As Republicans and other conservatives reflexively respond with "Venezuela" whenever progressive ideas arise such as "Medicare for all," free college tuition or a tax-the-rich revenue overhaul, she has piped up with more pleasant-sounding socialist models, such as Denmark.

Against that backdrop, all eyes on Capitol Hill turned Thursday to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her reaction to a news conference by Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Ed Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat, co-sponsors of a "Green New Deal."

Their nonbinding resolution has zoomed to the top of the party's progressive wing agenda with a sweeping list of ways to prioritize climate change, "economic justice" and massive federal investment in green infrastructure. Although the progressives call the resolution a "conversation starter," support for a Green New Deal of some sort has become a rallying cry and litmus test for Democrats in the 2020 presidential race.

Where does Pelosi stand? On Thursday, with the guarded optimism she showed in outmaneuvering Trump to end the recent partial government shutdown, she offered measured praise for the Green New Deal, without committing herself even to getting its label right. "It will be one of several or maybe many suggestions

As for anti-socialist propaganda, Republicans and other conservatives may well have worn out that attack line through overuse, particularly among younger voters.

that we receive," she told Politico before the Green New Deal sponsors' news conference. "The green dream or whatever they call it, nobody knows what it is, but they're for it, right?"

She was being properly cagey. Democrats have been divided since the 1960s between their moderate and left-progressive wings. Speaker Pelosi's task is to keep that energy going on her party's left without alienating the party's pragmatic establishment or the persuadable swing voters the party will need to win the general election.

But AOC's aggressive push for a "Green New Deal" now is well-timed to start conversations and help set the tone of coming primaries. What must be particularly unsettling for Trump is how much AOC's rise mirrors his: Her lack of experience and impatience with details frees her to appeal to voters on a gut level, highlighting what

needs to be done in a media-savvy way without being encumbered by the mechanics of how to do it.

As for the right's anti-socialist propaganda, Republicans and other conservatives may well have worn out that attack line through overuse, particularly among younger voters.

President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare, provides a powerful example. Battered by the right, its approval ratings have climbed since its passage and especially after Trump and the Republican Congress tried to repeal it without a replacement. In the midterms, defense of the ACA's coverage of pre-existing conditions proved so popular that many Republican House candidates promised to protect it, even though they had voted, unsuccessfully, to repeal it with the rest of the ACA.

No wonder the left feels encouraged. An honest debate about socialism would reveal how much we already have it in the form of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. They face funding challenges, which can be resolved whenever Congress overcomes its current legislative gridlock. We're not Denmark, but we are not anywhere close to being another Venezuela either.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Fighting racial bias in EMTs

I'm encouraged to see coverage of possible racial bias among emergency medical technicians in your Health & Family section ("Racial bias among EMTs?," Jan. 30). EMTs are a critical part of the health care team. The article notes, "Unconscious bias can be subtle — but, as this new report shows, it may be one of the factors behind race-linked health disparities seen across the U.S." The reporter also pointed to several knowledge gaps and stereotypes that affect the treatment of African-Americans and result in less-positive health outcomes. The most encouraging news was in the last paragraph — American Medical Response in Portland is "going to hire more people of color." A diverse workforce in health care and in society at large is one of the

best antidotes to bias and stereotypes.

— Lynn Todman,
Executive director of population health, Lakeland Health, St. Joseph, Mich.

Show contrition with action

To Tom Ricketts: Last summer, Rabbi Ari and I went to a Cubs game together. When Anthony Rizzo belted a walk-off game-winning home run, we were screaming and hugging like long-lost brothers. What made the moment sweeter was about an hour earlier, I wanted to go home after the fifth inning to beat the traffic since the Cubs were down big. Rabbi Ari said, "Imam, have faith! The Cubs are going to win this game!" Sports bring Muslims and Jews and Christians together. The comments made by

Joe Ricketts divide us.

I have bled Cubbie blue since the 1990s. As a Muslim American and as an imam (the Islamic word for our clergy) of our mosque in Libertyville, I have already received and accepted your father's apology, since my faith teaches us to forgive and give people second chances. At the same time, if you want his apology to seem sincere to the thousands of Muslim Cub fans, I suggest you and your father come to Islamic Foundation North for a tour of the masjid (mosque) and see for yourself if Muslims are naturally your "enemy," as your father stated in the leaked emails.

Although my congregation would welcome both of you with open arms, if you want to make your tour private, it can be with just me, a few clergy friends and a few of our lay leaders.

Many Cub fans of several faiths have told me that they cannot watch any Cubs game or wear any Cubs gear until they see you make the situation right. What a shame that would be for all of us.

Joe and Tom, my brothers in

humanity, show us with your actions that you will make the situation right.

— Imam Azfar Uddin, Gurnee

Where's the heart for workers?

It is ironic that an institute with low levels of compassion calls itself the Heartland Institute ("Pritzker's minimum wage plan will drive more jobs from Illinois," Feb. 8). Shouldn't there be a heart?

The minimum wage was not designed only for part-time jobs and entry-level. It was so people could eat and pay rent. Nor does it destroy an economy. When people have money to spend, it contributes to jobs and the economy. All these things we can't afford? Health care? Fair pay? Honor? Heart?

— Helen Reichert Lambin, Chicago

Centrists seek a party

I'll say it, I am — gasp — a centrist. I believe in compromise and negotiation. With Republicans

most heavily influenced by conservatives and Democrats by progressives, it seems there is no party for those of us in the middle.

I don't know what the current parties stand for anymore. Republicans used to stand for balanced budgets and smaller government. Democrats used to be the party for labor and jobs. Recent actions by both parties show neither to be true any longer. It's time for a third political party in the United States.

— Ray Cebold, Downers Grove

Spreading 'blessings'

When walking down a street in a small town in Wisconsin, I saw a box similar to the Little Library boxes, but this one was labeled a "Blessing Box." Inside were basic food items: soup, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti with packets of sauce mix, etc. The sign said, "Take what you need. Donate what you can." What a wonderful solution for our neighbors who are quietly struggling.

— Mary Ann McGinley, Wilmette

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Likely deal would cut into wall

White House hints it will accept less than \$5.7B sought

BY ALAN FRAM AND ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional bargainers are working toward a border security deal amid indications that the White House is preparing to accept a bipartisan agreement that would give President Donald Trump a fraction of the money he's demanded for his proposed southern border wall.

Participants said they expect money for physical barriers to end up well below the \$5.7 billion that Trump has sought to begin construction of the wall, which has attained iconic significance for him and his conservative supporters. Underscoring the clout he's lost during a battle that's dominated the opening weeks of divided government, the amount seems sure to fall much closer to \$1.6 billion, the participants said, a figure that was in a bipartisan Senate bill last year.

"That's what we're working toward," said Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., one bargainer.

An agreement would also avert a new partial federal shutdown later this week. Trump has warned he might trigger a new closure of agencies if he doesn't get his way, but that threat has become toothless because of solid opposition from GOP lawmakers burned by the record 35-day closure that he initiated in December.



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Republican supporters make a human barrier Saturday near Sunland Park, N.M., as they voice their support for a wall at the Mexico border. GOP and Democratic negotiators are working on a border wall deal to avert a new partial shutdown.

One White House aide said Trump was expected to back whatever compromise emerges and acknowledged there is no will among congressional Republicans for another shutdown. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity.

Coupled with a widespread expectation that the agreement would not use the term "wall," the pact would represent a retreat for Trump, for whom "Build the wall!" has been a battle cry since his presidential campaign.

Democrats seemed to draw a firm line on spending.

"Throughout the talks, Democrats have insisted that a border security com-

promise not be overly reliant on physical barriers," said Evan Hollander, spokesman for Democrats who control the House Appropriations Committee. "We will not agree to \$2 billion in funding for barriers."

Rep. Steven Palazzo, R-Miss., a Republican member of the House-Senate panel holding the talks, said he expects a deal "before the end of the weekend" that could be finalized Monday.

Another Republican on the negotiating panel, Rep. Chuck Fleischmann of Tennessee, said the party wants as much barrier funding as possible, and that he hopes the final amount is above \$2

billion. But Hollander said Democrats want the figure to be less than \$2 billion.

Even so, Fleischman said chances of a government shutdown triggered by an impasse are "next to nil."

In another signal that Trump was reluctantly preparing to give ground, the White House has been considering accepting the deal but also using executive action to secure additional barrier funding without lawmakers' approval. That plan was described by two people familiar with White House thinking who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Depending on what Trump does, such an action

could spark lawsuits or congressional votes of disapproval.

Trump supporters have said there are other executive powers Trump could use to divert money from the budget to wall construction, though it was unclear if they would face challenges in Congress or the courts. One provision of the law lets the Defense Department provide support for counter-drug activities.

Besides the dollar figure, talks were focusing on the type and location of barriers, participants said. Also in play were the number of beds the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency could have for detained migrants and the

amount of aid included for natural disaster relief.

Money for high-tech surveillance equipment and more personnel was also expected to be included.

No one ruled out last-minute problems, especially with Trump's penchant for head-snapping turnabouts.

But the momentum was clearly toward clinching an agreement that Congress could pass by next Friday. The next day, many government agencies would run out of money and have to close again without a deal.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., who leads the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, said he spoke Thursday night to Trump, who he said was in "wait and see" mode. Meadows said he expects an agreement to provide an amount closer to \$1.6 billion.

"I'm not optimistic it'll be something the president can support," Meadows said.

A conservative House GOP aide said Freedom Caucus members wanted at least \$2 billion for barriers and no restrictions on new construction, land acquisition or new types of barriers that could be built.

The aide also said the agreement need not contain the term "wall," a word that Trump has lately alternated between embracing and abandoning. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private talks.

If there is a bipartisan deal, there would likely be enough votes to pass it without the most conservative Republicans or the most liberal Democrats.

Bloomberg News contributed.

Trump aims to drum up new Kim meeting drama

But aides warn that the sequel may not equal the original

BY CATHERINE LUCEY AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As President Donald Trump prepares to meet North Korea's Kim Jong Un for a second time, he's out to replicate the suspenseful buildup, make-or-break stakes and far-flung rendezvous of their first encounter. The president will soon learn if the sequel, on this matter and many others, can compete with the original.

In his third year in office, Trump is starting to air some reruns.

Besides fresh negotiations with North Korea, Trump is still pushing for his long-promised U.S.-Mexico border wall and is considering a new round of tax cuts. The focus on his greatest hits, in part, reflects Trump's desire to fulfill campaign promises and energize voters for his 2020 re-election campaign.

But it's not without risks. "The danger is the public starts recognizing this is Groundhog Day," said presi-

dential historian Douglas Brinkley. "You keep thinking there is a win and there is no win. It's not clear Trump is scoring durable history points."

With his reality TV background and instinctive sense of how to control a news cycle, Trump has long micromanaged the staging of his image, eager to project power and drama.

In his dealings with North Korea, both past and future, Trump has been intent on ginning up excitement.

After months of trading escalating nuclear threats with the North, Trump memorably popped his head into the White House briefing room last March to hint at big news to come. Not long afterward, officials announced that a Trump-Kim meeting was in the offing.

From there, Trump teased dates and locations, threatened to cancel it — and did so at one point — before signing off on the plan for the historic meeting in Singapore last June.

Trump was delighted that the first summit received round-the-clock cable TV coverage for days, something he had hoped to repeat last summer when he

met with Russia's Vladimir Putin in Helsinki, according to two Republicans close to the White House not authorized to speak publicly about private matters. But Trump saw the Putin coverage take a negative turn after he refused to side with U.S. intelligence agencies over the Russian president in a post-summit news conference.

This time, Trump has again tried to draw out the suspense, teasing the possibility of another meeting with Kim for months and waxing poetic about his relationship with the authoritarian leader. But Trump has glossed over the fact that the first meeting produced little in the way of tangible progress toward denuclearization. Instead, he's stressing that North Korea's threats have fallen off and suggesting there is an opportunity for further progress.

Aides counseled the president that a second summit would probably not carry the same drama as the first, and needed more concrete results, but Trump urged them to push forward before deciding to announce it during this past week's State of the Union address. He insisted to advisers that the



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President Donald Trump is scheduled to meet with North Korea's Kim Jong Un for the second time later this month in Vietnam. The meeting, however, comes with risks.

Vietnam summit would still be must-see TV, and told one confidant that the idea of "good vs. evil" would be irresistible.

The second summit will be Feb. 27-28 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Brinkley noted there is precedent for requiring more than one summit to make a deal, citing the repeated arms control meetings between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

But he argued that those were a better investment, given that "Russia is a great power" while "North Korea

is a rogue actor."

As for other White House sequels, Trump would be happy to produce Tax Cut 2.0.

He oversaw a massive tax cut at the end of 2017 and teased the possibility of another in the run-up to the 2018 midterm elections.

Economic adviser Larry Kudlow pushed back on the suggestion that it was simply a pre-election ploy as he spoke to reporters at the White House last week.

"We're kicking it around," Kudlow said. "We're looking at a couple of very interesting things that may

wind up surprising folks."

You can also count on Trump to continue the tough immigration rhetoric that defined his campaign and became a central part of his midterm election push. He forced the government into a 35-day partial shutdown over his demand to fund a wall along the southern border and views his immigration efforts as key to his re-election campaign.

Brinkley said of Trump's repeat performances: "He's a child of the 1970s with boxing matches. It's like the rematch with Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier."

New app: 'It is like Tinder, but with dogs'

BY LIUDAS DAPKUS
Associated Press

VILNIUS, Lithuania — If the pooch melts your heart, swipe right.

Animal lovers in Lithuania have created a mobile application inspired by the popular dating app Tinder to match up dogs in local shelters with new owners.

Called GetPet, the app was launched last month and is getting hundreds of new users daily and already has made a few matches. It joins a growing market of

apps for people looking to adopt a pet, including PawsLikeMe and BarkBuddy.

"It is like Tinder, but with dogs," said Vaidas Gecevicius, one of the app's creators. "You can arrange a meeting with the dog — a date."

GetPet features profiles of furry creatures looking up with soft, yearning eyes. Scrolling down reveals more information about the pup, and those interested can then swipe right.

But there are limits to the

Tinder comparison. It's a one-sided situation and the dogs don't get to have a swiping experience. If you swipe left, another dog profile appears.

Gecevicius said the idea came to creators when they saw a stray dog on the street through the window during a computer workshop.

The app only features dogs, for now, but the plan is to eventually include cats and other animals.

Two friends, Emily and Elena, recently scanned the app and then visited the

SOS Gyvunai shelter in Vilnius to meet Piff, a medium black-and-gray mongrel. They took him for a walk in a snow-covered park and said they would return to take him home.

Iлона Reklaityte, the shelter's founder, said she is happy about the innovative approach to an old problem.

"We have 140 dogs right now," she said. "Sometimes we give away one or two of them every day, but now we receive (many) more calls and people are coming more often."



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A stray looks out of an enclosure Jan. 31 in Lithuania, where the Tinder-inspired app GetPet was created and launched.

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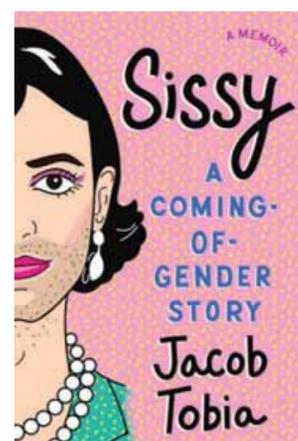
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Role of Christian schools spurs debate

Hashtag exposes polarized views for and against

BY DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For their supporters, the thousands of Christian schools across America are literally a blessing — a place where children can learn in accordance with biblical teachings, untainted by secular norms of public schools.

To critics, many of these Christian schools venture too often into indoctrination, with teachings that can misrepresent science and history and potentially breed intolerance toward people with different outlooks.

“These schools are front and center in the politicization of knowledge, and that’s problematic,” said Julie Ingersoll, a professor of religious studies at the University of North Florida.

The polarized views have been highlighted recently after the appearance of an #ExposeChristianSchools hashtag on Twitter.

It was introduced by Chris Stroop, an Indianapolis-based writer and activist, on Jan. 18, shortly after

news broke that Karen Pence, wife of Vice President Mike Pence, would teach at a Christian school in northern Virginia that lists “homosexual or lesbian sexual activity” as among the disqualifying criteria for prospective employees.

Stroop, 38, calls himself an “ex-evangelical.” He says he attended Christian schools in Indiana and Colorado almost continuously from first grade through high school and recalls pervasive messaging that demeaned LGBT people and discouraged the empowerment of women.

“Not everything about it was bad — I had teachers I liked who encouraged me academically,” said Stroop, who went on to earn a Ph.D. at Stanford. “But I don’t think education as indoctrination is right.”

The news about Karen Pence’s teaching job was quickly followed by debate over the behavior of boys from Covington Catholic High School in Kentucky during a visit to Washington, D.C. While opinions varied widely as to whether the boys had behaved badly, that incident further fueled debate over faith-based schools.

Within days, there were

thousands of responses to #ExposeChristianSchools on Twitter, including many personal stories of bad experiences by people who attended them.

One man said his school required students to sign an agreement promising not to listen to “worldly” music. Others faulted their curriculum, such as a Christian biology textbook that cited Scotland’s fabled Loch Ness Monster as evidence of flaws in Darwin’s theory of evolution.

Even as critiques multiplied, many took to Twitter to defend Christian schools. Among them was Greg Lukianoff, an attorney active in promoting freedom of speech on college campuses. He said he was an “outspoken atheist” beginning in the seventh grade and frequently skipped school.

“Only as an adult did I realize how kind & tolerant my Catholic high school was towards me,” he tweeted.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, about 5.9 million students — a tenth of the national pre-kindergarten through 12th grade total — attend private schools in the U.S. About three-quarters of



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Karen Pence, the wife of Vice President Mike Pence, recently took a job teaching at a Christian school in Virginia.

them attend one of the roughly 22,000 Christian schools.

By far, the Catholic Church accounts for the biggest share of this group, operating more than 6,300 schools serving more than 1.8 million students — about 20 percent of them non-Catholics. The totals are down sharply from the early 1960s when there were more than 5.2 million students in almost 13,000 Catholic schools nationwide.

The Council for American Private Education identifies 4,154 schools as “conservative Christian,” serving about 664,000 students.

Ingersoll, the religious

studies professor, says those schools are faring well, at least in the eyes of their supporters. She notes that many are now able to access publicly funded tax credits and vouchers in various states, and often can operate with limited regulation.

“But this leaves kids vulnerable on all kinds of levels, which of course was what the hashtag was about,” she said in an email. “It’s been portrayed as a campaign against Christianity from ‘the left,’ but it was really a group of young adults who grew up in Christian schools (and Christian home schooling) explaining how they believe they were personally

harmed by it.”

“These harms were often related to sex, gender, shame, and abuse,” she wrote. “But stories also detailed impoverished education, especially when it came to science and history.”

The Rev. Russell Moore, a high-profile official with the Southern Baptist Convention, said the recent criticisms of Christian schools reflect some broader societal trends that have riled conservative religious leaders.

“There’s a certain mindset in America that sees any religious conviction as authoritarian,” Moore said.

Trump’s luck gets better as ’19 ages

President must get by bad March, say feng shui masters

BY GERRY SHIH
AND MARY HUI
The Washington Post



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A feng shui master checks a luopan — or Chinese compass — to see what is in store for President Donald Trump.

BEIJING — Years ago before the presidency, Donald Trump once consulted a master of feng shui — the ancient Chinese system of geomancy and soothsaying — for a development project in New York.

Now — as pundits parse Trump’s State of the Union — feng shui masters in China and elsewhere are busy offering Lunar New Year prognostications on what the next 12 months will bring in business, love and, of course, politics.

And what, we asked, does the freshly minted Year of the Pig have in store for Trump?

It’s a mixed bag.

Some say Trump will get his border wall funded by August. But, then again, he could face impeachment in the inauspicious month of March.

He should take antioxidants to purge “earth” — one of the five universal elements in feng shui — that makes him stubborn and vindictive, others note.

But his re-election bid for 2020 couldn’t come at a better time for his feng shui fortunes: His year of water and gold.

With so many fateful questions swirling over the White House, The Washington Post consulted practitioners in three cities, including Pun Yin, a second-generation sage of New York’s Chinatown, who counseled Trump in the mid-1990s.

But first, the predictions. “Last year couldn’t be worse for strong earth like

Trump, but things will turn around for him,” said Raymond Lo, a feng shui grandmaster and frequent media commentator in Hong Kong, who is feted for correctly predicting the killing of Osama bin Laden in 2011 — and the Tom Cruise-Katie Holmes breakup in 2012.

“He’ll still face lots of obstacles and challenges through spring and summer until August, when water and metal rise,” Lo said. “But his enemies can forget about impeaching — best time to do that was last year.”

Why? The president’s fortunes are bound to improve because his earth-heavy nature will balance with the arrival in 2019 of the very elements he lacks, Lo explained.

According to the principles of feng shui — which means “wind water” in Chinese — the fortunes of people, events and places are governed by whether the five universal elements — fire, water, wood, metal and earth — can attain equilibrium.

Using birth dates, astrological calendars and compass-like devices called the luopan, feng shui practitioners calculate the disposition of individuals and periods when they can expect upswings and reversals in luck.

That’s why Trump, who was born June 14, 1946, during the Year of the Dog

with an unusual preponderance of earth, had a crisis-mired 2018, a year also overabundant in not just earth, but “sinking earth.”

That’s also why Democrats may be dismayed to hear Trump’s luck will surge going into 2020 — precisely “a year of water and gold,” said Lo, who urged the president to pay attention to his blood circulation and up his antioxidant intake.

Outside the Qing Dynasty Lama Temple in Beijing, Master Rong Xia, concurred that it might be best for Democrats to strike before August and preferably in March, a bad time for Year of the Dog-born people such as Trump. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., a “very formidable” dragon born March 26, 1940, will experience more difficulties in September.

On the top floor of a commercial building in Hong Kong’s Causeway Bay, Master Yeo Tin Ming — meaning Heaven’s Destiny — laid out a bit of a truism that’s nevertheless backed up by feng shui.

“Dogs and dragons are opposed. They clash,” Yeo said. “They have problems communicating with each other. It’s very hard for them to come to any agreement.”

But Yeung predicted that as the year wears on, Democrats will relent on building a border wall.

Getting to the bottom of Venezuela’s aid standoff

BY SCOTT SMITH
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Opposition lawmaker Juan Guaido declared himself Venezuela’s interim president last month, vowing to oust President Nicolas Maduro from power and end the once-wealthy nation’s deepening political and humanitarian crisis.

Millions of Venezuelans have migrated, and those left behind struggle to afford scarce supplies of food and medicine. Guaido called upon the international community for humanitarian aid. The world watches now whether Maduro’s government will let the first shipments from United States cross its borders.

How did we get here?

Despite having the world’s largest oil reserves, Venezuela is in a historic crisis after 20 years of socialist rule launched by the late President Hugo Chavez. Dozens of political parties that make up Venezuela’s opposition have failed to mount a viable political challenge.

Critics accuse Maduro, Chavez’s hand-picked successor, of unfairly winning an election last year for a second six-year term by banning his popular rivals from running. Some anti-Maduro leaders are jailed and others have fled Venezuela fearing for their safety.

Last month, the 35-year-old Guaido was named leader of the opposition-controlled National Assembly. He’s managed to rally masses of Venezuelans into the streets to show their support, and he’s won backing from nearly 50 countries worldwide, including the United States.

How does aid fit in?

Offers of humanitarian assistance are coming in



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Venezuelan Bolivarian Army soldiers guard the Tienditas International Bridge that links Colombia and Venezuela.

from around the world. The Trump administration offered Guaido’s interim presidency an initial \$20 million in support and Guaido says the aid will come in through neighboring Colombia, Brazil and as yet unidentified Caribbean islands.

The first shipment includes food kits for 5,000 Venezuelans and high-protein nutritional supplements that can treat an estimated 6,700 young children with moderate malnutrition. It arrived at the Colombian border city of Cucuta, where volunteers are bagging them in preparation for attempts to bring them across the border.

The boxes of emergency aid came from the U.S. Agency for International Development, and are marked with USAID labels.

What’s Maduro saying?

Maduro has refused the aid, disavowing any humanitarian crisis and saying Venezuela is not a country of beggars. He’s offered to try to resolve the political impasse in a dialogue with opposition leaders, which critics call a stalling tactic that has failed to lead to any changes.

More defiantly, the socialist president contends that the aid is part of a U.S.-led coup against him,

with a goal to colonize Venezuela and exploit its vast oil resources. The Venezuelan military has barricaded a bridge connecting the two nations with a tanker and two cargo trailers in an apparent attempt to block the aid.

What’s the opposition’s next move?

It’s unclear what will break the standoff playing out at the Venezuela-Colombia border. U.S. Ambassador to Colombia Kevin Whitaker said the U.S. will get supplies to the border, and Guaido will take it from there.

Guaido has given few details of his strategy, but says the food and supplies will reach Venezuela’s most vulnerable people in the next few days. Lester Toledo, who represents Guaido in the aid mission in Cucuta, issued a message to Venezuelan troops, telling them the aid contains food and medicine their own families need.

Toledo suggested one strategy: A mass mobilization of his countrymen reminiscent of how in 2016 a large group of Venezuelan women dressed in white and intent on crossing the closed border with Colombia made their way through a line of national guardsmen in order to buy food on the other side.

Christian woman still unable to leave Pakistan

Was acquitted after 8 years on death row for blasphemy

BY KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A Christian woman acquitted of blasphemy after spending eight years on death row in Pakistan has been transferred from a secret location near the capital to another in Karachi, but is still unable to leave the country to join

her daughters in Canada, a friend said Saturday.

Aman Ullah, who spoke to Aasia Bibi by telephone Friday, said she is being held in a room in the southern port city. He said Bibi, 54, faces death threats by radical Islamists.

“She has no indication of when she will leave; they are not telling her why she cannot leave,” said Ullah, who fled the country Friday after receiving threats from extremists angered by his assistance to Bibi, which

began while she was on death row.

Ullah has been a liaison between Bibi and European diplomats, who have sought to assist her. The Associated Press spoke to Bibi by telephone with Ullah’s assistance after her October acquittal, which was upheld last month.

Bibi’s ordeal began in 2009 when two fellow

farmworkers refused to drink from the same container as a Christian woman. There was a quarrel and the two Muslim women later accused Bibi of blasphemy. The Supreme Court judges said there were widespread inconsistencies in the testimony

against Bibi, who has steadfastly maintained her innocence.



Bibi

The acquittal should have given Bibi her freedom, but Ullah said diplomats were told that her departure from Pakistan, where she feels her life would be in danger, would come not in the short term, but “in the medium term.”

He said Bibi told him she is locked in one room of a house.

“The door opens at food time only,” said Ullah, and she is allowed to make phone calls in the morning and again at night. He said

she usually calls her daughters.

Bibi’s husband is with her, he said.

“She is living with her family and given requisite security for safety,” Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry said in an email.

He said the government was responsible for taking “all possible measures” to protect her and her family, adding “she is a free citizen after her release from jail and can move anywhere in Pakistan or abroad.”

Artist mines beauty in Paradise ashes

'His gift has been such a blessing,' residents say

BY CATHY FREE
Special to The Washington Post

In the aftermath of the deadliest fire in California history last fall, it was difficult for anyone in the mountain town of Paradise to find hope in the ashes.

With at least 85 people dead and more than 80 percent of the homes in Paradise destroyed, the area resembled a war zone, said Shane Edwards, 42, who returned home to find that the only thing standing was his charred brick fireplace.

"The destruction was overwhelming, everywhere you looked the story was the same," he said. "People had lost everything."

When Edwards posted a picture of his fireplace on Facebook, one of his good friends, Shane Grammer, a Los Angeles artist, noticed it. But Grammer saw something that nobody else did: a blank canvas.

Grammer, 46, asked if he could paint something on the hearth and chimney to help people see beyond the burned building, to see that people like him cared — that Paradise could be a place of beauty again.

Edwards agreed, and Grammer drove up with a truck full of spray paint and spent three hours creating a mural image of a woman in black and white. Then he added a scripture reference from the Bible at the bottom: Isaiah 61:3-4. "To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes..."

"It was emotional to paint the mural, knowing that so many friends had lost their homes," said Grammer, who was born and raised in Chico, about 15 miles from Paradise. He works as a freelance artist in the theme-park industry.

After Grammer photographed his finished work on New Year's Day, Ed-



COURTESY OF SHANE GRAMMER

Shane Grammer, left with his friend Shane Edwards, painted a mural on Edwards' burned-out fireplace in Paradise, Calif.

wards posted the pictures on a community Facebook page for people who had lost their homes in the wildfire.

He wasn't sure how it would be received by his neighbors, who were picking up the pieces of their lives. As it turned out, residents of Paradise saw it exactly as Grammer intended it.

"What courage to rise up and make such beauty out of a difficult situation!" one woman commented.

"Absolutely stunning," wrote another.

"Looks like [the] singer Madonna when she was younger," another commenter observed.

Once Grammer realized Edwards's neighbors liked it, he wanted to do more. He felt a pull to go back.

"While I was there to paint the fireplace, so many people had told me their own stories," Grammer recalled. "I went home emotionally exhausted from

what I'd heard. It was heart-breaking. So I put an announcement on Facebook that I'd be coming back if anybody had something left from the fire that they'd like to have painted."

People started responding, asking him to go to their homes and paint in the ashes. He said he would be honored. So far he's done 12, many of them both stunning and haunting.

Grammer painted Jesus on a baptismal font, the only thing left at Hope Christian Church in Paradise.

And he sprayed the image of a sleeping woman on one resident's burned pickup truck.

Grammer also did a portrait of an 84-year-old woman, Helen Pace, who died in her mobile home during the fire. Then he painted the likeness of a girl on a faux rock wall.

"His portrait of Jesus on our charred baptismal is as encouraging as the wooden cross still standing after the

wall burned to the ground," said Jeana Darby, 35, worship and ministries director for Hope Christian Church, who also lost her home in the fire.

"Having Shane come and use his gift has been such a blessing," said Darby, who said the congregation is meeting in Chico until they can rebuild in Paradise.

Nicole Weddig, a registered nurse who went to high school with Grammer, invited him to paint the remnants of a wall that ringed her front yard. Everything else owned by Weddig, her husband, Greg, and their 9-year-old daughter, Eleanor, was incinerated in the fire. The family is living in a fifth-wheel trailer parked at a friend's home in Chico, wondering if they'll ever recover from their sadness, said Weddig, 45.

"Not only did our home burn down, we also lost our community," she said.

She added that schools have relocated, and in her

daughter's class of 24 students, 10 families are no longer there. Some have moved away, but she doesn't know what happened to all of them.

"Where did they go? Do they have a roof over their heads and food on the table?" she said. "It's heart-breaking not to know."

When Weddig told Grammer to paint whatever he liked, he decided to do a portrait of Eleanor from a Facebook photo taken when she was 3.

Painting her portrait, he said, "I felt like I was walking on emotional glass."

Weddig was moved to tears when she drove up the hill to Paradise and saw her daughter's sunny face shining through the black rubble.

"Her expression is so hopeful and happy — it felt right for our girl to be home smiling, there with what was left of the house we'd brought her home to when

she was a newborn," she said. "It felt right to have something so beautiful in Paradise again."

Shane Edwards, whose property on Clark Street is visible to everyone driving into Paradise, said his friend's artwork reminds him of how lucky he is. Some people lost their lives.

"Stuff is just stuff," said the father of five, who manages a furniture store in Chico, while his wife, Jennifer, teaches life skills to disabled adults.

"It's tough to see everything you own go up in ash, but things can be replaced," he said. "Shane's painting reminds me of that. His painting is even more beautiful than I thought it would be."

Once Edwards and his family decide where to build a new home, a large framed photo of Grammer's mural will be displayed front and center for all to see, he said.

"I've always loved Shane's artwork, but to see this beautiful painting in the middle of all of the destruction was overwhelming," Edwards said. "I want to share it with as many people as possible."

Suzanne Drews feels the same way about the portrait Grammer painted of her mother, Helen Pace. Pace lived alone in a mobile home and was among those who couldn't escape the wildfire.

"She lived near me, but the morning of the fire, I could not get to her," said Drews, who also lost her home in the blaze. "We are honored that [Grammer] would paint this for us, to memorialize my mom. Shane portrayed her wonderment. It left me almost speechless."

Grammer said he is simply glad for the opportunity to leave a touch of beauty in the bleakness.

"It was important for me to do it," he said. "I wanted to paint something to bring hope to a scene of such devastation."

Family still healing a year after Parkland 'nightmare'

1 son slain, 1 shot in school massacre

BY TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — Last February, Mitch and Annika Dworet became part of a small circle no parent wants to join.

Sons Nick and Alex were in classrooms across from each other at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School when a gunman opened fire with an assault weapon.

Nick, a 17-year-old senior with a college swimming scholarship, was among the 17 killed that day. A bullet grazed younger brother Alex's head and he was hit by shrapnel as three students in his class, including one next to him, were killed. The boys were the only sibling casualties in the Parkland shooting and one of few such instances nationally.

"Our worst nightmare happened. How do you get back from that?" said mother Annika Dworet, an emergency room nurse.

But honoring Nick while nursing Alex's physical and emotional wounds has become their mission.

Their charity, Swim4Nick, offers college scholarships for swimmers and swim clinics, and soon will offer water survival classes for toddlers.

"It speaks to Nick and who he was," said Mitch Dworet, a real estate agent. A tattoo of a swimming Nick, who aspired to compete for his mother's native Sweden in the 2020 Olympics, covers a forearm.

A year ago on Valentine's Day, Nick and Alex walked together to the three-story freshman building. Nick's Holocaust history class met there on the first floor. That afternoon, he impressed his teacher by answering a question about the founder



BYRYN ANDERSON/AP

Mitch and Annika Dworet speak in their son Nick's bedroom before the anniversary of the Parkland massacre.

of Adidas, the German athletic brand.

Moments later, the shooting began.

The gunman shot down the hall, into Alex's English class and Nick's classroom before continuing through the building, firing as he went. The Dworets learned Alex was wounded but couldn't reach Nick. Still, what were the odds that out of 4,000 people on campus, both would be shot? Twelve hours later, they learned the worst.

"For the first three to six months, we were basically fetal," Mitch Dworet said.

But while the parents dealt with the grief of losing one son, the other was still suffering. Alex has arm pain, nightmares and post-traumatic stress syndrome. Nick and Alex were close, exchanging confidences and advice. Nick secretly taught his brother to drive.

"At first he wouldn't talk about it. It was very tough," his father said. His mother added, "A child doesn't want to hurt his parents, and I think he didn't want to upset us."

Alex returned to Stoneman Douglas over his parents' objections — he didn't want to stand out at a new school and wanted to be with friends.

Now a sophomore, Alex declined to be interviewed. He told New York Magazine last year. "Some days, I'll be really sad. Usually, I'm all right. The friends that weren't there don't really ask about it. I'm glad they don't."

Nick's bedroom remains as he left it down to the Oreos stash he hid from his parents. A handwritten quote remains on his bulletin board: "When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you'll be successful." A Valentine's box from his girlfriend, Daria Chiarella, rests on a table.

The Dworets now speak against the civilian ownership of military-style rifles like the killer used and want tougher screening of gun buyers. The suspect in the shooting legally bought the rifle soon after turning 18 despite a history of mental problems and threats.

"I have an empty room there; I have an empty chair there. My dreams are pfft," Mitch Dworet said, his voice trailing off.

On the anniversary Thursday, the Dworets will visit the beach where they spread Nick's ashes.

"Nick is forever swimming in the ocean," his mother said.

Northam and Fairfax still won't resign over scandals

BY ALAN SUDERMAN
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Calls were mounting for Virginia's lieutenant governor to resign Saturday, at the tail end of an astonishing week that saw the state's top three elected officials — all Democrats — embroiled in potentially career-ending scandals fraught with questions of race, sex, and power.

Two women have accused Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax of sexual assault, and he has emphatically denied both allegations. After the second allegation was made Friday, Fairfax — who stands to become the state's second black governor if Gov. Ralph Northam resigns over a racist photo — was barraged with demands to step down from top Democrats, including a number of presidential hopefuls and most of Virginia's congressional delegation.

Northam, now a year into his four-year term, announced his intention to stay at a Friday afternoon Cabinet meeting, according to a senior official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

In so doing, Northam defied practically the entire Democratic Party, which rose up against him after a racist photo on his 1984 medical school yearbook surfaced and he acknowledged wearing blackface in the 1980s.

On Saturday, Northam made his first official public appearance since he denied being in the photo. He attended the funeral for a state trooper killed in a shootout. He made no public comments and wasn't listed as a speaker in the funeral program.



STEVE HELBER/AP

Embattled Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam attended the funeral of a state trooper Saturday in Chilhowie, Va.

But in his first interview since the scandal over the photo erupted, Northam told The Washington Post on Saturday that the uproar has forced him to grapple with the state's deep and lingering racial divide and his insensitivity to it. He said he planned to work for the rest of his term to address issues stemming from inequality, including improving access to health care, housing and transportation.

"It's obvious from what happened this week that we still have a lot of work to do," Northam said in the interview, conducted at the governor's mansion.

Northam repeated his contention that he is not the one pictured on his yearbook page in blackface, but could not explain how it wound up there or why he had taken responsibility for it.

"I overreacted," he said. "If I had it to do over again, I would step back and take a deep breath."

Moments after Northam's Friday meeting with his Cabinet, a second woman went public with accusations against Fairfax. A lawyer for Meredith Watson, 39, said in a statement that Fairfax raped Watson

19 years ago while they were students at Duke University.

The statement said it was a "premeditated and aggressive" assault and that while Watson and Fairfax had been social friends, they were never involved romantically.

The lawyer, Nancy Erika Smith, said her team had statements from ex-classmates who said Watson "immediately" told friends Fairfax raped her. A public relations firm representing Watson provided The Associated Press with a 2016 email exchange with a female friend and 2017 text exchanges in which Watson said Fairfax had raped her.

Watson's representatives declined to provide further documentation and said their client would not talk to journalists.

Fairfax denied the new allegation, as he did the first, leveled earlier by Vanessa Tyson, a California college professor who said Fairfax forced her to perform oral sex on him at a Boston hotel in 2004.

"It is obvious that a vicious and coordinated smear campaign is being orchestrated against me," Fairfax said. "I will not resign."

Duke campus police have no criminal reports naming Fairfax, spokesman Michael Schoenfeld said.



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Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, left, and Gov. Ralph Northam wore blackface when they were younger — one as a black rapper; the other as Michael Jackson at a dance contest.

Blackface raises racist face

It can be traced from 'Jim Crow' in 1830s all the way to current Va. politicians

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The racism was present the moment he took the stage.

Using something black to darken his face, Thomas Dartmouth Rice didn't hold back in his singsong performances, which date to the 1830s. The white man danced like a buffoon and spoke with an exaggerated imitation of black slave vernacular to entertain his audiences.

His fictional character also had a name: "Jim Crow."

David Pilgrim, curator of the Jim Crow Museum in Michigan, noted how Jim Crow and other performances featuring white men in blackface captivated white crowds up until the mid-20th century.

Now blackface is back in the spotlight after a photograph emerged Feb. 1 from Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's medical school yearbook page. It shows one man in blackface standing next to another man in a Ku Klux Klan robe.

The governor, a Democrat, apologized for the photograph on his yearbook page that is "clearly racist and offensive." But a flood of prominent Democrats and Republicans began calling for his resignation.

On Feb. 2, Northam refused to resign and said he'd never seen the photo in the yearbook before it was publicized the day before. "I am not the person in that photo," he said at a news conference, though he also described darkening his face to impersonate Michael Jackson for a dance contest in Texas.

The photo in the 1984 Eastern Virginia Medical School yearbook has roiled Virginia politics.

State Attorney General Mark Herring said Wednesday that he wore brown makeup to look like a black rapper during a party as an undergraduate at the University of Virginia.

Historians remind us that while blackface is considered "clearly racist" now, it was once celebrated.

"Professional blackface minstrelsy was considered a uniquely American contribu-

tion to world culture," said Rhae Lynn Barnes, a Princeton professor working on a book about blackface. "Before the civil rights movement, making fun of African-Americans was synonymous with American patriotism."

Blackface dates to the era of minstrel shows, or "minstrelsy," in the early 1800s.

Intended to be comedic, minstrel shows were first performed in New York with white actors who wore tattered clothing and used shoe polish to blacken their faces in a stereotypical depiction of Africans enslaved in the United States, according to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The performances, the museum explains, "cannot be separated fully from the racial derision and stereotyping at its core. By distorting the features and culture of African-Americans — including their looks, language, dance, deportment, and character — white Americans were able to codify whiteness across class and geopolitical lines as its antithesis."

When blackface was used in the first minstrel shows, it was done "to depict false stereotypes of black people: the big lips, the lack of education, the poor clothing," said Daryl Davis, a black blues musician known for his efforts to befriend and convert members of the Ku Klux Klan.

"It wasn't about trying to look black, but trying to look black in a way that portrays blacks negatively," he said.

As a form of entertainment, it was controversial and condemned as offensive almost from the start.

In 1848, after watching a blackface act, abolitionist Frederick Douglass called the performers "the filthy scum of white society" in *The North Star* newspaper.

Blackface performers, he said, "have stolen from us a complexion denied to them by nature to make money and pander to the corrupt taste of their white fellow-citizens."

A joint letter to the editor in the *Pittsburgh Post-*



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Ralph Northam's page in the 1984 medical school yearbook shows one person in blackface next to a person in a Ku Klux Klan costume. "I am not the person in that photo," he said.

Gazette from 1946 called a blackface performance "grotesque" and said it attacked "by ridicule and cheap buffoonery the self-respect of every American Negro." The letter was written by a state lawmaker, the Inter-Racial Action Council, the Inter-Denominational Ministers Alliance and the publisher of *The Pittsburgh Courier*.

Pilgrim notes that Rice was not the first white comic to perform in blackface but was the most popular of his time. As a result of Rice's success, Jim Crow became a "common stage persona for white comedians' blackface portrayals of African-Americans," he said. In his Jim Crow persona, Rice also sang "Negro ditties" such as "Jump Jim Crow."

Later, the phrase Jim Crow became a shorthand for the racist laws used throughout the South to segregate black people after emancipation.

Davis, however, has long argued that context is key when judging the use of blackface. In the 1900s, for example, white artists such as Al Jolson painted their faces as they performed ragtime and blues music pioneered by African-Americans.

He credits Jolson with spreading black music to

white audiences and advocating for black artists. Other historians say blackface is always racist, no matter who is wearing it or why.

But in the case of the photo on Northam's yearbook page, Davis said, the context is clear: "It doesn't matter if the photo was from 1984, 1974 or 2004. He defined what he meant when he paired blackface with a Klan hood. Racial segregation. Racial supremacy. When you have a symbol associated with hate from the beginning, you are saying exactly what you mean."

Since the Civil Rights Era, several other white politicians and celebrities have faced criticism for blackface performances.

Comedian Billy Crystal was criticized in 2012 for impersonating Sammy Davis Jr. in blackface during his opening montage at the Oscars, a repeat of his skit from "Saturday Night Live" from the 1980s.

Actor Ted Danson was accused of being racist and tasteless for performing a skit in blackface, using the N-word and joking about his sex life with then-girlfriend Whoopi Goldberg, who is black, at Goldberg's Friars Club roast in 1993.

Dozens of other whites, including college fraternities and sororities, public

officials and law enforcement officers, have also been criticized for blackface incidents.

Florida Secretary of State Mike Ertel resigned last month after a newspaper obtained photos of him in blackface and wearing earrings, a New Orleans Saints bandanna and fake breasts under a purple T-shirt that said "Katrina Victim." The photos were taken two months after the deadly storm ravaged the Gulf Coast in 2005, killing more than 1,000 people.

In a curious aspect of blackface entertainment, early American black actors, singers and vaudevillians were forced to don blackface as well if they wished to perform for more lucrative white audiences.

For example, William Henry "Master Juba" Lane is considered the most influential performer in 19th-century dance and is credited with inventing tap. It was only after his fame reached international proportions that he was allowed to tour with an all-white minstrel troupe and to perform without blackface.

One of the more disastrous critiques of blackface was from black actor Ben Vereen at President Ronald Reagan's inauguration. Vereen's intent was a tribute

to legendary black vaudevilian Bert Williams, who was forced to wear blackface to stay employed.

Vereen first danced and sang "Waiting for the Robert E. Lee" before a cheering GOP audience, along with the president and first lady Nancy Reagan. He then stripped the blackface off while singing "Nobody (I ain't never got nothin' from nobody, no time)" to show the pain of blackface and the exploitation of African-Americans.

But ABC omitted the second part of Vereen's performance when airing it, showing only the minstrelsy segment.

Vereen, who at the time was one of the nation's top black actors, faced an immediate backlash from African-American fans for what they saw as buffoonery.

Vereen has said he was promised that both parts would be shown and that he was "sabotaged by the network."

In the internet age, social media has fueled furors over blackface.

In 2018, a photo of an Iowa teacher who darkened her face to appear as a Lafawnduh, a black character in the 2004 movie "Napoleon Dynamite," went viral just as NBC talk show host Megyn Kelly was coming under fire for defending the use of blackface in Halloween costumes.

Similar controversies have arisen in other countries.

In 2017, confrontations broke out in the Netherlands over the helper of the Dutch version of Santa Claus. Known as Black Pete, the character is played by whites in blackface at children's events.

A leading television station in Peru was fined \$26,000 for airing the comedy character Negro Mama on an entertainment show in 2013. The character is played by Jorge Benavides, who dons blackface, exaggerated lips and a flaring nose.

In 2010, Mexican media conglomerate Televisa drew criticism for hiring actors in blackface for a popular morning program during the World Cup.

"In today's climate, blackface is never appropriate," said Mia Moody-Ramirez, a Baylor University professor and author of "From Blackface to Black Twitter."

Associated Press contributed.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Illegal construction blamed in fatal Istanbul building collapse

ISTANBUL — Officials blamed illegal construction for the collapse of an apartment building in Istanbul as they joined hundreds of mourners Saturday at a funeral for nine members of one family killed in the disaster.

As the death toll rose to 18, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said there were “many lessons to learn” from the tragedy.

The eight-story residential building collapsed in the city’s Kartal district

Wednesday.

Experts say a majority of buildings in Istanbul lack proper licenses and are built illegally or without engineering services. Istanbul, Turkey’s biggest city of over 15 million people, is located on a seismic belt.

Officials haven’t disclosed how many people are still unaccounted for. The collapsed building had 14 apartments, 43 registered residents and three businesses.

Israeli police arrest Palestinian suspect in slaying of teenager

JERUSALEM — Israeli police said Saturday that they arrested a Palestinian suspect in the killing of an Israeli teenager, as thousands of people in Gaza buried two Palestinian teenagers killed by Israeli fire a day earlier in protests along the perimeter fence.

Police said Arafat Araya, 29, was arrested in Ramallah, the seat of the Palestinian Authority, but originally comes from the

southern West Bank city of Hebron.

The body of Ori Ansbacher, 19, was found in the woods in the West Bank near Jerusalem on Thursday with stabbing wounds. She was buried Friday amid calls by hard-line Jews for revenge.

Over 600,000 Jewish settlers live in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and east Jerusalem, territories the Palestinians want as part of their future state.

Dozens die from tainted liquor in Indian villages, officials say

LUCKNOW, India — At least 39 people have died and another 27 fallen sick from drinking cheap spurious liquor containing toxic methanol in several villages in the northern India, officials said Saturday.

Senior police Officer Ashok Kumar said 26 died in two separate incidents in the state of Uttar Pradesh, 190 miles east of capital New Delhi, while 13 others died in the

neighboring state of Uttarakhnad.

Kumar said victims consumed liquor during two customary functions Thursday night.

Police have arrested eight suspected bootleggers while the provincial governments have suspended 35 officials.

Deaths from illegally brewed alcohol are common in India because the poor cannot afford licensed brands.



2020 campaign: Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., makes her bid for president official Saturday in the working-class city of Lawrence, Mass., grounding her 2020 campaign in a populist call to fight economic inequality and build “an America that works for everyone.”

U.S.-backed fighters launch final push to beat ISIS in Syria

BEIRUT — U.S.-backed and Kurdish-led Syrian forces said Saturday they have launched a final push to defeat the Islamic State group in the last tiny pocket the extremists hold in eastern Syria.

Syrian Democratic Forces spokesman Mustafa Bali tweeted that the offensive began Saturday after more than 20,000 civilians were evacuated from Islamic State-held area in the eastern province of Deir el-Zour. An SDF statement said the offensive was focused on the village of Baghouz.

The SDF, backed by U.S.

air power, has driven the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, from large swaths of territory it once controlled in northern and eastern Syria, confining the extremists to a small pocket of land near the border with Iraq.

Scores of ISIS fighters are besieged in two villages, or less than once percent of the self-styled caliphate that once sprawled across large parts of Syria and Iraq. In recent weeks, thousands of civilians, including families of ISIS fighters, left the area controlled by the extremists.

“The battle is very

fierce,” Bali said. “Those remaining inside are the most experienced who are defending their last stronghold. According to this you can imagine the ferocity and size of the fighting.”

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitor, said SDF fighters are advancing “cautiously” due to mines planted by ISIS gunmen. It said U.S.-led coalition warplanes are giving cover to SDF fighters.

President Donald Trump predicted Wednesday that ISIS will have lost all of its territory by this week.

U.S. military: Airstrike kills 8 extremists in Somalia

JOHANNESBURG — The U.S. military said it killed eight al-Shabab extremists during an airstrike in southern Somalia.

A U.S. Africa Command statement said Friday’s strike hit near Kobon, not far from the port city of Kismayo.

The U.S. said Kobon has

been used to stage attacks against Somali forces. Its statement said no civilians were killed in the airstrike.

The U.S. military has carried out at least a dozen such airstrikes this year in Somalia against the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab, the deadliest Islamic extremist group in Africa.

The United States has dramatically stepped up airstrikes against al-Shabab since President Donald Trump took office. Experts say it will take more than airstrikes to defeat the extremists, who continue to carry out attacks in the Horn of Africa nation and neighboring Kenya.

Demonstrator loses 4 fingers in clashes with police in Paris

PARIS — A French yellow vest protester’s hand was ripped apart Saturday during clashes in Paris as demonstrators tried to storm the French National Assembly in a 13th consecutive week of unrest.

Police said the injured protester lost four fingers as police swooped in to stop protesters from breaching the parliament’s exterior. Police could not confirm French media reports that the hand of the demonstrator, who is now being treated in the hospital, was blown up by a grenade used to disperse unruly crowds.

Police used batons and fired tear gas in Paris to disperse demonstrators, some of whom threw debris at riot police.

Cars, motorbikes, an anti-terror military car and trash bins were set ablaze as the protest moved toward the city’s Invalides monument and onto the Eiffel Tower.

In Ethiopia: The U.N. said three crew members died after an Ethiopian military helicopter crashed inside the compound of a peacekeeping mission for the disputed Abyei region on the Sudan-South Sudan border. Ten of the 23 passengers were injured. The nations claim ownership of the oil-rich Abyei area.

In Britain: Buckingham Palace said Saturday that Prince Philip, 97, has decided to stop driving, less than a month after he was in a collision that left two women injured. Philip was behind the wheel of a Land Rover when he smashed into another car Jan. 17. He was photographed two days later driving without a seat belt.

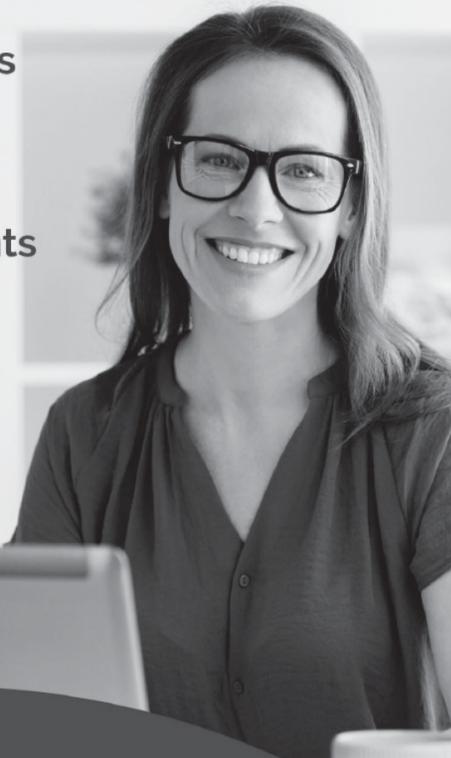


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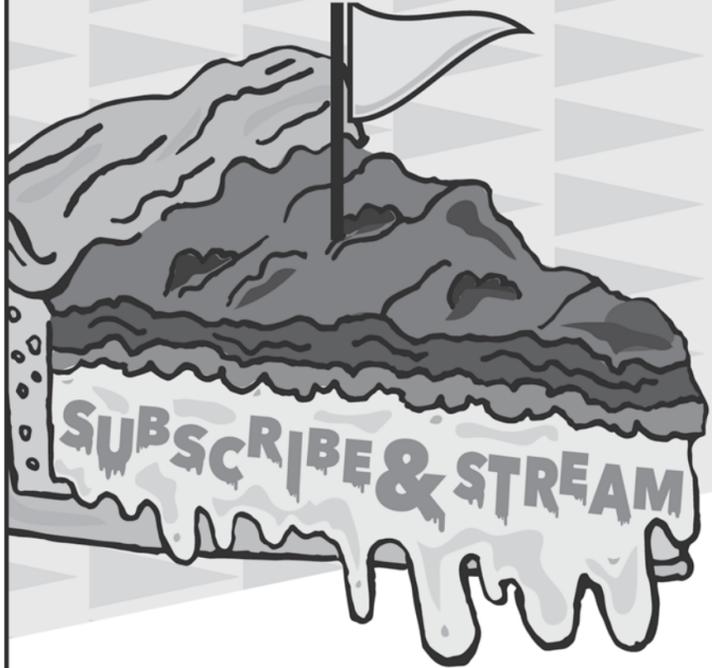
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TOM NORQUIST 1948-2019

Special education teacher, junior high wrestling coach

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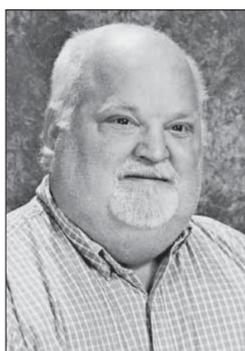
Tom Norquist taught special education at schools in the northern suburbs for close to three decades and also was a junior high school wrestling coach for many years.

"Tom was a teacher who gave his all to his students, and he was there for the kids," said Ken LePere, a retired math teacher at Gemini Junior High School in Niles and a longtime friend. "And for many of the kids, he was there for them even after they graduated."

Norquist, 70, died of a heart attack on Jan. 18 at the Bay at Burlington health and rehabilitation center in Burlington, Wis., said his wife of 48 years, Kathleen. He had been a Williams Bay, Wis., resident since June 2017, having previously lived in Chicago and suburbs including Wheeling.

Born and raised in Peoria, Norquist was the son of a Mennonite church pastor. He graduated from Woodruff High School in Peoria and then attended Fort Wayne Bible College, which now is part of Taylor University, in Fort Wayne, Ind. He later earned a bachelor's degree in education from Trinity College, now known as Trinity International University, in Deerfield.

While attending Trinity, Norquist and his wife applied for part-time jobs at the Central Baptist Children's Home — now known as One Hope United — in Lake Villa, where they became house parents for children aged 7 to 13 with behavioral disorders. That work cemented Norquist's desire to work with chil-



FAMILY PHOTO

Tom Norquist was named District 63's employee of the year in 2008.

dren in special education, his wife said.

"He liked inspiring students and making a difference in their lives (so) they could accomplish something," his wife said. "He was very interested in the values of a person and caring about them that way."

After graduating from Trinity in 1973, Norquist worked as a special education teacher at Lincoln Middle School in Schiller Park for a year and then spent a year teaching at Field Elementary School in Wheeling. Norquist then left education to help run a janitorial company for close to a decade, his wife said.

Norquist returned to teaching in August 1983, taking a job teaching special education in East Maine School District 63. He taught first at Melzer Elementary School in Morton Grove and later at Nelson Elementary School in Niles. Eventually, starting in the mid-1990s, Norquist settled at Gemini Junior High in Niles, where he also worked

as a wrestling coach for about 15 years.

"He always had been interested in being a coach, so he went to Gemini so he could also pursue work as a coach," Norquist's wife said.

Norquist also served as a tournament manager for a junior high school wrestling tournament and served on the Illinois Elementary School Association's wrestling advisory committee from 2000 until 2002.

Norquist was named District 63's employee of the year in 2008. He also was named coach of the year in 2005 by the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Norquist worked for more than 25 summers as a camp director, and building and grounds supervisor at Jay's Camp, a day camp in Long Grove, his wife said. That ended about five years ago.

After retiring from full-time teaching at Gemini Junior High in June 2011, Norquist continued to work as a substitute teacher in Dist. 63 until 2017.

Norquist was a Sunday school superintendent, sound technician and custodian at Bethel Community Church in the Northwest Side Norwood Park neighborhood. Norquist also performed for children at the church, portraying the character of Psalty, the Singing Songbook.

In addition to his wife, Norquist is survived by two sons, Mark and Tory; a daughter, Leah Kelso; six grandchildren; and two brothers, Jerald and Stanley.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.



Barry Joseph Carroll

Renaissance Man and Polymath

LAKE FOREST — Barry Joseph Carroll, 74, of Lake Forest, IL and East Chop, Martha's Vineyard, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 23, 2018, after a brief illness. Born on January 22, 1944, in Highland Park, IL, the son of Wallace and Leila (Holden) Carroll, Mr. Carroll grew up on the Lazy C Ranch in Bannockburn and then on LeWa Farm in Lake Forest where he met his beloved wife, Barbara Pehrson Carroll while in high school. He leaves behind his wife of 53 years and his five children: Megan Carroll, Sean (Karen) Carroll, Deirdre Carroll (Jonathan) Erulkar, Colleen Carroll (Kipp) deVeer, Oona Carroll, and siblings: Wallace E. Carroll, Jr., Denis H. Carroll, Leila Carroll, and eleven grandchildren: Aisling Shea, Eoin Shea; Fiona Carroll, Ciara Carroll, Sean Carroll, John Carroll; Samuel Erulkar, Benjamin Erulkar, Eli Erulkar; Wallace deVeer, Kathryn deVeer. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, for all of his life's accomplishments and adventures, his family will always remember him as a lifelong learner and avid reader with an encyclopedic memory who could teach them about virtually any subject, and as someone who enjoyed sailing and flying his airplane, playing many musical instruments, and singing folk music. Barbara always thought that the man she loved and married would share with her a most interesting and adventurous life, and he did.

Mr. Carroll spent most of his adulthood working as a manufacturing executive, real estate developer, bank director, university trustee, photographer, and filmmaker, and he got his start at Lake Forest Academy and graduated from Lake Forest High School in 1961. He attended Boston College, 1961-1963, and earned his B.A. from Shimer College in 1966 with a concentration in humanities. He attended St. Claire's Hall, Oxford, England, and earned his master of business administration from Harvard Business School in 1969, with a concentration in finance and small business administration. In 1995 he received an honorary doctorate of letters from Shimer College. Early in his career, he was named one of the "Outstanding Men of America" by the national organization, and he was invited and joined MENSA.

Apart from his studies, during the early 1960's, Mr. Carroll pursued his passion for music playing the guitar with the Careless Lovers, and later The Mandrell Singers where he opened for such artists as the Mamas and the Papas, Joni Mitchell, Carole King, and Dave Van Ronk. "The apex of my career was back in the Pop Folk Music era when I played at the Bitter End Coffee House in New York on the same marquee as Cass Elliott," he once said. As a project for school, Mr. Carroll and his wife, Barbara, started the Unicorn coffeehouse in Mt. Carroll, IL, when they were first married. At age, 25 after writing a business plan for another school project, Mr. Carroll became the CEO of the J.C. Deagan, Co., a 79-year-old Chicago musical instrument manufacturing company, which produced mainly percussion instruments, electrovibes, and marimbas. He eventually came to own and run this business. He joined the board of the Lake Forest Symphony where as a young man, he served as Vice President and later Chairman. He was presented the Golden Baton award for 50 years of volunteer service and support to the symphony and the Music Institute of the Symphony Association. Today the latter continues to enroll hundreds of students.

However, it was his avocations and adventures that his family remember fondly. A private pilot, he enjoyed flying his Mooney 201J to Martha's Vineyard, all over the Midwest, New England, and the Caribbean with his trusty co-pilot, Barbara. They would hire planes and fly over volcanoes together while on vacation all over the world from Hawaii to Thailand. He was an avid sailor and enjoyed the Caribbean and Martha's Vineyard in his two boats, the "Katy," a 41' Morgan Ketch, and "Fairplay," 29' Skimmer, out of Edgartown Yacht Club and East Chop Yacht Club. He also enjoyed playing tennis, skiing in Breckenridge, CO, and SCUBA diving in the islands. He traveled to most of the states in the Union, and further afield to all six continents, the northern and southern icecaps, the five largest countries, and numerous others down to Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Nepal, Guyana, Belize, and the Caribbean Islands.

In 1970, he began his pursuit of improving standards in educational institutions when he joined his alma mater as a founding board member for Shimer College and the Shimer College Foundation for Liberal Arts, and served as Chairman from 1975-1978. From 1973 he served for decades as trustee on the boards of Roosevelt University, St. Xavier University, Barat College, and the University of Illinois Eye Research Institute.

In 1983-84, Mr. Carroll accepted an appointment by the President's Commission on Executive Exchange and worked for a year in the first Reagan administration as Special Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Education, Terrel Bell. In subsequent years, he followed up on this appointment by speaking on, authoring, and editing a monograph and book on business partnerships with education.

Mr. Carroll also went on a scientific expedition to an unusually dry valley in Eastern Antarctica in January 1989 where he explored mineral resources while SCUBA diving under the ice and he employed helicopters and a hovercraft to photograph the terrain and wildlife. His numerous photography and videography projects spanned a variety of scientific and industrial subjects over four decades, producing dozens of films including one on the history of punch presses and one on the story of mallet instruments.

The depth and breadth of Mr. Carroll's education augured well as he served dozens of educational, cultural, and financial institutions in his lifetime as a trustee, director, president, or officer, including: American Machine & Science Inc., CRL Inc., Carroll International Corporation, Association for Manufacturing Technology, Lake Forest Cultural Arts Commission, Shimer College, Roosevelt University, Institute of Metropolitan Affairs, Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, National Christmas Pageant of Peace, Lake County Regional School Board, Chicago Crime Commission, Eye Research Foundation, Carroll Foundation, United Republican Fund, Chicago, NIE Commission on Education Technology, The American Irish Foundation, The American Ireland Fund, The Australian Ireland Fund, 16th Century Barriscourt Castle Trust (Carrigtwohill, Ireland), International Metals & Machines, Katy Industries (NYSE), Bank of Illinois, La Bour Industries UK Ltd., DM Group, Electra Communications Corp., Ashland State Bank, Bank of Yorktown, GFS Inc., Pehrson-Long Real Estate Management, Tuxton Inc., Helicopter Air Service, Inc., Dimas Investments Inc., LI Acceptance Corp., Cowles Tool Company, Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Deerfield Land Company, Mercantile Holdings Inc., Illinois Property Management Corp., Ludlow Industries Inc., Florida Express Airline, J.C. Deagan Inc., Lake Valley Broadcasting Inc., Deerfield Land Company, International Metals & Machines, Katy Communications Inc.

Among his memberships of associations & clubs, Mr. Carroll was involved in the National Institute of Technology, United States Department of Education, National Press Club (Silver Owl), President's Council University of Illinois, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Association, American Institute Aeronautics and Astronautics, Association for Manufacturing Technology, Army Navy Club of Washington, D.C., Elewa Farm Commission, Martha's Vineyard Museum, Onwentsia Club, Chicago Club, Washington Metropolitan Club, East Chop Beach Tennis and Yacht Clubs, Edgartown Yacht Club, The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois (Treasurer, Governor), National Society of Colonial Wars (Deputy Governor General), Society of the Cincinnati, The Harvard Club, The Metropolitan Club, The Bath and Tennis Club (Palm Beach).

In his autobiography, Mr. Carroll described his own life in the following words: "In brief, I have lived in an extraordinarily rich and fast changing time and drunk in many, many of the opportunities and joys and experiences that any one person might ever expect in a number of lifetimes. I have chased shrimp boats and freight trains in a helicopter, hanging by just a seatbelt 500' over the water in steep banked turns, filmed oil drilling platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, shot ducks in the alligator lined bayous of Louisiana, "slipped the surly bounds of earth" in my light airplane, dove to the blackest depths of Lake Geneva, and nearly died from asphyxiation in a grain dryer. I have mostly owned and driven/flown/sailed ten motorcycles, a wide range of tractors with up to 12 gears, innumerable cars, five or more types of light planes, a Bell 206 helicopter, many sloops and ketches, a hovercraft and a locomotive." Mr. Carroll was an adventurer and an explorer, a loving husband, father, son, brother, and grandfather, but he was ultimately a lifetime student, a polymath, and true renaissance man.

"What each of us does with the life the fates have suffered us to have is the measure of our worth. Did we take joy in learning? Did we take pride in our work? Did we love without condition? Did we treasure and respect our lives and that of other sentient beings? Did we seize opportunities and open doors for others with less opportunity to fulfill their potential? Did we share our gifts? Did we listen to the social conscience that hundreds of thousands of years of surviving in a challenging and threatening world have bred into us? Did we take a long-term view of how to achieve the betterment of our fellow man? The answers to these questions are all that will echo down the halls of time when memory of us fades and dies with our kin, and our remains are consigned perhaps to a tank, or to the earth and air, and finally stardust."

— Barry J. Carroll, autobiography

The family held a private funeral on January 8, 2019. Memorial services will be held at 11am on May 18, 2019 at the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest, IL and on Martha's Vineyard on July 16, 2019. The family appreciates donations in Barry Carroll's name to the following charities close to his heart: The Lake Forest Symphony lakeforestsymphony.org, The Martha's Vineyard Museum mvmuseum.org, Shimer College shimer.edu. Info: Wenban Funeral Home (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

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ON FEBRUARY 10 ...

In 1763 France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

In 1841 Upper Canada and Lower Canada were proclaimed united under an Act of Union passed by the British Parliament.

In 1846 members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Nauvoo, Ill.

In 1939 singer Roberta Flack was born in Black Mountain, N.C.

In 1949 Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

In 1962 the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1967 the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

In 1968 Peggy Fleming of the United States won the gold medal in women's figure skating at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

In 1992 author Alex Haley ("Roots," "The Autobiography of Malcolm X") died in Seattle; he was 70. **Also in 1992** boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping a contestant in the Miss Black America competition. (Tyson served three years in prison.)

In 1996 President Bill Clinton signed a \$265 billion defense bill, but said he would battle for repeal of a section forcing the discharge of service members with the AIDS virus. **Also in 1996** world chess champion Garry Kasparov lost the first game of a match in Philadelphia against an IBM computer dubbed "Deep Blue."

In 1997 a civil jury heaped \$25 million in punitive damages on O.J. Simpson for the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend, on top of \$8.5 million in compensatory damages awarded earlier.

In 2001 the space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts installed the \$1.4 billion Destiny laboratory on the International Space Station. **Also in 2001** former New York City Mayor Abraham Beame died; he was 94.

In 2002 former U.N. ambassador Vernon Walters died in West Palm Beach, Fla.; he was 85. **Also in 2002** convict-author Jack Henry Abbott committed suicide in his cell; he was 58.

In 2004 the White House, trying to end doubts about President George W. Bush's Vietnam-era military service, released documents it said proved he had met his requirements in the Texas Air National Guard.

In 2005, on the 56th anniversary of the Broadway opening of "Death of a Salesman," playwright Arthur Miller died in Roxbury, Conn.; he was 89. **Also in 2005** North Korea boasted publicly for the first time that it possessed nuclear weapons.

In 2006 the Winter Olympics opened in Turin, Italy. **Also in 2006** Dr. Norman Shumway, who performed the first successful heart transplant in the U.S., died in Palo Alto, Calif.; he was 83.

In 2008 Hillary Rodham Clinton replaced campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle with longtime aide Maggie Williams; meanwhile, Barack Obama defeated Clinton in the Maine Democratic presidential caucuses. **Also in 2008** Amy Winehouse won five Grammys, including record and song of the year for "Rehab."

In 2012 the Obama administration offered an "accommodation" after an uproar in the health care law required religiously affiliated hospitals, charities and universities to provide birth control for their female employees, even if that conflicted with church teachings. **Also in 2012** Jeffrey Zaslow, a former Chicago journalist, Wall Street Journal reporter and author, died in a car crash in northern Michigan; he was 53.

In 2014 Shirley Temple Black, a curly-haired child singer, dancer and actress who was a top box-office film superstar in the 1930s and later a U.S. diplomat, died in Woodside, Calif. She was 85.

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Feb. 9	Powerball 01 02 03 07 39 / 25 Powerball jackpot: \$224M Lotto 08 26 31 32 38 50 / 18 Lotto jackpot: \$9.250M Pick 3 midday 110 / 4 Pick 4 midday 5287 / 4 Lucky Day Lotto midday 05 10 12 13 21 Pick 3 evening 190 / 4 Pick 4 evening 7825 / 3 Lucky Day Lotto evening 14 24 27 28 29
Feb. 8	Mega Millions 14 24 31 42 48 / 13 Mega Millions jackpot: \$173M Pick 3 midday 377 / 4 Pick 4 midday 5104 / 2 Lucky Day Lotto midday 14 25 32 37 39 Pick 3 evening 035 / 5 Pick 4 evening 2346 / 8 Lucky Day Lotto evening 02 03 18 30 42
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Sgt. Michael Spagnola CPD Area 4 11th District
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Anderson, Sherry L.

Sherry L. Anderson (née Long) age 72, of Plainfield, IL passed away on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. She was born on August 9, 1946 in Chicago, Illinois. Sherry is survived by her daughters; Kelly (Daniel) Correia, Brooke (Brian) Wohlfel and Ashley McBain, grandchildren; Jack, Kate & Luke Wohlfel, brother; Roger (Peni) Long, and her beloved dog, Twiggy. She was preceded in death by her husband Dave Anderson, parents Alvin and Ethelle (née Sherman) Long. Sherry loved to travel, often being found on the Lido deck of her favorite cruise. She was also an avid animal lover, providing a home for number of dogs throughout her life. Services are private and entrusted to **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**. Memorials in Sherry's name may be made to the ASPCA. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunschff.com



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Baksys, Andrea

Andrea Baksys, age 47. Cherished daughter of Daiva and Chester Baksys. Loving sister of Dr. Ingrid Baksys. Dear niece of Irene (the late Karl, PhD) Hornyik and Rimasantas (the late Aristida) Parakininkas. Dear cousin of Dr. Galina Hornyik (Chris Pond, PhD), Karl Hornyik & Neysa Koury, P.A. (daughters, Lydia & Beyza), Maria & John Pickerill (sons, Jonas & Jack; daughter, Maddie), Rimas Parakininkas, Kestas & Kim Parakininkas, Dr. Daiva Parakininkas, Bruce & Kathy Pratas and Mathew Pratas. Memorial visitation Saturday, Feb. 16th, 8:30 AM until time of Memorial Mass, 10 AM at St. Julie Billiart Church, 7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, Illinois. Inurnment St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708)-974-4410



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Bauer, Myra Lee Levin

Myra Lee Levin Bauer, 82, died peacefully on January 28, 2019 at her Heritage House home in Blacksburg, Virginia. Her daughters, Judy Bauer and Helen Codron, are very grateful to have been with her. Myra was born in Chicago to Art Levin and Eva Pearl Cohen Levin. She attended Sullivan High School and later earned her BA from University of Michigan and a Diploma in Social Work from University of Sydney. Myra lived in Sydney, Australia; Lexington, Kentucky; and Blacksburg and Roanoke, VA. She worked as a Family and Marriage Counselor at Cooper House in Blacksburg and at Family Service of Roanoke, where she offered support and counseling to innumerable families and individuals, including members of the transgender community, for whom she was an early ally. Myra was a fervent and active supporter of social justice causes, attending Women's Rights marches and regularly participating in peace vigils with Plowshare at the Roanoke Market. Myra was a beautiful person, inside and out. She loved bird watching, walking along the Roanoke River, bike riding, and canoeing on the New River; yoga, art and painting, and connecting with people; music and dancing. Myra always noticed and appreciated the beauty around her, no matter how small. She was adventurous and loved to travel. She was a seeker and creator of fun, remembered first and foremost for her open smile and easy, joyful laughter. Myra's family will gather for a private memorial; no public service is planned. They ask that you enjoy and share your memories of Myra and, if so moved, honor her with a donation to your charity of choice.

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Berg, Robert Emmett

Robert Emmett Berg, age 80, of Chicago, passed away peacefully on Saturday February 2, 2019 at Silver Cross Hospital. Survived by his children, Paul (Akiko) Berg, Steven Berg and Michael (Karin) Berg; grandchildren, Alicia, Jeremy and Lexi; nieces and nephews David, James, Tami and Jenni. Preceded in death by his wife of 23 years Marcia "Laidislay" (nee Zaremba) Berg; parents Emmett and Helen (nee Friehe) Berg; brother Bruce Berg. Robert was a graduate of Schurz High School in Chicago. Robert enjoyed watching the Cubs. He was an Avid Flea Market vendor and was known as the "Derby Hat Man." He also enjoyed selling coins and baseball cards. Cremation Society of Illinois handling arrangements 800 622 8358.

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Bertucci, Judith Ann

Judith Ann Bertucci, age 75, of Naperville, IL, formerly of Berwyn, passed away on February 9, 2018 at Meadowbrook Manor Naperville, IL. She was born February 6, 1944 in Chicago, IL to the late Henry and Anne Mallick. Loving mother of Deborah (Kevin) Eng of Naperville, IL, and Anthony (Shelley) Bertucci of McKinney, TX; adored grandmother of Dakota, Anthony, Jr., Derek, Frank, Savannah, Nicholas and Thomas Bertucci; dear sister of the late Henry Mallick, Jr. and Dolores Mallick; best friend of Patricia Teichman; fond aunt and friend of many. Judith grew up in Berwyn, IL and graduated from Nazareth Academy in La Grange Park, IL. Most recently, she loved to spend time with friends at the Riverwalk Adult Day Services in Naperville. She especially enjoyed art and music in many different forms. For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Judith's life, memorials to Riverwalk Adult Day Services, 305 W. Jackson Ave., Naperville, IL 60540 Attn: Director, would be greatly appreciated. Visitation will be Friday, February 15, 4:00-8:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL. Funeral Service will be Saturday, February 16 at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment: Private For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Boi, Theresa

Theresa Boi, Loving Wife of the late Clarence; Loving Mother of Martin (Roseann), Kenneth (Teresa), Jeffry (Kay) and Brian (Rosanne); Grandmother of Nicholas (Jessica), Dr. Shannon, Kimberly, Steven, Wendy (Dan), Jackie (Andy) and Dan; Great Grandmother of 8; Fond Sister-in-Law to Laurie Tucker. Visitation at the Pedersen Ryberg Funeral home 435 N. York St, Elmhurst on Sunday, February 10, from 3-8 PM. Funeral Monday 9:30 AM from the Funeral Home to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Bensenville. Funeral Mass 10:00 AM. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Theresa was a member of the American Guild of Organists and a member of the Addison Active Adult Senior Club. If desired, contributions to The Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 are appreciated. For info (630) 834-1133 or www.pedersenryberg.com

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Brennan, Josephine

(nee Brown). Age 84. Beloved wife of the late Michael "Jerry" Brennan. Devoted mother of Michael J. (Janet), Dennis (Mary), Cathy (Jim) Walker, the late Timothy (Maureen), and Daniel (Bridget) Brennan. Proud grandmother of Michael D., Matthew, Mitchell, Ryan, Lauren, Michael P., Brendan, Emma, and Maddie. Loving sister of Michael (Kathleen) Brown, Thomas (Christine) Brown, Beatrice (late Patrick) O'Grady, and the late Margaret (Tom) Haran, the late Anthony Brown and the late John Brown. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass of the Resurrection 11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Villa, 12220 S. Will-Cook Road, Palos Park, IL. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Holy Family Villa. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes** www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Brunke, Charles A.

Charles A. Brunke, 88 of Arlington Heights was born January 23, 1931 in Morton Grove to Charles and Edna (nee Dahm) Brunke and passed away February 4, 2019. Charles was the beloved husband of Doris E. (nee Madsen) Brunke; loving father of Karen (Mike) Metzel, Ronald (Sue) Brunke, Janet (Ronald) Moravec and the late Charles M. Brunke; cherished grandfather of Mark (Kate) Metzel, Chris (Kim) Metzel, Kerri (SuThanh) Nguyen, Doug (Julie) Metzel, Christi Mintz, Matt Brunke, Ronald (Marissa) Moravec, Jake (Tiffany) Moravec and the late Tammy Duncan; great-grandfather of 18; dear brother of the late Wallace Brunke and Gladys Troester and fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held on Friday, February 8, 2019 at Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights. Interment followed at Concordia Cemetery in Forest Park. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or lauterburgoeher.com

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Byrnes, Jean Marie

Jean Marie Byrnes died February 2, 2019 peacefully at home in Oak Lawn, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Arthur Byrnes. Loving Mother of Bill (Liz) Byrnes, Kathy (Paul) Slattery, John (Jenny) Byrnes, Jim (Patti) Byrnes, Tom Byrnes, and Kevin (Jill) Byrnes. Devoted Grandmother of nine and Great Grandmother of two. She is survived by her sisters Barbara Donnell and Virginia (Kay) Daly. Although a long time resident of Oak Lawn, she spent her later years living the good life in Bonita Springs, Florida. No wake will be held; however, a memorial mass will be scheduled in late Spring at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn. She requested a private burial at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. Memorial gifts can be sent to: Parents & Friends of the Ludeman Center (PFLC) P.O. Box 754 Park Forest, IL 60466

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Cachey, Theodore Joseph

Cachey, Theodore Joseph. b. September 25, 1933. d. February 7, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Anne Noel King, loving and loved father of Theodore J., Jr. (Anna Maria), Carol, Thomas (Tana), Mary Jo (Michael) Kwasigroch, James, Colette (Thomas) Smithburg. Proud Papa of James and Eleanor Cachey, Tripp, Anne, Emily and Charles Stelnicki, Peter, Rachel (Eric) Schulz, Daniel and Angeline Cachey, Michael, Teddy, Donny, John and Joseph Kwasigroch, Will and Teddy Smithburg. Great grandfather of Jonny, Layne and Valerie. Loving brother of Mary (the late Edward) Roche, the late Felix (Doris) and Joseph (Rita). Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Proud graduate of Mt. Carmel High School, the University of Michigan and Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. Founder of T. J. Cachey Builders and active attorney at law for over 50 years. Valued member of the Board of Directors of Marquette Bank for 50 years. Kindly omit flowers. Memorials welcomed by Misericordia, Heart of Mercy. Visitation St. John of the Cross, Western Springs, February 12, 2019 at 9:30am until 11:00 AM. Mass immediately following at 11:15. Private interment. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale**. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Carey, Kathleen A.

Kathleen A. Carey, nee Barry, 71 years. Loving mother of Kate (Ralph) Mutschler, Eileen (Paul) Swieboda, Bridget Carey, and Tommy Carey (Kelli Pero). Cherished grandmother of Ally, Evie, Andrew, Paige, Carson, and David. Dear sister of Diana Barry, and the late Mike Barry and Maureen Begeske. Fond aunt and cousin to many. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Thursday 9 A.M. at the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, to Incarnation Church for a 9:30 A.M. Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com

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Cisco, Mary C.

Mary C. Cisco nee Brennan of Roselle since 1979, beloved mother of Ray (Tami Domeyer), Michael and Richard (Trish) Cisco; cherished grandmother of Nick, Zack, Nathan and Calleigh; dear sister of the late Terrence (Debbie) and Diane Brennan; loving aunt of Elizabeth and Julie Brennan. Mary has been the Association Manager of "the Trails" Townhouse complex in Roselle for 35 years. Visitation Monday 3:00p.m. until time of service 8:00p.m. at the Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory 333 S. Roselle Rd. (1/2 mile south of Irving Park Rd.) Roselle. Following services, cremation will be private at the Countryside Crematory. In lieu of flowers, donations made to Second City Canine Rescue PO Box 721094 Roselle, IL 60172 or www.sccrescue.org would be appreciated. (630) 529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com

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See Camille Valerio notice.

Costello, Lucille

Lucille Costello, 96, nee Wagner, passed away Thursday evening peacefully at home in Tinley Park. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo. She is survived by her sons Melvin (and his wife Marie), John (and his wife Antoinette), and Ken (and his wife Nancy), and her daughter Mary Proper. In addition, she leaves behind her six loving grandchildren (Lisa Popovsky, Michael Costello, Isaiah Costello, Jessica Hermanson, Michael Proper, and Aaron Costello), three great-grandchildren (Ryan, Soren, and Lillian), one great-great-grandchild (Adley), her niece Carol Roberts, her nephew Richard Sandberg, and many other close relatives, in-laws, and friends.

Lucille was born in Orland Park, IL, and lived her whole life in the southwest suburbs of Chicago (outside of a short stint in Seattle while Leo was stationed overseas during World War II). A longtime lunchroom monitor at St. Michael's Catholic Church, she always cherished her close relationship with God. Despite living deep in the heart of White Sox territory, Lucille was well known as a passionate Cubs fan who watched every single game, especially enjoying the color commentary of the late Ron Santo.

Friends and family will meet for a funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, February 11, at St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church, 17500 84th Avenue, Tinley Park. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to a charitable cause you care strongly about.

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Costopoulos, Edna (Athanasia)

Edna (Athanasia) Costopoulos nee Varvares 100, of Orland Park formerly of Chicago passed away peacefully Wednesday morning February 6th. Devoted wife of the late Constantine. Beloved mother of the late Peter (the late Helene) Pashos, Leonard (Joanne), Nicholas (Carmela), and John (Lynette). Loving yiaia of Marie (Larry), Peter (Denise), Kim (John), Stacy, Melissa (Michael), Constantine, Yazmin (Daniel), Nicholas, and Scott (Amanda). Great yiaia of 18 and great great yiaia of 5. Dear sister-in-law of Mary Varvares. Dearest aunt of Flora Varvares MacLean and many more nieces and nephews. Edna was a devoted volunteer at Wyler's Children's Hospital of The University of Chicago. She was a member of Sts. Constantine & Helen Choir, The Philoptochos, The Koraeas KPTA, and a former president of The Ladies Hellenic Society. May her memory be eternal. Visitation Sunday from 3:00 to 8:00 PM with a 6:30PM Trisagion service at The Thornridge Funeral Home 14318 S. La Grange Rd. (U turn permitted at 143rd Street) Orland Park IL 60462. Friends and family asked to meet Monday morning 9:45 AM directly at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 South Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois 60465 for the 10:00 AM funeral service. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. For information 708-460-2300

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Crudell, Nina L.

Nina L. Crudell, 94, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2019. Loving Wife to the late Rocco A. Crudell; She is survived by her son & his spouse, Wayne & Terri Crudell; Grandchildren Christina & Freddy Bracero, Kelly Crudell, and Michelle Crudell; Great Granddaughter Jasmine Bracero; Siblings RC Williams, Katherine Warren, and Stanley Williams. Visitation Monday Feb. 11, from 3-8 pm at **Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home**, 435 N. York St., Elmhurst, IL. Funeral Tuesday Feb. 12, 9:15 am from the funeral home to St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church for 10:00 am Mass. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association, 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606 would be appreciated. For info, (630) 834-1133 or www.pedersenryberg.com

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Demchuck, Donald

Donald Demchuck, 81, passed away January 31, 2019. Beloved husband of Josephine nee Donatelli; loving father of Laura Marszalek and Christine (Jim Kasprovicz) Demchuck; proud grandfather of Celestina and Daniel Marszalek; brother-in-law and uncle to many. Preceded in death by his 5 siblings. Services private.

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Diehl, Richard 'Ric'

Richard (Ric) Diehl, age 71, died on February 4, 2019. Beloved father of Kimberly (Doug) Brunnett and cherished grandfather of Lincoln and Benjamin Brunnett, Ric was a lifelong member of the American Institutes of Architects and practiced architecture and asbestos abatement in the Chicagoland area for many decades. He was a lifelong

learner, giving joy to many as he learned baking tricks, stained glass creating, antique clock repair and restoration, woodcarving, and watercolor. He died as he lived, thinking of others and offering kind words and a positive attitude despite any personal hardships. He will be missed by many. Please share memories and stories so his legacy can continue. A celebration of his life will be held on March 9 from 2-4 pm at StoneWood Ale House, 601 Mall Drive Schaumburg, IL 60173.

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Driscoll, Thomas Edward

Thomas Edward Driscoll, age 72, of Chicago passed away on Monday, January 28, 2019. Loving husband of Alice, nee. Jaremek, and devoted father of John, age 14, and William, age 10. He was a successful real estate broker for over 30 years and active in the Agassiz School. Family and friends will meet Saturday February 16th at St. Josaphat Church 2306 N Southport Chicago for memorial visitation from 10:00 am until time of mass at 12:00 Noon. Interment at Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in care of his family for John and William's education are appreciated.

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Eisenberg, Elaine Wright

Elaine Wright Eisenberg, 96, of Evanston, IL, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2019. Elaine was born and raised on her family's farm near Buffalo, ND with her brother Jack and sisters Margaret and Betty. She served her country in the US Navy WAVES during WWII. Following the war Elaine graduated from South Dakota State University and worked as a first grade teacher for over 30 years. Elaine was fortunate to have had two wonderful marriages to Thomas Wright (1948-1971) and Frank Eisenberg (1980-2006)

Loving mother of Kelly (Marianne) Wright and grandmother of Sarah and Haden Wright. Elaine was fortunate to be the step-mother of Elizabeth (David) Sadler, Frank Eisenberg, Paul (Elena) Eisenberg, and Judy (Timothy) Eisenberg; grandmother to Christine and Paul (Lauren) Eisenberg and great-grandmother of Elaine Eisenberg.

A Memorial Service will be held Sat., Feb. 16, at 10:30 am in Elliott Chapel at Westminster Place, 3131 Simpson St. (Golf Rd.), Evanston, IL. The family welcomes flowers or donations to the charity of your choice.

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Evenstad, Philip Andrew

Philip Andrew Evenstad, born December 30, 1956, and left us too soon February 5, 2019. Preceded in death by his father, Damon, on December 29, 2018. Survived by his mother of Joan LaMair Evenstad; brothers Steven and Harry; aunts Brabara LaMair and Sonia Evenstad; uncles Ramon (Mary) and Paul (Virginia) Evenstad; and cousins John (Jan), Robin (Mike), and Amy (Arthur). Memorial service will be held Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 2pm at Northfield Community Church, 400 Wagner Road, Northfield, IL 60093. Memorial donations may be made to Northfield Community Church. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Forgue, Joseph L.

Joseph L. Forgue, of Western Springs; beloved husband of Cynthia Forgue for 31 years; loving father of Andrew; dear brother of Robert Forgue Jr., (Beth), Antoinette Grogan (Michael G), Colette Tracy (Michael A). Visitation on Monday, February 11 from 3 to 9 pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers on Tuesday, February 12 at 9:15 am, from the funeral home to All Saints Episcopal Church, Western Springs. Service 10 am. Interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery. Donations in Joe's memory to Hinsdale Wellness House or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated. Funeral info: (708) 352.6500 or hfunerals.com.

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Fox, Frank M.

Frank M. Fox, 83, passed away Feb. 7, 2019 surrounded by family. Dear son of the late Doris nee Browman and the late Milton F. Fox; beloved husband of Julie Fox nee Earls; loving father Margaret and Frank Jr. Fox; fond brother of Luanne and Don (Rita) Fox; dear brothers-in-law of Dan (Susie) Earls, Mary Ellen Earls, the late Tom (Sue) Earls and the late Margaret (Jack) Frank; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Frank was a graduate of Loyola Academy and the University of Notre Dame. He served on the boards of Catholic Charities, North Shore Country Club and the Baling Manufacturer's Institute. Visitation, Friday February 15, 2019 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 524 St. Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley, Eckstein Center 9808 N. 95th St. Scottsdale, AZ 85258 or Catholic Charities of Chicago, 721 N. LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60654. Info: www.donnellan-funeral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Frawley, Margaret

Margaret Frawley (nee Kalchbrenner) Age 98. Loving wife of the late James H. Frawley. Devoted daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Kalchbrenner. Dearest sister of the late Joseph (Gertrude) Kalchbrenner, John (Elsie) Kalchbrenner, Anna (Henry) Weidler, Elsie (John) Miklos, Walter (Catherine) Kalchbrenner, Louise (Charles) Neubauer. Proud aunt of many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews. Visitation, February 14, 2019 from 9:00 AM until time of Funeral Service at 10:00 AM at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8550 S. Kedvale Ave., Chicago, IL., 60652. Interment Mount Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Peter Lutheran Church or Holy Family Villa 1220 Will Cook Rd, Palos Park, IL 60464 appreciated. For info 708-448-6000 or www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com.



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Gentile, Celine

Celine Gentile, 91, of Naperville, Illinois, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister, slipped gently into eternal life on February 5, 2019. Celine was born in Chicago on March 30, 1927, and was the loving daughter of Beatrice (nee Miskell) and John Carpenter. After World War II she met Jim Gentile, a returning Marine, on a blind date. Celine and Jim were married in November 1947, and together they raised four children – Eileen, James, Patricia and Thomas. Jim passed away in October 2017. Left to mourn Celine's passing are daughters Eileen (Charles) Hlubocky and Patricia Gentile; grandsons Brian (Elizabeth) Hlubocky, James (Jennifer) Hlubocky; and Matthew Gentile; and great grandchildren Thomas Gentile, Zachary and Megan Hlubocky, and Adeline and Owen Hlubocky; her sisters Geraldine Kral (Richard) Murawski and Beatrice (the late Donald) Pierquet; and numerous nieces and nephews. Celine was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sons James and Thomas, and grandson John. Visitation Monday, February 11, 2019, 10:00 to 11:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1500 Brookdale Rd, Naperville, Illinois, 60563, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM at the Church. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois. For service information, please call Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Lisle, Illinois, at 630-964-9392 or visit www.blake-lambfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider Masses or a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in Celine's memory.



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Gilbride, Mary Patricia

Mary Patricia Gilbride, age 82 of Chicago, Illinois passed away on Saturday, February 2, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late Thomas "Tim" and Mary Gilbride; fond sister of the late Thomas (Kay) Gilbride; dear cousin of many, some of whom affectionately called her "Patti G". Mary was a former Adrian Dominican Sister and former CPS primary grade teacher. A memorial Mass will be held in the Spring. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Kenny Brothers Funeral Directors. For more information 708-425-4500 or visit www.kennybrothersfuneral.com

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Given, Shirley S.

Shirley S. Given age 96 of Northbrook. Beloved wife of the late John Terrell Given; loving mother of Susan (the late Harry J.) Bobin, Terry (Sallie) Given, Pam (Neill) Ott, Jan (Bill) Pochis, the late JoAnne (John) Mosele and the late Kimberly Maze-Larson; proud grandmother of Justin (Michelle) and Amber Bobin, Brian and Courtney Given, Brian, Nicole, Lindsey and April Ott, Russell, Grace and Nick Pochis, John Mosele, Emily (Justin) Pahl, Colin Maze and Trevor Larson; great-grandmother of Jacob and Mason Bobin, Connor, Rowan and Easton Pahl and Jackson Tuminaro; dear sister of Audrey (the late Peter) Paulus. Visitation, Saturday February 16, 2019 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service, 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 2245 Walters Avenue, Northbrook, IL 60062. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church or Seeds of Grace Christian Child Development Center. Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Glickman, Earl Bernard

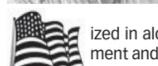
Earl Bernard Glickman, 89, dear husband and hope-filled partner of Merle (nee Cristol) Glickman for 51 years. Beloved and supportive Dad of Elyse Jessica Glickman and Paul Andrew Glickman. Cherished son of the late Frank and Ruth (nee Hackman) Glickman. An uncommon man. Services have been held. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfiinfo.com

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Gornik, Stephen William

Stephen William Gornik, Psy.D, 88, psychologist and author, passed away peacefully at home February 4, 2019. After serving as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army in the Korean War, Steve earned his B.S. from Roosevelt University and his M.S. from University of Illinois (both in in Psychology), and his Psy.D from the University of Colorado. Steve specialized in alcohol and drug addiction treatment and used a technique called "Body, Imaging, and Breathing" ("BIB"). He was a lifelong learner, a linguist, and a visual artist. In 2013, he authored "Never Look Down: Letters from Korea and Beyond" about the transformative power of the war experience. Beloved husband of 36 years to Joan Margaret Gornik (nee Sinquefield), son of the late Andrew Albert Gornik and Katherine Zielinski Gornik. Preceded on death by six siblings. Interment of Cremated remains at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Griffin, Donald J.

Donald J. Griffin, age 82, formerly of Chicago & LaGrange; beloved partner of Maggie Naylor; loving father of Mary (Don) Decker, Eileen (the late David) Barbour, & Paul (Suzanne) Griffin; proud grandfather of Scarlet, Sloane, Shay, & Spencer Decker and Jake & Genevieve Griffin; dear brother of Jack Griffin & the late Peggy Griffin; dear cousin of the Madler family. Visitation 3 to 8pm on Wednesday, February 13 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Interment private. To read Don's full obituary, please visit hfunerals.com/obituaries. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500

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Hall, Lillian Adeline

A proud resident of Streamwood Illinois for over 60 years, died peacefully at age 92 in her home surrounded by family on February 6th. All who knew her will remember her affectionately for the rest of our days. Born in November 1926 in Chicago to Winifred J. and John D. Trappe, Lill was the second oldest of six children (Florence, Delores, Alverda and is survived by her sister Cathy and brother John). She shared fond memories of her family and their home at 1044 W. Wellington despite the hardships and difficulties of her formative years during the Great Depression. Responsibility was a hallmark of her life. Lillian took loving care of two younger siblings at a young age. She was a very good student and an avid reader. Lillian enjoyed sitting under a tree with a book, a crisp red apple, and a shaker of salt. She enjoyed learning French and history. Lillian graduated from Proviso East H.S. where she met her future husband and best friend, William J. "Bill" Hall. She and William were married in September 1945. During WWII, Lillian served as a stenographer with the Veterans Administration. She excelled at her job and enjoyed her contribution to the war effort despite attributing the extensive practice of shorthand to the ruination of her handwriting. Lill and Bill started a family with the birth of their first child, Bonnie Lee in 1946. William J. Hall, Jr. was born in April 1951 followed by twin boys, Randal and Russel born in March 1957. In 1958, the couple moved their young family to the new village of Streamwood. There they enjoyed a joyful and busy life. They danced and hosted lively parties and holidays with friends and relatives in the 1960's. They volunteered at their children's schools, playing important roles in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, took family vacations to lakes in Wisconsin and Kentucky, and were active members of Grace Lutheran Church. They always provided a safe, happy, and inclusive space for family and friends. In the 1970's, Lillian began a second career as a preschool teacher with the Streamwood Park District, a position she happily continued for the better part of 20 years to the benefit of hundreds of children. William J. Hall Sr. passed away in October 2010. Ever needed by her family, Lillian persevered though she missed Bill every day. Lillian is survived by her four children, seven grandchildren (Scott and Tracy Stanley (Bonnie); William III and Jody Hall (William J., Jr.); Ryan and Brett Hall (Russel); and W. Paige Hall Osberg, PhD (Randal)) and four great grandchildren (Naomi, Anders and Ingrid Osberg; and Everett Hall (son of Ryan Hall)). Funeral services will be conducted at the cemetery, Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, 17W201 E. Roosevelt Road Oakbrook Terrace IL 60181. (630) 941-5860. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Open visitation. 12:00 noon - Funeral Service at the main chapel. In Lieu of flowers, please support the Alzheimer's Association with a memorial gift in memory of Lillian.



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Harkins-Nolan, Jacqueline

Jacqueline Harkins-Nolan, 58, passed away with loving family by her side on February 6, 2019. Married to Patrick Nolan for 20 years, they retired to Northwest IN after living and working in Chicago. She was preceded in death by parents Jeannine (Lynch) and John L. Harkins Jr. Beloved wife of Pat Nolan. Loving sister John Harkins II (Tracy) and their 3 children, sister Kimberly Harkins and her son Kurt Brosz. Jacque was a dear friend to many. She will be deeply missed and honored in a private service at a later date.

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Hultman, Florence M.

Florence M. Hultman, nee Greene, 55, of Norwood Park. Beloved wife of the late Gary C. Hultman. Loving mother of the late Aaron Hultman. Cherished daughter of Kathleen, nee Shepherd and the late Robert Greene. Dear sister of the late Mary Greene, Thomas Greene, John Greene, Elizabeth (Eric) Brown and Margaret (Tim) Saitta. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday, February 18, 2019, family and friends will gather at 9:30 am at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 502 South Park Ave., Streamwood, IL 60107. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am. Memorials appreciated to Journey Care Hospice, 549 W. Randolph, Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60661. Interment will be private. Arrangements entrusted to **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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Kabat, Eleanor

Eleanor V. Kabat (nee DeTrana), of Deerfield, IL passed away on February 7, 2019. Devoted wife of the late Leo Kabat; loving mother to David (Leslie) Kabat, Mary Ellen (Louis) Barron and Betty Ann (Tim) Shanley; precious "Nana" to Lindsey Montgomery, Jonathan Kabat, David Barron, Sara Riggs, Megan Shanley, Allison Kabat, Jessica Kabat, Kevin Shanley, and Timothy Shanley; Great-grandma to 6. All of these wonderful children were the joy of her life. A visitation will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 from 4-8 pm at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:30 am at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Lane, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660 or to Holy Cross Church. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com



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Kantecki, Eugene

Eugene G. Kantecki, age 88, Mt. Prospect resident since 1956. Eugene was born on March 12, 1930, in Chicago. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Kantecki. Loving father of Matthew (Cheryl) Kantecki, Mark Kantecki, Kathy (James) Hoover, James (Cindy) Kantecki, Jeanne (Robert) Gotkowski. Cherished grandfather of Carly (Alex) Droste, Lauren (Garrett) Metzger, Alex Kantecki, Elizabeth (Alex) Navrotski, Steven Hoover, the late Teresa Hoover, Sierra Kantecki, Kevin Pawlowski, and Michael Pawlowski. Great grandfather of Max Droste, Chase Metzger, Ryan Metzger and Charlotte Navrotski. Dear brother of Dorothy Czerwinski and Helen Hoffman. Fond Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Anna Kantecki, and brothers Walter and Joseph Kantecki. Eugene was an avid Chicago sports fan, he enjoyed watching the Cubs, Bears, and Blackhawks. He served his country proudly in the Army during the Korean War. He most enjoyed being a family man. Visitation Thursday, February 14th, 9:00 A.M. until Funeral Service 12:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Highway, Mt. Prospect. Interment private. For information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfuneral.com

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Karafiol, Emile

Emile Karafiol 1935 -2019
Emile Karafiol passed away at University of Chicago Hospital just after midnight on January 16, 2019 from multiple organ failure. He spent several days in the Cardiac ICU where he was visited by former students, legal colleagues, former clients and surrounded by family and friends. Emile was 83.

Emile was born on March 29, 1935 in Warsaw, Poland. He and his family fled persecution of the Jews in Europe and settled in Montreal, Canada. He came to the United States as an undergraduate. After earning an AB at Princeton (1955), he received a Ph.D. in European history from Cornell University (1965).

He taught history to undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Chicago until 1977. In 1969, he was awarded the Quantrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

"Emile's was one of the most original minds and personalities I have encountered. He was wonderfully learned in all kinds of ways quite apart from his field of history, with a range and breadth of interests that could be astonishing and often off the beaten path. I found him also the most loyal of friends and colleagues," said Hanna Holburn Grey, longtime friend and former President of the University of Chicago.

In 1979, he received a law degree from the University of Chicago Law School and changed careers. He went to work at the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis in their corporate law group. As a lawyer he specialized in representing institutional venture capital and private equity investors. He became a nationally-regarded expert in working with the SBA.

Emile was inspired by a visit to his cousin's grave in the Warsaw Jewish Cemetery in 2004, to initiate a project to have every gravestone digitally photographed and indexed, and also to identify GPS coordinates where necessary as part of a master searchable database that would include the names, dates, and details inscribed on each gravestone. There are links to transcriptions and photographs of more than 100,000 gravestones.

He was an avid supporter of the arts. Additionally, on the Yiddish Book Center website, www.yiddishbookcenter.org, please feel free to view where Emile was interviewed about his life.

He is survived by his second wife, Virginia Robinson, his son Paul J. ("PJ") Karafiol and his stepsons William Justin Jacobs and Benjamin Robinson Jacobs, his daughter-in-law, Allison Bradley Clark, his grandchildren, Ari Ian Clark Karafiol, Jonah Clark Karafiol, and Helen Ramona Clark Karafiol, his "adopted" grandson Konrad Ross, his nephews and nieces, Mark and Diane Randolph and Rima and Stephen Maislin of Montreal, and their children and step-children, Andrew, Jill, Ryan, and Sean. He was preceded in death by his first wife and PJ's mother, Dorothy Ramona Thelander, his sister, Lydia Randolph (née Karafiol) and beloved brother-in-law, Gerald Randolph.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 11 am in Bond Chapel on the University of Chicago Campus, 1050 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL, 60637. A reception will follow.

No flowers please. The family requests that any memorial contributions be directed to one of the organizations that Emile supported: The Shriver Center for Poverty Law, The New Israel Fund, The Dorothy Thelander Fund University of Illinois (Specify fund 12770431), The Sousa Mendes Foundation, the Yiddish Book Center or Yivo Institute for Jewish research.

For info: Call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** at 847-256-5700.



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Kelleher, Mary 'Maureen'

Kelleher, Mary "Maureen" nee O'Leary, 96. Native of Breahig, Castleisland, Co. Kerry, Ireland; wife of the late David J. Kelleher; mother of Kathleen (Dean) Rogers, Noreen (the late Alan) Cassidy, Eileen (the late Barry) Tinley, and the late David P. Kelleher; sister to the late Sheila O'Connor, the late Paddy O'Connor, the late Eily Burke, the late Johnny O'Leary, the late Martin O'Leary, the late Kathleen Hartnett, and Dennie (Philomena) O'Leary of Ireland. Grandmother to Maureen, Claire (John), Dean, Megan, Mary Kate, Kevin, Nora and Brian; great-grandmother to Lucy and Jamie. Beloved aunt to many. Visitation on Monday, February 11th, at 11:30 AM, followed by a mass at 12:30 PM at St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian, Oak Park. In lieu of flowers, donations to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 150 N. Michigan, Suite 1550, Chicago 60601.

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Keys, Alice Mary

Alice Mary Keys nee Collins; beloved wife of the late Walter J. Keys; loving mother of Dorothy, Mary (Merle) Callahan, Roger (Mary), Kathryn (Gary) Walke, Thomas, Nancy (Peter) Buttitta and the late Walter C. Keys; dear mother in law of Susan Keys; cherished grandmother of Nancy Weichert (Arin Peebles) and Amy (Josh) Komarek, James Ryan (Ashley), Roger (Adriane), Kathryn and William (Ashlee) Callahan, Matthew and Meghan Keys, Bridget and Joseph Keys, and Laura, Mary Elizabeth, Ellen and Sarah Buttitta; great-grandmother of 12; dear sister of the late Thomas (the late Genevieve), John (the late Darlene), Michael (the late Nancy), S/Sgt. Roger W. Collins (USA Air Corps), Mary (the late Thomas M.D.) Tierney and James (the late Gloria) Collins; fond aunt, great-aunt and cousin of many. Visitation 10 a.m. until time of Mass 11 a.m. Saturday February 23 at St. Edmund Church, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Voluntary Action Center (vacdc.com/donate/). Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Klinowski, Amy

Amy Klinowski; beloved wife of Joseph. Loving mother of Nina Klinowski. Devoted daughter of Suzanne Giunti and the late Robert Giunti. Cherished sister of Wendy (Tim) Nickels, Laurie (David) McKeon, and the late Julie and Matthew Giunti. Dear daughter-in-law of Jane Klinowski and sister-in-law of Bill (Lisa) Klinowski. Also, many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Tuesday 9 to 11am at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien, until time of service at 11am. For info call 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Knapke, Paul

Paul Knapke, age 86, at rest February 7, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis R. Knapke (nee; Kowalski) for 53 years. Loving father of Joseph (Pamela) Knapke and John (Candy) Knapke. Devoted grandfather of Nicholas (Nina), Christopher, Kevin and James. Dear brother of the late Anna (late Peter) Surlak and half-brother of Mildred Crouch. Visitation Monday February 11th from 3 to 8 pm at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.** 7000 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook. Funeral service Tuesday February 12th, prayers 9:15 am at the funeral home proceeding to St. Cletus Church 600 W. 55th Street, LaGrange for Mass 10:00 am. Entombment: Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Christ The King Mausoleum. Information: 630-325-2300 or adolfsservices.com



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Koch, Dana Marie

August 27, 1964 – February 4, 2019



Dana Marie Koch passed away peacefully on February 4, 2019 surrounded by family. Dana is survived by her loving husband, Jim Kroeger; sisters, Ruth Charlebois (Mark), Beth Burk (Brad), Rebecca Ankley (Matt), brother Scott Koch (Judy), mother Sharron Newhouse, father David Koch (Judy), nieces Megan Charlebois, Eliza Burk, and nephews Ethan Ankley, Aaron Burk, extended family, "sisters from other mothers" and friends too numerous to name. Dana grew up in the Detroit, Michigan metropolitan area. At an early age Dana began showing her artistic side. She pursued a degree in interior architecture from Lawrence Technological University and transferred to the Center for Creative Studies-College of Art and Design in Detroit, Michigan, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Industrial Design in 1988. There she discovered her true passion for architectural design and formed life-long friendships.

Dana's mark was made on a number of projects in the Detroit area, namely the Book Cadillac Hotel, Roostertail Restaurant and Stroh River Place. She moved to Chicago in 1991 and joined boutique design firms including McDonald Cagen, The Environments Group and Gary Lee Partners, where she made significant contributions to many clients including the headquarters or key offices of W.W. Grainger, Boston Consulting Group, YMCA of the USA and Samsung's S. Korea headquarters. Her exceptional talents in design and organizational skills were most recently evident in the design and execution of the beautiful new 315,000-square-foot global headquarters of her employer, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. in Rolling Meadows, Illinois where she held the position of Vice President of Building Operations. There Dana was fully supported in the development of her professional passion while also finding a work family that provided loving and unyielding support during her cancer journey. Dana will be remembered for her drive for perfection, elegant taste and impeccable style, fun-loving spirit, irreverent sense of humor and passion for fitness. The attributes that made Dana a professional success were the same traits shown in her personal life, where she was diligent in the support of others and steadfast in her bonds.

Dana's memorial service will be held on Friday, March 8 at 2 pm at the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, 600 W. Fullerton Avenue, Chicago. All are welcome to attend.

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Kozinski, Walter

Walter S. Kozinski passed away Friday February 8, 2019. He was a World War II vet serving from 1944-46. Dedicated husband and father, "Wally" is survived by 5 children: Ursula, Rick, Pamela, Thomas and Robert. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Also by two stepsons, John and Mark. Preceded in death by his parents and sister, Dorothy and niece, Kathy. Also by his wife Ursula and second wife, Mary. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at Oehler Funeral Home (2099 Miner St., Des Plaines, IL 60016) from 3-8pm. Service Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 10am at Our Lady of Ransom in Niles, IL. Interment to follow at All Saints Cemetery. For additional information please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Krieger, Howard 'Blitz'

Howard "Blitz" Krieger, Air Force WWII Veteran, age 93, of Chicago, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 3, 2019. Survived by his nieces and nephews Wayne Zessin, Walter Krieger, Gary Krieger, Carol Schneider, Arlene Hybl and many other loving friends and family members. Preceded in death by his parents Harry and Louise (nee Geringer) Krieger; sisters Elsie (nee Krieger) Zessin, Edna (nee Krieger) Lambing; brother Harry Krieger. Memorial Visitation at 9 AM until time of service at 11 AM Saturday February 23, 2019 at St. John's Lutheran Church 7214 Cass Ave Darien IL 60561. Family and friends to arrive at church at 9 AM until the time of Memorial Service at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Friends of Austin Animal Center www.friendsofaac.org/donate Cremation Society of Illinois handling arrangements 800 622 8358.

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Krupa, Joan M.

Joan M. Krupa, 81, of Schaumburg, IL, formerly of Chicago, entered eternal life on February 3, 2019. Joan had worked for many years before retiring from White Cap Corporation in Chicago. She was the beloved sister of Diane (Esco) Sauseda, Arlene (the late James) Uglietti, and the late Alice (the late Harold) Hockensmith. Cherished aunt of Jeff (Suzanna) Hockensmith, Jim (Martha) Hockensmith, Susan (Kevin) Long, Michael (Lynn Peterson) Ozimek, Robert (Paula) Ozimek, Ronald (Clare) Ozimek, James (Lisa) Ozimek, Rick (Agnes) Sauseda, Kathy (Jerry) Tuel, Laurie (Mike) Wagner, and Krissy (Gary) Writt. Great aunt of 20, and great-great aunt of 3. A visitation will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 from 3 - 9 p.m. at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral & Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Rd., Schaumburg. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to Church of the Holy Spirit for 10 a.m. mass. Entombment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Funeral Info (708) 562-5900 or (847) 882-5580.

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Kwan, William Tsun-Wu

William Tsun-Wu Kwan passed away on January 28, 2019, at home in Lincoln Park, where he had lived for 50 years. He was 87. Bill was a City and Regional Planner for the City of Chicago until his retirement in 1998. He was known for his friendliness, loyalty, fun-loving sense of humor, and devotion to a large extended family. He will be remembered for his love of music and art, his eclectic knowledge and witty conversation, his enjoyment of tennis, his artistic dexterity, and his love of Saab cars. Born on August 16, 1931, in Tientsin, China, Bill was the fifth child of Sung-Sing Kwan and Yong-Ling Lee. He spent his childhood in Tientsin and Shanghai until emigrating to the United States in 1948. Bill finished his high school education at Morgan Park Military Academy in Chicago before entering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Architecture. He went on to receive a Master's degree in Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Bill is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Tsun-Ying (Lawrence) and Tsun-Chieh (Jack), and his sisters Tsun-Hsien (Doris) and Tsun-Yu (Chinnie). He is survived by his dear sister Tsun-Yee (Sunny) Lawrence, as well as many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

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Labiak, Gregory Albert

Gregory Albert Labiak, age 72, went to be with his Lord on January 28, 2019, in Clovis, California. He was born on February 12, 1946, in Chicago, Illinois to Albert and Lillian (Tiraj) Labiak. Raised in Chicago, Gregg was fourth of ten children. After graduating from Lindblom High School at 17, he enlisted in the U. S Navy. He served his country with distinction until age 21. While stationed in Lemoore, California he met and married Christine Browns. Gregg and Christine had four children: Rebecca, Gregory Jr., Stephen, and Nathan. Gregg attended Cal-State University Fresno. As an insurance broker for 15 years, he co-founded and built a reputable insurance company. Over the next 30 years, he opened and operated a chain of hair salons in California. Gregg worked hard in all his business ventures and was active in the Veteran and Catholic communities. He is survived by three children; Rebecca (Michael) Perez, Stephen (Dawn) Labiak, and Nathan (Jennifer) Labiak, seven grandchildren; Maya, Amanda, Barrett, Spencer, Charleigh Mae, Lilliana, and Tyler, and six siblings; Marsha, David, Rita, Janine, Larry, and Kathy. Gregg shared his love and passion for life with those living around him, and asked to be remembered with the simple mantra, "He tried".

Visitation will be held February 14th at Whitehurst Sullivan Burns and Blair Funeral Home. Fresno. CA. from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. followed by Recitation of the Holy Rosary. 6:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated February 15th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Clovis, CA. 11:00 a.m. Graveside service will be held February 16th at St. Peter's Cemetery, Fresno, CA. 11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass will be held February 22nd in Chicago at St. Christina's Church 11005 S. Homan Ave, Chicago, IL. 11:00 a.m. Donations: Fresno Bully Rescue, Sanger, CA

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Lenert, Beverly J. 'Bev'

Beverly J. "Bev" Lenert (nee Judae), a resident of Naperville, IL since 1947, died Friday, February 8, 2019 at her home, surrounded by family. She was born October 26, 1923 in Chicago, IL. Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213.

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Lukiw Jr., Paul J.

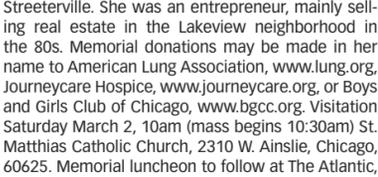
Paul J. Lukiw Jr. Korean War Navy Veteran, beloved husband of the late Yvonne nee Fushi; loving father of Mary Ann (Matthew) Cox; devoted grandfather "Papa" of Cara and Matthew; dearest brother of Sr. M. Theodosia O.S.B.M, Sr. M. Chrysostom O.S.B.M and the late Joseph Lukiw and Sophie Nosenzo; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Thursday 9:15 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park Il, 60487 to Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Assumption Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.

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Mack, Kathleen Anne 'Kay'

Kathleen Mack (nee Boyle), "Kay", 82, born in Chicago to the late Edward and late Margaret (nee Cunningham) Boyle, entered Heaven's Gates February 2, 2019. At the time of death, she was residing in Chicago with her daughter Kelly Mack and son in law, Ivan Orlovic. Kay was a devoted mother who sacrificed all for her daughter. Kay is survived by her daughter Kelly (Ivan Orlovic) and her siblings Patrick (the late Betty), John (Sheila), and Marguerite (the late Robert) Tully. Cherished aunt of thirteen, former spouse and dear friend of Joseph Mack. Also preceded in death by her brother Danny and her infant daughter Shannon. Kay grew up on Chicago's south side (55th & Halsted - Visitation Parish) and moved to the north side in the 60s. She raised her daughter in the Lincoln Square neighborhood and retired in Streeterville. She was an entrepreneur, mainly selling real estate in the Lakeview neighborhood in the 80s. Memorial donations may be made in her name to American Lung Association, www.lung.org, Journeycare Hospice, www.journeycare.org, or Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, www.bgcc.org. Visitation Saturday March 2, 10am (mass begins 10:30am) St. Matthias Catholic Church, 2310 W. Ainslie, Chicago, 60625. Memorial luncheon to follow at The Atlantic, 5062 N Lincoln Ave., Chicago, 60625. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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Mansfield, Susanne

Susanne Mansfield, nee Glotzbach, age 87, of Chicago. Former Executive Director of what was the Juvenile Welfare Association. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Marie Glotzbach; loving sister of Mary Lou Smiskol and Joan (Tom) Kuersten; dear aunt of several nieces and nephews; cherished great-aunt of a niece and nephew; fond cousin of many. Memorial Gathering, Friday, February 22, 2019, from 1 to 2 p.m., at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Urn Interment, at St. Peter Catholic Cemetery, Skokie, immediately following. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.

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McCarthy, James P.

James Patrick McCarthy, 89, of Highland Park, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Beloved loving husband of 64 years to Louise (nee Santi) McCarthy; loving father of Shawn (Mary) McCarthy; cherished grandfather of Dr. Shannon McCarthy (Jeff Rehm) and Michael Roshetski; dear brother of Mary Ann (Arthur Balick) Greco, brother-in-law of Marco (Doris) Santi, and devoted uncle and friend to many. A visitation will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 1-4 pm at Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL. A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 10:00 am at Immaculate Conception Church, 770 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Immaculate Conception Parish. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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McEnerney, Patricia Ann

McEnerney, Patricia (aka Pat) Ann - Age 88 of Savoy, IL, formerly Mahomet, IL, died on Thursday, February 7, 2019. Beloved Wife of her late husband, James. Loving Mother of Carol (Raymond) McAllister of Arlington Heights, Dr James (Dr Linda) McEnerney of Urbana, and the late Cathleen (Michael) Moore of Glenview. Dear Grandmother of Brian, Paula, & Dr Laura (Ryan McCormick) McEnerney, Kimberly (Mat) Kraklau, Michael & Bradley (fiance') Allison Heissel) McAllister, and Dannie (Sarah) Levine-Moore, Great-Grandmother of Caitlin McEnerney and Desmond Kraklau. Devoted daughter of the late Andrew and Helen Newman. Fond sister of the late Andrew (Jean) Newman.

She worked 33 years for Skokie School District 68, last working as administrative assistant to the school superintendent. She enjoyed gardening and dogs. She was adored by her late husband and was a most loving mom and grandmother. Visitation will take place at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 S Harlem, Worth, IL on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 10:00am. Following the visitation, a funeral mass will be held at 11:30 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 8245 W 111th St, Palos Hills. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, prayers or donations to the following will be appreciated. Basilica National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at www.nationalshrine.com or St Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org. For information 708-448-6000 or www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com

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Miner, Charlotte Jane

Charlotte Jane Miner, nee Wolberg, age 91, beloved wife of the late Marvin, cherished mother of Deirdre Berkowitz, Tina (Jeffrey) Mills, Amy (Robert) Coiteux and Kerry Miner, loving grandmother of Daniel (Daniela) Berkowitz, Elyse Berkowitz (Alex Brown), Hillary (Brandon) Owens, Andrew Mills, Katie Coiteux and great-grandchildren Haya Emuna and Shalva Leah, devoted daughter of the late Samuel and Eva Wolberg, dear sister of the late Ethelwynne (Harry) Glick and Roslyn (James) Marks, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday, 12:30 PM at Beth Hillel Congregation B'nai Emonah, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery-Skokie. Contributions in Charlotte's name to the Scleroderma Foundation, www.scleroderma.org, or the American Cancer Society, www.donate3.cancer.org would be appreciated. Info: Mitzvah Memorial Funerals 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.mitzvahfunerals.com

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Monroe, Pamela

Pamela Monroe, nee Eisenberg, 54, died of heart failure, devoted daughter of Sheldon and the late Lois; loving sister of Audrey Karahalios and Maureen Eisenberg; adored aunt of John Daniel Karahalios. Chapel Service 2:30 PM Monday at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Heart Association (www.heart.org), American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org) or PAWS Chicago (www.pawschicago.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Moreno Jr., Alexander E.

Alexander E. Moreno Jr., age 69. U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. Beloved husband of Jacquelyn (nee Joniak) Faber. Loving father of Angela McMillin, Alexander E. III (Sandra) Moreno, Dawn Moreno, Alexis Moreno and Teresa Moreno. Dear grandfather of Billy, Annie and Joey. Dear brother of Mary (Eddie) Szafarczyk, Joseph Mario, George (Maggie) and Richard (Diane) Moreno. Dear son of the late Alejandro and the late Olivia (nee Vidales) Moreno. Life Member of the Rhine VFW Post #2729, St. Jane de Chantal HNS and Seniors, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus - Padre Pio Council. Funeral Monday, February 11, 2019, 9:15 a.m. from the Richard-Midway Funeral Home, 5749 Archer Ave. (Corner of Lorel) to St. Jane de Chantal Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Private interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Sunday from 3 to 9 p.m. 773-767-1840 or www.richardmidwayfh.com

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Morrissey, James J.



James Joseph Morrissey of Barrington, Illinois, passed away on Friday, February 1, 2019, with his loving wife by his side. Jim was born on July 15, 1948, in Teaneck, New Jersey, to Geraldine E. and James E. Morrissey.

Jim received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and his Master's from Northeastern Illinois University. After 32 years of dedicated service to children's education, including Learning Disabilities and Special Education, Jim retired in 2004 from Community Consolidated School District 15 in Palatine. He loved fishing, football, bicycling, and the companionship of his beloved German Shepherd dogs.

Jim is survived by his wife of 21 years, Irene (nee Witek); his children Jennifer (Ben) Andrews, Michael (Lisa) Morrissey, Steven (Maria) Vernon, and Shannon (Tom) Wroblewski; and grandchildren Addysen and Alexandra Andrews, Ryker and Kaylee Morrissey, Siena, Steven and Sabrina Vernon, and Thomas, Ryan and Michael Wroblewski. He was preceded in death by his dogs Harley and Madison.

Donations may be made in Jim's memory to Lurie Cancer Center at giving.nm.org/JimMorrissey or Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago at <http://foundation.luriechildrens.org/JamesMorrissey>

A memorial visitation will be held Wednesday, February 13, 2019, from 3:00-9:00 p.m., with words of remembrance at 6:00 p.m. at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Highway, Palatine, Illinois, 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com

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Nemec, Arlene

Arlene 83, passed quickly on January 30th. Dedicated wife, mother and volunteer at church and community organizations. She is survived by her husband, son, daughter, granddaughter, brother, relatives and friends. Donations can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Prescott Valley, AZ and Susan G. Komen charities.

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Newell, Mary Ellen H.

Mary Ellen H. Newell, age 96 of Chicago, Illinois passed away on Monday, February 4, 2019. Beloved wife of the late John Cooper Newell, Jr. who preceded in her death on June 16, 1964. John and Mary were joined in holy matrimony on January 21, 1944; Mary is survived by her children, Sharon Ellen Breyer, John Cooper Newell III, Diane Huntington Newell and Mark Lawrence Newell, Sr., six grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Mary is preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah Jon Newell. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home 4727 W. 103rd St. Oak Lawn. Funeral Wednesday, February 13, 2019 10:00 a.m. service at Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 7800 S. McCarthy Road, Palos Heights, IL 60463. Interment Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Verona, North Dakota. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit www.blakelamboaklawn.com

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Nielsen, Ruth

Ruth Miller Nielsen, age 95, of Downers Grove, former longtime resident of River Forest. Wife of the late Adolph J. Nielsen. Mother of the late Trudy Nielsen, the late Donald Nielsen and Laura (Mike) Maguire. Grandmother of four and great-grandmother of three. Ruth served in the US Navy during WWII and volunteered for many years with Infant Welfare's Economy Shop in Oak Park. She had also volunteered at West Suburban Hospital and the River Forest Park District. Services will be private. Arrangements entrusted to Hallowell & James Funeral Home 708-352-6500

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O'Brien, Mary R.

Mary R. O'Brien, age 93, at rest February 1, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Joseph O'Brien. Loving mother of Thomas, Bernadette (Michael), Mary, Michael, Kevin and the late Joseph O'Brien. Cherished grandmother of Jessica, Janel and Ashley O'Brien. Mary and her late husband Joseph were the long time owners of O'Brien the Cleaner in Berwyn, Illinois. Services will be held privately.

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O'Donnell, Joanne

Joanne O'Donnell; dear sister of James (Mary), William (Patricia), and Robert (Elizabeth); fond aunt and friend to many; cherished daughter of the late Edward and Genevieve. Family and Friends will meet for Memorial Mass Friday 11 AM at St. Pascal Church (Melvina and Irving Park Rd.). Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to Gibbons Family Funeral Home. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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Oberhart, Mary Lu

Mary Lu Oberhart, 91 of Arlington Heights was born September 10, 1927 in Chicago to A. Wesley and Cecilia (nee Prindiville) McGeoghegan and passed away February 7, 2019. Mary Lu was the beloved wife of Jack C. Oberhart; loving mother of Jack C. (Mary) Oberhart Jr., Anne (Scott) Bieda, Michael (Ly) Oberhart, Ellen Oberhart and the late Wesley Oberhart; cherished grandmother of Eric Oberhart, Meghan (Alex) Rucks, Colleen (Daniel) Ludwig, Caitlin Bieda, Joseph Bieda, Philip Oberhart, Sydney (Rory Preston) Smith, Griffin Smith and Sloane Smith and great-grandmother of Madelyn and Nora. Visitation will be Monday, February 11, 2019 from 3-8 PM at Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights and Tuesday, February 12 at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, 440 S. Mitchell Street, Arlington Heights from 8:30 AM until the time of the Funeral Mass at 9:30 AM. Interment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's Association appreciated. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or lauterburgoebler.com

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Ornstein, Lyla B.

Lyla B. Ornstein, nee Felkson, age 95; beloved wife of the late Fred; loving mother of Lynn (Arthur) Kosner, Dean (Bobette) Ornstein, and Robin (Michael) Harding; proud grandmother of Lucas (Michel) and Brad (Rebecca) Kosner; great grandmother of Judah, Ari, Austin, and Logan Hannah Kosner; devoted daughter of the late Clara and Morris Felkson; dear sister of the late Ruth (the late Dr. David) Klapman; fond sister in law of the late Harold (the late Bernice) Ornstein; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Service Monday 11am in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, where interment will follow. Contributions may be made to JourneyCare Foundation, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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Pawlikowski, Eleanor V.

Eleanor V. Pawlikowski, age 96, of Crystal Lake Illinois, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2019 at Northwestern Medical Center in McHenry, surrounded by her loving family. Memorial Visitation will take place on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, followed by Funeral Mass at 11:00 am at Resurrection Catholic Church, 2918 Country Club Rd, Woodstock, IL. Interment will be private. Arrangements handled by Colonial Funeral Home, McHenry www.colonialmchenry.com.

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Peterson, Robert G.

Robert G. Peterson, 75, of Glenview, passed away December 16, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Kathie Peterson; father of Timothy, Robert, Megan and Kelly; proud grandfather of eight. Memorial mass 10 AM Saturday, February 16th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1775 Grove St., Glenview. Private interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Arrangements by N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 847-998-1020.

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Pomerich, Jean L.

Jean L. Pomerich, nee Poropat, 90, of Wilmette. Beloved wife of the late Bernard Ross Pomerich; loving mother of Susan (Ronald) Kissel, Greg (the late Yumi) Pomerich, Mary Miller and Melissa (Richard) Sjoberg; proud grandmother of Amy Pomerich, Ignacio Coello, Jordan (Dana) Kissel, Leah (James) Talbot, Kyle (Stevie) Sjoberg and great grandmother of Charlie Sjoberg, Isla Kissel and Lillian Talbot; caring sister of the late John, Joseph, Ann and Mary. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**. Information 847-256-5700.

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Prohaska, Elaine C.

Elaine Prohaska passed away peacefully at the age of 99 at CreekView Health Center in Pleasanton, CA on January 14, 2019. Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Prohaska, and her daughter, Susan Stull. Elaine is survived by her son-in-law, John W. Houghton, Jr.; nephew, David Wilks of Elgin, IL; grandsons, Peter Stull and Michael Stull; two great granddaughters, Gracelyn Stull and Joyanna Stull and two great grandsons, George Stull and Seth Stull.

Elaine Prohaska was born in Chicago, Illinois to Antoinette and Woldemar Wilks, both immigrants from Latvia. Elaine's parents instilled in her the joy of road trips to see American when in 1930 they drove from Chicago to Los Angeles. Elaine graduated in home economics from the University of Illinois.

She fell in love with and married Jerry Prohaska in 1944 and honeymooned in Southern California where Jerry was stationed. Jerry graduated from Northwestern University School of Dentistry and later enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 6th Marine Division (World War II). He served as a medic in the Battle of Okinawa and was later stationed in Japan.

After the war, Jerry re-opened his dental practice and Elaine managed Jerry's dental office for a time in Elgin, IL. Jerry and Elaine had a life-long love of travel and great cars. Imagine the condition of the roads when they took their first road trip deep into Mexico in 1946. Later they would pack their young daughter, Sue, into their car and off they'd go to see America.

In the end, Elaine visited all 50 states and many countries. They loved Japan and made many trips there bringing back small souvenirs like a jade tree that Elaine kept with her at Stoneridge Creek. Elaine thoroughly enjoyed learning about people from many cultures.

When they retired, they moved to Aptos, California to be close to their daughter, Sue, and their two grandsons. After her husband passed, she moved to Villa San Ramone. Then she was one of the first people to move into Stoneridge Creek in 2013. She often spoke fondly of her newly found dining companions and friends in the Chicago Club.

Elaine loved playing golf and watching tennis. She was keen on keeping fit and in her 80's hired a personal trainer! Elaine was always the avid sports fan. At the age of 99, she would often call John, her son-in-law, to tell him when a great tennis match was on TV.

Elaine had a love for numbers, finance and keeping detailed records. With her women friends in Aptos, she formed an investments club called "24 Carrots". They often outdid the professionals! Among her possessions were their tax returns from 1945 (and every year until her death). Elaine loved to read the Wall Street Journal and she would often cut out articles from the WSJ for John to enjoy.

She was a loving spirit and will be missed by her family and friends.
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Richter, Jean Leadaman

Jean L. Richter, of Lombard, age 94, died on January 31, 2019. Loving wife of the late David W. Richter; beloved mother of Pamela (Jeffrey) Erickson, James, and Barbara (Garry) Prange; proud grandmother of Davin (fiancée Amy) and Jon-Anders Erickson, Katherine (Louis) Terronez and Matthew Richter, Michelle and Grant Roque; and dear great-grandmother of Vivi Terronez. Born in Oak Park IL, Jean spent her life surrounded by family and friends. As a staunch "DOOPer", she instilled her strong sense of tradition and work ethic in her children. As a long-time executive assistant, Jean loved to keep others organized and up to the minute with everything from daily horoscopes to recent obituaries. She will be dearly missed. Interment will be private. Memorials to Susan G Komen or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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Ringstrom, Helmer (Swede) J.

Helmer J. Ringstrom 89, died peacefully on February 6, 2019. He was born May 10, 1929 in Chicago, IL. He met the love of his life, Doris, when they were sophomores at Lake View H.S. in Chicago. They were blessed with 67 years of marriage. He is survived by his loving children, Terry Antrim (Rod), Tobey Black, Tina Krizmanich (Tony Lee), Trudy Salvador and Sven Ringstrom (Terri). Loving grandfather to Eric and Ryan Antrim, Matt Black (Erin), Brittany Allen (Scott), Carly Altieri (Joe), Alyssa Spencer (Mat), Kyle Krizmanich (Megan), Isabel and Michael Salvador, Ava and Brody Ringstrom; great grandfather to Reagan, Riley, Sean, Jacob, Colin, Luke, Mila; and uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris and his parents, Maria Ostling and Valentine Ringstrom.

Following graduation from Lake View H.S. Helmer attended the University of IL, Loyola University, and subsequently got his Bachelor's degree from Chicago Teachers College. He was an avid basketball point guard, playing on college teams and recreationally in his later years. Helmer was a fierce competitor and enjoyed ping pong, tennis, basketball, swimming and gin rummy with family and friends. He was a voracious reader, who loved a great Manhattan, and getting a good deal. In 1954 he was drafted in the US Army and stationed in Puerto Rico. He was a teacher at Alexander Graham Bell and coached the boys' basketball and girls' softball teams. Helmer was an Ironworker (Local 63) and worked on many buildings in Chicago, most notably the John Hancock. At age 65, he retired after a successful 20-year career as a State Farm Insurance Agent in Libertyville, IL. Helmer's favorite place on earth was the family cabin in Ash Lake, MN.

A private celebration of life will be held at a future date. Donations in memory of Helmer J. Ringstrom can be made to Misericordia Home (<http://misericordia.com>). Online condolences are available at www.legacy.com

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Rosenthal, Adina

Adina Rosenthal was taken much too soon on January 29, 2019, in Olympia, Washington, formerly of Chicago. Adina, beautiful and talented, is preceded in death by her parents, Shirley and Paul Rosenthal, and sister, Elana, of N.Y. Adina was a graduate of a prestigious California school of design, Scattergood, and Bret Harte in Chicago. Adina is survived by her husband, Johnny Peden, brother, Oren, of Massachusetts, half-sister, Gianna, nephew Ephraim, of Chicago, and many dear cousins and friends throughout the USA. Services have been held. Memorial Tributes to: Interfaith Works, Attn: Meg Martin, PO Box 1221, Olympia, WA. 98507, appreciated.

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Schmit, Dorothy B.

Dorothy B. Schmit, nee Dorothy Margaret Bresnahan, age 89, formerly of River Forest, Northfield and Douglas, Michigan passed away February 4, 2019. Dorothy was the beloved wife of the late John R. Schmit; loving mother of John Casey and Georgia Alice (Theodore Wern); cherished grandmother of Evan and Owen Wern; dear sister of Jeanine Cavender (Donald Cavender) and of the late Jack and Kenneth Bresnahan; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was a beautiful, kind, and loving woman and will be terribly missed. Services and interment private. Memorials may be made to Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022. Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Smith, Charles W. 'Chuck'

Charles W. Smith, "Chuck", age 86, passed away January 31, 2019 after a long illness. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Charlie established himself as a notable Chicago advertising photographer, art director and writer. He loved good jazz, bold red wines, Chicago sports, BMWs and RC model flying. He will be missed by his wife Kathy, sons Ian Smith and Kellan Smith, grandson Eric Smith and many friends, neighbors and peers. A celebration of Charlie's life is being planned. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Swidler, Barry

Barry Swidler, age 66, beloved husband and best friend for 39 years of Karen, nee Olbur; loving father of Ronald (Abby) and Bradley (Dena); adored Pops of Louie and Emmy; devoted son of Edward and Saundra; cherished brother of Susan (Joe) Hernandez and the late Laura (late Donnie) Swidler Krok; dear brother-in-law of Allan (Barbara) Olbur; treasured uncle, cousin and friend to many. Memorial service Monday 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). In lieu of flowers, contributions to Seasons Hospice Foundation, 6400 Shafer Ct., Suite 700, Rosemont, IL 60018 or American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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UTLEY, COLIN DAVID WILLIAM BAIN

COLIN DAVID WILLIAM BAIN UTLEY, age 36, of Schaumburg, IL, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on February 6, 2019. Colin was born on October 21, 1982 to W. David Utley and Patricia E. Bain-Utley. He was a graduate of Conant High School and Harper College. He is survived by his parents, his brother, Shawn (Candace) Utley, and his nieces and nephews, Cassidie, Cattibrie, Charlie and Coren.

Colin lived in Schaumburg for 35 years and was a friend to many in the Schaumburg area. He was always there when someone needed help. An excellent craftsman and builder, he also enjoyed sports including downhill skiing, biking, hiking and volleyball. He traveled extensively throughout the USA including a memorable road trip with his brother and nieces to the west and Disneyland.

A short service will be conducted later at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine, IL. Donations can be made to the charity of your choice in his name.

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Valerio, Camille C.

Camille C. Valerio nee Cologrossi passed away Friday, February 8, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Beloved Wife of Nick. Devoted Mother of Michele (Fiance John Gallo) Pontarelli. Loving Daughter of Late Leonard and Late Nancy nee Sirousa. Dear Sister of John (Estelle) Cologrossi. Dear Sister in Law of Sabina (Late Anthony) Carso, Late Grace (Late August) DeMarie, Late Cookie (Late Sam) Salerno. Dear Aunt and Great Aunt of many. Dear Friend and member of the Ace-Ettes. Family and friends are to gather for the Visitation Monday, February 11, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162 (Located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Funeral Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from Russo's Hillside Chapels at 9:00 a.m. proceeding to Divine Infant Parish, 1601 Newcastle Avenue, Westchester, Illinois. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated promptly at 10:00 a.m. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Garden Mausoleum. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Camille's personal tribute website at www.russohillsidechapel.com and sign her guestbook.

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Vidal, Barbara S.

Barbara S. Vidal, nee Musolf, age 85, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Paul J.; loving mother of Philip (Charles Mottier), Catherine (Michael) Warren, and Carol (Richard Price) Vidal; dear grandmother of David and the late Vicky; fond sister of Patricia Dunham, Tom (Marilyn) and the late Gerard Musolf. Visitation, Monday, February 11, 2019, from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, 708 W. Belmont Av., Chicago. Interment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. Funeral information: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Vogel, Dorothy E. "Penny"

Dorothy E. "Penny" (Wilson) Vogel, age 77, of Oak Lawn, passed away on February 4, 2019. She was the beloved wife of Paul Vogel, loving mother of Andrea Pearson and Alan Vogel, and cherished grandmother of Katie and Jill Pearson. She is also survived by a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents T. Andrew and Roseltha (Ruetz) Wilson, her sister Patricia Wilson, and her in-laws Herman and Julia (Allen) Vogel as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Services and interment private. Arrangements entrusted to **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 800-622-8358.



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West, Thomas Steven

Thomas S. West, age 57, of Aurora, IL, and formerly of Elmhurst, IL, passed away February 5, 2019. He was born December 17, 1961 in Chicago, IL. Tom is survived by his sisters, Audrey (Lance) Knez and Karen West (Lou Denton); and his nieces and nephews, David, Ethan, and Gabriella Knez, Jonathan (Leanne), Madeline, and Max Pospischil. He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Barbara West and his sister, Janice West. A memorial service will be held in June at the Chain of Lakes in Wisconsin where he enjoyed many vacations.

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Winiacki, Margaret Catherine

Margaret Catherine Winiacki (nee Hirtzig), age 83, a former longtime resident of Westchester, IL, passed away on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at St. Patrick's Residence in Naperville, IL. She was born January 4, 1936 in Evanston, IL. Beloved wife of 54 years to the late Theodore G. Winiacki, D.D.S., whom she married August 25, 1956 and who preceded her in death on September 6, 2010, loving mother of Donna (William Nedza) Winiacki of Chicago, Robert (Sheila) Winiacki, M.D. of Lisle, IL and Barbara Aulert of Fox River Grove, IL, adored grandmother of Kathryn, Rita, and Paul Winiacki, and Michael (Keeley), Matthew, and David Aulert, devoted daughter of the late Nicholas and Marie (nee Grach) Hirtzig, sister-in-law of Alan (Mary) Winiacki of Downers Grove, IL, fond aunt, great-aunt and friend of many. Visitation Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 9:00 - 10:00 AM at St. Patrick's Residence, 1400 Brookdale Rd., Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 416-6565. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow Tuesday, 10:00 AM at St. Patrick's Residence. Interment: Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Donations in memory of Margaret may be made to: St. Patrick's Residence, 1400 Brookdale Rd., Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 416-6565, www.stpatrick-sresidence.org Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For more information, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com



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Zervos, George Spero

Rev. Fr. George S. Zervos, Proistamenos Father George Spero Zervos, Greek Orthodox Priest for 53 years, served in many churches throughout the country. Devoted husband of Presvytera Anne (nee Kotsos), loving father of Stella Maria, Spero George and Sofia Elizabeth, fond grandfather of Alexandros George and Nikolas Theodore and dear brother of Nika Danigelis and Sandra (John) Canaras.

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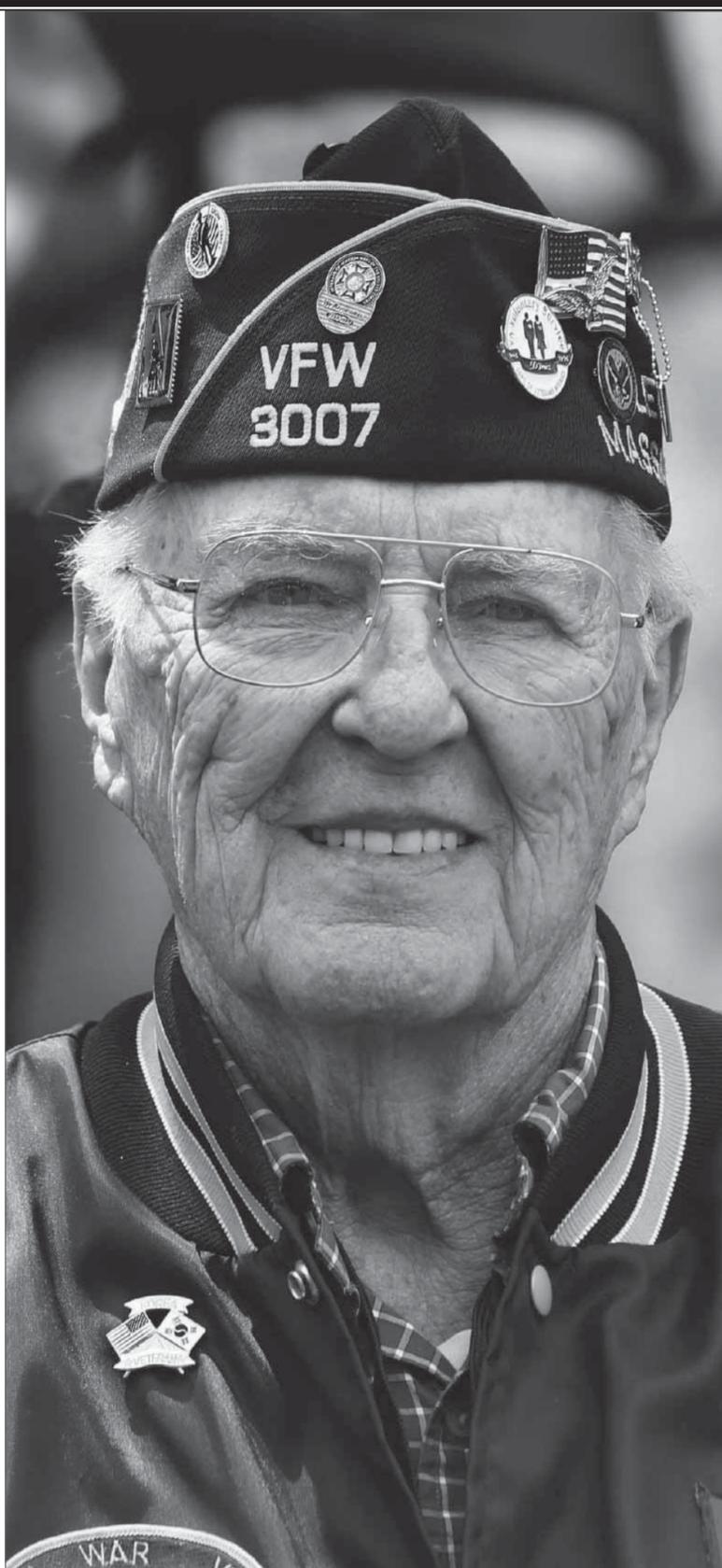
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SUNDAY, FEB. 10

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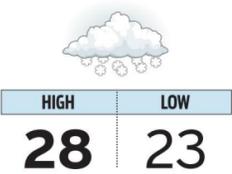
NORMAL LOW: 19°

RECORD HIGH: 63° (1876)

RECORD LOW: -18° (1899)

Active pattern will bring periods of rain, snow

LOCAL FORECAST



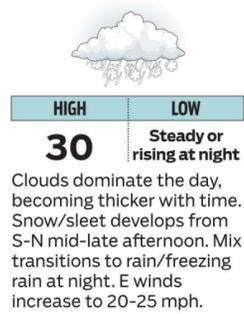
■ **Weak disturbance moves across Midwest bringing light snow to the Chicago area.**
 ■ The day opens gray, with temps in the low 20s.
 ■ Light snow spreads across the area from W-E during midday, then continues much of the afternoon.
 ■ Temps slowly rise to the upper 20s during the day.
 ■ Light SE winds become E at 10-20 mph.
 ■ Accumulating snow ends during the early evening, but flurries may continue into the night. Accumulations of 1-2 inches likely across the entire metro area.

NATIONAL FORECAST



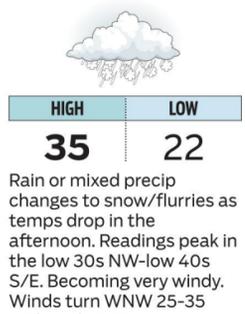
Low pressure anchored off the Pacific coast is forecast to remain in place as it continues to lash the West with heavy rain and snow through much of next week. Portions of the Sierra have already received as much as 11 feet of snow. Even Seattle, typically mild and rainy this time of year, had received 8 to 11 inches of snow as of late Saturday. Pieces of energy ejecting eastward from this area of storminess will ride along a jet stream lying between bitterly cold air over the northern Rockies and unusually warm weather over the Southeast. The resulting storm track will tend to bring systems over, or near, Chicago, frequently placing the area on the border between rain and snow. One system is forecast to move quickly across the Midwest on Sunday, spreading light snow across the area. Heavier precipitation is expected next week.

MONDAY, FEB. 11



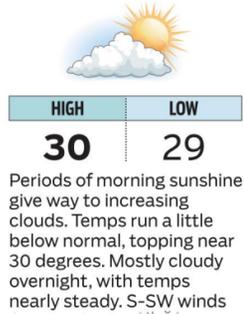
Clouds dominate the day, becoming thicker with time. Snow/sleet develops from S-N mid-late afternoon. Mix transitions to rain/freezing rain at night. E winds increase to 20-25 mph.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12



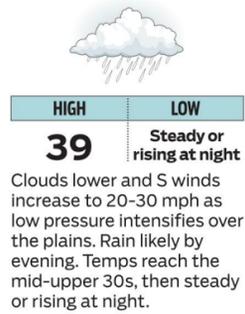
Rain or mixed precip changes to snow/flurries as temps drop in the afternoon. Readings peak in the low 30s NW-low 40s S/E. Becoming very windy. Winds turn WNW 25-35 mph and gusty.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13



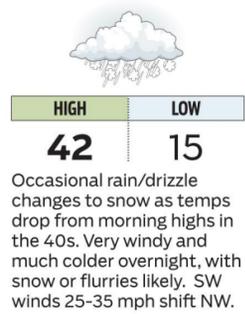
Periods of morning sunshine give way to increasing clouds. Temps run a little below normal, topping near 30 degrees. Mostly cloudy overnight, with temps nearly steady. S-SW winds 10-15 mph.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14



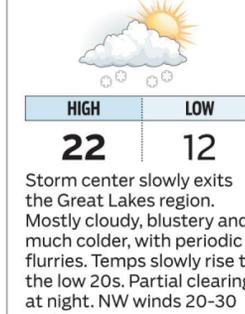
Clouds lower and S winds increase to 20-30 mph as low pressure intensifies over the plains. Rain likely by evening. Temps reach the mid-upper 30s, then steady or rising at night.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15



Occasional rain/drizzle changes to snow as temps drop from morning highs in the 40s. Very windy and much colder overnight, with snow or flurries likely. SW winds 25-35 mph shift NW.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16



Storm center slowly exits the Great Lakes region. Mostly cloudy, blustery and much colder, with periodic flurries. Temps slowly rise to the low 20s. Partial clearing at night. NW winds 20-30 mph.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 Are the Greenland glaciers melting? I have read that they are but with such cold temperatures up there, it is hard to believe that melting could occur.
 — Ade Kleffert, Chicago

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Climate warming in the Arctic is proceeding at twice the rate of warming across most of the rest of the planet.

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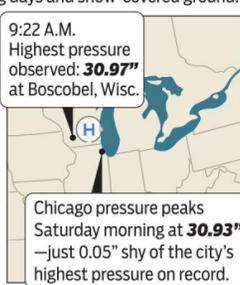
Closing days of climatological winter often bring rising temps

With the exception of a three-week period from mid-January to the start of February, the climatological winter season has been mild. Since Dec. 1, the season has averaged about 4° above normal. As the winter season wanes, it is less and less likely that we will have extended periods of sub-freezing days and snow-covered ground.

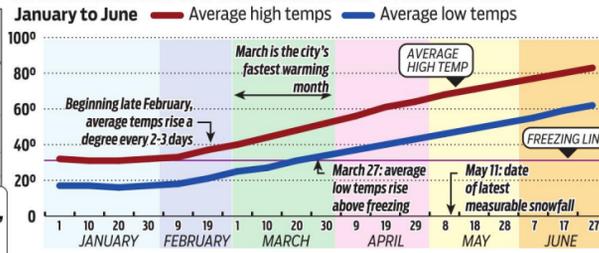
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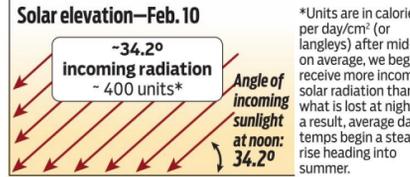
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AVERAGE HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURES AT O'HARE AIRPORT



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Solar elevation—March 20

By the start of astronomical spring, incoming solar energy will have increased by about 60%.

TEMP DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL



CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	25	4	Midway	26	7
Gary	25	8	O'Hare	24	4
Kankakee	25	7	Romeoville	26	5
Lakefront	22	8	Valparaiso	29	8
Lansing	25	7	Waukegan	21	3

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.06"
February to date	1.10"	0.47"
Year to date	3.06"	2.20"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	33.2"	32.6"
Normal to date	23.6"	24.8"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind E-SE 10-20 kts.	E 20-25 kts.
Waves 2-4 feet	4-6 feet
Sat. shore/crib water temps 34°/32°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB. 9	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	43.4%	36.1%
Average snow depth	5.0"	4.2"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	25 days	23 days
Subzero lows	6 days	6 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading	Moderate
Sunday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:53 a.m.	5:17 p.m.
Moon	9:53 a.m.	10:58 p.m.

1ST Q FULL 3RD Q NEW

Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 6
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SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:25 a.m.	5:59 p.m.
Venus	4:20 a.m.	1:44 p.m.
Mars	9:27 a.m.	10:53 p.m.
Jupiter	3:07 a.m.	12:19 p.m.
Saturn	5:00 a.m.	2:16 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:15 a.m.	9.5° SE
Mars	6:30 p.m.	46.5° SW
Jupiter	6:00 a.m.	20° SE
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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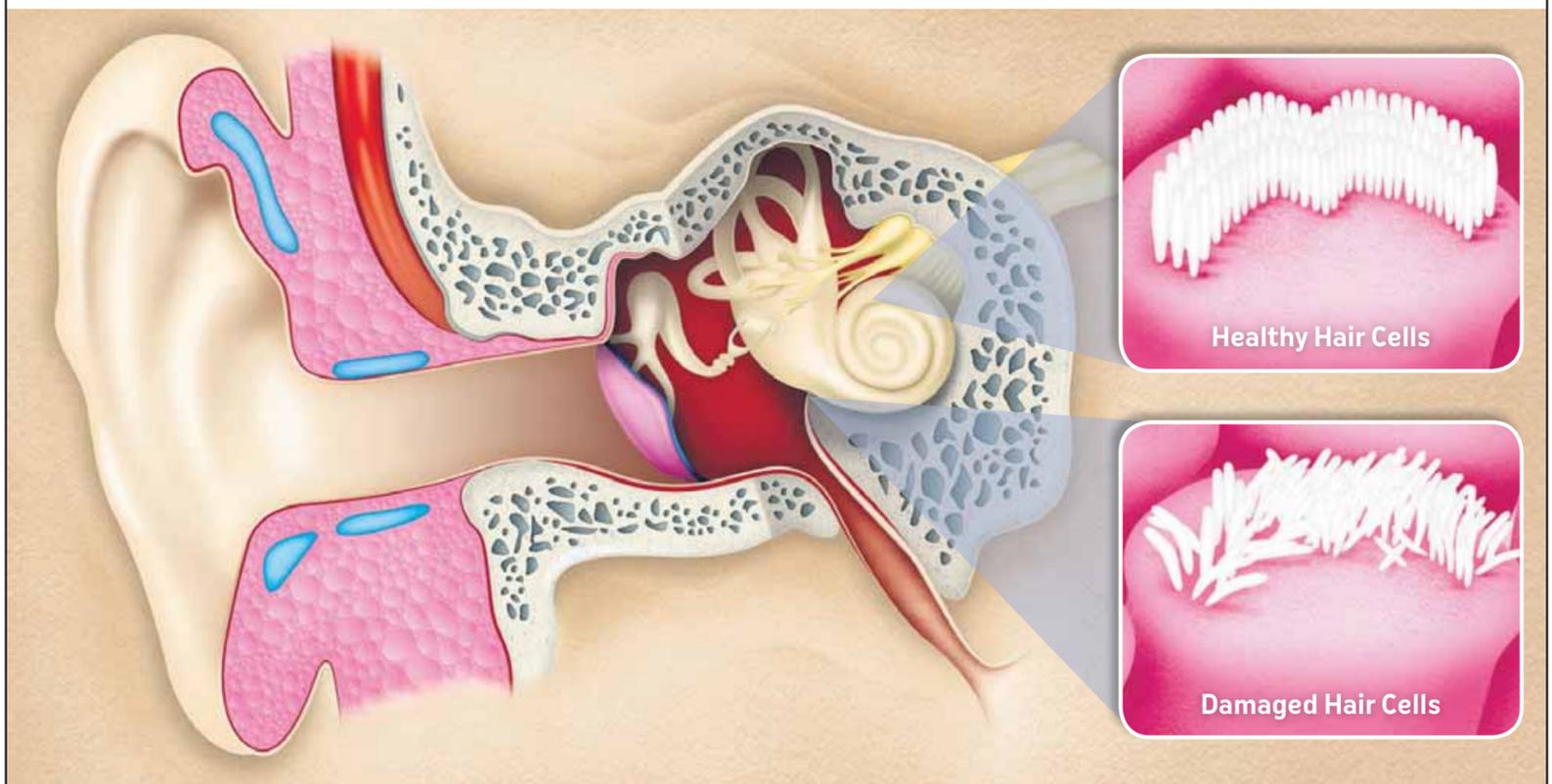


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'I see you watching me'

ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Arjun Sud puts his 7-month-old son Oliver down for a nap in Lake Barrington. On Jan. 20, Sud heard a man's voice coming from the camera mounted about his son's crib. The Nest cameras and thermostat in the Sud family's home had been hacked.

Smart devices like Nest getting hacked in digital home invasions

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Arjun and Jessica Sud routinely use a baby monitor to keep tabs on their 7-month-old's bedroom. Last month, they heard something chilling through the monitor: A deep male voice was speaking to their child.

"Immediately I barge into the room because I'm like, 'Oh my God, maybe someone got in there,'" said Arjun Sud, 29. "The moment I walk in, it's quiet."

The couple grabbed their son, now fully awake, and headed downstairs. When they passed their Nest thermostat, normally set around 72 degrees, they noticed it had been turned up to 90. Then, the voice was back, coming

through the speaker in a downstairs security camera. And this time, it was talking to them.

The voice was rude and vulgar, using the n-word and cursing, he said. At first, he yelled back. But then, Sud composed himself and stared into the camera.

"He was like, 'Why are you looking at me? I see you watching me,'" Sud said. "That's when I started to question him back."

The Lake Barrington family's Nest cameras and thermostat had been hacked.

"I felt like I (was) trapped in an episode of 'Black Mirror,'" Arjun Sud said, referring to a television series that explores the darker aspects of technology. "All these devices you've put in there to safeguard yourself, to protect

your home, your family, (are) now being used maliciously to turn against you."

Nest users across the country have reported similar incidents in recent weeks, but the Google-owned company has insisted that it was not breached. Instead, Nest has said that affected customers could have done more to protect their devices. And on Wednesday, Nest sent an email to users telling them what they can do to "get the most out of" its security features.

In an interview with the Tribune, Google spokeswoman Nicol Addison said the company automatically rolls out updates to its software and stays on top of security and safety measures.

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How to avoid having your smart home devices hacked

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

There are several steps homeowners can take to help protect their smart home devices from hackers. Here's some advice from security experts:

- Always change the default password, which is the factory-issued password that allows a device to be accessed for initial setup.
- Choose a complicated password, like a string of unrelated words or numbers. Do not use information like birth dates that can easily be found online, and do not use passwords you have used elsewhere.
- Regularly update the software that runs on your devices.
- Monitor the Internet Proto-

col, or IP, addresses that are accessing your smart home devices. Each computer that accesses a device has a unique numerical label that should appear on the IP log.

■ If the IP log is not readily available, contact the company that made the device and ask for it.

■ If available, enable two-factor authentication on your device. Two-factor verification usually requires a code delivered through text message in addition to a username and password.

■ Make sure your home router is also secured with a strong password and updated software.

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Scientists racing to develop cannabis-infused beverages

Companies looking to combat declining beer consumption

BY KRISTINE OWRAM
Bloomberg News

People who drink alcohol typically learn the hard way how much is too much — usually in their teens or early 20s. As adults, they're not interested in learning the same hard-knocks lesson about cannabis.

This is the challenge for an industry seeking to win over new or inexperienced users as legalization spreads through North America and around the world. It's a particularly daunting one for makers of cannabis-infused beverages, which are keen to participate in a category that researcher Canaccord Genuity Group expects will be worth \$600 million in the U.S. by 2022.

That market potential has attracted several big alcohol companies that are seeking to offset declining beer consumption with the next big thing.

The best-known partnership is Constellation Brands' 38 percent stake in Canopy Growth Corp., the largest cannabis firm by market value, for which it paid about \$4 billion. Constellation's beer business is based in Chicago.

Also, Budweiser brewer Anheuser-Busch InBev has formed a research partnership with Tilray, with each company investing up to \$50 million in the venture, and Molson Coors Brewing Co. has teamed up with Quebec-based Hexo Corp.

All these companies are working to develop consumer-friendly cannabis drinks that can compete with alcohol — but there's one problem: Pot is nothing like booze.

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No-frills Southwest may start charging for some frills

Airline CEO says ways to generate revenue are 'under construction'

BY MARY SCHLANGENSTEIN
Bloomberg News

Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly piqued investor curiosity recently when he said new ways to generate revenue are "under construction."

The discounter barely has a toe in the big pool of money that rivals collect from so-called ancillary fees for, say, food bought on board or preferred seating. And Kelly has ruled out some of the juiciest mainstays at other airlines, such as charges for checked bags, assigned seats and reservation changes.

"That's not what we do," he said on an earnings call. South-

west has "better opportunities that fit our brand."

Kelly won't go into specifics just yet, and Southwest declined to provide additional comment. That's fueling a guessing game on Wall Street about what he has up his sleeve to boost revenue as Southwest grapples with an increase in costs. Here are three likely options:

More perks: While Southwest flies just coach cabins and has no assigned seats, it does have several fare categories, including Business Select, which comes with a free drink, a spot among the first 15 passengers to board and expedited security screening in some locations.

Southwest could provide additional perks at higher prices, said Adam Hackel, an Imperial Capital analyst. A passenger might

pay extra to gain access to priority screening, for example, or to get her bag in the first wave off the luggage carousel. The extras could be sold separately, like Southwest's Early Bird boarding option, or built into fare categories along the lines of Business Select.

The Dallas-based airline spent \$500 million to replace its 30-year-old reservation system in 2017, in part to build new revenue options like those. The updated platform also made it easier for Southwest to change fares, seat inventories and flight schedules.

Forward seating: Southwest could also take Business Select a step further — think business-class lite. The carrier always has dismissed the idea of offering a

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- ▶ Our updated plans provide for 21 acres of open space which includes parks, recreational fields and playgrounds, all along a revitalized riverfront
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Sincerely,

The Sterling Bay Team

Smart devices like Nest getting hacked in digital home invasions

Hacked, from Page 1

Addison declined to comment on specific hacking incidents.

The smart home devices Americans are increasingly installing — which connect to the Internet and can be controlled and monitored remotely via smartphone app — are ushering in unprecedented convenience for homeowners on the go, but they also represent one of the new frontiers when it comes to internet hacking.

There are no firm numbers about the number of smart devices that have been hacked, but experts expect the problem to grow along with the proliferation of smart devices, which include speakers like Google Home and Amazon Echo, thermostats, doorbells, and other household devices. Twenty-five billion connected devices are expected to be in use by 2021, up from 14.2 billion this year, according to research company Gartner.

No single organization appears to be monitoring or regulating smart device hacking, but growing use of the technology raises questions about whether that may become necessary.

Experts say it's vital for homeowners to create strong and unique passwords for their smart devices. But they also say manufacturers aren't doing enough to secure the products they sell to the public.

"These gizmos are being manufactured at a crazy rate, yet they're not being secured," said Christian Vezina, chief information security officer at Chicago-based mobile security company OneSpan. Anything that gets exposed to the internet is subject to being hacked, he said.

"Families and individuals everywhere need to recognize that and say, 'OK, what can happen if someone gets a hold of your connected device? What's the worst case?' The one that we saw is a pretty frightening case," Vezina said.

Designed for convenience

One reason smart home devices may be vulnerable to hacking is that they are often developed by vendors who know how to manufacture a standard appliance, but aren't as well-versed in how to securely connect it to the internet, said Karl Sigler, threat intelligence manager at SpiderLabs, a team of ethical hackers at the Chicago-based cybersecurity company Trustwave.

The devices are also developed with convenience in mind, and manufacturers are sensitive about security steps that consumers may interpret as frustrating or a hassle, Sigler said.

And because the devices are used within the intimate confines of the home, some consumers fail to grasp the ramifications of not adequately securing them.

Most people aren't yet thinking of these devices as something that needs protected the same way laptops or smartphones do, Sigler said.

"If you're thinking about your smart toaster, you might not think it's an issue ... Who wants to hack your smart toaster? Until some-



Arjun Sud sits with his wife, Jessica, and son, Oliver, at their home in Lake Barrington.

one does," and it starts a fire, Sigler said. "You don't really think your refrigerator is important until somebody turns it off and your food spoils overnight."

Cyber criminals usually gain access to connected devices through a weak password or a vulnerability in the device itself, such as how it's programmed or how it connects to the internet, Sigler said.

When someone hacks into just one connected device, they're usually looking for a point of entry into the network, said John Grimm, senior director of strategy and business development at cybersecurity company nCipher Security, which has headquarters in Florida and England. He pointed to an incident in which a Las Vegas casino's high-roller database was accessed through a smart thermometer in a fish tank.

"Once you're on the network using those devices, what else can you get to?" Grimm said.

The rise of connected homes can also be tracked through usage of smart speakers, such as Amazon Echo and Google Home. The number of smart speakers installed in U.S. homes increased from 36 million in December 2017 to 66 million in December 2018, according to data from Chicago-based Consumer Intelligence Research Partners. The majority of smart speaker owners use them to stream music or ask questions, but roughly 40 percent depend on the speakers to help control their connected homes.

A proactive approach

Smart home hacking incidents are often reported to local police departments or sheriff's offices. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center also handles internet-based crimes.

As these types of hacking incidents continue to rise, so too might a debate surrounding regulation of smart device security. Consumers have grown more aware of their internet privacy in the wake of news last year that political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica used ill-gotten Facebook data in an effort to influence voter behavior. In the months since, a debate over how and if the government should regulate social media has raged, and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has testified before Congress. With

could have the same up-selling effect.

execution, ease of passenger understanding, profits, and the broader preservation of the existing Southwest experience," he wrote.

Up-selling opportunities: Instead of — or in addition to — adding perks on the high end, Southwest could reduce benefits in cheaper fare categories. One possibility, for example, would be not allowing a passenger who cancels a ticket to use the amount paid toward another flight.

This plan would take a page from the many rivals who offer basic-economy fares. Those bare-bones tickets often entice travelers to buy more-expensive options. While Southwest has said basic economy per se is off the table, a few changes

smart devices, too, experts say the public could end up calling for more oversight.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office, which is investigating the situation that unfolded at the Sud's home last month, recommends that people change the factory-set passwords that come on their devices.

Users should also make sure the software on their devices is regularly updated, so it has the latest security patches. Experts say not to wait for the company to push through an update, because some don't.

It can be hard for homeowners to notice when a smart device has been compromised. Sometimes, the device is just slower, unresponsive or reboots without notice.

Consumers should also keep an eye on the IP addresses that are accessing their smart home devices. Each computer that accesses a device has a unique numerical label that should appear on the log.

If people don't know how to do that, they should contact the device manufacturer and ask whether that data can be recorded and how they can view it, said Sgt. Chris Covelli, spokesman for the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Sud said he contacted Nest about getting a copy of a log tracking who had accessed his devices, but was told that was not available.

Terrified and angry

The Lake Barrington family isn't the only household with a Nest system to be hacked recently.

Around the same time the Suds heard a stranger talking to their baby, a warning claiming to be from Civil Defense blared out of a speaker on a Nest camera in a California family's living room. It said three ballistic missiles were aimed at Los Angeles, Chicago and Ohio, and that President Donald Trump had been taken to a secure facility.

The California family called Nest and 911 to confirm there was no danger as their child hid under the living room rug in fear of an impending missile.

In December, a Houston family reported hearing a voice saying sexual expletives through a baby monitor in their infant's room. When they turned on the lights, the Nest camera in the room activated. A voice told

them to turn off the lights and threatened to kidnap the baby.

Nest said affected customers were reusing passwords that had been compromised on other sites and encouraged users to make sure their routers and home networks are updated. The company also suggests using two-factor verification on their devices. Two-factor verification, which Nest has offered since March 2017, usually requires a code delivered through text message in addition to a username and password.

The extra layer of security in the log-in process "eliminates this type of security risk," according to the statement from Nest. The company is also working on software updates that will reject compromised passwords and let users monitor access to their accounts. Separately, Google launched a Chrome extension that will prompt users to change their password if it appears to have been compromised.

Sud said he checked his records and could not find a notification from Nest alerting him to the two-factor authentication option.

Sud said he felt terrified and then angry that day in January, when he and his wife heard the disembodied voice coming over their Nest speaker. Mostly, he felt violated.

Sud asked the stranger who and where he was. Now, Sud wonders how long he had been watching them.

When Sud contacted Nest after the hack, he said he was told the incident occurred because he used a compromised password. Still, he felt the company could have done more to help protect the devices.

There was "zero accountability," Sud said.

As soon as the voice stopped talking to them, Sud and his wife started unplugging the Nest cameras inside their home. The family had 17 Nest devices hooked up, which they also used to monitor the outside of their house and keep an eye on their dogs while they traveled. Sud said he hopes to return the roughly \$4,000 worth of equipment to the company.

"I'm very, very upset," he said. "I hope that with more eyes on my experience, this saves somebody else from going through the same terrifying experience."

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Scientists racing to develop drinks infused with cannabis

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Alcohol is water-soluble and cannabis is not, meaning alcohol is absorbed into the bloodstream quickly whereas pot edibles and beverages are metabolized much later in the digestive process. This leads to the classic edible effect, when inexperienced users consume a weed bonbon, feel nothing, have a second, and then find an hour later that they're far higher than they wanted to be.

The problem of onset time (and the related problem of how long the effect takes to wear off) is one of the biggest challenges facing makers of cannabis beverages and may be one of the reasons the products currently make up a tiny portion of the overall legal pot market — less than 0.5 percent of total U.S. sales, according to BDS Analytics.

Many in the industry believe that the key to mainstream acceptance is creating a "sessionable" beverage, where one can have two or three drinks over a few hours, perhaps with friends drinking alcohol, while enjoying a steady, moderate high.

"We think onset time is going to be one of the critical factors in the next stage of cannabis-infused beverages, and the investments being made by consumer-packaged goods companies and by big alcohol are going to dramatically move that needle," says John Kagia, chief knowledge officer at New Frontier Data, a Washington-based cannabis research firm.

Making cannabis compounds water soluble so they act more like alcohol will be key to improving onset time, but most in the industry agree there is no technological magic bullet.

"We're not betting on one horse," says Canopy Chief Executive Officer Bruce Linton. The Smiths Falls, Ontario-based company is experimenting with ways to improve onset time and taste in cannabis-infused beverages, but believes there's no "perfect answer."

"The technical steps are half the battle, and then there's who wants what, when, where, and why," including decisions like bottles or cans, size, color, brand and taste, Linton says.

To solve the problem of onset time, many companies are experimenting with nano-emulsification, which uses a blending agent that attaches to the cannabis molecules, enabling them to better mix with water. Done correctly, the process should allow the active ingredients to evenly disperse in the beverage and absorb into the bloodstream much faster than if they're digested.

This is the process used by Cannabiniers, a beverage, technology and brand management company that owns Nevada-based Two Roots Brewing Co.,

which makes nonalcoholic, cannabis-infused beer. Cannabiniers says it has achieved a 10-minute onset time with its products, and they wear off in about 90 minutes.

"We really do emulate the bell curve of consumption for traditional alcohol products in that we do have a rapid onset and quick offset," says Kevin Love, vice president of market activations. "It takes a brave person to make that jump."

Province Brands of Canada is taking a different approach — replacing barley and brewing beer directly from the stalks, stems and roots of the cannabis plant.

Trait Biosciences, meanwhile, is using glycosylation, which mimics what the body does when it metabolizes cannabis by attaching a glucose molecule to the substance. This patent-pending technology, currently being tested on humans in clinical trials in Israel, improves onset time and avoids the "salad-dressing effect," where the oily cannabis compounds separate from water, according to Ronan Levy, chief strategy officer at Trait. The company has also filed a patent for a second process that binds the cannabis compounds to water-soluble proteins rather than glucose molecules.

Levy is optimistic about the market potential for cannabis beverages but acknowledges it's still early days for the industry. "There's a strong sentiment that beverages are probably going to become the leading mechanism for ingestion," Levy says. "They just haven't yet, because the truth is that most products out there are kind of terrible."

The rigorous restrictions on pot research in the U.S. don't help. Because the plant remains illegal at the federal level, researchers must apply to the Drug Enforcement Administration to get a license and then secure a legal supply, most of which comes from a 10-acre farm at the University of Mississippi. Even in Canada, which legalized recreational marijuana use in October, edibles and beverages won't be available until later this year at the soonest.

But progress should happen quickly now that big alcohol companies are investing significant time, money and resources into research, says Spiros Mandrakakis, head of alcoholic drinks at market-research firm Euromonitor International.

"With the know-how that these companies have already in creating all kinds of beverages, I honestly have little doubt that these kind of products will be upon us and the onset effect will be resolved by the end of this year," he says.

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Southwest may start charging for some frills

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first- or business-class cabin, so isn't expected to add seats with more legroom for a higher fare.

It could, however, charge more for guaranteed access to as many as four rows near the front of the plane, said Jamie Baker, an analyst at JPMorgan Chase.

Those 24 seats might appeal to business travelers who would avoid standing in boarding lines yet be assured a spot toward the front of the plane, with last-on/first-off benefits and dedicated bin space. Such a system could add from 10 cents to \$1 a share in annual earnings, depending on the pricing, Baker said in a report.

"The concept checks four important boxes: ease of

could have the same up-selling effect.

offers these as add-ons and the consumer sees they are appealing, and Southwest doesn't take anything from its core value proposition, they have a reasonable chance of success," said Henry Hartevelt, founder of Atmosphere Research Group, which focuses on the travel industry.

Seller beware

Ancillary fees accounted for just 3.1 percent of Southwest's passenger revenue through the first nine months of last year, lagging well behind Delta Air Lines and United Airlines. U.S. carriers as a whole took in more than \$3.6 billion in checked-bag fees alone during the period, according to the U.S. Transportation Department.

Southwest will have to tread carefully, though, to avoid damaging the brand it has cultivated for transparency in fares and not peppering passengers with a slew of fees.

"As long as Southwest

Southwest's intention to find new revenue sources makes sense, he said. "It's been timid and allowed itself to be held hostage by its legacy, as opposed to being innovative and saying, 'We can keep our legacy and still innovate and add products that would appeal to customers.'"

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Soybeans upstage trade talks

Legume is key to U.S.-China negotiations

BY PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Soybeans account for less than 1 percent of all the goods and services the United States sells the rest of the world.

But somehow the humble legumes are upstaging weightier, thornier issues as the Trump administration tackles trade disputes with China, the European Union and other trading partners. Critics worry that focusing on getting foreigners to buy soybeans and other U.S. goods is a distraction from pushing them to make deeper economic reforms that would offer longer-lasting benefits to the United States.

The outside importance of soybeans — mostly used as animal feed but also consumed by humans in everything from General Tso's Tofu to soy lattes — was apparent again recently in two days of U.S.-China trade talks.

The world's two biggest economies didn't make much progress on their differences over the aggressive tactics, including cybertheft, that Beijing is allegedly using to challenge U.S. supremacy in cutting-edge industries like driverless cars and artificial intelligence.

But to the president's delight, they agreed on one thing: In an unexpected deal that even surprised the top U.S. trade negotiator, China said that it would buy 5 million metric tons of American soybeans over an unspecified period.

"China as a sign of goodwill has agreed to purchase a tremendous, massive amount of soybeans," Trump told reporters.

He said he had consulted with Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and learned



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Soybeans, the key behind tofu and soy milk, accounted for just \$21.5 billion of \$2.4 trillion in U.S. exports in 2017.

that "our farmers are extremely happy."

"It's a nice kind of olive branch," said Peter Meyer, head of grain and oilseed analytics at S&P Global Platts.

Soybeans, which accounted for just \$21.5 billion of \$2.4 trillion in U.S. exports in 2017, seem to be punching above their weight in U.S. trade policy.

Farming is one of the few areas in which the United States sells more to the rest of the world than it buys, China included. Powerful lobbies represent American agricultural interests in Washington. And farmers tend to be enthusiastic Trump supporters.

The emphasis on soybeans has drawbacks, critics say. In the confrontation with China, for example, it diverts attention from the tough tech issues that di-

vide the world's two biggest economies and may decide whether Beijing or Washington presides over the economy of the future. And it implies that the Chinese might be able to avoid substantive concessions on their economic policies simply by agreeing to buy more American products and putting a dent in the massive U.S. trade deficit with China. That amounted to \$336 billion in 2017 and was likely higher last year.

"There's confusion about what the administration's objectives are," said Rufus Yerxa, president of the National Foreign Trade Council and a former U.S. trade official.

In a letter last week, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York and fellow Democratic Sens. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Sherrod Brown of Ohio

warned Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin that any deal with China should force Beijing to end the abusive practices that put U.S. tech firms at a competitive disadvantage and to enact fundamental economic reforms that would make the Chinese market more accessible to U.S. and other foreign firms.

An agreement that settles for Chinese purchases of American goods, intended to narrow the trade deficit, would be viewed on Capitol Hill as "an abject failure," they wrote.

Soybeans took a prominent place in previous Trump administration trade talks. The United States and the European Union at least temporarily backed away from a potential trade war over cars last July when the Europeans agreed, among other things,

to load up on American soybeans.

America's trading partners are well aware of the outside influence farmers enjoy in Washington. When Trump last year started slapping import taxes on Chinese goods and on foreign steel and aluminum, they targeted their retaliation on the American Heartland, imposing tariffs on soybeans and other farm products.

China's soybean tariffs had a devastating effect. Before the trade hostilities erupted last year, China bought nearly 60 percent of the soybeans the United States exported. Then the tariffs kicked in: In the first 10 months of 2018, U.S. soybean exports to China dropped to 8.2 million metric tons from 21.4 million metric tons a year earlier — a 62 percent freefall, ac-

ording to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The backlog of unsold soybeans also pushed down U.S. prices, spreading more pain in farm country.

"We need some good news," said Blake Hurst, a soybean and corn farmer in northwestern Missouri's Atchison County and president of the Missouri Farm Bureau.

So Hurst and other farmers welcomed China's decision to buy American beans. But their relief is limited. Hurst worries it's a one-time purchase and not the resumption of business as usual.

China bought 31.7 million metric tons of American soybeans in 2017 and 36.1 million in 2016. Five million metric tons doesn't do much to fill the gap.

"It's still woefully short of what they used to do," said Ron Moore, who grows corn and soybeans in Roseville, Ill., and serves as chairman of the American Soybean Association. "We're not there yet."

Even after U.S.-China trade tensions ease, soybean industry consultant John Baize said it might be a good idea for the U.S. and China to scale back their soybean trade. The economic and geopolitical rivals are likely clash again over issues such as trade, Taiwan and Chinese territorial claims in the South China Sea. Soybeans could once again be held hostage.

So Baize says the U.S. should sell more to other markets — Southeast Asia, Pakistan and Egypt — where demand is growing as people earn more money and eat more meat, increasing the need for animal feed. Meanwhile, China should buy more from alternative suppliers like Brazil that probably aren't potential adversaries, he said.

"We will wind up with more reliable customers, and they will wind up with less-disruptable suppliers," he said.

FDA questions Juul aim to combat teen vaping

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The head of the Food and Drug Administration is questioning whether electronic cigarette maker Juul and its new partner Altria are following through on pledges to help reverse the boom in underage vaping.

FDA commissioner Scott Gottlieb on Friday posted letters he sent to Juul and Altria, the maker of Marlboro cigarettes and other tobacco products. He called for a joint meeting to discuss what he calls "inconsistent" statements from the companies.

Gottlieb and other government officials have been scrambling to contain a surge in underage vaping. Under federal law, people must be at least 18 years old

to purchase vaping products yet the latest federal survey found 1 in 5 high school students used e-cigarettes.

Last year's uptick coincided with the rise of Juul, a small vaping device that accounts for about three-quarters of the U.S. e-cigarette market.

In December, Altria paid nearly \$13 billion to buy a 35 percent stake in Juul, a Silicon Valley startup that has long portrayed its products as a less harmful alternative for adult cigarette smokers. E-cigarettes heat a nicotine solution into a vapor that's inhaled.

The acquisition came after Altria told the FDA it was pulling some of its own flavored e-cigarettes off the market to be "part of the solution." The company said specifically that cartridge-based products, which in-

clude Juul, "significantly contribute to the rise in youth use of e-vapor products."

But since investing in Juul, Altria has announced plans to use its vast supply chain to expand Juul's footprint to 230,000 convenience stores and retailers across the U.S. Altria is the parent company of Philip Morris USA, the nation's largest tobacco company.

Gottlieb said the company's recent actions don't match its previous statements.

"I want to understand what's changed from a public health standpoint that their posture has changed," Gottlieb said Friday.

In response, the two companies said they remain committed to stopping teens from getting their products.

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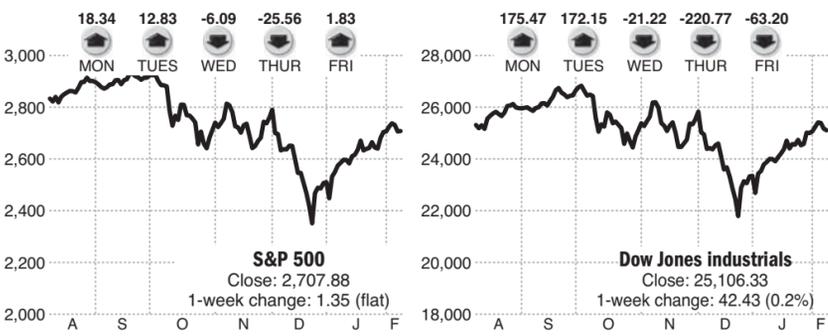
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8133.30	6190.17	Nasdaq Comp.	7410.77	7225.14	7298.20	+34.33	+0.5	+10.0		+6.2	
2940.91	2346.58	S&P 500	2738.98	2681.83	2707.88	+1.35	+0.1	+8.0		+3.4	
2053.00	1565.76	S&P MidCap	1867.49	1835.66	1852.45	+10.93	+0.6	+11.4		+1.7	
30560.54	24129.49	Wilshire 5000	28376.08	27792.14	28056.58	+29.88	+0.1	+9.0		+3.3	
1742.09	1266.93	Russell 2000	1524.21	1494.37	1506.39	+4.34	+0.3	+11.7		+1.9	
397.86	327.34	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	365.91	357.37	358.07	-1.64	-0.5	+6.1		-2.9	
7903.50	6536.53	FTSE 100	7187.51	7002.42	7071.18	+50.96	+0.7	+5.1		-0.3	

Most active

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	9.81	-0.38
Snap Inc A	9.10	+2.19
Chesapeake Energy	2.39	-0.45
Bank of America	28.29	-0.09
Aurora Cannabis Inc	7.59	+1.19
Ford Motor	8.39	-0.33
Weatherford Intl Ltd	8.9	+1.2
Twitter Inc	30.01	-3.18
AT&T Inc	29.55	-0.45
EnCana Corp	6.11	-0.77
Sthwstn Energy	3.80	-0.58
Pfizer Inc	42.23	-0.65
Freeport McMoRan	11.61	+1.0

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	23.05	-1.46
Cronos Group Inc	19.55	-1.26
Micron Tech	38.58	-1.02
Apple Inc	170.41	+4.62
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.93	-0.04
Microsoft Corp	105.67	+2.89
Helios and Matheson	.01	-0.00
Caesars Entertain	9.32	+0.06
Intel Corp	48.84	+0.43
Comcast Corp A	37.60	+0.81
Zynga Inc	4.88	+0.38
Cisco Syst	47.19	-0.15
Activision Blizzard	43.41	-2.60

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	9.65	-0.29
iShares Brazil	43.07	-2.33
iShares China Large Cap	42.42	-0.32
iShares Emerg Mkts	42.16	-0.60
iShares EAFE ETF	62.02	-0.64
iShares iBoxx HY CpbD	84.79	+1.11
Invesco COO Trust	168.56	+1.2
ProShares UltraPro SHTQQ	12.43	-0.28
SPDR S&P500 ETF TR	270.47	-0.41
SPDR Financial	25.67	-0.38
US Oil Fund LP	11.08	-0.55
VanE Vech Gld Miners	22.34	-0.23
iPath Sh Term Fut	34.23	-0.86

Largest Companies

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	29.55	-0.45
Alibaba Group Hldg	167.36	-0.61
Alphabet Inc C	1095.06	-15.69
Alphabet Inc A	1102.38	-16.24
Amazon.com Inc	1588.22	-38.01
Amgen Inc	76.15	-0.69
Apple Inc	170.41	+4.62
BP PLC	42.49	+1.15
Bank of America	28.29	-0.09
Berkshire Hath A	300771.00	-13104.38
Berkshire Hath B	200.92	-8.27
Boeing Co	404.91	+19.54
Chevron Corp	117.58	-0.79
China Mobile Ltd	52.57	-0.12
Cisco Syst	47.19	-0.15
Citigroup	62.01	-1.66
CocaCola Co	49.50	+0.80
Comcast Corp A	37.60	+0.81
Disney	111.51	+0.21
Exxon Mobil Corp	73.98	-1.12
Facebook Inc	167.33	+1.62
FEMSA	93.03	+3.14
HSBC Holdings PLC	41.75	+0.04
Home Depot	184.54	+0.17
Intel Corp	48.84	+0.43
JPMorgan Chase & Co	101.36	-2.52
Johnson & Johnson	132.40	-1.80
MasterCard Inc	216.58	+2.81
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Microsoft Corp	105.67	+2.89
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Royal Dutch Shell A	62.90	+0.06
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Walmart Stores	95.58	+1.72
Wells Fargo & Co	47.65	-1.26

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, February 8, 2019

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	229,942	404.91	▲+19.54	+25.0
2 McDonalds Corp	134,716	174.75	▼-1.97	+12.6
3 Abbott Labs	128,791	73.33	▲+0.97	+32.4
4 AbbVie Inc	119,840	79.67	▼-0.83	-22.9
5 Caterpillar Inc	75,887	128.60	▼-2.31	-9.0
6 Mondelez Intl	68,184	46.90	▲+1.33	+12.1
7 Walgreen Boots Alli	66,154	70.12	▼-1.76	+5.3
8 CME Group	60,735	178.20	▼-5.24	+19.4
9 Kraft Heinz Co	57,874	47.46	▼-0.30	-30.2
10 Deere Co	52,060	162.75	▼-1.13	+7.7
11 Exelon Corp	46,145	47.72	▲+0.26	+36.5
12 ITW	45,032	135.72	▲+1.29	-10.8
13 Baxter Intl	38,048	71.50	▼-0.63	+15.5
14 Allstate Corp	31,847	92.46	▲+3.64	+4.7
15 Equity Residential	27,058	73.44	▲+1.42	+36.8
16 United Cont'l Hldgs	24,023	88.17	▲+0.68	+39.1
17 Arch Dan Mid	23,412	41.76	▼-3.13	+4.2
18 Ventas Inc	22,910	64.27	▲+0.86	+32.4
19 Discover Fin Svcs	22,848	68.01	▼-0.39	-4.0
20 Motorola Solutions	22,132	135.37	▲+17.00	+3.3
21 Nthn Trust Cp	19,845	89.64	▲+1.11	-4.8
22 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	17,559	296.06	▲+4.70	+41.6
23 Allegion WW	16,920	300.43	▲+9.31	+18.8
24 Gallagher AJ	14,477	78.83	▲+1.95	+25.0
25 CDW Corp	13,545	90.31	▲+6.76	+32.1
26 Dover Corp	12,704	86.82	▼-0.79	+9.7
27 CNA Financial	12,628	46.53	▲+0.19	+2.9
28 TransUnion	11,477	61.94	▲+1.25	+12.0
29 ConAgra Brands Inc	10,776	22.19	▲+0.79	-35.1
30 IDEC Corp	10,740	140.02	▲+1.95	+6.8
31 CBOE Global Markets	10,619	94.65	▲+0.60	-13.8
32 Equity Lifesty Prop	9,913	110.46	▲+4.79	+38.2
33 NiSource Inc	9,827	26.58	▼-0.01	+21.6
34 CF Industries	9,660	41.86	▼-1.64	+15.0
35 Zebra Tech	9,491	176.40	▲+1.34	+55.4
36 Packaging Corp Am	8,991	95.15	▼-0.03	-12.3
37 LKQ Corporation	8,346	26.23	▼-0.20	-32.5
38 GrubHub Inc	7,807	86.08	▲+5.95	-3.3
39 US Foods Holding	7,531	34.66	▲+1.48	+18.5
40 CDK Global Inc	6,905	55.37	▲+6.41	-15.8
41 Hill-Rom Hldgs	6,840	102.61	▲+2.54	+29.5
42 Middleby Corp	6,717	120.28	▼-0.14	-8.4
43 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,579	144.39	▲+0.89	-3.7
44 Ingredd Inc	6,494	91.85	▼-6.64	-26.1
45 Aptargroup Inc	6,368	101.39	▲+1.84	+26.2
46 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	6,327	44.75	▼-0.15	-27.1
47 Old Republic	6,210	20.52	▲+0.08	+7.0
48 USG Corp	6,203	43.16	—	+33.3
49 Morningstar Inc	5,367	125.83	▲+3.15	+40.2
50 Kemper Corp	4,883	75.43	▼-0.51	+35.6
51 Littelfuse Inc	4,499	178.84	▼-1.53	-7.2
52 Paylocity Hldg	4,363	82.65	▲+9.59	+80.0
53 Brunswick Corp	4,258	49.10	▲+0.84	-12.1
54 First Intl RT	4,226	33.46	▲+0.61	+32.7
55 Stericycle Inc	4,204	44.98	▲+0.97	-26.2
56 Tribune Media Co A	4,045	46.10	▲+0.13	+11.8
57 Wintrust Financial	4,033	71.52	▲+0.43	-9.7
58 Equity Commonwth	3,959	32.59	▲+0.50	+24.9
59 Teleph Data	3,700	35.03	▼-1.47	+45.9
60 MB Financial	3,687	43.78	▼-0.65	+12.7
61 TreeHouse Foods	3,281	58.60	▲+0.87	+39.8
62 Navistar Intl	3,250	32.87	▼-0.48	-21.4
63 RLI Corp	3,019	67.87	▲+1.71	+16.6
64 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,002	70.20	▼-0.25	-7.6
65 US Cellular	2,913	55.13	▼-1.97	+67.6
66 Retail Prop Amer	2,837	13.17	▲+0.47	+23.4
67 Cabot Microelect	2,825	97.71	▼-5.06	+6.1
68 Adtalem Global Etc	2,807	47.79	▼-1.47	+6.6
69 GATX	2,747	72.88	▼-2.50	+14.1
70 John Bean Technol	2,496	78.98	▼-0.37	-27.3
71 Envestnet Inc	2,464	53.90	▼-1.22	+8.9
72 Fst Midw Bcp	2,338	21.98	▼-0.23	-6.7
73 Groupson Inc	2,054	3.60	▼-0.18	-28.7
74 Allscripts Hlthcare	1,984	11.36	▼-0.39	-16.7
75 Anaplan Intl	1,977	59.00	▲+0.61	-22.2
76 Stepan Co	1,956	86.96	▲+1.18	+26.3
77 Tenneco Inc	1,806	31.64	▼-0.37	-25.9
78 Horace Mann	1,544	37.73	▼-0.36	+3.0
79 Hub Group Inc	1,503	44.73	▲+0.06	-4.0
80 Knowles Corp	1,445	16.03	▲+0.35	+18.1
81 Tootsie Roll	1,385	35.87	▲+1.60	+10.4
82 AAR Corp	1,292	36.82	▲+0.31	-3.7
83 Federal Signal	1,263	20.98	▼-0.64	+13.4
84 First Bussey Corp	1,257	25.73	▲+0.42	-9.7
85 Huron Consulting Gp	1,142	50.64	▲+2.40	+28.4
86 Navanting Consult	1,116	26.22	▲+0.36	+38.5
87 Coeur Mining	1,003	5.04	▼-0.02	-33.9
88 Methode Electronics	964	26.09	▼-0.22	-30.0
89 Career Education	928	13.31	▲+0.44	+15.4
90 Acco Brands Corp	892	6.69	▼-0.16	-20.6
91 Accord HomeCare	842	34.00	▲+3.05	+79.4
92 Enova Intl Inc	801	23.39	▼-0.85	+16.4
93 SP Plus Corp	784	34.49	▲+1.33	-2.6
94 Century Aluminum	741	8.46	▼-0.54	-59.4
95 Consolidated Commu	740	10.39	▼-0.35	+7.7
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 Duties: Attends, operates, and cleans electrical
 control equipment at a sewage treatment plant,
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 Examination: Knowledge of Electrical
 Operator II practices. Nature of Position and
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 treatment plant or pumping station. May
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 Examination: Knowledge of legal assistant
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 Examination: Knowledge of senior legal
 assistant practices. Nature of Position and
 Duties: Under general supervision of attorneys,
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 Examination: Knowledge of stores specialist
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WORK NOTES

What exactly is a blended workforce?

Mix a little stay-at-home designer with in-the-office accountant, add a little freelance copywriter and project-based programmer and before you know it, you're looking at a "blended workforce." Sure, the term's annoyingly folksy and yes, it misleadingly calls to mind images of a "diverse workforce," a mix of age, race, religion and experience, but in reality, a blended workforce defines a worker base that utilizes both in-house and freelance employees.

"It's dramatically changed how we manage our workforces today," says Ryan Byrne, an HR consultant in Providence, Rhode Island. "Having a blended workforce means that everything is more complicated, including scheduling meetings, managing hours, building camaraderie, putting people in teams, holding people more accountable. That's not to say it can't be done but it makes things a bit more complex."

Defined in real-time

Adding to the complexity is the fact that the blended workforce can differ from company to company and has no real definition. Dan Schawbel, a writer for Fortune magazine, claims that the blended workforce is a product of today's gig economy. "It's a new kind of diversity, with full-time permanent employees working side-by-side with freelancers," he writes.

Schawbel cites a workplace trends study which indicated more than 90 percent of companies already have a blended workforce, thanks to cost-cutting efforts to remove healthcare coverage and benefits.

"If we're being honest, we're experiencing this trend because companies are focused on their bottom lines," says Byrne. "The blended

workforce isn't the result of some great social experiment. It came about because companies were trying to save money. And we're still not sure of the cost benefits of a group of part-time workers will outweigh the business benefits of 20 people sitting on the same floor, day in and day out."

Working together

Michelle Frank says she's been on both sides of the equation. "I was a full-time photographer for a marketing firm and a freelancer as well," she says. "When you're with the company, you do a lot of mundane, corporate stuff, even if your company tries to project a hip, cutting-edge image."

For example, Frank says after working on her own, she continually rejects her client's invitation to events and lunches. "I don't want to sit around for three hours with people I barely know," she says. "That's not to say I miss those relationships or even those events, but I work alone now. It's part of the choice I've made with my career, whether I like it or not. I can't fake it for three hours."

Some of the biggest blended challenges occur when companies place freelancers and full-time employees on the same projects. Although this collaborative method can be beneficial to some teams — freelancers with specialized skills can become part of a group that can best utilize their specific talents — it can also pose a new set of challenges.

"How do you work with someone who never comes into the office?" Byrne says. "How do you develop a relationship, both professionally and personally, if you know they're only going to be around for 10 weeks?"

According to Digitalist Magazine's Meghan Biro, it starts with who you hire. She suggests that freelance workers should be screened and hired using the same process as full-time employees. "HR should manage hiring, and it should be connected to other branches of hiring. It should be considered an issue of recruitment, not filling a hole in the dam. Whatever the role, and whatever the duration, should be coordinated with the rest of the organization's talent strategies," she writes.

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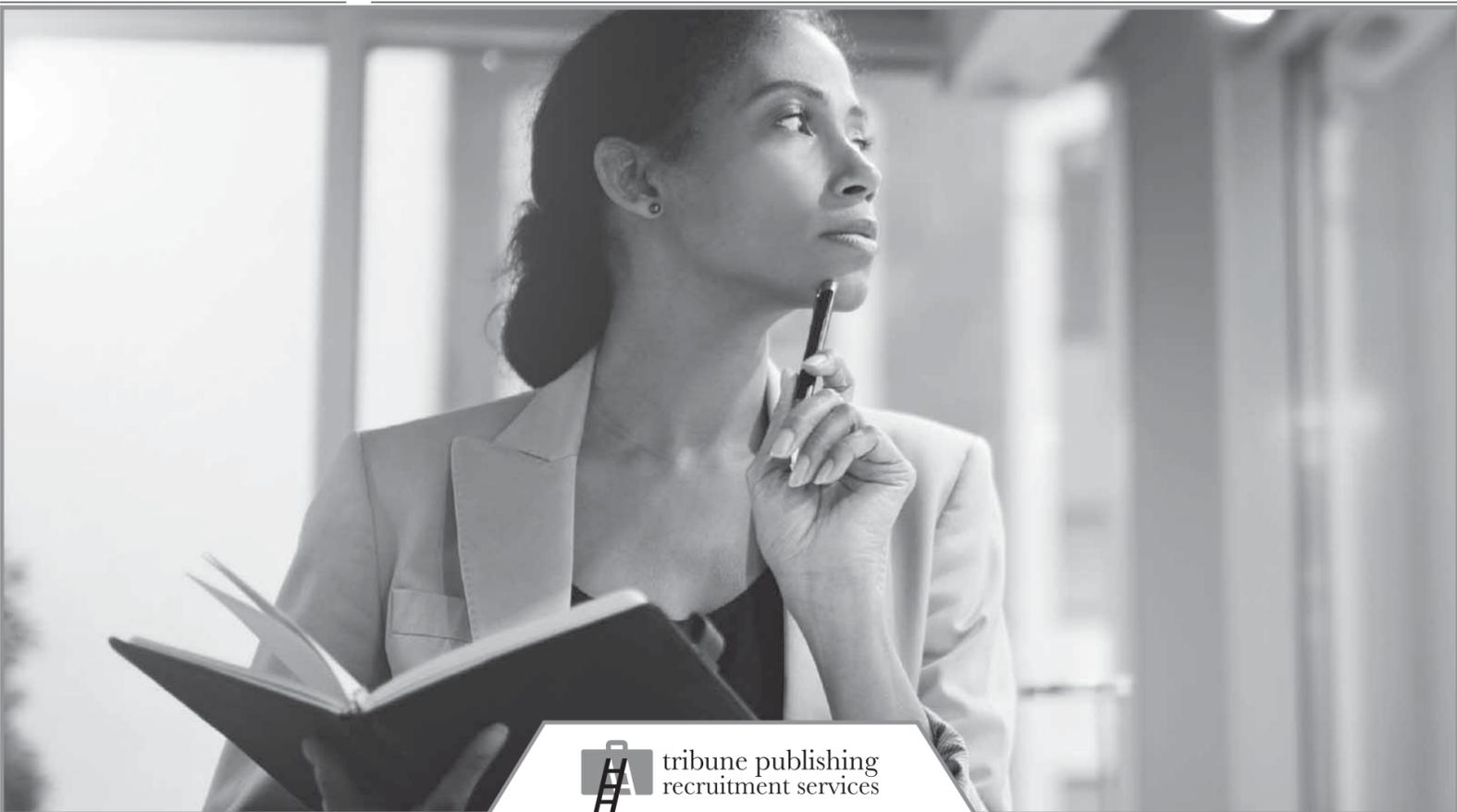
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"The meal is secondary to the job interview," says Jacqueline Whitmore, author of "Business Class: Etiquette Essentials for Success at Work." "Talk about qualifications, get to know the person and make a positive impression."

Employers often like conducting interviews over lunch because it gives them glimpses of your personality that they wouldn't see during a traditional interview.

"A lunch interview is certainly a time when the interviewer can see how polished a person is, and how they treat other people," says Beverly Y. Langford, author of "The Etiquette Edge: The Unspoken Rules For Business Success." "How they relate to the wait staff — are they courteous, or do they treat them like they're on their beck and call — will clue them into how they'll probably treat support staff at work."

If your interviewer orders an alcoholic drink, don't take that as permission to order one for yourself.

"Some young recruits are asked if they want a glass of wine or a beer, and they think 'Oh, I'm being given permission to drink,' but you should never drink in an interview," Whitmore says.

Order food that's easy to eat — anything that requires use of your hands is off-limits — and never answer a cell phone call, or let it ring in the first place.

"You should turn phone off, leave it in the car, or have it on silent and let voice mail take the call," Whitmore says. "Very few calls would be as important as that meal you're having with a prospective employer."

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Tips to use when beginning a new job

Your college days are finished. No need for "real-world" clichés or directives about "big-boy pants."

You know your life has changed. That new job reinforces it every day. And it's not just the job. It's the office politics and office gossip and office romance — you get the idea. "That first job can be a real eye-opener," says Travis Newman, a career coach in Oakland, California. "You feel like focusing on the job is enough work on its own, but then you have to deal with a new set of workplace issues that require a little strategy."

Newman offers up a few tips for first-time full-timers, hoping they'll help navigate those first few months on the new job.

1. Be socially cautious: Don't be afraid to ask about the lives of your co-workers and get involved with the post-work events as many relationships are created outside of regular working hours. Although it's nice to get along with others, don't feel like you have to create a collection of new BFFs. "You don't have to create a new inner-circle of best friends. You just need to have people you work with who you trust and know," Newman says. "It's a lot easier to go to work every day if you enjoy spending time with your co-workers, but you don't have to become lifelong buddies."

2. Focus on your work: A lot of bad habits are created during the first month on the job. "New employees learn what is expected of them and soon realize the hours of the day that they can spend focusing on something else," Newman says. "Whether it's fantasy football or emails to friends, you'll set a bad precedent when you fill a chunk of your day with tasks that have nothing to do with work."

While Newman acknowledges that no one is expected to focus on their work from the very moment they enter the office to the time they leave, he says that if you start spending an hour or more checking on statuses of your Facebook friends, your work will begin to suffer.

3. Develop a healthy relationship with technology: Use the latest apps and devices to your benefit but don't become too reliant on them. You'll have plenty of opportunities to use the latest technology at work but don't let that become a hindrance to what you need to accomplish. "It's OK to leave your cell phone behind every once in awhile when heading to a meeting or head over to a co-worker's desk to talk about a project instead of communicating via only email," Newman says. "Use technology to enhance your relationships and your productivity. Don't let it take over."

4. Show up early: While many employees start their first few weeks by showing up 30 minutes ahead before their workday begins, it's usually one of the first good habit that fades into memory, especially when those employees realize they're the only people walking into the office at 8 a.m. "Getting into the office early can have a profound effect on your day. Not only will you have some time get caught up on your emails and to finish those small tasks, you'll actually get to gather your thoughts and map out a game plan for the day ahead," Newman says. "You might be surprised how effective it can be to simply type out a potential schedule for the day once you see all of your work in front of you."

5. Don't engage in office gossip: "It's toxic and it can begin to affect you in ways you may not even realize," Newman says. "You may not care that John Smith is getting a free pass on some of his work like your co-workers do but if you start to compare your workload to his, and then notice how many trips he takes to the manager's office, how they often go out for lunch together — really trivial stuff like that — it can become something that consumes you. And then if you start talking about it with others, you're going to rub someone the wrong way. No one likes the office gossip hound, especially the one who has only been on the job for a few months."

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DO'S AND DON'TS OF INTERVIEWING FOR A JOB WITH SOMEONE YOUNGER THAN YOU



As difficult as it may be to avoid coming off as skeptical or all-knowing, it's important for older job seekers to keep their expert opinions in check.

You may feel like the parent in the room but that doesn't mean you should treat your younger interviewer like a child. It's likely that the person you're interviewing with has enough confidence to handle your occasional sneer or misguided question but that doesn't mean they have to accept it. If you come across as the "Father Knows Best" type, there's a good chance you won't get called back for a second interview.

We've compiled a few do's and don'ts when interviewing with a person who, let's face it, is old enough to be your daughter:

DO your homework

There's a great "Seinfeld" scene that summarizes the mistake of never really having a grasp on what a company does. When Morty Seinfeld, Jerry's father, takes a job with J. Peterman, the catalog-driven clothing company where Elaine works, he grows increasingly frustrated at J. Peterman's storytelling. When Peterman tells him that it's his stories that sell the clothes, Morty responds with his own sales strategy, one he learned as a clothing salesman in New York a few decades earlier.

"Cheap fabric and dim lighting. That's how you move merchandise," Morty says. After Peterman shows him the door, Morty continues. "I never knew what the hell I was peddling with those stupid cartoons and that paper book, anyway."

While your workplace scenario may not be worthy of a sitcom, it better not show a similar disregard for the company's route to success. Too often, older workers show mild disdain for companies even as they seek to be hired by them. They discredit their online efforts, fret over their emphasis on social media and question their clients. While you may offer some strategic tips once hired, you'll want to keep those eye rolls on the inside of your head for now. You should know as much as possible about a particular company. If you're interviewing with a start-up and are having trouble learning specifics about the company itself, study its industry and react accordingly.

DON'T condescend

As difficult as it may be to avoid coming off as skeptical or all-knowing, it's important for older job seekers to keep their expert opinions in check. No one wants to be told — directly or indirectly — that their job candidates are surprised their potential boss is so young. The more you talk down to an interviewer, the less likely your chances of ever getting hired. While it's one thing to subtly stress your potential value as a sounding board for ideas and strategies, it's another to make the person conducting the job interview feel inferior in any way. Your goal is to make your interviewer comfortable. There are plenty of younger managers who value someone with experience on their staff. They just don't want that someone to be a condescending know-it-all.

DO show enthusiasm

One of the bigger concerns that younger managers have with older employees is that they won't be able to maintain the same level of energy as others on staff. And not just in physical terms. Managers want to know that their new hires are able to communicate well with others, maintain relationships in the office and have an engaging presence on social media. They want people who are active participants in the office so show some signs of life. You don't need to come across as manic but you definitely need to show that you'll be more than the guy at the desk in the corner, counting out the hours until his retirement.

DON'T talk about every job

Keep your experience limited to your most recent jobs. Don't go back any further than 10 or 15 years. While you may think your first job servicing accounts for Old Man Roberts was the absolute key to your confidence and future success, your new boss doesn't want to hear about it. There's a fine line between experience and nostalgia when it comes to presenting your work backstory. While it may seem interesting to you, your potential manager is much more interested in what you've accomplished in recent months. Remember, you're getting hired to do a particular job. It's a given that your experiences have contributed to who you are and how you work. No need to bring up the old stuff.

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*



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The whether men:

Spring is finally in the air for the Cubs and White Sox, but a summer storm is threatening for managers **Joe Maddon** and **Rick Renteria**. It might miss, but be prepared.

PAUL SULLIVAN | On the Cubs and Sox

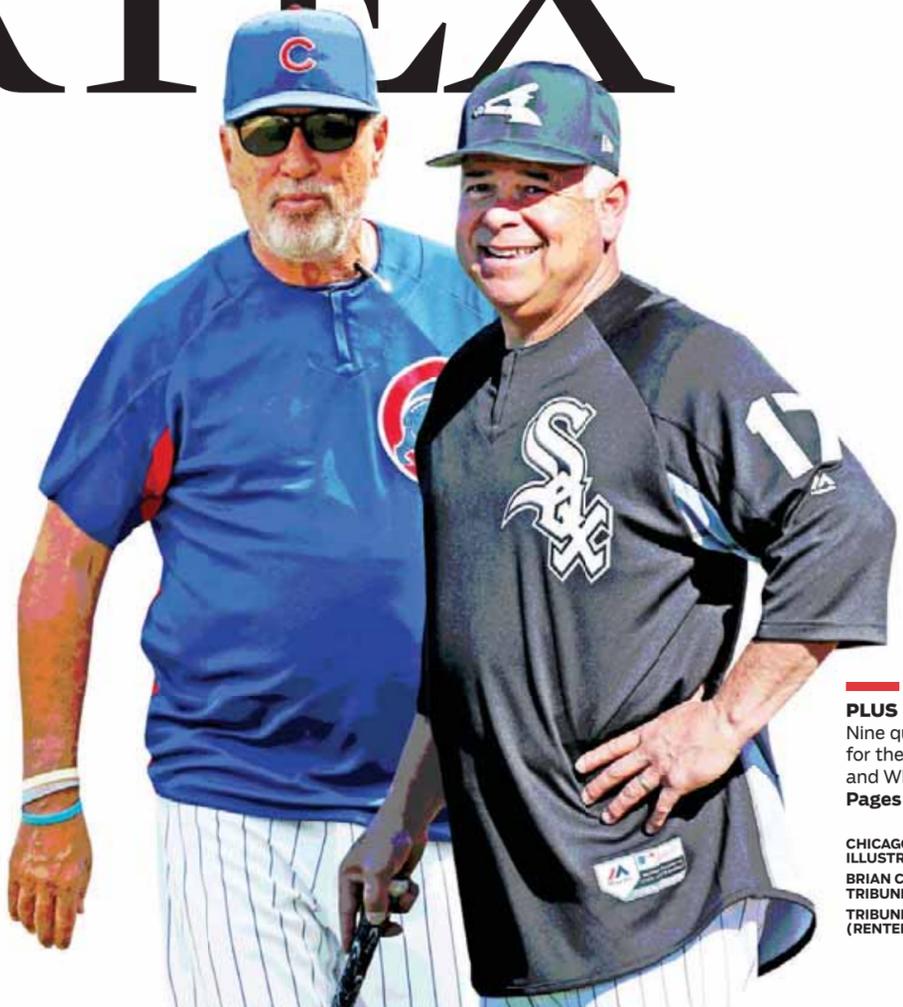
As they dive headfirst into the 2019 season this week in Arizona, Cubs manager Joe Maddon and White Sox counterpart Rick Renteria are entering crossroads of sorts.

Maddon, coming off a 95-win season and four straight postseason appearances, needs to win to keep his job. Renteria, coming off 100 losses with most of the same nucleus returning, needs to stop losing to keep his sanity.

There may be vastly different expectations for the Cubs and Sox, but fans on both sides of town want to see one thing: improvement.

It's up to Maddon and Renteria, the yin and yang of Chicago managers, to make sure that happens.

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NextFL: Alliance of American Football

It has been only a few days since you last watched a football game — longer if you're a Saints fan — but there's no need to go through withdrawal symptoms.

From TV and movie producer Charlie Ebersol and Hall of Fame NFL executive Bill Polian comes a new pro league, the Alliance of American Football, an eight-team outfit making its debut this weekend.

You'll be introduced to the Atlanta Legends, Birmingham Iron, Memphis Express and Orlando Apollos in the Eastern Conference. The Arizona Hotshots, Salt Lake Stallions, San Antonio Commanders and San Diego Fleet are in the Western Conference.

The Alliance's inaugural season will run 12 weeks with a championship game April 27 at Las Vegas' Sam Boyd Stadium on CBS.

But I can tell from the look on your face you have some questions about the AAF.

You're darn right I do. For one thing, I'm confused. I thought the XFL was coming back.

It is. This isn't it.

But you said Charlie Ebersol is behind this. That's former NBC Sports boss Dick Ebersol's son, and Dick developed the XFL with the WWE's Vince McMahon 18 years ago, right?

Yeah, but this is a different league. The XFL is scheduled to return in 2020. The AAF is here now.

After Saturday's AAF debut telecast on CBS, coach Mike Singletary's Express play the Iron on cable's CBS Sports Network with Ben Holden, Adam Archuleta and John Schriffen as announcers.

You know, I've been a Memphis Express fan my whole life. Anybody else of note involved in The Alliance besides Samurai Mike?

Other coaches include Steve Spurrier (Orlando), Mike Martz (San Diego), Dennis Erickson (Salt Lake) and Rick Neuheisel (Arizona).

League leaders include Troy Polamalu, Hines Ward, Mike Pereira and Dean Blandino. Dick Ebersol is on the board of directors.

Investors include the Chernin Group, which has stakes in Barstool Sports, The Athletic and The Action Network.

What about the players?

Not so well-known, though you might spot a few whose names you know at least vaguely.



ALLIANCE OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Mike Martz, the former Bears offensive coordinator and architect of "The Greatest Show on Turf," is back as head coach of the San Diego Fleet of the Alliance of American Football. Martz poses with AAF CEO Charlie Ebersol, left, and head of football operations JK McKay.

Like who?

Well, Birmingham quarterback Scott Tolzien played at Fremd High School and Wisconsin en route to the NFL, where he once served as Aaron Rodgers' backup.

Is it going to be good football?

Who knows? But Charlie Ebersol, having learned a lesson from the original XFL, has stressed that he knows how important that is.

Will all of the games be on CBS or CBS Sports Network?

No. NFL Network has a slate of AAF games, beginning Sunday night with Salt Lake at Arizona.

Turner Sports' B/R Live streaming site also will have games, while TNT will have one regular-season telecast and one playoff game.

Subscription radio service SiriusXM also will carry games.

And it kicks off this weekend, you say?

Not exactly. The Alliance doesn't have kickoffs. Teams get the ball on their 25 at the start of halves and after opponents score. There are no point-after kicks, either. Teams have to go for the two-point conversion.

There's still some foot in this football, though, thanks to punts and field goals, just not in overtime.

Sudden-death overtime?

No. Each team gets the ball once in overtime, first-and-goal at the 10. The other team gets a series to tie the other team or win. A lot of league rules, like reducing the play clock from the NFL's 40 seconds to 35, are meant to speed up play.

How speedy?

They want to trim the length of a typical NFL game by about a half-hour and get things wrapped up in about 2½ hours.

Cutting five seconds off the play clock and eliminating kickoffs does that?

There also are no TV timeouts.

Hallelujah!

Yeah, that's pretty good. But you have to figure they'll come up with different ways to get ads into the telecast.

The "no kickoff" thing takes inside kicks out of the mix, I guess.

Yes, but the AAF has what they call inside conversions.

If a team is behind by at least 17 points or the game is in the final five minutes, it can try to retain possession after a score by taking the ball at its 29-yard line for a fourth-and-12 play. Pick up the first down and keep going. Fail and give the opposing team great field position.

Clever.

Wait till you hear about SkyJudge.

SkyWhat?

SkyJudge. In addition to replay reviews, one member of the officiating crew will be up in the press box and empowered to make the obvious calls the folks on the field miss.

Saints fans are going to want that in the NFL, like, a month ago.

No doubt they will, assuming they can be convinced to watch any kind of pro football ever again.

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With few draft picks, Bears to stress trades, free agents

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

For the Bears, the 2019 offseason is about sustaining momentum from their worst-to-first turnaround and building on their 12-4 record.

Here's a rundown of meaningful dates and deadlines that make up the offseason calendar for general manager Ryan Pace, coach Matt Nagy and the team.

Feb. 14: Unlike 2018, the Bears don't face significant post-Super Bowl or new league year deadlines regarding the roster status of players due to earn bonus or guaranteed money. The one that most stands out is the clause in backup quarterback Chase Daniel's contract that allows him to become a free agent by paying the Bears \$5 million within 10 days of the Super Bowl. Daniel would have had an incentive to buy himself out of his 2019 contract if his 2018 season had included some type of Nick Foles-level breakout. Because it didn't, this deadline figures to come and go with no action.

Feb. 19: The first day for teams to designate a franchise or transition player. A year after the Bears used the transition tag to protect their negotiating rights with cornerback Kyle Fuller, there's no obvious internal candidate. However, keep an eye on the 49ers and kicker Robbie Gould. Last year, the franchise tender for kickers was \$4.9 million. If the Niners tag him — and they don't have other obvious candidates — the chances of Gould returning to the Bears would extinguish.

Feb. 26-March 4: The NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis. Nagy and Pace probably will address media Feb. 27.

March 5: 3 p.m. deadline for teams to designate a franchise or transition player.

March 11-13: The so-called legal tampering window. Teams are permitted to contact and negotiate with agents for players whose contracts expire at 3 p.m. March 13. A team cannot directly contact a player from another team.

March 13: The new league year begins at 3 p.m. Free agency and the trading period get underway. Pace's list of roster needs is more refined than it has been in recent years, and that should only fuel his aggressive approach to the open market. The Bears are projected to have about \$10 million in available cap space.

March 24-27: NFL owners meetings in Phoenix. Nagy is expected to address media at the NFL coaches breakfast March 26. Chairman George McCaskey and Pace also have spoken to reporters at the meetings in recent years.

April 15: The Bears can begin their nine-week voluntary offseason strength and conditioning program.



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Bears fans might be interested to see if the 49ers apply the franchise tag to kicker Robbie Gould on Feb. 19.

Mid-to-late April: The NFL announces the 2019 schedule. In each of the last two years, the announcement was on the third Thursday in April. That would be April 18.

April 19: Deadline for restricted free agents to sign an offer sheet from another team. Bears RFAs of note are safety DeAndre Houston-Carson and tight end Ben Braunecker.

April 25: The first round of the NFL draft in Nashville, Tenn. The Bears traded their first-round selection in September to the Raiders as part of the package for All-Pro outside linebacker Khalil Mack.

April 26: The second and third rounds of the draft. The Bears traded their second-round pick to the Patriots during the 2018 draft for the opportunity to select receiver Anthony Miller. The Bears' highest pick is No. 88 (the 24th pick of the third round).

April 27: The third and final day of the draft. The Bears have picks in the fourth, fifth and seventh rounds. They traded their sixth-rounder to the Raiders for Mack.

May 3: Deadline for the Bears to exercise the 2020 option on outside linebacker Leonard Floyd's contract, which Pace has said they will do.

May 10-12: Likely dates for the Bears' three-day rookie camp. If they don't host the rookie camp on these dates, it would be the previous weekend.

Late May: The Bears' voluntary spring practices begin. They are allowed 10 organized team activities.

June 10-13: Likely dates for the Bears' mandatory minicamp.

July 15: 3 p.m. deadline for a franchise- or transition-tagged player to sign a multiyear contract extension.

July 24: Approximate reporting date to training camp.

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Emotions evident

Return to Chicago for Portis, Parker enlivens midseason matchup

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

It's not often a February regular-season game between two sub-.500 teams carries so much emotion.

But that's what happens when the Bulls and Wizards met just three days after trading players. It's what happens when the emotional player nicknamed "Crazy Eyes" is involved. And it's what happens when a proud player who signed as the premier offseason addition returns to talk about how his homecoming turned sour.

The Bulls aired a video tribute for Bobby Portis, he of the frothing intensity and crazy eyes, and Jabari Parker, the former Simeon High School prodigy. For what it's worth, the United Center applause welcoming Otto Porter Jr. in his home debut rang louder.

The emotion would've been intense regardless.

Portis and Parker laughed last, sending the Bulls to a franchise-record 10th straight home loss, 134-125. Parker threw down six dunks on his way to 20 points with six assists, while Portis added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Zach LaVine's 26 points and Lauri Markkanen's third straight double-double led the Bulls, who allowed 57.9 percent shooting.

Portis said he had "Bulls DNA" when he turned down their four-year, roughly \$48 million offer last fall and was so stung by the trade that he left the United Center emotionally Wednesday. He's been making his strong feelings known via social media since.

"I was just being sarcastic, having fun," Portis said after the game. "[There's] no bad feelings. Everybody knows how much pride I had playing for the Bulls and city of Chicago. I got my first taste of the business of basketball."

And Parker, whose highlight was a nasty left-handed dunk over Markkanen, didn't play in 12 of 13 games after coach Jim Boylen pulled him from the rotation in mid-December shortly after taking over for Fred Hoiberg. Boylen, who had been Parker's confidante as associate head coach, cited Parker's poor practice habits and effort on defense.

"At that point, we never had controversy," Parker said. "I always had his back



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Bobby Portis, top, celebrates a score in his return to Chicago, while Bulls newcomer Otto Porter Jr. draws a foul as he puts up a shot during Saturday's game.

with things that we had in-house problems with, always had everybody's back. Just to see that relationship go sour, not from my end but from his end, was just bad because you trust the guy. He says all the things.

"I understand it's his decisions and whatever, but it was just hard because of the relationship that we had going into it when he was a head coach."

Asked if that meant Boylen didn't have his back once he became head coach, Parker demurred but still reiterated his surprise at his changing role.

"I can't say (Boylen didn't have my back) specifically because I don't know the factors," Parker said. "It's a business. He's the head coach, I'm just a player. I did the best that I could. I pretty much showed it within my play, (but) it didn't pan out."

"I played more minutes on the No. 1 team in Milwaukee. I was a big factor, especially in the playoffs. So coming here and playing for the Bulls, it was just very surprising because I thought I'd be utilized just knowing the circumstances of where I came from."

Portis has been lashing out via social media against a message lost somewhat in translation. He has taken offense to people claiming that the Bulls said he's just a backup big man not worth a substantial financial commitment. But they offered Portis generational wealth, which he

turned down.

What management said in the wake of the trade was that adding Porter as a starter on a big contract made more sense to them than re-signing Portis as a restricted free agent to back up Markkanen and Wendell Carter Jr. Bulls Executive VP John Paxson praised Portis effusively following the trade.

"There are a lot of feelings in this game," Boylen said. "You lose family members from your family and they're with a different family now, and then we gained a family member from that family. To me, that's what you have to be."

"Bobby was committed to being a Bull. When you're not a Bull anymore, you commit to the next team. And I thought he did that (Friday) night with his play. When I spoke to him, I think it was 16 minutes before the (Wednesday) game, I gave him a hug, told him I cared for him and wished him the best. I haven't spoken with him since that moment, but he's the last guy I worry about having success or competing or doing well. He's going to become a Wizard with energy and all his power. That's the beauty of the guy."

Referencing his own journeyman playing career, Wizards coach Scott Brooks had some fun with Portis' passion.

"That's part of being an NBA player — you're supposed to say those things," Brooks said. "I wanted to be a Sixer for life and then a Timberwolf for life and then a Rocket for life and then a Maverick for life and then a Knick for life and then [with] Cleveland for life and then [with] LA for life. And now I'm here. It's just part of it."

"You play as hard as you can for your organization. If things happen, then you have to move on and do the next place. Bobby has been great. I've only had a chance to sit down with him a few times, but I love his motor and energy and enthusiasm."

That's never going to change. Portis entered the United Center in a flashy red suit, smiling and gesturing to familiar faces. He later looked stone-cold serious as he bumped into Cristiano Felicio on the way to the Wizards bench following the first-quarter buzzer. He also exchanged good-natured trash talk with Zach LaVine, a close friend.

"You got a guy who cares about working hard and establishing that culture and that mindset," Boylen said. "And I just love him for that."

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BULLS NOTES

Finally fully healthy, Markkanen on major roll

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

Lauri Markkanen watches film of his December games, his first back after missing 23 because of a serious right elbow injury, and he cringes.

Not because he recalls being in pain. "I was cutting my shot short a little bit. It wasn't hurting. I just did so automatically out of caution," Markkanen said. "Plus, there's the rhythm of the game. I played in April and came back in December. That's a long time. I don't want it as an excuse. My shot definitely felt a little different and extending was tough for me. That was the last part I got back."

Markkanen entered Saturday's matchup with the Wizards on a tear. The second-year Bulls forward had posted three straight 30-point games for the first time in his young career and five double-doubles in his last six games. In his three 30-point games, he shot 58 percent, including 45.5

percent from 3-point range. "It gives me confidence, for sure," he said. "It reminds me when I'm aggressive, I can do a lot of different stuff."

Engaging himself more by rebounding and then bringing up the ball has helped Markkanen find his offensive flow, according to coach Jim Boylen. The soft-spoken Finn insists he never lost confidence.

"I was patient," Markkanen said. "We had a lot of adversity this year. ... But I've tried to stay positive, and I knew that there is light at the end. And I'm never worried about my own stats."

Bombs away: Wizards coach Scott Brooks often implored Otto Porter Jr. to shoot more. With John Wall and Bradley Beal as primary options, did Brooks ever find the trick?

"I finally did, but I'm not going to tell anybody now. That's Jim's issue," Brooks said, laughing. "But he's definitely going to have to tell him he needs more shots out of

him. He's a great shooter. And you want your best shooters shooting a lot."

Brooks heaped praise on Porter, whom the Bulls acquired Wednesday in exchange for Bobby Portis and Jabari Parker.

"They're getting an unbelievable person, just a true pro. Just comes in and does his job every day. Doesn't talk much. He's not even low maintenance, he's no maintenance at all," Brooks said. "He's one of the best shooters in the league and a great teammate who's going to fit in well."

Run it back: Parker reiterated he has no regrets about signing with the Bulls because he loved his teammates and loves his hometown. Asked what he'd tell prospective free agents about the Bulls, Parker didn't hesitate.

"That would be a direct conversation between me and him, simple and plain," Parker said. "I don't like to add my experience to anybody else, and I'd just be upfront. I'm not bitter but I'd be honest."

TRADE DEADLINE WRAPUP

James, Lakers whiff by failing to land Davis

By BEN GOLLIVER | Washington Post

The NBA's trade deadline passed Thursday with plenty of action but no Anthony Davis deal.

Here's how it played out for some interested parties.



Winners: Warriors. This year's trade deadline was far more dramatic and hectic than expected, but the sound and fury didn't amount to much when it comes to the 2019 title picture. None of the NBA's 2019 All-Star selections moved, and the three trades with the biggest playoff implications all came in the East, with the Raptors adding Marc Gasol, 76ers nabbing Tobias Harris and Bucks landing Nikola Mirotic. Given the Warriors' stacked front line of Kevin Durant, Draymond Green and DeMarcus Cousins, none of those maneuvers should scare them. What's more, their biggest cause for concern — Anthony Davis leaving the Pelicans to form a superteam with the Lakers or Raptors — didn't materialize. Meanwhile in the West, the contending Rockets and Trail Blazers fiddled with their rotations by adding Iman Shumpert and Rodney Hood, while the Nuggets and Jazz sat on their hands.



Loser: The Warriors' Kevin Durant. Of course, this was hardly a clean victory for the Warriors, who were bystanders to Durant's erratic news conference Wednesday. Incensed by growing speculation that he might be headed to the Knicks this summer, the All-Star forward ripped into reporters and told them to "grow up." The cognitive dissonance registered off the charts given that Durant's rant came immediately after a 39-point home victory. The bizarre display, which followed a week of silence in the media, was intended to focus the media's attention on Durant's contributions to the Warriors. Instead, it highlighted how out of step with his teammates and the organization.



Winners: Mavericks. The Lakers spent all month dreaming about landing a star to support their franchise player, but the Mavericks actually did it. Mark Cuban and his front office had an exceptional week, grabbing Kristaps Porzingis to be Luka Doncic's sidekick, quietly setting up a tank to keep their top-five protected pick and clearing out Harrison Barnes' contract so that they can be aggressive this summer.



Losers: LeBron James and the Lakers. The Lakers' desperation was evident for weeks, and they were forced to settle for minor moves rather than a Davis blockbuster. LeBron James will welcome the addition of two shooters — Reggie Bullock and Mike Muscala — and L.A. is in position to pursue Carmelo Anthony and others in the buyout market. Still, the Lakers must be smart after the Pelicans so easily ignored their Godfather offer of numerous prospects and picks. With the Celtics potentially entering the Davis chase this summer, the Lakers now must turn their attention to plotting their next moves to find James some real help. The early landscape is not pretty: Porzingis has moved to the Mavericks, Kawhi Leonard has expressed no interest in the Lakers, Durant and Kyrie Irving have been linked to the Knicks and Klay Thompson seems happy with the Warriors.



Winners: Celtics. Although their path to the 2019 NBA Finals got more difficult with the Raptors, 76ers and Bucks all gearing up, the fact Davis wasn't traded still makes this week a net positive for Danny Ainge. Because of salary-cap restrictions, the Celtics couldn't bid on Davis until the summer, and their worst-case scenario was the Lakers swooping to grab a superstar that they've targeted for years. Ainge now has a chance to change Davis's mind about coming to Boston and potentially partnering with his good friend Irving.



Losers: Pelicans. Rather than proactively chart a course for their franchise's future by trading Davis, the Pelicans settled for accumulating five second-round draft picks in a pair of smaller deals and punted their big decision to the summer. Taking the patient approach is understandable given the stakes, but now they must do an awkward dance with Davis. How much damage will this uncertainty, and their decision to play hardball with Davis, do to their draft positioning, general manager Dell Demps' job status and their reputation as a player-friendly destination?



Winners: Bucks. While the Raptors and 76ers landed bigger names, the Bucks targeted a very clean fit in Mirotic. One nice feature of having both a superstar centerpiece in Giannis Antetokounmpo and a well-constructed five-out offensive system: Role players such as Mirotic, a stretch-four who represents a clear upgrade over the aging Ersan Ilyasova, often thrive.



Losers: 76ers. First-year general manager Elton Brand has serious guts, but the sum of his moves this season leaves his organization susceptible to overly inflated expectations, chemistry concerns and a messy summer.

BLACKHAWKS



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Star winger Patrick Kane (88) has been on fire, and he'll have to stay that way if the Blackhawks hope to qualify for the postseason.

Kane, goaltenders key to making postseason

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

Didn't think the Blackhawks had it in them, did you? Of course you didn't, and for good reason.

Everything the Hawks had shown before their current six-game winning streak indicated this was a lost season. After falling to the Rangers on Jan. 17, they were tied with the Senators for the fewest points in the NHL.

Now they're only four points out of a wild-card spot — albeit with four teams to pass — and are miraculously gearing up to make a bid for the postseason.

Here are five things that must happen for the Hawks to make the playoffs.

1. Finish with at least 89 points.

The Hawks need help to get into the playoffs; that's a given. The Blues, Canucks, Avalanche and Oilers will all need to maintain the mediocrity that allowed the Hawks to get within range of them in the first place.

And the Hawks need to just keep winning.

It's impossible to know how many points it will take to secure a playoff berth, but the Blues, who hold the final wild-card spot, are on pace to finish with 88 points. The first wild-card tiebreaker is regulation plus overtime victories, and the Blues are up 26-21 over the Hawks.

Which is why the Hawks would need to finish one point ahead of the Blues.

To get to 89 points, the Hawks would need 36 in their final 27 games. It would require going 16-7-4, which seemed impossible as recently as last week. Now, in light of the Hawks' six-game streak and with a favorable schedule, it seems realistic.

2. Patrick Kane has to stay superhuman.

Kane has been so locked in the last two months that every time he touches the puck, you have to stop what you're doing and just watch.

He has 29 points during his current 13-game point streak but has been on a roll for much longer than that. Over his last 32 games, Kane has 54 points and hasn't gone consecutive games without seeing his name on the score sheet.

For the Hawks to make the playoffs, he'll have to continue on his current pace for career highs in goals, assists and points. Can he keep this up for another two months? Absolutely.

Even though opponents know Kane is going to get double-shifted and the Hawks don't have a lot of other weapons, they haven't been able to stop him.

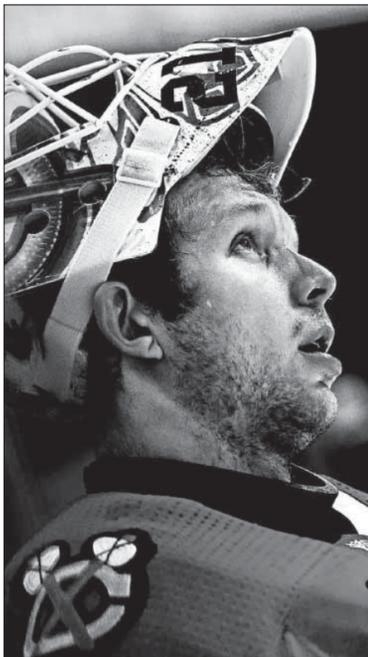
3. The power play has to stay hot, and the penalty kill has to be better.

It seems like a distant memory now, but the Hawks began the season 12-for-105 on the power play and ranked last in the NHL. In Jeremy Colliton's first 15 games as coach, the Hawks went an abysmal 3-for-37 with a man advantage.

Times have changed. Over the last 20 games, the power play is 25-for-64 (39 percent). It started to swing about the time Colliton added Erik Gustafsson to the first unit with Kane, Jonathan Toews, Alex DeBrincat and Dylan Strome and let them get comfortable together.

On the other hand, the penalty kill is the worst in the league and to some extent has neutralized the success of the power play. The Canucks got a power play in the final minutes of Thursday's game, sent the game to overtime and, as a result, picked up a point in the standings. That could be big down the road.

The Hawks just don't have a shutdown penalty-kill unit like they had a couple of years ago. Things appeared to be turning a corner, but the Hawks have allowed power-play goals in each of their last four games.



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Collin Delia has been part of a two-man goaltender rotation that has kept the Hawks in contention for the playoffs.

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4. Goalies Collin Delia and Cam Ward need to keep stealing wins.

When the Hawks lost Corey Crawford to a concussion in December, it seemed it would be a turning point to the season. It has — but not in the way anyone imagined.

Instead of Crawford's injury sending the reeling Hawks even further into oblivion, their season turned around in part due to the goaltending. They are 12-5-3 since Crawford's injury, with Delia and Ward playing superbly while sharing time. Delia has started 11 games, Ward nine.

They each have won games when opponents badly outshot the Hawks. They'll likely need to do that the rest of the way. Even during the Hawks' game-winning streak, they've been outshot 219-199.

The unknown here: a possible Crawford return.

While it seems unlikely he'll play again this season, Crawford occasionally has done drills before practices — he practiced with the team Saturday for the first time since Dec. 16 — and his return remains a possibility.

5. The third and fourth lines need to contribute more.

This might be the hardest one to pull off. During the winning streak, Kane (14 points), Toews (12), DeBrincat (11) and Strome (11) have combined for 48 points.

The other eight forwards have totaled 22 points.

It's a bit of an unfair comparison because Kane, Toews, DeBrincat and Strome have been racking up points on the power play and getting more ice time than the other forwards. But they're getting more ice time — particularly Kane — because Colliton needs to play them more.

Brandon Saad has six points in six games and is pulling his weight. But over the course of the season, the lack of depth outside the top two lines has been glaring. It's not likely general manager Stan Bowman would be willing to trade the type of asset necessary to bring in a forward who could make a difference.

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Crawford back at practice, looking 'sharp'

BY PHIL THOMPSON
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Corey Crawford practiced at MB Ice Arena on Saturday, his first workout since suffering a concussion Dec. 16 and a big step toward his quest to return to game action this season.

The Blackhawks goaltender took some shots before the workout and stayed on the ice for about the first 20 minutes of practice. He deflected shots from Alex DeBrincat, Dylan Strome and others, skated around and then did drills with goalie coach Jimmy Waite and goaltender Collin Delia.

"I thought he looked sharp," Delia said. "He was tracking the puck really well. He was telling me, 'The shots are coming fast.' Yeah, but man, you're there."

"Obviously he's been out (of action) for as long as he has, I was surprised he did as well as he did. That's just how good of a goalie he is."

Coach Jeremy Colliton called Crawford's return a "positive."

"It's great to see him out there," Colliton said. "I wouldn't read too much into it. Obviously it's a process. He's not going to get too high or too low and neither are we. But I'm happy for him he's felt good enough to be on the ice, and we'll see what happens."

Crawford has been on injured reserve since Strome collided with him after the Sharks' Evander Kane shoved him. He has done drills and other work before two practices.

Colliton said there's no timeline for Crawford's return.

"There's a bunch of hurdles," Colliton said. "Just how he feels after today is a hurdle."

Colliton retired at 29 after five seasons in the NHL because of post-concussion symptoms, so he said one thing Crawford needs is space.

"I try to leave him alone, and I encourage the others to leave him alone too," Colliton said. "We ask him how he's doing, like, as a human. But the last thing he needs is to answer the question how he's feeling 35 times a day. It's not helpful."

Offensive mindset: Jonathan Toews has racked up 12 points during the Hawks' six-game winning streak, and Colliton attributes the surge on offense to a change on defense.

"He's one of those guys that can produce offensively when he gets time and he's put him in a situation where he has the advantage he can make a play," Colliton said. "So we were trying to put him on those situations more and more and maybe rely on him a little less defensively."

Milestone: Left wing Chris Kunitz is two games away from his 1,000th. The four-time Stanley Cup champion and 2012-13 All Star has played for six teams over 15 years.

"He's a great person, great teammate, obviously his career has been fantastic," Colliton said.

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COLLEGES

ILLINOIS 99, RUTGERS 94 (OT)

Bezhanishvili dominates in record style

Big man sets Illini freshman scoring mark, keys OT win

BY TERRY TOWER | Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Giorgi Bezhanishvili scored 35 points to lead Illinois to a 99-94 overtime win over Rutgers on Saturday, breaking the Illini record for points in a game by a freshman.

The forward passed Deon Thomas, the program's all-time scoring leader, who scored 34 against Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Dec. 3, 1990.

Illinois earned its third consecutive win and its fourth in five games.

Bezhanishvili's free throw put Illinois up 93-92 in overtime, his jumper on the next possession made it 95-92 with two minutes left, and the Illini outscored the Scarlet Knights 4-2 from there.

Thomas, now an Illini radio broadcaster, and Bezhanishvili met at midcourt after the game and hugged for several seconds.

The lightly recruited 6-foot-9 freshman from the former Soviet republic of Georgia was 14-for-18 from the field, mostly on nifty post moves. He shot 7 of 8 from the free-throw line and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

"We just got the big boy the ball and rode those shoulders of his for 29 second-half points," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said.

Asked after the game how he played so well, Bezhanishvili thought a second and then said, "I like popcorn. Do you like popcorn? I had some before the game when I felt low energy. Maybe that was it?"

Along with popcorn, he credited having his brother Davit visiting the past week.

"Family is everything to me," Bezhanishvili said. "I have a small family and they mean the world to me."

"Having my brother here the past three games, I can't even explain how much that means to me. And we won all three of them."

Trent Frazier added 17 points and Ayo Dosunmu 12 for Illinois (9-15, 5-8 Big Ten).

The Illini were fresh off a 79-74 home win over No. 9 Michigan State on Tuesday, a game in which they forced 24 Spartans turnovers. It was Illinois' second victory over a ranked team — it defeated then-No. 13 Maryland on the road Jan. 26.

Illinois ranks second nationally in strength of schedule, according to KenPom.com.

Caleb McConnell led the Scarlet Knights with 25 points. Montez Mathis scored 17, and Eugene Omoruyi grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds for Rutgers (11-12, 4-9).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Duke shoots its way past Virginia

Associated Press

RJ Barrett scored 26 points, Zion Williamson added 18, and No. 2 Duke used an early barrage of 3-pointers to stun No. 3 Virginia and then held off the Cavaliers, 81-71, on Saturday in Charlottesville, Va.

Barrett hit his first five 3-point attempts for the Blue Devils (21-2, 9-1 ACC). His fifth gave them a 29-15 lead. Cam Reddish took over after that, hitting 5 of his first 6, the last three early in the second half as the Blue Devils rebuilt their lead to 52-41. He finished with 17 points.

Kyle Guy and Ty Jerome each scored 16 to lead Virginia (20-2, 8-2), which had its 13-game home winning streak snapped.

Michigan 61, Wisconsin 52: Jon Teske had 17 points and 12 rebounds, holding his own inside against Ethan Happ, and Charles Matthews scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half to lift the No. 7 Wolverines over the No. 19 Badgers in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Big Ten-leading Michigan (22-2, 11-2) avenged one of its losses despite going 0-for-10 from 3-point range in the second half.

Happ had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Wisconsin (17-7, 9-4).

Michigan State 79, Minnesota 55: Nick Ward scored 22 points and Matt McQuaid added a season-high 18, leading the No. 9 Spartans over the Golden Gophers in East Lansing, Mich. Michigan State (19-5, 10-3 Big Ten) ended a three-game losing streak, its longest skid in two years. Minnesota (16-8, 6-7) has lost a season-high three consecutive games.

DePaul 74, Xavier 62: Max Strus scored six of his 17 points during a late 16-0 run, and the Blue Demons snapped their eight-game losing streak to the Musketeers. Down by eight, DePaul (12-9, 4-6 Big East) rallied by taking advantage of three straight Xavier turnovers. Strus scored for a 60-57 lead with 2 minutes, 45 seconds to go, and Xavier (11-13, 3-8) went nearly 5 minutes without a field goal en route to its sixth straight loss.

Marquette 66, Villanova 65: Markus Howard scored 38 points and the No. 10 Golden Eagles (20-4, 9-2 Big East) won in Milwaukee, handing the No. 14 Wildcats their first conference loss. Phil Booth had 19 points for Villanova (19-5, 10-1).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

An unassuming Wildcat

Ex-Clemson quarterback
Hunter Johnson
has a quiet confidence

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN | Chicago Tribune

Northwestern's highest-rated player kept the lowest profile on the team last fall.

Hunter Johnson, the quarterback who entered college with more acclaim than Tua Tagovailoa, served on the Wildcats scout team. One week he would mimic the skill set of Notre Dame's Ian Book; the next week, Iowa's Nate Stanley.

Johnson transferred to Northwestern from Clemson in March, releasing a five-sentence statement that concluded with "Go Cats!"

He declined interview requests at the suggestion of NU coach Pat Fitzgerald, who thought it best that the active players receive the limelight. Johnson said he was grateful for that.

As Johnson's brother Cole put it: "You're going to learn this about him: He doesn't love the light on him."

One NU staffer said he heard Johnson utter just three things at practice over the entire season: "Sorry," "Thank you" and "My bad."

"He's not going to be the loudest guy in the room," said Clayton Thorson, Northwestern's starting quarterback the last four seasons. "He's really humble. But he's confident in his abilities."

That came across during Johnson's 50-minute interview with the Tribune on Thursday in his preferred terrain: the quarterbacks meeting room at the Walter Athletics Center. Johnson often goes there, alone, to watch film and diagram plays.

Asked if he thinks he could have beaten out Trevor Lawrence had he stayed at Clemson, Johnson replied: "I think I could have, yes."

Lawrence threw for a combined 674 yards with six touchdowns and no interceptions in the Tigers' playoff demolitions of Notre Dame and Alabama. He emerged as the best player in college football.

Confident in his abilities, indeed. Here are 18 more things to know about Johnson:

1. His skills are elite.

There's a reason he was the No. 2 quarterback in 247Sports.com's Class of 2017 composite rankings, ahead of Tagovailoa (Alabama), Jake Fromm (Georgia) and Tate Martell (Miami, after transferring from Ohio State) and behind Stanford's Davis Mills.

Bleacher Report rated Johnson the top passer at the 2016 Elite 11 Camp, saying he "throws the prettiest spirals" and citing counselors who said he's "most likely to succeed in any offensive scheme."

"He spins it really well," Thorson said. "He can throw on the run, he's really athletic. I think the offense will be wide open."

The 6-foot-2, 208-pound Johnson could thread a ball through a tire — maybe even the spokes of a bike tire.

"His thing is accuracy for sure," older brother Cole said. "From the time he could walk, this kid could throw a football. We used to throw in the pool out back. Outside the pool... across the pool... hit the diving board. It was an inch thick and he would nail it. He'd do weird stuff like that all the time."

2. He initially committed to Tennessee.

Then-Volunteers coach Butch Jones was the first to offer a scholarship after Johnson's freshman season at Brownsburg High School, 25 minutes west of Indianapolis. Part of the strategy in verbally committing was to ward off other schools because Johnson, ever polite, was spending hours each week returning phone calls from college coaches.

The head coaches he got to know best during his recruitment were Jones, Fitzgerald, Penn State's James Franklin, then-Indiana coach Kevin Wilson and Clemson's Dabo Swinney. And he had a memorable interaction with Michigan's Jim Harbaugh.

3. Harbaugh made a "funny" first impression.

Johnson met Harbaugh outside his office.

"I honestly didn't recognize him at first because he kind of looked like he just rolled out of bed," Johnson said. "His hair was all over the place. He said, 'Hold on, let me get fired up real quick.' He went back and put his khakis and hat on."

Harbaugh showed Johnson items, including a rocking chair, from the coach's favorite restaurant, Cracker Barrel. ("You cannot beat the bacon," Harbaugh told the San Jose Mercury News.)

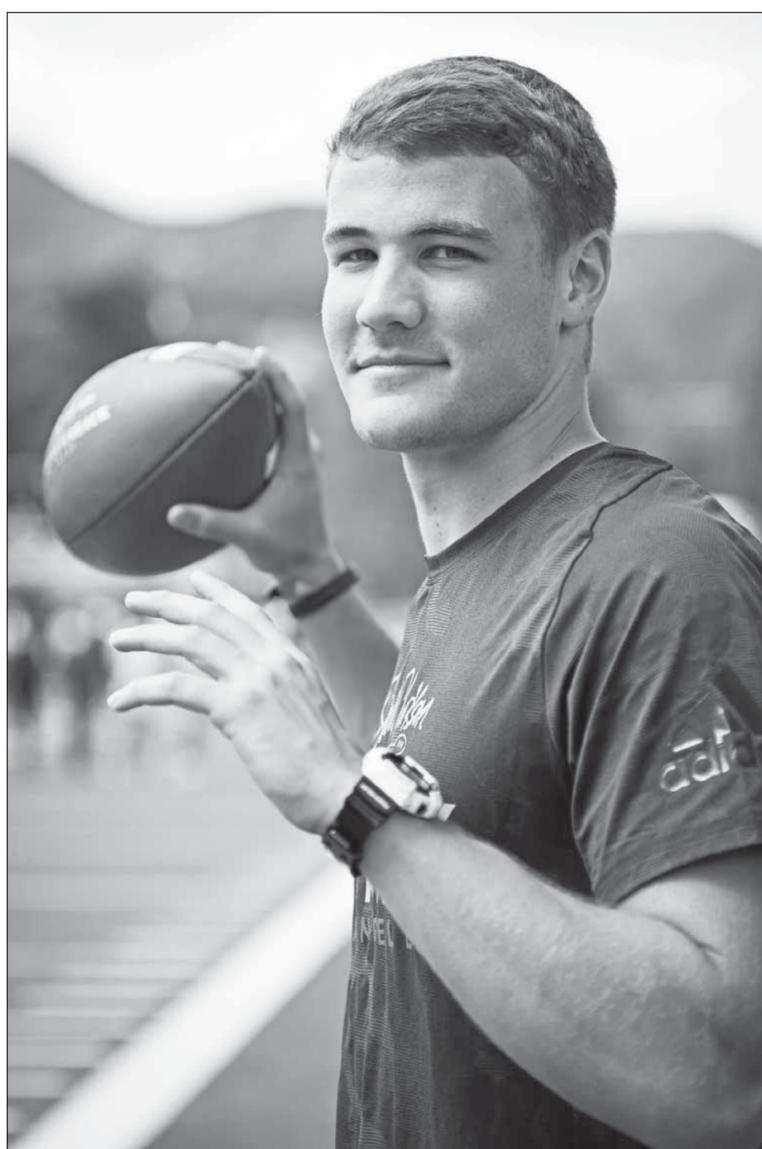
Later they went out for pizza, and when the hostess was slow to find a table, Harbaugh took over.

"He was getting a little impatient, so he said, 'I'm going to get this straightened out,'" Johnson recalled. "He went in the back and we got on the patio. The pizza took forever to get there, so he was getting even more frustrated. It was funny."

4. He was at Ryan Field for the 2013 "College GameDay" loss to Ohio State.

Northwestern was recruiting Cole Johnson, who's four years older than Hunter.

Hunter recalled that Trevor Siemian and Kain Colter were a "fun duo to watch. You don't normally get quarterbacks that complement each other that well."



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After transferring from Clemson, Hunter Johnson spent last season emulating opposing quarterbacks for Northwestern's scout team after transferring from Clemson.

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— Hunter Johnson on his meeting with Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh

5. Northwestern made a push in recruiting.

Fitzgerald tried to sell Hunter on the chance to play with his brother, a preferred walk-on who appeared in six games on special teams for the Wildcats. But Hunter said: "I felt this was my brother's school, his deal. I didn't want to take away from him or him (potentially) earning a scholarship. The school was a perfect fit for him with how intelligent he is."

Cole double majored in biological sciences and communication sciences and is in dental school at Indiana University.

Plus Hunter had the likes of Alabama, Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Clemson pursuing him.

"Every football player," he said, "has aspirations to play on the biggest stage."

6. Clemson won him over.

The Tigers were 13-0 when Johnson, a high school junior, visited in December 2015. The magnificent Deshaun Watson would play one more season. Receiver Hunter Renfrow hosted Johnson.

"We went back to his house, played video games, watched a movie, ordered pizza and hung out," Johnson recalled. "It was perfect for me to be around him and (defensive tackle) Christian Wilkins — great people. The small-town feel of Clemson is very special. I got a ton of one-on-one time with Coach Swinney and the coaches. I felt they were very genuine and real — and they are."

7. He still loves Clemson.

Some of his best friends remain students (non-athletes) there. "It was tough leaving those guys," he said. "I love them to death."

Lawrence signed with Clemson on Dec. 20, 2017. He was the No. 1 prospect in his class, and he didn't come to be an apprentice.

During the 2017 season, Johnson backed up Kelly Bryant and completed 21 of 27 passes for 234 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. He posted the highest passing efficiency rating of Clemson's three quarterbacks but also knew this: There's only one starting quarterback.

"I saw it as both of us were too good not to at least split time," Johnson said of him and Lawrence. "And I wanted to be somewhere I knew I'd have an opportunity to be the guy and take control. It was a sticky situation, but it's a blessing in disguise that it got me here."

8. He considered transferring to three schools.

Home-state Indiana and Purdue pursued, as did programs such as Ohio State. But Johnson chose Northwestern mainly because of geography (his family lives less than 3 1/2 hours away) and the coaching staff.

Although Cole played sparingly at Northwestern, he raved about Fitzgerald and Co.: "The experience is second to none. I have no critique or downers about that program. Those coaches are true to their word. It's somewhere I'd want my kids to go."

Or his baby brother.

"This is where I'm supposed to be," Hunter said. "Don't get me wrong. I miss those (Clemson) guys and love them. But I wanted to be in a spot where my family can come and watch every weekend."

"And the camaraderie within the team is unlike anything I've been around. Everyone in the locker room treats everyone the same. There's no one guy who does his own thing. Everyone is a part of it, which is really, really neat."

9. He is not yet Northwestern's starting quarterback.

Thorson is off to the pros after he recuperates from a high ankle sprain suffered late in the Holiday Bowl. The Wildcats have five quarterbacks on the roster, but only brainy backup T.J. Green has thrown a pass in a game.

"It's a competition," offensive coordinator Mick McCall said. "There is nothing decided." True. Also true: Andrew Marty, Aidan Smith and Jason Whittaker might be sacrificing potential playing time at another school to earn a Northwestern degree.

10. His dad could sling it.

Reed Johnson played football and pitched at the University of Evansville. Former teammates told Cole his dad could throw it 70 yards. Reed coached his sons in football, basketball and baseball.

"He taught me to have fun with sports," Hunter said, "but at the same time, he was great about pushing me to do those (summer passing) camps and chase after it. He would do anything for me. Sometimes we butted heads a little because we're so similar and competitive."

Reed has a dentistry practice in Plainfield, Ind. Cole said of his coaching style: "He was intense, not mean or crazy. He didn't yell at all. It's similar to (Celtics coach) Brad Stevens' demeanor — and Hunter's. Calm and level-headed."

11. He received media training from his mom.

Shana Kelley (her maiden name) worked as a news anchor for WISH-Channel 8 in Indianapolis until 2006.

"She didn't want to miss me and my brother growing up," Hunter said. "She had a lot of late shifts, so we'd stay up all through the night for her to get home."

12. Don't bother trying to @ him.

Johnson has no social media presence. He quit Twitter after high school and Instagram after his first year at Clemson, saying: "I felt like I was spending time on it for no reason. I was sitting there for hours scrolling through stuff. I wasn't one to post a lot in the first place, so that made it easier."

He emails only for school purposes, preferring to text and FaceTime with friends.

"We are probably the least tech-savvy family in America," Cole said.

13. The timing is perfect for NU.

The Wildcats, who open spring practice Feb. 26, get a mature quarterback who turns 21 in March and has three seasons of eligibility.

Johnson has some playing experience, having faced four FBS opponents at Clemson, and he spent last season learning the NU system and Big Ten defenses. And Thorson's four-year playing tenure was uninterrupted.

14. He and Thorson are "woven from the same cloth."

That's how Cole put it, adding: "They're very deep in their (Christian) faith. Both are great guys, and when you meet 'em, they're as laid-back as they can be. But both have this switch, this fierceness and intensity you see in the great ones."

15. The NU offense will go back to the future.

Thorson rushed for nine touchdowns last season. That's a lot. He also netted minus-110 yards. That's a lot of backward, thanks to the NCAA including sacks in rushing stats. Thorson was a solid scrambler, especially considering he did it last year on a rebuilt right knee. But he didn't supply the same threat as previous NU quarterbacks Dan Persa, Mike Kafka, C.J. Bacher, Brett Basanez and Zak Kustok.

"He's got the ability to create space, whether it's a scramble or designed run or option," McCall said of Johnson. "We will go back to some of the stuff we did; we'll go back in the archives to see what fits him and what kind of personnel is best."

Johnson said he has sub-4.6 speed, and he ran on Brownsburg's 1,600-meter relay team, making Indiana's all-state track team.

"I've always been able to run a little bit," he said. "That's part of what makes football fun, being able to scramble around and make plays, backyard ball."

16. He knows Drew Brees likes Chinese food.

Brees and Aaron Rodgers are Johnson's two favorite NFL quarterbacks. So you can imagine his reaction when he spotted Brees behind him in line at a Panda Express at an airport in California.

"I said, 'Hey, you don't know me but I'm a quarterback and a huge fan,'" Johnson recalled.

They chatted about their Indiana connection — Brees played at Purdue — but Johnson did not ask for his digits: "I didn't want to push it. I didn't want to be that guy."

17. His brother has faith.

"With Fromm and Tua, Hunter is the forgotten guy in that class," Cole said.

"He is the dark knight. And I'm not sure he won't be the highest drafted. I'm his brother. That's my prediction."

18. Thorson says the NU offense is in good hands.

"Hopefully we go to the natty," he said in December with a smile.

As in national championship game.

SPRING TRAINING

9 QUESTIONS

The Cubs

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

After missing the National League Championship Series for the first time in four seasons, everyone in the Cubs organization is on notice.

And an offseason filled with anxiety and controversy — but few significant roster moves — leaves the Cubs with these nine questions as pitchers and catchers have their first workout of spring training Wednesday.

1 How is Kris Bryant's shoulder?

Kris Bryant was emphatic at last month's Cubs Convention that the right shoulder that sidelined him for 50 games in 2018 feels great.

But for the Cubs to feel better about their offense rebounding, they'll need to see a powerful and productive Bryant, who had only nine extra-base hits after returning Sept. 1 from his second stint on the disabled list.

2 What will Addison Russell have to say?

The publication this week of racist and Islamophobic emails from Joe Ricketts, the father of Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts, has rattled multiple communities. As for the other major off-field controversy, shortstop Addison Russell is expected to face reporters this month for the first time since being placed on administrative leave Sept. 21.

Russell's 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy will carry into the first month of the season. President Theo Epstein said the team has remained in touch with the victim, Melisa Reidy, Russell's ex-wife, as well as with Russell. But as Epstein cautioned three weeks ago, "we're probably in the top of the second inning" with this story.

3 Will Joe Maddon take a more hands-on approach?

Manager Joe Maddon plans to spend more time coaching instead of observing workouts and talking expansively with reporters.

With a revamped coaching staff, his new style might work fine with the newcomers. But how will players adapt to another voice, and can the message remain singular — especially in this era of hitting specialists from outside the organization?

4 How will the new coaches work out?

New pitching coach Tommy Hottovy specialized in run prevention as an advance scouting coordinator for the Cubs. New hitting coach Anthony Iapoce worked with several of the Cubs' young hitters as a special assistant before departing for the Rangers in 2016. And assistant hitting coach Termel Sledge worked with Ian Happ at Class A Eugene in 2015 before leaving for a higher position in the Dodgers organization.

Mark Loretta, meanwhile, is the Cubs' third bench coach in as many years as he returns to the field for the first time since retiring as a player after the 2009 season — unless you count his coaching stint with Team Israel in the 2013 World Baseball Classic. Loretta had been working in the Padres baseball operations department.

Maddon messaged with Loretta within hours of Brandon Hyde taking the Orioles managing job. Many people are involved in the game planning that funnels through the players. The coaching changes reflect a need for sound communication.

5 Who will be the backup catcher?

The Cubs need to reach a happy medium with Willson Contreras, who led the majors in innings caught and has no plans to let up on his all-out style.

But considering Contreras' production faded in the second half and he used multiple setups, a productive backup must emerge while Contreras regains his power and polishes his pitch framing.

Non-roster invitee Francisco Arcia reached the majors last summer with the Angels after 11 1/2 minor-league seasons, and he will push Victor Caratini for the backup role unless the Cubs sign another catcher.

6 When will Brandon Morrow be ready?

Brandon Morrow's elbow surgery in November created more anxiety over a bullpen that lost Jesse Chavez to free agency and added Brad Brach as a late-inning option to complement Pedro Strop for the closer duties until Morrow returns.

Even with a repaired arm, Morrow is expected to miss at least the first month and won't be used in consecutive games as frequently as last season. His progress on the bullpen mounds and minor-league fields will be a measuring stick.

7 Who will bolster the bullpen?

The list of non-roster relievers in camp includes George Kontos, Colin Rea and Junichi Tazawa, who have thrown a combined 886 2/3 major-league innings.

Tony Barnett, signed to a major-league deal, spent six seasons in Japan before pitching the last three for the Rangers.

This experience is essential as the Cubs used the bullpen 600 times in 2018 and Brian Duensing and Brandon Kintzler are coming off subpar seasons.

8 What to do with Tyler Chatwood?

Maddon is optimistic that Tyler Chatwood will rebound from his miserable 2018 season. But finding quality innings this spring for him might be a challenge, and it remains to be seen whether he can handle a long-relief role.

Chatwood will earn \$25.5 million over the next two seasons. His situation is not unlike that of Edwin Jackson entering the 2015 season. Jackson pitched in long relief before the Cubs released him that July with another year left on his contract.

9 Will Jason Heyward and Co. break out?

Iapoce will be the Cubs' third hitting coach in as many seasons. Right fielder Jason Heyward provided perspective regarding him and his teammates who haven't improved at the plate.

"I know what I need to do," said Heyward, who has batted .252 with a .367 slugging percentage in three seasons with the Cubs. "Regardless of what any coach says to me or any of us, it's on the players at the end of the day."



The wheel

Tribune baseball columnist *Paul Sullivan* but he wonders if Chicago's baseball ma

JOE MADDON

4 SEASONS WITH THE CUBS: 387-261 (.597)

Lame duck soup

Entering the final year of a five-year deal without a contract extension, Joe Maddon might find his seat a bit toasty if the Cubs get off to a poor start.

No one would've imagined he still would be without a deal in 2019 after winning the 2016 World Series to end the Cubs' epic drought, but these are strange times in Wrigleyville, where participation trophies no longer are in vogue.

Maddon has an impressive .541 winning percentage in his 15 years in the majors. If you take away his first two seasons with the Rays in 2006 and '07, when they lost 101 and 96 games, that percentage shoots up to .568 — an average of 92 wins a year.

Maddon's winning percentage ranks 49th all time according to baseball-reference.com, just ahead of Hall of Famers Joe Cronin (.540) and Leo Durocher (.540), who until Maddon was considered the best Cubs manager of the last 70 years.

But Durocher never won anything in Chicago, and his legacy remains the '69 Cubs team that collapsed in September and became beloved for "almost" winning.

Part of Durocher's appeal was his outsized personality, which often grated on Cubs players. Maddon has a ring and those four postseason appearances in his four years on the North Side, but apparently that's not enough for management to make a judgment.

Though he may be a lame-duck manager, Maddon doesn't seem particularly worried.

"We're all lame-duck, aren't we?" Maddon said during his trip to Chicago for the Cubs Convention. "I've been on one-year contracts for many years, but actually I'm on the last year of a five-year contract, so I'm pretty fortunate. I don't worry about it. I don't even think about it unless you ask me about it."

"As you know, I'm pretty self-confident, and I feel good about what we've done and where we're going in the future."

The contract becoming a distraction is a possibility, and unless the Cubs get off to a hot start,

it will be mentioned a time or two no matter how much Maddon or Theo Epstein tries to downplay it.

The players know the deal.

"I don't pay any attention to that stuff," reliever Pedro Strop said. "But Joe is one of the best managers in the league, so I'm pretty sure he's going to have a job. If not with us, it'll be with somebody, so there's nothing to be worried about."

Strop was involved in one of Maddon's most controversial decisions last year. After taking over as closer for the injured Brandon Morrow, Strop was allowed to bat after the Cubs took a one-run lead in the 10th inning of a Sept. 13 game against the Nationals.

Strop hit a rocket toward third but pulled a hamstring while trying to beat out a double play, sidelining him for the rest of the stretch run.

Maddon was eviscerated on Twitter and talk radio for letting Strop hit for himself. He had to explain his rationale again last month during a question-and-answer session with fans at the Cubs Convention.

"Had he been thrown out at first base and not pulled a hamstring, nobody would be asking these questions," Maddon said. "It's just one of those things that happens. Injuries occur. I learned from Marcel Lachemann many years ago, and I totally believe this: You don't treat them like China dolls. They're well-trained athletes. It's one of those situations that happens. I really do believe it was the right thing to do in that moment. ... And retrospectively, it had no impact on the race whatsoever."

"Our bullpen, the guys we picked up, did really well. When things occur in a game, you only have that one shot in that moment to make that decision, and a lot of times when it doesn't work out, people don't like that. And that's an outcome-bias situation."

Maddon might be the best manager we've ever seen in Chicago. But if there's one thing we've learned from Twitter, it's that no manager is smarter than the fan watching from his couch.





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Other men

Man wouldn't dare try to forecast the future, managers are in for a stormy ride in 2019



RICK RENTERIA

2 SEASONS WITH THE WHITE SOX: 129-195 (.398)

Waiting & praying

While Joe Maddon is one of the most successful managers of his era, Rick Renteria has been one of the least. He has a .416 winning percentage in three years of managing, including one with the Cubs, and never has come close to finishing .500.

He has enjoyed five months with a winning record out of 18: June and August 2014 with the Cubs and April and September 2017 and August 2018 with the Sox.

Renteria's winning percentage is 29th-worst all time according to baseball-reference.com. But he has led two rebuilding teams, so it's unfair to lump him in with that group just yet.

The Sox haven't judged Renteria on his record, and they quietly gave him an extension last spring. It wasn't until November that general manager Rick Hahn revealed Renteria's contract runs through 2020, a year longer than his original deal.

The Sox believe his teaching ability is perfect for the rebuild, and Renteria has a great relationship with his young players.

But at some point the Sox have to start winning, and Year 3 of the rebuild will be an important one for Renteria, with or without the still-unsigned Manny Machado.

The American League Central comprises the Indians and four rebuilding teams, so the Sox should shoot for at least .500.

Another 95- to 100-loss season could bring questions about whether Renteria is the right man for the job, regardless of whether he's signed for another year.

Yoan Moncada, Lucas Giolito and some of the other kids have to show signs of becoming the players they've been hyped as. Eloy Jimenez has to be the real

deal when he arrives this year. Ditto Dylan Cease.

"The guys we do have are real — I'll continue to repeat that — they are real talent," Renteria said. "We're getting closer. The guys at the major-league level, combined with the guys that are coming through and hopefully will be with us soon, will put us in a real good place."

For the Sox to improve drastically, first baseman Jose Abreu, entering his walk year, must rebound from injuries and a subpar year to prove he's still an integral part of the future. Otherwise there's no sense in keeping him around.

Renteria's biggest task will be persuading Abreu to be the designated hitter more often now that Yonder Alonso, a better defensive player, is on the roster. Renteria admitted Abreu has "always disliked" the idea of playing DH but seems to be coming around.

Renteria's second-most difficult task could be convincing Sox fans he can deftly handle a bullpen with two talented late-inning options, Kelvin Herrera and Alex Colome.

Asked by a fan at SoxFest if the Sox could win 80 games, Renteria was his usual optimistic self.

"I do think the back end of our bullpen has been tremendously increased in terms of its ability to close out ballgames," Renteria replied. "We'll still manage the situations to give us the best outputs, but we have to play clean baseball, and that's what we're striving to do. (Eighty wins) is very possible, absolutely."

It's not much to shoot for, but you have to start somewhere. Rest assured we should know a lot more about Renteria's long-term future by the end of Year 3.

"The guys we do have are real — I'll continue to repeat that — they are real talent." — Renteria

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9 QUESTIONS

The White Sox

BY PAUL SULLIVAN | Chicago Tribune

The White Sox still might make a few key additions before the season, so it's difficult to predict what to expect in 2019, other than the much-anticipated debut of top prospect Eloy Jimenez.

But as spring training beckons at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz., here are nine questions to get things started:

1

Where's Manny?

Last we heard from Dan Lozano, Manny Machado's agent was ripping a couple of national reporters after an anonymous source revealed the Sox had offered Machado \$175 million over seven years. That was about \$100 million or so less than what the Machado camp expected, but it's the only offer that has been reported.

Since then, radio silence. The Sox seemingly are a finalist for Machado at the very least, but whether he'll show up at the Ranch one day without warning, a la Dexter Fowler during Cubs spring training in 2016, remains to be seen.

2

If Machado isn't signed, where do the Sox stand in the AL Central?

Probably in third place, a few games under .500. The offseason additions to date — Ivan Nova, Yonder Alonso, Jon Jay, Kelvin Herrera, Alex Colome and Brandon Guyer — and the maturation of Yoan Moncada, Reynaldo Lopez and Lucas Giolito should ensure the Sox are not a 100-loss team again.

"If the guys carrying the water are veterans in their free-agent year and they're the ones putting up big numbers and helping us win ballgames, it'd make for an enjoyable summer," general manager Rick Hahn said. "But it means a little bit less toward our long-term health than if it's the young guys taking a step forward."

That said, the AL Central is the worst division in baseball, so how good the Sox can be might depend on whether they can beat up on their division rivals.

3

Can Jimenez stay healthy?

One reason the Cubs were willing to trade one of their top prospects to the Sox was the possibility Jimenez would be injury-prone like former prospect Jorge Soler. Jimenez battled a pectoral injury in spring training last year and suffered a strained left adductor (thigh) in July with Triple-A Charlotte.

"I've been working in the gym to get stronger," Jimenez said at SoxFest. "That's one of my goals this year — getting healthy and playing the full season."

So why have the injuries piled up? "It just happened," he said. "I've been working hard and I can't control that."

4

Who's the fifth starter?

Dylan Covey and Manny Banuelos will compete for the final spot behind Carlos Rodon, Nova, Lopez and Giolito. Banuelos, a 5-foot-10 left-hander, was once a top prospect whom the Sox acquired in November from the Dodgers after he went 8-5 with a 3.55 ERA and 109 strikeouts in 18 starts at Triple A.

Top pitching prospect Dylan Cease figures to force his way onto the roster at some point. Once he's up, Cease will stick.

5

Can Moncada reduce his strikeouts?

The switch-hitting Moncada finished with a major-league-worst 217 strikeouts, hitting only two home runs with 57 Ks against lefties. Manager Rick Renteria said the way Moncada was gripping the bat "limited a little bit of coverage on the outer half of the plate," and he lauded the youngster for coming to Glendale after the season to work on his hitting.

"This desire to come down to Arizona as soon as the season was over showed us he understood the things he needs to correct," Renteria said. "This young man has a chance to be an impactful major-league baseball player, who we see as a 23-year-old who doesn't know yet who he is."

One thing we know he's not is a leadoff hitter, at least not yet. Jay's arrival should allow Moncada to figure things out lower in the lineup.

6

Could the Sox adopt the "opener" strategy?

The Rays popularized the strategy of using relievers to open games before inserting the starter, and Hahn said it's something the Sox discussed even

before last season.

"Obviously we've seen the success teams have had with it," he said. "You need to have depth. You need to have players with options you can sort of rotate in and out so you always have that fresh arm available."

It doesn't really sound like Renteria's style, but Hahn called it "an arrow in his quiver, something he can do in the right situation." Stay tuned.

7

Can Michael Kopech return by September?

Kopech has begun throwing again after reconstructive elbow surgery in September, but there's no chance the Sox would risk bringing back their prized prospect in 2019.

No matter how strong he looks during his rehab.

8

Can Yolmer Sanchez top his self-soaking celebration?

A video of Sanchez dumping a Gatorade cooler on his own head after Trayce Thompson's walk-off homer in May quickly went viral, and Sanchez continued the stunt through the season.

Does he ever get tired of hearing about it?

"Not really," Sanchez said. "I enjoy it and the fans like it, so I'm going to keep doing it until I find something better."

As long as Yolmer's around, things will never get dull.

9

Will the Sox acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the Black Sox scandal?

Hahn laughed and said he had no idea when a fan asked if they'll have a "Shoeless" Joe Jackson bobblehead promotion. But Hahn then got serious and added: "There's really not an element of the club's history that we shy away from."

If that's the case, a Black Sox Night would be a cool promotion — not to mention a celebration of the 40th anniversary of Disco Demolition Night, which occurred on July 12, 1979.

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Paying amusing homage

Whiting's Mascot Hall of Fame celebrates playful aspect of sports

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
Chicago Tribune

At the end of November, in the middle of the night, a few weeks before the Mascot Hall of Fame opened in Whiting, the large, colorful snot that dangles from the front of the building blew away and rolled down Front Street.

Now please note: There is not a single metaphorical thing about that sentence. The day after Christmas, an actual Mascot Hall of Fame debuted in this small industrial dot of 5,000 outside Chicago, and on the facade of its \$18 million complex is a giant purple mascot with a Mt. Rushmore schnoz, from which extends a snot the size of a bathtub.

A storm sent it flying, then bowling down the street around 2 a.m., past the recycling center, past the Whiting Little League field, past the Roosevelt Club building.

"We realized it only after the police called," Orestes Hernandez, the Hall's executive director, said. "We got this phone call — 'Uh, your, er, your booger is rolling down the street.'"

It was hard to miss.

The Mascot Hall of Fame, a decidedly irreverent monument to sports mascots, has been a bright spot for Whiting — a literal bright spot. About 25 minutes south of downtown Chicago, pull off I-94, and the palate here is gray on gray.

Shuttles from local casinos shush past, caked in road salt. The wind kicks bitterly off Lake Michigan, smoke trails from chimneys in hard-right plumes and everything appears to begin and end with the nearby BP oil refinery, a sprawling maze of steel and flames reaching into the sky.

Everything but the Mascot Hall of Fame. Sure, it sits against rusted brown railroad tracks, an arm's reach from slow-moving freight, and yeah, it shares a parking lot with the public works department and animal shelter. And yes, it is a sports hall of fame that celebrates the furry, goofy and non-competitive.

But it's also colorful and charming, and with 25,000 square feet and three floors, surprisingly sleek, as unexpected as a bucket of popcorn dropped on your head by Benny the Bull.

"I call this our take on bronze busts," Hernandez said, staring up at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade-size balloon heads of mascots suspended in the main foyer, greeting you as you enter. "We're not going to become some repository for old, dusty sports objects."

Don't think austere.

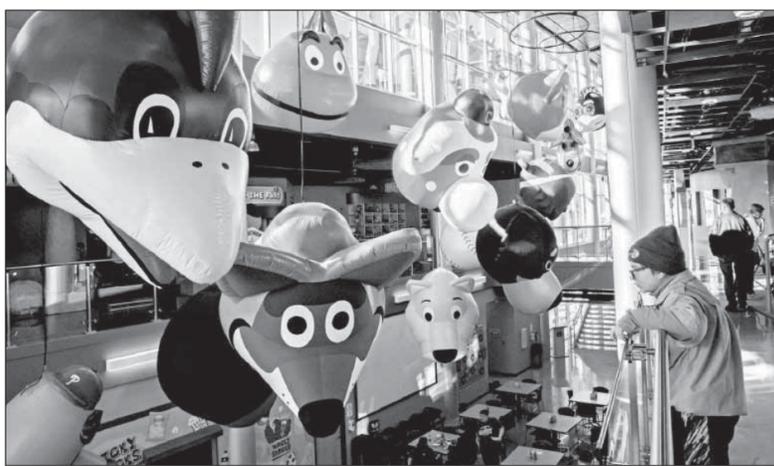
Think strange. Think a somewhat modest shrine to the playfulness of sports marketing mashed against a more expansive, education-minded children's museum. (The snot, which looks more like the world's largest tangle of rubber bands, is the museum's intentional way of telegraphing that playfulness.)

You do learn things: Such as how it feels like to sweat inside a mascot costume while being poked for autographs, and that mascots ("by tradition") have four fingers, and that White Sox mascots Ribbie and Roobarb only lasted seven years "due to verbal abuse."

There is an exhibit that asks you to strap on 40-pound sandbags (to approximate the weight of a costume), then dance and monitor your heart rate. It's not easy being fuchsia, or having a baseball for a head, while entertaining thousands.

And of course there are a few dusty old objects.

The Hall — which honors both professional and college sports mascots (but will eventually include high school and even non-sports-associated corporate mascots, if the promoters promise) — has a Mascot of the Month display, a single full-body suit on a mannequin, on loan from a team (right now it's Moonchester, the blue alien mascot of the Manchester City football club in England). There are the Phillie Phanatic's oversize sneakers, and the disembodied head of the Cleveland Indian's fluorescent swamp creature Slider, and the tail of the



Whiting touts its Mascot Hall of Fame as an ideal destination for children. Hobart residents Jeremiah Dubuque, above, and Levi Dubuque visited the museum in January.

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Baltimore Oriole's Bird, and part of the dinosaur shell that Dinger of the Colorado Rockies hatched from in 1994. There is memorabilia of the University of Wisconsin's Bucky Badger and Utah Jazz's Jazz Bear.

But the focus is less historical than interactive. So a virtual T-shirt cannon, a Mr. Potato Head-like build-a-mascot lab, a sneakily challenging game that asks you to pair mascots with teams. (A little regional stereotyping comes in handy here — naturally the Sasquatch mascot belongs to Arkansas.)

And everything is hosted by Reggy, the Hall's personal mascot, a "purple party dude" of undetermined species. (His hair resembles a small order of fries.) Reggy is the Hall's storytelling vehicle, so ubiquitous here that he even gets an origin: He was a mascot without a team, lonesome and on the skids (he wallows in the gutter in one video), until (and I am not making this up) he stumbles on Whiting's annual Pierogi Fest, at which he is welcomed into the embrace of traveling babushkas.

Weird thing is, that's not far from the truth.

The Mascot Hall of Fame came to Whiting on a whim. A consultant the city hired was searching for something to do with its undeveloped waterfront. They considered a Whiting historical museum or a museum about the history of Standard Oil (which had founded the Whiting refinery in 1889). Joe Stahura, mayor since 2004, said: "We ultimately determined we needed to do something different than rely on a refinery for the rest of our days. We are sitting on 3 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline."

The Pierogi Fest, which draws 250,000 visitors in July, helps cover the summer, "but we needed something to extend into cold-weather months, something to put bodies on our streets so the business district could survive."

Then they discovered Dave Raymond, a Pennsylvania marketing executive who had performed as the Philadelphia Phillies' Phillie Phanatic mascot from 1978 to 1993.

Retired from the Phillies, Raymond was running a marketing firm that specialized in developing mascots for sports organizations; his successes include Burnie, the Miami Heat's anthropomorphic fireball, and Gritty, the Flyers' disturbed-looking viral sensation.

In 2003, at the Milwaukee Brewer's Miller Park, during the usual race between large, teetering sausage mascots, then-Pittsburgh Pirates first baseman Randall Simon bonked Guido the Italian Sausage (really a college student named Mandy Block) on the head with a bat. Major League Baseball fined him \$2,000 and suspended him three games. But more important: Dave Raymond was watching.

Seizing on the Milwaukee debacle (and hoping to draw publicity to his business), Raymond led a march through Philadelphia, demanding rights for mascots. This led, he explained, to a wider discussion of mascot appreciation, which led in turn to the creation of an online Hall of Fame in



2005. Its initial inductees included the San Diego Chicken, the Phoenix Suns' Gorilla and the Phanatic.

Raymond established a virtual Mascot Hall of Fame in 2005 and long expressed dreams to make it a brick-and-mortar hall. Stahura cold-called Raymond and asked if he might consider Whiting for his nascent plans. Raymond had never heard of the place. He assumed it was a joke, and Stahura assured him it wasn't. That was five years ago.

The Mascot Hall of Fame became a Whiting city project, developed with a combination of tax increment financing redevelopment funds and corporate donations.

The mayor said that when he explained his plan to constituents "the look on their faces was 'What the heck?' They couldn't get past the (Hall of Fame) misnomer to see it would be more of a children's museum." He told them that a Mascot Hall of Fame fit well with the city's self-image and Pierogi Fest, which he calls "whimsical and wacky."

"Oh, I think there were a lot of naysayers in Whiting," said Kathleen Ulm, who co-owns the Junk Yard T-shirt shop down the street from the Hall. "I mean, it's big, it's gaudy, it's loud — it's a good time. But initially, people felt the money could have been better spent."

Raymond, in a phone interview from his home in Pennsylvania, said, "Mascots are the unsung heroes of sports and communities," noting their good works at hospitals and parades. On the other hand, mascots are also branding, a gateway into a sports franchise; not to mention, with fixed expressions and unblinking eyes, they can be nightmare-inducing — the Wall Street Journal referred to Gritty as "satan's armpit."

As Whiting raised money for its Hall, and Raymond began a tour of sports organizations, meeting with marketing executives to persuade them to support the Hall (by lending their copyrighted mascots), not everyone could envision his dream.

"To be frank," Raymond said. "I would explain what the Hall would be and you could see them thinking, at the end of the day, this thing would be in a garage in New Jersey, like a couple of smelly mascot costumes in the corner and a plaque on the wall."

He batted about .500, he said. A number of organizations said sure: The Phillies, Raymond's old employers, and Cleveland Indians lent the use of mascots (and made six-figure donations to the Whiting attraction). In Chicago, the Sox, the Blackhawks and Bulls also got behind

"It's big, it's gaudy, it's loud — it's a good time."

— Whiting business owner Kathleen Ulm on the Mascot Hall of Fame

the Hall, allowing their mascots' likenesses to be included. Michelle McComas, director of entertainment and events for the Bulls, said the team was "honored" to have Benny the Bull part of the Hall, regarding his induction this summer as a "fun celebration" that would "introduce even more people" to the NBA mascot.

The Cubs, conversely, allowed their mascot, Clark, to take part in the Hall's opening ceremony, but Clark (and the Cubs logo) is nowhere to be seen in the Hall. Staley Da Bear, the Bears mascot for the last 15 seasons, is also notably absent. The Bears declined to comment, and the Cubs didn't respond to interview requests for this story. Raymond said that, in general, some clubs couldn't see an "advantage to exposing their brand outside their immediate area" while others "wanted to know they would get a dollar return if, say Clark, took part, and I can't guarantee that."

It's worth noting: Not every sports organization that agreed to be part of the Hall of Fame, financially or otherwise, has a mascot inducted or set to be inducted. (Raymond said they are not a "pay-to-play" organization.) Indeed, the San Diego Chicken, of Padres fame, was inducted, yet his likeness cannot be found in Whiting.

This is because the Chicken, aka Ted Giannoulas of San Diego (who owns and controls rights to the character), said in a phone interview that he already has Chicken memorabilia in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum in Grand Rapids, Mich., among other museums, and he would rather not "dilute" the Chicken's branding by allowing it a place in Whiting.

"In the context of global events, this is a First World problem," he said. "They're doing just fine without me."

Though both Giannoulas and Raymond deny it, Hernandez, executive director of the Hall, said "from what I understand there is some animosity between (Ted) and Dave, but whatever that is I don't really care. Get over it — that Chicken needs to be included in this Hall of Fame."

So at the moment, to walk around the Mascot Hall of Fame is to be reminded of what's there and what, glaringly, is missing. Mr. Met, of the New York Mets, and Brutus Buckeye, of Ohio State — included. The Chicken, the Cubs, the Bears, the Brewers' anthropomorphic sausages — not included.

The Hall is also light on artifacts, such as, well, furry costumes — officials say this is because of the demands of maintaining historical artifacts (though more memorabilia likely will be added). And the actual Hall, where the 21 inductees are honored, is a single-glass case looking out on a not-especially-magisterial three-way intersection in Whiting.

Still, there is promise.

The city of Whiting, which operates the Hall as its own municipal department, owns licensing rights to Reggy for the next 10 years (after that, Raymond gets them). Mayor Stahura said annual revenue of \$1.6 million from the Hall of Fame should sustain it. He sounds confident. The grand opening isn't until April, the latest induction ceremony isn't until June.

But the residents of Whiting, said Joel Bender, co-owner of Mind Benders Puzzles & Games in the nearby business district, "have come around to embrace the museum as a positive thing to do for our kids." Hernandez, a former executive with the Miami Marlins (who moved from Miami to Whiting about two months ago), anticipates 50,000 visitors a year. He imagines hosting lectures on the history of mascots, good and bad. A mascot camp already is scheduled for March.

"What we need to ... become is the home for mascots," he said. What that requires, despite the purple fur and the oversized shoes, is to be taken seriously.

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		MIL NBCSCH, AM-670		MEM 7 WGN-9, AM-670			
	DET 2 NBCSCH, AM-720		@BOS 6 NBCSCH, AM-720		NJ 7:30 WGN-9, AM-720		CBJ NBCSCH, AM-720

SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	
2:30 p.m. Lakers at 76ers	ABC-7
7:30 p.m. Heat at Warriors	NBA TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
11 a.m. Holy Cross at Lafayette	CBS2N
Noon Ohio State at Indiana	CBS-2
1 p.m. UConn at Memphis	CBS2N
3 p.m. Loyola at Valparaiso	ESPNU
3 p.m. Cincinnati at Houston	ESPN
5 p.m. Georgia Tech at Notre Dame 1000	ESPNU, WMVP-AM

5:30 p.m. Northwestern at Iowa BTN, WGN-AM 720

7 p.m. Stanford at Oregon ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m. Florida State at Notre Dame ESPN

11 a.m. Florida at Georgia ESPNU

1 p.m. Northwestern at Minnesota BTN

1 p.m. Tennessee at Mississippi State ESPN

1 p.m. Houston at South Florida ESPNU

1 p.m. Wichita State at Cincinnati ESPNU

1 p.m. Seton Hall at Creighton FS2

2 p.m. Georgetown at DePaul NBCSCH+

3 p.m. Iowa at Ohio State BTN

3 p.m. Oregon at Stanford ESPNU

BOXING

6 p.m. Jose Ramirez vs. Jose Zepeda ESPN

GOLF

Noon Pebble Beach Pro-Am Golf Channel

2 p.m. Pebble Beach Pro-Am CBS-2

2 p.m. Oasis Championship Golf Channel

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

5 p.m. UCLA at Washington ESPN2

NASCAR

2 p.m. NASCAR: Advance Auto Parts Clash WPWR-50

NHL

11:30 a.m. Blues at Predators NBC-5

2 p.m. Red Wings at Blackhawks NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720

6 p.m. Maple Leafs at Rangers NBCSN

BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:30 a.m. Werder Bremen vs. Augsburg FS1

11 a.m. Dusseldorf vs Stuttgart FS1

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

7:25 a.m. Tottenham Hotspur vs. Leicester City NBCSN

9:55 a.m. Manchester City vs. Chelsea NBCSN

SERIE A SOCCER

10:55 a.m. Sassuolo vs. Juventus ESPN2

TENNIS

10:30 a.m. MontPELLier ATP, Cordoba-ATP Tennis Channel

COLLEGE WRESTLING

11 a.m. Northwestern at Michigan BTN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW AP MEN'S TOP 25 FARED

- Tennessee (22-1) beat Florida 73-61. Next: vs. South Carolina, Wednesday.
- Duke (21-2) beat No. 3 Virginia 81-71. Next: at No. 16 Louisville, Tuesday.
- Virginia (20-2) lost to No. 2 Duke 81-71. Next: at No. 8 North Carolina, Monday.
- Gonzaga (22-2) vs. Saint Mary's. Next: at Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
- Kentucky (20-3) beat Mississippi State 71-67. Next: No. 21 LSU, Tuesday.
- Nevada (23-1) beat New Mexico 91-62. Next: at Wyoming, Saturday.
- Michigan (22-2) beat No. 19 Wisconsin 61-52. Next: at Penn State, Tuesday.
- North Carolina (19-4) beat Miami 88-85. OT. Next: vs. No. 3 Virginia, Monday.
- Michigan State (19-5) beat Minnesota 79-55. Next: at No. 19 Wisconsin, Tuesday.
- Marquette (20-4) beat No. 14 Villanova 66-65. Next: at DePaul, Tuesday.
- Buffalo Tech (16-5) lost to Clemson 59-51. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
- Houston (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Cincinnati, Sunday.
- Kansas (18-6) beat Oklahoma State 84-72. Next: at TCU, Monday.
- Villanova (19-5) lost to No. 10 Marquette 66-65. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.
- Butler (17-6) beat Nebraska 81-62. Next: at No. 24 Maryland, Tuesday.
- Louisville (17-7) lost to No. 22 Florida State 80-75. OT. Next: vs. No. 2 Duke, Tuesday.
- Iowa State (18-6) lost to TCU 92-83. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
- Texas Tech (19-5) beat Oklahoma 66-54. Next: at Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
- 19 Wisconsin (17-5) lost to No. 7 Michigan 61-52. Next: vs. Michigan State, Tuesday.
- Iowa (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday.
- 21 LSU (19-4) beat Auburn 83-78. Next: at No. 5 Kentucky, Tuesday.
- Florida State (18-5) beat No. 16 Louisville 80-75. OT. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Wednesday.
- Buffalo (20-3) beat Central Michigan 90-76. Next: at Akron, Tuesday.
- Maryland (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Purdue, Tuesday.
- Cincinnati (20-3) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Houston, Sunday.

HOW AP WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED

- Baylor (21-1) beat TCU 89-71. Next: at Kansas State, Wednesday.
- Louisville (22-1) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Monday.
- Oregon (21-1) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Stanford, Sunday.
- Notre Dame (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Florida State, Sunday.
- UConn (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 South Carolina, Monday.
- Mississippi State (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Sunday.
- Oregon State (19-4) did not play. Next: at California, Sunday.
- Marquette (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. Villanova, Sunday.
- N.C. State (21-2) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Rutgers, Sunday.
- Maryland (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.
- Stanford (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Oregon, Sunday.
- South Carolina (17-5) did not play. Next: at No. 5 UConn, Monday.
- Gonzaga (22-2) beat Portland 92-63. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
- Iowa (18-5) at Kansas. Next: at Oklahoma State, Tuesday.
- Syracuse (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Sunday.
- Utah (18-4) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Sunday.
- Utah (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. UCLA, Sunday.
- Texas A&M (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.
- Kentucky (19-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Monday.
- Arizona State (16-6) at Washington, oppd., snow. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.
- Rutgers (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Maryland, Sunday.
- Florida State (18-5) beat West Virginia 77-61. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
- Michigan State (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Sunday.
- Iowa State (20-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Notre Dame, Sunday.
- Miami (20-5) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

MIDWEST

Ball St. 79, W. Michigan 59

Colgate 74, Xavier (Md.) 72

Cleveland St. 78, Milwaukee 68

Drake 83, N. Iowa 77

E. Michigan 57, N. Illinois 49

Chicago 82, Delaware St. 52

Michigan 61, Wisconsin 52

Michigan St. 79, Minnesota 55

N. Dakota St. 81, Denver 71

S. Dakota St. 80, N. Dakota 55

TCU 92, Iowa St. 76

Texas A&M 68, Missouri 59

Teledash 78, Bowling Green 71

Youngstown St. 96, Green Bay 77

EAST

American U. 71, Army 68

Binghamton 68, New Hampshire 61

Brown 78, Princeton 70

Bucknell 82, Boston U. 76

Buffalo 90, Cent. Michigan 76

Butler 73, Georgetown 69

CCSU 77, Robert Morris 68

Colgate 75, Loyola (Md.) 72

Col. of Charleston 86, Drexel 84

Dartmouth 82, Columbia 66

Dayton 77, Rhode Island 48

Delaware 74, Fordham 66

Fairleigh Dickinson 84

St. Francis Brooklyn 73

Hofstra 93, William & Mary 87

Lehigh 83, Navy 57

Monmouth (N.J.) 61, Fairfield 49

Mt. St. Mary's 76, Sacred Heart 73

Northwestern 72, Elon 60, OT

Providence 70, St. John's 56

St. Francis (Pa.) 84, Bryant 75

Syracuse 67, Boston College 56

Towson 66, James Madison 59

VCU 85, St. Bonaventure 55

Vermont 67, Albany (N.Y.) 49

Wagner 68, LIU Brooklyn 65

Yale 78, Penn 65

SOUTH

Ark. St. 66, Jackson St. 52

Ark.-Pine Bluff 75, Alabama St. 69

Austin Peay 94, E. Illinois 86

Beltmont 86, Morehead St. 86

Bethune-Cookman 84, Norfolk St. 76

Campbell 82, SC-Upstate 66

WVolves 16, UNC-Asheville 75

Clemson 59, Virginia Tech 51

Duke 81, Virginia 71

Florida St. 80, Louisville 75, OT

Furman 91,ETSU 61

Bucknell 82, Boston U. 76

Howard 70, Florida A&M 66

Kennesaw St. 63, NJIT 62

Kentucky 71, Mississippi St. 67

Liberty 74, Florida Gulf Coast 67

Lipscomb 86, Jacksonville 77

Mississippi 80, Georgia 64

A&S 82, Delaware St. 52

NC Cent. 78, Md.-E. Shore 53

Nicholls 64, New Orleans 63

N. Carolina 88, Miami 85, OT

Laval at Belleville, late

Rochester at Utica, late

San Antonio at Iowa, late

Tucson at Rockford, late

WVScranton at Grand Rapids, late

Hartford at Lehigh Valley, late

Stockton at Colorado, late

San Diego at Bakersfield, late

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

12 (1) Wolves at Grand Rapids, 3

Binghamton at Cleveland, 2

Texas at Manhattan, 2

Utah Tech at Bridgeport, 2

Hartford at Lehigh Valley, 2:05

Syracuse at Providence, 2:05

Belleville at Toronto, 3

Saint Mary's at Ontario, 3

Charlotte at Hershey, 4

LATEST LINE

NBA

pregame.com

at Dallas off

at Philadelphia 7

at Sacramento off

Orlando 1

at Golden State 1 1/2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

at Indiana 2

at George Mason 8

at SMU Pk

at Memphis 7

at Houston 5

Loyola 2 1/2

at Missouri St. 5 1/2

at South Florida 13

at Notre Dame 5 1/2

at Oregon 7 1/2

at Iona 8

at St. Peter's Pk

at South Dakota 8

at Weber 6

NHL

at Blackhawks off

at Nashville off

at Boston +185

Carolina -133

at NY Islanders off

at Florida off

at NY Rangers off

at Toronto off

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB W T L GF GA PTS

Liverpool 20 5 1 59 15 65

Man United 20 2 4 68 20 62

Tottenham 19 0 6 51 24 57

Man United 15 6 5 52 35 51

Chelsea 15 5 5 45 23 50

Arsenal 15 5 6 53 37 50

Wolverhampton 11 9 3 32 28

Watford 10 7 9 34 34 37

Everton 9 6 12 36 39 33

West Ham 9 6 11 32 39 33

Bournemouth 10 3 13 37 47 33

Leicester 9 5 11 30 32

Crystal Palace 7 6 13 27 34 27

Brighton 7 6 13 28 39 27

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Cardi B
 RYAN KANG/AP



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Surrounded by classic sculptures, Durand Jones and the Indications performs at the Art Institute during Lollapalooza. Music will again fill the museum during the Midwinter event.

MIDWINTER MYSTERY

How did a rock fest end up in an art museum?

By **STEVE JOHNSON**
 Chicago Tribune

These are just a few of the ways the upcoming Midwinter will be different from popular music festivals you may be used to:

- There will be no forced mass retreats when thunderstorms roll in.

- The bill will not include Coldplay, Bruno Mars or other middle-of-the-road mass-audience draws.

- It will be challenging for underage concertgoers to bury vodka on the grounds ahead of time.

Pitchfork, which is partnering with the marble-floored Art Institute of Chicago to present this unprecedented festival in the auditoriums and gallery spaces of the museum, isn't even calling it a "festival."

Whatever the label, the Presidents Day weekend pairing of world-renowned art museum and cusp-of-contemporary-culture concert promoter raises all manner of fascinating questions: How did such a mash-up come to pass? How will it actually work in an environment where patrons typically whisper when they talk at all? Will there be drink coasters set out on the statue pedestals, amplifiers amid the reliquaries?

But first let's deal with the matter of terminology.

"We can call it an 'event,'" says Adam Krefman, senior director of festivals and activations for Pitchfork, the Chicago-based online music magazine that runs the popular July festival bearing its name. "'Festival' has become shorthand for all kinds of things in pop culture that I think don't necessarily apply to Pitchfork in the summer and definitely will not apply to Midwinter."

The list of artists is certainly more avant-garde than you would find at the summer Pitchfork fest: Laurie Anderson, experimentalist William Basinski with the Chicago Philharmonic, and "post-rock quintet" Tortoise, to name a few, but also acts like Joey Purp, Panda Bear, Perfume



Art Institute visitors applaud Durand Jones and the Indications during an unannounced set.

"I think the initial thought was, 'No, no, no, no, no. This is not the right venue for that.'"

— Allison Langley, head of paintings conservation at the Art Institute

Genius and Deerhunter.

So will the festival — event! — be more refined, as befits a venue in which Post-Impressionist masterpieces and centuries-old Indian temple relics are part of the decor?

Krefman hesitates, but then says, "Yeah, I think that's fair to say. It being in the winter and in the Art Institute, it's a more austere environment and people are going to behave differently, I would imagine. But I don't know. They might not."

When it sends out pre-fest reminders to ticketholders — three-day passes are sold out, with some Friday and more Sunday single-day tickets still available as of midweek — Pitchfork will include special cautions.

"We will definitely include some messaging about, you know, Just remember there's priceless art everywhere you turn," he says.

That warning is the crux of one of the biggest mysteries of this event? Why would the Art Institute, which already does quite nicely for itself by, you know, showing off an encyclopedic art collection, want to risk bringing in rock music fans, who do things like drink and dance and, even occasionally, still, form mosh pits?

"It's an exciting initiative, for sure," says Michael Green, the museum's associate director for live arts and lectures, "unique within the world of art museums."

The very question misunderstands where museums are going, say Green and the other Art Institute specialists working to make Midwinter function for both visitors and for the permanent residents of its halls.

Just as the institutions have adapted to the cell phone age by finally encouraging photography and photo-sharing

after some years of puzzlement, the more forward-thinking ones are now embracing new ways to use their space and deliver the collection to more eyeballs.

"Many museums have sort of late-night type events," says Green, who has upped the AIC's game in that area in his three years there. "A lot of museums are really focusing on live arts performances, bringing music into the museum. And the Midwinter event is an extension of that kind of programming."

Indeed, last spring the famed British Museum hosted a music festival, albeit classically themed, in its halls, and the Rosetta Stone, to name one artifact there, escaped unscathed.

"When you listen to music you start to look at things in a different way," British Museum Director Hartwig Fischer said in a video introducing that event. "When you look at objects you start to listen to music in a different way. And it's exactly that kind of interplay of different senses that, if you like, stimulate each other and make the experience the museum can offer even more intense."

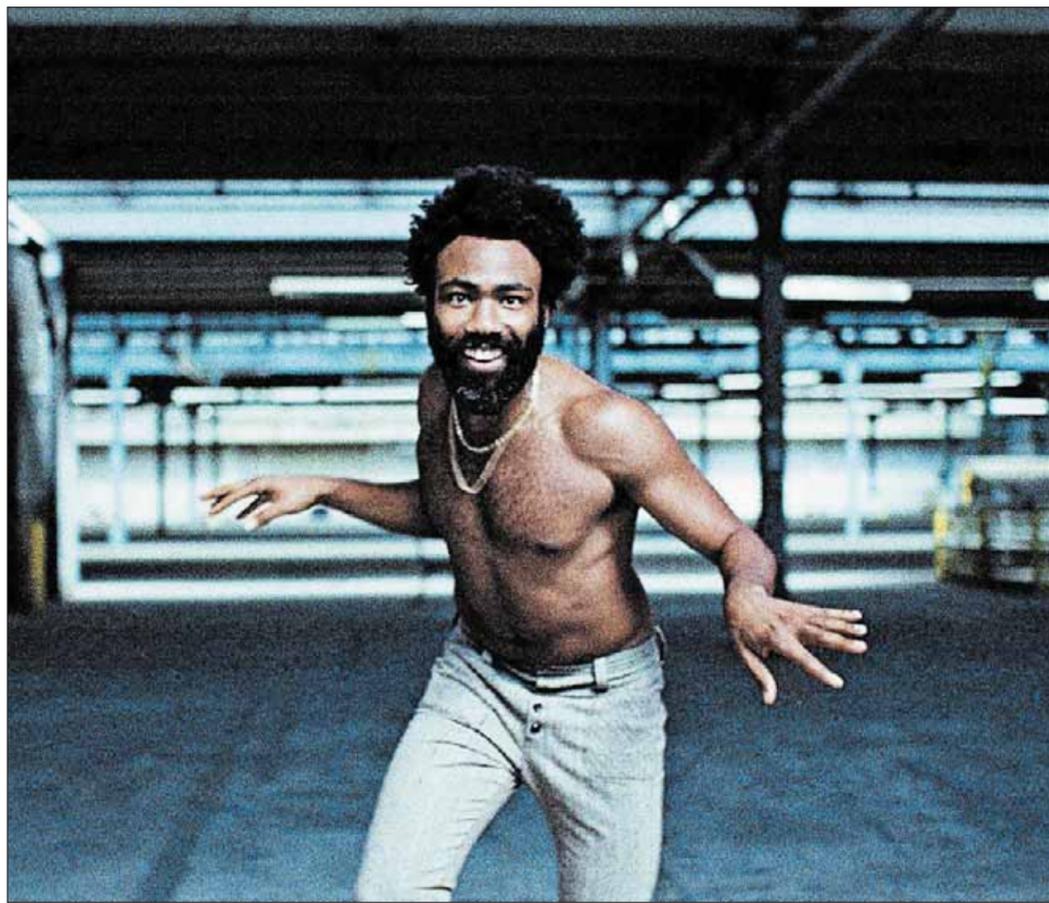
More succinctly, bringing musicians in "creates a conversation between different disciplines," says Green.

He and Pitchfork had been talking about getting the two institutions together for some time, representatives from both sides say, but plans started really taking shape beginning about last March.

"Pitchfork being a Chicago-based cultural entity, I thought something quite exciting could happen between that partnership," Green says.

From Pitchfork's side, "this became our priority in Chicago, like a winter-time event," recalls Krefman. "We were like, 'Well, let's just throw it at them and let's see what they say.' And we had thought it through a little bit and had a handful of ideas on potential solutions, and then Michael was really game and very quickly got the Art Institute on board."

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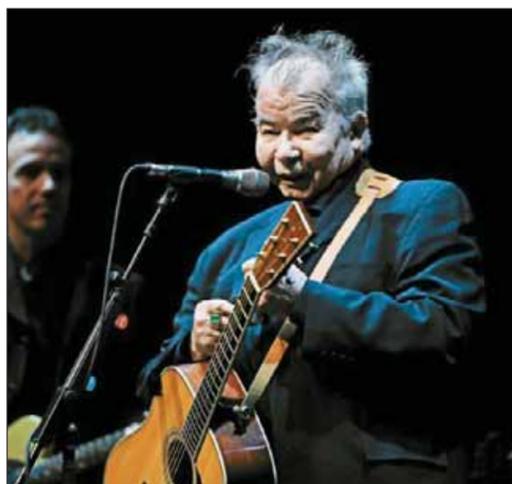
RCA RECORDS

The music video for Childish Gambino's "This Is America" set the world abuzz for its use of overt political imagery.



NEAL PRESTON/WARNER BROS.

Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga in "A Star Is Born."



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John Prine performs at the Chicago Theatre.

61ST GRAMMY AWARDS

Who should win, who will, and why



GREG KOT
Tribune music critic

At the 61st annual Grammy Awards on Sunday (7 p.m. on CBS-TV), there will likely be more performances than actual award presentations (most of the 84 winners will be announced before the actual broadcast). Here are a few predictions and comments in key categories. Please note that only recordings released from Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2018, were eligible:



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Chris Stapleton performs at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.



SCOTT DUDELSON/GETTY

Singer Annie Clark of St. Vincent performs a solo acoustic set on Jan. 13 in Los Angeles.

Record of the Year

(Award to artist, producer and engineers)

- "I Like It," Cardi B, Bad Bunny & J Balvin
- "The Joke," Brandi Carlile
- "This is America," Childish Gambino
- "God's Plan," Drake
- "Shallow," Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper
- "All the Stars," Kendrick Lamar & SZA
- "Rockstar," Post Malone featuring 21 Savage
- "The Middle," Zedd, Maren Morris & Grey
- Who Should Win:** "This is America," Childish Gambino
- Who Will Win:** "Shallow," Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper

"Shallow" looks like a strong bet because of the popularity (\$400 million-plus in worldwide revenue) of the "A Star Is Born" remake, and the Cooper-Gaga power-couple buzz. But Gambino made the year's most potent piece of mainstream pop music.

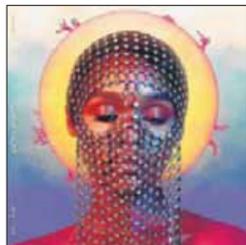
Album of the Year

- "Invasion of Privacy," Cardi B
- "By The Way, I Forgive You," Brandi Carlile
- "Scorpion," Drake
- "H.E.R.," H.E.R.
- "Beerbongs & Bentleys," Post Malone
- "Dirty Computer," Janelle Monae
- "Golden Hour," Kacey Musgraves



DISNEY

"Black Panther: The Album, Music from and inspired by" is up for Album of the Year.



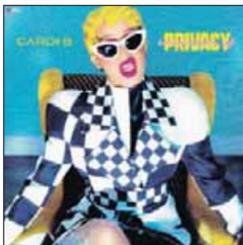
BAD BOY RECORDS

"Dirty Computer" by Janelle Monae.



REPUBLIC RECORDS

"Anthem of the Peaceful Army" by Greta Van Fleet.



ATLANTIC RECORDS

"Invasion of Privacy" by Cardi B.

Musgraves
"Black Panther: The Album, Music from and inspired by," Kendrick Lamar and others
Who should win: "Dirty Computer," Janelle Monae
Who will win: "Black Panther: The Album, Music from and inspired by," Kendrick Lamar and others
Don't be surprised if

Brandi Carlile or Kacey Musgraves pulls off an upset. But in the #BlackLivesMatter era, to ignore "Black Panther" — a wonderful movie with a strong Kendrick Lamar-curated soundtrack — would be even more surprising. Even more worthy is Monae, who made the strongest album of the bunch.

perseverance, but "This is America" leaves scars, a monster both commercially and critically.

Best New Artist

- Chloe x Halle
- Luke Combs
- Greta Van Fleet
- H.E.R.
- Dua Lipa
- Margo Price
- Bebe Rexha
- Jorja Smith
- Who should win:** Margo Price
- Who will win:** Greta Van Fleet

Rock is conspicuously absent in the top categories, so this may be the one opportunity for some prime-time shine for a genre no longer deemed popular enough for Grammy glitter. And yet Greta Van Fleet is a key example of why so much mainstream rock sounds derivative and disposable.

Best Rock Album

- "Rainier Fog," Alice in Chains
- "Mania," Fall Out Boy
- "Prequelle," Ghost



MCA NASHVILLE

"Golden Hour" by Kacey Musgraves.



LOW COUNTRY SOUND/ELEKTRA

"By The Way, I Forgive You" by Brandi Carlile.

- "From the Fires," Greta Van Fleet
- "Pacific Daydream," Weezer
- Who should win:** None of the above
- Who will win:** "From the Fires," Greta Van Fleet

A dire category that ignores what were actually the best rock albums of the year, including Parquet Courts' "Wide Awake!," Idles' "Joy as an Act of Resistance" and Superchunk's "What a Time to be Alive," all far exceeding these mediocre nominees.

Best Alternative Music Album

- "Tranquility Base Hotel + Casino," Arctic Monkeys
- "Colors," Beck
- "Utopia," Björk
- "American Utopia," David Byrne
- "Masseduction," St. Vincent
- Who should win:** "Masseduction," St. Vincent
- Who will win:** "Masseduction," St. Vincent

"Masseduction" proved to be St. Vincent's boldest, most personal album, which should be enough to slip past Björk and Byrne, who both checked in with strong, if more esoteric releases.

Best Rap Album

- "Invasion of Privacy," Cardi B
- "Swimming," Mac Miller
- "Victory Lap," Nipsey Hussle
- "Daytona," Pusha T
- "Astroworld," Travis Scott
- Who should win:** "Invasion of Privacy," Cardi B
- Who will win:** "Invasion of Privacy," Cardi B

It's hard to argue with Cardi B, who demonstrated her multi-faceted talent on a genre-busting debut album that more than lived up to the promise of her breakthrough single, "Bodak Yellow."

Best Country Album

- "Unapologetically," Kelsea Ballerini
- "Port Saint Joe," Brothers Osborne
- "Girl Going Nowhere," Ashley McBryde
- "Golden Hour," Kacey Musgraves
- "From A Room: Volume 2," Chris Stapleton
- Who should win:** "Golden Hour," Kacey Musgraves
- Who will win:** "From A Room: Volume 2," Chris Stapleton

Stapleton made the more traditional, "old school" country album, and it's a solid piece of work. But Musgraves stretched the boundaries of the genre with the expansive "Golden Hour," tinged by psychedelia and a progressive socio-political edge.

Best Americana Album

- "By The Way, I Forgive You," Brandi Carlile
- "Things Have Changed," Bettye LaVette
- "The Tree of Forgiveness," John Prine
- "The Lonely, The Lonesome & The Gone," Lee Ann Womack
- "One Drop of Truth," The Wood Brothers
- Who should win:** "The Tree of Forgiveness," John Prine
- Who will win:** "By The Way, I Forgive You," Brandi Carlile

Carlile would be a worthy winner — her new album ranks with her best. But Prine's "The Tree of Forgiveness" is a late-career gift, a transcendent recording even by his high standards.

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Bygone journalists can — and should— inspire

HBO's 'Breslin and Hamill' a feast of stories



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

For old time's sake, I sat on a subway Tuesday and read a newspaper.

I was alone with that paper. Of the other 23 people in the car all but two of them, little kids no older than five, were staring at and otherwise communing with their cell phones.

Times change. No problem there.

But if you'd like a trip back into an era when subway cars were filled with newspaper readers and those newspapers were filled with words worth reading written by print poets, watch a brilliant documentary about a couple of columnists from New York.

You see the subway newspaper/cellphone time switcheroo at the beginning of the HBO offering "Breslin and Hamill: Deadline Artists" and for the next hour and 47 minutes what you will get is a feast of interviews, vintage footage, stories you'll remember and people you won't soon forget.

This film may prove an inspiration to the many talented young people who now work for newspapers, as they struggle to find, attract and retain readers in our increasingly digital world.

One hopes they have heard the names. But even if they (or you) haven't, know that columnists Jimmy Breslin and Pete Hamill were so at-the-center-of-things, so larger-than-life, that they leap off the screen like a couple of



Pete Hamill, left, and Jimmy Breslin are the subjects of HBO's "Breslin and Hamill: Deadline Artists." Breslin died in 2017 at 87 and Hamill is now 83.

typewriter-wielding superheroes.

You can, of course, judge for yourself, but you'll hear praise for the two men from handful of journalists who knew and worked with them. You'll hear too from some celebrities who admired them, people such as Robert De Niro, Gloria Steinem, the late Tom Wolfe and Spike Lee, who says, "They were superstars. They were able to connect."

That is in part because they came from the same place as most of their readers. Breslin was originally from Queens and Hamill from Brooklyn. Neither attended college (Hamill dropped out of high school), let alone a journalism school and both wrote, Hamill arguably more stylishly, in a street-corner prose accessible to the masses, those so-called ordinary people.

Breslin was rougher around the edges than Hamill but both men felt deeply. Sons of sad alcoholic fathers, they both knew the seductive power of saloons. Hamill famously quit drinking in 1972 and wrote about it movingly in the 1995 bestseller "A Drinking Life." (Though

each man wrote a shelf full of books, the film's focus is firmly on their newspaper work).

Their time lasted roughly from the early 1960s until just yesterday. Breslin died in 2017 at 87, Hamill is frail but still kicking at 83 and you meet and hear from both in their later years.

The film is directed and produced by three friends and veterans of the news business: John Block, Steve McCarthy and Jonathan Alter. All live in New Jersey and it took them three years to complete this project. Alter is a Chicagoan by birth and one of the brightest journalistic lights of his generation. He fell in love with newspapers and a local columnist who you might remember.

"I grew up worshipping Royko," Alter says. "He was the original inspiration for this project."

There is no need for me to detail my affection and admiration for Mike Royko, both considerable. He is mentioned in the film, along with some of the others who occupy a small pantheon. But none of these columnists cut as colorful a public figure as

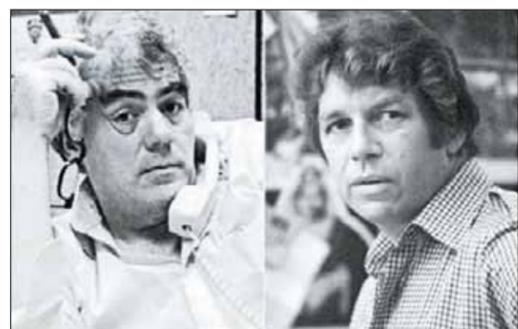
did Breslin and Hamill.

The former ran for New York City Council president on a ticket with novelist/mayoral candidate Norman Mailer, appeared in TV commercials (for beer and breakfast cereal) and once hosted "Saturday Night Live." Hamill all but begged, reluctantly, the attention of paparazzi by having a long-term relationship with actress Shirley MacLaine and dating Jackie Kennedy.

The Kennedys become a tragic thread in this film. Hamill helped convince Bobby Kennedy to run for president and both Hamill and Breslin were in Los Angeles the night RFK was assassinated. Breslin was also in Dallas when JFK was shot in 1963 and in Washington, D.C. when he was buried days later.

That day gave us what I think is Breslin's most famous column. Here is the start of what he wrote on the day of JFK's funeral, ignoring the press mob and focusing elsewhere:

Clifton Pollard was pretty sure he was going to be working on Sunday, so when he woke up at 9 a.m., in his three-room apartment on Corcoran Street, he put on khaki overalls before going



Journalists Jimmy Breslin, left, and Pete Hamill.

into the kitchen for breakfast. His wife, Hettie, made bacon and eggs for him. Pollard was in the middle of eating them when he received the phone call he had been expecting. It was from Mazo Kawalchik, who is the foreman of the gravediggers at Arlington National Cemetery, which is where Pollard works for a living. 'Polly, could you please be here by eleven o'clock this morning?' Kawalchik asked. 'I guess you know what it's for,' Pollard did.

He hung up the phone, finished breakfast, and left his apartment so he could spend Sunday digging a grave for John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

One of the joys of this film is that it is peppered with passages from the men's columns. Hamill reads his own work and actor Michael Rispoli reads Breslin's. Both men could dip into the sentimental or provincial but they were never less than fascinating.

I have read most everything they wrote and knew them both a bit.

Hamill I met when I interviewed him at the Printer's Row Lit Fest in 2011. He was on the road promoting his then-latest novel, "Tabloid City" and we talked then and later of his career.

I knew Breslin mostly over the phone, for he would call with some frequency to inquire about the health of Royko and Ann Landers (Eppie Lederer) when both were ill and on

their way to death, in 1997 and 2002 respectively. Having lost a wife and two adult daughters, Breslin knew about death and he also sensed the passing of his breed of newspaper folk.

"Deadline Artists" is, on its surface, a movie about two men. But it is also about the times in which they lived, about New York City, journalism and writing. It shows us how the times were right for these columnists to emerge and thrive. But it does so in a way that is bracingly romantic without being slickly nostalgic. The men are respected and not worshiped.

The film is not a lament but rather a celebration of the way things used to be, capturing the fun that once coursed through newsrooms. And it strikes an almost hopeful note.

There may not be another Breslin or Hamill sitting across the room from me but, as Alter said in a phone conversation over the weekend, "There are a lot of great young journalists working today and I hope this film can inspire them to get out of the office and tell real stories. There are gripping stories just down the block, stories of the people in the community that need to be told."

In that sense, "Deadline Artists" is a road map. It's also a terrific ride.

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BOOK REVIEW

Relating journalism's Age of Anxiety

A former editor's rich account of media disruption

BY ANN MARIE LIPINSKI
The Washington Post

Jill Abramson owes two debts to David Halberstam and "The Powers That Be," the late writer's epic 1979 examination of four powerful news companies. The first is her career. Reading it inspired her to become a journalist, a path that led to the executive editorship of The New York Times. Three years into that post, Abramson was fired, and Halberstam's book inspired her anew. Surveying a battlefield on which she had become a casualty, she saw a contested future for quality news. What Halberstam had done for a Golden Age in media, Abramson wanted to do for journalism's Age of Anxiety.

Following the Halberstam template, Abramson studies the fortunes of four companies struggling, as she puts it, "to keep honest news alive." Her book, "Merchants of Truth," is a reported meditation on journalism's last decade, told through the experiences of BuzzFeed, The New York Times, Vice and The Washington Post. Like Halberstam's chosen four (Time, The Post, CBS and the Los Angeles Times), Abramson saw at each news organization good and important work. "And all four are endangered," she asserts.

Although journalism about journalism is abundant, Abramson's book represents a distinctly ambitious effort to synthesize a period of dramatic upheaval and help us understand how key industry actors — and a supporting cast ranging from President Trump to the man who wrote the code for Google News — have shaped our information diet. Picture a room where the Graham and Sulzberger families confer alongside the drugging, drinking, "feral" founders of the lad mag that would become Vice, all of them making their claims about the future of news, and you've got an idea of the assignment Abramson set for herself.

Establishment and insurgent media take off from opposite ends of the same runway, each faltering when they reach the other's altitude. Legacy newsrooms are tragically slow to understand the internet and the turbulence coming their way, then clumsy and arrogant in integrating the innovations catapulting their young competitors. New-media organizations are portrayed as creative but opportunistic players, building newsrooms to burnish their reputations or fortify new advertising strategies, then tripping over fundamentals, some of them ethical.

On one level, Abramson's book is a love letter to journalism. Its most admired characters are the reporters whose heroics she weaves throughout engrossing, sometimes gossipy profiles of the four companies, women and men working at the top of their game.



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"Merchants of Truth" author Jill Abramson is The New York Times' former executive editor.

Meet Elle Reeve, the former computer factory worker who powers Vice's viral video report on the deadly Charlottesville protests, a story of "moral clarity." The Post's David Fahrenthold is the investigative reporter whose relentless digging ("like a bloodhound") into candidate Trump's charity wins a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting. Michael Barbaro is the "Platonic ideal of the new Timesman" — political reporter, podcaster and elegant writer recrafting a historic election night story when the "Madam President" headline is cratered by Trump's victory. Craig Silverman's dogged reporting distinguishes BuzzFeed as "the media's foremost expert on the subject of fake news, consistently beating other outlets to the punch."

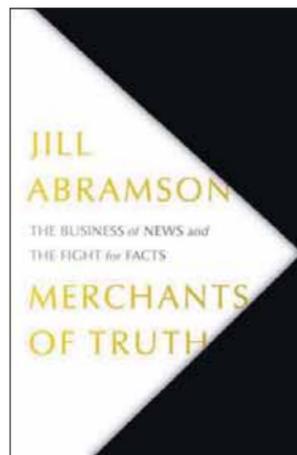
But these valentines appear alongside Abramson's unflinching assessments of executives' miscalculations. Her description of The Post in the period before its sale to Jeff Bezos is a bleak account of a management team struggling to reset in the new news economy. A long-awaited strategy memo, "The Road Forward," is rolled out at a staff meeting and bombs. "While the memo's title was meant to sound visionary and reassuring, an actual road map was entirely missing," Abramson writes.

While digital start-ups deepened their reporting and galloped ahead of their legacy competitors on audience development, Abramson also sees them stumble in establishing norms of journalistic conduct. When BuzzFeed, a brilliant virality machine, first adds news, it's "an experiment in the viability of an operation begun

without regard for journalistic ethics (attribution, accountability, etc.) that had gotten a journalistic organ grafted onto it." Abramson cites BuzzFeed's secretive deletion of more than 4,000 posts, plagiarism included, "a redaction of unprecedented scale." Four months after ratifying a code of ethics that would prohibit such actions, Ben Smith, the website's talented young editor, erased three posts from the site that were critical of corporate brands. "The problem wasn't the veracity of the posts, it was that they offended advertisers," she writes. "When Smith realized he'd been caught he reinstated the posts and offered a sheepish apology over email. 'I reacted impulsively,' he admitted, 'and I was wrong.'"

Abramson was researching her book as stories broke in the Daily Beast and the Times about rampant sexual harassment at Vice, but her account is in many ways the richest. Her years writing and editing long-form investigative journalism are on display as she profiles Shane Smith and the "bro-hood" that built a \$6 billion company that touched the holy grail — making money from streaming video to young audiences — while audaciously upending workplace conventions, including prohibitions against supervisors sleeping with their staffers. In one heartbreaking account, a young producer is told to stay away from a Columbia University award ceremony honoring one of her stories; her boss, with whom she had an affair, will be bringing his wife.

Although Abramson acknowledges the steep decline of local



'Merchants of Truth'

By Jill Abramson, Simon & Schuster, 534 pages, \$30

news, she does so as an afterthought. The book travels along the Acela corridor, with occasional trips to the West Coast, and no investigation of how the same forces roiling New York and Washington are shuttering local news shops. In her final chapter, she quotes a journalist from Minnesota who is "outraged that the bleeding of local news wasn't garnering more attention," an ironic note given that it receives no more attention here. That was not the book Abramson set out to write, fair enough. But it does expose a costly limit she imposed in mimicking Halberstam, whose book documented a less fractured, pre-internet age. The nation's shriveling local news report is an industry crisis, and I missed Abramson's reporting applied to that story.

Several subjects of "Merchants of Truth" have alleged inaccuracies in the galleys, some of which have been corrected in the final printing. Abramson was asked about this in a New Yorker interview, and she said that the book was fact-checked but that there "wasn't time" to call back everyone she interviewed.

Other early reports on the book have focused narrowly on Abramson's criticisms of political journalism at her alma mater, and there are several. She describes the post-election news pages of the Times and The Post as "unmistakably anti-Trump," asserting that the Times benefited from an "implicit financial reward" by catering to its liberal audience, an assessment at odds with her criticisms of the paper's aggressive reporting on Hillary Clinton's emails. She also frets about an emerging generational divide in the newsroom eroding the paper's guidelines for fairness. "The more 'woke' staff thought that urgent times called for urgent measures; the dangers of Trump's presidency obviated the old standards," she writes. But these cautions are offered alongside her view that renewed competition between the Times and The Post has made both papers stronger.

Abramson's deeper concerns regard the accelerated collabora-

tion between journalists and business staff and the lucrative blurring of news with advertising (concerns announced by the pairing of "merchants" and "truth" in her title). She rips "native ads" as the industry's "new digital Frankenstein" — corporate marketing so closely resembling news stories that it may deceive readers. Incubated at shops like BuzzFeed and Vice, the financially seductive campaigns are now part of the advertising menu at legacy publications, an export Abramson laments as "chinks carved in the wall" that has traditionally separated news from commerce.

These views inform Abramson's candid self-portrait, that of an editor who struggled to stitch one era to the next, eager to benefit from the innovations offered by the digital age but cynical about anything that resembled an incursion into historic news values. It was a complicated moment for editors trying to steer their newsrooms across the shallows. Longevity required new kinds of collaborations not common during most of her career, and Abramson had a hard time forming them. When the internal "Times Innovation Report" was leaked to BuzzFeed — new media breaking one of the biggest legacy media stories of the year — it described a gifted but ossified newsroom that often rejected digital initiatives as "un-Timesian."

Her account of losing her job reads as a small memoir within the book, a melancholic reconstruction of an event that drew widespread coverage in 2014. Writing in The Washington Post at the time, journalist Amanda Bennett observed that Abramson's firing hit women "like a lightning strike to dry tinder." I suspect that this book, which provides Abramson's first full depiction of the period, will reignite that conversation. She openly describes feeling lonely and depressed at work and alienated from other senior executives. She is critical of her miscalculations, even as she's angered by evidence that her pay lagged that of her male predecessor, a claim the Times disputes.

In one agonizing scene, publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr., who had promoted her into the job, delivers a written evaluation to her office and remains while Abramson reads it. "In shockingly personal terms, the letter described my moodiness and statements from my closest colleagues that I was a difficult manager," recounts Abramson. "It said nothing about the substance or quality of my work. If I had to boil it down to one sentence it would be 'People think you're a bitch.'"

In four months, she was gone. "I was a less than stellar manager," she concedes four years later, "but I also had been judged by an unfair double standard applied to many women leaders."

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BOOK REVIEW

Western Springs native publishes existential noir

BY KATHLEEN ROONEY
Chicago Tribune

In "The Simple Art of Murder," his 1950 essay on the genre of hard-boiled detective fiction, Raymond Chandler writes that the figure of the detective "must be a complete man and a common man and yet an unusual man. He must be, to use a rather weathered phrase, a man of honor."

In his debut novel, an experimental and existential noir called "The Made-Up Man," Joseph Scapellato offers readers a detective who is a confused man and a sincere man and yet a pretty archetypally sad and rootless late-20-something man, whose biggest mystery to solve seems to be what to do with, and where to locate meaning in, his life.

Stanley, Scapellato's bearded, Chicago-living, Polish-American protagonist, is quite deliberately incomplete and alien to himself, troubled by "a very bad feeling" comprised of "a space at the center of myself that wasn't me."

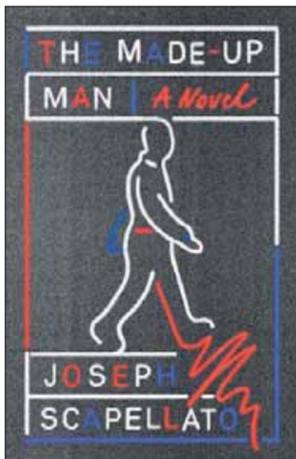
His purposefully solipsistic international and philosophical quest commences when, against his better judgment, Stanley

accepts his untrustworthy and possibly malevolent Uncle Lech's invitation to apartment-sit in Prague, which Stanley knows is just another one of the older man's prying and manipulative performance art projects. Stanley's father, who despises the creations of Lech and his fellow artists, believes that "their art wasn't art (...)" it wasn't even jokes, it was tricks," whereas his Aunt Abbey, Lech's wife, explains, "There is art that engages, and art that estranges. And there is art that engages-estranges, in equal measure, from beginning to end," while Stanley himself remains "undecided."

A dropout from his graduate program in anthropology with a concentration in archaeology, Stanley is struggling with having been rejected by his beautiful actor girlfriend, "T"; she stunned him by saying no when he proposed marriage. Irritated and self-deceiving, Stanley meanders through the pages, a directionless



Scapellato



'The Made-Up Man'

By Joseph Scapellato, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 320 pages, \$26

drifter with little to lose. T's high school best friend, Manny, serves as his slippery, unwelcome sidekick, accompanying him around the city, offering disquisitions pertaining both to Uncle Lech's project and Stanley's search for

his true self, arguing "that authenticity was representation" and that "Actors made strangers more real than real strangers."

Raised in Western Springs, Scapellato graduated from Lyons Township High School and earned his Master of Fine Arts in fiction at New Mexico State University. His debut short story collection, "Big Lonesome," was published in 2017 and its 25 stories explored the myths of place and masculinity that make up the American West. Here, he turns his attention to investigating — as the title suggests — the delusions and realities that make up a certain type of uncommitted, unsatisfied contemporary man.

In an interview with this newspaper about his previous book, Scapellato said of this novel that he was trying to turn the genres of film noir and detective stories "inside out in some ways." The most prominent of these ways are his extremely mannered stylistic choices. He makes most chapters relatively short — in many cases, no more than a line or a single paragraph on a page — and the text itself floats adrift in a sea of white space, perhaps to indicate the depth of Stanley's

perplexity and isolation. Moreover, as opposed to a table of contents, Scapellato gives the reader only a "List of Scenes," emphasizing the choppy nature of the storytelling.

In a move that creates an appealing tension between what Stanley might not know — or want to accept — and what he lets himself be aware of, Scapellato puts the scene titles in third person — as in "Stanley Remembers an Uncomfortable but Accurate Assessment of His Character" — and the scenes themselves in the traditional first-person of the detective story dramatic monologue. Notably, one scene has a title that consists of over 350 words for a section that itself is comprised of just over 60.

These decisions might come across as quirky if one is feeling generous, pretentious if one is not, and overall, the book's appeal will be determined by how a reader regards techniques that can feel like stunts.

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BIBLIORACLE

Bad news, readers: Spiegel & Grau closes, Wattpad launches imprint

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

Two stories that came across my radar in the same recent week suggest something about the future of books and publishing.

The first story was the announcement that Wattpad, a popular app for the posting of fan fiction and original stories is launching Wattpad Books, a publishing division that will use their "Story DNA Machine Learning technology to take 'the guesswork' out of the publishing equation," as Wattpad CEO Allen Lau told The New York Times.

The other story announced the closing of Penguin Random House imprint, Spiegel & Grau.

I try my hardest to resist my curmudgeonly tendencies, but neither of these is good news.

The average reader likely doesn't pay much attention to a book's imprint, a subdivision within a larger publisher granted to editors of particular accomplishment and influence. Cindy Spiegel and Julie Grau individually and then together have been responsible for books like "Orange is the New Black," "The Kite Runner," as well as works by Brene Brown, Suze Orman, the Beastie Boys and even Gary "Baba Booye" Dell'Abbate, producer of the Howard Stern Show.

Their imprint was also the home of Chris Jackson, who Vinson Cunningham of The New York Times credits with "building a black literary movement" by publishing such writers as Ta-Nehisi Coates and Bryan Stevenson ("Just Mercy"). Jackson has gone on to helm an imprint of his own at Penguin Random House, One World.

A publishing imprint is an embodiment of a particular editorial sensibility, even when those sensibilities range from highly literary to Artie Lange ("Too Fat to Fish") as was the case at Spiegel & Grau. Imprints are personal, human, the product of individual passions and reflective of the individual quirks we all have inside of us.

The Wattpad algorithm, on the other hand, will crunch and munch the "opinions of 70 million users" to see "what's resonating with them as a starting point," according to Ashleigh Gardner, who will oversee the new publishing initiative.

Wattpad claims this will correct for the "monoculture" of the publishing industry.

I can testify from experience that it can be frustrating to find the right editor to say yes to publishing your book. As the author of several unpublished novels, it's tempting to believe that if one could just bypass the



WATTPAD

Wattpad, an app with fan fiction and original stories, is launching Wattpad Books.



SPIEGEL & GRAU

Julie Grau, left, and Cindy Spiegel are the founders of Spiegel & Grau, a Penguin Random House imprint known for best-selling books by Ta-Nehisi Coates, Trevor Noah and more.

gatekeepers and get to the people themselves, accolades will surely commence.

And like any industry, the upper echelons can perhaps get a little insulated, but to believe that publishing is a monoculture is to never have walked into a single bookstore and seen the incredible diversity of titles. Granted, it's a diversity that still could improve, but that happens through the intentional efforts of editors like Julie Grau, Cindy Spiegel and Chris Jackson.

Our algorithms, on the other hand, are more than willing to bake in existing status quo biases while hiding those biases under a sheen of "math." Please don't mistake these algorithms for anything like objective or democratic processes.

More importantly, books are not like other commodities. Even when a book is loved by many readers, each of those indi-

viduals may love it for a different, sometimes unknowable reason. Writer and publishing industry veteran Maris Kreizman reminded us of this in a 2017 essay, declaring, "The best things in life are unquantifiable," while telling the reader how she found both a husband and dog when she turned away from the algorithmic intrusions of Tinder and Petfinder.

Not all technological interventions are, by definition, progress.

If we're not careful, we'll filter our way right out of the experiences we find most meaningful.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read next based on the last five books you've read.

1. "The Witch Elm" by Tana French
 2. "The House of Broken Angels" by Luis Alberto Urrea
 3. "Norwegian Wood" by Haruki Murakami
 4. "The Privileges" by Jonathan Dee
 5. "Arcadia" by Lauren Groff
- Emily J., Chicago

I'd be curious to see how Emily responds to "Conversations with Friends" by Sally Rooney, a novel I'm not even sure I liked, but which I seem to keep thinking about from time to time, even though I finished it months ago. What's up with that?

1. "The Killer Inside Me" by Jim Thompson
 2. "I Am Legend" by Richard Matheson
 3. "House of Leaves" by Mark Z. Danielewski
 4. "Gould's Book of Fish" by Richard Flanagan
 5. "Milkman" by Anna Burns
- Peter D., Freeport, Ill.

Peter doesn't seem to mind the "difficult" or off-the-beaten-path books, so I'm going to reach deep into my shelves and pull out a short story collection that I'm not sure I've ever heard of anyone else reading: "Camouflage" by Murray Bail.

1. "The Incendiaries" by R.O. Kwon
 2. "Killing Commendatore" by Haruki Murakami
 3. "The Wife" by Meg Wolitzer
 4. "Transcription" by Kate Atkinson
 5. "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
- Elizabeth B., Wilmette

It's mostly fiction on this list, but I'm recommending Susan Orlean's "The Library Book," because it's absolutely delightful and there isn't a human alive who would write into a columnist asking for a book recommendation who wouldn't love this book.

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HOWARD REICH
Tribune arts critic

Everyone in musical Chicago — and beyond — knows how hard Paul Freeman worked to bring sorely needed diversity to classical music.

The most famous facet of the late conductor's campaign was the Chicago Sinfonietta, which Freeman established in 1987 to open up minority staffing and repertoire in American orchestral music.

But Freeman made an equally important — though far less celebrated — contribution in the mid-1970s, when he recorded the landmark "Black Composers Series" for CBS Masterworks. On its nine LPs, Freeman documented signal compositions by William Grant Still, George Walker, Hale Smith, Olly Woodrow Wilson, T.J. Anderson and other black composers who had been mostly excluded from concert and recorded life in America.

Thanks to Freeman's efforts, listeners finally were able to savor and study contemporary recordings of Still's "Afro-American Symphony" (1930), Smith's "Ritual and Incantations" (1974) and earlier works, such as Jose Mauricio Nunes-Garcia's Requiem Mass (1816).

The "Black Composer Series" was reissued in the mid-1980s by the nonprofit College Music Society, and now — at last — it's out again, for the first time in a Sony Classical boxed set of separately jacketed CDs remastered from the originals. In addition, the new package includes a disc titled "Symphonic Spirituals," featuring music for voice and orchestra recorded by Freeman and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in 1979.

Though the repertoire gathered here barely scratches the surface of black creativity in classical music, it makes a powerful statement about scores long ignored or worse.

Predictably, not everyone saw the virtue of Freeman's labor of



BRIAN KERSEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Paul Freeman redefined orchestral music via the "Black Composers Series" and Chicago Sinfonietta.

love.

"Some people criticized me when we released the 'Black Composers Series,'" he told me in 1990.

"Some people said: 'Why do we have to ghetto-ize music?'"

"The reason is that some issues must be ghetto-ized to get noticed, before they become part of the mainstream. When I recorded the 'Black Composers Series ... most people hadn't even heard of the music on the set. Today many of those pieces have become part of the standard repertoire."

Certainly works by Still, Anderson, Smith, Wilson, David Baker, Ulysses Kay and Walker (the first African-American composer to win a Pulitzer Prize in music) are heard in concert more now than when Freeman first released his series of recordings. Next season, for instance, Chicago Symphony Orchestra music director Riccardo Muti will conduct Still's "Mother and Child" and the Symphony No. 3 of Flor-

ence Price (who faced double discrimination as a black woman in classical music).

Freeman's dedication to this cause arose, in part, from the racism he experienced first-hand.

"When anyone used to ask me what I wanted to be when I grew up, I always would say: 'a musician,'" Freeman told me.

"And they would always say: 'Ah yes, like Louis Armstrong.'"

"Now, at that point in my life, I didn't know how important Louis Armstrong and jazz music were. But I did know that I had no desire to be the next Louis Armstrong or anything like it.

"At the time, I couldn't understand why nobody said to me: 'Ah yes, like Arturo Toscanini.' The implied message was that my role was to be Armstrong, not Toscanini, and that hurt."

The "Black Composers Series" and Chicago Sinfonietta represented Freeman's response to such slights, which eminent choral conductor Robert Shaw

illuminated for me in 1988.

"I think we have to admit that one of the reasons so few works by black composers turn up in the concert hall is that, in generations past, most gifted black musicians didn't even bother to pursue classical music; they went straight into the popular fields, where they were treated more humanly and welcomed," said Shaw, one of the earliest American conductors to advocate for concert music by black composers.

"We also have to admit that white society is generally indifferent to black culture, and this is an indifference shared not only by the unenlightened but also by the intellectual elite."

Freeman made musical history with the "Black Composers Series," but he knew that would not be enough — that listeners needed to encounter this work in concert, particularly played by an ensemble that encouraged diversity.

So one afternoon in the 1980s, Freeman invited me to lunch and broached an idea: He wanted to launch a new kind of orchestra.

"Chicago does not yet have an ensemble comparable to what the Chicago Sinfonietta is going to be," Freeman told me. "I'm not trying to rap any other groups, but Chicago does not yet have a midsize symphony with as big a season and as broad plans as we have for the Chicago Sinfonietta."

The Sinfonietta's first concert, in October of 1987, was rocky at best, prompting me to write that "the Sinfonietta has all the trappings of a genuine orchestra (brochures, soloists, etc.) except what's needed most: a core of fine players and a sense of musical identity."

Remarkably, by the second season the Sinfonietta found its footing, turning in a self-assured, revelatory performance of Walker's deftly penned "Antifonys" for chamber orchestra, among other works.

Freeman died in 2015, at age 79, but his unstoppable Chicago Sinfonietta celebrated its 30th anniversary last season and has been dramatically redefining what an orchestra and a concert experience can be.

With the boxed-set reissue of the "Black Composers Series," the world now can take a fuller measure of Freeman's breakthroughs — and benefit from them anew.

Northbrook Symphony

Mina Zikri has been appointed music director of the Northbrook Symphony, following Lawrence Rapchak's resignation. Rapchak has held the post since 2001.

Zikri, founder and music director of the Oistrakh Symphony of Chicago and conductor of the Lira Ensemble, will take up the new role at the start of the 2019-20 season. Rapchak will conduct the remainder of this season's Northbrook Symphony concerts, ending May 5. For more information, visit www.northbrooksymphony.org.

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Midwinter

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"We came at it from an optimistic perspective," says Andy Simmick, the museum senior vice president responsible for securities, facilities and visitor services. "We were going in with the confidence that we would overcome hurdles as well as be disciplined enough to step back if we ran into a hurdle that proved too large to overcome."

Optimism wasn't necessarily the first thought in all the departments, though. Some of the curatorial staff, who are naturally protective of the treasures they oversee, were reluctant at first, says Allison Langley, the head of paintings conservation, who is focused especially on the issue of protecting the art.

"I mean, when you first hear, you know, 'a bunch of rock bands in the museum for three nights,'" she says, "and when it's associated with a festival like Pitchfork, which is one of our kind of renowned, rowdy outdoor festivals, I think the initial thought was, 'No, no, no, no, no. This is not the right venue for that.'"

But diligent planning — and putting the brakes on a few early ideas — has largely overcome such objections, she says. Plus, the museum has been able to draw on its experience with other evening events for members and hosting weddings and the like.

"The planners have worked very hard to kind of fine tune it to make people comfortable with it and have been meeting with all the curatorial departments individually to talk through what's happening in their spaces," Langley says.

So the event, running from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will have two entrances open, the main one on Michigan Avenue and the old, typically unused back entrance at Columbus and Monroe.

Capacity is being capped at about 4,000 a night. That's far fewer than a busy summertime day, when 8,000 or 9,000 people might pass through the doors, but planners say they want to err on the side of caution this first time out.

The \$50 GA tickets get people into the public spaces of the museum, all of which will be open except for the galleries of the Modern Wing. A number of the museum spaces — the temple-like Ando Gallery in the Japanese art section, for example —



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Durand Jones and the Indications perform at the Art Institute as part of Lollapalooza. During Midwinter, acts with more amplification will play in the Rubloff Auditorium, Fullerton Hall, the Chicago Stock Exchange Room and Griffin Court.



Durand Jones and the Indications performed in the Sculpture Court at the Art Institute as part of an unannounced set.

will have special musical soundscapes playing that were commissioned just for them.

There'll be surprise pop-up concerts throughout the weekend in spots including the sculpture garden, where the new-soul band Durand Jones and the Indi-

cations played a lovely little acoustic mini-concert during Lollapalooza last summer.

The grand staircase near the Michigan Avenue entrance will be the main "venue" for people with base tickets. But most of the biggest acts, and the ones that

play with more amplification, generally speaking, will be in four spaces that require additional admission fees ranging from \$15 to \$25 each: the Rubloff Auditorium, Fullerton Hall, the Chicago Stock Exchange room and Griffin Court, the wide-open hall at the center of the Modern Wing.

"Early on they were talking about maybe different kinds of installations, adding light art, adding vibrations, adding tripping hazards," Langley says. "They realized those were all things that you just sort of cut from the plan pretty quickly. They were sensitive to the fact that it's a museum and the artwork work comes first."

Each night, Terzo Piano restaurant above the Modern Wing will host a special dinner from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for an additional \$40. The main in-museum restaurant will be open, too, plus additional bars. But no red wine will be served, says Langley, and the places where people can bring beverages will be restricted.

"It'll feel like a music festival inasmuch as there's multiple music concerts happening

nightly across the museum," Green says. "It will definitely feel like an art museum because it is an art museum, and the museum is very much there and open."

Museum security staff and volunteers from amid other employees will be asked to be vigilant for potential dangers to the artwork, which come far more often, Langley says, from accidental than intentional moves: people jostling, tripping or leaning or thinking they can set something down.

This break from the usual routine has invigorated both organizations, representatives say. Now it's just about opening the doors and seeing how all the preparation works out.

"It's all about transparency, being open to everything else going on in Chicago," says Langley. "Not being a sort of closed off museum for certain people, but for people to realize that we're here in many different ways for the people in Chicago, and this is just kind of a new take on it."

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"The Walking Dead" (8 p.m., 10:14 p.m., 12:29 a.m., 1:44 a.m., AMC): The hit horror drama series returns to finish out Season 9, picking up the action in the aftermath of Rick's (Andrew Lincoln) disappearance. In the weeks that followed, Michonne (Danai Gurira) and the rest of the survivors have become strangers to one another, certain of only one thing: They're definitely in danger. Worse, they're becoming increasingly aware that the world beyond their circle doesn't operate as they expected it to.

"The 61st Annual Grammy Awards" (7 p.m., CBS): Pop and R&B superstar Alicia Keys, a 15-time Grammy Award winner herself, hosts ceremonies recognizing the best recordings, compositions and performers of the past year from Staples Center in Los Angeles. Among the competitive categories, Kendrick Lamar leads this year's field of nominees, with eight nods, closely followed by Drake, who's up for seven awards. Boi-1da and Brandi Carlile both have six nominations. Dolly Parton received the MusiCares Person of the Year honor at an event late last week.

"Family Guy" (8 p.m., FOX): Realizing that he's not getting any younger, Brian (voice of Seth MacFarlane) has a moment of deep introspection that leaves him worried about what kind of legacy he will leave behind when he crosses that rainbow bridge in the new episode "Bri, Robot." Fortunately (perhaps), his best human friend is a tiny genius named Stewie (also voiced by MacFarlane), who creates a robotic duplicate to his canine pal that can act as a living biography.

"EE British Academy Film Awards 2019" (8 p.m., BBCA): From the Royal Albert Hall in London, Joanna Lumley ("Absolutely Fabulous") returns for her second year of hosting this event — commonly known as the BAFTAs — honoring the best British and foreign films of 2018. Among this year's contenders, the period dramedy "The Favourite" more than lives up to its title with 12 nominations, including best film, best actress (Olivia Colman), best supporting actress (Emma Stone and Rachel Weisz), best director and best original screenplay.

"Emma Fielding Mysteries" (8 p.m., HMM): Courtney Thorne-Smith returns as archaeologist-sleuth Emma Fielding in "More Bitter Than Death," 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. A rare poison caused the death, sending Emma, her former fiancé Duncan Thatcher (Mark Valley) and FBI Agent Jim Conner (James Tupper) on an investigation.

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Christian Bale excels as professional chameleon

BY HUGH HART
Los Angeles Times

Christian Bale's mother was a circus performer, his grandfather a stand-up comedian and his dad a Royal Air Force pilot, all of which may help explain the chameleonlike actor's talent for high-wire performance. Oscar-nominated for portraying Dick Cheney in Adam McKay's "Vice," in which the actor completely transforms into the former vice president, Bale has proved himself a shape-shifting master of the acting craft, driven by Method-like intensity that convincingly animates even his most extreme physical transformations. Here's a look at six fascinating American characters brought to life by the ever-mutating Welsh-born performer.

Patrick Bateman, "American Psycho" (2000)

Body type: Sleek. Dressed to kill in Valentino Couture designer suits, Bale embodies predatory efficiency as the lean, mean monster misogynist.

Body language: Hyper-confident.

Voice work: Standard American accent peppered with profanities.

Trevor Reznik, "The Machinist" (2004)

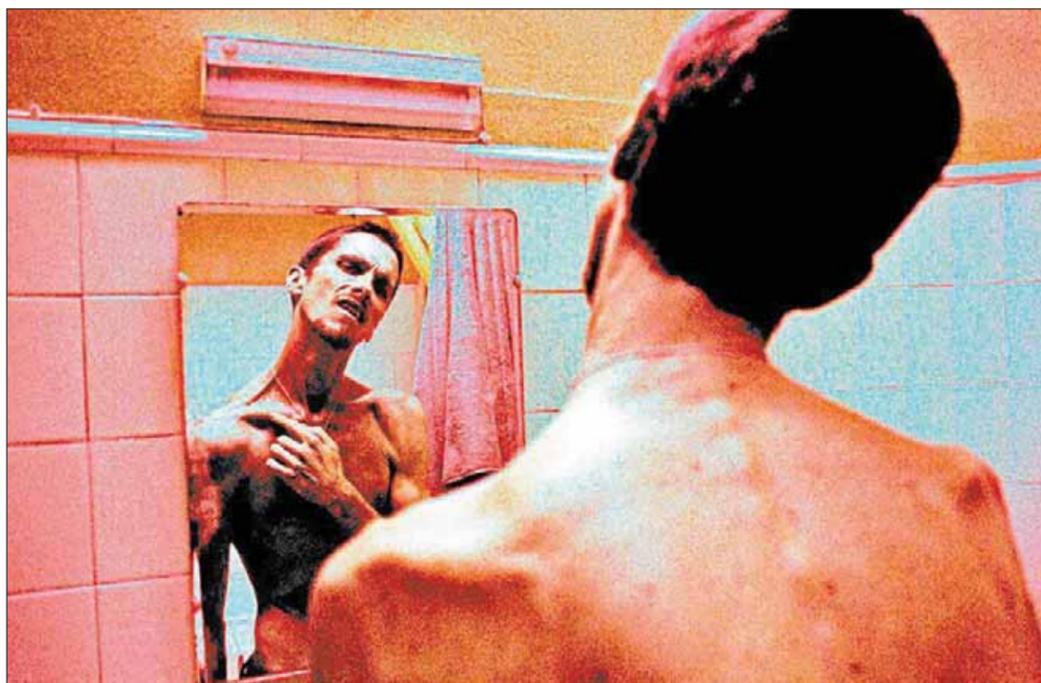
Body type: Emaciated. Bale quit eating and began running to lose 63 pounds for his role as a paranoid factory worker with blood-shot eyes who hasn't slept for a year and looks it. At the time, Bale told a newspaper, "To me, it's essential that this character look as though he's on the verge of death."

Body language: Furtive.

Voice work: Standard American, spoken with the urgency of a man on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Dicky Eklund, "The Fighter" (2010)

Body type: Crackhead.



Christian Bale stars as Trevor Reznik in "The Machinist." He lost 63 pounds for the role of a paranoid factory worker.



Bale, left, played a former boxer in "The Fighter."

To play the drug-addled ex-boxer fitfully trying to train his younger brother (Mark Wahlberg) for a big fight, Bale shed 30 pounds.

Body language: Swimming in baggy cargo shorts and backward baseball cap, Bale's loose-limbed Dicky lurches from disaster to disaster, perpetually pugna-cious.

Voice work: Bale mastered the Boston "Southie" accent, passing the regional dialect authenticity litmus

test by saying "park the car" with the appropriate broad-A enunciation.

Kudos: Oscar winner for supporting actor.

Irving Rosenfeld, "American Hustle" (2013)

Body type: Schlumpy. The film opens with a shot of the balding Irving's enormous potbelly as he earnestly glues on a toupee. Appearing in full beard and mustache, Bale gained 43



Bale studied video of Dick Cheney for his role in "Vice."

pounds for the role.

Body language: Bale swaggers in a spread collar, ascot and aviator glasses in Act 1 with the edgy confidence befitting a confidence man. By Act 3, Bale's Irving has deteriorated into a nervous wreck.

Voice work: Assertive working-class New Jersey accent.

Kudos: Oscar-nominated for lead actor.

Michael Burry, "The Big



Bale earned an Oscar nod for "American Hustle."

play drums for the role and performed heavy metal music with thunderous commitment even after injuring his knee just before filming started.

Voice work: Exhibiting a California dude variation on the hard-R American accent, Bale stammers, mumbles, sputters, punctuating his arcane stock market analyses with exasperated gasps.

Kudos: Oscar-nominated for supporting actor.

Dick Cheney, "Vice" (2018)

Body type: Chubby. Bale's Cheney starts the picture as a relatively slim 21-year-old, then gains girth progressively to embody the politician in his 40s, 60s and, finally, as a nearly bald 71-year-old. Bale packed on more than 40 pounds and shaved his head to accommodate the Oscar-nominated prosthetics, hair and makeup teams.

Body language: Studying every Cheney video he could find, Bale internalized the former vice president's gait, posture and near-permanent sneer.

Voice work: Bale delivers the Nebraska native's Midwestern accent in a gravelly rumble that betrays no trace of uncertainty.



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Van Morrison, shown during a 2016 performance in London, is in residency in Las Vegas now, part of a new tour supporting his latest album, "The Prophet Speaks."

No longer doing it 'for survival'

At 73, mellower Van Morrison still savors reaching 'the flow'

BY RANDY LEWIS
Los Angeles Times

If you can get past the pleasantries with Van Morrison, something the no-nonsense Irish artist has never bothered with much in music or conversation, you might get him to talk about the special space he strives to reach through music, an ethereal place perhaps best summarized in the title of his 1970 song "Into the Mystic."

"It's called 'the flow,'" the Belfast native said earlier this month from a hotel room high above the Las Vegas Strip, not far from the Colosseum at Caesars Palace, where he's in the midst of a seven-night residency. It's part of a new tour supporting his latest album, "The Prophet Speaks."

"It also happens in sports, and a lot of these football players talk about the flow," he said with the clipped brogue characteristic of a Northern Irishman. "It's just plugging in and going with the flow and then sourcing that energy. I don't know how it works, though. I don't know the mechanics of how that

works. I just know when I'm in it."

Morrison has been in it on a regular basis for at least the 55 years since he first gained international attention as the lead singer and songwriter of the rock band Them, with those powerhouse early hits "Gloria" and "Here Comes the Night."

After going solo and quickly charting another smash with "Brown-Eyed Girl," he delved fully into "the flow" on his 1968 masterpiece "Astral Weeks," a seamless blend of Irish folk, jazz and exploratory rock music.

A half-century later, at 73, while many of his contemporaries have died, called it quits or are actively participating in retirement tours, Morrison shows no interest in hanging up his musical hat. His latest engagement at the Colosseum is an expansion of a couple of previous one- or two-night stands at the 4,300-capacity venue.

Although it had been two months since the band's last regular tour stop, there was little shaking of dust needed: For nearly two hours it empha-

sized the jazz and blues swing of his recent outings, a slant that is inescapable on the mix of original songs and savvy renditions of material from several of his longtime musical heroes including Sam Cooke, Solomon Burke, Willie Dixon, Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson and John Lee Hooker.

The Colosseum set was peppered with several of his signature hits, among them "Moondance," "Wild Night," "Have I Told You Lately," "Crazy Love," "Brown-Eyed Girl" and "Gloria," along with interpretations for which he's become celebrated of Ray Charles' "I Believe to My Soul" and Tommy Edwards' "It's All in the Game."

His soul-drenched, elastic tenor is as pliant and nuanced as ever, capable of turning on a dime from a confessional whisper to a gospel-rooted shout. He further colored various songs with blues harmonica licks or blowing jazz-R&B style solos on his alto saxophone. His performance was enhanced by a crystalline sound mix that rendered every vocal and instrumental detail in exquisite balance.

His updated arrangements of "Moondance" and "Brown-Eyed Girl" in particular aligned them more closely with the hard-

swinging jazz-blues settings he's favored on tour and in the studio in recent years — something he also relates to striving for the flow in his music in real time.

"If I can't bring it into the present time, then I don't do it," Morrison said. "Some of the catalog stuff I can bring into the present and it works in the present, and some of it doesn't. It's always (about) the present time and integrating it into what I'm doing now."

That translates as practically zero interest in re-creating versions of songs that he recorded 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

"It's not like looking back," he said, illustrating the point by elaborating on how he approaches "Moondance," one of those cornerstone songs fans expect to hear at every show.

"There's not really pressure," he said of audiences' expectations. "It's a workout. And if it's a musical workout, which it is, then they will fit in. I mean, we're not exactly just playing the record. The ('Moondance') record was — what, three minutes or so? — now we stretch it. If it can be brought into what I'm doing now, then we keep it in and it works, but it's going to be different, you know. That's the fun

part of it."

Hearing him talk about the fun part reflects an evolution in his demeanor — at least the one the public has usually seen in concert over the decades. He's earned a reputation as one of pop music's most demanding, uncompromising bandleaders, and periodically has been known to admonish a backing musician in the midst of a show for any misstep, much as his boyhood idol Ray Charles frequently did.

In recent years, however, he's been more generous with a smile, at times even cracking jokes and letting loose bursts of laughter in public.

"When I was starting out, I was working in various types of bands, right? Rock 'n' roll bands, show bands, you know, doing cover songs," he said.

"Then I started to write a few songs here and there, but basically my background was like working with the blues and breaking out of that pop thing."

"I was brought up by my father," he said, referring to George Morrison, a shipyard electrician who was an ardent fan of American music. "He just played jazz and blues records all day, every day. And so I grew up around that and absorbed that. ... It was a whole thing

then you know, and so that's what I grew up in that so I just always wanted to do the blues angle.

"But there are a lot of things you have to do for survival, and now I don't have to do a lot of those things I did when I was sleeping on a couch in Boston," he said. "I had to do the interviews, had to do the photo sessions, had to do the album covers and all the BS that goes with that. Now I'm in the position that I don't have to do all that."

Morrison said he's finally reached the point in his career that he'd long aimed for when he was a struggling musician in Belfast, or a few years later when he came to the U.S. and battled with record executives who attempted to force him and his music into their concept of what it ought to be.

Today, he said, he's "only in the music" for the "distribution" of his albums, which he records for his own Exile Productions company and releases through indie distributor Caroline Records.

"I always thought that success to me was always doing what you want to do. That's what I thought it was, and that's what I'm doing," he said. "I paid my dues — that's what they call it."

'Black Monday' creators talk language, nudity limits

BY DANIELLE TURCHIANO
Variety

"Black Monday" co-creators Jordan Cahan and David Caspe have a storied history of broadcast comedies ("Happy Endings" for Caspe, "Breaking In" for Cahan and "Marry Me" for both of them). When they set out on the new endeavor of a 1980s-set stock market crash comedy for premium cable network Showtime, they knew they'd have a bit more freedom in style and structure, but they didn't want to completely alter their sensibility just because they could.

"Because the show was set in the '80s, there was all this language used that we find abhorrent now — and rightly so — but there were all these words bantered around ... so we had to be very careful who we allowed to say those words," Cahan said during a recent Television Critics Association panel for the comedy. "For example, our villains were allowed to say some of those words, as opposed to ... our heroes — even though they had flaws."

Cahan continued to point out that the tricky thing overall as figuring out how far they could go with certain things just because



ERIN SIMKIN/SHOWTIME

Don Cheadle, right, plays Maurice "Mo" Monroe in "Black Monday," a Showtime comedy set in the 1980s.

they were on premium cable. "It was finding our own internal line of what felt appropriate," he explained. And for them, the answer was to never show female nudity.

"We are a comedy; we don't necessarily want to contribute to that on TV," he explained.

Similarly, Cahan and Caspe took care behind the scenes to reflect the world today, which led to making sure "that every different

type of person who's not just on the show but (also exists) in the world was in the writers' room," Caspe said.

On the storytelling side of things, though, Caspe admits having fewer boundaries allows them to "do weird episodes or weird tangents ... which I think is why people gravitate toward watching some of these cable shows or premium shows."

"Three-act structure

breaks out to three or four commercial breaks is still a helpful structure and is not dissimilar to a movie structure (in) plot beats and turns and how the story works. What's great about doing a cable show is you're not as beholden to it," Caspe said. "We could use that as the rule to break when we wanted to break it and use it as the rule when it was helpful."

And the 1980s setting has been key. The show

utilizes stock footage from the real-life time period to depict period-accurate New York.

And the level of technology that was accessible during that time has become integral, as well. While Caspe joked that "we probably overuse mobile phones," given how expensive and unreliable they were at the time, they do have an episode "where they get lost."

Both executive producers shared that a lot of research went into the show to get such accuracy, pulling from news and events of the real time period in which the show is set — such as the O'Hare airport spread — as well as from co-creator David Caspe's father's stories. Caspe shared his father was a commodities trader in Chicago and "used to tell me a bunch of crazy stories."

"It's shocking how many horrible stories my father has that he has incredible details of that he claims no part in," he said, citing examples such as "As I was walking out, I saw all these prostitutes walking in ..."

But, Cahan noted, they also wanted to "have fun with the era," so they consider the show a "punk rock mix, messing with

genres."

"The trickiest part of that is finding actors who are world-class in both parts of that — in drama and comedy," Cahan said. "We are immensely fortunate to have the people we have on the show. ... As the season moves on, you'll see a lot more of that."

"Black Monday" stars Don Cheadle, Andrew Rannells and Regina Hall. Cheadle in particular pointed out that the '80s setting plays really well into who his character is. But he also said Mo "has no ballast."

"Mo is just all instinct," he explained. "It's trying to make a magic trick work on top of a roller coaster; that's kind of how he operates."

And for Hall, it was nice to get a chance to play a character who could go toe-to-toe with the men, she said.

"I applaud all of the women on Wall Street and in areas that are male-dominated before me. But the guys are so great," Hall said of her executive producers and co-stars. "They are so amazing at taking a situation and finding the humor in it so it is a commentary but it's not preachy or (judgmental) so we get to really laugh and enjoy it."

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The number of years Lynn and Darius Zakeri, shown in their Skokie home, have been married as of this summer. They met in kindergarten.



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How to celebrate Valentine's Day if you've been together 1 month, 5 years or decades

A brand-new couple might feel pressure to overdo Valentine's Day. Two partners together for decades might skip the holiday altogether. **We have expert tips on how to communicate and celebrate this holiday.**



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Facebook 'friend' keeps up criticism

Dear Amy: I am in my 60s and have known "Sue" for more than 40 years. Over the years, Sue has made several negative comments about some of my Facebook posts. One time I posted that I was sick. She called me to ask why I would put such a thing on FB. Another involved a joke that she didn't think was funny.

Eventually I changed privacy settings so she couldn't see my posts. We also both belong to a school alumni Facebook group. Within the last few months she has criticized a couple of my comments to others in that group.

Neither of these comments had anything to do with her. In one, I commiserated with an alumni friend who talked about his shyness by noting that my son is also shy. I provided no other details. Sue reamed me out for "gossiping" about my son. Sue refused to stop lecturing me, and I ended up telling her how angry I was about her intrusiveness and criticism.

I have never told Sue — or anyone else — what they should or shouldn't post, and I have never received negative feedback from anyone else.

I realize that Facebook is not private, but are there any rules concerning critiquing the posts of others?
 — *One Less Friend*

Dear Amy: Cellphones give us the ability to make phone calls from any room in the house. Although we have three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, den and a living-dining room, my husband, without asking if I mind, makes personal phone calls in my presence. When he does, I am unable to watch TV, make my own phone calls, whatever.

I really am not interested in hearing one side of his phone calls (or both sides, for that matter). I have asked him to make calls away from me. It's just easier to take the phone in another room than it is to take the TV into another room.

Am I wrong to dislike this immensely? Is there something I can say to persuade him to make his calls in another room? Please advise.

— *Don't Want to Hear It*

Dear Don't Want: Taking a call while in the presence of others is one thing. (When doing so, it is polite to say, "Oh, this is Kevin from work; do you mind if I take it?") Then you take your phone to a quiet place where you can concentrate on the call, and not bother others.

There is no justification for making a call in front of other people, certainly in a large house where there are many places to perch. That's. Just. Rude.

It is also tough to concentrate on a phone conversation where there are other noisy distractions. So why would your husband do this in front of the TV?

If your husband decides to make a call while you are both in the TV room, first ask him, "Hey, honey, could you do that in the other room?" If he refuses, you would be justified in turning up the sound on the TV so that you could continue to hear it.

Dear Amy: You gave "Befuddled" an idea for how to divide family belongings after her death. I've been through this and have decided that things are just that: things. I won't let someone else's greed, etc., ruin any relationship. It's not worth it.

You never see a U-Haul following a hearse.
 — *Ann*

Dear Ann: Wise.

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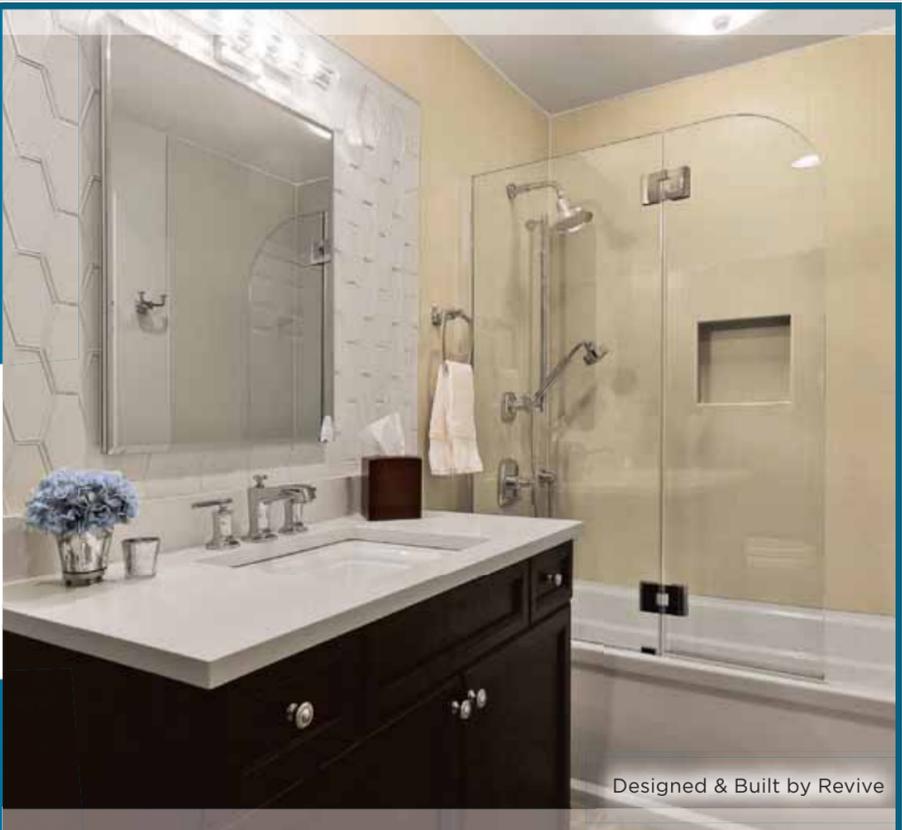
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BALANCING ACT

By HEIDI STEVENS | hstevens@chicagotribune.com | @heidistevens13

A beautiful metaphor for parenting teens

I know a lot about Ariana Grande's new tattoo. I know it was supposed to say "7 Rings" in Japanese. I know "7 Rings" is the name of her new album. I know the tattoo says, instead, "small charcoal grill." I know a company that removes tattoos offered her more than a million dollars to have her tattoo removed and then serve as the company's spokeswoman. I know she turned the offer down. Each of these developments was relayed to me in real time by my 13-year-old daughter, who read about them in real time on Instagram. Speaking of Instagram, I also know a lot about that little brown egg whose identity was revealed right after the Super Bowl. I know a Kylie Jenner post announcing the birth of her baby had, until a few weeks ago, the most Instagram likes ever (18 million). (I know Kylie Jenner has a baby!) I know someone created an Instagram photo of a single brown egg with the express purpose of getting more likes than Kylie Jenner's baby. I know the egg took off quickly, because my daughter gave us hourly updates of its rise to Insta fame. I know that egg eventually got more than 52 million likes. I know that egg starred in a post-Super Bowl ad on Hulu, revealing itself as a conduit to mental health awareness. "Recently I've started to crack," the egg, which now shows cracks, says in the ad. "The pressure of social media is getting to me." "If you're struggling too," the egg pleads, "talk to someone." It directs people to the site of Mental Health America (www.mentalhealthamerica.net), a more-than-century-old nonprofit that operates in 41 states. It's kind of a fitting metaphor for raising a teenager, this egg. Things that seem trivial aren't. Things that seem light and airy are full of weight. It's important to listen, I'm



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finding, to every last bit of it.

My daughter and I were driving home from an errand the other day when she asked me if I'd ever heard of "theybies."

I told her I had not.

It's when parents choose to raise their babies without an assigned gender, she told me. They use gender-neutral pronouns and clothing and language for their children until the children are old enough to decide their own gender. "Theybies," she said, instead of "babies."

I have heard of that, I told her. I have a friend who does that. I didn't know it was called "theybies."

She told me some celebrities are doing it, and that's what they call it. She told me she and her

friends were discussing it in a group chat. She read some of the texts to me.

They were incredibly thoughtful and gentle, both with the topic and each other.

Some of her friends thought it was a terrible idea — confusing to the children, in conflict with their faith, just weird. Others thought it was a terrific way for children to feel accepted for exactly who they are, from gender on up.

I said, "I wonder if your friends who say it will be confusing worry about stuff like the child getting to school and not knowing where to line up when the teacher says, 'Boys over here, and girls over here.'"

My daughter said, "Yeah, but you shouldn't do things just be-

cause that's how they've always been done."

That's an excellent point.

Parenting teenagers is supposed to be awful. Everyone warns you. You're supposed to butt heads and egos and priorities and generally sort of resent each other until they leave for college, and then you're supposed to mourn their departure and the gaping hole it leaves in your heart and your laundry.

So far it's my favorite parenting phase of all. I know, I know: She's 13. Just wait. It gets worse. Wait until she can drive. Wait until she's dating. Wait, wait, wait. Whatever. We'll see.

For now, I'm extraordinarily grateful for this time. I'm learning a tremendous amount about the

world and love and progress and friendship and celebrities, and I'm learning it all through her. It's magic.

"Teenagers today are thoughtful and kind and amazing," my pal John Duffy wrote on Facebook after I posted something over the weekend about enjoying this parenting chapter. "Take a little judgment out of the picture, and just listen. You learn a lot. To my thinking, this is the generation that can fix what's broken."

I'm holding those words close to my heart as I figure out this bewildering, beautiful chapter.

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Lynn and Darius Zakeri, of Skokie, have been married for nearly 20 years and plan to celebrate with cards and possibly a gift or two.

Valentine's Day: Go big — or stay home?

How to celebrate the Feb. 14 holiday if you've been together a month, 5 years or decades

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

A brand-new couple might feel pressure to overdo Valentine's Day. Two partners together for decades might skip the holiday altogether. Someone in a five- or 10-year relationship might wonder if it's silly to even ask for a card or acknowledgment.

How should couples celebrate Valentine's Day who have been together for not long at all, a good amount of time or a really, really long time?

Lynn Zakeri, a therapist in Skokie, said some advice applies to all couples — communicate well, don't be mad you didn't get something you didn't ask for — but that couples, no matter the relationship's time frame, can be thinking of how to celebrate the holiday differently.

"Don't set your partner up for failure," Zakeri said. "If something's important to you and you're going to be disappointed if it doesn't happen, let them know."

New couples (less than a year). First, don't worry

about an extreme celebration for a new coupling.

"Two weeks doesn't mean you have to spend a lot of money, because if you do spend a lot, you may overwhelm your partner," said Katie Ziskind, a marriage therapist in Niantic, Conn.

A common pothole with new couples is the urge to make too little, or too big, of a deal about the holiday. Some might want to go all-out.

"You're setting a precedent," Zakeri cautioned. "If you're going out that first year and the next year you're not, that leads to second-guessing. Are we still good? Are you not as into me?"

And others might water down their own wishes, not wanting to seem needy or more into the other person.

"Nobody wants to be seen that way, to be seen as, 'I like you more than you like me. I need you more than you need me,'" Zakeri said.

But there's nothing wrong with some small hints. In fact, it's better to deliver those than anticipate someone knowing

what you want, especially so early in a relationship. Try, "Hey, just FYI, I love getting flowers."

Perhaps a simple dinner — that's what Mike Roberge and Lauren Sharp plan to do, after dating about three months. Sharp said she didn't plan to bring up the holiday, and Roberge said he hadn't considered planning anything when it was still weeks away.

"Maybe since we're pretty new, I didn't want to ask, because I didn't want to seem pushy," Sharp said. "If we didn't do anything, I wouldn't be upset."

Now that the holiday is closer, Roberge said, "I probably will plan to ask to take her out to dinner."

Been together for a few years (five to 10 years).

For couples together more than five years, this is where some might start to slack on Valentine's Day. The important thing is to talk about whether either of you wants to acknowledge the holiday.

"If it's important to one of you, then you need to celebrate it," Zakeri said. "It's an excuse to say, 'I love

you,' and it's an excuse to say, 'My life is better because of you.'"

When the initial list of Valentine's Day plans has been exhausted by years together, that's the perfect time to check in. And perhaps by this point, life has gotten busy — kids might be in the picture, busier work schedules than the early days. All reasons it's more important to communicate.

"Valentine's Day is an excuse to be nice to each other, tell the other person why you're glad to be with them," Zakeri said. "It doesn't have to be anything more extravagant than that, as long as you're both on the same page."

Ask the person if you're correctly anticipating needs or assumptions, and how, or if, he or she would like to celebrate.

Maybe you go to a restaurant on a different day to avoid the crowds or plan something other than dinner. But if one person wants to celebrate, find something that feels fun together.

And don't worry about direct and clear communi-

cation ruining the romance, or a surprise.

"Telling somebody you want a card doesn't mean you ruined it, because the card they pick out is awesome," Zakeri said. "Telling someone you want flowers is OK, because maybe they're going to surprise you with the timing of it."

Perhaps it's a time you are considering bringing up a conversation such as engagement or taking the next step in your relationship.

Rabbi Shlomo Slatkin, who runs the Marriage Restoration Project in Pikesville, Md., with his wife, Rivka, suggests setting a time when you will have each other's undivided attention. "You may also want to prompt the conversation by letting your partner know you have something serious to talk about."

Long-term couples (10+ years): This is when Valentine's Day can be forgotten or overlooked. Perhaps that's because both people truly do not care to celebrate it, but the important thing is to check.

Just as with a new couple, communication is key.

"Throwing the suggestion out there is vulnerable in itself," Zakeri said. "And then the partner's job is to recognize that they're taking a risk asking, even if you think it's a bad idea."

If you're having trouble deciding what you'd like to do, ask yourself, How did you feel in the past? What did you enjoy that you've done to celebrate in previous years?

Therapists say any excuse to reconnect in a relationship is a good one. Use it as a chance to set up a trip to take together, or summon happy memories.

The Slatkins suggest traveling together, taking a class together or revisiting a place where each of you has fond memories.

As far as Zakeri and her husband, Darius, who have been married 20 years this summer and met in kindergarten, she's already bought cards in their tradition — one cute and funny, one sentimental and mushy. And she already has a gift, but it's a surprise.

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Mike Roberge and Lauren Sharp began dating three months ago. Neither was cooking up big plans for Valentine's Day and they've settled on a simple dinner.

SOCIAL GRACES

Options for what to do with rings after a divorce

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Q: What should you do with an engagement ring and wedding band post-divorce?

A: Typically, you have three choices: Keep, reset or sell. You might keep your rings for sentimental reasons or simply because you're not ready to make another decision. If you are going to hold on to them, make sure they're insured and stored in a secure place.

Few people actually

want to wear their rings post-divorce, so having the stones reset is a great option. Work with a jeweler on a new setting that symbolizes this new phase of your life, or have the ring made into a piece of jewelry for your children.

Sell your wedding ring if you'd use the money for something that brings you joy, like paying off some debt or a much-needed vacation. Avoid doing this in a rush, which could lead to accepting less than it's worth. Unfortunately, this is also a time when some discover that what they

thought was a diamond is not.

Choose whatever you want. It's not anyone else's decision, and there is no right or wrong answer.

— Mandy Walker, divorce coach and mediator

A: The engagement ring and wedding band represent a union between two people — symbols of vows taken and promises made.

I can think of few "presents" that cost so much, and none triggers the level of stress in men as an engagement ring. To suddenly minimize the engagement ring as a mere "gift" smells

of convenient self-interest. I bet that the "gift" was more highly considered as a token of lifelong desire and commitment.

Some guys may feel differently about this and would never consider asking for the rings back, but I think I can even speak for them when I say every engagement ring represents a couple's love for each other, and a union that is anticipated to last. So when that dream shatters and divorce ensues, to suddenly keep the ring, is somewhat like being fired



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from a job but holding on to the business cards.

— Kyle Bradford, marriage, divorce and blended

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THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

Theater, museum fun for the week ahead

By **WEB BEHRENS**
Chicago Tribune

Tuesday

CHICAGO THEATER WEEK: 'GO, DOG. GO!'

Big dogs and little dogs, black dogs and white dogs — and of course, snazzy hats and wheels galore! Sound familiar? The generational touchstone of P.D. Eastman's classic early reader book comes to life in a musical adaptation. The show runs through Feb. 23, but you can score bargain tickets to the 10 a.m. Tuesday or 2 p.m. Saturday show. At Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive. Typically \$7-\$14, but \$6 during Chicago Theater Week with promo code CTW19. tinyurl.com/ya5vhpds

STROLLER GROOVES: WENDY AND DB

Navy Pier teams up with the Chicago Children's Museum to bring back Stroller Grooves, giving parents and nannies a reason to get out of the house with their tykes. Local musicians perform in the Crystal Gardens, a green oasis of thriving plant life worth visiting even without the concerts. Currently in concert with this weekly series, which runs Tuesdays through March: troubadours Wendy and DB. At noon at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/yack3wjy

OPEN DIALOGUE: YOUTH AND MUSEUMS

New year, new focus for the MCA's Dialogue series: In 2019, the museum focuses on youth empowerment and how to inspire the next generation of change makers. Teens are welcome to this discussion, when arts professionals converse about youth engagement. 6-8 p.m. at MCA Chicago, 220 E. Chicago Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/y7s4ecs4

'DEAR EVAN HANSEN'

Not all Tony-winning musicals become a cultural force in their own right, but "Dear Evan Hansen" surely has. Second only to "Hamilton" for zeitgeist bragging rights, the show about bullying and teen suicide now arrives in Chicago for a four-week run. Due to sky-high demand, the cheapest ticket found during a recent search was \$171 for a Wednesday matinee. The run begins Tuesday and contin-



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ues through March 10 at Nederlander Theatre (formerly known as Oriental), 24 W. Randolph St. Ticket prices fluctuate; expect to pay triple digits, or enter the digital lottery for the chance to score \$25 tickets. tinyurl.com/ycm4sz67

Wednesday

BE MY VALENTINE AT JUMPS 'N' JIGGLES

It's always a fun time for tots at Jumps 'n' Jiggles, the beloved Elk Grove Village indoor playground. On Wednesday, they can prepare for Valentine's Day with heart-shaped craft time. And of course, kids get unlimited rides on the carousel and can explore the jungle gym's mazes

and slides to their hearts' content. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jumps 'n' Jiggles, 1000 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village. \$5 (free for babies 12 months and under). tinyurl.com/zd8m899

Thursday

'TAKE FLIGHT'

Learn about the principles of flight in this kid-friendly touring exhibit. Developed by Oregon's Science Works Hands-On Museum, "Take Flight" uses fun components, such as a wind tube, to teach visitors about the physics that allow airplanes to soar. Daily through March 14 at Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin. Free. gailborden.info/flight

Saturday

CLASH OF THE SEQUINS

Naperville North's fourth annual all-day competition brings together show choirs large and small, mixed and unisex, for a pizzazz-packed invitational. Watch nearly two dozen high-school groups from all over the Midwest get their "Pitch Perfect" on, in half-hour segments beginning at 7 a.m. Finalists compete in the evening; spectators are welcome to stay all day or come and go. All together now, everyone: jazz hands! At Naperville North High School, 899 N. Mill St., Naperville. \$20. www.theclashcomp.com

FAMILY WORKSHOP: BIRDHOUSES

This one's for the birds — literally. Grown-ups and kids work with clay to build an avian home, then decorate it in vibrant spring colors. After decorating, the birdhouses will be glazed; you'll pick them up later, closer to spring's return. 10 a.m. to noon at Lillstreet Art Center, 4401 N. Ravenswood Ave. \$70 per adult-child pair; \$35 for each additional kid. tinyurl.com/yd6f6vnp

THE OKEE DOKEE BROTHERS

Technically, the Okee Dokee Brothers' band name is a fib — but like all good fiction, it actually tells the truth. Joe Mailander and Justin Lansing met at age 3 and have been family ever since. These days, the Grammy winners compose and sing original tunes, like the catchy Americana-pop ditties of "Winterland," their newest release. They play two concerts Sunday, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$12-\$20. tinyurl.com/ydfrxjov

CATVIDEOFEST

Enjoy a purrfect matinee when CatVideoFest returns. Curated by the creator of the YouTube series "Henri, Le Chat Noir," the event stitches together 70 curated minutes of cat videos plus some new surprises. A portion of ticket sales support two charities, Harmony House for Cats and Grassroots Animal Rescue. At noon Saturday and Sunday (and at 7 p.m. Feb. 19) at the Music Box, 3733 N. Southport Ave. \$12, \$9 for kids 12 and under. tinyurl.com/ycfvkvxx

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Thoughts on that Super Bowl ad

By **CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON**
Chicago Tribune



MICHELOB ULTRA

The Super Bowl commercial for Michelob Ultra Pure Gold starred Zoe Kravitz featured ASMR.

watching YouTube on my phone. I stumbled on one of the videos, and I literally never stopped watching. I was like, "If I'm going to start a YouTube channel, I think I would do ASMR." I didn't think anyone would like what I had to offer, but I knew I wanted to take it seriously.

Q: What made you want to do ASMR?

A: I was just so enamored with the community because it was different than everything else on YouTube then. Everything was very look at me, loud, very grab your attention. I was like, I can't watch this to relax. The fact that people were putting in the time and effort to make these videos for people to relax, I was like, "That is just so nice! So wholesome! I want to be a part of that community."

Q: What's life been like for you since becoming a YouTube star?

A: It's been pretty crazy to wrap my head around numbers. We just hit 1.6 million YouTube subscribers, and that's such a wild number to me. I've made a lot of really incredible relationships with people and friends that I've met in real life to hang out with. I love my community. The ASMR community is nice because people just want to relax. They're not here for the drama or anything crazy or over the top. They just want to chill.

Q: How do you feel about ASMR hitting the mainstream? It doesn't

get much bigger than a Super Bowl commercial.

A: I'm so happy more people are hearing about it. It's been very positive, just considering how weird it can seem to some people. A lot of people have misconceptions about it, but the more we're talking about it, the more it's understood. It used to take me forever to explain to someone what I do, but now they're like, "Oh it's that relaxing thing, right?"

Q: What was it like for you, seeing the commercial during the game?

A: I told my friends there was an ASMR commercial coming, and they thought it was funny. My friends are super supportive and tease me in a very sweet way. When it came on, they start screaming, "I'm tingling!" And everyone's just screaming and like, "No way, this is crazy. I can't believe this is on TV right now."

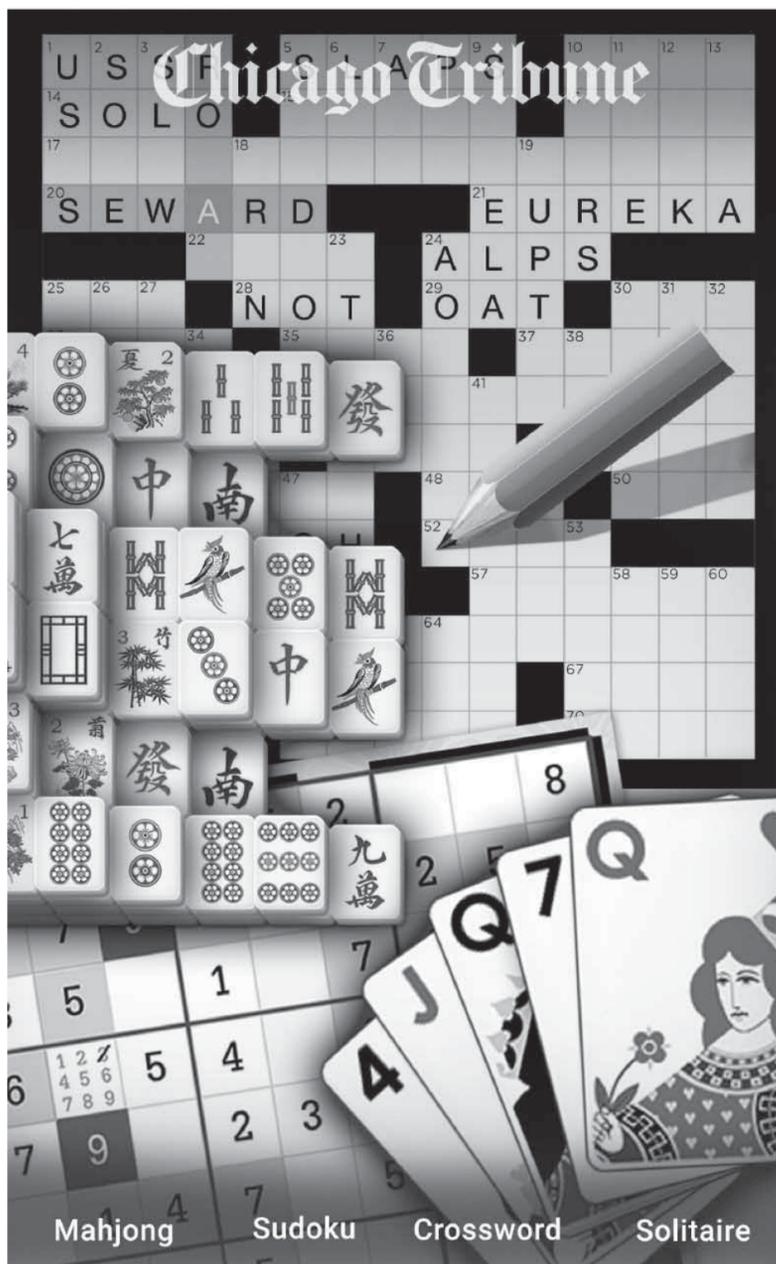
Q: What did you think about the commercial?

A: I thought it was awesome. They hit the nail on the head. You can tell they did their research: They had the binaural microphones, had her whispering back and forth. They had tapping, nice sounds. They definitely watched content and had done their research on what ASMR is supposed to be. They, of course, blew it up, made it Hollywood, used a big budget, and so it was very cool. They were accurate.

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MIND GAMES

How your brain chooses the people you desire

BY DANIELLE BRAFF
Chicago Tribune

Science says your attraction meter is similar to a video game: If you're a woman, you'll score two points for having a lower back curve (you look fertile), gain a point for being intelligent, but lose one for being too smart. Bonus points if you look young.

If you're celebrating Valentine's Day with a significant other, you can thank your brain and your basic mating drive for choosing that person — not your heart — said Helen Fisher, a biological anthropologist and research fellow at the Kinsey Institute.

"The basic pathways for romantic love lie right near factories in the brain that are adjacent to thirst and hunger," Fisher said. "It's a basic mating drive, and it drives you to pass your DNA into tomorrow. It's a survival mechanism, it's not romantic."

So how does your brain trigger that desire?

"It's been a big question," Fisher said.

Fortunately, recent studies have shed some light on why we desire the people we desire — and whether we can alter our romantic paths. (Always going for the bad choice? You're not bound to your fate.)

Crista Altergott, a 35-year-old client service manager in Mount Prospect, Ill., met her husband when she was a freshman in high school and he was a senior. But for her, the attraction wasn't there, as she liked the tougher, not-so-nice guys.

Thirteen years later, he

sent her a message on Facebook asking her for a date.

"Initially, I said no, because I was still looking for love in all the wrong places," Altergott said.

Like Altergott, most people have a preconceived notion of whom they should date and marry — and this is intuitive.

For example, in heterosexual relationships, men like to be with women who aren't as smart as they are — though they don't do this intentionally. A recent study published in the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin found that when asked, men said they'd like to be with intelligent women and didn't care if the women did better on a test. But when those men took an actual test and discovered that the women scored better, they lost interest in them.

But smarts are still important ... somewhat. Researchers at the Warsaw School of Economics found that men like women who have an intelligence rating of about a 7. If she had a higher score, they didn't have as much interest in her, and if she scored a 10, then some men had even less desire to date her. Women, however, wanted the smartest man possible.

Another study found that looks matter — in a surprising way. When the researchers manipulated photos of women to shift their lower back curves, moving their center of gravity forward, the men were more attracted to them (it's the same reason women may have started wearing heels).

"People are strongly attracted to sex-linked



KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Crista and Brian Altergott met when they were in high school, but she wasn't initially attracted to him. They reconnected on Facebook years later and have been together for about eight years, five of them married.

components of mate value," said David Buss, professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, and author of "The Evolution of Desire: Strategies of Human Mating."

"Physical appearance or attractiveness is a more important component of women's mate value, as is relative youth; good financial prospects is a more important component of men's mate value in women's eyes, as is somewhat older age — by a few years, not by a lot; as is social status and ambition, drive — that is, attributes that predict good resources in the future."

These are all evolutionary. Attraction to mates bears strongly on reproduction, which is the bottom line of evolution, said Glenn

Geher, founding director of evolutionary studies and professor of psychology at the State University of New York at New Paltz.

But now for the good news — it's possible to be attractive to someone sans the evolutionary desirability features, and it's possible to be attracted to someone whom you normally wouldn't appreciate.

In fact, it happened to Altergott, the woman who initially rejected the "nice" guy. After therapy, she learned that she was choosing the same type of man over and over again — and it wasn't working out well for her. "So after this breakthrough, I changed my pattern, and I started going out with different types of guys," Altergott said. When that guy from

high school reached out again, she said yes, and they've been together for eight years, married for five of them.

"I am so glad that I allowed my heart to be open to a different type of man," Altergott said. "Turns out he is the man I never knew I always needed."

How did she change her taste in men, even if the laws of attraction stem from the brain?

The brain is flexible, Fisher said. We have a big cerebral cortex, and we can learn that some types of people do us harm. Essentially, like everything else in life, we can learn from our mating mistakes, even if mating is a process based on evolution.

And this process is changing.

No longer does a woman need a man for financial stability or strength, nor does a man need a woman to solely raise his family.

"Today, women are looking for self-fulfillment," Fisher said. "When you ask singles today what they're looking for in a long-term partnership, they want someone who they can confide in and trust, someone who makes me laugh. Two hundred years ago, people wouldn't have said that; perhaps not even in the 1950s."

With the addition of women in the job market, our evolutionary dating needs are changing quickly. "Rather than a helpmate, we're looking for a companion," Fisher said.

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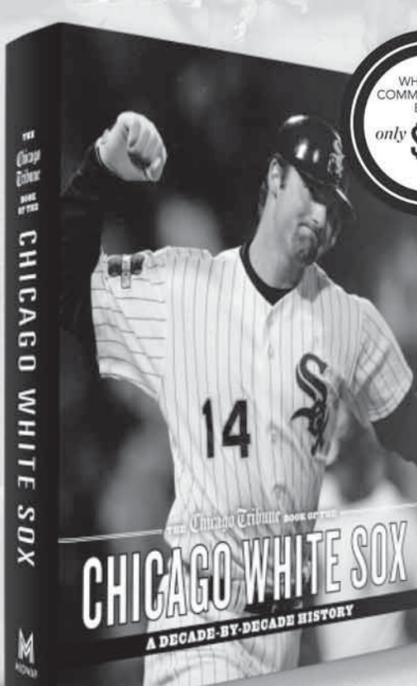
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NEBRASKA TOURISM PHOTOS

As darkness falls, sandhill cranes migrating through Nebraska circle the Platte River in massive flocks, looking for sandbars in the shallow waters where they can overnight.

MARCH MAGIC

Nebraska's sandhill crane migration gives new meaning to 'flyover country'

BY BETH J. HARPAZ
Chicago Tribune

KEARNEY, Neb. — Surveys asking travelers where they plan to vacation have consistently ranked Nebraska last among the 50 states. No wonder the state chose this for a tourism slogan: "Honestly, it's not for everyone."

But here's a reason (actually, hundreds of thousands of reasons) why Nebraska isn't just flyover country. More than a half-million sandhill cranes stop here each year as they migrate north. They arrive around Valentine's Day and disappear by Tax Day, April 15.

Peak season for the spectacle is mid- to late March, with massive flocks landing around sunset each day on the Platte River, a few hours' drive west of Omaha. As darkness falls, the birds find sandbars in the shallow waters to roost on overnight. They take off again at dawn to feed in nearby fields. Their trills and caws fill the air as they fly across the sky in swirling waves.

For nature lovers, a long weekend in March to witness the migration makes for a magical spring getaway. This isn't one of those adventures where you hike miles or wait hours to catch a fleeting glimpse of some elusive creature. You don't need to be an expert bird-watcher; you don't even need binoculars. And while you can pay for guided tours, public viewing spots aren't hard to find. As sure as the sun rises and sets, you'll see the cranes.

Anthropologist Jane Goodall, renowned for her chimpanzee research in Tanzania, has visited Nebraska more than a dozen times to witness the phenomenon. In a "60 Minutes" segment, she called it "food for the spirit."

Finding the birds

The cranes fly here from winter homes in Mexico, Texas and New Mexico, en route to summer playgrounds in Alaska, Canada and Siberia. In Nebraska, they fatten up for their travels by eating waste grain and corn from last year's harvest.

As you drive local roads, you

may see them feasting by day in the fields. But they're so skittish that the sound of a car door opening can send flocks airborne. (It's also illegal to harass them.) So pull over quietly, and watch through your car windows. Look for their mating dance as they hop on spindly legs and flap their wings.

The real show begins at day's end, when the birds leave those roadside fields for the sandy flats of the Platte River. As they seek out the perfect sandbar, they circle the sky in undulating ribbons. Amid a soundscape of wild cries and calls, they land in larger and ever more frenzied waves until the last ray of light is gone.

Several sites offer exhibits, films and other information about the migration and local conservation efforts, along with tips on finding the birds. The visitor centers at Fort Kearny State Recreation Area, Rowe Sanctuary in Gibbon and Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center in Wood River are all worth a stop.

Guided tours and overnight stays in riverfront cabins are also available from Rowe Sanctuary, Crane Trust and private local property owners, but they sell out fast, especially during the annual crane festival (March 21-24) in Kearney.

On a visit last year, my husband and I got a lucky call off a waiting list for a sunrise tour with Rowe Sanctuary. At 4:30 a.m., we headed to a windowed riverfront cabin where we watched the birds peel off at dawn. We enjoyed sunset viewings on our own.

At Fort Kearny State Recreation Area, dozens of bundled-up bird-watchers gather a half-hour before dusk on an old railroad bridge to watch the birds come down for the night. Other roadside turnouts include the Richard Plautz Crane Viewing Site in Gibbon and the Alda Crane Viewing Site.

Warm clothing is essential for the sunrise and sunset outings, when temperatures often dip into the 20s. Consider base layers, long woolen underwear and disposable hand-warmers in addition to warm socks, boots,



As you drive through Nebraska, you may see sandhill cranes feasting by day on the previous year's harvest.



From their winter homes in Mexico, Texas and New Mexico, the cranes stop at Rowe Sanctuary, en route to summer playgrounds north.

gloves and hats.

The birds stand 3 to 4 feet tall, with a 6-foot wingspan. Close-up photos are hard to get without a long lens, but cellphones capture decent images of the birds in flight.

Migrations of man and beast

Crane fossils found in Nebraska date the migration back 9 million years. But Nebraska has long been a crossroads for migrating humans too. The history of pioneers who passed through in the 19th century is explored at the Archway museum in Kearney. Artifacts and exhibits, including compelling excerpts from pioneer diaries, detail the hardships and hopes of this westward migration.

Archway spokesman Mark Foradori says the Platte River not only provides "ideal habitat" for

the cranes but historically also served as a "navigation guide" and water source for people on the move. Native Americans showed the route to fur traders; pioneers followed. Fort Kearny was "one of the last outposts" for travelers heading west on the Oregon Trail and to Utah with the Mormon migration.

The museum also looks at the rise of automobiles and road trips. Interstate 80, Foradori noted, is a modern version of the Oregon Trail, an "essential trans-continental pathway." The museum's location is fitting: It's built into an arch that straddles I-80.

A truck stop surprise

Visitors flying in for the cranes will likely arrive via Omaha. From Omaha, rent a car and drive about 185 miles west, mostly along I-80, to the Kearney area.

Kearney and Grand Island have various hotel and dining options.

Our hands-down best meal in Nebraska was a half-hour west of Kearney and a complete surprise, given its truck stop trappings. Taste of India restaurant is tucked into Jay Bros. truck stop in Overton, just past the displays of chips and beef jerky, before you hit the truckers' showers. The chef wore a turban, a Bollywood movie played on the TV and we feasted on garlic chili naan bread and butter chicken, a home-style Indian classic.

Back in Kearney, we had a good meal at Cunningham's Journal, a lively pub, and we liked the Daily Grind for coffee and sweets. Locals recommend Runza, a regional chain with a signature ground beef sandwich.

Preservation for the future

Conservationists have worked for decades to protect land around the Platte River from development. Last year was a banner year for their efforts: Aerial photo surveys estimated 650,000 sandhill cranes, along with a couple of rare white whooping cranes.

Goodall cautions that this habitat is fragile.

"The environment has been very damaged in Nebraska, with water levels dropping, the Platte River polluted, the aquifer shrinking, the wetlands drained," she said in a talk at the University of Nebraska.

Despite these pressures, she added, "the cranes are still coming. ... It's pretty magical, and nature's very resilient."

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Renaissance inescapable throughout Italy



RICK STEVES
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Among the many things I love about Italy is how the Renaissance can be spliced into your travels. Imagine: In Florence you can sleep in a converted 16th-century monastery that's just a block from Michelangelo's David, around the corner from Brunelleschi's famous cathedral dome, and down the street from the tombs of the great Medici art patrons — and that's just for starters.

Before the Renaissance, Europeans spent about 1,000 years in a cultural slumber. Most art was made to serve the church, and man played only a bit part — typically as a sinner. But around 1400, everything began changing.

The new "Renaissance Man" shaped his own destiny and was no longer a mere plaything of the supernatural. Belief in the importance of the individual skyrocketed, and life became much more than a preparation for the hereafter. This new "humanism" wasn't a repudiation of God; it was an understanding that the best way to glorify God was not to bow down in church all day long but to recognize the talents God gave you and use them.

And that's what the Renaissance Florentines were doing. Think of the extraordinary "class of 1500" living during that exciting time: Michelangelo was inspired by Leonardo da Vinci. Leonardo was hanging around with political bad boy Niccolò Machiavelli. Machiavelli had the ear of power broker Lorenzo Medici the Magnificent. Lorenzo's son, Pope Leo X, gave big painting commissions to Raphael, who exchanged master-



Raphael's School of Athens celebrates intellectual achievements and connection to the great minds of classical Greece.



It's easy to time-travel back to the Renaissance period in the neighborhood around Florence's great cathedral.

pieces with artist Albrecht Durer in Germany. Durer was personally converted to Protestantism by Martin Luther — who was excommunicated by Leo X — who had gone to school with Michelangelo.

Never before had artists been asked to do so much or given so much money

and freedom. In the Middle Ages, unheralded craftsmen cranked out by-the-numbers religious art. During the Renaissance, artists no longer worked anonymously. The most successful ones — like Leonardo, Michelangelo and Raphael — achieved celebrity status, dictating

their terms and creating as the spirit moved them.

Artists of the Renaissance deserved the respect they got. To create realistic paintings and statues, they merged art and science. They studied anatomy like doctors, nature like biologists and the laws of perspective like mathematicians.

Enhanced by experiments with perspective, paintings became more true to life — and packed a bigger psychological punch. When you look at Leonardo's Last Supper, you don't think, "Isn't it amazing how the lines of perspective pull me right to the figure of Christ?" But subconsciously those lines powerfully direct your eye — and heart — to the center of the fresco, right to Jesus.

Leonardo — a sculptor, engineer, inventor and scientist — typified the well-rounded Renaissance Man (and he wasn't a bad

painter either). Indifferent to what his patrons thought, Leonardo often left projects undone. Of the few surviving paintings by his hand, two are unfinished — abandoned when something more interesting came along.

But Leonardo was far from a flake. From the notebooks he left behind, we see him as a keen observer and a fearless thinker: He dissected corpses, diagrammed the flight of birds and formulated hypotheses about the movement of water.

Michelangelo was no less inventive than Leonardo, and he was equally famous. He split his time between Florence (his hometown) and Rome, where the money was. Over his long life, he ended up working for nine popes.

Michelangelo insisted he was a sculptor, not a painter. And though he preferred working in Florence,

when Pope Julius II said, "Come to Rome and do a painting," he couldn't refuse. He spent years at the Vatican, frescoing the Sistine Chapel.

That chapel ceiling is the story of creation — and the essence of Renaissance humanism. When Michelangelo shows God giving Adam the spark of life, man is truly made in God's image, as glorious as his creator.

Raphael, the third of the big three, combined the quiet elegance of Leonardo with the raw power of Michelangelo. A bit of an upstart, Raphael rubbed elbows with his elder mentors in Florence for a time, but soon moved on to Rome.

There, the pope hired him to paint the walls of his library in the Vatican. In his huge fresco, called the School of Athens, Raphael celebrated the great pre-Christian thinkers — a shocking break from Church tradition. And to make the embrace of these once taboo figures even stronger, Raphael depicted the great thinkers of ancient Greece as portraits of the leading Renaissance artists and geniuses of his generation. Not only did the Renaissance appreciate the greats of the ancient world, they considered themselves in the same league. Renaissance humanism ruled.

Although the Italian Renaissance sputtered out by 1600, by then people from around the world were already coming to see its masterpieces. Especially in Italy today, visitors continue to set their sights on the great works of the cultural explosion that was the Renaissance.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Cancellation trouble at the Madison LES Hotel

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I booked a room at Madison LES Hotel in New York. A month before my stay, I changed my mind about staying at the hotel.

I emailed the property, asking to cancel. A representative responded, saying that I had booked a "deeply discounted" rate, incurring a "one-night penalty if cancellation is needed," the representative said.

I looked at their cancellation policy. It says cancellation without charge is 24 hours before arrival. "Please note, all non-refundable reservations (room rate and all applicable taxes) will be charged on the day of booking. Absolutely no exceptions will be made to modify or cancel non-refundable reservations," it says.

I just want them to cancel my reservation and not charge me for it. Can you help?

— *Illyanna Maisonet, Sacramento, Calif.*

A: If your reservation was cancellable 24 hours before your arrival, then the Madison LES Hotel shouldn't charge you. I reviewed your reservation and, indeed, it said what you said it said — how's that for a tongue-twister? — so this should have been as easy as showing the hotel your confirmation and getting it to honor the agreement.

So what's going on? I see a few oddities. First, it appears the hotel changed names between the time you made your reservation and the time you contacted me. That's not unusual. Hotels changing names — or "reflaggings," as they're called in the lodging industry — happen all the time.

During a name change, hotels sometimes switch reservations systems, and details of some reservations may get lost. I'm not sure if that happened to you, but that may be one explanation. Also, I noticed a notation next to

your reservation that said "restricted."

As you probably know, hotels offer several types of rates, from completely refundable to nonrefundable. It looks like, while the terms below your reservation said one thing, the reservation might have been more restricted. That's on the hotel, not you.

You kept a thorough paper trail of correspondence between you and the hotel. It shows that while it promised you one thing, it seemed to deliver another. I'm going to write this off to a reflagging confusion, not some sinister plot to keep your money. I've seen sinister plots; this isn't one of them. When a hotel sends you the terms of its cancellation in writing, it needs to stick to those terms — just as travelers need to keep their end of the bargain.

You were well within your rights to cancel and ask for a full refund. When I contacted the hotel on

your behalf, the hotel insisted that it never meant to pocket your money. "We canceled your reservation and never placed a charge on your card," it said. "We are not sure why there is a discussion regarding a canceled reservation that had no penalty to you the booker."

Full disclosure: You're a fellow journalist, and before asking for my help, you gave the property a less than glowing review online. I probably would have done the same thing. It looks as if the property decided to back down after reading your review but didn't tell you. No matter. I'm happy the Madison LES Hotel won't be charging you.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Actress Chang reveals dream trip

BY JAE-HA KIM
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"I experienced culture shock when I moved to the United States," says Christina Chang, who portrays Dr. Audrey Lim on the popular ABC series "The Good Doctor." "I was born and grew up in Taipei. When I came to the States for college, I sounded like everyone who grew up here — because I went to an international school with an American curriculum — but I was so new to a lot of the culture, specifically the Midwest. There weren't many Asian-Americans and I was challenged most by feeling like I needed to assimilate to the social culture of the students while trying to navigate being 10,000 miles away from home and family. With time, I've settled in and feel very at home here now." Chang, who has appeared on hit shows such as "Nashville," "Desperate Housewives" and "24," attended the University of Kansas and graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: I'd say our visit to the Philippines when I was 4 years old stands out as the first true memory of a trip. I remember the food and getting to eat some of it with my hands, which I thought was so cool. I also have a specific memory of my dad's family all gathered outside at night, surrounded by lots of food at a barbecue with roasted pig, lots of laughing and dancing Tinikling (a traditional Filipino folk dance). It was



KATHRYN PAGE

... It's just so cringe to me when people show up to a country they're visiting and behave self-righteously and disrespectfully.

a heartwarming night and still an important memory for me.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: Even though I grew up in Taiwan, I'd have to say India was probably the most unique place I've been so far. I loved experiencing what that vast country has to offer — wonderful people, seeing the great Taj Mahal, spending time observing puja at the Ganga River, meditating at the base of the Himalayas in Rishikesh, eating great food in Mumbai, soaking up the sun on a beach in Goa. We really made an effort to try to take in as much as possible, connect with the people we crossed paths with and ended up making new friends.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: Respecting the culture of the country you're visiting. We are guests when we travel. We may not like every single city we visit or like all the foods that culture has to offer. But it's just so cringe to me when peo-

ple show up to a country they're visiting and behave self-righteously and disrespectfully.

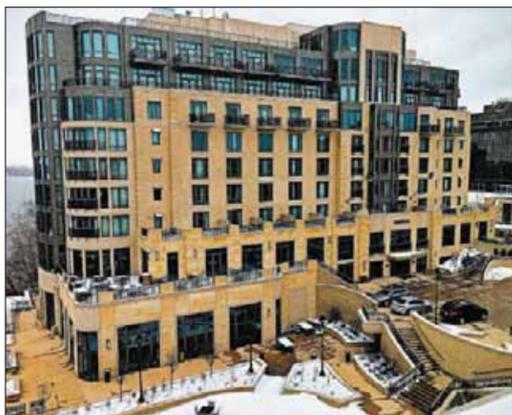
Q: If you had the time to return anywhere for a meal, where would it be?

A: In Taipei, there was a great dumpling and noodle stand that my dad used to eat at all the time. The woman who single-handedly hand-made every single dish and served all those meals from her cart every day eventually was able to turn it into a tiny hole-in-the-wall restaurant. I have memories of eating there many Sundays growing up. I crave that.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: A yearlong tour of my never-been-to places and places our good friends live in. I think seeing a city where friends live is a fantastic way in, and the bonus is you get to spend time with them. As I get older, I cherish even more the time I have with loved ones. A sunset with a glass of wine and old friends is fab.

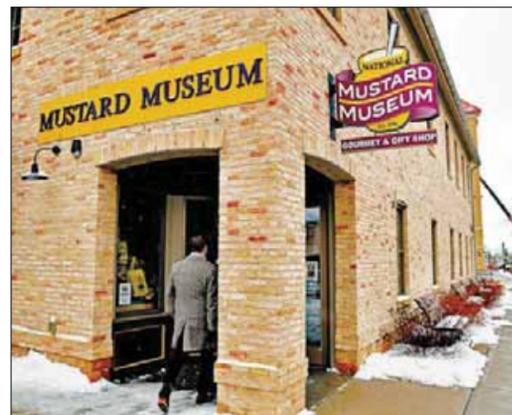
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The 2014 tower of the Edgewater hotel adjoins a lakefront plaza and second hotel tower dating from the 1940s.



Graze chef Tory Miller's award-winning bibimbap appears as a burrito on the brunch menu.



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The National Mustard Museum in suburban Madison, Wis., has mustard-theme displays, a tasting bar and a gift shop.

Need a quick, no-fuss getaway?

Just a 3-hour drive from Chicago, Wisconsin's capital city is an ideal weekend destination — even in winter

BY KATHERINE RODEGHIER
Chicago Tribune

MADISON, Wis. — Itching for an easy weekend escape mixing some urban adventures with a luxury hotel stay and memorable meals? Look northwest to Madison, Wis., a three-hour drive from Chicago, this winter.

This state capital, home of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, has experienced a downtown revival. Millennials employed in the tech world moved in along with baby boomers who've flown empty nests in smaller towns to be closer to the capital's cultural offerings.

Consider a winter getaway that spans both generations by touching on Greater Madtown's old favorites along with some new experiences.

Friday

Check into the Edgewater. Dane County's only four-diamond hotel blends old and new. Its 1948 tower, designed in the Art Moderne style, got a face-lift in 2014 when the Edgewater's modern hotel tower went up next door.

Although it lies just a few blocks from the Capitol at the heart of downtown Madison, its perch on Lake Mendota makes it feel more like a resort than a big-city hotel. A spa and lakefront plaza with an ice skating rink and skate rentals in winter add to its appeal.

It's a 15-minute walk to Tornado Steak House, where you can sip an Old-Fashioned, Wisconsin's signature drink, often made with brandy instead of bourbon. Knotty pine walls, white tablecloths and a relish dish are in keeping with the warm and cozy 1950s supper club vibe.

Longtime patrons insist favorite dishes never change, said owner Henry Doane. They typically start with coquilles Saint-Jacques (scallops in a creamy wine sauce), dig into bone-in tenderloin and finish off with pineapple upside-down cake.

An after-10 p.m. menu draws the college crowd, as does the downstairs Corral Room.

"It's amazing to see the resurgence of people downtown," said Doane, adding that "the 1990s were dead."

Saturday

After a light breakfast in the Cafe or a full meal in the Statehouse at the Edgewater, walk down to the domed building that commands attention all around downtown Madison: the Wisconsin State Capitol.

Pick up a brochure at the information desk to explore on your own, or take a free guided tour. The massive granite building is the state's third Capitol, built between 1906 and 1917 and sporting an interior adorned with 43 varieties of stone from around the world. From the base of the rotunda, crane your neck for a look at the inside of the dome decorated with glass mosaics. Check out the Governor's Conference Room, styled after a council

chamber in the Doge's Palace in Venice, Italy, and look for a copy of Philadelphia's Liberty Bell — minus its crack. A statue of a badger, the state animal, gets some love from visitors who rub its nose for good luck.

The Capitol lies on an isthmus, a strip of land between two bodies of water. You've seen Lake Mendota outside your hotel. Continue walking away from the Capitol toward Lake Monona, where soul singer Otis Redding perished in a plane crash during a December snowstorm in 1967.

If that thought — or the weather — chills your bones, step inside the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, making a grand sweep along the lakeshore. Wisconsin native Frank Lloyd Wright presented his design for the center to local officials in 1938. It was rejected. In 1997, after eight design revisions by Wright and the firm he founded to carry on his work after his death, it finally opened. Today it's credited with helping spark downtown Madison's renaissance.

Take note of the center's curvy walls, ceilings and circular forms, hallmarks of Wright's architectural style. A gift shop on the terrace sells items based on Wright's designs. Downstairs, the multimedia exhibit "Beyond the Drawing Board" tells the story behind his controversial plan for the center. Two more displays focus on photography: "The Wright Picture," a collection of photos by Wright's primary photographer, and "Madison — An American Capital City," comprising 18 photos of city landmarks.

Hungry yet? Drive south to suburban Fitchburg and Quivey's Grove, a 5-acre site with two restaurants known for from-scratch cooking and baking. Both buildings date from 1855 and are on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Stone House, an Italianate fieldstone mansion with 18-inch-thick walls and 13-foot ceilings, has a series of small dining spaces open for dinner only. A tunnel connects it to the estate's former stable, now the Stable Grill with hand-hewn beams and a few tables made from wagon wheels. Dishes on the lunch menu play on local names: Monona meatloaf and a Fitchburger in 1/3- and 1/2-pound sizes.

In suburban Middleton, a temple to the "king of condiments" awaits. The National Mustard Museum contains nearly 6,000 bottles, tubes and jars of prepared mustards from all 50 states and more than 80 countries.

Founder and curator Barry Levenson started collecting mustards in 1986 and opened his museum after leaving his job as Wisconsin's assistant attorney general.

"It was my midlife crisis," he said. "Some men in their 40s buy a red sports car; I opened a mustard museum."

Downstairs, the free museum displays rack after rack of mustards, along with antique mustard pots, advertisements and other memorabilia. Upstairs, a tasting



Wisconsin's Capitol building was completed in 1917 and dominates the skyline in downtown Madison.



Mosaics and stonework add color to the ceiling of the rotunda inside the Wisconsin State Capitol.



The Unitarian Meeting House in Madison was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and is open for tours. Other Wright works are near the capital.

bar has free samples, along with chutneys, salsas, sauces and preserves. The gift shop stocks wacky mustard-themed items, as well as 300 to 400 mustards.

Try not to fill up on mustard and spoil your dinner downtown at Heritage Tavern, opened in 2013 by 30-something chef Dan Fox, a three-time James Beard Award semifinalist. Fox went to high school in Algonquin, graduated from Chicago's Kendall College culinary school and worked at top Chicago restaurants, including Everest, as well as restaurants in Austria and France.

In Madison he follows the farm-to-table concept literally by

using meat and produce from his own farm a short distance from downtown.

"We actually get into the field and farm ourselves," he said.

His menus change with the seasons, naturally, but look for gussied-up deviled eggs and tempura bacon-wrapped cheese curds among his small plates. Large plates might include Great Lakes whitefish and heritage pork schnitzel and knackwurst.

Sunday

Locally sourced ingredients also are the hallmark at Graze, a gastropub helmed by chef Tory

Miller, who bested Bobby Flay on the Food Network's "Iron Chef Showdown" challenge by cooking, among other things, bison bibimbap.

Go for brunch, and choose a seat at one of the expansive windows overlooking the Capitol, an impressive sight even when snow blankets the surrounding square. Miller's bibimbap takes the form of a burrito on the brunch menu, joining other entrees like corned beef and kimchi hash, quiche and eggs Benedict.

For some people, Sunday means church. Visitors are welcome at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Unitarian Meeting House, either for services at 9 or 11 a.m. or for a guided tour at 10:15 a.m.

Wright completed the building in 1951, calling it "a little country church" because of its proximity back then to farm fields. City residences have since surrounded it. A pitched roof resembling a ship's prow accentuates the dramatic exterior. Inside you'll find typical Wright touches, such as clerestory windows, a low entryway, triangular shapes and a curvy ceiling.

Not ready to head home yet? You can always venture beyond Madison to see more of the famed architect's Wisconsin work on the state's Frank Lloyd Wright Trail.

Katherine Rodeghier is a freelance writer.

Old jail in Galena named best B&B in the U.S.

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

The best B&B in the country — and the second-best in the world — is about a three-hour drive from Chicago, according to the travel website TripAdvisor.

Jail Hill Inn in Galena nabbed top U.S. honors in the bed-and-breakfast/inn category in this year's TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice hotel awards.

On a global scale, the six-room inn and former county jail ranked just behind The 25 Boutique B&B in Torquay, England.

"It's kind of a juxtaposition, going from being a place nobody wanted to be, to being a place everybody wants to be," innkeeper Matthew Carroll said about his historic hoosegow that housed prisoners for nearly a century in this charming north-west Illinois city.

The 140-year-old regal, four-story brick building stopped serving as a jail in 1977. It has changed hands a few times since then and was languishing in foreclosure when Carroll snapped it up in 2015.

"It was kind of an eyecore when I bought it," said Carroll, who spent several years managing the Inn at Irish Hollow in



A strata, left, may be one of the three courses served during breakfast at Jail Hill Inn, right, in Galena.



JAIL HILL INN PHOTOS

Galena's countryside before branching out on his own.

"With my hospitality experience and being a lifelong Galena resident," he said, "I was able to bring a team on board to restore the property ... and bring some luxury lodging to downtown, which was sort of lacking."

Situated at 319 Meeker St., just a short walk from this tourist-friendly town's historic Main Street, Jail Hill Inn has half a dozen spacious suites, each measuring 800 square feet.

The property's old cells were

demolished long ago, although a few vestiges of the past remain, like inmates' names etched into the window frame in one of the third-floor suites.

Rooms come tricked out with a fireplace, wet bar, king-size bed, high-end linens and a Bluetooth-connected sound system. Champagne and chocolate are complimentary at check-in. Carroll serves a three-course breakfast each morning, and an afternoon wine and cheese reception is held 4-8 p.m. daily in the lobby.

"It's about really pushing that luxury and having pampering amenities that make it over the top," he said.

Overnight rates start at \$295 for a midweek stay and can go up to about \$445, depending on the season.

Guests, many of whom are "repeat offenders," seem to think it's well worth the price. The inn's 300-plus reviews on TripAdvisor are overwhelmingly positive: "Hands down the best place we have stayed," "I wish I could give more than 5 stars" and "AWE-

SOME!!" are a few of the enthusiastic props.

It's that kind of gushing feedback that won Jail Hill Inn the No. 1 spot in the Travelers' Choice awards, now in their 17th year.

Jail Hill Inn isn't the only Illinois property to get top billing from TripAdvisor travelers. The Peninsula Chicago rated top of class in the luxury category for U.S. hotels.

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NEWS TO USE

Film fest, beer month and sled dog demos

BY PHIL MARTY
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ The 14th season of the Beloit International Film Festival gets rolling Feb. 22 and the action doesn't cut until March 3. More than 100 films will be screened at multiple locations in Beloit, Wis. There also will be a variety of sessions with filmmakers and

other special events. www.beloit-filmfest.org

■ Grand Rapids, Mich. has lots of craft breweries, and you can raise a glass to them during Beer Month GR, Feb. 15 to March 15. On tap are plenty of special events, including the 14th annual Winter Beer Festival, scheduled Feb. 22-23, showcasing more than 1,000 beers from 100-plus Michigan breweries. tinyurl.com/y782qr8m

■ If beer isn't your proverbial cup of tea, there are plenty of wineries to explore in Michigan during the winter when fewer folks are milling about. Check out what's available at tinyurl.com/yd8xvz2.

■ Sled dog demos will be held Feb. 17 at Starved Rock Lodge in Starved Rock State Park in Oglesby, Ill. There will be indoor seminars and outdoor demos presented by Free Spirit Siberian Rescue. tinyurl.com/yb2u2d43

■ Cedarburg, Wis., will celebrate its 45th annual Winter Festival on Feb. 16-17. Based at Cedar Creek Settlement, the weekend will include bed races, a parade, wine sampling, live music, an outdoor chili bar and snow bar and more. www.cedarcreeksettlement.com

■ Cross-country skiers and snowshoers of all abilities travel to Ashland, Wis., every winter for the Book Across the Bay competition. The 6.2-mile course from Ashland to Washburn follows a route across frozen Lake Superior. This is the 23rd year for the event, which will be Feb. 16. www.batb.org

■ The Shelf Ice Brewfest will be held Feb. 16 in downtown Michigan City, Ind. About 40 area breweries will be showing off their best beers. Food will be available too. Tickets must be purchased in advance. tinyurl.com/y8fx4zd7

■ Nearly 10,000 model train fans typically turn out each year for the Mad City Model Railroad Show in Madison, Wis. The 52nd show will be Feb. 16-17 at the

Alliant Energy Center. There will also be exhibits and more than 300 vendors selling model train gear. www.nmra-scwd.org

■ Birds of prey are the stars of the show Feb. 16-17 at the Masters of the Sky presentation in Alton, Ill. Live eagles, falcons and owls will be among the birds shown at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam. tinyurl.com/y9ry9uf6

■ The Parke County Maple Fair will be held Feb. 23-24 and March 2-3 in the popular Indiana destination. Headquarters will be in Rockville, but sugar camps throughout the county will be open to show how maple trees are tapped and syrup is produced. tinyurl.com/yecmwb4q

■ The Science Center of Iowa in Des Moines presents a traveling exhibit aimed at raising awareness about mental health. Mental Health: Mind Matters uses hands-on interactives and immersive multimedia experiences to help visitors understand mental illness and its prevalence in soci-

ety. It will be on display from Feb. 5 to April 28. tinyurl.com/y9ff7a27

■ The 11th annual Centennial Beer Festival will be held Feb. 21-23 in St. Louis. Some tasting sessions sell out early, so advance ticket purchase is recommended. www.centennialbeerfestival.com

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.

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FORK IN THE ROAD

WHAT TO EAT WHEN YOU GET THERE



JULIE LOPEZ/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Backstreet Academy, which operates in 10 Asian countries, pairs skilled locals with visitors interested in learning more about a destination's arts, food and culture.

Digging into dumplings

In Kathmandu, Nepal, I learned firsthand how to make my own anytime food: Momos

BY ANDREA SACHS
The Washington Post

Dil Kumari Maharjan looked at my mishapen dumpling and said with a deceptive smile, "You made an American momo."

That was not a compliment.

During a week in Kathmandu, I ate momos like a Nepalese, causing platefuls of the popular snack food to vanish with the wave of a fork — not that I would ever use a utensil. According to proper momo etiquette, you must remove the middleman and dig right in with your hands.

The dumplings are eaten throughout South Asia and particularly in Nepal, which adopted the dish from Tibet. Several chain restaurants in Kathmandu, such as Everest Momo and Magic Momo, specialize in the anytime food. Momos appear on the menus at the five-star Hotel Yak and Yeti and at Jazz Upstairs, a live music venue. They show up on wedding buffet lines and inspire eponymous festivals. Friends throw momo parties.

I tasted my first steamed momo at an alleyway joint called Chinese Kitchen and Burger House and Fast Food, near Patan Durbar Square. I paid less than a buck for 10 veggie dumplings the size of pupas. After that inaugural sampling, many more momos followed, including several dozen made by a pair of inexpert — yes, American — hands.

Dil and her husband, Purna, teach the art of momo-making at their Kathmandu home. The couple work with Backstreet Academy, the Nepal-based organization that pairs skilled locals with visitors seeking an intimate cultural experience. The peer-to-peer site arranges classes and tours in 25 cities in 10 Asian countries, including Laos, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia.

In Kathmandu, experts instruct novices on how to drape a sari, paint a Buddhist thangka and sew a laptop case out of Dhaka cloth. The city food tours lead guests to the best street stalls or take them out for a traditional Nepalese breakfast of sel roti, a doughnutlike pastry; malpua, an Indian pancake; gwaramari, a round bread; and bottomless cups of chai.

Home chefs also invite visitors into their kitchens. Ruby Shrestha, a stay-at-home mom who knits for extra income, teaches her students to make dal bhat (lentil soup and rice), the unofficial dish of Nepal. Nima Sherpa, a housewife enjoying her empty-nest years, whips up vegetable curry and sel roti. Purna, whose online bio says he wants to use his cooking skills to avert poverty and provide a good education for his son, runs two courses: Cooking Momos with Home Chefs: Nepal's Favorite Dish and Kathmandu Fear Factor Challenge: An Inside(r) Way to Eating Buffalo. The edible anatomy lesson includes blood, testicles, brain, lungs, liver, spinal cord and eyeballs.

My friend Julie and I opted for the more benevolent momo, which is offensive to none but the tight waistband. The dumplings come in several varieties, such as



JULIE LOPEZ/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

In the momo-making class, Julie Lopez shows off her dumpling-folding skills.

If you go

Backstreet Academy: The organization recruits skilled locals to lead tours and teach classes in Kathmandu. The Cooking Momos with Home Chefs course is held daily, with several time slots available per day. Price is \$19 per person, plus a 7 percent service fee. The company adds a \$5 surcharge if the number of participants does not meet the minimum requirement. An interpreter will meet the students at a predetermined spot and walk them to the instructor's home; backstreetacademy.com.

chicken, vegetable and buffalo, the most popular filling.

Our interpreter, Aarjoo, told us that momo eaters often consume about 15 pieces per outing, though the snack can easily cross the line into bingeing. Purna said their 14-year-old son once tossed back 25 medium-size buffalo momos. Thankfully, he was at school during our noon class, so I didn't have to guard the goods.

The Maharjans live in an urban neighborhood with droopy power lines, bike-riding fruit vendors and tailors who stitch the North Face logo onto outerwear. Aarjoo met us at Bajeko Sokuwa, a restaurant chain that, of course, serves momos. We followed her through the chaotic streets to a two-story concrete house with a vegetable garden in the front yard. We greeted a woman washing a small child (the couple's tenants) and climbed the stairs to our classroom. Shoes off, apron on, and don't even touch a speck of coriander till you wash your hands.

Purna started with an overview of ingre-



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Purna Maharjan plates steamed momos accompanied by a side of achar sauce. Maharjan and his wife, Dil, teach the art of momo-making at their home in Kathmandu.

dients, which he had chopped up in advance and arrayed at our work station, a low coffee table inches from a couch. A large vessel contained carrots, soybeans, cabbage, bell peppers, spring onions and boiled potatoes. (We requested vegan momos, but vegetarians can add paneer, too.) The flavor lineup starred salt, masala, chili powder, ginger and garlic paste. There was also mustard oil in a recycled plastic water bottle; whole tomatoes, coriander and parsley for the achar dipping sauce; and a mound of wheat flour for the dough.

Our first task was to mix and mash the veggies with our fingers. While we worked, the couple told us about their lives. Purna, 38, sells incense and has been an instructor with Backstreet for six years. In 2014, he won the Backstreet Travelers' "favorite host" award, an honor that hangs by the front door. Dil, 36, works in handicrafts. Their parents had arranged their marriage, still a common practice in Nepal. As we chatted, the gleeful sounds of playing schoolchildren and a wedding processional wafted through the open window.

After Purna kneaded the dough, we formed small balls and flattened them into sand dollars. We rolled out the little patties, receiving real-time critiques from Purna: "Too thin." "Too long." We used a round cutter to create perfect circles and filled the disks with the veggie blend.

And now, the hard part. Purna placed five dumpling shapes before us. We oohed and aahed in admiration. They were so artfully crafted that

each one deserved its own rotating pedestal. He first demonstrated how to make the round momo, which usually contains buffalo meat. Thirteen pinches and twist. I lost count after seven and smooched and contorted the dough instead. For the fishtail-braid-style, he pinched the top and then plaited. Left, right, pinch; left, right, pinch — till the final closure at the tip.

The Chinese dumpling was easier: Create a taco and fold the edges over until they kiss. There was also a momo that resembled hamantaschen and one with pleats that culminated in a mohawk.

I flitted between the fishtail and round designs, with varying success.

"C, B-plus, B-plus, A," Purna said, as I held each one up.

The A was a pity grade, but I did not protest.

Purna briefly left us to make the sauce. We took a break from folding to join him by the mortar and pestle on the floor. He pulverized the skinned tomatoes, garlic, coriander, Sichuan pepper, soybean powers, salt and only a dash of chili powder — because I am heat-intolerant. He dropped our dumplings into the steamer, where they would cook for 10 minutes on a two-burner electric stove.

Purna poured us a glass of rice wine that he had fermented for a month and plated the dumplings. The American- and Nepalese-made momos sat side by side, like friends around a coffee table.

"The look doesn't matter," he said, as we popped momos together. "They all taste the same."

HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

Evolving kitchen islands

By **KIM COOK**
Associated Press

Prep surface. Gathering spot. Storage solution. The kitchen island is one of those home elements that seems to have known its purpose from its inception: a utilitarian divider between kitchen and family zones, the heart of the home.

Over the years, the kitchen island has come to offer far more than counter space. It might include a cooktop, bookshelves, drop-down bar, sink and acres of granite.

Today's islands come in all shapes and sizes, and have been tailored for all kinds of purposes. One important addition is connectivity: Designers and architects are integrating plugs, ports and other tech features into the kitchen island.

For one project, New York City designer Michael Wood integrated a system of USB ports and outlets into a kitchen island that also included ample storage, good seating and a clever pet-feeding nook. "The result is a family hub of activity," he says.

Granite has given ground to more performance-friendly countertops. Engineered materials like Dekton, Silestone, Corian and others are heat-, scratch- and stain-resistant. Designers are using real and faux woods, too. And there's a trend toward combining different types of surfaces. In another project, Wood used soapstone, butcher block and Corian on the kitchen island.

"An island is a great place to be creative," says Chicago kitchen designer Mick De Giulio. "I often combine materials and use them to



ALLYSON LUBOW/MICHAEL WOOD INTERIORS

Interior designer Michael Wood used butcher block, soapstone and Corian on this island. Mixing materials is a popular trend for kitchen islands.



CB2

Slate Design's gray-washed wood island with shelves and a cubby can add more useable space to a kitchen.

define various functions."

For instance, he has used a thick chunk of hand-scraped wenge wood, for

example, as a breakfast countertop: "I like the warmer, softer surface to rest your arms and elbows."

Then he might use polished stainless steel as a joinery or accent element.

In a tight galley kitchen, an island might replace a wall, giving a renovated kitchen more breathing room, more light and more work space. Cabinetry and shelving on the island can hold kids' craft gear, books or barware. Built-in microwaves, ovens and deep, pullout drawers offer efficiency.

In a larger home, the island can serve even more purposes, including breakfast bar, entertainment zone or home office. Look for seating that complements the room: Sturdy bases and backrests make for safe, comfy places to

settle in, while low-profile stools that slide out of sight might be all you need for occasional use. Pick pieces with easily cleaned performance fabrics, or go with plastic, steel or wood if you've got messy eaters.

Spend some time on the lighting, Wood advises. If the kitchen is a work center, put in task lighting.

"For others who never cook, lighting is almost a decorative element," he says.

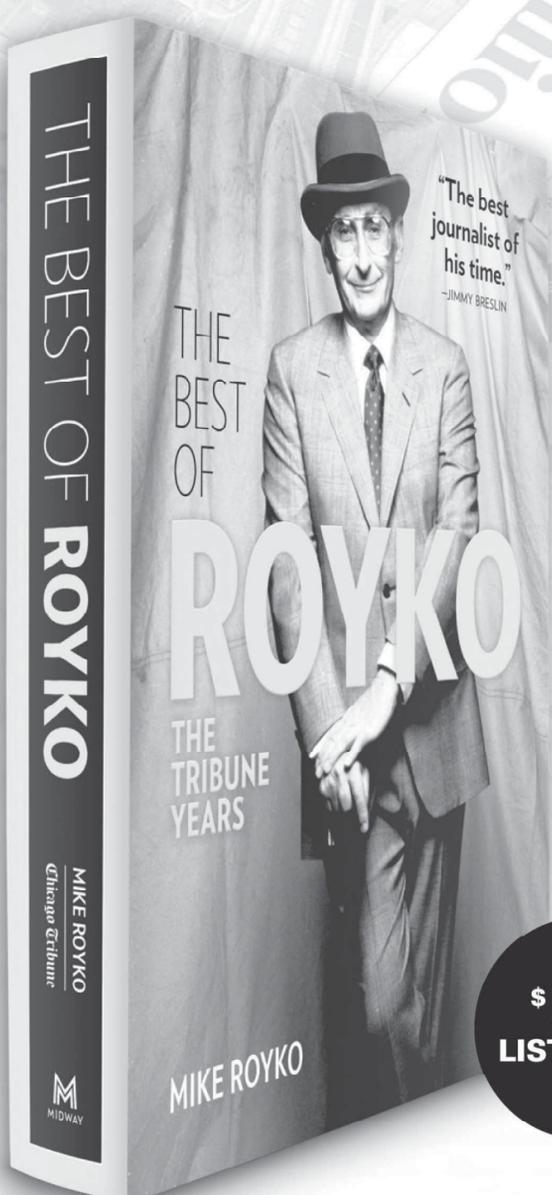
Wood recommends under-cabinet LED lights and directional sconces, all dimmable. Pendants are popular, but if you've got a low ceiling, be mindful of their positioning.

Minimalist horizontal fixtures that sit just slightly below the ceiling might work better; for instance, Lightology's Essence fixture, a barely-there sliver of brass or nickel, casts a warm glow but doesn't loom over the island. West Elm has the Linear pendant with a walnut finish that's slim and stylish.

If you just need an island work zone, consider Slate Design's freestanding ones designed by Mark Daniel, and available at CB2.

There's a high-gloss, white-lacquered version with a cubby, open shelving and a white marble top, or a somewhat shorter one in a gray-washed wood with marble top.

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Should you keep your nail polish in the fridge?



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I opened my friend's refrigerator the other day and was surprised to see that is where she stores her nail polish. I asked her why, and she says it makes it last longer. Is this true? Since nail polish can cost \$7 or \$8 per, I'd like to preserve it as long as possible.

— Suzanna E.

Dear Suzanna: The answer is yes and no. Nails Magazine says that if you put it in the fridge and leave it there for a few weeks at a time, it will slow down the thickening of the polish. On the other hand, if you keep it refrigerated but take it out often to polish your nails, then put it back in the refrigerator "it makes no difference to the polish's shelf life." If you do refrigerate, bring it to room temp before opening it.

The magazine (which is written for nail professionals) says the best way to preserve your polish is to make sure all the polish is removed from the neck of the bottle, then seal tightly.

Sally Beauty (sallybeauty.com) says storing polish in the fridge actually causes it to thicken and points out that it takes quite a while to warm up to room temp. The website recommends adding a few drops of nail lacquer thinner if your polish is too thick (amazon.com, \$3.99 and up). The temptation is to add a few drops of nail polish remover, but there's a real danger of turning the whole bottle into a liquid mess, so buy the thinner.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I've recently taken up running, but I'm having trouble figuring out what to do with my cellphone. I really don't want to hold it in my hand. I'm scared to death I will drop it. For what it cost me, I can't afford to replace it if it goes flying onto the asphalt.

I've even started jamming it into my running bra which is isn't comfortable and when I'm listening to

music or a podcast, the jostling of the running turns it off or switches the audio from what I'm listening to.

Somebody suggested a FlipBelt, but getting my big phone into a slit in that belt, well, forget it. I would think there's a simple solution to my problem, but I haven't found it. Suggestions, please.

— Emily S.

Dear Emily: I pretty much had given up on finding a way to exercise with access to my cellphone but still keeping it safely attached to me and not in my hand.

Here's a suggestion you might like. It is called Pocket Plus (thepocketplus.com). It's a nylon rectangle that holds your phone (and keys and other stuff) by using really strong magnets to attach over your waistband. It's not perfect, but it's the best thing I've tried so far. They come in seven sizes, and the larger ones will hold a 16-ounce water. They're not cheap (\$17.95-\$26.95), but they close with strong Velcro, so I don't have to worry about my phone falling out.

The downside is this:

Because they go over your waistband, the waistband must be tight or the weight of what you're carrying in the pocket will weigh down the waist and you'll have to be yanking up your pants, running tights or shorts. That's not a huge deal when you consider the cost of replacing the phone you just dropped. I attach my Pocket Plus to the Nathan belt that holds my water bottles so that solves the pocket slipping problem for me.

Hey reader-athletes, what are your favorite solutions to this problem? (You can also affix these portable pockets to bike handlebars, a wheelchair armrest, baby stroller and the like.) One more thing, the magnets can mess with your credit cards or hotel key card, so I wouldn't use it for them.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Is it ever OK to wear silky pajamas to a party? I ask because I am looking at the February Vogue, where a model is wearing \$546 striped Ralph Lauren PJs, and the caption says they can be worn "swishing around town for a slouchy-chic night out."

— Cynthia J.

Dear Cynthia: If you're someone who actually enjoys a slouchy-chic night out (whatever that is), go ahead. Otherwise, stick to real clothes.

Angelic readers

Readers had some suggestions for keeping the white rubber edges on gym shoes white as new. Alice K. writes, "I always use Comet cleanser to clean my white sneakers and white bottom edges. I use a damp rag (for an entire sneaker) or a damp toothbrush (for the bottom edges only) to apply the cleanser. This has always worked for me."

From Candace B.: "The best cleaner I've found is Skechers Shoe Care Cleaner and Conditioner. I bought it at a Skechers outlet. Not only does it thoroughly clean the rubber sides of the shoe, but it does a great job on the fabric as well. Keeps shoes looking brand new."

Abby N. found a shoe repair shop that re-dyes the white part of the shoe, and "It looks brand new. It's the only way I've found to keep them looking

new."

Reader rant 1

Emily N. writes, "I don't like when a checkout person comments on my purchases. For example, 'Oh I love the color of that shirt;' or 'Is that cereal any good?' (Would I buy it if it wasn't?) It makes me uncomfortable. Another reason I prefer self-checkout!"

Reader rant 2

From Frustrated B.M.: "Have clothing manufacturers changed the body patterns they use to make women's regular cotton jeans? Every major brand I try on now — Lee, Levis, Gloria Vanderbilt, etc. — seem to be rectangular with no shape. If they fit my hips, they gape horribly at the waist. I've been the same shape for decades and never used to have this problem."

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BY DAVID SYREK
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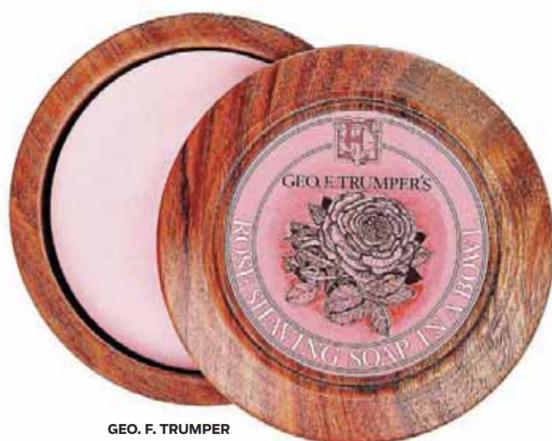
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Sweet spots

Chicago's top shops for no-stress Valentine's Day gifts

BY DEBBIE CARLSON | Chicago Tribune

This will be the year of stress-free Valentine's Day gift-giving.

You don't have to break the bank (and please don't) picking out something special for your sweetie. Valentine's Day is about thoughtful tokens of affection, but even showstoppers can be affordable — and easy to find — if you know where to go.

To help you out, here are a few of our favorites in the three big categories: flowers, sweets and jewelry.

Flowers

Fleur, 2651 N. Milwaukee Ave.

This is the day to skip the supermarket specials and go for high-impact blooms. Fleur Chicago's experienced staff will customize a knockout bouquet to fit your budget. Owner Kelly Marie Thompson says they're known for lush, romantic or whimsical arrangements, using unusual varieties of popular flowers, like antique rose colors, and some less-common blooms like poppies and fritillaria. fleurchicago.com



FLEUR

Flowers for Dreams, 205 W. Wacker Drive

Looking for a rustic, prairie-style flower bouquet? Flowers for Dreams is your shop. The bouquets are wrapped in burlap and tied with twine to complete the look. Pre-made arrangements are available, making it easy — and affordable — for the efficient romantic. For Valentine's Day, the shop has bouquets starting at \$35. Flowers for Dreams also donates 25 percent of its profits to a local charity. Co-owner Joseph Dickstein says February's charity is Resilience, supporting survivors of sexual violence. flowersfordreams.com



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Sweets

Chocolat Uzma, 1900 S. Halsted St.

Uzma Sharif mixes her South Asian heritage with French culinary tradition to infuse her small-batch chocolates with flavors like cumin, coriander seeds or rosewater. At Chocolat Uzma, shoppers can also find marshmallows flavored with raspberry or hazelnut. Her Valentine's Day special is individually hand-dipped, chocolate-covered strawberries, six pieces for \$27. chocolat-uzma.com

Katherine Anne Confections, 2745 W. Armitage Ave.

Farm-to-table isn't just for dinner; it's for dessert too. Katherine Anne Confections uses locally sourced ingredients as much as possible, even freezing summer fruits to use all year. Known for handcrafted caramels, truffles, marshmallows and drinking chocolate, owner Katherine Anne Duncan pairs unusual flavors, like the top-selling goat cheese and walnut truffle. For Valentine's Day, Katherine Anne Confections will have a limited-edition handmade box with 21 pieces, featuring flavors like strawberry cheesecake truffle and rosemary caramel, for \$65. katherine-anne.com



ALEXIS BITTAR

Jewelry

Space 519, 200 E. Chestnut St.

Space 519 specializes in unique work by designers who put modern twists on classic styles and offer interesting stories about their jewelry, all at affordable prices. Parisian designer Aris Geldis' new line was inspired by his fashionable grandmother and has a vintage '70s chic look. For every piece designer Selina King sells, like her moon and stars earrings, she gives jewelry to women who can't afford it. space519.com

Alexis Bittar, 1710 N. Damen Ave.

The jewelers at Alexis Bittar produce intricate and sculptural designs using materials like handcrafted Lucite, crystals and goldtone metals to create unique and understatedly elegant pieces at affordable prices. Prime examples of the brand's jewelry are a crystal baguette bangle bracelet (\$155), misaligning the baguettes to create an art deco sparkle, or the layered ring (\$125), composed of stacked, liquid gold tone bands. alexisbittar.com

Debbie Carlson is a freelance writer.



Sarah and Kerry Wood



Jim Peterik



Diana Inzunza and Adbert Alzola



John Cusack and Chris Chelios

CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



Cubs, celebrities pitch in at 8th Winter Warm-Up

Sports stars, media personalities and celebrities turned out in force for the eighth annual Woody's Winter Warm-Up hosted by Sarah and Kerry Wood at Harry Caray's 7th Inning Stretch on Jan. 18. Sponsored by ALE Solutions, the event attracted more than 400 attendees and raised \$175,000 to support the Wood Family Foundation's youth programs and services, including its Pitch In mentorship program that serves Chicago Public Schools students.

The evening included music, food stations, an open bar, raffles, and a silent and live auction that offered bidders the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at Wrigley Field (sold for \$9,000) and a meet-and-greet with Chicago Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo (sold for \$7,500).

Members of the media, players and celebs competed for tips behind the bars, with all proceeds benefiting the foundation. Participants included Chicago Cubs players Ian Happ, Albert Almora, Kyle Schwarber, David Bote, Rowan Wick and Adbert Alzola. Former Chicago Cubs seen on the scene included Randy Hundley, Bobby Dernier, Bill Madlock, Kyle Farnsworth and Ryan Dempster, along with ex-Chicago Blackhawk Chris Chelios. Cubs manager Joe Maddon and owner Tom Ricketts were also in attendance.

Also participating were actors John Cusack, Bonnie Hunt, Thomas Ian Nicholas, Mickey O'Sullivan, Rusty Schwimmer and Robyn Coffin, and media personalities Lisa Fielding, Dionne Miller, Kelly Crull, Stylz & Roman, Ryan Baker, Ryan Chiaverini, Israel Idonije, Brendan Greeley, Melissa McGurran, Danny Parkins, Joe Soto, Pat Tomasulo and Sarah Spain.

Jim Peterik performed "Eye of the Tiger," accompanied by "Windy City Live" co-host Chiaverini and the Suburban Cowboys. The Plain White T's lead singer Tom Higgenson sang "Hey There, Delilah," accompanied by Schwarber.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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Israel Idonije, from left, Bonnie Hunt, and Joanna and Grant DePorter



Taylor Koranda, Sarah Spain and Michelle Licht



Thomas Ian Nicholas, Dionne Miller, Ryan Chiaverini and Betina Gozo



Rowena Zimmers and Laura Muriello



Allison Mart, Mike Borre, Linnette Morales and Antonio Beniquez

Bride needs new plan to minimize kid guests



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My daughter expressed her desire to have as few children at her wedding as possible. She has a flower girl, so naturally this 4-year-old will be attending, and she also told the groom's out-of-town brothers that they may bring their young boys. A groomsman's wife just delivered, and she told them to please bring their infant child, understanding that leaving a 1-month-old with a sitter may not work out so well.

Now a member of the bridal party apparently needs to bring her 1-year-old child because she doesn't go anywhere without her, so my daughter figured if she said the groomsman could bring his newborn, then in all fairness, she needs to allow her bridesmaid to bring her toddler.

She has had a few negative responses from people who shared that they "can't afford a sitter" or "never leave their child with anyone other than family," and she smiles and says, "I hope it works out, as we want you to be able to share in this day with us."

Miss Manners, what are we to do if people show up with their children? It is clearly marked on the invite as to how many are invited from their household, but apparently no one reads this anymore or RSVPs. It is bad enough when they do not RSVP, and then when they bring additional people who aren't invited, it becomes a situation that is difficult to navigate.

Gentle reader: Having given up on the hope that everyone will enjoy a wedding these days, Miss Manners finds herself setting a lesser goal of offending the smallest number of people possible. Even this will be a difficult standard to meet if parents struggle to find baby sitters and then find themselves with a flower girl, two (or more?) nephews-in-law, a mother with infant and a 1-year-old. (Did we miss anyone?)

Your daughter may exclude all children from the event, but, for understandable reasons, she did not do so. It is time either to hire a baby sitter and a quiet room somewhere away from the main ceremony, or to bribe one of the older (preferably trustworthy) children to mind the younger ones.

Dear Miss Manners: The traditional checkout process at stores and fast-food restaurants has always been a separate line for each cash register, and if you happened to end up in a slow line, that's just the way it was.

However, some places, like banks, have switched to a single "wait here for next available cashier" model. Studies have shown this is generally faster and more efficient, but when there is nothing to indicate one way or the other, what is the prevailing etiquette? Is it one line or multiple lines? Should people be allowed to straddle multiple lines?

I shop at a local pharmacy store that has two cash registers at the front, one across from the other, with a single aisle between them. Every time I have shopped here in the past, there have been two separate lines, with people standing on the left side of the aisle to wait in line for the left cashier, or the

right side to wait for the cashier on the right. Today there was a college-aged man standing right in the middle of the aisle, so I politely asked him which line he was in. His reply was "The ONE line," with a tone that implied I was an idiot for asking.

There is no sign indicating "wait here for next available cashier," so is it wrong of me to assume that there were actually two separate lines, and he was wrong for trying to straddle both lines?

Gentle reader: Designing checkout lines — like manning cash registers and stocking shelves — is a store responsibility. Smart managers are aware that fistfights among the clientele are likely to interfere with business, and therefore try to make such layouts unambiguous.

When ambiguity does exist, Miss Manners allows free rein to the (reasonable and well-intentioned) whims of the first person in line: Everyone behind will then have to conform, at least until a lull in business anoints a new trailblazer.

If the aisle between the two cash registers has a function — the only way out of the store, for example — then your college-aged man failed the tests of reasonableness and good intentions. But you would be prudent to wait until someone plows into him on the way out, and, while expressing concern over his misfortune, advance to the closer register.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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Sam Bottoms got financial help from his parents for his recent purchase of a condominium in the Uptown neighborhood: 20 percent of his down payment.

'Families need to help each other out'

BY DARCEL ROCKETT
 Chicago Tribune

Sam Bottoms lived in Logan Square, Lakeview and the Gold Coast before settling into homeownership, paying \$115,056 for a one-bedroom condo in Uptown.

"I mentioned buying a place to my mom. She said, 'If you want help buying, let me know. I can pull out of my savings to help you,'" said Bottoms, 32, originally from Milton, Ga. "I kept that in the back of my mind when I started really investigating what I could afford."

Looking back, Bottoms said he didn't want to put his parents in a bad spot financially, but they were adamant about wanting to help and contribute money toward something tangible that would have a positive

Chicago among top cities for parents helping millennials with housing payments

impact on Sam's financial future — something he would appreciate over time.

He closed on the condo in July 2018, putting 25 percent down — 20 percent from his parents and 5 percent from his 401(k).

"It's a head start. Why should he have to wait until his parents die to give him any money? He needs it now. Families have to help each other out," said Karen Bottoms, Sam's mom.

Karen helped her eldest child with

his down payment, but a recent study from Zumper, an apartment listing platform, found parents also help with rent, especially in Chicago.

The company's annual renter survey revealed that 10 percent of Chicago respondents who were not living with their parents received help with rent from their parents. This places Chicago among the top 10 in the U.S., according to Zumper, alongside cities like Detroit, Austin, Texas, and Philadelphia, which were the top three.

It's a trend that local real estate agents aren't surprised by, given the amount of student loan debt many millennials carry. The generation also witnessed the Great Recession, making it extra cautious about entering the housing market.

"The National Association of Realtors talked about student loan debt impacting buyers, and it does," said Mabel Guzman, a broker at @properties and former president of the Chicago Association of Realtors. "There's a seven-year delay for millennials buying. Why? Because they're paying off this debt, and they don't really have the wherewithal to be saving money."

Meg Daday, a real estate agent at Keller Williams, Chicago-Lincoln Park, agrees that it's hard for millenni-

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Latest credit breach exposes mortgage data for thousands



KENNETH R. HARNEY
The Nation's Housing

A large breach of mortgage data that has exposed the personal financial information of tens of thousands of borrowers raises key consumer questions: What

happens to all those disclosures we make after we apply for and obtain a home loan — our tax returns, Social Security numbers, credit card accounts, bank account numbers and detailed summaries of our assets?

Where does it all go after the closing? If your mortgage or servicing rights subsequently are sold and resold to other companies, what happens to all that intimate information? Does

it stay securely padlocked away somewhere, far out of the reach of criminals?

You would hope so, but consider this: 54,000 mortgage borrowers recently had their financial data exposed to identity thieves trolling around on the internet. Borrowers had no hint that they were vulnerable, and many may still not know that a breach occurred.

There was no lock on the online files that contained

their private data. Stuningly, their information was not protected by even a simple password. It's not known at this point whether, or how much, personal data was accessed, but the files reportedly were exposed for two weeks or more. Some borrowers could find that criminals already have used their information to establish new credit card accounts, purchase merchandise, even apply for new

mortgages — creating havoc for the victims.

First reported by trade publication TechCrunch, the breach involved loans originated by several companies — Wells Fargo; a unit of Citigroup; Capital One; HSBC Life Insurance; and others. The loans were acquired by investment management firm Rocktop Partners LLC, based in Arlington, Texas. Rocktop's affiliate, Ascension Data & Analytics, hired a New

York-based company, OpticsML, which allegedly made a "server configuration error" that led to the exposure of the documents, according to an email sent to me by Sandy Campbell, Ascension's general counsel.

OpticsML, meanwhile, has gone offline. As of late last week, its phone number had been disconnected, and the contact informa-

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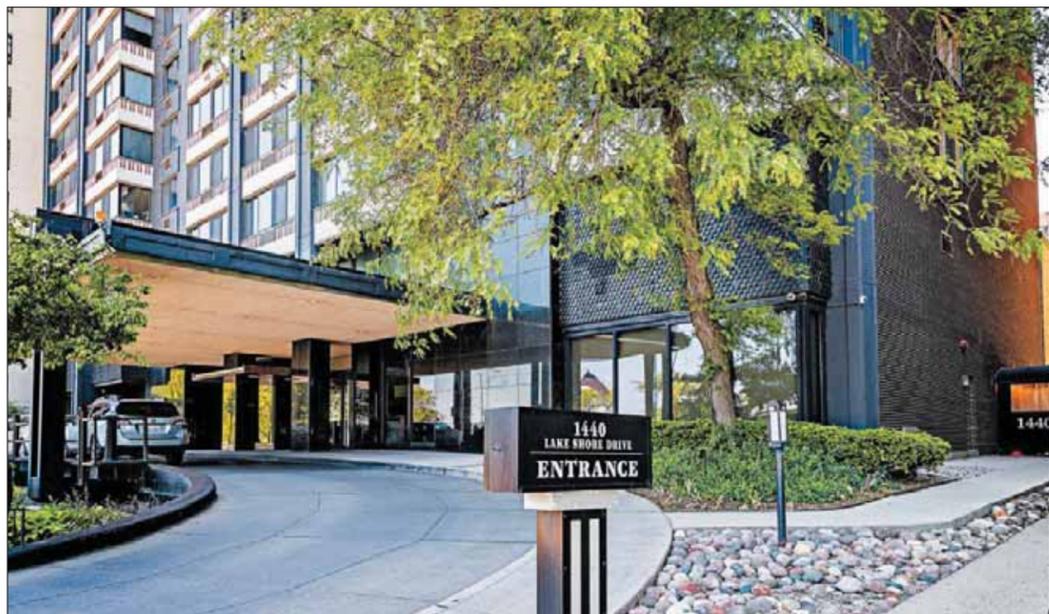
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HOME OF THE WEEK

Fully renovated Gold Coast penthouse: \$2.3 million

ADDRESS: 1440 N. Lake Shore Drive, Unit 35A, Chicago
ASKING PRICE: \$2,315,000
 Listed on Jan. 11

This completely renovated 3,800-square-foot home features four en suite bedrooms, four full baths and one half-bath. It has 10-foot ceilings throughout, a central HVAC system and private elevator foyer. Expansive living, dining and family rooms adjoin to provide plentiful space for entertaining. The chef's kitchen features custom cabinetry, high-end appliances, a separate SubZero refrigerator and freezer, and a serving island. There are also custom closets and Acacia hardwood flooring throughout. The master suite features two window walls, a large walk-in closet, exercise room and spa bath with steam shower, soaking tub, dual vanities and radiant floor heat. Building amenities include a roof deck, penthouse party room, fitness room and 24-hour door staff. Agent: Mark Markarian of Jameson Sotheby's International Realty, 312-342-1531



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5 Beds | 4.2 Baths
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1512 N WIELAND ST

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Incredible home w/finishes well ahead of its time, with an elevator to all floors including to the amazing roof. The entire house has beautiful custom cabinetry throughout. Kitchen has SubZero & Wolf apps, marble countertops, a dining banquette, butler's pantry w/wet bar & wine frdg. Mstr ste has dbl WIC's, frplc, marble ba w/spa shower & sep tub. Addtl ensuite bedrooms w/WIC. 3rd lvl has an ofc & ldry rm. 4th lvl offers a penthouse rm w/wet bar, 2 patios, outdoor kitchen & frplc! LL features a living space w/media rm & wet bar. 3 car att gar & smart home equipped.
4 Beds | 4.3 Baths
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1050 W WRIGHTWOOD AVE

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2440 N LAKEVIEW AVE, 8B

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Deciding who pays balcony upkeep



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The cost for maintenance and repair of limited common elements, such as balconies, is a unit owner's expense.



HOWARD DAKOFF
Condo Adviser

Q. Since 1979, I have lived in a condominium association, and our association has paid for the maintenance and repair of limited common element balconies as a common expense. Recently, a new management company that was hired has started telling unit owners that the cost for maintenance and repair of balconies is a unit owner expense. I disagree with the new management company because the balconies are part of the structure of the building and because of historical practice. Who is right?

A. The maintenance and repair cost responsibility for limited common element balconies will be set forth in the declaration and bylaws of the association. Customarily, the cost for maintenance, repair and replacement of limited common elements is a unit owner expense; however, some older declarations might categorize it as a common expense.

If the declaration holds that balcony maintenance and repair costs are an association expense, issue resolved; however, if the declaration holds that such maintenance and repair cost is a unit owner expense, notwithstanding historical past practice, the board may adopt a resolution to prospectively enforce the express terms of the declaration and bylaws on this issue and

begin enforcing the declaration provision as drafted.

Q. I live in a high-rise condominium association and it's my understanding that Illinois law regulates the accounting practices for condo associations with 100 or more units. Is a condo association with 100 or more units obligated to hire an accountant to perform an independent audit of association books and records? If so, how frequently?

A. There is no provision in the Condominium Act or Illinois law that requires a condo association to retain an independent accountant to audit the association's financial books and records.

However, Section 18(a) (7) of the Condominium Act requires the board of directors of a condominium association to supply annually to the unit owners an itemized accounting of the common expenses actually incurred or paid for the preceding year, among other accounting disclosures.

Additionally, Section 18.10 of the Condominium Act states that a condominium association with 100 or more units shall use generally accepted accounting principles to fulfill all accounting obligations under the act.

Therefore, while a condominium association of 100 or more units is not required to hire an independent accountant to audit the association's books and records, the itemized accounting of the common expenses for the

preceding year must be prepared using generally accepted accounting principles.

Q. I own a condominium unit that has experienced water infiltration during heavy rains for the last five years coming through the common element exterior walls. Despite my constant reporting to the managing agent of the water infiltration, no remedial measures have been attempted or occurred, plus the board of directors has also been unresponsive to my complaints. What can I do? Can I hire somebody to repair the common elements myself?

A. If repeated reporting of constant water infiltration into a unit is not being addressed by the managing agent or the board, the next step would be to send a written correspondence to both the board and the managing agent outlining the history of the water infiltration issues and demand the board comply with its fiduciary duty to maintain, repair or replace the common elements to stop the water infiltration. The letter should be sent certified mail, return receipt requested.

If the written demand also goes unanswered, the next step would be to initiate legal action in a court of equity to force the board to comply. Unfortunately, unit owners cannot modify the common elements without board approval.

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Insurance coverage often more than home is worth

By ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Every year, I get a renewal notice from my homeowners insurance company and it indicates the value of my home is over \$700,000. I understand that this is what they think it would cost to reconstruct the dwelling, even though I could subcontract it for 25 percent less.

And if the structure were to burn down to the ground, the removal cost of damage isn't going to cost \$200,000. Why can't I specify an amount (e.g., \$500,000) of coverage? If the cost to reconstruct comes out higher, it would be on me (the homeowner) to pony up any difference. Incidentally, the estimated selling price of the home, including pool, 5 acres and outbuildings, is around \$500,000.

A: The short answer to your question is that you can tell your homeowners insurance company to insure your home for a specific value amount. If you want the company to simply insure you up to \$500,000, they can and will sell you that policy. The policy you currently have may include a "replacement value" clause. This clause obligates the insurance company to pay out money to rebuild the home.

Insurance companies need to make sure that their policy holders are paying the right premium for the coverage. If you told the insurance company that you wanted an insurance policy for only \$500,000 and the home suffers a catastrophic loss, the insurance company might still be on the hook to rebuild the home and pay out \$700,000 to rebuild it if it includes a replacement value clause.



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We have some friends who had a \$1,000,000 policy on their home with a policy that gave them guaranteed replacement coverage. When the home burned to the ground, the insurance company paid out \$2,000,000 to rebuild the home to the size and quality it was originally.

To avoid this issue, insurance companies will require homeowners to raise their coverage to what the insurance company believes it will cost to rebuild the home.

You might be right that you can rebuild your home for far less than what the insurance company believes it will cost, but their models don't anticipate each homeowner being able to undertake the rebuilding of the home. The insurance company expects that you will hire contractors, architects and other professionals. As those costs get included in the coverage amount, we see how easy it could be to say that your home's coverage could be upward of \$700,000.

If you want a policy with less coverage, the insurance company can sell you a policy that will cover you up to \$500,000 and not one cent more. You'd take the risk that if the costs come in above that

amount, you'd have to come up with the money to rebuild the home.

As a side issue, your mortgage lender — if you have a mortgage lender on your home — will require you to carry a homeowners insurance policy of no less than the face amount of the loan you owe to the bank. If you owe \$550,000 to the bank, the lender will want to know that you have at least \$550,000 of insurance coverage on the home.

If you want to have coverage that will give you enough money to rebuild what you currently have, you'll need to follow the insurance company's requirements. That isn't to say that you can't shop around for coverage. You may find that the insurance company you've had for some time has raised your rates year after year and that their rates are now far higher than what you'd get with a new company. Shop around for insurance coverage every year or every other year to make sure that the insurance premiums are in line with the market.

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Should I consider an adjustable rate mortgage?

Anyone who's ever shopped for a home loan knows they come in two main flavors: fixed rate and adjustable rate mortgages, or ARMs. While traditional 30-year fixed mortgages have long been a homeowner favorite, sometimes an ARM can be a smart move.

Here's how ARMs work. For a period of years — usually 3, 5, 7 or 10 — the mortgage behaves like a standard fixed-rate loan. You'll know your rate up-front and it won't change during that initial period.

After that, your lender can adjust your rate, raising it if national rates have moved higher, or lowering it if rates have dropped. Therein lies the risk with ARMs since no one can reliably predict where rates will move several years in the future.

Of course, you'll earn a trade-off in exchange for an ARM's risk. You'll notice that ARM rates are not necessarily lower than 30-year fixed rates. So while

they are less predictable over time, you'll be guaranteed to pay a lower rate for the initial period.

That means an ARM could be a wise choice if you expect to stay in your home less than the number of years in the ARM's fixed period.

But if your expectations prove wrong and you live in the home long enough to reach your ARM's adjustable period, you'll find yourself at the mercy of current market rates. Right now, rates are forecasted to be on an upswing given the Federal Reserve's movements. But after that, it's impossible to know where rates will be headed.

In the end, adjustable rate mortgages are an easy choice when you know you won't live in your home for the long haul. But if you're like the many homebuyers who aren't sure how long they'll stay, a fixed-rate mortgage can be the safer and more penny-wise move.



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tion listed on its website was nonfunctional. In a statement for this column, a company spokesman explained that, "In an abundance of caution, we have taken down our website and servers while we conclude our investigation of the unauthorized access."

Campbell told me that Ascension is "in regular contact with law enforcement investigators" regarding the breach and "is working with vendors" to send notification letters to affected mortgage borrowers. It will also provide "credit monitoring, call-center support and identity-restoration services at no cost."

The banks whose loan clients might have been injured made it clear in statements that they had no direct involvement in the data breach because they neither own nor service the mortgages. Nonetheless, a Citibank spokesman said it is "working to identify potentially affected customers" and has "instituted a forensic investigation." A spokeswoman for Wells Fargo told me, "We have no indication that any Wells systems or service providers were compromised," and the bank views the "security of our customers' personal information" as "our priority." Industry experts were agast at the breach. Paul Benda, senior vice president for risk and cybersecurity at the American Bankers Association, said

"banks have strict data security protocols in place ... and protect their (own) data well." So, too, should companies that acquire mortgages originated by banks and resold in the secondary market. "If you receive this loan data, well gosh darn it, you need to protect it," Benda added.

Rick Hill, vice president of industry technology for the Mortgage Bankers Association, called for new "uniform federal standards" for protecting consumers' data that would apply in instances like this.

The underlying problem here is that the personal information we all supply to get a home mortgage frequently does not remain with the lender that made the loan. Mortgages routinely are pooled and sold to investors in a vast secondary market; those investors may resell chunks of their portfolios to other investors. After a couple of transactions, the financial data backing an individual mortgage is far removed from the bank or mortgage company that originated it. As a general rule, mortgage investors take pains to store client financial data on platforms that include significant security protections. But as this new breach illustrates, lapses can occur.

What to do if you find yourself a victim? Pretty much the same things you did when Equifax got hacked: Consider taking advantage of any free credit-monitoring services you are offered, and consider freezing or locking your credit reports.

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ELITE STREET

Frank Lloyd Wright mansion sells for \$1.15M

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

A 6,000-square-foot Prairie-style mansion in Riverside that was the largest part of the Avery Coonley House, which was designed by legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright, sold Friday for \$1.15 million.

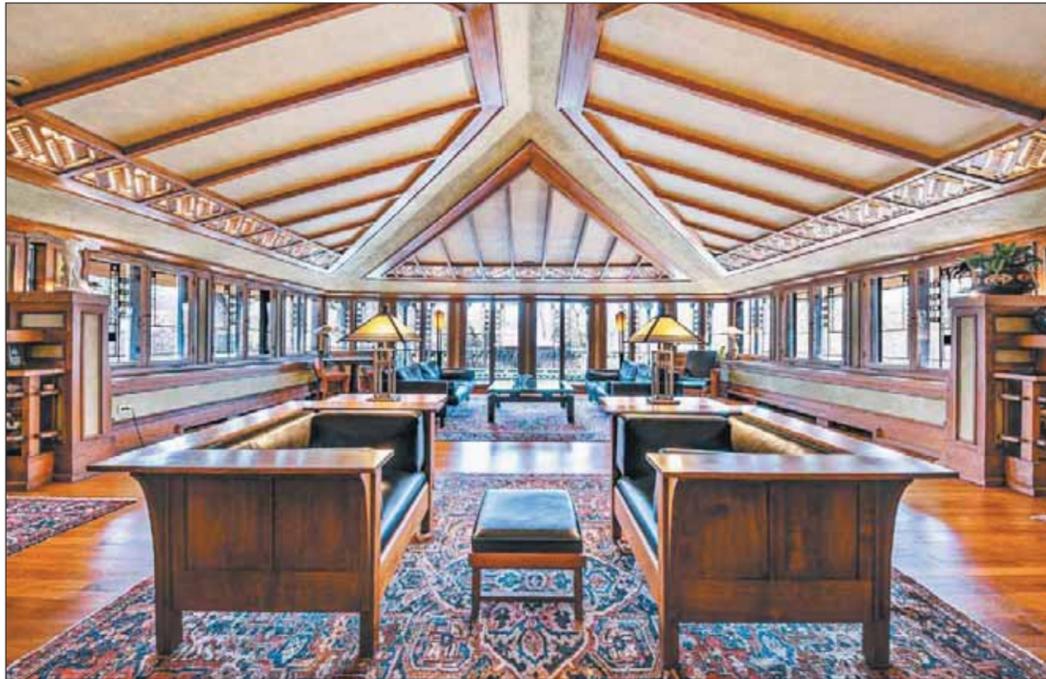
Built from 1908 to 1912, the five-bedroom mansion on Bloomingbank Road makes up about two-thirds of the original Avery Coonley House, which was later split into two houses that now sit on separate, adjacent lots. The home that just sold comprises the portion of the original mansion that had housed the public rooms and servants' quarters.

The home had been on the market, on and off, for eight years. Former Argonne National Laboratory Director Dean Eastman and his wife, Ella Mae, paid \$975,000 for the home in 2000 and then began a careful restoration.

Dean Eastman died in March 2018. In an exclusive interview with Elite Street, Ella Mae Eastman called the restoration "really Dean's thing. I just went along with it. I was kind of the enabler. It was really Dean's project, and he loved doing that."

"For me, the best part of having it, besides the obvious art of (the house), was all the things it brought to us, the people we met doing it and the events that were held there," Eastman said.

In 2005, the Eastmans bought an adjoining, three-bedroom, approximately 2,400-square-foot coach house that originally had been part of the Coonley estate. The coach house had been in "pretty bad shape" with a need for major roof repairs, and the couple provided a life estate to the coach house's owner, allowing her to live there until her death. The Eastmans then renovated



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the coach house as well.

In 2010, the couple first listed the 6,000-square-foot house for \$2.89 million. At that point, the Eastmans moved into the coach house "to see what it was like, and we liked it, and we stayed here," Ella Mae Eastman said. Now, with the larger house sold, Eastman said she will continue to live in the coach house and does not have it on the market.

"It's a simpler house to take care of," she said. "It's one floor and has a garden outside. It's a different kind of living. In this (coach) house, we use all the space. In the other (larger) house, there's a lot of space, but it's a lot of formal space."

With the mansion, the Eastmans lowered their asking price to \$2.59 million in 2011 and \$2.25 million in 2012 before taking it off the market for three years while they rented it out. They relisted it for \$2.1

million in 2015 and cut their asking price to \$1.999 million later that year and then to \$1.699 million in early 2017 and \$1.599 million in August 2017. After Dean Eastman's death, his wife relisted the home for \$1.299 million in May 2018.

Features in the house include hardwood floors, art-glass windows, a living room with a fireplace and balcony, a dining room with a fireplace, an eat-in kitchen, a master suite with his and hers sinks, and a lower level with a wine cellar and workshop. The more than acre-sized property has a reflecting pool and a terrace.

Public records do not yet identify the buyer.

Achatz sells Bucktown home: Noted chef Grant Achatz has sold his five-bedroom, 4,300-square-foot house in Bucktown for \$1.3 million.

Achatz, 44, is known for

his award-winning Lincoln Park restaurant, Alinea.

Achatz purchased the all-brick house in 2014 for \$1.16 million. Now, he has sold the house because "he just didn't want a house anymore," listing agent Ken Jungwirth of @properties told Elite Street.

Achatz first listed the house in September for \$1.4 million. Built in 2007, the house has three above-ground levels plus a basement. Not surprisingly, the kitchen has top-of-the-line features, including espresso-stained, Wood-Mode cabinets, a Sub-Zero refrigerator and a 48-inch Viking range. Other features include 3½ baths, two fireplaces, a second-floor laundry area, a rooftop deck, a first-floor

den or office with a wet bar, and a master suite with a rain shower, steam and body sprays, a deep soaking tub and a double vanity.

Achatz had moved out

of the house before listing it, and while it was listed, the house was staged, Jungwirth said.

Public records do not yet identify the buyer.

Vintage Gold Coast condo sells for \$2.8 million:

A two-bedroom, 3,700-square-foot vintage condominium unit in the Gold Coast that rocker and Smashing Pumpkins founder Billy Corgan had owned from 2002 until 2013 sold Jan. 10 for its \$2.795 million asking price.

The condo unit makes up the entire second floor of the historic Patterson-McCormick Mansion on North Astor Street.

Built in the early 1890s and designed by architect Stanford White, the mansion reportedly was a wedding gift from Chicago Tribune editor-in-chief Joseph Medill to his daughter, Elinor, and her husband, Robert Patterson.

It then was expanded in the late 1920s with a large, David Adler-designed addition.

The mansion was divided into nine grand condominiums in 1978. Corgan, whose primary residence since 2003 has been a lakefront mansion in Highland Park, paid \$2.95 million for his Patterson-McCormick unit in 2002 and sold it at a loss for \$2.5 million in 2013.

Now, the unit has changed hands again. Seller Roger McEniry, who bought the unit from Corgan, sold it to Keysite Capital co-CEO Bruce Bruene and his wife, Mary, according to public records.

The unit was first listed June 21. It has 2½ baths, 11- to 13-foot ceilings, wood paneling with original moldings and trim, four wood-burning fireplaces with Portoro gold marble and inlaid onyx details, original mantels, herringbone wood floors throughout, two private terraces and a kitchen with Wolf, Viking, Sub-Zero and Miele appliances.

Emily Sachs Wong, who represented the buyers, declined to comment on their identity but characterized the condo as "truly an outstanding unit that was in perfect vintage condition."

"It couldn't be a more gorgeous apartment, truly," she said.

Meanwhile, another former residence of Corgan's, the seven-bedroom, 5,750-square-foot Victorian painted lady-style house near the Southport Corridor in West Lakeview, remains on the market for \$1.99 million. That home first was listed last May for \$2.295 million. Corgan owned that home from 1993 until he sold it in 2001 for exactly \$1 million.

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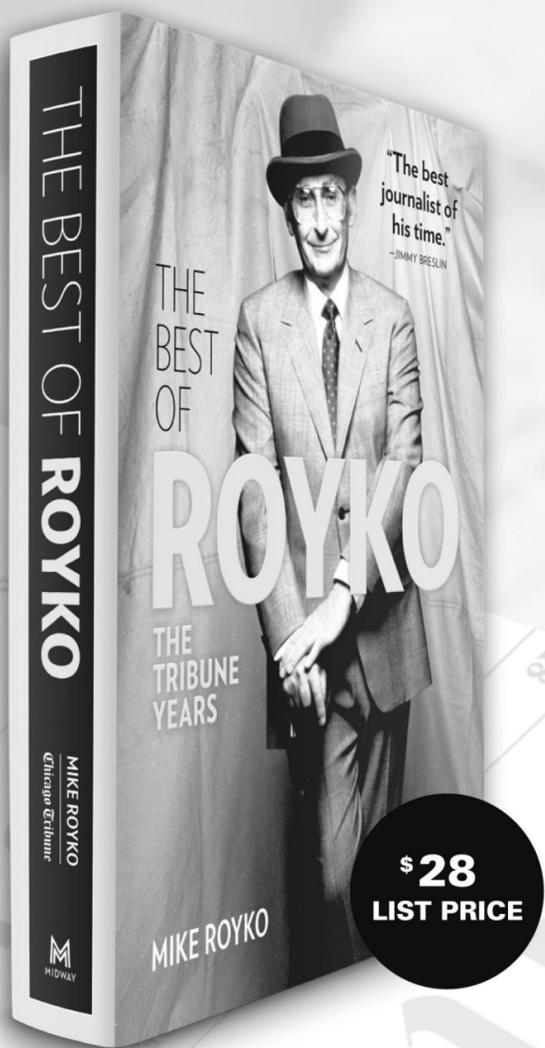


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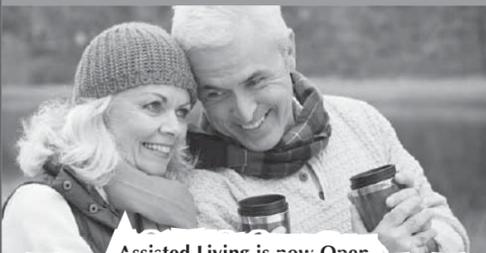
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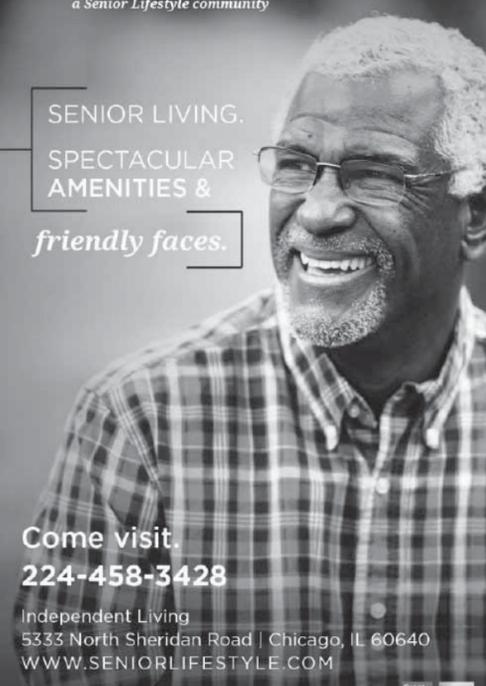
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Sam Bottoms paid \$115,056 for a one-bedroom condo in the Uptown neighborhood.

Housing

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als to save for a down payment when much of their income goes toward paying down students loans and expensive rent.

According to rental search website HotPads, the median rent in Chicago was \$1,790 as of early 2018, a slight increase from the previous year. The average monthly rent in Illinois is \$1,600, and the average mortgage payment is \$1,129, according to GOBankingRates.com — a difference that proves buying can be more beneficial than renting if you can swing it.

“I think when people were getting married younger, their parents — baby boomers’ parents — were helping them buy a house in the suburbs, so I think those parents now want to help their children in the same way. But those children are staying in the city longer, getting married later. I don’t know if parents helping their children with the down payment is necessarily new, but I think we’re seeing it in a different way than previous generations,” said Daday.

Ben Creamer, co-found-

er and managing broker of Downtown Apartment Co., said he’s noticed millennials getting assistance, particularly when they’re interested in the downtown area, where qualifying for an apartment often requires that a renter’s salary is three times the monthly rent. Creamer said some people use co-signers if their credit score or income doesn’t meet the requirements.

Many new high-rise developments offer incentives — a month or two of free rent, waived administrative fees, etc. — to get tenants into a property, said Tristen Heimann, director of residential rentals from Luxury Living Chicago.

“In a lot of cases, these newer developments are more affordable than something that’s older,” he said. “A lot of my clients make decisions based upon those concessions built in, rather than the market rate.”

Guzman, whose clientele is about 75 percent millennials, said parents are lending a hand at various price points too. If a property is \$450K and under, parents help, she said. But if a home is in the \$200K range, parents don’t often interject.

“If it’s a first-time buyer

and a millennial, parents are there — they’re there for the showing, and there’s often an understanding they may be giving a gift,” she said. “You hear \$450,000 home. You have student debt, but you have really good income, and you can make the mortgage payments. But maybe the challenge is making the down payment, so you reach out to your parents.”

Sam Bottoms was grateful for the assist and said there isn’t an expectation of paying the money back. His younger brother has been granted a place owned by his mother in her will, so Karen felt she should help Sam in a similar way. And Karen said she’s not the only one among her friends helping her child when it comes to housing.

“Parents have always been there — whether buying their first car at 16 or putting them through college — you just help your kids out because it’s not as easy as when we started out, when you made a decent wage and you could afford things,” she said. “You can’t afford anything these days without some help.”

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Tips for buying a home when you’re in a hurry

By ELLEN JAMES MARTIN
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For many Americans, this is a puzzling time for the economy. On the one hand, unemployment is low and people are shopping their hearts out. On the other, the stock market is volatile and even economists are unsure where the country is headed.

Such uncertainty is especially worrisome for those moving to take a new job. Should they buy a property in the new area or wait until the dust settles for the economy and the housing market?

Merrill Ottwein, a real estate broker specializing in relocation, offers general pointers for buyers unsure of the market.

“Buying a home in a hurry could be a terrific decision if it gets you a dream place and prevents you from locking yourself into an expensive long-term lease. But it could be a lousy choice if you aren’t careful what you buy,” says Ottwein, a past president of the National Association of Exclusive Buyer Agents.

One factor pushing some into a hasty purchase is the prospect of rising mortgage rates in coming months, according to Paul Lueken, the CEO of a mortgage lending firm based in Chicago.

But in most neighborhoods, home valuations should remain relatively stable, regardless of a possible slump in the overall economy, says Mark Boud, the chief economist for Metrostudy, a firm that provides market intelligence to the homebuilding industry.

Boud says that even if there is a recession in coming months, home values won’t drop the way they did during the downturn a decade ago. That’s because many areas remain short on housing



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Some people want to buy right away because they’re worried about rising mortgage rates, an expert says.

inventory, particularly in the starter-home segment.

Here are a few pointers for income-limited homebuyers in a hurry:

Challenge the idea of accepting a long commute.

It’s no secret that housing is still a major expense for those on tight budgets, especially first-time buyers with moderate incomes. Because of that, some buyers make tough trade-offs they later regret. Ottwein says it’s not unusual for buyers to accept a punishing commute to a distant community in order to buy a larger house.

How long a commute is too long? That depends on the buyer and the type of commute. For example, driving in heavy stop-and-start traffic can become far more tiring than on a free-flowing highway.

Exercise caution before buying a “fixer-upper.”

Ottwein urges any homebuyer considering a property that needs rehab work to get reliable estimates for repairs. To obtain a sense of potential costs, your home inspector can help with estimates, and your real estate agent should be willing to help you arrange with contractors for bids.

Are you convinced you could handle the reno-

vation work yourself?

Ottwein recommends you do a reality check by canvassing friends who know you well. Ask them if they think this big do-it-yourself project would be a good option for you, both in terms of your skill level and available free time.

Choose options early when buying in a new subdivision.

If you’re planning to purchase a brand-new house, you’re likely to be faced with many trade-offs before your contract is written.

“For one package price, some builders give lump-sum allowances for anything ranging from lighting fixtures to appliances to landscaping to kitchen cabinets. Anything not included in that package will cost you extra,” Ottwein says.

These choices should be made before the sales contract is written, but not under pressure from a hurried homebuilder or salesperson.

Those who are indecisive at the outset may find they have to pay a premium price for options they later decide they want.

“Once your contract is signed, you have little leverage left in negotiating with the builder,” Ottwein says.

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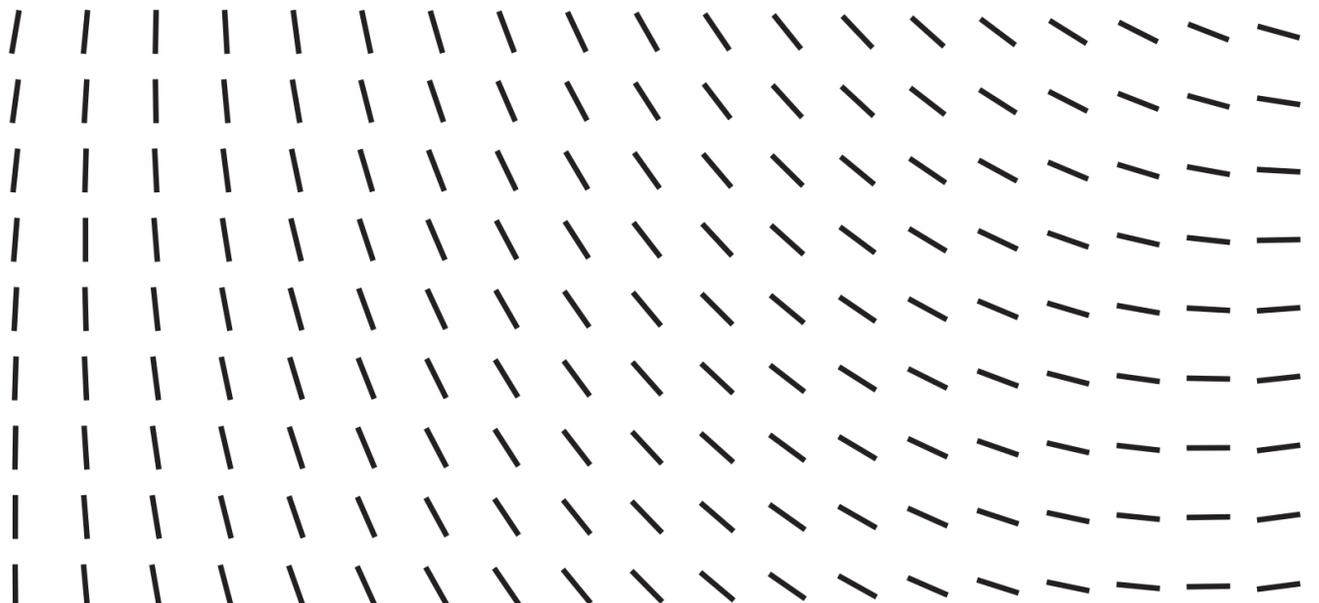
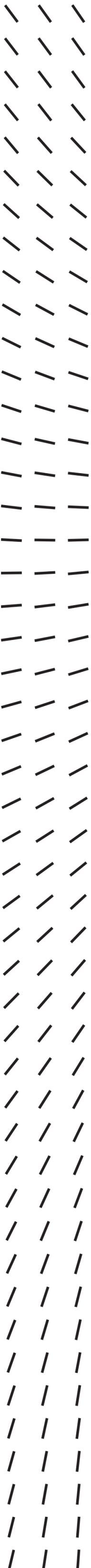


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There are things you can do to save time and streamline the process. **Page 3**



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2019 CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

Your essential guide to the show

Tear out this map and bring it with you

The 11th Chicago Auto Show continues at McCormick Place through Feb. 18. For ongoing auto show coverage, visit www.chicagotribune.com/autoshow.

Strike a pose
A selection of exhibitors have offerings that let visitors create images of themselves or their dream vehicles. Nissan is taking it a step further, letting outdoors fans create an image of themselves as a bear enjoying a campsite.

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Getting sporty
Kia has basketball hoops, but only Chevrolet lets visitors shoot a hockey puck.

Game time
Hyundai is taking its swag game to another level by having visitors answer game-show-like questions to win prizes. Answer more Hyundai trivia questions, win better prizes.

Safety first
A Volvo simulator tests your reaction time when obstacles appear in your path.

Camp Jeep
You know what it is already if you've been to a Chicago Auto Show in recent years. For those who haven't, you get to test-drive various Jeep vehicles in a number of off-road situations on the 24,000-square-foot exhibit's track. Plan ahead because this place is always popular.

Fast lane
There are a selection of racing simulators available at the show that let attendees really step on it. The one that combines the coolest vehicle with the coolest concept is from Ford, where you can sit behind the wheel of a GT on a virtual Le Mans race, the legendary 24-hour car race in France.

That E-thing
The Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition will be offering a chance to drive popular electric vehicles, including the Nissan Leaf and the Chrysler Pacifica hybrid. Wannabe test-drivers will need to register at the Chicago Area Clean Cities tent in McCormick Place's South Building, Gate 2, near the escalators.

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- **Metra rail:** The Metra Electric District line stops directly at McCormick Place, running from downtown to University Park on the Far South Side.

SOURCE: Chicago Auto Show
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

How the winter cold costs motorists money

BY LARRY PRINTZ
Tribune News Service

As those who endured the recent polar vortex can tell you, the cold and snow and ice made driving not only unpleasant but also dangerous. But winter weather also makes it more costly to drive.

The U.S. Department of Energy says a short drive across town when it's 20 degrees or colder diminishes your vehicle's fuel economy by 12 percent compared with the same

trip taken when it's 77. And if the trip is exceptionally short, say 3 or 4 miles, fuel economy drops as much as 22 percent.

As the temperature tumbles, gasoline thickens and the air becomes denser. This less-than-optimal fuel-air mixture causes your car to consume more gasoline until the engine and its fluids warm up to its most efficient operating temperature.

And, once it snows again, you have another culprit sabotaging fuel efficiency.

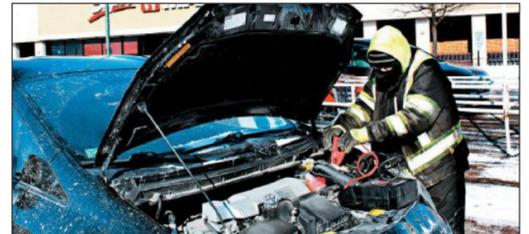
Icy or snow-covered roads not only decrease your tires' grip on the road, causing your car to use more energy to provide grip, they also typically lower driving speeds, usually below 40 mph, where your vehicle is less fuel-efficient. And snow adds weight, requiring more fuel to overcome it. Finally, if your vehicle has four-wheel drive and you don't have to use it, don't. Engaging four-wheel drive devours more fuel.

While you might be

tempted to warm your car by letting it idle, auto manufacturers suggest doing this for no more than 30 seconds.

Check your tire pressure regularly, especially after a significant drop in temperature. And make sure that you're using the correct type of oil recommended by the manufacturer for cold-weather driving.

Finally, it's always a good idea to combine trips, especially in the winter. Doing this ensures that you're not driving with a



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Winter weather can put your battery to the test, reduce gas mileage and mess with tire pressure.

cold engine. And, although this seems obvious, park your vehicle in a warm garage if possible, or in a sunny spot. This helps increase the initial temperature of the engine and cabin.

You don't have to like winter, but you have to love beating old man winter's ice-cold grip on your wallet.

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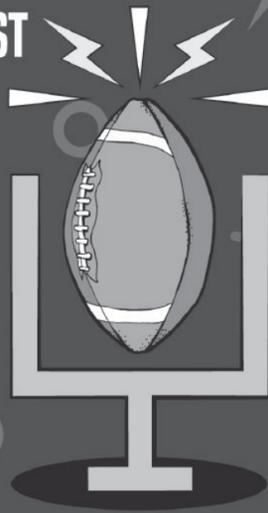
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A driver tests a Kia Sportage on a test track. Most dealerships don't have a dedicated track, but there are things you can do to improve the test driving experience.

Keys to a better test drive

BY RONALD MONTOYA
Edmunds

Test-driving a vehicle is a critical part of the buying process. And while you may be familiar with the basics, there are a number of things you can do to save time and streamline the process. Here's how to hack your way to a better test-drive experience.

Appointments are key:

Most people walk into a dealership thinking they'll hop into a car and go straight into a test drive. But salespeople are often busy, and it might take a half-hour or so before someone is available. Plus, the car you want to drive might be in an overflow lot, which is sometimes far from the main dealership.

An appointment can put an end to these delays. Call to let the dealership know you're coming and that you want the vehicle to be ready when you arrive. Some forward-thinking dealerships employ an online appointment tool.

It is a good idea to confirm your appointment. Salespeople have so many no-shows that they are sometimes surprised (and unprepared) when the customer shows up.

Time it right: The day and time you choose can be just as important as the appointment itself. Want more time with the car or more attention from the

salesperson? Avoid the weekends or holidays. Don't want to be stuck in traffic while you're on the test drive? Avoid rush hours. Tuesday and Wednesdays are often the least busy days at a dealership, and mornings are ideal times to test drive.

Test-drive the tech: The way you interface with a car's technology can be just as important as how the vehicle performs for you mechanically. Take some time before or after the test drive to sit in the car and get a few impressions of the infotainment system. Is it controlled by a knob or touchscreen? Which do you prefer? Want to test out the Android Auto or Apple CarPlay functionality? Make sure to bring your data cord with you.

Bring important cargo:

People often make the mistake of eyeballing the cargo area and assuming their precious cargo will fit only to be disappointed when it doesn't. If you have a large item you'll often carry such as golf clubs or a bicycle, make sure to bring it with you on the test drive to see how easy it is to load the cargo and how easily the rear seats can be folded down, if needed.

If you have children, bring your safety seat along to determine how much space you'll have in the rear when the seat is in place.

Schedule multiple drives: Since test-driving can be a bit of a chore, many people make the mistake of only doing one. But we recommend test-driving a few cars for an informed decision.

Schedule the drives a few hours apart on the same day if possible. The differences among the vehicles will be more apparent and fresher in your mind than if you do drives days or weeks apart. A bonus is that back-to-back drive appointments give you an excuse to leave the dealership if that's necessary.

Set expectations: A common salesperson's tactic after a test drive is to start talking numbers, capitalizing on your excitement about the car you just drove. However, we recommend keeping the research and shopping phases separate.

Let the salesperson know up front that you're still researching and you only want to focus on the test drive. It doesn't guarantee the salesperson will let you walk away without trying to gain your business, but at least you can say that you were frank about not buying that day.

Take your time to discuss the right options with your family, and do the purchase or lease negotiating from home via the dealership's internet sales department.

Don't encourage critters to chomp on car's wiring



BOB WEBER
Motormouth



DEWHURST PHOTOGRAPHY

The 2017 Toyota Prius is just one of many cars that critters seeking shelter might find chewable.

Q: Had a 2011 Impala. Little snots chewed the wiring. Cost me about \$400. Got lucky, and the dealer spliced new connections in. Owner of the Chevy dealership told me it was common. They would get a vehicle about two to three times a month. I bought a pellet gun the day I got home.

— G.C., Chicago

A: You'll shoot your eye out!

Just in case you don't, here's a recipe you may like.

Squirrel Stew

Ingredients:
1 squirrel, cut up
Flour
Salt and pepper
2½ tablespoons butter
7 cups boiling water
1 teaspoon thyme
1 cup corn
3 potatoes, cubed
¼ teaspoon cayenne
3 medium onions, sliced
2 cups canned tomatoes with juice
Directions:
Roll the squirrel pieces in flour, salt and pepper. Brown in butter. Add squirrel and all other ingredients (with the exception of the tomatoes) to the boiling water, cover and simmer for 1½ to 2 hours.
Add the tomatoes, and continue to simmer another hour.

Q: I live in Wisconsin and have had the same issue with rodents (mice, chipmunks) chewing on my 2017 Prius and 2007 Jeep Cherokee. I purchased the rodent repellent tape, and when repairs were needed, I have the techs apply the tape. I

have also tried Bounce dryer sheets and mothballs and cakes.

All have had some success, and (knock on wood) I have not had any issues in the past few months.

— J.Z., Rural, Wis.

A: Rodents not only dine on wiring insulation, they can infest other parts of your vehicle.

The National Pest Management Association (NPMA) suggested:

■ Keep the vehicle clean: Paper, tissues and fast-food bags can quickly pile up and serve as nesting material for mice.

■ Promptly address moisture buildup: Water is a necessity for rodents to survive, so a leak in the heater or wet materials left in the vehicle will draw them in.

■ Eliminate entry points: An open sunroof or cracked window is all a mouse needs to gain entry to a car. Make sure they remain closed when the car is unattended.

■ Pay attention to the garage: Despite parking in a garage, vehicles still can be at risk for rodents. Take extra measures to ensure the garage is rodent-free by keeping trash cans covered, eliminating excess debris, clearing clutter and caulking/sealing any gaps or openings where rodents can squeeze through.

■ Check under the hood: Rodents tend to build their nests near the engine because of the warmth it generates. Routinely take a

look to ensure invaders haven't made their way in, as rodents situated here have easy access to crucial circuitry.

■ Contact a pro: Take the car to a professional automotive mechanic if a rodent infestation is suspected or found. A licensed pest control professional can assist with a rodent issue in the home.

At NPMA and its consumer educational site, www.pestworld.org, you can find more advice on pest control.

Q: I just bought a "left-over" 2018 Lexus NX300h. I've owned two Toyota Priuses and one hybrid Camry, so I'm a hybrid disciple. Toyota service espoused using regular gas only in these vehicles, claiming that a higher octane would actually yield lower miles per gallon. The owners manual on my new Lexus hybrid says to use a minimum of 87 octane. I buy top-tier gas from Costco and wondered if the 87 octane was good enough for my new baby. Please advise.

— B.J., Allentown, Pa.

A: Yep, 87 octane gas is perfectly fine. Don't waste money on higher-priced fuel.

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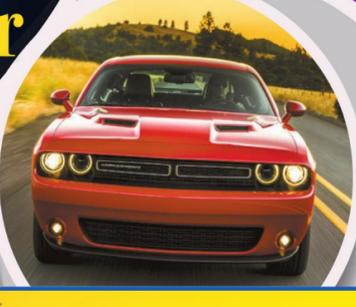
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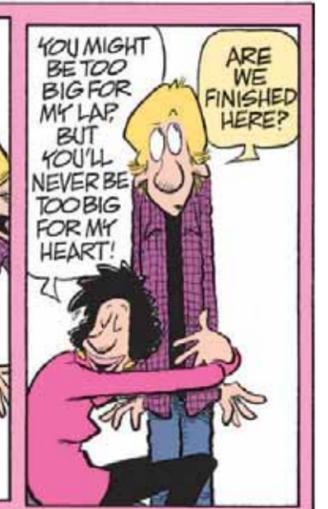
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE
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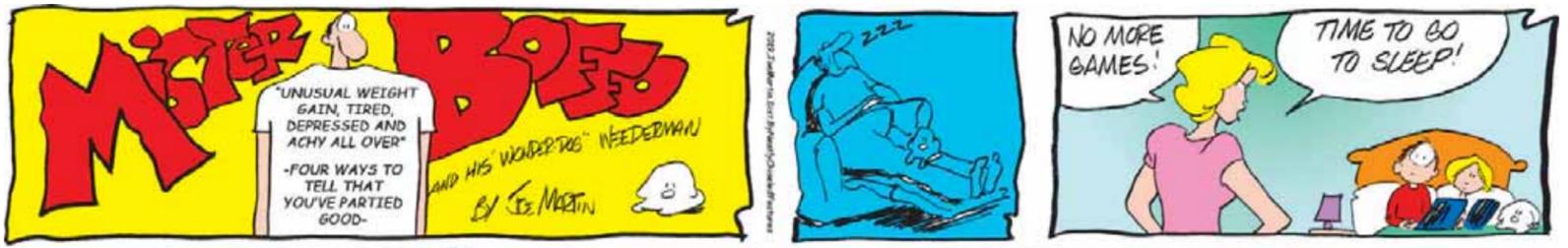
I MAKE THAT BED EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK. TODAY, I SAID "TO HECK WITH IT!" - THE WORLD WON'T COME TO AN END IF I DON'T MAKE THE BED.

YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND - NEVER MAKE YOUR BED!! YOU'RE CONTENT TO LIVE IN A DISGUSTING ENVIRONMENT OF CHAOS AND SQUALOR EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE!

I KNOW!

... AN' I WASN'T CRITICIZING! HONEST.

IT'S JUST NICE TO SEE THAT I'M FINALLY HAVING A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON YOU!

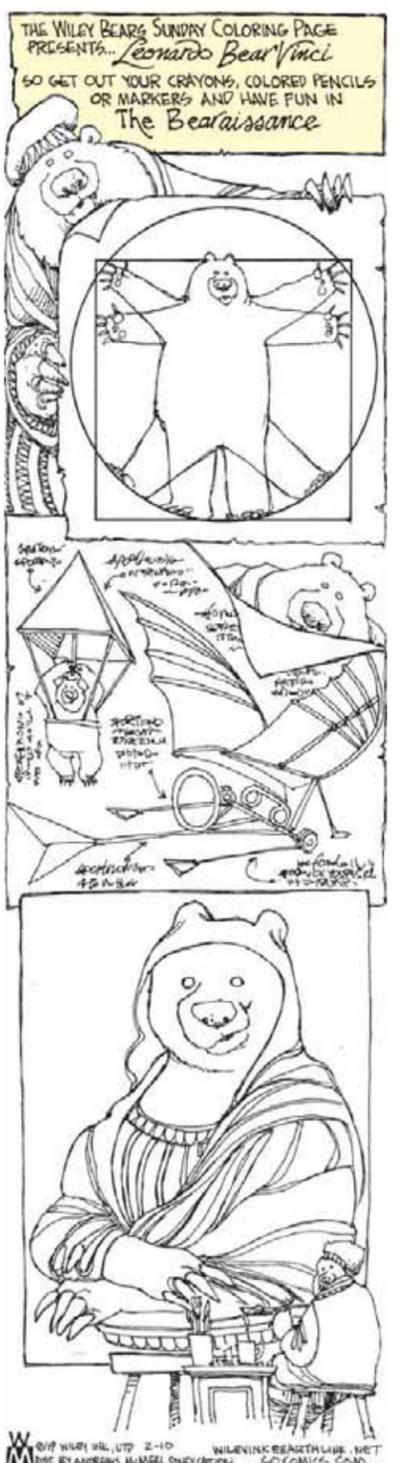
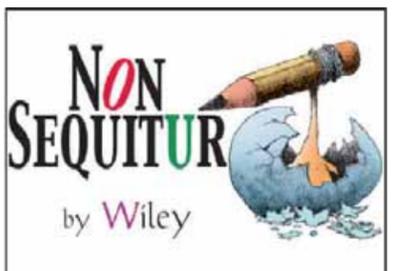
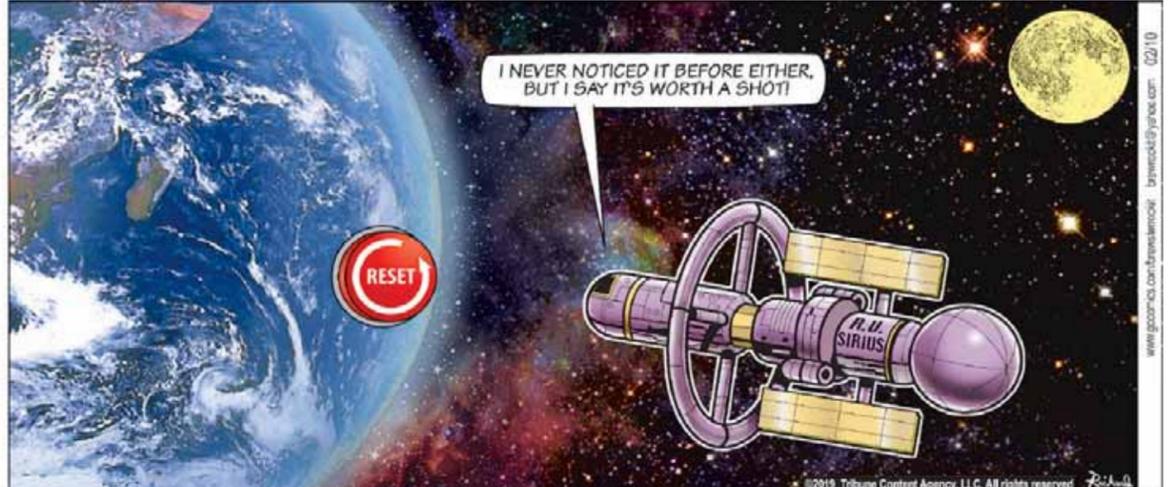
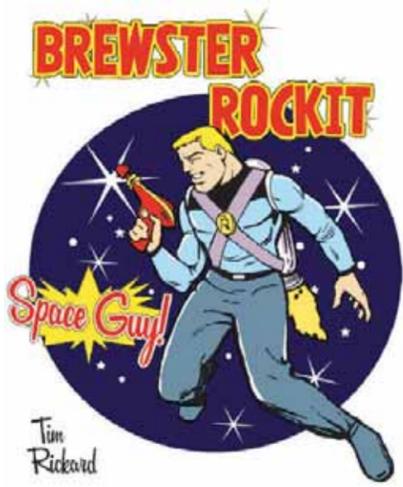


MISTER BOFFO
UNUSUAL WEIGHT GAIN, TIRED, DEPRESSED AND ACHY ALL OVER -FOUR WAYS TO TELL THAT YOU'VE PARTIED GOOD- AND HIS WIFE'S "NEEDERMAN" BY GE. MARTIN

AND THIS IS YOUR REAL MOTHER SPEAKING!

SO DON'T BE TELLING ME LATER YOU THOUGHT AN ALIEN HAD TAKEN OVER MY BODY

BUT ISN'T THAT JUST WHAT AN ALIEN WOULD SAY?



Take It From the Tinkersons By Bill Bettwy

IF YOU'RE ASKING ME IF I WANT AN EGG SANDWICH, THE ANSWER IS YES.

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, PLUS, I MADE BREAKFAST YESTERDAY.

YEAH, WELL, I MADE DINNER LAST NIGHT.

I'LL HAVE THE EGG SANDWICH.

FoxTrot By Bill Amend

ROSES ARE RED...

VIOLETS ARE NOT...

WORRIED HOW YOUR VALENTINE'S GIFT TO MOM WILL GO OVER?

LET'S JUST SAY I'M HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS.

YOU GOT HER WRINKLE CREAM?? ARE YOU INSANE??

I LIKE OUR BIG BED...

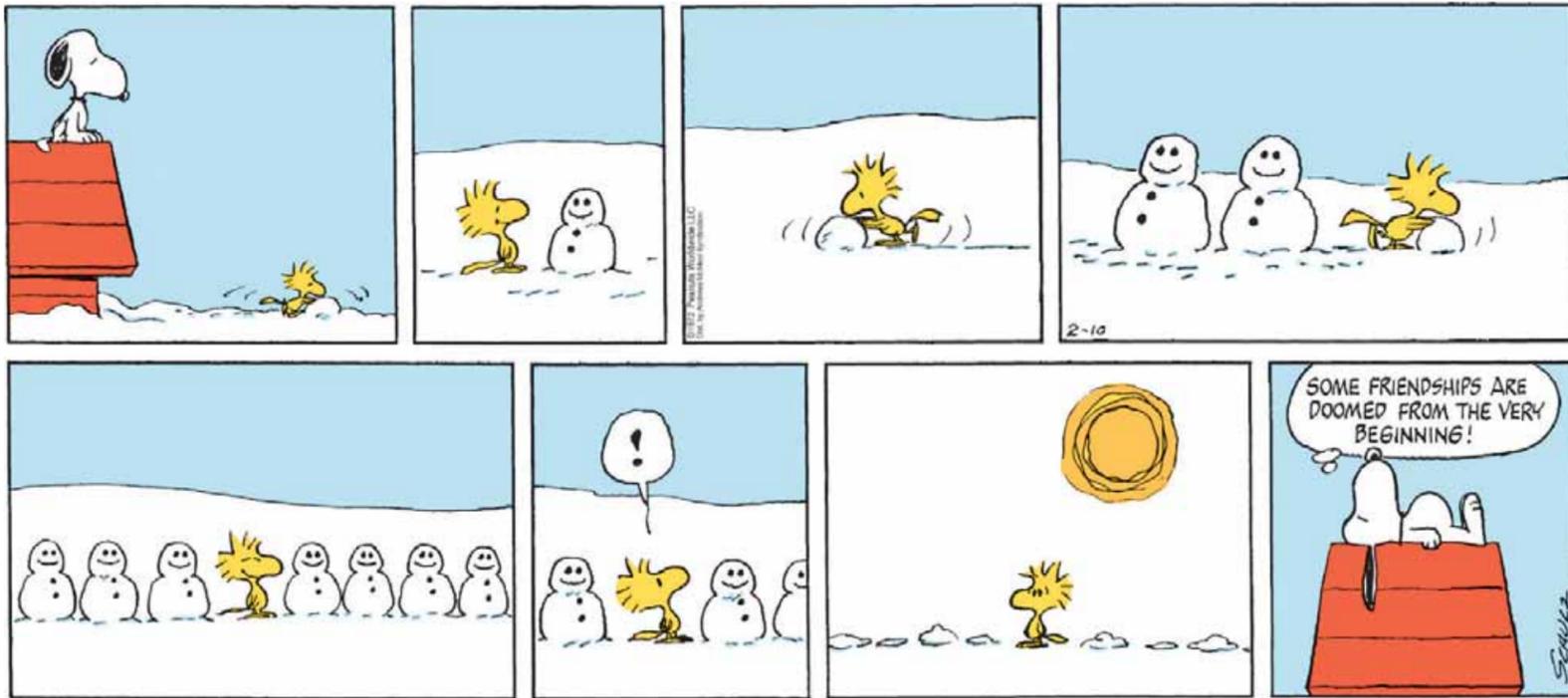
DON'T MAKE ME SLEEP ON THE COT.

Dogs of C-Kennel By Mick and Mason Mastroianni

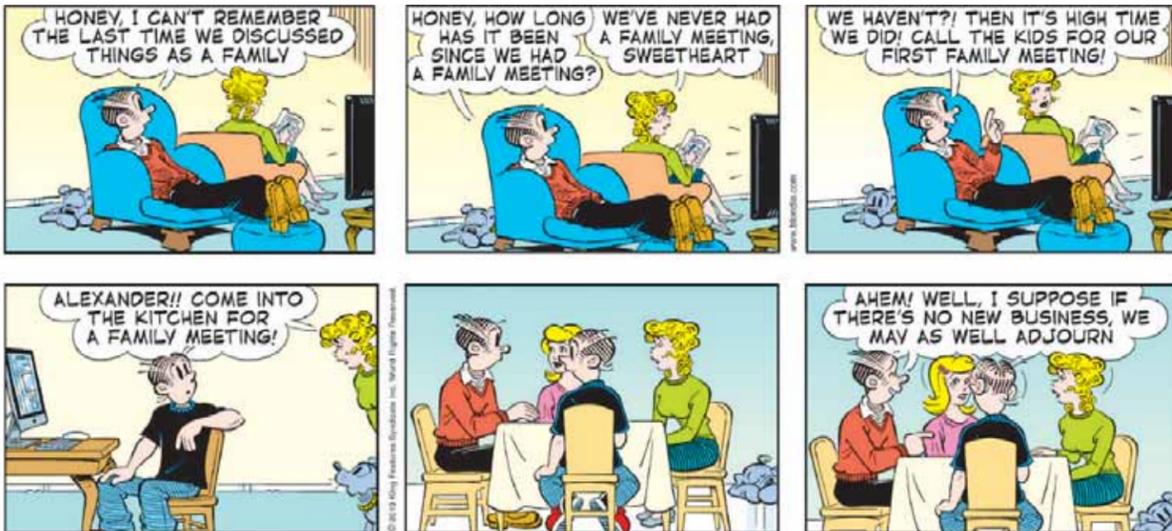
DO I LOOK LIKE A @#*#! DOG TO YOU?

MAN, THE COMICS PAGE IS REALLY SHRINKING...

Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



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BROOM
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Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



The Lockhorns

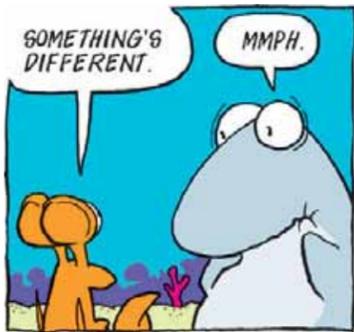
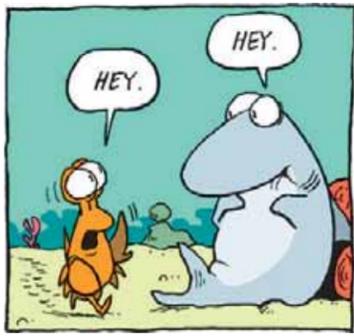


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THE HORRIBLE
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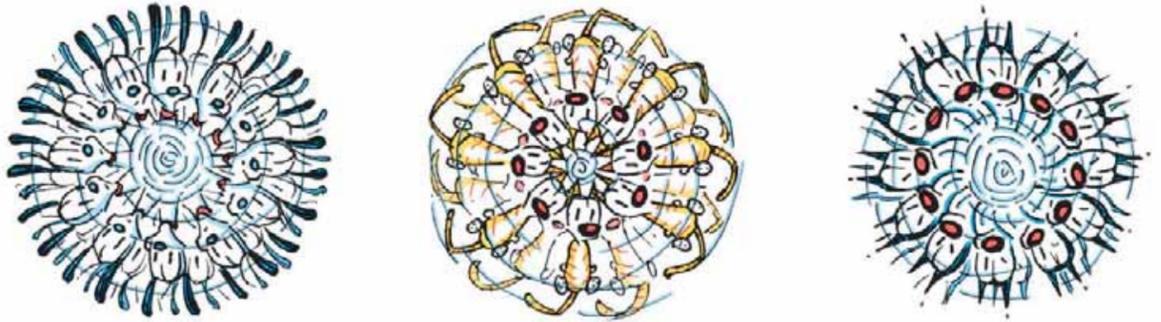


SHERMAN'S LAGOON

by Jim Toomey



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



The Middletons By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Prickly City By Scott Stantis





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ON THE ROAD: Getting behind the wheel

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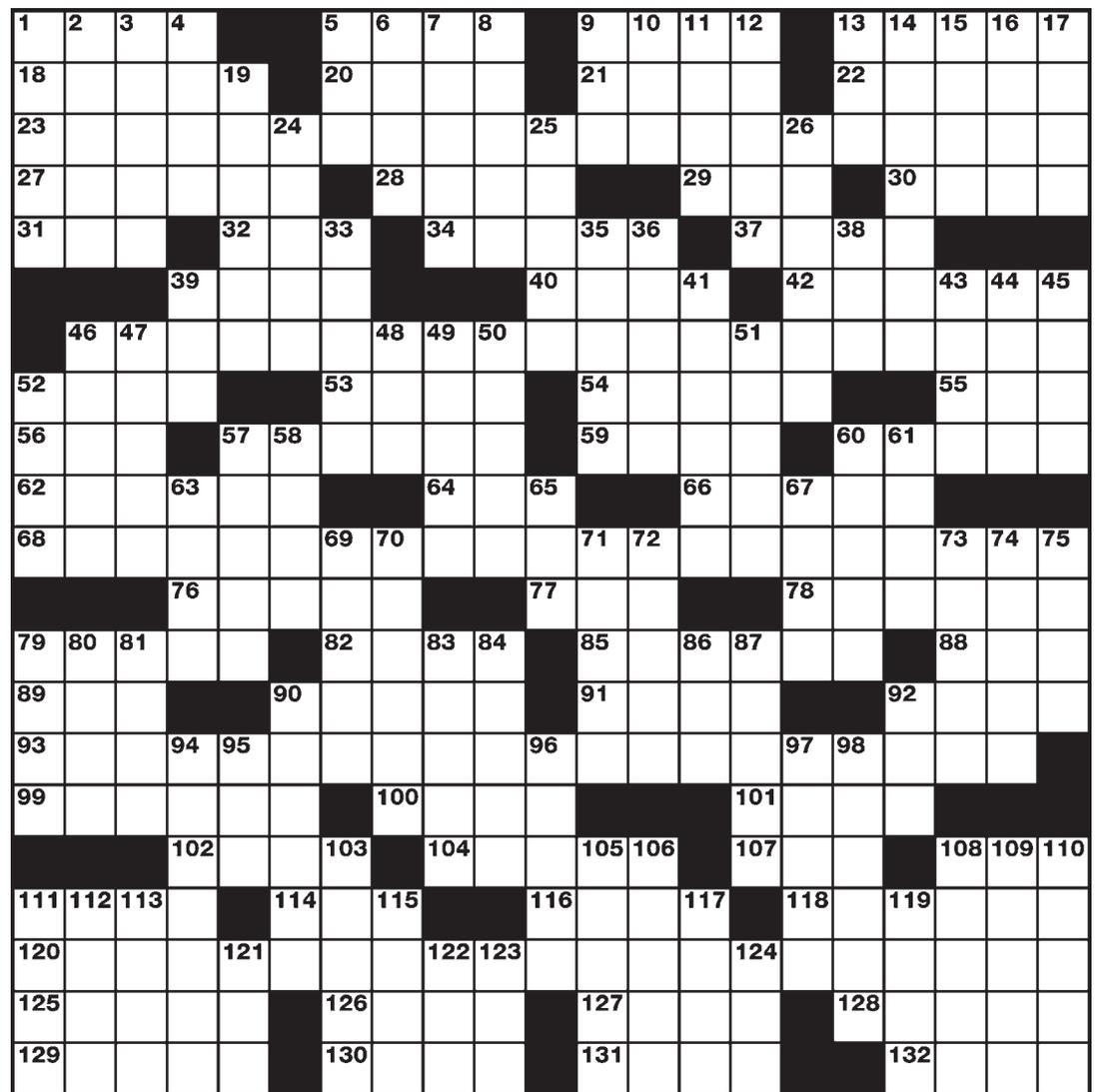
Across

- 1 Annoying one
5 Bloke
9 Conks on the head
13 NASA outfit
18 Savory jelly
20 Slick, as a road
21 Mystical glow
22 Winter garb
23 Staying out of trouble
27 Infrequently
28 22 Across part
29 Attach a button, say
30 Gather the grain
31 Snake-like swimmer
32 Many a prof.
34 Japanese cartoons
37 Takeover announcement
39 Sierra Club cofounder
40 Draped attire
42 New version of an old film
46 Not following through with
52 Tune for a twosome
53 Radiate
54 Splinter groups
55 2016 Olympics host
56 Work the aisles, informally
57 Salt additive
59 French state
60 Is durable
62 Phrase of finality
64 Drink demurely
66 Interoffice communication
68 Sagging
76 One under 21
77 Vaccine regulator
78 High IQ society member
79 Telegraph inventor

Down

- 82 Melville title starter
85 Baker's spice
88 Texter's "Enough said"
89 Get some seasoning
90 Houston baseballer
91 School for Charles' sons
92 Did weed work
93 Annoying a great deal
99 Didn't allow
100 Gave the nod to
101 Dull noise
102 Staff of stagehands
104 Opt (to)
107 Volleyball team complement
108 Itinerary term
111 Ten C-notes
114 High bond rating
116 Hoax
118 Traditional tale
120 Testifying for prosecutors
125 *Sesame Street* grump
126 Name-list shortener
127 Goulash, for instance
128 Readily available
129 Transition period
130 Depend (on)
131 Becomes fixed
132 Windshield extra

- 7 Big name in kitchen wrap
8 Air race marker
9 Sheep sound
10 Wilder's *__ Town*
11 Paid athletes
12 Holders of valuables
13 Scholastic stat.
14 Italian Riviera city
15 Recommend highly
16 Flat-pack furniture store
17 Waterproof covering
19 Appear suddenly
24 Beatnik's "Got it"
25 Novelist Wharton
26 Towers above
33 Evaporated
35 Yellowstone grazer
36 Long-legged wader
38 Was winning
39 French word for "word"
41 Where some kids spend summers
43 Ventilates
44 Casual shirt style
45 Self-esteem
46 Certain "bar" serving
47 Little laugh
48 Application abbreviation
49 Infomercial brand
50 Beer holder
51 Mink cousin
52 Obligation
57 Non-studio, for short
58 Norse Zeus
60 Cornwallis, at Yorktown
61 Trade org.
63 Sources of shade



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- 65 Electronic document format
67 Social media phenomenon
69 Stir-fry request
70 Picturesque cave
71 Barely defeats
72 Bonnie of blues rock
73 "We wanna go also"
74 Japanese soup noodles
75 Oklahoma city
79 Parents' road safety org.
80 Fairy tale monster
81 Pull back, with "in"
83 Needing repair
84 Alpine song
86 Neither here __ there
87 Small flies
90 From a South American range
92 Took cover
94 90 Down wool source
95 Comparative ending
96 That is: Lat.
97 Cook-off creation
98 Formal attire
103 Place a bet
105 32-piece game
106 Sense of style
108 20, in Turin
109 Ancient Peruvian
110 Highly skilled
111 Muscle car option
112 Sudden silence
113 Deep-sea predator
115 Type of sparkling wine
117 Get acquainted with
119 Refined 5 Across
121 Wrath
122 Little bit
123 Many a microbrew
124 Beetles on the road, for short

Quote-Acrossic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

Clues	Words
A. 123rd Japanese emperor	<u>118</u> <u>98</u> <u>58</u> <u>11</u> <u>36</u> <u>4</u> <u>131</u> <u>141</u> <u>111</u>
B. In prison: 3 wds.	<u>140</u> <u>115</u> <u>155</u> <u>124</u> <u>96</u> <u>16</u> <u>26</u> <u>105</u> <u>2</u> <u>32</u>
C. Deals with: 2 wds.	<u>3</u> <u>57</u> <u>24</u> <u>138</u> <u>40</u> <u>12</u> <u>107</u>
D. Detests	<u>38</u> <u>137</u> <u>95</u> <u>59</u> <u>127</u> <u>21</u>
E. Careless, derelict	<u>82</u> <u>15</u> <u>103</u> <u>39</u> <u>144</u> <u>158</u> <u>125</u> <u>71</u> <u>27</u>
F. Recover from: 2 wds.	<u>83</u> <u>108</u> <u>134</u> <u>148</u> <u>14</u> <u>65</u> <u>120</u>
G. Feature	<u>110</u> <u>77</u> <u>119</u> <u>28</u> <u>51</u> <u>135</u> <u>69</u> <u>88</u>
H. — Selassie	<u>149</u> <u>34</u> <u>66</u> <u>22</u> <u>93</u>
I. One who sees	<u>78</u> <u>9</u> <u>29</u> <u>47</u> <u>116</u> <u>87</u> <u>62</u> <u>18</u> <u>109</u> <u>123</u>
J. A semicon-ductor	<u>128</u> <u>150</u> <u>101</u> <u>72</u> <u>54</u>

K. Hopeless	<u>147</u> <u>84</u> <u>113</u> <u>53</u> <u>46</u> <u>161</u>
L. Dissolute	<u>81</u> <u>151</u> <u>37</u> <u>154</u> <u>112</u> <u>52</u> <u>20</u>
M. Fresh energy: 2 wds.	<u>67</u> <u>13</u> <u>143</u> <u>49</u> <u>130</u> <u>121</u> <u>44</u> <u>79</u>
N. Profits	<u>132</u> <u>89</u> <u>61</u> <u>35</u> <u>76</u>
O. Wrong or incorrect: 3 wds.	<u>156</u> <u>100</u> <u>17</u> <u>73</u> <u>92</u> <u>129</u>
P. Unneeded person: 2 wds.	<u>85</u> <u>5</u> <u>99</u> <u>117</u> <u>74</u> <u>10</u> <u>133</u> <u>56</u> <u>33</u> <u>145</u>
Q. Sense of fulfillment	<u>139</u> <u>122</u> <u>94</u> <u>48</u> <u>102</u> <u>63</u> <u>153</u> <u>159</u> <u>30</u>
R. L.A. punk band	<u>136</u> <u>126</u> <u>8</u> <u>97</u> <u>160</u> <u>45</u>
S. Person's likeness or image	<u>19</u> <u>43</u> <u>114</u> <u>104</u> <u>68</u> <u>142</u>
T. Kim Basinger's ex	<u>70</u> <u>146</u> <u>31</u> <u>7</u>
U. Judge	<u>41</u> <u>152</u> <u>1</u> <u>80</u> <u>91</u> <u>23</u> <u>60</u>

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Namely

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- 1 USNA alum
4 Put aboard
9 Gush
14 Brogan end
15 LOUISE
16 1945 Conference site
17 BEETHOVEN
19 Expanse
20 Rose's swain
21 Most recent
23 Reduces drastically
25 Spread to dry
30 Short-tempered
31 Theatrical event
33 "The Man"
36 BOVARY
37 BACH
42 Old Greek coin
43 ABC, 1-2-3, etc.
44 Eternal
46 Shock
51 *Tatler* innovator
52 Footloose Fred
54 LANSBURY
57 SWENSON
58 Musical collection

62 BORODIN

64 GORBACHEV

65 Exeunt —

66 MILLER

67 Sidles

68 Aeolian deposit

69 Short turns?

Down

- 1 Finally!
2 Kind of concerto
3 *In — res*
4 Burmese native
5 Point of view
6 Pons and Callas
7 US unit, in Paris
8 CLARK
9 Hi-fi —
10 Mitt
11 Escamillo pleaser
12 Western Athletic Conf. member
13 Honi's dance
18 Greeley's way to go
22 Inscribed pillars
24 Sabbath song
26 Regimen
27 MOORE

28 BOMBECK

29 MARTIN

31 Craft landings

32 Nobelist I.I.

34 Out of sight

35 Where some roosters face?

37 Smidgens

38 Short news staple

39 Shea plate

40 Nautical position

41 Pre-coll. exam

45 Andean beasts

47 Crick

48 Ode-master of yore

49 Silvery

50 Gets word

52 Coeur d'—

53 Altos, tenors, sopranos, etc.

55 Wilde's prison

56 LINCOLN

58 *You — Love*: Kern

59 Terhune dog

60 Tom Hanks film

61 Apply

63 Old-time farm worker

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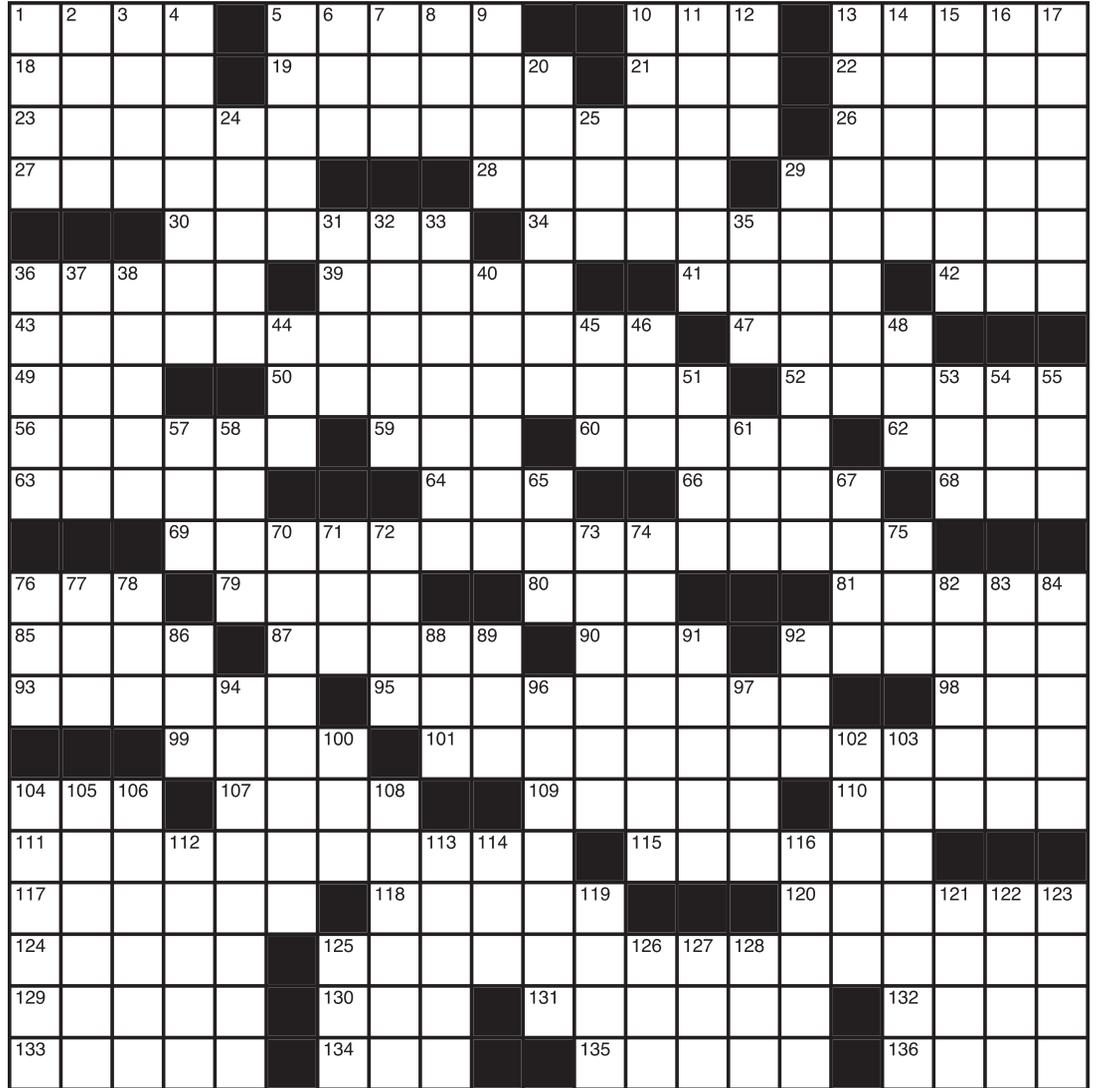
- 1 Pen pals?
- 5 Complexion enhancement
- 10 Email subject abbr.
- 13 Get to smile
- 18 From square one
- 19 Steam up
- 21 John, to Paul, George and Ringo
- 22 John, Paul, George and Ringo
- 23 Chef's directives involving sieves?
- 26 Travis of country
- 27 Tennis' Goolagong
- 28 Kia HQ city
- 29 Widen
- 30 Old pool people
- 34 One splitting firewood?
- 36 Violin stroke
- 39 Big chamber group
- 41 Candidate's aim
- 42 Yearbook sect.
- 43 Chance for Obi-Wan to play?
- 47 Quaint oath
- 49 Bar quaff, briefly
- 50 YOLO, in ancient Rome
- 52 Actress Staunton of Harry Potter movies
- 56 Lemony, say
- 59 PC bailout key
- 60 113-Down's last words
- 62 Placed
- 63 Take in or let out
- 64 Broadway's Hagen
- 66 Hirsute Himalayan humanoid of myth
- 68 Crossed (out)
- 69 Therapist's technique using poetry?
- 76 Compress, as a file
- 79 Resist
- 80 Pop duo ___ & Him
- 81 Signs of shock
- 85 Currier's partner
- 87 Andrea ___: ill-fated ship
- 90 City, informally
- 92 Magoo's malady
- 93 Cooperstown charter member
- 95 Abash
- 98 Prov. at one end of the Ambassador Bridge
- 99 Dental image
- 101 Social event for British tavern keepers?
- 104 Latin art
- 107 Triangle product
- 109 Tot's rebuttal

- 110 Role for Liam
- 111 Dusting goal?
- 115 Banded metamorphic rock
- 117 Big Sur institute
- 118 Cambodians' neighbors
- 120 Film frames
- 124 Knighted British actor Hawthorne
- 125 License to search for the Holy Grail?
- 129 "The Canterbury Tales" pilgrim
- 130 Blast cause
- 131 Washington city
- 132 Enterprise counselor
- 133 Portfolio part
- 134 Collecting Soc. Sec.
- 135 Enlighten
- 136 Virgo/Libra mo.

Down

- 1 Project for Poirot
- 2 Airing
- 3 Student of Seneca
- 4 TV dinner brand
- 5 "Xena" actress O'Connor
- 6 Hush-hush maritime org.
- 7 Java holder
- 8 Witty bit
- 9 Sensitive issues for directors
- 10 ___-de-lis
- 11 Wells title foes
- 12 Bobs and buns
- 13 Bloody Civil War battle site
- 14 Actress Maples
- 15 Inuit boats
- 16 Volleyball position
- 17 Fragrant compounds
- 20 Put up
- 24 Bisected
- 25 Rooster's last word?
- 29 Involve with reluctantly, as a tough situation
- 31 ___ bene
- 32 Yellowish tone
- 33 Answers the call
- 35 Pollen carrier
- 36 Erie Canal city
- 37 One who has class?
- 38 Benjamin of "Law & Order"
- 40 Kicks out
- 44 Govt. org. with a Media Bureau
- 45 Calendario square
- 46 Mil. roadside danger
- 48 2017 Best Director Oscar winner Guillermo ___ Toro

- 51 It may be held in a deli
- 53 Southern Calif. airport
- 54 Roller in Vegas
- 55 Put in
- 57 MLK's title
- 58 Miffed
- 61 Voice artist Blanc
- 65 Shakespearean cries
- 67 Pop of punk
- 70 Snoopy's nemesis
- 71 Northern Calif. airport
- 72 Jane Rochester, née ___
- 73 Uncouth types
- 74 It's misleading when it's red
- 75 Ming most look up to
- 76 Spot at the prom?
- 77 Climbing greenery
- 78 Iron pumper's pride
- 82 Versatile utensil
- 83 Historic nautical trio member
- 84 Dionysus devotee
- 86 Red or White
- 88 Little trickster
- 89 "Aladdin" monkey
- 91 Club component
- 92 AOL alternative
- 94 Patient's ID
- 96 Knack
- 97 Fill to the max
- 100 Nikkei index currency
- 102 Blog updates
- 103 Gretzky's NHL record 1,963
- 104 Supreme Egyptian deity
- 105 Bar in TV's "M*A*S*H"
- 106 Play grounds?
- 108 Bring into harmony
- 112 Parisian 37-Down
- 113 "I never give anything without expecting something in return" speaker
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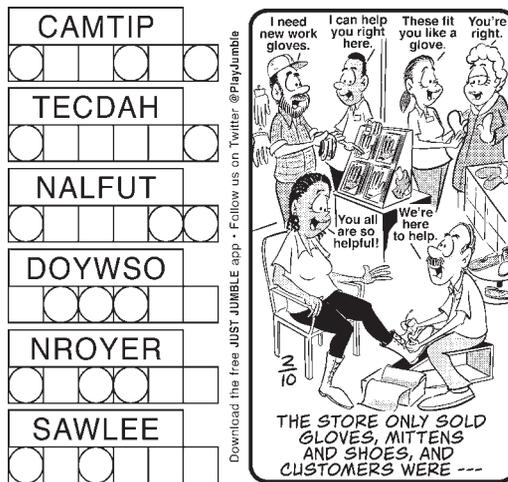


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Jumble

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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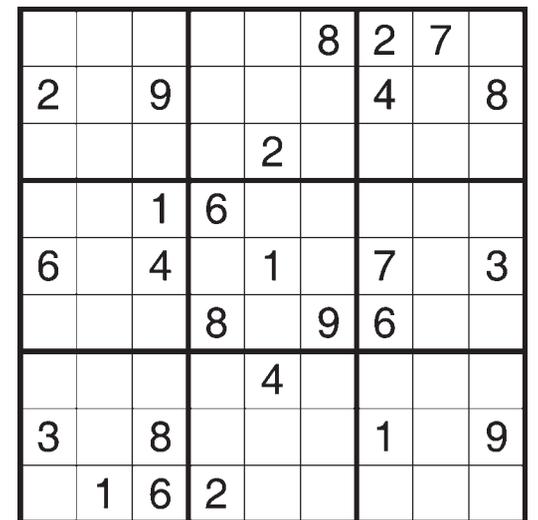
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Sudoku

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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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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Feb. 10): Grow stronger together this year. Care for yourself to care for others. Summer inspiration energizes your performance, before a restful planning phase. Envision a new personal dream this winter, before work changes redirect your energy.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Clean, sort and organize over three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Plan and coordinate. Listen to your dreams. Cash flow increases today and tomorrow.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. You're a rising star. Your social life booms, with Mercury in Pisces. Friends share valuable connections, solutions and advice. Your team wins through communication.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Conclude arrangements today and tomorrow. Career opportunities arise through networking over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces.

Cancer (June 21-July

22): 8. Your team is especially hot through tomorrow. Travel and discovery beckon. Over about three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces, study cultural arts, puzzles and mysteries.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Focus on career advancement for a few days. With Mercury in Pisces, strategize to grow shared investments with your partner. Coordination pays off.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Explore new terrain. Collaboration sparks and kindles over three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Work together for a common cause.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Save up for a rainy day. Communication raises your physical performance, with Mercury in Pisces. Balance work, play and health.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Collaboration flows with ease today and tomorrow. It's easier to express your heart, with Mercury in Pisces for three weeks. Kindle up a fine romance.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Focus on physical performance, vitality and well-being. Discuss domestic possibilities with family and housemates over three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Prioritize love. Your curiosity and intellect get aroused. The next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces, amplify high-powered communications and learning.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Clean, sort and organize at home. Communication and networking get lucrative, with Mercury in Pisces. Profitable ideas abound. Collaborate to generate win-win deals.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Write, record and share your creativity. Network and share resources. You're exceptionally brilliant over the next several weeks, with Mercury in your sign.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 4 3 2 ♥ K Q J 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ K 4

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♦	2♠	3♦
?			

What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 9 6 ♥ K J 9 4 ♦ A ♣ 10 5 4 2

North	East	South	West
1♦	1♠	Dbl*	Pass
2♣	Pass	?	

***Negative**

What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 7 3 2 ♥ A ♦ J 10 6 5 2 ♣ K 6 4

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent makes a takeout double. What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 6 ♥ K Q J 7 5 4 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A 7 3

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones

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Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

HOMOLOGOUS (ho-MAHL-uh-gus): Having the same relation, relative position or structure.

Can you find 20 or more words in HOMOLOGOUS?

Average mark: 15 words

Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

owns :jnos :y8nos :ojos
:8nw8 :8ow8 :wnj8 :8nj8
:y8nojs :8ojs :ooys :y8nj8
:yso8 :wnj8 :wooj8 :jnos8
:y8nj :wooj :o8oj :y8n8w

— Kathleen Saxe,
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Last week's crosswords

"IN CONCLUSION"

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"Rhyme Time"

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"Retirement"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Frank) FLEMING: BULLYING CRISIS?: Instead of forming another department to examine the child-bullying crisis, our government could utilize an agency peppered with bona fide broad, quality bullying experience, our Internal Revenue Service.

Last week's Sudoku

8	9	7	6	3	1	4	2	5
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6	3	5	4	2	8	9	7	1
7	8	6	1	9	3	2	5	4
9	4	3	2	8	5	7	1	6
1	5	2	7	6	4	3	9	8
3	1	4	8	7	2	5	6	9
5	7	9	3	1	6	8	4	2
2	6	8	5	4	9	1	3	7

This week's Jumble

IMPACT FLAUNT ORNERY
DETACH WOODSY WEASEL

The store only sold gloves, mittens and shoes, and customers were —

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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR WARDROBE



SAVVY SHOPPER

WAYS TO SLASH MONTHLY EXPENSES

TIME IN THE MILITARY FORTIFIED ALEXANDER SKARSGARD FOR ACTING CAREER

STRENGTH TRAINING

Military experience fortified Alexander Skarsgard for what came next

BY LUAINÉ LEE
Tribune News Service

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Swedish actor Alexander Skarsgard's career was over at 13. At least that's what he thought.

Born into an acting family — his father is the well-known Stellan Skarsgard — Alexander found himself in a couple of movies before he hit puberty. It was not a happy alliance.

"I did something small comparatively, but in Sweden it got a little bit of attention when I was 13," he said.

"And that's a very difficult age to be known. It's a hard age for anyone, let alone if you're in the spotlight; you're scrutinized. I did *not* enjoy it, so I quit and didn't act for eight years."

But Skarsgard thrives on challenges and much later was to flirt with the field again. When he was 19 and found himself part of the Swedish military, he realized he would be sorely tested.

"I come from a very bohemian family, grew up in an urban environment, so the notion of being in the military in the islands running around with a gun was very foreign to what I believe in and how I was raised," he said.

"But for some reason, I felt a strong desire to do it. There was something about the challenge of it — this was in Sweden 15 years ago when the threat level was not very high. It's way more intense in the Baltic today than it was then. If you enlist in the Marine Corps, here you might have to fight. Sweden's last war was 200 years ago. It wasn't a patriotic calling; I just wanted the challenge."

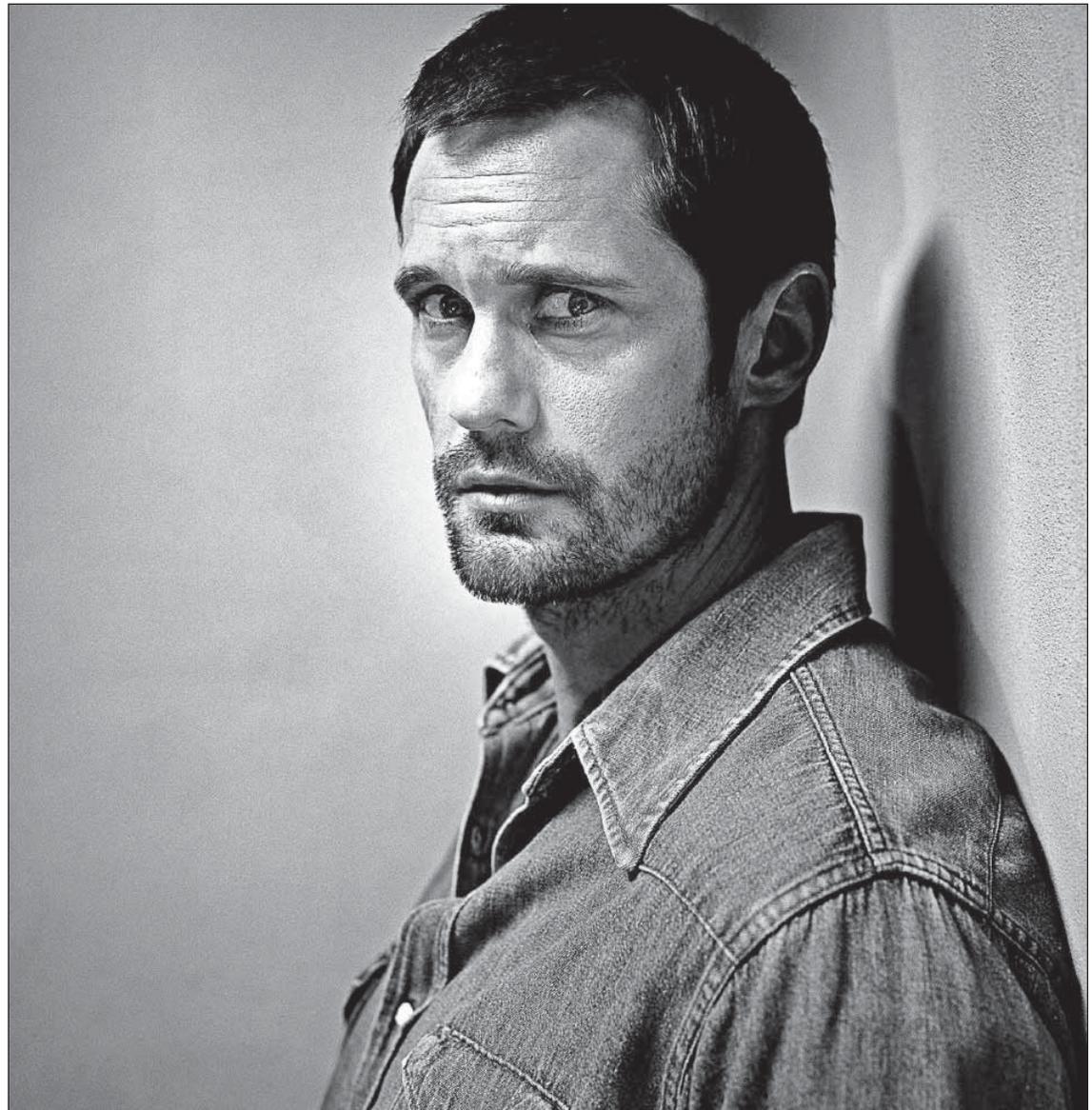
And a challenge it was. "I had three guys on my team, and we were out on the islands and had to be self-sufficient for a long time. It taught me a lot about planning and organizing and leadership and the dynamics within a group," he said. "And I feel I matured a lot while I was there. That was a huge shift. There were moments I hated it, but in hindsight, I'm very glad I did it."

That experience fortified Skarsgard, 42, for what was to come. After military service, he headed for New York to attend drama school but dropped out after one semester.

Soon he was making a living as a barista and busboy while he worked in theater in Stockholm.

"But I felt something was missing," Skarsgard said. "I wanted more opportunity. The industry there is very small, so sometimes I had to take jobs that I didn't love just to pay rent. There's so much more out here. Maybe I should give it a go."

He gave it another go, moved to Hollywood and didn't work for three years. He'd saved up a little cash from his busboy days, bunked in an apartment with three friends, and survived on "lots of noodles," he chuckled. "I thought, 'I have to be out here, have



NADAV KANDER/AMC

Swedish actor Alexander Skarsgard plays an Israeli agent in the TV adaptation of "The Little Drummer Girl."

to go out and audition till something that I'm right for comes up.'"

Finally it did. They were shooting "Generation Kill" in Africa and wanted unknowns to play the roles of the embattled Marines. Skarsgard fit the combat boots, and while he was filming for seven months in Africa, got a call from Alan Ball asking him to audition for "True Blood."

It was the part of the 1,000-year-old Viking vampire in the series that really jump-started his career. Skarsgard, who's played everything from Tarzan to the power-hungry husband in "Big Little Lies,"

shines in his latest role as an Israeli agent in the six-hour adaptation of John le Carre's "The Little Drummer Girl" on AMC.

"I do like a challenge because it's so rewarding if you overcome that, but I'm not fearless," he said. "I have a lot of self-doubt and insecurities, and I can relate to the idea of wanting to shy away from something because it feels daunting or I'm not up to it, like, 'I'm not good enough for this.' That is very scary as an actor if you start to feel that about something because then you lose control of your character if you don't believe in what you're doing."

Maximizing the wardrobe in your closet

BY ARAMIDE ESUBI

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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



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If you're frustrated with the inside of your closet, a few simple tips might help with attitude and organization.

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. Re-create the look, and rock what you have! Your bank account and your wallet will thank you.

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.

7 ways to save on monthly bills

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Monthly expenses, like cellphone bills, gym memberships and auto insurance, can be so ingrained in day-to-day life that they're rarely re-evaluated to see where money can be saved.

Money-saving and consumer expert Andrea Woroch says not reassessing these bills misses potential savings.

"A lot of people have their expenses set," Woroch said, "and they just assume that these set expenses work. They might shop around when first looking for those plans, but they don't put in the work and effort to see if there are savings opportunities out there. Often times, this is leaving money on the table."

For some, reassessing isn't the issue; rather it's changing providers. The actual process of swapping services can be a time-consuming hassle, and some fear a change will lessen their quality of life.

Woroch says to just bite the bullet and look at the change as more about getting on top of how you live, as opposed to depriving yourself of things you enjoy.

"Be open-minded," she said. "You can get the same quality services for less."

Start with assessing your monthly expenses, seeing if there are new promotions and if you're using a service fully. Below Woroch offers tips on how to reduce your monthly expenses.

Cellphone plan. Are you using all those minutes? Most people don't use 20 percent of their data, so they're overpaying. Call your provider to see if it has something available; it might have a better rate or a suggestion on how you can save on your plan.



Reassessing monthly expenses like cellphone bills and car insurance can be a pain, but doing the work can save you money.

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Another option is a pay-as-you-go plan. This helps save if you don't use all your data and texts.

TV and cable. Try an HD antenna to get local channels — for instance, for sports. Then pair it with Sling TV, which costs \$20 a month for a bunch of movies and channels — a big help with entertainment costs.

Auto insurance. Shop around for a rate each year — studies show that consumers save up to \$300 when they switch. Use an

auto insurance comparison site like thezebra.com to see options in your area. If you're a great driver, you might be better off increasing your deductible to \$1,000 or \$2,000. It's high, but it'll save you money every month over a couple years, and if you don't get into an accident, that's big savings, especially if you have a savings net to cover those expenses.

Subscriptions and memberships. All those \$5, \$10 and \$20 monthly expenses really add up. Look at what you're paying every month,

and ask yourself are you using it. Can you cancel your gym membership and opt for a punch pass to pay as you go? Be realistic.

Smart home devices. Depending on where you live during the winter and summer, you can control your energy levels with a smart thermostat. Unplug all your devices when you're not using them. A cellphone charger plugged in is still sucking energy. Use a power strip, and just shut it off when you're not using it, especially when you go away on vacation.

Transportation. It's definitely important to have this written into a budget. Look at the past three months, and see how you have been using ride-share services and if there are ways to cut back. Is there a bus or train in your area that you can use a couple of times a week when it's convenient and you have extra time? Save the ride-share rides for when options are limited. In the moment, it can seem like a one-time expense, but over the course of a month, you could be over-spending.

Beauty and fashion. Don't browse the internet and your favorite retail stores when you're bored — that's going to lead to impulse purchases. Turn off those push notifications on retail apps, or just delete the app altogether, so that you don't get that alert when there's a big sale going on at your fave store. Look for deals when you're actually shopping for something you need. Couponcause.com is good for a bunch of online retailers.

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Apple expands its reach with latest watch

BY RACHEL BLUTH
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For more than a decade, the latest Apple products have been the annual must-have holiday gift for the tech-savvy.

The newest Apple Watch appears to be an ideal present for Apple's most familiar market: the hip early adopters. Its promotional website is full of svelte young people stretching into yoga poses, kickboxing and playing basketball.

But when Apple introduced its latest model in September — the Series 4, which starts at \$399 — it was clear that it was expanding its target audience. This Apple Watch includes new features designed to detect falls and heart problems. With descriptions like “part guardian, part guru” and “designed to improve your health ... and powerful enough to protect it,” Apple signaled its move toward preventive health and a much wider demographic.

“The health care market is obviously important to Apple,” Andy Hargreaves, an Apple analyst with KeyBanc Capital Markets, wrote in an email. The fall prevention and electrocardiogram apps are a “play to sell people more stuff” and bring health-monitoring apps beyond just “fitness people” to baby boomers who want to keep themselves and their parents healthy, he said.

The fall-monitoring app uses sensors in the watchband, which are enabled for people 65 and older after they input their ages. These sensors track and record the user's movements, and note if the wearer's gait becomes unsteady.

If a fall is detected, the watch sends its wearer a notification. If the wearer doesn't respond within a



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The newest Apple Watch series is designed to expand its audience, with features to detect falls and heart problems.

minute by tapping a button on the watch to deactivate this signal, emergency services will be alerted that the wearer needs help.

That minute also gives the wearer time to prevent false alarms, such as a dropped watch.

Many geriatricians and medical experts agree that this app could help older people.

Falls can cause fractured hips and head injuries, but even fear of falling can prevent older people from living on their own or participating in activities.

Fall deaths in the U.S. increased 30 percent for older adults in the past

decade, and 3 million older people go to the emergency room for fall injuries each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Armin Shahrokni, an internist with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center who describes himself as “tech-savvy,” is excited that older patients might get into wearable technology.

“In older cancer patients, my area of expertise, all the chemo can make them fall more,” he said, making detecting falls and balance important.

The other app, the ECG monitoring app, uses sen-

sors in the wristband to monitor a patient's heart-beat and send alerts if it gets too fast or too slow. Specifically, the app is meant to detect atrial fibrillation, which is a type of arrhythmia, also described as a problem with the speed or rhythm of the heartbeat.

Here is how the app works: The watch's sensors can detect a heart rhythm in 30 seconds, creating a “waveform” readout. It also allows the user to note how they are feeling — light-headed, winded, full of energy — at that moment. This combination will help people have better conver-

sations with their doctors about symptoms and heart patterns, according to Apple.

The Food and Drug Administration cleared this function for people 22 or older. However, it's rare for anyone younger than 50 to be diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, said Eric Topol, a cardiologist at the Scripps Research Institute.

Doctors have expressed concern that scores of panicked Apple Watch users would flood emergency rooms with every heart rhythm notification and blip.

“It's mass use of a tool, and with that is going to

come lots of unintended consequences,” Topol said. “It'll lead to a lot of anxiety and expense and additional testing, and even then some people will get blood thinners inappropriately.”

“This is the opposite of individualized medicine, where you are using something on exactly, precisely the right person.”

The watch represents the beginning of what analysts agree will be a wave of new health apps and wearable health trackers.

Consumers can expect more ways to track vital signs, like blood sugar, and more apps that will use those numbers to help people prevent medical emergencies, said Ross Muken, an analyst with Evercore ISI. While health tracking isn't a new concept, putting that data into an algorithm to help change behavior and get ahead of a health crisis is the next big frontier for wearable health technology products.

Experts caution, though, that while the FDA “cleared” these new apps, it hasn't “approved” them, which is a bureaucratic distinction that means they haven't faced as much rigorous testing as something that has the agency's approval.

For example, there are no findings from studies or trials that offer evidence of the fall prevention or ECG apps' benefits, Topol said. “We don't have any data to review. These are unknowns.”

Someday, he said, he expects the “medicalized smartphone” to be more common, cheaper and accessible. Right now we're seeing the very beginning of this technology be put into use. “Technology is way ahead of medical practice,” Topol said.

5 alternatives to granite countertops

Tribune News Service

Granite countertops have long been a favorite of homeowners and designers alike. But as styles evolve, other choices are growing more popular. Here's a look at five materials giving granite a run for its money.

1. Engineered quartz

Granite's top competitor, engineered quartz, offers the beauty of stone without the maintenance. It's tougher than granite, and it's highly resistant to scratching, cracking, staining and heat. Unlike granite, which offers the unique qualities of natural stone, engineered quartz is largely uniform. Because it's engineered, there's no choice of one-of-a-kind slab. There are, however, a number of colors and designs available, from stark modern whites to options closely resembling marble. And, because engineered quartz is nonporous, it never has to be sealed like natural stone.

2. Wood

Increasingly, homeowners seek and appreciate natural wood countertops, particularly easy butcher blocks and those custom-created by quality craftsmen. While wood countertops can add warmth, balance and beauty to any modern home, they also require a fair amount of maintenance. Because wood is susceptible to damage from heat and moisture, it must be sealed about once a month. The best part about wood, though, is that it can be refinished in the event that damage does occur.



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Engineered quartz offers the beauty of stone without the maintenance.

3. Soapstone

Soapstone is an attractive, natural quarried stone that ranges from light gray to green-black in color. While the material is soft and pliable, it's also nonporous (i.e., it doesn't require regular sealing like granite). Soapstone is also resistant to stains and acidic materials. The downside to soapstone is that it is susceptible to scratches and deep indentations. Light gray soapstone will also weather and darken over time, occasionally developing a patina finish. The material comes in smaller slabs, so seams will be visible in soapstone countertops longer than 7 feet.

4. Concrete

Concrete countertops have evolved a lot since their debut in the 1980s. These days, precast concrete countertops are available in a number of colors. Generally, they're flat and

Not sure which one to choose?

When you're remodeling your kitchen, the most important question to ask yourself is this: Are you remodeling for yourself or a potential buyer? If you're remodeling for yourself, go with what you like best. (And if you love granite, by all means, go with granite.) But if you're remodeling with an eye toward selling, it's best to go with a more neutral option. You'll get the upscale look you're going for without alienating granite-tired buyers.

smooth. While concrete countertops have historically cracked and chipped easily, recent innovations have made them less prone to damage. Concrete is naturally strong and heat-resistant, and slabs can be sealed to prevent staining.

5. Stainless steel

There's a reason restaurants use stainless steel countertops in their kitchens. Stainless steel is heat-, rust- and stain-resistant; it's easy to clean; and it won't absorb or harbor even the toughest bacteria. The downside is that it scratches easily. For this reason, it's best to use a cutting board any time you're prepping food on a stainless steel countertop. Also, it's a good idea to choose a brushed stainless finish that will help conceal any marks. At first blush, you may think that stainless feels ultramodern or cold, but a balance of stainless steel and wood can create a warm, timeless and functional kitchen.



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Stainless steel countertops are easy to clean and won't absorb or harbor bacteria.



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While a soapstone countertop is soft and pliable, it's also nonporous — it doesn't require regular sealing like granite.

Poet recalls childhood adventure

BY JAE-HA KIM

Tribune Content Agency

With her first full-length collection of poetry, “A Cruelty Special to Our Species” (Ecco, \$25.99), Emily Jungmin Yoon takes readers inside the world of war, colonialism and sexual slavery. Born in Busan, South Korea, and currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Chicago, Yoon’s critically acclaimed work conveys lyrical beauty, even as it tackles brutal and political subject matter.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: For people who have never been to your hometown of Busan, what would you recommend they see and do there?

A: Most tourists go to the glamorous beaches of Haeundae and Gwangalli, but I would also recommend checking out the quieter ones of Songdo, Songjeong and Taejongdae. They are beautiful and perfect for taking nice walks by the water.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: We must have taken other trips within Korea before this, but my family went to Australia and New Zealand when I was 5 or so, and this trip is the one I can remember the most. I didn’t speak English back then, but I knew the phrase, “Oh, my God,” and kept saying it. I pronounced God as “gya,” because I thought that’s how it sounded. I remember my mother thought it was hilarious. We went on a helicopter ride and fed lambs. I was scared, so I held my milk bottle perpendicular to the ground, though my mom kept telling me to hold it at an angle. (We) swam and just had a fantastic time.

Q: If you were given enough money and time to travel exclusively for food, where would you want to revisit and why?

A: Tokyo, maybe. I had the best tonkotsu ramen somewhere near Odaiba back in 2010 or 2011. I don’t even remember what the restaurant was called. It was a place that I just stumbled into one evening. Even if I don’t find that restaurant, I want to go for the ramen, udon, yakitori, donburi, takoyaki, the desserts and sake!

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A: Vancouver, British Columbia, reminds me of Busan, because Vancouver also has the mountains,



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the ocean and the city. It also has a big Korean population and thus lots of Korean restaurants and stores. I love it. It’s a ferry ride away from Victoria, where I lived when I was in Canada, and it’s absolutely gorgeous. Victoria is another home.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

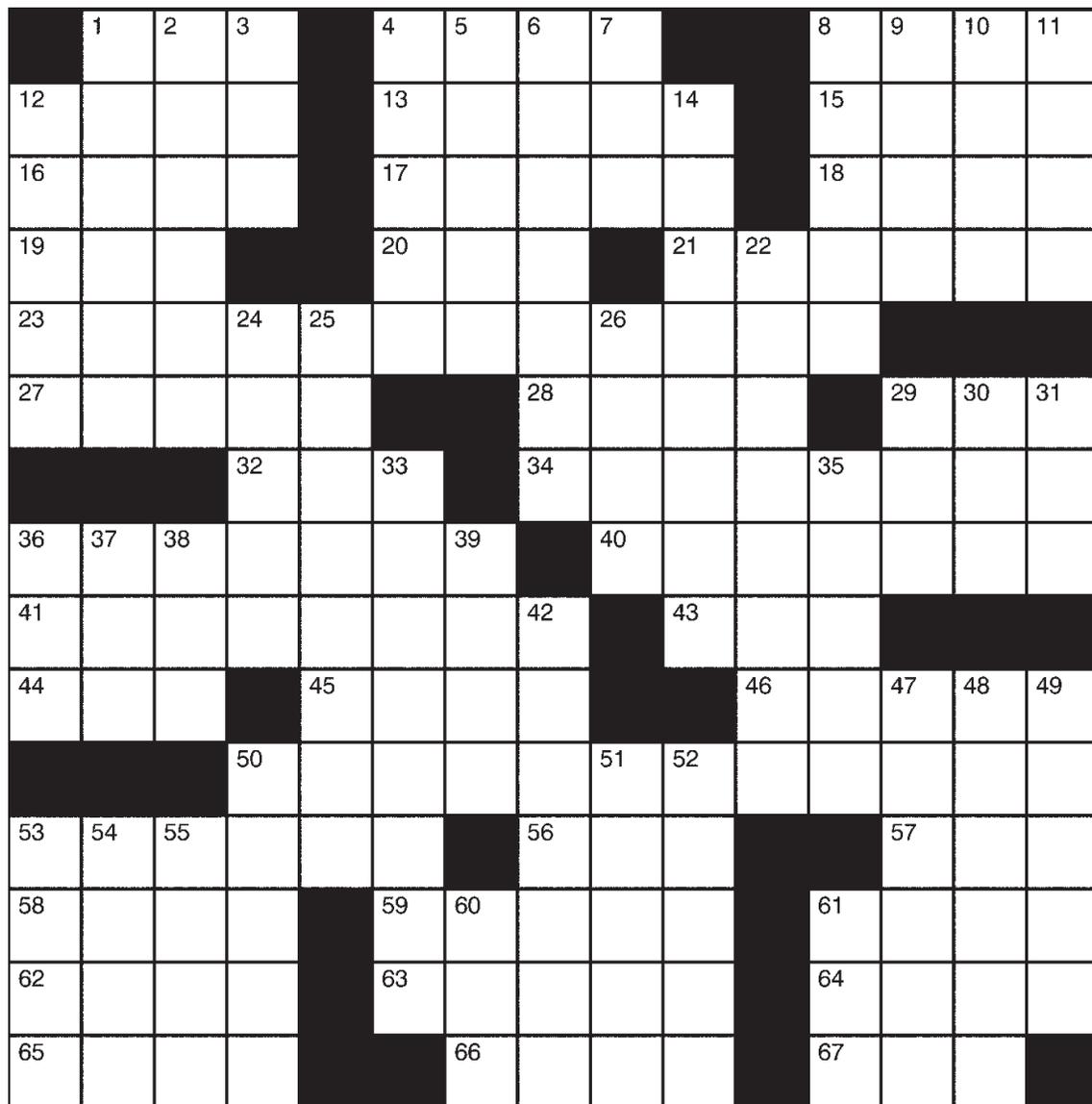
A: I would love to visit Taiwan for the food and the shopping, but also nature walks and temple visits. I’m also interested in how Japanese colonialism might have influenced the city and townscapes in ways similar to and different from Korean ones.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: I usually prefer to go somewhere more urban, but right now, I would really like to go somewhere where the pace is slow, the weather is warm and the beaches are calm. I want to lie in a bed overlooking the ocean and read, take very long walks in the woods or on the beach, look at wild animals, go swimming and eat something scrumptious for every meal. I’d probably want to be busy again in a week, but this trip would be a dream. Where can I go to do this?

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

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ACROSS

- 1. A propos
- 4. Novelist Howard
- 8. Spat
- 12. Cleaver
- 13. A Supreme Being
- 15. Westwood's univ.
- 16. Swimmers' distances
- 17. Ms. Massey, of films
- 18. ___ off or up
- 19. Scandinavian cash
- 20. Pourboire
- 21. Cecil or scholar
- 23. Sins, and then
- 27. Range denizen
- 28. Bacchanalian cry
- 29. Pi, ___, sigma
- 32. Womens' ___
- 34. Arborescent
- 36. Semitic language
- 40. Library sign
- 41. Render breathless
- 43. Green or China
- 44. Tennis term
- 45. Mountain pass in India
- 46. Rocky debris
- 50. Boast
- 53. Euphemism for job
- 56. Guy Fawkes mo.
- 57. Precipitation, in Dundee
- 58. Writer Anita
- 59. Bete ___
- 61. Editor's direction
- 62. Look ___
- 63. Part of an escalator
- 64. ___ majesty
- 65. Ireland's moss

- 66. Namesakes of Alfonso's queen
- 67. Imp or ass add on

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- 1. Biblical forced landing site
- 2. Comics character
- 3. Thy, to Beau Geste
- 4. Companion of Hope and Charity
- 5. Kate's companion
- 6. Spilt
- 7. Wallop
- 8. Mentor
- 9. Some tea
- 10. Take to one's heels
- 11. Short-lived crazes
- 12. Fails
- 14. Keep on and on
- 22. Uncaring
- 24. City in AL
- 25. An eternal thing
- 26. Burl or St.
- 29. Howard, of films
- 30. ___ haec, hoc
- 31. Golden Treasury offering
- 33. Wild sheep of North America
- 35. Stretch of river
- 36. Biblical beast
- 37. Tourist's need, for short
- 38. Carney or Linkletter
- 39. Kind of hammer
- 42. An English grad, sometimes
- 47. List
- 48. Borgnine
- 49. Growing out
- 50. Cause to be infatuated
- 51. Water wheel
- 52. Medgar ___, N.A.A.C.P. leader, 1963
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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

DANIEL RADCLIFFE

The *Harry Potter* star, 29, shows off his funny bone in CBS' heavenly comedy *Miracle Workers* (Feb. 12). He plays Craig, a worker-bee angel who has to come up with a plan to save humanity when God (Steve Buscemi) decides he's not too happy with what's going on down here.

What is heaven like in *Miracle Workers*?

It's the closest thing I can imagine to a secular idea of heaven. The focus isn't on religion, because that's not really what this show is about. But God has definitely grown disillusioned with his own creation.

Craig seems like a very cautious angel.

He takes an immense amount of pride in his work. But at the same time, to avoid failure, he has scaled back his ambitions to only make tiny differences in the world.

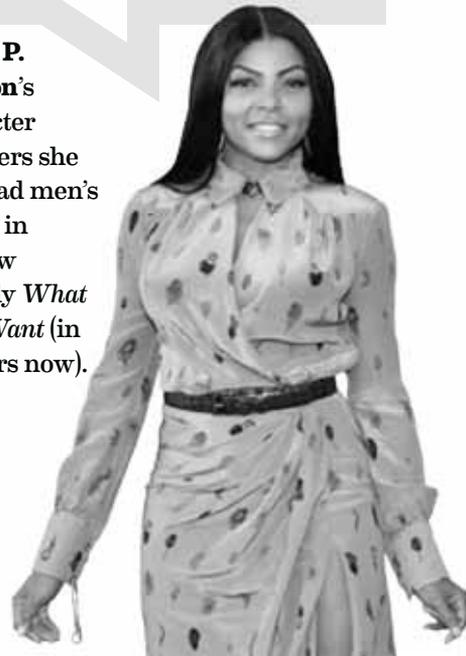
Do you tend to be cautious or do you jump into things? I generally jump into things and figure it out. So I'm definitely not as cautious as Craig. I've got a lot of the nervous energy that Craig has, but that's more just how I am. It doesn't necessarily reflect a huge nervousness all the time.

How do you spend your downtime? As soon as I've got some genuine downtime, I see friends and catch up, I watch a lot of sports, read and go to the gym.

What is the *Harry Potter* connection to his favorite charity? Go to Parade.com/radcliffe to find out.

Men are just as insecure as we are.

Taraji P. Henson's character discovers she can read men's minds in the new comedy *What Men Want* (in theaters now).



Olivia Newton-John: Still Hopelessly Devoted

As the Lifetime network was readying its biopic *Olivia Newton-John: Hopelessly Devoted to You* (Feb. 16) about the English-Australian singer, Newton-John, 70, was back in the news quashing rumors about her declining health due to her ongoing battle with breast cancer. "I'm doing great," she reassured fans. The new TV movie stars her good friend, Aussie performer **Delta Goodrem**, 34, and depicts five decades in the life and career of the singer of "Let Me Be There," "Physical," "Summer Nights" and "Please Mr. Please."

HERE COMES THE GRAMMYS

It's "Music's Biggest Night" when the 61st Annual Grammy Awards show airs live Feb. 10 on CBS, honoring performers, songwriters and producers across multiple genres. Did you know that U2 holds the record for most Grammys won by a group? Or that, at age 20, Taylor Swift became the youngest artist ever to win Album of the Year (for *Fearless* in 2010)? Check out these other fun facts about the music awards.



Elvis Presley may be the King of Rock 'n' Roll, but his three Grammy wins were for gospel songs.

► **Michael Jackson** (1984) and **Santana** (2000) are tied for most Grammy awards (eight) in one night.

► In 1969, **Glen Campbell's** *By the Time I Get to Phoenix* became the first country album to earn the top award, Album of the Year.

► **Quincy Jones** is the most-awarded music producer, with a total of 27 Grammys.

► The rap category was added in 1989, resulting in **Will Smith's** first Grammy win (for DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince's "Parents Just Don't Understand").

Aretha Franklin

holds the record for winning the most consecutive Grammys in the same category, Best Female R&B Vocal Performance from 1968 to 1975.



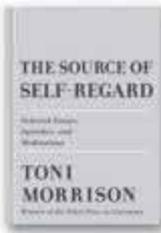
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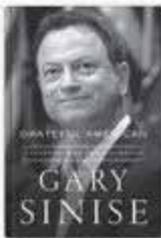
FROM THE HEART

The latest from author Toni Morrison and actor-turned-advocate Gary Sinise—plus lots of kissing.

In ***The Source of Self-Regard: Selected Essays, Speeches, and Meditations*** (Knopf, available Feb. 12), Nobel laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner Morrison shares her musings on everything from human rights, the press, money and her own work, including *Jazz* and *Beloved*. **\$29**



In ***Grateful American: A Journey From Self to Service*** (Thomas Nelson, available Feb. 12), Sinise shares his path from Steppenwolf Theatre Company pioneer to *Forrest Gump*'s Lieutenant Dan to military hero champion. **\$27**



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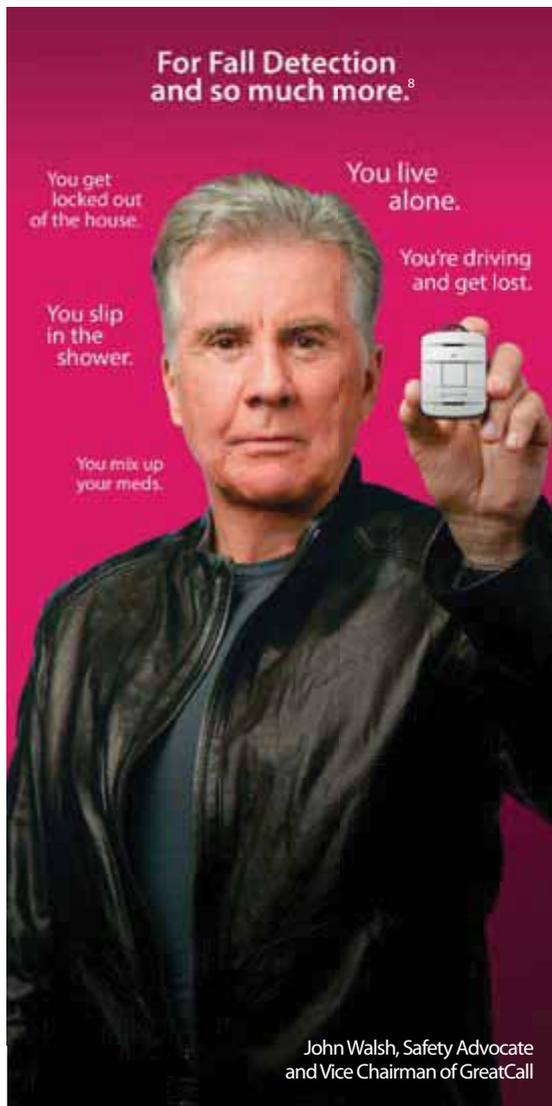
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—Brittany Lohmar,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Henry Winkler

IN LOVE WITH LIFE

Happy days are here again for the kids' book author and star of *Barry*.

By Nicole Pajer • Cover and opening photography by Maarten de Boer

I'm used to nominations," says Henry Winkler. "I'm just not used to winning." The veteran actor took home his first Primetime Emmy award in September 2018, for his portrayal of acting coach Gene Cousineau on *Barry*. Then he kicked off 2019 with a Critics' Choice Award, also for his work in the acclaimed HBO series.

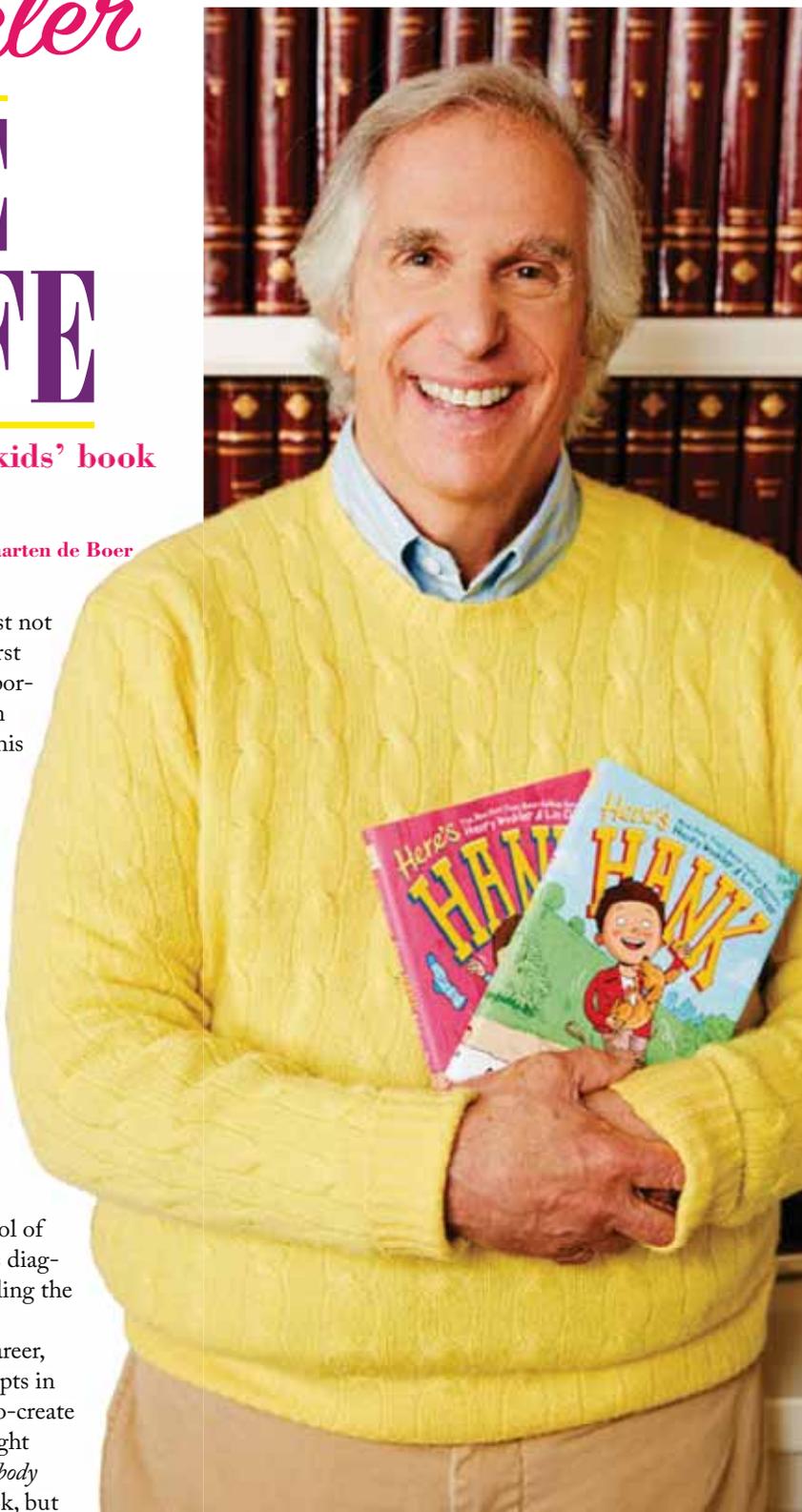
At 73, the former star of *Happy Days* is happier than ever. Winkler, who wanted nothing more than to "make it" in Hollywood from an early age, is pinching himself over how far he's climbed, bursting with gratitude and embracing everything that comes his way.

No Plan B

Acting was it for Winkler, who was born in Manhattan; he had no backup plan. "I wanted to be an actor. I needed to be an actor. I dreamt of being an actor!" he says. But the road to success was not easy.

The son of German-Jewish immigrants, he struggled in school; he was often told he was stupid. But Winkler pushed through, eventually earning his bachelor's degree from Emerson College and a master's from the Yale School of Drama. It wasn't until the age of 31, when his stepson was diagnosed with dyslexia, that he learned that he had been battling the same condition throughout the years.

Winkler's dyslexia presented a challenge in his acting career, which he overcame by putting in extra hours studying scripts in preparation for roles. And his condition inspired him to co-create a series of children's books that feature Hank Zipzer, a bright boy with learning challenges of his own. *Here's Hank: Everybody Is Somebody*, published in January, is the final Zipzer book, but



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Winkler isn't hanging up his author hat. He's in the process of creating a new book series.

Here Comes Fonzie

Winkler got his start in his local Manhattan theater scene and doing TV commercials before heading to Los Angeles, where he landed guest spots on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and *Rhoda*. His breakthrough came in 1974 with his portrayal of the leather-clad, bad-boy, cool-cat Arthur "Fonzie" Fonza-relli in the 1950s-era sitcom *Happy Days*, which ran from 1974 to 1984.

Initially a supporting player on the show, Fonzie rapidly surpassed the other characters (played by ostensibly bigger stars, including Ron Howard, Anson Williams, Tom Bosley and Marion Ross) in popularity. In 1999, *TV Guide* ranked Fonzie fourth on its list of greatest TV characters of all time (behind *Taxi*'s Louie De Palma, *The Honeymooners*' Ed Norton and *I Love Lucy*'s Lucy Ricardo).

Being "the Fonz" forever changed Winkler. "He was so much fun to play. He introduced me to the world," he says. Winkler vowed to use the role as a springboard to a lifetime of following his passion. "I was 27 and I saw my career as a pine tree, a little sapling. My job was to water it so it would grow tall and strong," he recalls.

Winkler doesn't quite know what made the Fonz so beloved, but he is eternally grateful for his mass appeal. "I'm delighted that it touched so many people," he says. Thirty-five years later, he's still proud to be associated with the Fonz and *Happy Days*. But he laughs at having his name forever attached to "jumping the shark." In a 1977 *Happy Days* episode, a water-skiing Fonzie literally jumped over a shark. The phrase came to mean the moment a once-popular TV series turns to stunts to get attention.

"Every time newspapers mentioned 'jump the shark,' they ran a picture of Fonzie water-skiing. At that time, I had great legs, so I didn't care," he says with a chuckle.

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O, HENRY!

You know him best as Fonzie from TV's *Happy Days* and now acting coach Gene Cousineau on HBO's *Barry*. But here are some other fabulous roles from Henry Winkler's wide-ranging acting portfolio.

Shakespeare A Yale grad with a Master of Fine Arts in drama, he appeared in more than a dozen Yale Repertory Theater productions, including Shakespeare's *Coriolanus* (1968) and *Macbeth* (1971).

1 The Mary Tyler Moore Show

In a 1973 episode, "The Dinner Party," he played Steve Waldman, the date of Rhoda (Valerie Harper).

2 The Lords of Flatbush He was Butchey Weinstein, the "brains" in this 1974 movie about a group of leather-clad street teens in 1958 Brooklyn, which also featured a pre-*Rocky* Sylvester Stallone.

3 An American Christmas Carol

The 1979 TV movie featured Winkler as Benedict Slade, a miserly businessman, and was a Yankee-side spin on Charles Dickens' British Christmas classic.

4 Night Shift Ron Howard directed this 1982 comedy about morticians, which also featured Michael Keaton (in his first starring role) and Shelley Long.

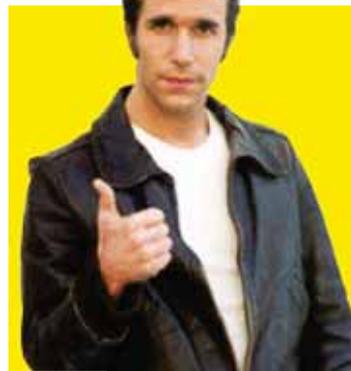
Scream Winkler's scene-stealing appearance as foul-mouthed principal Arthur Himbry in this campy 1996 horror hit put him back in the movie mainstream after several years behind the camera directing.

5 The Waterboy His role as Coach Klein generated some of the biggest laughs in this 1998 football comedy—and marked the beginning of a long friendship with star Adam Sandler.

Holes He played Stanley Yelnats III in the 2003 Disney movie based on the young-readers novel, which also featured Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voight and Shia LaBeouf.

6 Parks and Recreation Paging Dr. Saperstein! Winkler played the recurring role of the Pawnee obstetrician in nine episodes of the popular NBC sitcom (2013–2015).

7 Arrested Development He was bumbling attorney Barry Zuckerkorn in 30 episodes of the Emmy-winning Fox/Netflix sitcom starring Jason Bateman. —Neil Pond



Happy Days



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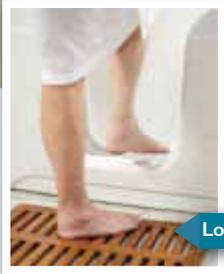


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Blessings & Barry

Winkler went on to hold a number of prestigious roles. Some of his favorites include defense attorney Barry Zuckerkorn on *Arrested Development* and *Parks and Recreation's* obstetrician Dr. Lu Saperstein. "I have been blessed to work with brilliant human beings," he says, mentioning that one of the greatest career compliments was being asked by Adam Sandler to play his father



Though Fonzie literally jumped the shark in a season-five episode, *Happy Days* continued for another six seasons.

in the movie *Click*. "He's now a wonderful friend and he gives great hugs," Winkler says.

In 2018, Winkler began co-starring as acting coach Gene Cousineau on *Barry*. The hit HBO series stars Bill Hader as a hit man from the Midwest who goes to Los Angeles for a job and decides he'd much rather become an actor. "[Producer-writer] Alec [Berg] and Bill said they saw Gene as a darker, meaner guy, but as I played him, they went, 'Oh, he could also have *that*, a more humane dimension.'"

In 2018, *Barry* earned Winkler his first Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series, an accolade he'd waited for since his first nomination,

back in 1976, for playing Fonzie on *Happy Days*.

“My Emmy is not a doorstopper and it’s not in the bathroom,” he says, poking fun at a common response his colleagues use to downplay their achievements. His award sits in the middle of his dining room table, a constant reminder of his discipline throughout the years.

In Love With Life

Family is everything to Winkler, who refers to his clan as “very close, a lot of fun, chaotic,” and something that he “can’t breathe without.” He and his wife, Stacey Weitzman, have been married for 40 years. (They met in a clothing store where she was working and Winkler came in to buy a coat.) He says the secret to their longevity is listening. “I think the center of all relationships is the ear; no other part of the body is as important,” he says.

Winkler’s son, Max, 35, followed in his entertainment footsteps and pursued a career as a director-screenwriter; his work includes episodes of TV’s *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine* and *Fresh Off the Boat*. “He helped me audition for *Barry*,” Winkler says. He is equally proud of his daughter, Zoe, 38, whom he refers to as “one of the greatest preschool teachers.”

When he’s not in front of the camera, Winkler spends his days at the movies, going to plays—he recently treated his four grandkids to *Wicked*—and trying new restaurants.

But he’s also at home on a tranquil Montana river, waist-deep in water, fly-fishing. He credits his beloved hobby as the ultimate way to clear his head.

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"It's like a washing machine for your brain," he says, cueing up an iPhone photo gallery of himself holding up rainbow trout.

While awaiting the news on a possible season three of *Barry*, Winkler is heading to France to join Bill Murray, Frances McDormand, Tilda Swinton and Adrien Brody to work on *The French Dispatch*, the latest film from director Wes Anderson. And he has a rather unconventional item on his bucket list.

"I have wanted to play a mute for as long as I can remember," he says. He thinks using his entire body to communicate without his voice would be "amazing." Does this have anything to do with the fact that scenes without dialogue would give him a temporary reprieve from his dyslexia? Winkler hides a smile and answers the question with a sly, Fonzie-like wink.

When he looks back on his life, he blinks in astonishment. "It's unbelievable!" he exclaims, noting that he's far exceeded any goal he ever set for himself. He credits his success to "preparation, tenacity and gratitude," and he places a major emphasis on the latter.

"Gratitude is like a food group. It is essential for being alive," he says. "I'm shocked by people who can find a complaint about everything." That's the only remotely negative phrase he's uttered throughout an entire hour of conversation. "There are two ways to look at everything," he says, "and my glass is more than half full!"

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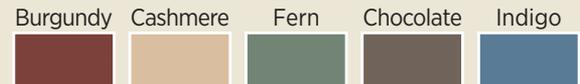
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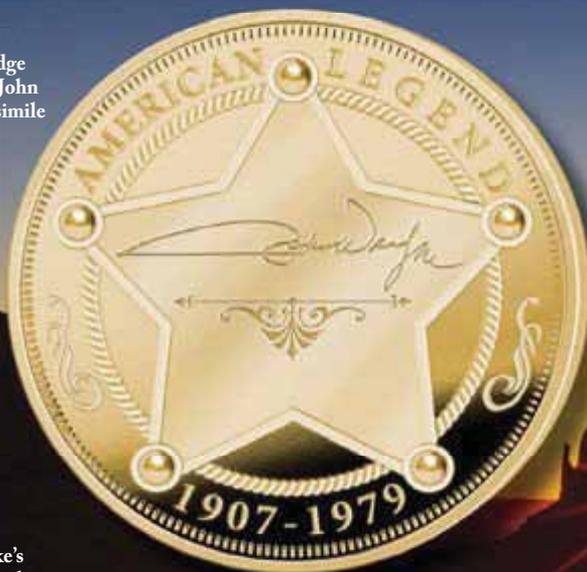
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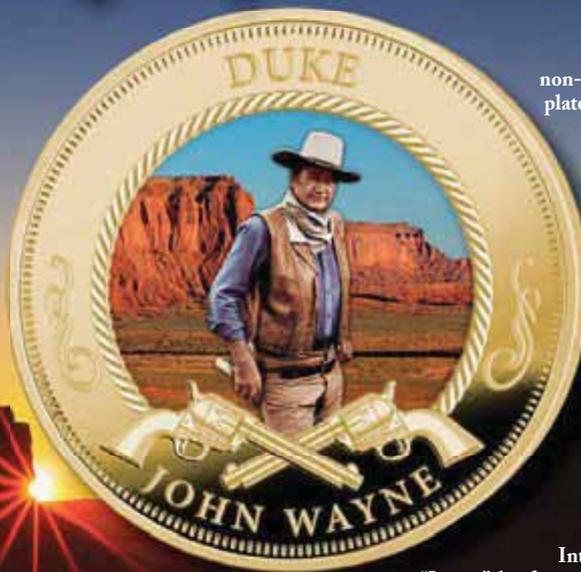
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