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Dr. Dinee Simpson performs a kidney transplant on a patient at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago in February.

DOCTOR FIGHTS DISEASE — AND DISTRUST

Transplant surgeon knows many African-Americans are wary of doctors

When transplant surgeon Dinee Simpson sits in a consultation room with a patient, often they're joined by the patient's spouse or children or both.

Sometimes a meeting includes a patient's cousins or siblings or friends — anyone who will weave together the fabric of support that patient will rely on when he or she receives a new kidney or liver or pancreas.

And sometimes, particularly if the patient is black, more than a century of mistrust of the medical community also joins them in the room.



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

"I've had patients tell me that they know transplant is experimental," Simpson said. "I've had patients tell me they know white people get preference when it

comes to time on the waiting list."

(Neither is true.) "Patients are very frank with me in telling me they know things are unfair or experimental, and they're the hardest to convince otherwise," Simpson said. "Those are some of the most heartbreaking cases for me."

In some families, a deeply ingrained sense of betrayal, passed down through generations, can permeate doctor visits. It's a product of medical experiments

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Wooing follows 1st round of voting

Lightfoot, Preckwinkle pursue 66% who didn't choose them for mayor

BY JOHN BYRNE, RICK PEARSON AND BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

For all the history made Tuesday night when Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle advanced into a one-on-one battle to become Chicago's next mayor, there remained a less glamorous, underlying reality: Two-thirds of Chicago didn't vote for either of them.

With a month to go until the final April 2 runoff election, Lightfoot and Preckwinkle are now in a full-on electoral sprint to attract the voters, business leaders, labor unions and other key constituencies that went a different route in the first round. The votes are paramount, but financial support is an important factor as both candidates look to expand their ground operations and reload with another round of television ads.

That started in earnest Friday, as Lightfoot released a feel-good TV ad with highlights of her election night victory speech in which she declared, "I know on a deeply personal level that we need change." Preckwinkle went the other way, launching an attack ad against Lightfoot noting her his-

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WHAT'S NEXT? Susana Mendoza's loss stalled her upward trajectory in the state Democratic Party, leaving her without a clear path forward. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

Prepared-food firms look to stay relevant

Evolving consumer tastes are challenging giant food companies like Kraft Heinz. **Business**

For Democrats, a reckoning beckons

But divide between moderates and liberals could alienate some voters. **Nation & World, Page 23**

An ex-IG chosen to oversee CPD reforms

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Glacier that formed Great Lakes is disappearing



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Melting ice forms a stream on the Barnes Ice Cap, the last remnant of the Laurentide Ice Sheet, in the Canadian territory of Nunavut.

Scientists point to greenhouse gases for its untimely demise

BY TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

From a boardwalk overlooking a deserted Ohio Street Beach in the throes of winter, it's not hard to imagine the last ice age. A blanket of fresh snow covers the shoreline and pale blue ice glazes over Lake Michigan as far as the eye can see.

But this is nothing. Twenty thousand years ago, Chicago was encased in ice roughly 3,000 feet thick — twice the height of Willis Tower.

SINKING CHICAGO: Areas that once were depressed under the weight of a massive ice sheet are springing back, while others are sinking. **Chicagoland, Page 10**

All that's left of the colossal ice sheet that sprawled over much of North America and formed the Great Lakes is a kernel of ice in the Canadian Arctic — and it's dwindling fast.

Today, the Barnes Ice Cap, a glacier about the size of Delaware on Baffin Island in Canada, is the last remnant of the mighty Laurentide Ice Sheet. But after 2,000

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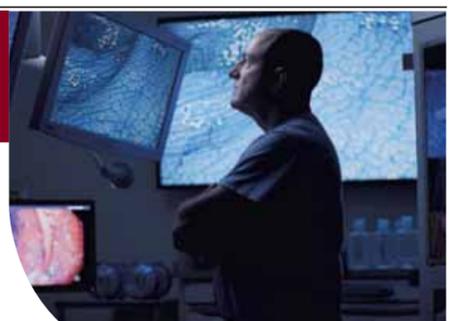
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CHICAGO TRIBUNE'S UNSCRIPTED PRESENTS JACOB TOBIA

Jacob Tobia is a writer, producer and author. From interviewing former U.S. presidents to working with queer and trans youth, Tobia helps others embrace the full complexity of gender and their own truth, even when that truth is messy. Tobia's soon-to-be-released memoir "Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story" follows his story from the moment a doctor put "male" on the birth certificate through his 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. Join us to share the laughs, the stories, the emotions, and more. The event is 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., March 12, at WeWork, 515 N State Street, 14th Floor in Chicago. Purchase tickets at jacobtobiaunscripted.eventbrite.com. Ticket options include a General Admission ticket, or a ticket bundled with Tobia's book. All seating is first come first serve. Copies of Tobia's book also will be available for purchase on site.

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Actor Jussie Smollett leaves jail after posting bond. He alleged he was attacked, but Chicago police said he staged a hoax.



JOHN KASS

February Moutza award: Salsa, Burke or actor?

Those who don't believe the Moutza of the Month is needed in this country like never before, please read a headline in the Knoxville News Sentinel:

"Testicles in salsa: Lawyers are baffled why the case is a felony."

And this is how great civilizations fall. First the testicles are in the salsa, part of a plot by food delivery workers gaining revenge on bad tippers.

Then the lawyers start jabbering that it's probably not even a felony.

Not a felony? Well, what is it then, dammit? Let's moutza the lawyers too.

Police found a video that told the tale. "This is what you get when you give an 89-cent tip for an almost 30-minute drive," a female food delivery driver reportedly says in a video obtained by authorities.

"Oh, it feels good," says the accused food adulterer, Howard Matthew Webb.

I don't know about you, but for me, food deliveries are out of my life forever.

Reader Ann MacIntosh Baker was convinced that the Golden Moutza of February was destined to go to Jussie Smollett, the creepy actor who blamed supporters of President Donald Trump for attacking him. Then Chicago police said he paid to stage a fake hate crime.

And through all that, the salsa story has legs.

"The moutza Gods came down from above and posted this (salsa) story on my Facebook timeline. A moutza inspiration when I needed it most," Baker wrote on Facebook, where moutza nominations are made. "Behold! I'm nominating this 'double dipping pervert. NAH!'"

There are many other worthies for the February Golden Moutza.

These include promoters of Zombi Deer panic; those white Virginia Democrats in blackface; and the German fire department that sent six firefighters to save an impossibly fat rat.

The rat was stuck in a manhole cover, its fat head and big teeth sticking out. Firefighters from Bensheim were sent to save it.

"She had a lot of winter flab and

was stuck fast at her hip, there was no going forward or back," a rat rescuer told local reporters, according to the BBC.

So it squeaked and firefighters worked and they later congratulated themselves on how civilized they were, because rather than just stepping on the rat and sending it to the great sewer afterlife, they gently released it into a park.

And there, it will probably bite someone.

I hate rats. Perhaps because I was born not too far from the Union Stock Yards on the South Side and they were everywhere. All you needed was a saddle and you could ride one.

Bensheim is about a four-hour drive from another town famous for rats: Hamelin.

Ever hear of what happened in Hamelin? Something to do with a colorfully dressed piper? Nah!

"Even animals that are hated by many deserve respect," said the rat-respecting animal rescuer.

Hey, German rat-lover man? Do you like salsa? Ever been to Hamelin? Nah!

And naturally, many Chicago politicians were nominated, even those who don't talk about how they like "nice endings" at massage parlors while they're wired up by the FBI.

Nominees included several aldermen, chief among them Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, who was charged by federal prosecutors with extortion, yet still managed to win re-election.

"Ed Burke," said Pat Graceffa. "Indicted in January and re-elected in February. Only in Chicago!"

"May I recommend the voters of the 14th Ward who reelected the indicted Mr. Ed Burke?" said Roland A. Tolliver. "Moutza? NAH!"

"Nah!!!," said South Side teacher and writer Pat Hickey. "Fed-ruary (for Eddie Burke) is just too chock-filled with Moutza Meatheads!"

Yes, that may be true. But Burke won.

With all that was going on around him, with his fundraising for Toni Preckwinkle becoming an issue that shaped the mayoral campaign, with Ald. Danny Solis wired up with the feds against him, Burke won.

How? The so-called "Chuy" Garcia machine was embarrassed. It couldn't knock Burke out.

And stubborn as he is, Burke refused to capitulate. He knocked on every door in his ward and made eye contact with voters, just like he did 50 years ago when his father, Ald. Joe Burke, 14th, died and the 14th Ward precinct captains joined to take the ward away from Joe's son.

He refused to kneel. I've criticized him, perhaps mercilessly, but here, publicly, I've got to give him a tip of the hat.

So, you can give him a moutza. But I won't, today. Burke refused to bend the knee.

But we have to come back to the weasel of an actor who chewed up the scenery in his interview with ABC's Robin Roberts, talking about how he was the victim of Trump supporters, and who fought them off but kept intact his tuna sandwich.

He said he was the victim of a hate crime, that the men put a noose around his neck and shouted Trump slogans.

Roberts just ate it up. There was little pushback from her. And Smollett was allowed to trash the city with what appears to be a lie.

"Jussie Smollett hands down," said Paul Jasinevicius. "Who writes a check to pay people to beat him up and blames it on Trump supporters? Nah!"

"I believe what he (Smollett) did was a hate crime," said Vincenzo Toia.

Perhaps. He certainly funneled hate at Chicago, and at Republicans, and at Trump.

He wasted the police time that could have been spent investigating real crimes.

Lift up your eyes, Jussie Smollett. You won't win the Oscar, but you win the Golden Moutza of February.

Nah!
Nahto!

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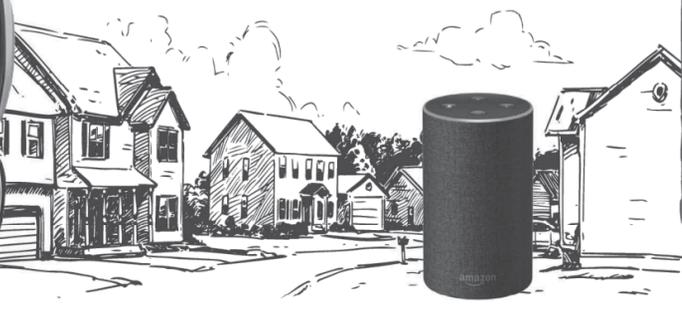
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Giana Marelli and Jorge Manjon enjoy the Chicago skyline from the Lakefront Trail early last month.

How long do you have to live here before you can say you're from here?



MARY SCHMICH

Sorry, but you're not from Chicago.

Yeah, sure, you may have lived here so long that you remember when the White Sox played at Comiskey, when there were no night games at Wrigley, when Willis Tower was called Sears, when blues was still played at the Checkerboard Lounge.

You may have survived more than one mayor, several blizzards and countless losses of a team with Chicago in the title. You may get the ketchup-on-a-hot-dog thing.

Doesn't matter. In the eyes of some indigenous Chicagoans, if you weren't born and bred here, you will never get to stake a full claim on the territory.

I'm often reminded of this, and have been again recently in the days since Toni Preckwinkle (who moved here in 1965) and Lori Lightfoot (who came in 1986) survived Tuesday's mayoral election and prepare to face each other in an April 2 runoff.

"Not Chicagoans," commented some guy on Facebook in response to the outcome, though he failed to make clear whether that was good or bad.

A USA Today story on the runoff began with this fact: "The two candidates vying to become mayor of the nation's third-largest city are both transplants from elsewhere in the Midwest."

The story did go on to note that "they're also no strangers to Chicago's rough-and-tumble politics." But the fact that their transplant status was worthy of mention says something about Chicago and its emphasis on roots.

Chicago has always been a place that welcomes newcomers and thrives on fresh blood, but if you didn't spring directly from Chicago soil, you'll always know it.

Through the years of writing a column in the city, which I started doing in 1992, I've received many letters and emails from readers noting that I grew up in other places. Some have said, "You can't possibly understand Chicago because you're not from here." Others have said, "You understand Chicago really well for someone who isn't from here."

Either way, I've often been reminded that with my roots in Georgia, Arizona and California, plus time in Florida and France, I'm a foreigner and always will be, no matter how many Chicago winters I endure.

People who come to Chicago from other states or countries aren't the only ones who will be reminded they're not from here. If you grew up in the city's suburbs, your Chicago credentials will be challenged.

A surefire way to be denounced by the natives? Go on a TV show and pretend to be an expert on Chicago, then have someone discover you're from Evanston.

The internet is full of articles on how to identify true Chicagoans.

The stories have headlines like "Why You're Not Really From Chicago" and "17 Signs You Were Born and Raised in Chicago" and "20 Signs You Grew Up in Chicago."

Generally, these articles involve knowing the meaning of "lake effect," the cultural significance of Italian beef and the legacy of Mike Ditka and Michael Jordan, all things that anyone who lives here for a while is destined to learn.

But if you're not from here, those quirky facts are likelier to be merely facts, not part of your essential fiber. You can know that Chicago kids of a certain generation grew up watching

A surefire way to be denounced by the natives? Go on a TV show and pretend to be an expert on Chicago, then have someone discover you're from Evanston.

"The Bozo Show," but if you didn't grow up with it, you'll never know the feeling. You can know that River-view was a great amusement park, but if you never went there as a kid you'll never understand why the word stirs the souls of some people who are now old.

You may learn to cheer for the Sox or Cubs but if you didn't grow up cheering along with your mom or dad, you'll never love the team the way a native does.

Another thing you quickly learn if you're not from here: An astonishing number of people are. Chicago's deep, wide roots are part of what make it so attractive to newcomers.

Even the born-and-bred who move away, to the suburbs or the Sun Belt, hold on to their "native Chicagoan" title as if it were a medal of honor or the family coat of arms. They may not want to live in Chicago anymore — some of them because they resent that it's not the Chicago they grew up in — but they still cherish the identity.

Or so I'm told. How would I know for sure? I'm not from here. But like so many other transplants, I'm glad I'm here now.

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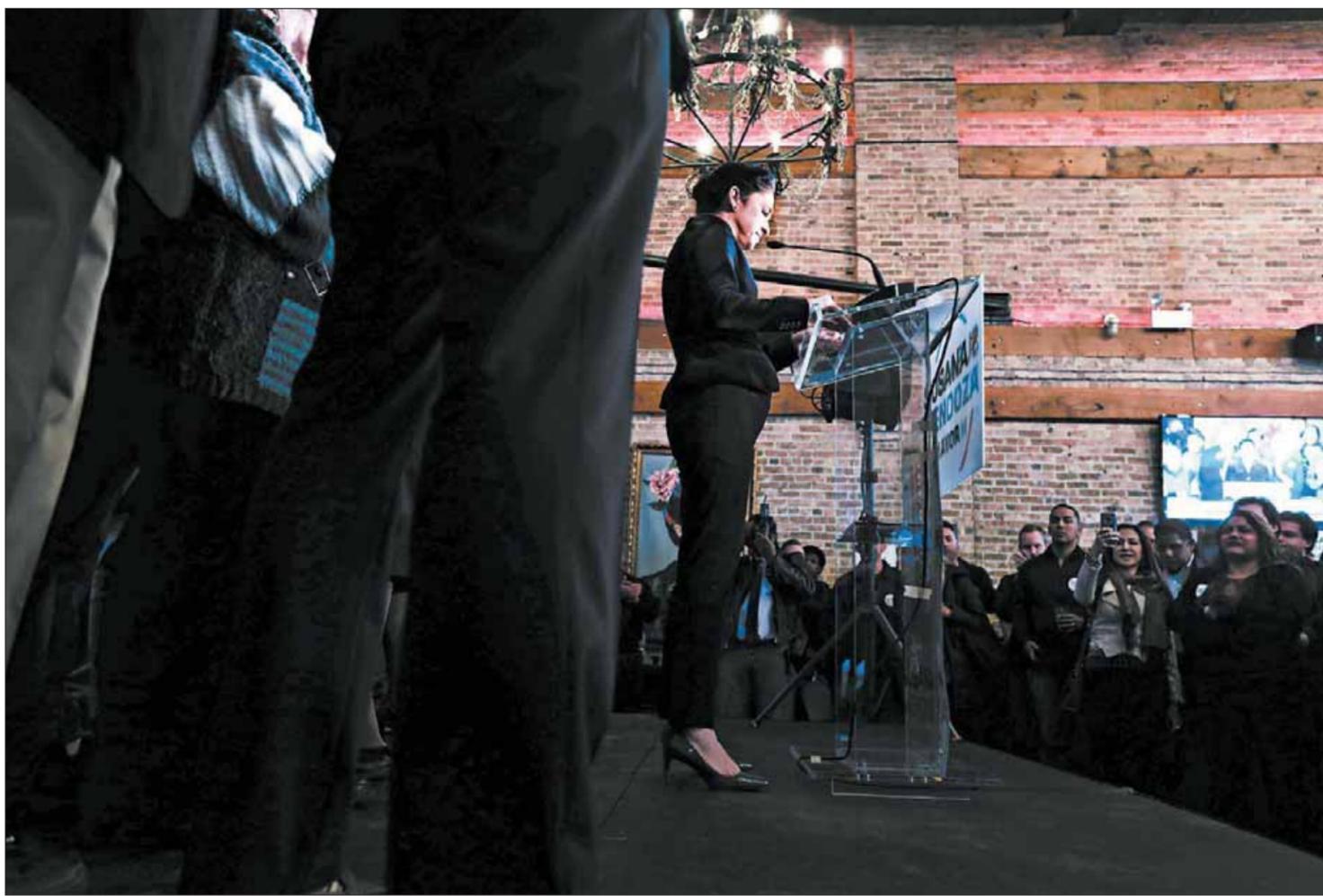
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Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza gives her concession speech in her losing mayoral campaign at her election night party at Moe's Cantina in Chicago on Tuesday.

What's next for Susana Mendoza?

'It stings,' political vet admitted after suffering first election loss in 20 years

BY DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

Throughout her two-decade political career, Susana Mendoza has cast herself as a fighter who takes on tough battles and wins.

In her biggest race yet, however, Mendoza came up short, finishing fifth in Tuesday's 14-way race for Chicago mayor and receiving just over 9 percent of the vote. As former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle campaign for an April 2 runoff, Mendoza returns to her duties as Illinois comptroller — the office to which she was re-elected in November, eight days before officially entering the race for mayor.

"I haven't lost an election in 20 years," Mendoza said in her election night concession speech at Moe's Cantina in River North. "It stings."

Mendoza's first election defeat since her initial race for Illinois House in 1998 is a major disappointment for a candidate who was considered among the front-runners in the crowded mayoral field. The loss stalls the upward trajectory of a rising star in the state Democratic Party, leaving her without a clear path forward — the next race for mayor isn't until 2023, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker has been in office less than two months, and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin has said he plans to run for a fifth term next year.

Through a spokesman, Mendoza, 46, declined to comment on what's next for her politically.

Despite her loss, the mayor's race raised Mendoza's profile in Chicago and displayed her energy as a campaigner and prowess as a fundraiser. She brought in more than \$2.8 million in campaign cash despite her late entry into the race and secured endorsements from powerful labor

groups including the Laborers' International Union of North America. Given her age and her position as the most prominent Latina elected official in a city and state with a growing Hispanic population, Mendoza figures to be a fixture on the political stage for years to come.

Losing a high-profile race is "a setback, but it's not the kiss of death," said Chris Mooney, a University of Illinois at Chicago political science professor and longtime observer of state politics.

"She had this chance, and she took it, and it didn't work out for her," he said. "What she can hope for is that she learned enough from the experience that will help her in the future and that it didn't damage her brand."

Mendoza didn't get out of the mayor's race unscathed.

Even as she closed out her race for comptroller in the fall, her interest in replacing outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel was among the worst-kept secrets in Illinois politics. Four days before the November election, a video clip of Mendoza declaring her candidacy for mayor leaked out, underscoring the criticism she'd faced throughout the comptroller's campaign that she was eyeing her next office while still running for re-election.

Once she entered the race for the fifth-floor office at City Hall, she became one of several candidates forced to answer for their ties to embattled Aldermen Ed Burke and Danny Solis, who are at the center of a major corruption probe.

Mendoza ended up giving away campaign donations from Burke, who was charged in January for an alleged shake-down scheme that was linked to a campaign donation to Preckwinkle, and also contributions tied to Solis, who wore a wire for federal authorities as part of the investigation and secretly recorded Burke.

It wasn't just the campaign cash that drew barbs from Mendoza's opponents. She faced repeated attacks for her close political and personal ties to Burke — he backed her in her first two races for the Illinois House, and his wife, state Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, officiated Mendoza's wedding at the Burkes' South-west Side home.

But the mayoral campaign also gave Mendoza an opportunity to display some of her strongest political skills: fending off attacks from opponents while landing jabs of her own. She went on the offensive against Preckwinkle, attacking the leader of the Cook County Democratic Party for trying to get Mendoza and four other female candidates knocked off the ballot over issues with their nominating petitions. Later, she

seeing the state's checkbook as comptroller will allow her to maintain her public profile across Illinois, although she now may have fewer opportunities to grab the spotlight.

After winning a special election for a two-year term as comptroller in 2016, Mendoza proved adept at garnering attention by criticizing Rauner over the financial damage his long-running budget fight with Democratic lawmakers was doing to the state.

But with Rauner gone and Democrats running the show in Springfield, Mendoza's focus likely will be working with Pritzker to manage the state's chronic cash-flow problems.

"That's important work, it's workaday work, but it's not going to get you in the paper on the front page," Mooney said.

Statewide offices are widely

said.

Despite her loss in the mayor's race, Mendoza's party remains optimistic about her future.

"An election defeat does not define a candidate or their future," Mary Morrissey, executive director of the Illinois Democratic Party, said in an emailed statement.

Political consultant Becky Carroll, a longtime friend and informal adviser, said Mendoza is ready for a break from campaigning after three election cycles in three years.

"For now, she's going to bury herself in her job as comptroller," Carroll said. "She has to get back to her job. Despite the fact that we have a new Democratic governor who she's clearly aligned with on many levels, she still has work to do."

Among the items on Mendoza's Springfield agenda are a bill that would require more financial transparency from private insurance companies that manage Medicaid benefits for the state and another that would create a program to certify financial products for low-income customers.

At her swearing-in ceremony in January, Mendoza said she looked forward to another term as comptroller because of — in spite of — Illinois' financial challenges.

"That's exactly why I want to be comptroller," she said, "because when I see a problem, I need to fix it. I can't just sit on the sidelines."

Those remarks came even as Mendoza was engaged in a fiercely contested campaign for mayor.

In conceding defeat in the mayor's race Tuesday night, Mendoza hinted at a possible future run.

"You may not always make it the first time, but you never give up," Mendoza told supporters. "I didn't give up 20 years ago; I'm not giving up today. And I need you to not give up either."

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"What she can hope for is that she learned enough from the experience that will help her in the future and that it didn't damage her brand."

— University of Illinois at Chicago political science professor Chris Mooney

went after former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley for his role on Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's transition team in 2014.

Mendoza, UIC's Mooney said, is "a great campaigner," has a breadth of experience and is well-known after being elected to six terms as a state representative, two as city clerk and two as comptroller.

"She's still certainly one of the ... bright young lights in Illinois politics," he said.

Always looking for new opportunities, Mendoza ran for clerk shortly after being re-elected for the last time as state representative, then entered the race for comptroller after winning her second term as city clerk.

In January, Mendoza was sworn in for a new four-year term in statewide office. Over-

seen as steppingstones to jobs such as governor or U.S. senator, but almost no one who's served as comptroller since the position was created in the 1970 Illinois Constitution has successfully made the leap.

Democrats Michael Bakalis and Dawn Clark Netsch won their party's nomination for governor, but they lost to Republican Govs. Jim Thompson in 1978 and Jim Edgar in 1994, respectively. Democrat Roland Burris made a successful run for state attorney general in 1990 and was appointed to fill Barack Obama's former Senate seat in 2008 by then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich after the governor was arrested on corruption charges.

That history has more to do with the individual candidates and races than the nature of the comptroller's office, Mooney

Elk Grove Village will sponsor Bahamas Bowl for second year

BY CLIFFORD WARD
Chicago Tribune

Elk Grove Village officials have agreed to have their town again be the official sponsor of a holiday football bowl game, even though they don't expect the same publicity mileage the village got from its first foray.

The village board voted 6-0 Tuesday night to pay \$300,000 to have the village's marketing logo —

Makers Wanted — associated with the Bahamas Bowl. Elk Grove Village paid \$300,000 to be the official sponsor of the 2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl, and had the option to renew its sponsorship for the 2019 edition at the same price.

"We're excited about the opportunity to potentially do it again," Mayor Craig Johnson said just before Tuesday night's vote, according to a recording of the

board meeting. "But we have no preconceived beliefs we're going to get the same kind of coverage we got last year. We know that's not going to happen."

The vote came after Johnson reported earlier this month that the village's \$300,000 investment had yielded \$12 million in media exposure, according to an independent audit provided by ESPN, which owns the game.

The sponsorship also

produced several leads for new businesses, the mayor said.

The story of a Chicago suburb sponsoring a bowl game generated a lot of media coverage last year. But the village board members acknowledged that with much of the novelty factor gone, Elk Grove Village should expect less media attention.

Johnson said renewing the sponsorship, though, would extend Elk Grove

Village's marketing efforts aimed at attracting new business to the village's manufacturing area adjacent to O'Hare International Airport.

"We want to make sure we're identified as a place to do business, as a place to come to," Johnson said.

Like the 2018 game, the 2019 Bahamas Bowl will again be played in Nassau on a field emblazoned with the "Makers Wanted" logo. The telecast will again fea-

ture a half-dozen commercials touting Elk Grove Village as a commercial destination.

The 2018 game was played Dec. 21 and saw Florida International defeat Toledo, 35-32.

According to the Nielsen rating service, the game had an average viewership of more than 800,000 people.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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Judge picks a former IG to oversee CPD reforms

Maggie Hickey will monitor police consent decree

BY DAN HINKEL
Chicago Tribune

A former Illinois inspector general has been picked to oversee sweeping court-mandated reforms to the troubled Chicago Police Department.

U.S. District Judge Robert Dow Jr. on Friday announced that Maggie Hickey, a former federal prosecutor who is now a partner at the law firm Schiff Hardin, will monitor the changes ordered by a consent decree aimed at repairing a department with a long record of misconduct and excessive force, particularly against minorities.

In addition, Dow said he plans to designate David Coar, a retired federal judge, to be “special master” — an appointee tasked with working on the judge’s behalf. Dow’s order did not go into detail on Coar’s role.

Friday’s announcement is another step in a reform process that started about three years ago following the release of video of white police Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting black teenager Laquan McDonald. The consent decree took effect with the monitor’s appointment, and the city now faces a series of deadlines over the next five years to satisfy a court order intended to reinvent the way police treat Chicagoans.

Dow had been expected to appoint a monitor from four finalists. By naming Hickey the monitor but also giving Coar a position, Dow gave roles to two different finalists. His one-paragraph order did not spell out what other personnel would support their work.

Hickey, who was former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner’s executive inspector general, has been a popular choice for politicians looking to clean up



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

New cadets at the Chicago Police Department Education and Training Academy listen to Mayor Rahm Emanuel and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson.

messes. Last year she was tapped to investigate sexual abuse in Chicago Public Schools in the wake of a Tribune investigation. And Democratic Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan picked her to investigate discrimination and sexual harassment at the Capitol.

Coar, who grew up in segregated Alabama, served as a U.S. district judge and bankruptcy judge in Chicago for about 25 years before retiring in 2010. His inclusion in the process gives an accomplished, local African-American attorney a role in a reform effort driven primarily by the long-standing complaints of black Chicagoans about their treatment by police.

The process of picking a monitor started about seven months ago. Lawyers for Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the attorney general’s office

were expected to recommend one of the finalists to Dow.

Hickey and Coar each were put forth to serve as lead monitors with their own supporting teams of lawyers, academics and former police officers. In recent weeks the parties held numerous closed-door courthouse conferences, court records show, and the lengthy process suggested an impasse as to the final choice.

In a statement released through her law firm Friday, Hickey said, “We are humbled by the trust the city and state have placed in our team to do this important work on behalf of the people of Chicago.”

Hickey is set to have an annual budget of \$2.85 million to monitor the implementation of the hundreds of changes laid out in the 229-page court order. Under the judge’s ruling, monitoring personnel are to

have largely unfettered access to department officials, buildings and data as they oversee changes to training, supervision, discipline and other elements of policing.

Among other duties, Hickey will supervise the creation of new training materials and the rewriting of reams of department policies. She will be responsible for reporting on the city’s compliance with the consent decree to the judge, who has the authority to order the city to abide by the document.

The consent decree is built upon a yearlong investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice that culminated in a January 2017 report that described a dysfunctional police force staffed by badly trained and supervised officers prone to using excessive force.

When Emanuel wavered on the need for court oversight, then-Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan sued

the city in August 2017 to force the court’s involvement, and the mayor went along with the litigation. Aides to the two politicians spent months hammering out the decree.

Emanuel said in a statement Friday that the consent decree would “ensure a better city, a better CPD, and safer streets.”

Madigan did not run for re-election, and her successor, Attorney General Kwame Raoul, inherited her role as plaintiff in the litigation.

“Now that all of the pieces are in place, we can begin the process of reforming the police department to restore residents’ trust in the officers sworn to protect them,” Raoul said in a statement Friday.

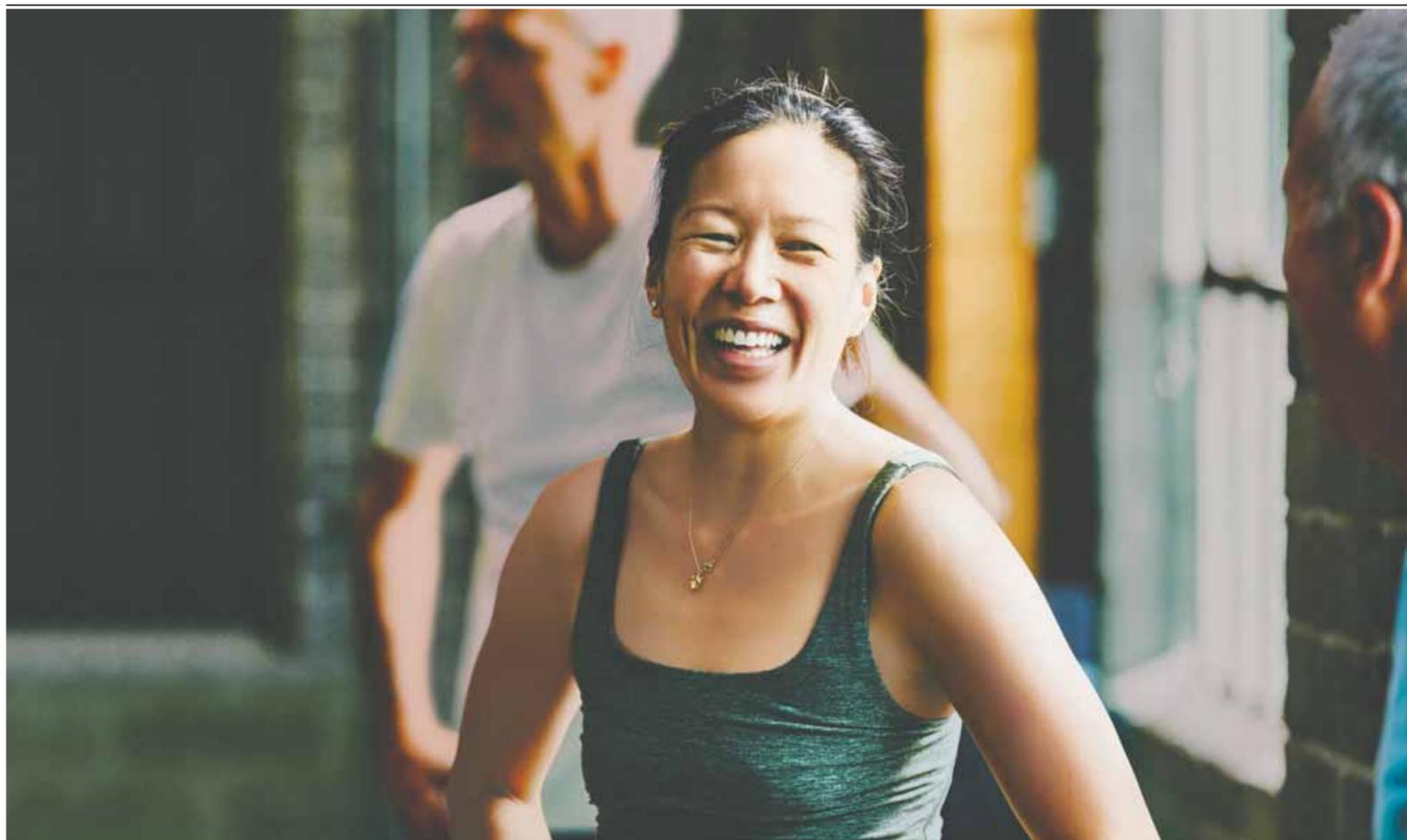
Many of the order’s provisions are mandates for the department to study and identify problems and revise its policies, and it will take years for some details

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to be worked out. The decree also calls for specific changes. For example, by July, officers will have to start reporting incidents in which they point guns at people.

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Friend haunted by last moments with slain teen

Gang member faces first-degree murder charges

By **MADELINE BUCKLEY**
 Chicago Tribune

Steve Jaimes thought carefully about what to wear to his friend's visitation. He wanted to be respectful.

He coordinated with friends to make sure there were enough photos and videos of Emanuel Gallegos, a 17-year-old junior at Northside College Prep. And he mentally prepared himself to see Gallegos' parents at the services Friday afternoon.

But Jaimes is not just battling grief over the death of Gallegos, who was gunned down late Monday afternoon near Schurz High School on the Northwest Side.

He is haunted by his friend's last moments, riddled with survivor's guilt: Jaimes was driving the car that a gang member fired at, killing Gallegos who was in the front passenger seat.

"It's just hard," Jaimes said. "My mom has been crying. She hasn't been able to go to work."

He and Gallegos had picked up Jaimes' cousin and made a U-turn to avoid a traffic jam. The friends were planning to go get a haircut.

But that took them past a group that had been hassling the cousin as he waited for the ride, asking him if he belonged to a gang.

His cousin said he didn't and walked away.

Jaimes said he saw one of the boys take a gun out of his waistband and fire at the car, hitting his friend. He frantically sped off look-



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Steve Jaimes, left, 17, lights candles as friends and family hold a vigil Thursday for 17-year-old Emanuel Gallegos.

ing for a hospital, but called 911 when he didn't spot one. The operator told the teenager to pull over. He checked on Gallegos and realized he had been shot in the neck.

It looked like Gallegos was trying to open his mouth. They locked eyes, and Jaimes thought he tried to say "Bro." But no words came out.

Jaimes took off an undershirt and tried to stanch the flow of blood. His cousin tried to find a pulse. The teens saw a police car drive by, and Jaimes leaped out to flag down the officer.

More officers arrived. Jaimes returned to the car and continued putting pressure on the wound. An ambulance arrived and took him to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Luis Castejon, a 17-year-old member of the Spanish Four Corner Hustlers street gang, was charged two days later with first-degree murder, authorities said.

He had surrendered after police spoke to witnesses, gathered surveillance video and recovered a Snapchat video Castejon had made shortly before

the shooting, showing him with a gun.

Castejon and Gallegos lived just blocks from each other near Cragin Park on the Northwest Side. But police, family and friends say there was no connection between the teens.

Jaimes, in his last year at Northside Prep, is trying to make sense of the violent chance encounter, all while trying to honor Gallegos. He feels that some people blame him for making that U-turn.

"That does affect me," he said.

He'll soon return to his weight-training class, where he got to know Gallegos. Jaimes still chuckles as he remembers his friend.

Gallegos would often cycle furiously on an elliptical machine, breaking a sweat with his earbuds in, usually listening to a Mexican song. "Man, you know this is a blow-off class right?" he and other classmates would tell him. "You don't have to put in all this energy."

But Gallegos put forth the same effort as he did in other classes, Jaimes said.

"I don't have anything else to do," Gallegos would respond to his friends, smiling and cycling faster.

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tory as a corporate attorney and appointment to a police disciplinary post by former Mayor Richard M. Daley, concluding that “the only thing Lori Lightfoot is trying to change is her story.”

Of the two, Lightfoot showed more of a willingness to go on the attack during the first election, pounding Preckwinkle for her ties to the “broken political machine” and powerful Ald. Edward Burke, who has been charged with attempted extortion as part of an ongoing federal corruption investigation at City Hall. In the first round, Preckwinkle mostly pulled her punches and sought to stay above the fray as a front-runner. But in a head-to-head matchup, the veteran politician and Cook County Board president has taken a more aggressive approach, labeling Lightfoot a “wealthy corporate attorney who defended Wall Street banks.”

The political messaging is all part of a high-stakes effort to build a broad enough coalition of support not only to win the votes that went to other candidates on Tuesday, but to attract the new voters who are likely to be part of a larger turnout in next month's election.

“There’s a whole palette of options out there to build a winning coalition, and that will start to come into focus next week,” said Tom Bowen, a political strategist who is not aligned with either campaign and once worked as Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s political director. “The one thing you can count on is both Preckwinkle and Lightfoot are going to continue elements of their message before the runoff which is in, Lightfoot’s case, ‘I’m your outsider. I’m your chance at reform,’ and, in Preckwinkle’s case, ‘I’m a progressive person who’s done progressive things.’”

Working the map

On Tuesday, Lightfoot garnered the most support, winning 17.5 percent of the vote compared with 16 percent for Preckwinkle. All told, some 553,000 Chicagoans cast ballots in the race, with 97,037 voting for Lightfoot and 88,757 backing Preckwinkle, according to unofficial results.

So, while 185,794 voted for Lightfoot or Preckwinkle, another 367,000 — or two-thirds of the total ballots cast — voted for one of the other 12 candidates in the largest field of candidates to run for mayor in Chicago’s 181-year history.

As for the city’s 50 wards, Lightfoot won 11 and Preckwinkle prevailed in five, leaving 34 where voters backed other candidates, according to unofficial results. Of those wards, Willie Wilson won 14, Bill Daley eight, Susana Mendoza seven, Jerry Joyce four and Gery Chico one.

As always in Chicago elections, race is a factor and the city will make a historic first in electing its first African-American female mayor. But, as Tuesday balloting showed, the votes of any racial or ethnic group are not monolithic.

The unofficial results revealed a sharp geographic split. Lightfoot’s base resided in the liberal lakefront wards on the North Side while Preckwinkle’s strongest support resided in the four predominantly black wards centered on her Hyde Park base on the South Side.

Preckwinkle’s support largely was concentrated in the West Side and South Side wards with large African-American populations, though she won only five wards, finishing second to Wilson, the millionaire businessman and gospel singer, in 14 predominantly black wards. Wilson finished fourth with 11 percent of the unofficial total.

Then there’s the power of the city’s Latino voters, who gave Mendoza, the state comptroller, a win in seven Southwest Side and West Side wards. Voters who cast ballots for her or for rival Chico, who won the 10th Ward on the Southeast Side, are potentially available to either Lightfoot or Preckwinkle. Mendoza finished fifth with 9 percent of the



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Lori Lightfoot has released a TV ad that says, “I know on a deeply personal level that we need change.”

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vote while Chico was eighth with 6 percent support.

And then there’s the predominantly white wards won by Daley and Joyce. Daley, the brother and son of two former mayors, won the affluent downtown and Near North Side wards in addition to Far North Side wards and his ancestral 11th Ward centered on Bridgeport on the Southwest Side. Joyce won the four white wards on the city’s edge that are home to Chicago’s most conservative voters as well as scores of cops, firefighters and city workers. Daley finished third with 15 percent backing while Joyce, a member of a family that once was a strong ally of the Daley brand, won four wards and had 7 percent of the total vote.

Both Lightfoot and Preckwinkle said by Wednesday they had called most of the other candidates who ran, seeking support for the runoff. Endorsements, however, only will count for so much as voters will reassess the final two candidates in the coming weeks.

“My most important activity has got to be talking to the folks who may not have chosen me in the first round and trying to secure their vote,” Preckwinkle said Thursday in an interview with WTTW-Ch. 11. “I’d like to have the support of other candidates, but it’s more important the support of the voters.”

Asked what she’d do to compete with Preckwinkle for the black votes Wilson won, Lightfoot said she still has work to do in educating voters about her background and what her campaign represents.

“We’ll continue to do what we’ve been doing, which is significant outreach,” Lightfoot said in a WTTW interview. “Willie Wilson has run multiple times, Toni Preckwinkle has been in office for a very long time, and we just have to keep driving home our message of change.”

Union support

In the first round, Preckwinkle had the support of a couple of influential unions — the Service Employees International Union and the Chicago Teachers Union. The SEIU has been Preckwinkle’s top donor, giving \$2.2 million or nearly half of all the money she raised before Tuesday’s election. She also received the backing of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 881 while Lightfoot had no union backing.

On Friday, Preckwinkle announced the endorsement of Teamsters Local 700, which represents more than 10,000 public service employees in the state. Four years ago, Teamsters Local 743, which represents health care, mail order, technical and warehouse employees, backed then-Cook County Commissioner Jesus “Chuy” Garcia for mayor. Eight years ago, the Teamsters were the only union to back Emanuel in his first run for mayor.

Preckwinkle’s nearly four decades in Democratic poli-

tics has many political insiders speculating she could solidify the support of virtually all of Chicago’s unions, including some of the private sector trade unions that traditionally supported Emanuel and either stayed neutral or backed other candidates in the first round.

The Laborers International Union of North America Great Lakes, United Auto Workers Local 551, Chicago Federation of Musicians, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1546, Illinois Nurses Association and Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters all backed Mendoza while the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130 backed Daley.

Several unions have said they aren’t in a rush to line up with either side and will take the time to interview both candidates.

The Chicago Federation of Labor will meet Monday to consider whether to make an endorsement in the race, said Bob Reiter, the organization’s president. Reiter noted Preckwinkle’s long relationship with labor, and he credited her for making “tough choices” at Cook County to back tax increases to raise revenue rather than turning first to layoffs to balance the budget. “She has pressed on and taken those hits for the right reasons,” he said.

But he also said Lightfoot largely has taken positions labor groups favor. And he applauded her for championing criminal justice reform despite the fact she had to know she was making enemies in the Police Department. “There are a lot of police officers that live in this city, but there are also lots of communities that feel like they’re getting left behind, and she has stood up for people in those communities,” he said.

And Reiter said the historic aspect of the race between two African-American women could make it difficult for the CFL to throw money and support behind a campaign that attacks one of the candidates.

“Do folks automatically fall in line with Toni or take a look at Lori?” he said. “And how do you run that campaign? Me personally, I’m going to argue we are going to want to be working on behalf of a candidate, not tearing down another candidate. That won’t do anything for this city.”

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 31, which also sat out the first round, will “reassess the mayor’s race” at a meeting in about a week, according to spokesman Anders Lindall.

Also still unaffiliated in the mayor’s race is Unite Here Local 1, a union representing thousands of hospitality workers that backed Emanuel’s re-election bid in 2015 by airing “Rahm Love” TV ads on his behalf. Emanuel used the support of the union — which counts among its members many African-American and Hispanic women who work in hotels, restaurants and at the airports — to push back against criticism that he was relying on big donations from wealthy Republicans to power his campaign.

The private sector unions also are important and have resources. Fight Back for a Better Tomorrow, a political committee affiliated with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, ran \$1.2 million worth of attack ads against Daley’s proposals to curb pension benefits while not picking a candidate to back.

Marc Poulos of the Operating Engineers said the



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Toni Preckwinkle has launched an ad that says, “The only thing Lori Lightfoot is trying to change is her story.”

union has not picked a mayoral candidate but said it would be “very hard” not to make an endorsement after the Fight Back PAC’s role in the lead-up to the runoff and the union’s traditional relationship with city mayors on job and development issues.

Poulos said the union’s relationship with Preckwinkle “stems back decades” while it has “never really had a reason to have a relationship with” Lightfoot. The union plans to meet with both.

“There’s no doubt in our mind that either one of these candidates are going to want to fight for working-class families,” he said, adding the union would explore issues such as rent control and affordable housing.

Approaching business

As a pair of progressive candidates, neither Lightfoot nor Preckwinkle is a natural fit for many of the corporate executives, businesses, developers and major financial institutions in the Loop that are dependent on the mayor’s office to keep the city running and growing.

“This is a great opportunity for business groups and trade associations as well as Chicago’s political establishment to reacquaint itself with its voting base. The voters have chosen the can-

didates, and I think we’re going to have to spend some time triaging the positions and who these folks are,” said Brian Bernardoni, senior director of government affairs and public policy for the Chicago Association of Realtors. “In turn, it’s a great opportunity for those campaigns, who in many cases have not reached out to business groups before, to do some outreach on their own.”

Preckwinkle can point to executive experience in Cook County government balancing a multibillion-dollar budget and wrangling a massive bureaucracy over the past eight years as evidence she’s better prepared than Lightfoot to handle the job of mayor. That could calm the fears of the business community that craves a steady hand on the tiller.

Preckwinkle’s experience cuts both ways, however. Her close association with organized labor and her moves to raise taxes to help make ends meet at the county are sure to give corporate executives pause.

Lightfoot, by contrast, is something of a blank slate. Her day job is at a corporate law firm, which could bring comfort to executives looking for someone they can work with occupying the fifth floor at City Hall. But she recently suggested raising the city’s already-significant hotel tax to pay for arts grants, and there are many

unknowns about how she would try to tackle the city’s huge financial problems.

Jack Lavin, the president and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, said the organization plans to interview both candidates and it’s likely it will make an endorsement. “The important things to the business community are infrastructure, O’Hare and talent,” Lavin said. “We want stability, and we want to hear their plans about creating jobs.”

Michael Jacobson, president and CEO of the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association, said the group hopes to sit down with both candidates soon to see if they want to endorse either. It’s safe to say both Preckwinkle and Lightfoot have some convincing to do to get hoteliers to back them.

Preckwinkle raised the county’s share of the hotel tax by 1 percent in 2015 to help close a hole in the operating budget. And Lightfoot last month proposed increasing the hotel tax by perhaps “1 or 2 percent” to help pay for increased arts grants in Chicago neighborhoods.

“It’s rare that during a campaign you hear a candidate talking about a tax increase, so obviously there’s concern among our members that (Lightfoot) is so out there with that,” Jacobson said.

Still, the hotel association wants to hear what each would do to continue Emanuel’s emphasis on promoting Chicago as a tourist destination, which helps fill the city’s thousands of hotel rooms. “Love him or hate him, you have to love what Mayor Emanuel has done to promote the city,” Jacobson said.

As for his possible successors?

“I don’t think there’s an early inclination to jump in for either one,” Jacobson said. “We definitely want to hear what they have to say.”

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Sinking Chicago expected to have ripple effect

Areas once held down by ice sheet are rising, dipping

By **TONY BRISCOE**
Chicago Tribune

The sightlines at Wrigley Field, the panorama from Navy Pier, the vantage points at the Adler Planetarium observatory — all structures built more than 100 years ago — are at least 4 inches lower now.

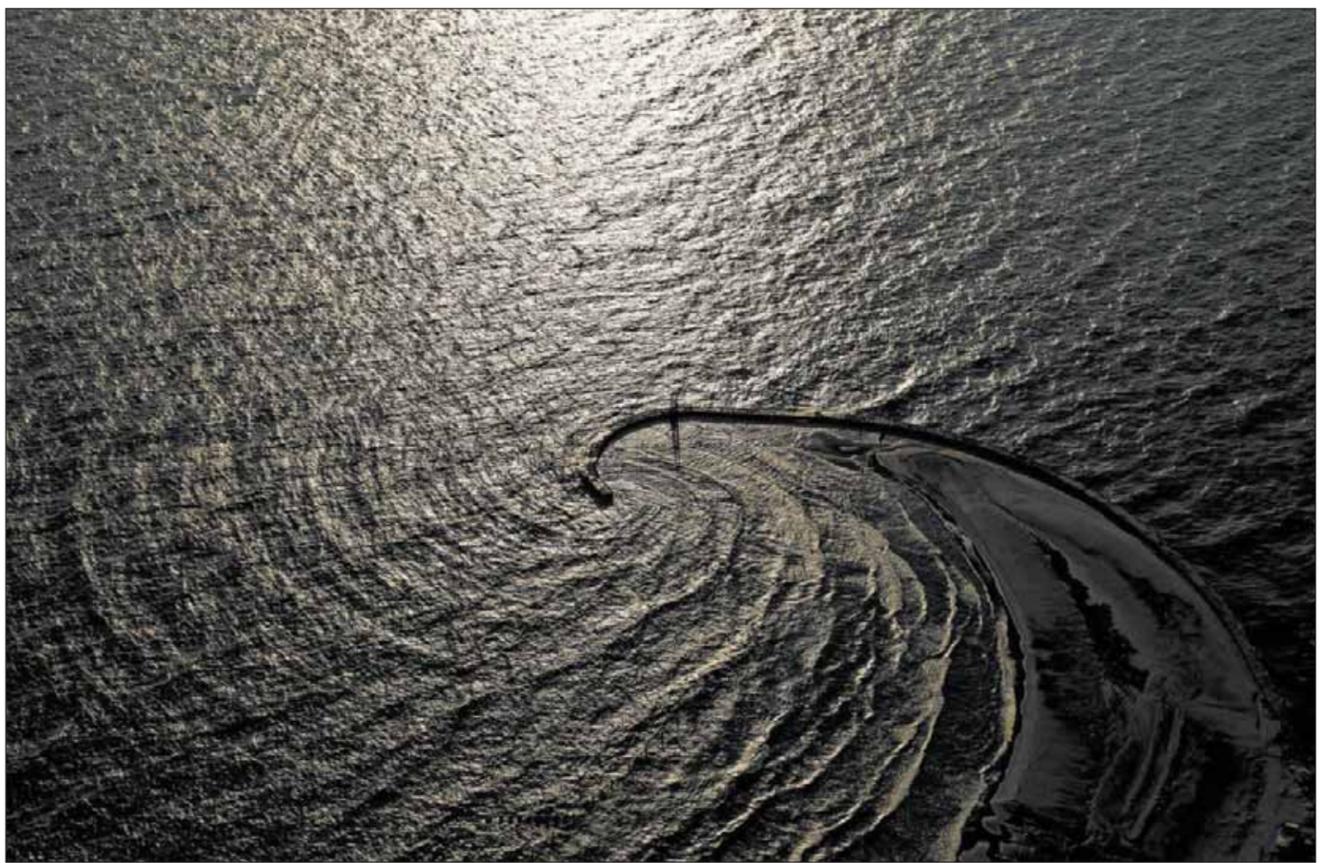
In the northern United States and Canada, areas that once were depressed under the tremendous weight of a massive ice sheet are springing back up while others are sinking. The Chicago area and parts of southern Lake Michigan, where glaciers disappeared 10,000 years ago, are sinking about 4 to 8 inches each century.

One or 2 millimeters a year might not seem like a lot, but “over a decade that’s a centimeter. Over 50 years, now, you’re talking several inches,” said Daniel Roman, chief geodesist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. “It’s a slow process, but it’s a persistent one.”

While Chicago’s dipping is gradual, this dynamic could eventually redefine flood plains and work against household sewer pipes that slope downward to the sewer main.

The greatest impact of this imperceptible phenomenon likely won’t be inland, however. The contour separating the part of the continent that is rising from that which is falling bisects the Great Lakes.

In Lake Michigan, that line passes from Death’s Door at Green Bay in Wisconsin to Grand Traverse Bay in Michigan, signaling that the far northern end is rising while the rest of the lake is lowering. Over time, that has created a tilting effect, generally translating into higher lake levels for the southern end of the lakes and lower watermarks for the northern shorelines. Assuming Lake Michi-



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If Lake Michigan’s level stays the same, Chicago’s lakefront (shown at North Avenue Beach breakwater) will be about 4 inches higher in the next century.

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gan’s overall water level stays the same, Chicago’s lakefront will be about 4 inches higher in the next century. The slow-motion, seesaw effect is also happening in other cities on the southern end of the lakes: Cleveland could see a 4-inch swell in Lake Erie’s levels and Milwaukee is projected to see a rise of 5½ more inches. Places such as

Canada’s Hudson Bay, which was covered by glaciers up to 9,800 feet thick, are rising up to 3 feet per century.

While Earth’s surface may appear to be rigid, it actually reacts similarly to a tube of toothpaste that’s pressed in the middle. When pressure is applied to the planet’s lining, known as the crust, that energy is transferred to the gelatinous layer of smoldering rocks called the mantle. The mantle, which behaves like a liquid, caves under the weight and moves to neighboring areas that bulge.

When the hefty ice sheet melted and the pressure was lifted, the mantle began to flow back to areas where it had thinned out.

Chicago, on the fringe of the last glacial intrusion, rebounded for a time after

the glaciers disappeared. But now the city is slowly submerging because more of the mantle is returning to Canada, where the thickest part of the ice sheet bore down on the landscape.

“We can still see the land moving now even though the ice came off Chicago 10,000 years ago,” said Seth Stein, professor of geological sciences at Northwestern University.

This shift will also affect the movement of water in the lakes. In Lake Superior, the eastern end that lets out into lakes Michigan and Huron is rising, while the far western edge is slumping. Researchers suggest that could slow Superior’s outflow while causing lake levels to surge 10 inches per century near Duluth, Minn.

“If you’re tilting one direction, the water flows

might change direction or water might accumulate in a way different than you expected in the past,” NOAA’s Roman said. “That’s important for on-land and near-shore environments. You might get more water, but not where you want it.”

How that will magnify changing water levels is hard to say. In the past six years, Lake Michigan’s water levels have fluctuated wildly, hitting a record low before rising 3 feet to well above the historic average.

Ron Watson, a 73-year-old Naperville retiree, has seen the dramatic swings over the years from his two-story home across the street from Lake Michigan in New Buffalo, Mich. He saw the record-high lake level in 1986, but he has been even more disturbed

by the recent unprecedented rise seen between 2013 and 2014, during which houses have been condemned and beaches have been swallowed up.

Neighbors have been concerned that increased precipitation from climate change is one driver. Lakefront development also has exacerbated beach erosion.

And the subtle sinking from the last ice age is contributing to all of these, Watson said. “That’s only going to aggravate the situation. The reason I say I’d be concerned is because if you’ve ever lived on the shoreline, it’s inches of water we’re worried about, not feet of water. When lake levels are high, all it takes is inches.”

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At the northern end of the Barnes Ice Cap, the Delaware-size glacier melts into an ice-dammed lake.

Once-massive glacier disappearing

Glacier, from Page 1

years of stability, the ice cap is expected to vanish in the next 300 years as an unparalleled rise in heat-trapping greenhouse gases has brought on an alarming rate of melting since the 1960s.

Scientists say the warmth of the past century exceeds any in the last 115,000 years, and perhaps even longer, according to a study published last month.

"If the Barnes Ice Cap has almost never disappeared in 2.5 million years, and it's disappearing now, then it's giving us the context that it's warm as it's ever been in the last 2.5 million years," said Gifford Miller, a professor of geological sciences at the University of Colorado at Boulder and a researcher who has extensively studied the ice cap on Baffin Island.

The ice cap's improbable end is hardly a global concern by itself, but it could be a harbinger for other massive ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica, scientists say. While the Great Lakes provided a catchall for glacial meltwater, elsewhere these thawing ice sheets could send a deluge of fresh water into the oceans, contributing to sea level rise and possibly disrupting ocean currents.

In the 2.5 million years that Earth's climate moved between ice ages and milder periods, the Laurentide Ice Sheet expanded and retreated, shaping modern-day existence in the Midwest.

It tilted what would become among the most fertile soils in the world for farmers. It altered the course of the Mississippi River, the country's largest river that shapes contemporary state lines from Wisconsin to Louisiana. And it carved out the basins of the Great Lakes, leaving behind the planet's largest system of fresh water as it melted and withdrew back to the Arctic.

"It's something you don't even think about," said Richard Berg, director of the Illinois State Geological Survey. "But when cities were founded on it, when your food depended on it and when glacial deposits provide a lot of the water we drink — essentially our whole lives are tied to this legacy landscape from glaciation."

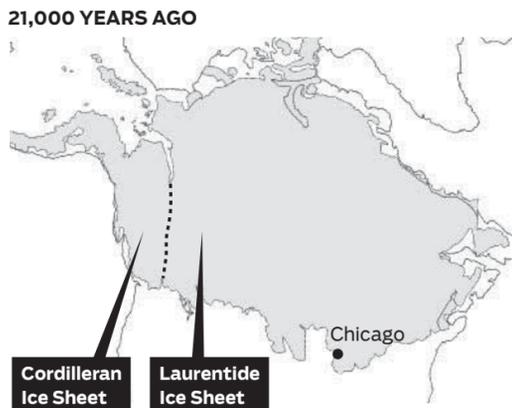
Ice age sculpting

Before glaciers arrived in the Midwest, Illinois was a rugged place characterized by steep hills, bluffs and deep valleys. But glaciers smoothed over most of the state, giving it its trademark flat horizon.

Each ice age, glaciers acted as a giant pestle on Illinois' landscape, pulverizing rock and prehistoric plants into the fertile soils that the Midwest is known for. Only two areas are untouched by glaciers: a pocket in the far northwest corner in the Galena area and the region south of Carbondale. There, the topography, still punctuated by jagged cliffs and lowlands, is vastly different from the rest of the state.

Shrinking ice cap

Over the last 2.5 million years, the Laurentide Ice Sheet has expanded and retreated as the Earth's climate moved between ice ages and warmer periods. At the height of last ice age, the enormous slab of ice extended into Illinois. Now, the Barnes Ice Cap, the last remnant of Laurentide, is expected to completely melt, scientists say.



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"Glaciers are the great homogenizer," Berg said. "You can imagine this giant sheet of ice picking up rocks, sand and sediment, and just grinding them up like the rock crushing that goes on in a factory."

The ancient Mississippi River once ran through Illinois, flowing as far east as Hennepin. But when a towering ice shelf protruded into its path, the river was diverted farther west to its present-day track. When glaciers left, their meltwater filled the Mississippi River's prehistoric course, forming the Illinois River.

As each great lobe of ice plunged into Middle America, it was rebuffed by Michigan's hard, granitic rock and limestone but gouged out the softer sediment of the present-day Great Lakes.

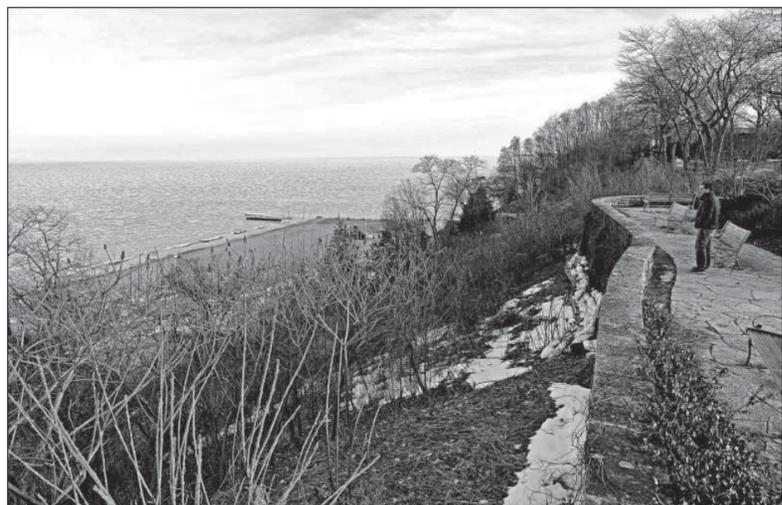
"Over 2.5 million years, it keeps occupying its favorite spots," Miller said. "It liked flowing through Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. The Great Lakes are the legacy on the landscape of the erosive power of these giant

ice sheets."

Similar to a bulldozer, the ice sheet scooped out sediment and deposited it at the edge of its reach, forming subtle, arc-shaped formations known as end moraines in Illinois. These ridges, up to 100 feet high and 5 miles wide, mark the farthest reach of these massive sheets from at least six glacial periods.

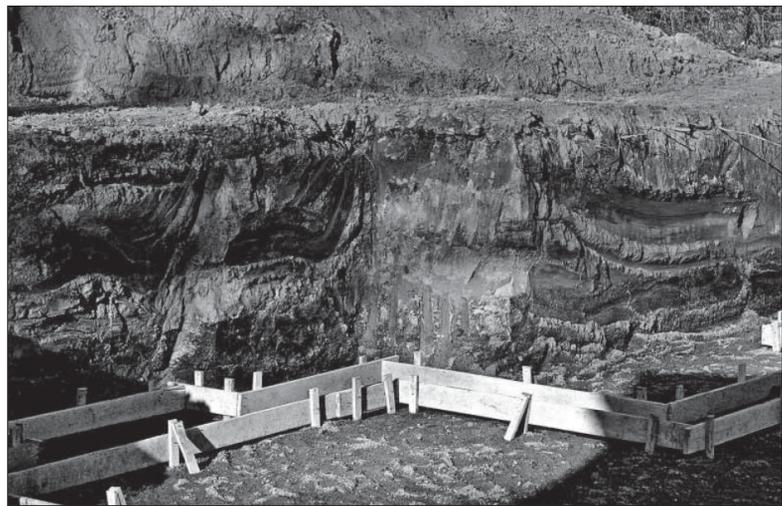
Today, cities like Urbana and Champaign are formed on top of understated rolling hills. Perhaps the last of these ridges formed the southern lip of Lake Michigan.

Seth Stein, professor of geological sciences at Northwestern University, takes his students to the North Shore to teach them about this history, which fashioned the bluff overlooking Glencoe Beach, the streams that carved out the picturesque ravines along Sheridan Road in Winnetka and the fifth-largest lake in the world. "You stand on campus and look out on Lake Michigan, and that's a product of global warming — one that's not produced by humans, it's purely natural — but it's definitely a



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A stone wall separates street level and a downslope to Glencoe Beach in Glencoe. The bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, shown Feb. 9, is a land formation from the last ice age.



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As home foundations are dug in a subdivision north of Ridge Road in Homewood in 2007, layers of clay and silt left by the last glacier to cover Illinois are revealed.

product of global warming," Stein said.

'A true anomaly'

Scientists say Earth transitions between ice ages and warmer periods as its orbit around the sun changes over time. Earth also experiences long-term variation in its wobble and tilt, which determines how much of the sun's energy reaches the planet.

But scientists say these cycles — which operate over tens of thousands of years — can't explain the current global warming trend for two reasons: the rate of temperature rise is too fast; and the Arctic is warming despite Earth slowly drifting away from the sun during the Northern Hemisphere summer.

The Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else on the planet as the spike in heat-trapping gases has led to the disappearance of sea ice, which acts as a cooling agent by reflecting away sunlight. Some scientists believe higher Arctic air temperatures are leaving the region more vulnerable to incoming warm air masses that are thinning glaciers. The polar vortex, the swirl of cold air atop the North Pole, is prone to destabilizing and spilling into areas like the Midwest as the Arctic warms.

In examining the perimeters of 30 quickly melt-

ing glaciers on Baffin Island between 2009 and 2015, Miller and a team of researchers discovered places that had been blanketed in ice for more than 40,000 years are now exposed.

Unlike many glaciers that have survived in colder mountainous regions, the Barnes Ice Cap sits much lower on a stony, tundra plateau. But the 1,600-foot-thick glacier has used its own height to sustain itself for much of its existence.

"It's really a true anomaly out there," Miller said. "It's like its own little mountain, and it creates its own climate system there, because it's colder as you go up in altitude and it also gets more snow. But as it's melting and lowering, that ability to get more snow is weakening."

"If it ever disappeared, it would never be able to grow back again."

In the past decade, the snowfall that frosts the top of the Barnes rarely lasts as the ice cap loses about 1 foot of height each year at its highest elevations and 3 feet near the margins, according to Miller. And streams of melting water run from its peak down to the lakes that have formed near its base.

If greenhouse gases continue to rise at their current pace, the glacier is expected to disappear around 2300.

Though the glacier will contribute little to sea level rise, scientists are more concerned about its much

larger neighbor 500 miles east. The Greenland ice sheet, one of the biggest contributors to rising seas, released the equivalent of 240 million Olympic-size swimming pools into the ocean in 2012, according to a study published in December.

Researchers estimate global sea levels would rise about 20 feet if the ice sheet melted entirely.

At the South Pole, ice shelves the size of states are breaking away and becoming giant ice bergs that could dwindle and contribute to higher tides.

As more land near the poles is uncovered each year from these enormous slabs of ice, scientists say the story is a familiar one. A land smoothed by ice. Fresh water searching for a home. And an unfamiliar warmth waiting on the next ice age. In the future, perhaps the landscape of the North and South poles will resemble that of the Midwest.

"We know what can happen after the recession of the ice sheet," said Berg, the Illinois geological survey director.

"Greenland and Antarctica, they are modern-day analogues of what happened here in Illinois."

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Travelers at Midway may have been exposed to measles

Infectious person passed through one night last week

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

Travelers passing through Midway International Airport one night last week and people who visited a west suburban hospital for a few hours on Sunday may have been exposed to measles, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Most people are vaccinated for the disease in childhood, but those who have not been vaccinated are at higher risk of catching the highly contagious and potentially life-threatening disease.

An Illinois resident who was unvaccinated and infectious arrived in Concourse B of the Chicago airport on Feb. 22, the state health department said in a Thursday news release. People in the airport between 9 p.m. and midnight on Feb. 22 may have been exposed to the disease, the department said.

Measles is spread through the air when someone coughs or sneezes and can also spread through contact with mucus or saliva from an infected person, according to the health department.

Two days after the infected person was at Midway, the person sought treatment in the emergency department at Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital in west suburban Geneva. Those who were in the emergency department Sunday between 11:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. also may have been exposed, according to the news release, as well as individuals who were in the hospital from 4 to 6:15 p.m. on Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

The state Health Department and local health officials are investigating the case, according to the news release. No other public

locations are known where exposure occurred, and local health departments are working to notify Illinois residents who may have been exposed on the person's flights, according to the news release.

Those infected by measles may not develop symptoms for weeks. Symptoms such as rash, high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes could develop as late as March 20, according to IDPH. Serious complications like pneumonia and swelling of the brain can follow.

The state Health Department recommends contacting a health care provider before going in person to see a health care professional, to make plans for an evaluation that keeps other patients and medical staff from becoming infected.

Yet the vaccine is hugely effective and very safe — so the rise of measles cases “is really unacceptable,” said Dr. Anthony Fauci, infectious disease chief at the National Institutes of Health.

The disease was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000, which means it was not being spread domestically. But cases have been rising in recent years, and 2019 is shaping up to be a bad one.

Dr. Robert Murphy, a Northwestern University expert on infectious disease, said recent cases in Illinois need to be investigated to develop a plan, but immunization requirements need to be tightened.

“For starters ... eliminate religious exemptions immediately,” Murphy said in an email. “Then it will

The U.S. has counted more measles cases in the first two months of this year than in all of 2017.

“Measles is highly contagious,” said state health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike in the release. “However, two doses of measles vaccine are about 97 percent effective in preventing measles. We urge everyone to make sure they and their family members are up-to-date on measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine and all other age-appropriate immunizations, especially if you are traveling to other countries where measles is regularly found. Getting vaccinated not only protects you, it protects others around you who are too young to get the vaccine or cannot receive it for medical reasons.”

The U.S. has counted more measles cases in the first two months of this year than in all of 2017 — and part of the rising threat is misinformation that makes some parents balk at a crucial vaccine, federal health officials told Congress on Wednesday.

progress to not allowing unvaccinated persons to work in hospitals, day care centers, schools, universities and maybe even government positions.

“Let’s see how this plays out,” Murphy said. “The trajectory looks scary.”

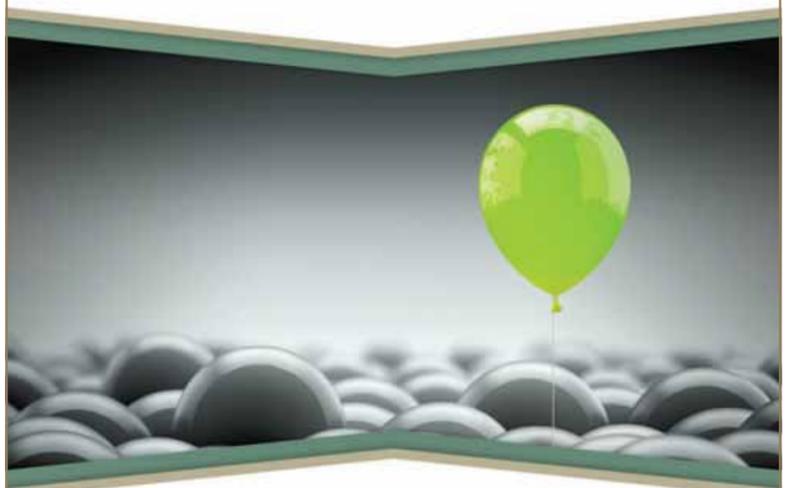
Republican and Democratic lawmakers at a U.S. House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing Thursday bemoaned what’s called “vaccine hesitancy,” meaning when people refuse or delay vaccinations. “These outbreaks are tragic since they’re completely avoidable,” said Rep. Brett Guthrie, R-Ky.

“This is a public health problem for which science has already provided a solution,” said Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J.

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'A FOOLPROOF WAY TO STAY ALIVE'

Addiction counselor creates smartphone app to thwart ODs

By JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

In his dozen years of heroin use, Lucien Izraylov took pains to avoid detection. He was ashamed of what he was doing, so he almost always shot up alone.

It's a risky behavior that can lead to a fatal overdose, especially at a time when drugs are commonly tainted with the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl. But Izraylov, who says he now has years of sobriety behind him, thinks he has figured out a way to help.

He has created a smartphone app called Harmredux that will connect drug users with volunteers who will meet them, overdose-reversing medication in hand, to make sure they survive their use. The app recently became available for both Android and iPhones.

"Not everyone will use it, but it's nice to have an option," he said. "It's a foolproof way to stay alive."

Izraylov, 41, joins other tinkerers who have tried to attack overdoses through technology. One app, released in 2016 but apparently no longer available, alerted an emergency contact if users didn't push a button on their smartphone once a timer elapsed.

Another one, still in development, turns a smartphone's microphone and speaker into a mini-sonar system that can detect a person's breathing. If respi-

ration appears to slow significantly or stop altogether — hallmarks of an opioid overdose — the phone alerts emergency responders.

Izraylov, who also runs an Evanston-based addiction and mental health counseling service, isn't taking such a high-tech approach. His app simply connects drug users with volunteers via phone, email or text chat, and they make arrangements on where to meet (Izraylov said about 90 minutes lead time is necessary).

The app has yet to serve its first customer, but Izraylov said it is set up to work like this:

Trained volunteers, who generally will work in pairs, observe the drug consumption, and if the person appears to be in distress — something that could happen within minutes — they use the overdose-stopping medication naloxone and call 911. If the person seems to be OK after using, the volunteers go on their way, though they can also make a referral if the person is seeking treatment.

The service is free of charge and users can remain anonymous, Izraylov said. Volunteers have no role in the person acquiring or using the drugs.

"It's strictly to stay there and make sure they don't die," he said. "Just to be within eyesight. If (an overdose) happens, we intervene."

He said that limited involvement should keep volunteers on the right side of the law. The state's drug overdose prevention statute allows non-doctors to administer naloxone in emer-

gencies without risk of civil or criminal liability.

But Chicago defense attorney Shay Allen, a former Cook County prosecutor, preached caution. He said the interpretation of the law might not cover situations where a volunteer arranges in advance to witness someone's drug use.

"It could put the volunteers in a precarious legal situation," he said.

The app is the latest local attempt to advance harm reduction, a philosophy aimed at keeping drug users alive and as healthy as possible, without making abstinence the central goal. It's the same rationale behind needle exchanges and easily obtainable naloxone.

But one harm reduction staple in other countries still isn't available in the United States. Safe consumption sites — places where trained staffers monitor drug use and take action should an overdose occur — are still illegal under federal law, though some cities say they want to open them anyway (Chicago mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle said she was open to the idea and opponent Lori Lightfoot didn't respond to a survey).

Izraylov said his app could serve a similar function until safe consumption sites are legal, but even then, he thinks it could be a valuable alternative.

"From my own experience, I would rather call someone instead of going to a site," he said. "I would be afraid of seeing someone there who I would know, who would tell somebody. I don't want to discourage (safe consumption sites) be-

cause I think they're important. But I think we need as much as we can out there to keep people alive so they can recover."

Cook County saw more than 1,300 drug overdoses in 2018, the vast majority of them opioid-related. That number likely will rise as more autopsies are finalized.

Others in Chicago's harm reduction community see promise in Izraylov's creation. Geoff Bathje, a psychologist who works with the Drug Users Health Collective, said it's reminiscent of a program called the Zendo Project, which travels to music festivals to care for people having bad reactions to psychedelic drugs.

Bathje said people who work with drug users strongly push the message that they shouldn't use alone, a message users are increasingly heeding because of the fentanyl crisis.



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Lucien Izraylov, an addiction counselor and former heroin user, has created a smartphone app called Harmredux.

Still, he said that because heroin users often take drugs several times a day, it could become logistically unwieldy for volunteers to respond.

Vilmarie Narloch of Students for Sensible Drug Policy said another complication is that some drug users don't have smartphones (Izraylov said volunteers are also available through the toll-free num-

ber 844-HARMRDX).

Overall, though, she thinks the app will be helpful.

"I think that if the app is successful, and people feel they can trust it, it'll be a way for people to be there when (heroin users) otherwise might be using alone," she said.

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widely performed on slaves in the mid-1800s, a product of the 40-year Tuskegee syphilis experiment, begun in 1932, that denied hundreds of black men a proper diagnosis or treatment for a debilitating disease, a product of quality medical care existing just out of geographic reach.

Simpson understands that in her bones, even as she tries everything in her power to assuage that sense of betrayal and help patients leave it in the past.

Simpson, 40, is Northwestern Memorial Hospital's first female, African-American transplant surgeon. March marks her one-year anniversary with the hospital. She is the only black, female organ transplant surgeon in Chicago.

"I'm here to serve everybody," Simpson said. "But there's a specific population that I feel has a disadvantage, because of social issues, because of genetic predispositions, because of a lot of reasons. They need assistance, and I recognize that I can provide some of that assistance just by looking the way I look."

After completing medical school at New York University, Simpson moved to Boston for a medical residency through Harvard University.

"I had patients cry," she said. "I had patients hug me. The reaction was incredible, simply because I looked like them. I was just a trainee. I didn't have any special medical expertise or background at that point. That's what sort of sealed my path and pushed me down this road."

Simpson majored in chemistry at Colgate University and was on track to pursue a career discovering and researching new drugs when, during her junior year, her doctor discovered a suspicious mass in her breast. She had surgery to have it removed.

"It was benign," she said. "But there was something so profound for me about what that surgeon provided for me. I had fear, I had unknowns. And when I came out of that surgery, I had an answer. I knew the mass was gone. That was really powerful to me."

She knew, at that point, she wanted to go to medical school. But it was too late to apply for the following year, so she took a job at a tech startup in New York. The company collected data on how consumers looked for health care information online and then provided that data to drug manufacturers to help them target their marketing efforts.

"What I realized is many of the commercials didn't speak to me, didn't speak to my family members," she said. "That's when I realized that health care really needs to speak to people's culture."

The following year, she started medical school.

When she worked as a surgical resident at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, she observed a living donor kidney transplant on her first day.

"That sold me," she said. "Later that day, we did a kidney evaluation clinic and saw six patients. All six were African-American. That blew me away."

African-Americans suffer from kidney failure at three times the rate of whites, according to the



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Dr. Dineen Simpson, left, prepares for surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital last month. March marks her one-year anniversary with the hospital.



Simpson attends to Jacquelyn Charleston, who received a liver transplant three weeks earlier. Years ago, Simpson realized "health care really needs to speak to people's culture."



Said Simpson: "I'm here to serve everybody. But there's a specific population that I feel has a disadvantage ... I can provide some ... assistance just by looking the way I look."

National Kidney Foundation, and make up 35 percent of all patients receiving dialysis for kidney failure, despite making up around 13 percent of the U.S. population.

Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis are among the leading causes of death in African-Americans between 45 and 64 years old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Now Simpson works in a city whose population is

around 33 percent African-American, and she finds herself engaging in sometimes painful, sometimes transformative conversations.

"This country has a dark history, and it's remembered," Simpson said. "The thing I try to help patients remember is: That's the past, and we've come a very long way. I'm not trying to hide anything. I'm not trying to sweep anything under the rug. But I also tell patients what the literature

says about their disease and how we can help them."

Regardless of a patient's race, the transplant process is shrouded in mystery and misunderstanding.

People worry, Simpson said, that they'll recover only a fraction of their former lives if they receive a new organ.

"I tell them, 'What you were doing six months before you started getting sick? We'll get you back to that,'" she said.

People worry, she said,

that they'll be stuck on a waiting list for years and years.

Liver transplants, she explains, are not based on waiting time. Patients are assigned a Model for End-Stage Liver Disease (MELD) score, a scale ranging from 6 to 40, based on the urgency of the disease. If a patient suffers an infection or trauma — a car accident or a broken bone — that can increase his or her MELD score because a diseased liver can't help the body heal as quickly as it should.

"You can never say with certainty, 'You'll get a liver offer today,'" Simpson said. "But we know from experience, usually a patient with a MELD score of 40 will get an offer very soon."

Kidney transplants are prioritized by waitlist time, and patients rely on dialysis while they wait for a donor kidney. The average wait time in Chicago is seven years, Simpson said.

"Which is one of the reasons we push for living donations," she said.

Another topic shrouded in mystery.

"Even though we, as a medical community, have found ways to make the risk very small to donors, people are fearful," she said. "And most of the time we think about a living donor, we think about a family member. Many of our middle-age and older parents would never want to ask a child to donate a kidney."

As a mother (her sons are 6 and 9), Simpson said she understands that.

"But what I always tell my patients who voice that fear to me is, at the same time as I'm a mother, I'm also a daughter," she said. "And I'd be very upset with my parents if they didn't allow me the opportunity to make that decision for myself to be a donor. I think that's an important message to get out, and that's not just to the African-American community. That's to everybody."

In 2006, transplant surgeon Juan Carlos Caicedo helped launch the Hispanic

Transplant Program at Northwestern, which offers care and information in a culturally sensitive way. Providers speak Spanish. They recognize a family's hierarchy and make sure consultations and decision-making include all the key players.

"Our vision is to have something that mirrors that for our African-American patients in time," Simpson said.

Simpson joined the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois' board of directors. She's been meeting with people from Gift of Hope, the nonprofit agency that coordinates organ and tissue donation in northern Illinois and northwest Indiana.

"I'm new to Chicago," she said. "I'm trying to meet different people in the community who have an interest or have already been doing this kind of thing, whose mission is closely aligned with what I want to do."

Save lives, that is. "Every paper, every study I've read, patients want a physician who will sit down and spend quality time with them and talk at a level they understand and answer their questions," Simpson said.

"But we're a species where we first judge with our eyes, for better or worse. So when people see someone who looks like them, particularly when they're in a vulnerable situation, it helps."

Helps assuage fears. Helps build trust. Helps her patients hear her.

"My goal is to get the message out to the community that we're here, as a program," Simpson said. "We're trying to listen to the specific needs of specific groups, and we're receptive to their fears and concerns, and we want to help."

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon.

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Ex-suburban police sergeant gets probation after he shot son

Indian Head Park cop's son had drunk his vodka

BY KIMBERLY FORNEK
Pioneer Press

A former Indian Head Park police sergeant was sentenced to two years' probation earlier this week after prosecutors said he shot his 22-year-old son for drinking his vodka.

Raymond Leuser, 49, pleaded guilty to reckless discharge of a firearm in the Cook County courthouse in Chicago on Tuesday. Leuser had been charged with attempted murder and aggravated battery with a

firearm after prosecutors said he shot his son four times in the stomach, shoulders and thigh in his home on the 6200 block of South Nashville in Chicago in the early-morning hours of Dec. 12, 2017.

Leuser reportedly called 911 but hung up on the operator as he was asked questions.

Leuser reportedly approached arriving officers with his hands up and told them, "he's in the basement," according to police reports.

Police found Leuser's son in the basement covered in blood, the report said, and he was taken to the hospital in critical condition. Police

said they found two .45-caliber handguns, one empty and the other loaded, in the house.

Cook County prosecutors said Leuser had become angry with his son after he drank several shots of his father's vodka and refilled the bottle with water.

His son submitted a victim impact statement before the court in which he said both he and his father had been drinking when the shooting happened.

"We were in a dark place, very miserable and upset with life at the time," the statement reads.

In the statement, the son also said he does not want

his father to go to prison.

"It's giving me nightmares just the thought of visiting him there and his growing old behind bars," the younger Leuser wrote.

The son said his injuries held him back for about a year, but he said he is now recovering. He also is receiving counseling, he wrote in the statement.

The terms of the elder Leuser's probation include attending anger management counseling, completing a mental health evaluation and following the recommendations from the evaluation, Cook County State's Attorney spokeswoman Tandra Simonton said.

Leuser also is required to pay a \$659 fine, she said.

Court officials said Leuser received credit for 441 days in custody, which he spent partly in Cook County Jail and partly on electronic monitoring, his attorney Daniel Yukich said.

Yukich said Leuser is a Marine Corps veteran who served overseas but said he would have no further comment on the case. Leuser could not be reached for comment.

Leuser had been a member of the Indian Head Park Police Department for 20 years, including serving as acting police chief from May 2015 to May 2016.

Leuser was a sergeant at

the time of the shooting but was placed on unpaid administrative leave after he was arrested. He resigned from the police force about two weeks after the shooting, Indian Head Park Police Chief Robert Cervenka said.

The felony conviction for reckless discharge of a firearm will remain on Leuser's record after he completes his probation, preventing him from working as a police officer, Simonton said.

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Lawmakers to FBI: Fix background check system's flaws

Pols ask agency to address gaps that gave Aurora shooter a gun

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND STACY ST. CLAIR
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Several lawmakers are asking the FBI to address the flawed national databases that allowed the Aurora shooter to purchase the gun he used to kill five co-workers and wound several officers last month.

In a letter sent to the nation's top law enforcement agency Friday, some members of Illinois' congressional delegation requested the FBI review its records to verify that all felony and domestic violence-related convictions are shared across the myriad federal criminal databases.

The letter also asks the FBI to check its fingerprint records to ensure that all convicted felons listed also appear in databases used to perform background checks on would-be gun owners — a nod to the weaknesses exposed after the Feb. 15 warehouse shooting.

The request comes a week after the Tribune reported a series of systemic failures enabled Aurora shooter Gary Martin to have a handgun despite a felony conviction. Illinois State Police records show the system initially broke down when authorities relied upon incomplete federal databases to determine whether Martin was eligible for a gun owner's identification card.

"My first reaction was that this never should have been allowed to happen," said U.S. Rep. Bill Foster, D-Naperville, one of the letter's co-authors and whose district includes the Aurora warehouse where the shooting occurred. "My next reaction was that the families of the victims deserve answers."

The FBI declined comment on the lawmakers' request.

Martin, 45, fatally shot five co-workers — Russell Beyer, Clayton Parks, Josh Pinkard, Vicente Juarez and Trevor Wehner — amid termination proceedings at the Henry Pratt Co. on Aurora's east side.

Records show Martin applied for a firearm owner's identification card, commonly referred to as a FOID card, in January 2014, checking the "no" box when asked if he had ever been convicted of a felony or a domestic violence offense. In truth, Martin had been convicted of felony aggravated assault in Mississippi in 1995 for stabbing his then-girlfriend and beating her with a baseball bat.

The conviction made Martin ineligible for a FOID card under federal and state law, but state police approved his application after he wrongly passed a background check that included at least five Illinois-centric and five federal databases, agency records show. He passed a second background check in March 2014 when he purchased from a local gun dealer the Smith & Wesson .40-caliber handgun used in the mass killing.

Records show the Mississippi conviction was never entered into the national databases, which were designed to make sure criminal histories are accessible to law enforcement agencies across the country.

In the Aurora case, federal databases still failed to show Martin's felony conviction at the time of the shooting, state police said. It only appeared in the system a week later, according to the agency.

State police discovered Martin's Mississippi conviction after he agreed to be fingerprinted in March 2014 in order to expedite the processing of his concealed carry license. Illinois does not require fingerprinting to obtain either a FOID or concealed carry license.

ISP sent Martin a FOID revocation letter, instructing him to relinquish his firearm and inform Aurora police of his compliance. He did not respond to the order, and Aurora authorities were not legally required to follow up on the notification.

In the letter to the FBI, Foster — along with U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood, D-Aurora, and Democratic Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth — requested the FBI review its databases to ensure they all share the



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Jasmin Olvera, 22, lights candles at a memorial outside the Henry Pratt Co. plant in Aurora on Feb. 17.

same information. By doing so, it could go a long way toward preventing tragedies like the Aurora shooting, the lawmakers said.

"Such cross-posting of conviction information between (databases) potentially could have enabled the January 2014 firearms background check of the Aurora gunman to disclose his status as a prohibited felon," the letter states.

The delegation members specifically asked the FBI to verify that the name of every felon with fingerprints on file is also included in the databases used in gun-related background checks. The letter acknowledges that states play a critical role in creating thorough databases, but officials said federal law enforcement also shares in the responsibility.

"We recognize that the effectiveness of the firearms background check system ultimately relies in large part on the diligence of state and local agencies in submitting relevant records to the FBI. We are committed to working with state and local partners to improve their efforts at records submission," the members wrote. "But to the extent the FBI already has fingerprint records in its possession that show an individual is prohibited from gun possession, the FBI must make sure such information is clearly identified in the ... databases that are typically queried in firearms background checks. The review we are

requesting will help ensure that this is the case."

The letter has the support of the Illinois State Police, which released documents last week that exposed significant weaknesses with both the state law and federal databases used to screen firearm purchases. In making the records public, the state agency sent a clear warning that the ultimately catastrophic flaws in the Aurora case could happen again without reforms.

"The information being requested by the legislators who wrote the letter would be helpful information to have as we work to close the gaps in records access," ISP spokesman Lt. Joe Hutchins said Friday.

The congressional request also has the backing of gun rights advocates, who say the letter has merit because it focuses on how the system broke down and does not aim to create new laws.

"The databases didn't work together, and they're supposed to," said Richard Pearson, executive director of the Illinois State Rifle Association. "The fact is the systems failed and it needs to be fixed. ... You've got to make sure all the parts work together or you are just wasting your time."

The incomplete databases reinforce long-held concerns about the thoroughness of such police background checks. In 2013, the National Consortium for Justice

Information and Statistics found at least 25 percent of felony convictions are not available to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

States have never been under a mandate to enter criminal dispositions, but they have worked for decades to upload pertinent information. They are encouraged and supported by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, which has awarded hundreds of millions of dollars for states not only to improve the data sharing, but to also plug gaps in the vast nationwide system of some 10 different databases.

Asking the FBI to take on the task of fixing this problem was a slightly novel approach, some experts said. But Foster — a scientist who has a background in computer programming — said it's a necessary request to ensure the systemic weaknesses that played a part in the Aurora shootings are fixed.

Foster acknowledged it could be a massive undertaking for the FBI and said Congress must be ready to earmark extra money for the effort if needed.

"I understand how difficult it is to bring databases together," the congressman said. "But obviously people die when the system let's something like this happen."

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Patriots owner Robert Kraft's arrest for allegedly soliciting sexual services from women at a massage parlor was billed as part of a human trafficking sting operation.

Arresting Robert Kraft doesn't help end sex trafficking



STEVE CHAPMAN

The trafficking victims were mostly underage, held in harsh servitude and forced to spend long hours satisfying the needs of paying customers. Prostitutes at a massage parlor in Jupiter, Fla.? No. An egg farm in Ohio where, federal authorities reported, kids as young as 14 were put to work cutting beaks off chickens and shoveling chicken excrement.

The arrest of New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft for allegedly soliciting sexual services from women working at a massage parlor was billed as part of a sting operation aimed at human trafficking. But the trafficking allegation is hardly the sole source of outrage. The air has been thick with disgust at the idea of a billionaire paying for orgasms.

"The men are the monsters in this case," said Martin County (Fla.) Sheriff William Snyder. But if there was trafficking, the monsters would be the people in charge of the business that participated in it. The customers would hardly be in a position to discern that the masseuses were unwilling providers.

It's common to equate prostitution with human trafficking. But globally,

sex workers make up only about 1 in 5 people trapped in servitude. Mark Guarino reported in *Medium* that in the St. Louis area, "agriculture, landscaping, construction and domestic servitude represented the top industries for forced labor."

Is a homeowner whose lawn is done by a landscaping crew a monster because some of the workers were trafficked? How would the homeowner know? How would Kraft have known?

But commercial sex carries a stigma that lawn mowing doesn't. Anti-prostitution alarmists insist that no one would voluntarily sell her or his body. Only criminal coercion, unconscionable manipulation or poverty could induce anyone to endure such shame.

Plenty of sex workers (a term many prefer to "prostitutes") disagree. One of them is Maggie McNeill, whose new documentary is called "The War on Whores." She says, "We all have to make a living. There's no rational reason for anyone to say that my choices are less valid merely because they involve sex."

Sex worker Laura LeMoon told a reporter for the Seattle newspaper *The Stranger*, "I've had plenty of vanilla jobs that made me feel (worse) about myself than sex work ever did." The pointed slogan of sex worker activists is "Rights, Not Rescue."

Consider how sexual mores have changed. Sodomy laws are extinct; same-sex marriage has constitutional protection; and transgender people have gained some legal rights. Yet

engaging the services of a prostitute remains taboo — subject to public shaming and criminal penalties.

It's hard to see why sex between consenting adults becomes impermissible when money changes hands. If two people choose to engage in carnal activities, the terms of the encounter should be up to them, not the government.

When a woman engages in prostitution (or stripping or porn movies), it may very well be because she has assessed her options and decided it's the best, or the least bad. Making it a crime doesn't improve her circumstances; it merely forces her to choose an even worse option — or risk going to jail.

Some sex workers, of course, have been deprived of any choice by brutal traffickers or pimps. Joseph Hazley is on trial in U.S. District Court in Chicago for sex trafficking. One of his alleged victims, 16-year-old Desiree Robinson, was found murdered nine days after texting a friend to say a man was holding her captive.

Outlawing commercial sex might be defensible if it prevented women and girls from poor countries from being forced to work for their criminal captors. In fact, the laws against prostitution make it harder to combat human trafficking by keeping the sex trade underground, deterring victims from going to the police, and attracting corrupt entrepreneurs.

The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women, an association of some 80

nongovernmental organizations, contends that criminalizing solicitation by clients "has not reduced trafficking or sex workers' vulnerability to violence, harmed HIV responses and infringed on sex workers' rights."

A variety of human rights groups — including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Center for Lesbian Rights — argue that the best way to protect sex workers from trafficking and other evils is to repeal laws that criminalize prostitution.

They have evidence on their side. After Germany legalized prostitution in 2002, it saw a decline in convictions for sex trafficking, which remained a crime. When Rhode Island legalized indoor prostitution, economists Scott Cunningham of Baylor University and Manisha Shah of UCLA found, it reduced rapes and cases of female gonorrhea in the general population by more than 30 percent.

Americans certainly want to eliminate human trafficking. But if that goal requires ending our laws against prostitution, we may find that upholding a vestige of puritanism is a higher priority.

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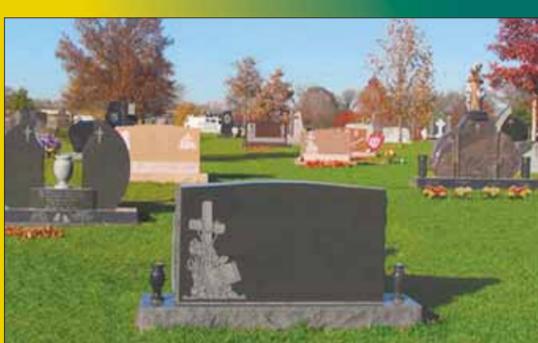
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By ERIC ZORN



When workers wear nametags, is it OK to use their names?

For many years, for reasons I couldn't quite put my finger on, I refrained from addressing retail and service industry employees by the names on their nametags.

Something about it seemed wrong — presumptuous, overly familiar — even though the tag itself seemed to invite the practice.

Then I came across the following passage in Jacob Tomsky's 2012 nonfiction book, "Heads in Beds: A Reckless Memoir of Hotels, Hustles and So-Called Hospitality."

"Though people are forced to wear nametags, you should never feel comfortable enough to actually call them by their names," Tomsky wrote. "Gluing a nametag to anyone's chest makes him or her subordinate. Using it without permission implies that you are aware of this fact and don't mind rudely pointing it out. To pick the name off a tag and use it, whatever your intention, makes employees acutely feel they have lost their personal worth; that they themselves are included in the price. Their mothers use that name. ... What right do you have to use it? Just because you walked into the lobby? My advice is to ask for permission."

That put it together for me. Using someone's name when he or she doesn't know yours is asymmetrical intimacy that has a whiff of infantilization, particularly when the employee doesn't have a choice about wearing a label.

But am I being overly sensitive? Although I worked in restaurants in high school and college, I never had to wear a nametag, so I put the question out on social media along with Tomsky's quote. Here, lightly edited, are some of the comments from Facebook:

■ "Although the service employee's name is on display, that employee is usually not at liberty to ask the customer's name, which would be the normal sequence in an equal social interaction. This

puts the employee in an inferior social position and so is not the American way." — Casey H.

■ "Using someone's name personalizes, rather than demeans, them. I always try to introduce myself to someone if I'm using their first name. If they take it negatively, I'm sorry. Maybe they're in the wrong line of work." — Brian G.

■ "I'm creeped out when I hear a customer address a service industry person by their first name based on a nametag. It feels demeaning somehow, particularly when there is a power imbalance between the person with the tag and the untagged person." — Debra B.

■ "If someone's doing a great job, I want to be able to use their name when complimenting them to the management." — Heather W.

■ "My nametag gave a stalker enough of a clue to get my phone number and find me at home. Detestable piece of plastic!" — Carol A.

■ "When a customer feels mistreated by an employee, it can help to use the employee's name, calmly, so they realize you can ID them to their bosses." — Conrad P.

■ "If done with the right tone, using a first name is a leveler of status. It makes the employee a person and not just your servant." — Gregg F.

■ "I hate when strangers call me by my first name unless I first offer it to them." — Barbara S.

■ "I wore nametags in many jobs. It never bothered me when someone used my name. I liked that better than 'miss,' or, worse, 'ma'am.' Don't people have more important things to gripe about?" — Mary F.

I can't think of a more important global issue right now, Ms. F., so, I created two unscientific click polls and posted them to Twitter, home of rational thinking. The results were similarly mixed.

First, I asked those who have or had jobs that required them to wear nametags how they felt

about customers using their names. Out of 146 respondents, 24 percent said they didn't like it, while 21 percent said they liked it and 55 percent said they didn't care one way or the other.

Then I asked customers about their habits: Do you tend to address employees by the names on their tags?

Out of 198 responses, 76 percent said they seldom use the names and 24 percent said they often do.

What's the best practice? If you're inclined toward first-name familiarity, ask first and then offer your name in return as a show of respect. But either way, always treat employees with the kindness and dignity with which you'd treat a friend or a neighbor. That's never out of line.

Preckwinkle's theatrical dodge

During an interview Thursday with Chicago mayoral candidate and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on WT-TW's "Chicago Tonight," reporter Paris Schutz asked her about a January 2018 political fundraiser for her held in the home of now-scandal-tainted Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, and his wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke. Did Justice Burke organize the event, in apparent violation of Supreme Court rules?

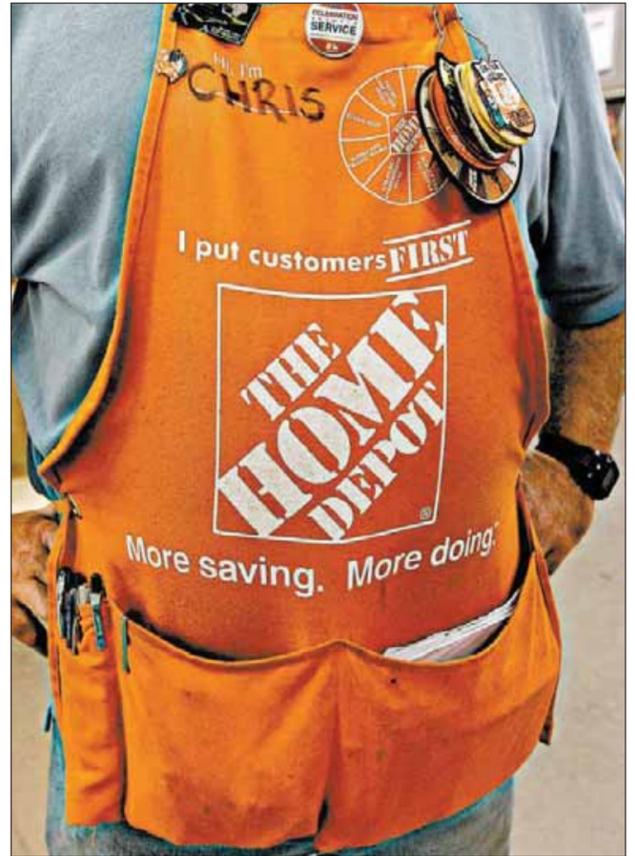
"Y'know, this is all political theater," Preckwinkle said. "As I go around the city, what people are really concerned about is their own communities"

"Yes or no, though," Schutz interrupted. "Did she organize it?"

"I said this is political theater," said Preckwinkle. "When I go around the city, what people want to talk about is their own neighborhoods."

Oof. All these months on the campaign trail and brusque evasion is all the better she can do?

And, y'know, in fairness to Preckwinkle's opponent, Lori



LM OTERO/AP

"Hi, I'm Chris." Readers were mixed when asked about the appropriateness of addressing service and retail employees by their names.

Lightfoot, whose weakness for the word "frankly" I documented in Friday's column, I must point out that Preckwinkle scattered "y'know" into her answers 24 times in a 14-minute interview. Just thought you should know.

Black women rising

If Lightfoot wins the election April 2, she will be the mayor of Chicago. Preckwinkle will remain head of the County Board. Kim Foxx will be the Cook County state's attorney. Janice Jackson will be CEO of Chicago Public Schools. Dorothy Brown will be the elected clerk of the Cook County courts, and Karen Yarbrough will be the elected county clerk. Additionally, Robin Kelly is the U.S. congresswoman

for the South Side and suburban 2nd District, and Juliana Stratton is the lieutenant governor of Illinois.

They are all African-American women. Think how impossible that all would have seemed 40 years ago.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's online reader poll for funniest tweet is "I wonder what the part of my brain that used to remember phone numbers is up to these days," by @chrisdowning. To receive an email alert after each new poll is posted, go to chicago.tribune.com/newsletters and sign up under Change of Subject.

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Drivers try to steer clear of potholes along North Humboldt Boulevard in Chicago in February. A rough winter has taken its toll on roadways.

How electric vehicles could make our roads even worse

Gasless car increase will have federal government and states scrambling to make up gas tax revenue

By JAY L. ZAGORSKY

U.S. roads and bridges are in abysmal shape — and that was before the recent winter storms made things even worse.

In fact, the government rates over one-quarter of all urban interstates as in fair or poor condition and one-third of U.S. bridges need repair. (In the Chicago area, 400 bridges are considered “structurally deficient.”)

To fix the potholes and crumbling roads, federal, state and local governments rely on fuel taxes, which raise more than \$80 billion a year and pay for about three-quarters of what the U.S. spends on building new roads and maintaining them.

I recently purchased an electric car, the Tesla Model 3. While swerving down a particularly rutted highway in New York, the economist in me began to wonder, what will happen to the roads as fewer and fewer cars run on gasoline? Who will pay to fix the streets?

Fuel taxes 101

Every time you go to the pump, each gallon of fuel you purchase puts money into a variety of pockets.

About half goes to the drillers that extract oil from the earth. Just under a quarter pays the refineries to turn crude into gasoline. And around 6 percent goes to distributors.

The rest, or typically about 20 percent of every gallon of gas, goes to various governments to maintain and enhance the U.S. transportation's infrastructure.

Currently, the federal government charges 18.4 cents per gallon of gasoline, which provides 85 percent to 90 percent of the Highway Trust Fund that finances most federal spending on highways and mass transit.

State and local governments charge their own taxes that vary widely. Combined with the national levy, fuel taxes range from over 70 cents per gallon in high-tax states like California and Pennsylvania to just over 30 cents in states like Alaska and Arizona. The difference is a key reason the price of gasoline changes so dramatically when you cross state lines.

While people often complain when their fuel prices go up, the real burden of gasoline taxes has



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Electric cars use a Westmont recharging station in January. Sales of electric vehicles have soared in the past few years.

been falling for decades. The federal government's 18.4 cent tax, for example, was set way back in 1993. The tax would have to be 73 percent higher, or 32 cents, to have the same purchasing power.

On top of that, today's vehicles get better mileage, which means fewer gallons of gas and less money collected in taxes.

And electric vehicles, of course, don't need gasoline, so their drivers don't pay a dime in fuel taxes.

A crisis in the making

At the moment, this doesn't present a crisis because electric vehicles represent only a small proportion of the U.S. fleet.

Slightly more than 1 million

plug-in vehicles have been sold since 2012 when the first mass-market models hit the roads. While impressive, that figure is just a fraction of the over 250 million vehicles currently registered and legally drivable on U.S. highways.

But sales of electric cars are growing rapidly as the distance they can travel before recharging climbs and prices fall. Dealers sold a record 360,000 electric vehicles last year, up 80 percent from 2017.

If sales continue at this breakneck pace, electric cars will become mainstream in no time. In addition, governments in Europe and China are actively steering consumers away from fossil fuels and toward their electric counterparts.

In other words, the time will come very soon when the U.S. and individual states will no longer be able to rely on fuel taxes to mend American roads.

What states are doing about it

Some states are already anticipating this eventuality and are crafting solutions.

One involves charging owners of electric cars a fixed fee. So far, 17 states (Illinois is not one of them) have done just that, with annual taxes ranging from \$100 to \$200 per car.

There are a few problems with a fixed-fee approach. For example, the proceeds only go to state coffers, even though the driver also uses out-of-state roads and national highways.

Another is that it's regressive. Since a fixed fee hits all owners equally, regardless of income or how much they drive, it hurts poorer consumers most. During debate in Maine over a proposed \$250 annual EV fee, opponents noted that the average person currently pays just a third of that — \$82 — in state fuel taxes.

Oregon is testing another solution. Instead of paying fuel taxes, drivers are able to volunteer for a program that lets them pay based on miles driven rather than how many gallons they consume.

(Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker has floated a similar idea.) The state installs tracking devices in their cars — whether electric or conventional — and drivers get a refund for the gas tax they pay at the pump.

The program raises privacy and fairness concerns especially for rural residents who have few other transportation options.

Another way forward

I believe there's another solution.

Currently, carmakers and others are deploying large networks of charging stations throughout the country. Examples include Tesla's Superchargers, Chargepoint, EVgo and Volkswagen's proposed mobile chargers.

They operate just like gas pumps, only they provide kilowatts of electricity instead of gallons of fuel. While electric vehicle owners are free to use their own power outlets, anyone traveling long distances has to use these stations. And because charging at home is a hassle — requiring eight to 20 hours — I believe most drivers will increasingly choose the convenience and speed of the charging stations, which can fill up an EV in as little as 30 minutes.

So one option could be for governments to tack on their taxes to the bill, charging a few extra cents per kilowatt “pumped into the tank.” Furthermore, I would argue that the tax — whether on fuel or power — shouldn't be a fixed amount but a percentage, which makes it less likely to be eroded by inflation over time.

It is in everyone's interest to ensure there are funds to maintain the nation's road. A small percentage tax on EV charging stations will help maintain U.S. roads without hurting electric vehicles' chances of becoming a mass market product.

The Conversation

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EDITORIALS

Chicago's next City Council: Sharks or sheep?

SCOTT STANTIS

Here's what we know: Chicago will have a new mayor in May, joined by at least eight new faces on the City Council. We also know 32 incumbent aldermen will return to the council chambers. And we know 14 aldermanic seats are headed for the April 2 runoff. That second round of voting is required when no candidate wins more than 50 percent in the first round.

What we don't know is whether new blood will translate into real change. Sizable freshmen classes have joined the City Council before with no shake-up over how the council operates. Even Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, who stepped down as Finance Committee chairman amid a federal corruption probe, is heading back to City Hall after winning his seat Tuesday. So are Ald. Carrie Austin, 34th, chairwoman of the Budget Committee, and Ald. Michelle Harris, 8th, chair of the Rules Committee. Not exactly change-makers, those three.

So what needs to happen to empower the council to be more independent of the mayor's office? To strengthen ethics rules? To switch up committee chairmanships? To stream sunlight into council activity?

Courage. That's it.

The next City Council needs to seize its authority to choose committee chairmen, not cede that responsibility to the mayor's office as in the past. That's crucial no matter which mayoral finalist — Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle or former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot — wins their runoff.

Which council members will step up? Who will stand firm? We're looking at you, Progressive Caucus members, who won your seats outright Tuesday: Sophia King, 4th, Roderick Sawyer, 6th, Susan Sadlowski Garza, 10th, David Moore, 17th, Chris Taliaferro, 29th, Scott Waguespack, 32nd, and Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th. We're looking at you, new

members elected Tuesday without a runoff: Daniel La Spata in the 1st Ward, Michael Rodriguez in the 22nd Ward, James "Jim" Gardiner in the 45th Ward and Maria Hadden in the 49th Ward. Don't give away your leverage, newbies. Make one of your first acts as a Chicago alderman a meaningful one. Don't take marching orders. Deliver them.

Chicago's corruption-prone City Hall stems in part from a weak-council, strong-mayor culture. Aldermen dutifully follow tradition and allow the mayor to choose allies for top council posts. Those coveted positions come with bigger staffs and budgets. A reward for loyalty. But this is exactly where tension should exist between the City

Council and the mayor. Committee chairmen should be a check on the mayor's office, not lap dogs for it.

And those 14 aldermanic seats still up for grabs — those are on you, voters. If your ward is headed for the April runoff, get informed. Which candidates would demand a more independent City Council? Which ones would flash those badges of courage and object to the status quo? Which would be meek and let the next mayor shape the most influential council committees?

Against the backdrop of Burke's federal criminal case — an indictment is expected by May 3, before the next council is seated — every alderman should feel empowered to demand changes. The allegations against Burke elevate the stature of aldermen who prioritize ethics reform. They could overhaul the committee structure even further by downsizing the current 17-committee bureaucracy that slows down council business. Chicago aldermen do not need to legislate sidewalk cafes and driveway permits and restaurant awnings, for example. Yet those issues get shoved into the grind of day-to-day committee affairs. It's silly.

The potential is there to reorganize the committee structure, limit aldermanic privilege and expand ethics oversight by the city's inspector general. Start building that courage, aldermen and aldermen-elect. Sharpen your sharks' teeth. Your constituents didn't elect you to be sheep.



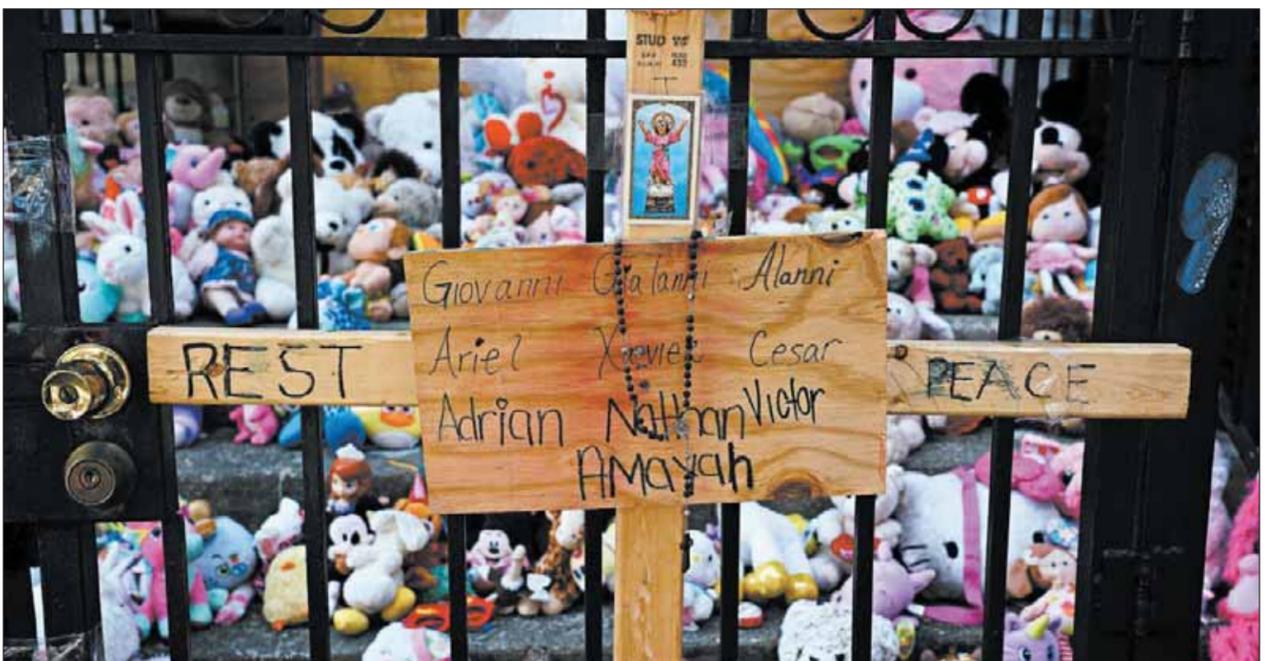
WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The decline of traditional faith in America has coincided with an explosion of new atheisms. Some people worship beauty, some worship political identities, and others worship their children. But everybody worships something. And workism is among the most potent of the new religions competing for congregants. What is workism? It is the belief that work is not only necessary to economic production, but also the centerpiece of one's identity and life's purpose ...

Homo industrius is not new to the American landscape. The American dream, that hoary mythology that hard work always guarantees upward mobility, has for more than a century made the U.S. obsessed with material success and the exhausting striving required to earn it. Perhaps long hours are part of an arms race for status and income among the moneyed elite. Or maybe the logic here isn't economic at all. It's emotional, even spiritual. The best-educated and highest-earning Americans, who can have whatever they want, have chosen the office for the same reason that devout Christians attend church on Sundays: It's where they feel most themselves. ...

One of the benefits of being an observant Christian, Muslim, or Zoroastrian is that these God-fearing worshippers put their faith in an intangible and unfalsifiable force of goodness. But work is tangible, and success is often falsified. To make either the centerpiece of one's life is to place one's esteem in the mercurial hands of the market. To be a workist is to worship a god with firing power.

Derek Thompson,
The Atlantic



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A memorial honors the children who died in a Little Village apartment fire, which remains under investigation.

A half-year later, Chicagoans still don't know why these 10 children died

Too many of Chicago's tragic news stories fill front pages, digital screens and newscasts — then fade from civic awareness. Chicagoans, don't let the deaths of 10 children last Aug. 26 be one of those fading stories. Odds are someone knows something about the origin of a lethal fire in the 2200 block of South Sacramento Avenue.

There's nothing most of us can do except remember the horror and hope for answers. So let's do that until we get those answers, or until investigators say they can't solve this mystery.

Six months after the blaze in an enclosed rear porch of a Little Village apartment killed the 10 children, fire investigators cannot explain the deadly chain of events. An electrical cause, such as faulty wiring, has been ruled out. Instead, the Chicago Fire Department has concluded that the conflagration was "incendiary," meaning started by an open flame: Someone, either accidentally or intentionally, caused it.

"It was something done by a human," Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford told the Tribune in early February, "but again, that does not mean arson."

Determining a possible motive now falls to the Chicago Police Department. Among the questions:

What was the source of the open flame? Might evidence left in or near the porch connect a person or persons to the ignition? The children — nine first cousins and a family friend — were having a sleepover, and there were no survivors. But had anyone else visited the apartment beforehand, anyone who could provide clues to what touched off the blaze? Does any evidence suggest malicious intent, and if so, what would have prompted it?

Those issues now hang in winter's silence. If you drive through Little Village and turn onto South Sacramento, you'll see that the TV crews have moved on.

Makeshift shrines have weathered with time. Even the rear part of the building where the children died will disappear; the landlord and city officials have agreed that it will be razed.

But the anguish of losing 10 children at the same time in such a horrible way will never fade for the families, friends and neighbors of those children. Birthdays, Thanksgivings, Christmases — they'll come and go, celebrations pocked with pangs of grief, with loved ones profoundly missing the way the children used to smile, the timbre of their laughs.

All Chicagoans should hold a piece of that anguish. Imagine deaths by fire of 10 children — maybe children you know well — on your block or in your neighborhood. You'd be shell-shocked. There's much you'd want to know. What's more, answering those lingering questions could help improve the way Fire Department officials connect with

communities about fire safety. And if understanding the fire's origins means someone should be held accountable for this loss, so be it.

Most of all, however, those answers would help bring to the families, to the entire city, some understanding if not closure. When tragedy strikes, the sense of "not knowing" deepens the hurt. How could this happen? Why? What went wrong? Basic questions will hound the children's parents, their surviving siblings, aunts and uncles as long as the fire lives on as a mystery.

Amayah Almaraz, 3 months. **Alanni Ayala, 3.** Gialanni Ayala, 5. Ariel Garcia, 5. Giovanni Ayala, 10. Xavier Contreras, 11. Nathan Contreras, 13. Adrian Hernandez, 14. Cesar Contreras, 14. Victor Mendoza, 16. Such a loss deserves an explanation. It demands one.

Again: Chicagoans, don't let the deaths by fire of 10 children be one of those fading stories.

PERSPECTIVE



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Michael Cohen talked about a trip through a "struggling" Chicago neighborhood with his former boss, Donald Trump, during a congressional hearing last week.

Reparations and that Chicago story Cohen told about Trump



CLARENCE PAGE

I was looking into how the issue of reparations to African-Americans who descended from slavery has returned to the national political conversation — and wondering why — when a little story in Michael Cohen's opening statement Wednesday to the House Oversight Committee reminded me.

As an illustration of why he described his former boss, President Donald Trump, as a "racist," Cohen recalled a day when they were riding through a "struggling neighborhood in Chicago." "He commented that only black people could live that way," Cohen said. "And he told me that black people would never vote for him because they were too stupid."

Right. How could we, black people, sensibly resist Trump's heartfelt appeal for our votes: "What the hell do you have to lose?"

Is Cohen telling the truth? Although I approach Trump and his team like Ronald Reagan dealt with Russia, "Trust but verify" — except I have learned to reverse that with Trump to "Verify, then trust" — Cohen's account squares with other low opinions of black people that we have heard attributed to Trump, who in his early

real estate days was accused by the federal government of discriminating against black apartment applicants.

I spent years covering the struggling Chicago neighborhoods like the one Cohen described. I also know a lot of success stories that have come from public-private partnerships between low-income residents and enlightened downtown executives who know a simple truth of urban life: Inside every ghetto there's a neighborhood struggling to make a comeback.

I think neighborhood development could be a form of reparation, but it will have a much broader consensus of support if we don't limit it to African-Americans.

Reparations is an issue that began around the end of the Civil War. In 1865 Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman issued special field orders to grant each freed family "40 acres of tillable land" in the sea islands and around Charleston, S.C., for the exclusive use of black people who had been enslaved. About 40,000 freed slaves were settled on land in Georgia and South Carolina.

But after Abraham Lincoln's assassination, President Andrew Johnson reversed the order and the land was returned to its original owners. It was one of many betrayals of black aspirations that would reimpose second-class citizenship on black Americans with the end of Reconstruction.

The former Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., pushed without success for almost 30 years, beginning in 1989, to

The reversal of an order to benefit freed slaves in the 1860s was one of many betrayals of black aspirations.

pass a bill to create a commission to study the "impact of slavery on the social, political and economic life of our nation" and propose possible reparations. It got nowhere.

But in the run-up to 2020, Democratic candidates have been asked about it and some have expressed support for the idea or some form of it.

Sen. Kamala Harris of California told a host of syndicated radio show "The Breakfast Club" that the idea of reparations should be considered as a way to fight economic inequality. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts has spoken favorably of the need for reparations, for Native Americans who lost to European settlers as well as for African-Americans. So has former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro.

Most serious proposals ask not for a big lump-sum payout to black folks, as many imagine, but programs and policies to reduce inequality and promote education and skills training.

Sounds good to me. Even though I could possibly benefit as a descendant of American slaves, I'm not holding

my breath waiting for my 40 acres and a mule.

In fact, the idea of a lump sum was effectively shot down by, among others, comedian Dave Chappelle, who produced a famous skit that imagined a lump-sum reparations payday for black folks. By sundown, the recipients were all broke again.

Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont prefers economic-based remedies over race-based remedies. That was basically President Barack Obama's preference, knowing that it is much easier to build a multiracial consensus around programs like the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare, that offer benefits to the disadvantaged regardless of race.

But it remains to be seen how much racial "identity politics" will get in the way of productive Democratic Party politics, especially when and if more pragmatic center-left hopefuls, such as former Vice President Joe Biden or Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, enter the race.

Obama's model isn't perfect. But it beats the right wing's fantasy that reparations means a massive socialist giveaway to black folks of at least 40 acres, with or without the mule. Let the debate begin.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

North Korea won't yield to tactics

Except to die-hard loyalists, it's obvious the man in the White House is wildly arrogant, but for nonloyalists like myself, I grudgingly imagined Donald Trump's arrogance was matched by his cunning. Turns out that was wrong. It would have taken so little cunning to realize — twice now! — that North Korea will not yield to the usual superpower tactics. George W. Bush learned that against Afghanistan, Lyndon B. Johnson against Vietnam, and the superpower of his day, King George III, against the American Colonies. You see, little powers defeat superpowers when they believe in their cause so passionately they will outlast the invader, regardless of the human cost.

The superpowers call them "fanatics." Their descendants call them "patriots." It's such a hard lesson for the arrogant.

— Jack Spatafora, Park Ridge

Push for real change in Laquan McDonald case

Does Laquan McDonald's death mean change for the Chicago Police Department? As a young black person growing up in Chicago, I always knew certain people would judge me based on my skin color. Because of this and the shared experiences among fellow minorities, there was always

tension between blacks and law enforcement.

Even though there has been significant progress toward equality, it really hurts to see a case like Laquan McDonald. It hurts because even though the police officer was convicted of shooting McDonald 16 times, he was only sentenced to less than seven years in prison. This means he could get out in a little over three years for good behavior.

I believe that police should be held accountable for their actions, so letting Officer Jason Van Dyke murder McDonald without a harsh punishment has only hurt relations between law enforcement and the African-American community. We cannot allow the McDonald case to be like past injustices like the shootings of Trayvon Martin or Philando Castile.

The voices of the community have protested to let the world know how upset they are with the sentence. Even prosecutors are asking the Illinois Supreme Court to review the case to see if the sentence was too lenient. We cannot let this fade away and do nothing. I implore my fellow citizens to send letters and personally call the Supreme Court to express your outrage and urge the court to review the

case again. All of America should care what happens from this point on because we cannot allow law enforcement to be trigger-happy and murder those in the community it's supposed to be serving.

— Desmond Bailey, Crete, formerly of Chicago

Can we break outrage addiction?

Thank you for publishing Nancy Rommelmann's commentary ("Outrage culture is out of control," Feb. 26). Its undeniable truths leave me profoundly saddened. With this awareness of our toxic "culture," what do we do? Continue constructing our Tower of Babel or invest in the societal infrastructure that will remind us that we have more in common than not?

— Randall Mix, McHenry

Dems' vote on Born-Alive bill

Both of our senators from Illinois, Democrats Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, voted against the proposed Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Act. This bill would protect babies, born alive, from

being killed after birth. More and more Democrat-controlled states are passing laws making late-term and, in some cases, after-birth abortions possible. Don't babies have rights? What's next: killing us elderly?

Both Durbin and Duckworth are against the death penalty, but killing babies is OK?

I hope all of you Democrats stop and think about what your party now stands for. Time to join the so-called uncaring Republican Party.

— Denis Bohm, Mettawa

Happy to help pay for infrastructure repairs

I recently bought a new city sticker at the city clerk's office downtown. Now that I am 65, the 12-month sticker cost me only \$31 (compared with the \$80-something I paid last year). This is cheaper than a tank of gas!

Clerk Anna Valencia says city sticker proceeds help pay for infrastructure repairs. We hear about an increasing number of accidents involving pedestrians crossing streets. I would gladly pay more for my sticker if it went to improving crosswalks and filling potholes.

Do we really need to give senior drivers a more than 50 percent discount on their stickers? Wouldn't it be fair to charge us a little more and make the fee a little more reasonable for everyone else?

— Elizabeth Hoffmann, Chicago

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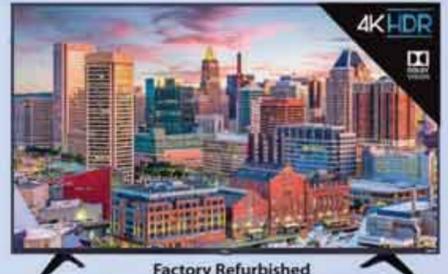


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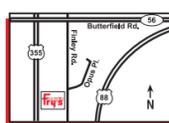
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Cracks threaten Democratic unity

Infighting between moderates, liberals may alienate voters

BY MICHAEL SCHERER
AND MIKE DEBONIS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — From the halls of Congress to the presidential campaign trail, Democratic moderates are beginning to push back against the wave of liberal energy and policy ideas that have captured the party's imagination over the last two months.

They worry the sweeping proposals and hardball tactics of liberal firebrands could alienate centrist voters in the 2020 election, even as they hold out hope that Democratic primary voters, focused on defeating President Donald Trump, will check the party's move to the left.

The moderates' concerns came to a head last week when one of the newest Democratic stars appeared to threaten her colleagues if they did not toe the liberal line.

At a closed-door meeting of House Democrats, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., said some of her colleagues could find themselves "on a list" of primary election targets, after they voted for a Republican amendment requiring that immigrants in the United States illegally who try to buy guns be reported to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, according to people not authorized to comment publicly.

Rep. Josh Gottheimer, D-N.J., a co-chairman of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, said he has confronted party leaders about



Freshman Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., has issued a warning against those in the party who side with the GOP.

such threats, which have also come from the Justice Democrats, a liberal group that backed Ocasio-Cortez's primary campaign.

"Being unified means ensuring that Democrats aren't primary-ing other sitting Democrats," Gottheimer said. "Since when is it OK to put you on a Nixonian list?"

Some warned that imposing purity tests could lead to a Democratic version of the conservative tea party revolt that transformed the GOP in recent years. That surge has brought Republicans new energy and new voters, but it's also cost the GOP some congressional races and legislative victories.

Several Democratic presidential candidates, includ-

ing many of the early entrants, have quickly endorsed sweeping liberal policies, including a Medicare-for-all health plan, a "Green New Deal" to combat climate change, and reparations for African-Americans. Recently, however, some prospective candidates have been offering an alternative vision.

Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., who is contemplating a presidential run, said politics needs to return to a more civil place. He referred to the House Freedom Caucus, a group of purist Republicans that often opposes legislative compromises.

"We don't have to settle for disgraceful politics. We don't have to settle for being

as terrible as Donald Trump," Bennet said during a recent visit to Iowa. "We don't have to settle for Freedom Caucus tactics — those guys are tyrants. We don't have to accept that."

Liberal Democrats, including many new to Capitol Hill or national politics, argue the party has been too timid, caving to Republican pressure and failing to inspire voters with calls for sweeping change. The surge of new voters in the midterm elections, they say, shows the excitement and support generated by such proposals.

The centrists counter that liberal ideas and candidates have more power online and among the grass roots than

at the ballot box and that the passions will likely fade in coming months, both in Congress and the presidential campaign.

For her part, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has been treading carefully — sidelining the most sweeping liberal proposals, playing down prospects of a Trump impeachment and scheduling weekly meetings to bring together leaders of the moderate and liberal factions.

Thursday's meeting threatened to open a new breach. After 26 Democratic moderates joined with Republicans to pass an amendment on a key gun-control bill, Pelosi said they should show more "courage" on

politically sensitive votes, according to the people in the room. That struck some as tone deaf, as did Ocasio-Cortez's comments about primary challenges.

Ocasio-Cortez in a tweet Friday said she was not making threats but warning that the Democratic defectors "were inadvertently making a list of targets for the GOP and for progressive advocates" by voting with Republicans.

The eruption followed weeks of growing tension between wings of the party. Freshmen who were elected on platforms of cleaning up big-money politics and fixing the health care system have found themselves voting on, and answering for, a different set of issues, and some are feeling the heat from their constituents.

"A lot of people are complaining and expressing concerns about the Democratic Party being portrayed as socialist, or certain voices being louder than others," said Rep. Dean Phillips, D-Minn., who unseated a GOP incumbent in suburban Minneapolis.

The new liberal energy in the House is coming from candidates, including Ocasio-Cortez, who captured districts that generally favor Democrats. Some party strategists say liberal activists must recognize that their message would not work in more conservative areas.

"People would be wise to remember that, by definition, we have the House majority because people flipped seats from red to blue," said Tyler Law, a Democratic consultant who helped direct the party's communications efforts in 2018.

Yes, some of my best friends are ...

For some, the 'black friend' defense is a tired racial trope

BY TERRY TANG
AND DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press

Kelly Darden Jr. remembers one of the first times he experienced the "black friend defense."

Back in high school, a group of white classmates dressed in Confederate-inspired clothing as part of a social club called the "Rebel Rousers" but insisted they weren't racist because some of them knew Darden, who is black.

"It was insulting," the now 64-year-old Greenville, N.C., man recalled. "I was insulted by it even when it was occurring."

Darden and countless other African-Americans have experienced variations of the "black friend defense" — saying that a person can't be racist because of the color of the company he keeps — for generations.

And the trope played out in front of a national TV audience last week as Republican Rep. Mark Meadows defended President Donald Trump against testimony by Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, claiming that the president is



Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., left, brought Lynne Patton, a black Trump administration staffer, to the House hearing last week to make a point during Michael Cohen's testimony.

racist. Meadows, of North Carolina, quickly sent social media into a frenzy when he pointed to Lynne Patton, a black Trump administration staffer, and said Patton never would tolerate working for a racist.

Many consider the "black friend defense" a tired and hollow argument.

"The fact someone would actually use a prop, a black woman in this chamber, in this committee, is alone racist in itself," Democratic Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan said in response to Meadows' interaction with Patton, who works at the Department of Housing

and Urban Development. An outraged Meadows hit back, saying he can't be racist because he has nieces and nephews of color and he is friends with Rep. Elijah Cummings, who is black and was chairing the hearing.

The "defense" has a history of being part of a politician's playbook.

Trump has trotted it out more than once. While giving remarks during a 2016 presidential campaign stop, Trump pointed to someone in the crowd and yelled "Look at my African-American over there."

A few black celebrities

have been called props or "Uncle Toms" for throwing support Trump's way or simply just meeting with him. Kanye West, Steve Harvey and Jim Brown have all been criticized.

Harvey, who voted for Hillary Clinton, told media outlets in 2017 that he regretted meeting with the president at Trump Tower because of the backlash.

In "4 Little Girls," Spike Lee's 1997 documentary revisiting the deadly 1963 Birmingham church bombing, former Alabama governor and onetime staunch segregationist George Wallace talks about how he has

helped black people.

At one point, he is seen sitting behind the governor's desk and summons a black man.

"Here's one of my best friends right here, my best friend right here. I wouldn't go anywhere without him," Wallace says while holding the man's hand. The man stands quietly but doesn't say anything.

The phenomenon was the subject of a 2014 study done by University of London Business School professor Daniel A. Effron.

In his research, Effron noted that former Bosnian leader Radovan Karadzic said he held no anti-Muslim prejudice because his former barber was Muslim. In 2016, Karadzic was convicted of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity for wartime atrocities including the 1995 massacre of 8,000 Muslim men.

Tyler D. Parry, an associate professor of African American Studies at California State University in Fullerton, said using black people as political props is something that occurred as far back as the 19th century in debates about slavery. In Antebellum-era writings by former slave owners, they would often describe their relationship with slaves as a

friendship. It was a way for them to justify their stance on slavery.

Parry said he finds it remarkable that people in the public eye keep using "the black friend" excuse over and over in almost verbatim language rather than issue a mea culpa. It comes off shallow and brings the authenticity of the friendship into question, he said.

"There's a few studies that say it's a way to overcompensate — particularly a white person or a person of privilege feels the need to accumulate friends of color in case they are ever accused of racism," Parry said.

Patton, the Trump administration staffer, denied she was a figurehead being exploited by Republicans. A former event planner best known for her work on the wedding of Trump's son Eric, Patton slammed Democratic lawmakers who "placed more credence on the word of a self-confessed convicted perjurer" than a highly educated black woman working alongside the president.

"That is not the resume of a prop. It is however, the resume of someone who remains completely unfazed by the criticism of others and laser focused," Patton wrote on Instagram.

From a few icicles, a winter wonderland

BY ROBERT F. BUKATY
Associated Press

NORTH WOODSTOCK, N.H. — On a clear, frigid night in a courtyard made of walls of ice, Bruce McCafferty and his young son stand mesmerized, bathed in the pulsating rainbow light emanating from a series of stout ice formations.

They have come out to Ice Castles in North Woodstock, N.H., a collection of ice tunnels, caverns and a 97-foot ice slide that cover an acre of farmland that

some have said are like something out of the movie "Frozen."

The winter wonderland, one of six in North America, is built from scratch when the cold conditions allow the ice to sprout from the barren ground.

Other parks are located in Lake Geneva, Wis.; Excelsior, Minn.; Dillon, Colo.; Midway, Utah; and Edmonton, Alberta. This year, the attractions will stand until early March in most locations.

At the center of the New

Hampshire attraction stand six ice structures that are nearly four feet tall and are lit from within by colored lights.

"It's quite magical, isn't it?" McCafferty said. "It's an amazing creation. I'd really like to know how they actually built it."

The attraction starts small in December, when the site's lead builder Matt Pasciuto and his team set up ice farms: metal racks that are sprayed with water to allow icicles to grow on them overnight. The icicles

are then harvested by "ice artists," who place them around more than 70 sprinklers.

"Once we turn the sprinklers on, the water starts freezing to those icicles, making them grow together, bigger and bigger and thicker and thicker," Pasciuto said. "We grow the castle about two to three feet at a time."

Within a few weeks, the icicles have managed to cover the entire park, and some reach heights of 20 feet.



Bruce McCafferty and his son Dougie get ready to explore the ice formations at Ice Castles in North Woodstock, N.H.

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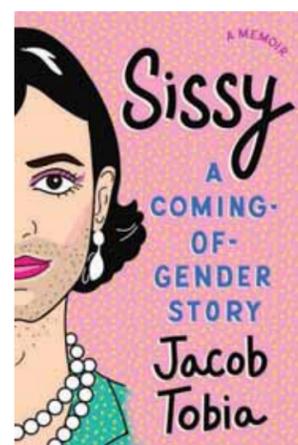
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SpaceX capsule blasts off on risky test flight

'Alien'-named dummy aboard; humans go in July?

BY MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — America's newest capsule for astronauts rocketed Saturday toward the International Space Station on a high-stakes test flight by SpaceX.

The only passenger was a life-size test dummy, named Ripley after the lead character in the "Alien" movies. SpaceX needs to nail the debut of its crew Dragon capsule before putting people on board later this year.

This latest, flashiest Dragon is on a fast track to reach the space station Sunday, 27 hours after liftoff.

It will spend five days docked to the orbiting outpost, before making a retro-style splashdown in the Atlantic on Friday — all vital training for the next space demo, possibly this summer, when two astronauts strap in.

SpaceX founder and chief executive Elon Musk said the launch was "super stressful" to watch, but he's hopeful the capsule will be

ready to carry people later this year.

"We have to dock to the station. We have to come back, but so far it's worked; we've passed the riskiest items," Musk said barely an hour after liftoff.

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine called it "a big night for the United States of America."

"We're on the precipice of launching American astronauts on American rockets from American soil again for the first time since the retirement of the space shuttles in 2011," said Bridenstine, who got a special tour of the launch pad on the eve of launch, by Musk.

An estimated 5,000 NASA and contractor employees, tourists and journalists gathered in the wee hours at Kennedy Space Center with the SpaceX launch team, as the Falcon 9 rocket blasted off before dawn from the same spot where Apollo moon rockets and space shuttles once soared. Across the country at SpaceX Mission Control in Hawthorne, Calif., company employees went wild, cheering every step of the way until the capsule successfully reached orbit.

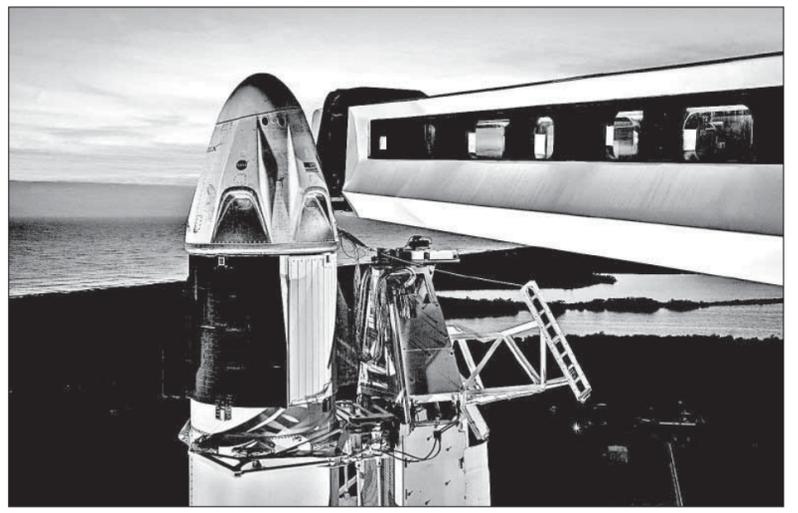
Looking on from Kennedy's Launch Control were the two NASA astronauts who will strap in as early as July for the second space demo, Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken. Shortly after liftoff, Musk asked them, "How do you feel about flying on it?"

It's been eight years since Hurley and three other astronauts flew the last space shuttle mission, and human launches from Florida ceased.

NASA turned to private companies, SpaceX and Boeing, and has provided them \$8 billion to build and operate crew capsules to ferry astronauts to and from the space station. Now Russian rockets are the only way to get astronauts to the 250-mile-high outpost. Soyuz tickets have skyrocketed over the years; NASA currently pays \$82 million per seat.

Bridenstine said he's confident that astronauts will soar on a Dragon or Starliner — or both — by year's end. But he stressed there's no rush.

"We are not in a space race," he said. "That race is over. We went to the moon and we won. It's done. Now we're in a position where we



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The Dragon crew capsule sits atop a rocket at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The capsule blasted off Saturday for the International Space Station.

can take our time and make sure we get it right."

SpaceX already has made 16 trips to the space station using cargo Dragons. The white crew Dragon is slightly bigger — 27 feet tip to tip — and considerably fancier and safer. Musk said the redesigned capsule has "hardly a part in common" with its predecessor.

It features four seats, three windows, touch-screen computer displays and life-support equipment, as well as eight abort engines to pull the capsule to safety in the event of a launch emergency. Solar cells are mounted on the spacecraft for electrical

power, as opposed to the protruding solar wings on cargo Dragons.

For the test, the Ripley dummy was strapped into the far left seat, wearing the company's snappy white spacesuit. The other seats were empty, save for a small plush toy resembling Earth that was free to float upon reaching zero-gravity.

As many as seven astronauts could squeeze in, although four will be the norm once flights get going, allowing for a little cargo room. About 450 pounds of supplies are going up on this flight.

The capsule is designed to dock and undock auto-

matically with the space station. Cargo Dragon must be maneuvered with the station's robot arm.

Like Ripley, the capsule is rigged with sensors. Engineers will be carefully watching sound, vibration and other stresses on the spacecraft, while monitoring the life-support, communication and propulsion systems. Some of the equipment needs more work — possibly even redesign — before serving human passengers.

"We're going to learn a ton from this mission," said NASA's commercial crew program manager, Kathy Lueders.



JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

President Donald Trump derided probes against him Saturday in a speech at CPAC2019.

Trump attacks his detractors during lengthy CPAC speech

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
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The Washington Post

OXON HILL, Md. — President Donald Trump capped a tumultuous week by reveling in the embrace of conservative activists Saturday, deriding investigations of him, repeatedly complaining about coverage of his crowd sizes and abruptly announcing an executive order to mandate protection of free speech on college campuses.

In his remarks at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference, which stretched beyond two hours, Trump also mocked the "Green New Deal" proposals promoted by liberals to address climate change, disparaged his former Attorney General Jeff Sessions with a faux Southern accent and defended his move to declare a national emergency to secure money for his U.S.-Mexico border wall that was denied by Congress.

"You know, I'm totally off script, right?" Trump said at the outset of his extended speech. "This is how I got elected, by being off script ... and if we don't go off script, our country is

in big trouble, folks."

But the Russia probe and those leading it drew the biggest ire and even profanity from the president, as investigations ramp up in Congress and special counsel Robert Mueller continues his probe into potential collusion between Trump associates and Moscow.

"So now they go and morph into, let's inspect every deal he's ever done," Trump complained. Nicknaming House intelligence committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., as "Little Shifty Schiff," Trump continued: "These people are sick. They're sick."

Noting that "you put the wrong people in a couple of positions," Trump added: "And they leave people for a long time that shouldn't be there and all of a sudden they are trying to take you out with bulls---, OK?" Trump said.

Trump's speech zig-zagging from trade to immigration, the 2016 campaign to last fall's midterm elections came against the backdrop of the collapse of his summit with North Korea and the extraordinary congressional testimony from his former personal lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen.

Trump mentioned his call during the 2016 campaign for Russia to hack into Hillary Clinton's emails, although he suggested that he was being sarcastic at the time and criticized the news media for coverage of those remarks.

Few targets were spared in Trump's wide-ranging speech, which included jabs at various unnamed Republican senators, his potential Democratic challengers in 2020 and a swipe at Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell.

Trump has repeatedly slammed Powell for raising interest rates too quickly.

He also dismissed one prominent argument from Republicans on his recent decision to declare a national emergency to redirect federal funds for his border wall.

Trump mocked the Green New Deal's climate-related provisions, deriding the set of ideas as promoting "no planes, no energy."

"When the wind stops blowing, that's the end of your electric," Trump said, before launching into an impression. "Darling, is the wind blowing today? I'd like to watch television, darling."

Looking inward, Dems fan out

2020 hopefuls hit early-vote states, urge focus on policy

BY MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

Presidential candidate Cory Booker on Saturday urged fellow Democrats not to be distracted by vitriol directed at the party's candidates by the man whom they seek to replace.

Asked during a Charleston, S.C., town hall meeting how best to oppose President Donald Trump without running an overly negative campaign, the New Jersey senator said Democrats need to look inward and focus on issues important to many of them, such as health care and education.

"We have got to understand this is not about him, it's about us, and we should not be motivated by what we are against by what we are for as a country," Booker said.

Booker urged the audience of activists, some waving campaign signs, not to become complacent because Democrats marked successes in the 2018 midterm elections.

The senator also had sharp words for those who don't vote.

"It is inexcusable that we have rates of voting in presidential elections at 40, 50, 60 percent when so much is going to be hung in the balance in this election," he said.

As other Democratic hopefuls campaigned in early voting states, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont made Brooklyn the official launch site of his second run for the White House, telling supporters that his campaign is tailor-made to defeat Trump. Sen. Eliza-



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Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., kicked off his 2020 presidential campaign Saturday at Brooklyn College in New York.

beth Warren of Massachusetts courted voters in Iowa while Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio visited South Carolina. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota represented Democrats at the annual Gridiron Club dinner in Washington, an event where politicians traditionally poke fun at the press and other politicians.

Highlights of Saturday's campaigning:

Bernie Sanders: Calling Trump the most dangerous president in modern U.S. history, the Vermont senator said his campaign is built to defeat Trump.

Sanders was in his birthplace of Brooklyn to call for Americans from all walks of life to join his effort for a political revolution, one he's been waging for decades.

Sanders told supporters at a rally at Brooklyn College, which he once attended, that his campaign is saying "loudly and clearly that the underlying principles of our government will not be greed, hatred and lies. It will not be racism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia and religious bigotry. That is going to end."

Sanders pledged to fight for "economic justice, social justice, racial justice and environmental justice."

He had begun his 2016 campaign in Vermont, which he has represented in the Senate for nearly two decades. But this time, as he tries to showcase more of his personal story, Sanders kicked off his 2020 bid in the New York City borough

where he grew up as the son of a Jewish immigrant and lived in a rent-controlled apartment.

Elizabeth Warren: In Waterloo, Iowa, the Massachusetts senator emphasized the need for Democrats to focus on policies over personal attacks, and to remain united in order to win the 2020 presidential race.

"I'm not here to attack Democrats, I'm here to get our country back on track. I'm going to stay on the issues," she said, in response to a question from a voter about what she would do to avoid the primary becoming "a circular firing squad."

Warren focused heavily on policy, but she refused to draw any contrasts between her own policy proposals and those offered by other candidates — even when asked directly by a voter to clarify her health care policy. Warren said she supported Medicare for All, but that there were many ways to achieve universal coverage.

"We're working it through as Democrats. We're talking about it," she said.

Sherrod Brown: In the final swing of a political tour as he decides whether to enter the 2020 presidential race, Brown spent time this weekend in South Carolina. He stressed his commitment to higher wages and more robust health care and acknowledged the crucial role of the early-voting state.



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JetBlue said it bought the posters from a third party. Above, a JetBlue airplane at New York's Kennedy Airport.

JetBlue display honored a wanted killer

Airline alerted to Shakur's conviction in trooper's slaying

Associated Press

NEW YORK — JetBlue has taken down a poster of a convicted murderer that it had included as part of a Black History Month tribute at New York's JFK International Airport.

The airline said Saturday that it removed the poster paying tribute to Assata Shakur last month after

being alerted via Twitter that Shakur is "a convicted cop killer."

"The intention was always to unite our crewmembers and customers around the importance of Black History Month and we apologize for any offense the poster may have caused," a JetBlue spokesman said in a statement.

Shakur, also known as Joanne Chesimard, is a for-

mer member of the Black Liberation Army who was convicted of murder for her role in a 1973 shootout that resulted in the death of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster. She escaped from prison in 1979 and is living in Cuba, where she was granted asylum.

President Donald Trump demanded that Cuba return "the cop-killer Joanne Chesimard" in 2017 when

he announced plans to reverse some Obama-era Cuba policies.

The poster paying tribute to the now 71-year-old Shakur at the JetBlue terminal at Kennedy was first reported in the New York Post, which noted that one of the bullet points listing Shakur's accomplishments said, "Became the first woman to be placed on the FBI's Most Wanted list after escaping to Cuba from prison where she was serving a life sentence for the 1973 murder of a police officer."

'He swindled an entire community'

'Serial entrepreneur' rode in a tech savior, then stole millions

BY JAY REEVES
Associated Press

OPELIKA, Ala. — Looking back, there are so many reasons Kyle Sandler was able to separate so many people from so much of their money.

Sandler rolled into this old railroad crossroads at a time when Opelika — and nearly every other city in America — was trying to bounce back from the Great Recession. Opelika's downtown, dating to the late 1800s, was dotted with vacant buildings. The city of 30,000 people needed a boost.

Soon, it seemed, everyone who mattered had heard Sandler's captivating story: He was a one-time Google executive who got rich on the West Coast and, in a stroke of good fortune, picked their east Alabama town as his new home.

Sandler unspooled a steady patter about startups and high-tech innovation. He was always looking at his cellphone, always seemed to be in search of the next big thing. He drove a sporty Jaguar in a town full of pickups and had, in his own words, "a heart of gold."

So when Sandler opened a business incubator called the Round House and proclaimed himself its "conductor" — a visionary who would guide entrepreneurs toward riches — people bit. Their faith in him only deepened when Sandler aligned himself with local John McAfee, an early pioneer of internet security, and landed national media coverage for an Opelika teenager with an idea for a new kind of vending machine said to be worth millions.

"Kyle was a master. I think he could get money out of a guy living under a bridge," said Chuck Wacker, one of dozens of locals who invested in the Round House. "He was that good a promoter and a pitchman."

In all, authorities said, Sandler raked in investments totaling about \$1.9 million from more than 50 investors, all the while diverting their money for his personal expenses such as child care, rent and cars.

"He swindled an entire community," said Amanda Senn, deputy director of the Alabama Securities Commission.

In a series of exclusive telephone interviews from jail with The Associated Press, Sandler said he never intended to pull off a massive scam but greed got the best of him.

That could be, but this much is certain: Kyle Geoffrey Sandler, 43, grew up in Maryland and eventually got into promoting startup businesses online. A "serial entrepreneur," he formed the Round House as a launching pad for new tech companies in October 2014.

He said he'd settled in Opelika mainly because his wife, an Alabama native, wanted to move home. Opelika, the state's first "gig city" with a high-speed fiber-optic network, provided an incentive of free internet service worth about \$50,000, he said.

"I thought he had a good idea," Mayor Gary Fuller said.

The city also had attracted McAfee, who founded the corporate predecessor of computer security giant McAfee Inc. He noticed Sandler driving the Jaguar and the two struck up a relationship.

"He was displaying ostentatious wealth. It didn't seem like you needed to delve too deeply into it," McAfee said in a phone interview.

Aside from promoting his business, Sandler acted as a mentor for young local entrepreneurs. That's how he met Taylor Rosenthal, 13 at the time.

A baseball player for years, Taylor had a business idea born at the ballpark.

"Every time a kid got hurt, I would notice that a parent wouldn't be able to find just a Band-Aid, and I tried to come up with something in an eighth-grade class called the Young Entrepreneurs Academy," he said in a 2016 interview on CNN.

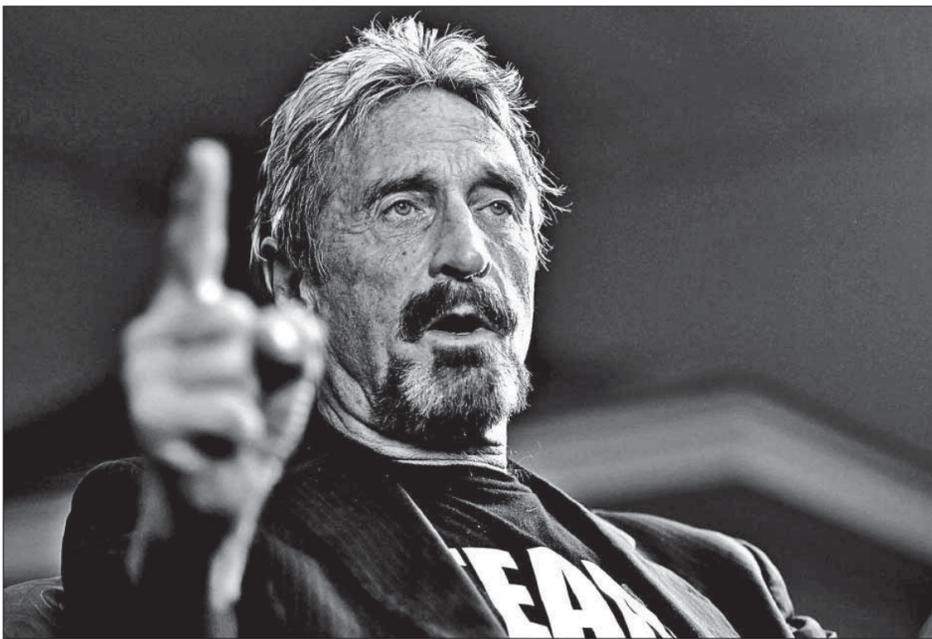
Taylor's initial plan for selling first-aid supplies morphed into a vending machine dispensing injury-specific products. A parent whose child skinned a knee could touch the screen and get cleaning wipes, ointment and a bandage.

Incorporation records show RecMed LLC formed on Dec. 1,



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Kyle Sandler poses for a photo at The Round House in Opelika, Ala., several months after he launched the business incubator in the small town.



TODD J. VAN EMST/OPELIKA-AUBURN NEWS

Internet security pioneer John McAfee's alliance with the Round House added credibility to Sandler's project.



BRAZOS COUNTY SHERIFF/AP
Kyle Sandler was arrested in Texas in June 2018.

2015, with Sandler as registered agent and Taylor and his parents as co-owners with a 70 percent stake. The company was based at the Round House. Sandler produced a promotional video featuring Taylor. An article in Inc. magazine named Taylor one of 20 teen entrepreneurs "set for success" in 2015.

Media coverage swelled, particularly when it came out that an undisclosed company had offered millions for RecMed. Sandler said he sent a news release after Taylor was selected to appear at TechCrunch Disrupt, a showcase for startups in New York. National media outlets lined up for interviews without doing much to verify the story.

"Now, what's this about you've got a \$30 million offer for your company. Is that for real?" Fox Business host Stuart Varney asked during a 2016 interview.

"Yes, it is," Taylor said, adding that a "major health care" company made the offer. He said he'd rejected it and was holding out for \$50 million. He told CNBC he wanted to buy a Bentley and have someone drive it for him.

To his family, it all seemed very real.

The boy's father, Terry Rosenthal, said in an email exchange with the AP that Sandler showed them a document indicating pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson was interested, and the family met with the company in June 2016.

Sandler presented a written purchase offer from another company, Rosenthal said, and showed them emails in which theme-park giant Six Flags expressed interest in purchasing 100 machines. A big payday seemed just around the bend.

With publicity mushrooming, Sandler and the Round House were hot commodities. The sign over the door proclaimed the operation "Alabama's fastest startup space." People were there every day, working on legitimate businesses.

"I loved Opelika, and they loved me," Sandler said.

McAfee decided to stage a quixotic campaign for president in 2016 and announced his bid at the Round House, with Sandler as a campaign adviser. McAfee said he didn't invest money in the Round House but spent "millions of dollars' worth" of time with Sandler.

A Bitcoin-mining company with ties to McAfee at the time, MGT Capital Investments, acquired a membership interest in the Round House in May 2016; Sandler said the company invested \$125,000 and provided another \$250,000 in stock bonuses.

Local investors bought in, too. Wacker, a retired Department of Veterans Affairs worker, said he met Sandler through Rotary Club.

"After a couple of months of him being around and talking to other people at Rotary who had invested with him, I sat down with my wife and said, 'Let's give this

guy some money,'" Wacker said. They put in about \$35,000, Wacker said, and helped fund a prototype of Taylor's vending machine.

Without warning, in mid-December 2016, the Round House closed. Days later, the Opelika-Auburn News quoted Sandler as saying the business had simply run out of money.

"I'm sorry for what happened to Opelika and Round House," he said at the time. "I lost control, and we ended where we're at."

That was only a sliver of the truth.

Before the shutdown, Sandler said in an interview, some investors uncovered his secret — he wasn't the person he portrayed himself to be — and confronted him. He never worked at Google, Sandler now admits, and he wasn't wealthy.

Sandler had arrests for theft, forgery and check fraud before he ever hit town. In 2010, he was convicted in Maryland and North Carolina of attempted theft and forgery but never went to prison.

Online reviews from his time as a wedding DJ in North Carolina complained about Sandler vanishing with money. Jocelyn Chidsey said Sandler pocketed a deposit of about \$250 for her wedding in 2009 and never showed.

"He became more unresponsive and just blew us off," she said.

At some point, Taylor Rosenthal's parents learned Sandler had lied to them to produce the story of the \$50 million deal the boy unwittingly told in interviews that boosted the Round House.

Although the family had, indeed, met with Johnson & Johnson, Terry Rosenthal said Sandler's supposed letter from the company expressing interest turned out to be a fake. So were the emails from Six Flags, he said.

Of all the people who lost money to Sandler, McAfee said,

the Rosenthals were hurt the worst.

"That was the most tragic of the things he did. He sucked in this 14-year-old boy. He used that kid viciously," said McAfee, who now lives on a boat in the Caribbean and tweets about another presidential bid while attempting to avoid federal prosecution for failing to pay taxes.

Sandler was arrested in Texas in June 2018, weeks after records show he and a young woman formed a startup media company in College Station with plans to sell as much as \$650 million in shares with a minimum investment of \$10,000.

In raising about \$1.9 million from Round House investors, Sandler issued stock certificates for twice as much as the incubator was worth, authorities said. A judge has ordered him to forfeit all the money. Sandler said his actual take may have been more, around \$2.1 million.

Sandler pleaded guilty to two federal charges of wire fraud and securities fraud in August. He also faces a theft charge in state court.

Neither investors nor the media checked his background or asked to see the books, Sandler said, and he began stealing as money rolled in. He admits to using others — particularly Taylor Rosenthal — in a massive swindle.

"Taylor is guilty of nothing. The only thing he did was get manipulated by me. I feel really bad about that," Sandler said.

Now a senior at Opelika High, Taylor hopes to attend business school this fall, according to a GoFundMe appeal created by his father for an event. People who know Taylor say his future is bright, and the vending machine idea could still pay off.

Sandler has asked to serve at least part of his sentence on home confinement so he can access a computer to make money with an internet-based business and repay his victims.

And he wants to do it in the most unlikely of places: Opelika.

"I hope they will have me back," he said.

On Thursday, Sandler appeared in federal court in Montgomery for a sentencing hearing. U.S. District Judge Keith Watkins said sentence guidelines indicate Sandler should spend between 63 to 78 months in prison.

Watkins delayed a sentencing decision to weigh whether Sandler would qualify for home confinement under "brand new" changes in federal sentencing law. Prosecutors objected to Sandler's request.

"Home confinement is not appropriate," Assistant U.S. Attorney Denise Simpson said. "If we do not impose a sentence of 63 months, it will not deter."

Four of Sandler's victims attended the court hearing. One of them, Wacker, implored the judge to hand down a stiff sentence.

"I urge you to sentence him to the maximum that you can," he said.

Rubbing authorities wrong way

Kraft case shows how authorities fight massage spas — and how they're losing

BY PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON — They're nestled amid bustling downtowns and tucked into non-descript strip malls across quiet suburbs. Brothels posing as massage parlors and Asian spas have been part of many American communities for decades, hidden in plain sight.

But the Florida prostitution sting that recently ensnared New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft is a reminder of the human trafficking and abuse taking place behind the darkened windows of many of these storefronts — and how challenging the problems are to address.



Kraft

The case also highlights how police and prosecutors use an increasingly broad range of approaches, including deeper investigations into wider criminal networks, crackdowns on online sites, where johns trade detailed sex reviews, and enforcement of stricter civil codes on the massage industry, anti-trafficking activists said.

"You're fighting against a multibillion-dollar industry that's very, very good at being strategic and keeping their business going," said Stephanie Clark, executive director at Amirah, a nonprofit that runs a safe house for women escaping sex trafficking in Massachusetts, where illegal massage parlors have proliferated. "They are always 10 steps ahead."

As many as 9,000 illegal massage parlors operate in more than 1,000 cities nationwide, fueling a roughly \$3 billion industry, according to the Polaris Project, a nonprofit that runs the National Human

Trafficking Hotline.

Most of the prostitutes are women from China and South Korea in their mid-30s to late 50s who have entered the country illegally, are in debt and are drawn into sex work through a combination of lies, threats and other forms of coercion, the organization said.

The massage parlor in Jupiter, Fla., where Kraft, a 77-year-old Massachusetts billionaire, was videotaped is typical of the model.

Tucked into a pedestrian strip mall in an affluent oceanside community, the Orchids of Asia Day Spa employed mostly Chinese immigrant women and was linked to at least nine other storefronts from Palm Beach to Orlando.

Authorities say the women averaged about 1,500 clients a year, were given no days off and were not allowed to leave the site, where many also lived. Palm Beach State Attorney Dave Aronberg described it as "modern-day slavery."

Eleven alleged owners and managers face a range of prostitution-related offenses. At least one, Lan Yun Ma, 49, of Orlando, faces human trafficking charges. Hundreds of male customers also face minor soliciting prostitution violations.

"We need to get beyond the whack-a-mole strategy of taking out one retail location at a time," said Bradley Myles, Polaris' CEO. "We need to see multi-state investigations that take a longer look, follow the money and build these organized crime cases."

Law enforcement officials in California, which is home to roughly a third of the nation's illegal massage



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People mill around Orchids of Asia Day Spa, which NFL owner Robert Kraft allegedly frequented, in Jupiter, Fla.



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Amirah's Stephanie Clark says sex traffickers "are always 10 steps ahead."

parlors, as well as jurisdictions in Minnesota, Utah and Washington are also landing similar large cases, Myles said.

In Massachusetts, about half of the more than 50 people charged under the state's 8-year-old anti-human trafficking law were involved in illegal massage businesses or residential brothels, according to state Attorney General Maura Healey's office.

But in New York, another hub of the illegal massage parlor industry, major busts involving sex traffickers remain frustratingly elusive,

said Chris Muller of Restore NYC, a nonprofit that works with immigrant sex trafficking survivors.

That comes despite police rolling out a new human trafficking strategy in 2017 promising to crack down on customers and pimps rather than sex workers. New York police did not provide arrest data or comment on why they did not appear to have made major arrests of traffickers.

A silver lining is that arrests of sex workers have dropped nearly 50 percent while the arrest of johns has spiked nearly 200 percent, according to Muller. Authorities are also helping connect more women with groups like Restore NYC that can help get them on a path to citizenship and break the grip of traffickers, who oftentimes hold their passports and immigration documents as collateral, he said.

New York is also among the places seeing growing support for decriminalizing

and even legalizing sex work, as is the case in parts of Nevada and Europe. But anti-trafficking groups and local officials appear focused, for now, on more attainable legislative goals.

Delaware and North Carolina, for example, recently classified massage parlors as health businesses, making them subject to regular inspections and other sanitation and safety requirements. Lawmakers in Illinois, New Jersey, Texas and a dozen other states are also weighing stricter regulations on the massage industry this year.

In Massachusetts, Healey backs proposed legislation to close a loophole that authorities say has allowed illegal spas to operate as unregulated "bodyworks" operations.

At the city and county level, codes limiting operating hours for massage parlors or banning features like buzzer-controlled front doors and back-door entrances have been used in

recent years to shutter hundreds of storefronts in parts of California. But officials acknowledge these local measures often just push the industry into neighboring communities without those requirements.

For former massage parlor sex worker Jasmine Grace Marino, the solution is simple: End the demand for paid sex.

The 38-year-old New Hampshire resident says she was forced to work for five years in her 20s by her then-boyfriend. She's since written a book about her experience and runs Bags of Hope, a Boston-based ministry that helps women who have been trafficked or are dealing with addiction or homelessness.

"Men need to have these conversations," Marino said. "Look at Robert Kraft. Even being billionaire and winning all those championships, he's still not satisfied and has to fill that need illegally. Something is broken in there for these men."

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A taste of Mexico at Mardi Gras

Immigrant krewe adds culture, tequila — and Frida — to parade in New Orleans

BY ADOLFO GUZMAN-LOPEZ
The Washington Post

In their 162-year history, Mardi Gras parades have included white New Orleanians satirizing British royalty, black New Orleanians satirizing those who satirize British royalty and an all-female group that throws decorated heels instead of beads.

This year, add a new group to the countless list that has paraded in the city: Mexican immigrants dressed as Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera paintings.

For immigrants, living in the city is both a source of joy and pain — a place with a rich history that's reminiscent of home, where exclusion and discrimination still linger.

But one Saturday in February, during a crowded carnival parade, about two dozen people took part in the signature celebration of their adopted town.

Krewe de Mayahuel, named after the Aztec goddess of agave (source of the alcoholic beverages pulque and tequila), paraded over two miles of the city's streets, the first Mardi Gras

krewe of its kind.

Roberto Carrillo, a 52-year-old native of Mexico City who has lived in New Orleans for 13 years, helped dream up Mayahuel.

"At some point, I remember saying, 'There is no Mexicans represented in the culture of New Orleans,'" Carrillo said. "Parading is the soul of New Orleans, you show the world what you think."

Eventually, Carrillo's desire to counter negative stereotypes of Mexicans in this city and elsewhere boiled over into creating the krewe. "We don't celebrate Cinco de Mayo, we don't drink margaritas, we don't eat burritos," he said. "All of that is mis-culture."

"Here we are, we're going nowhere, you may as well know us," Carrillo added.

Sandwiched between other marching krewes — as parading groups are called here — including the satirical Krewe du Jieus and a krewe of Brooklyn transplants, Mayahuel featured some creative interpretations of its chosen theme of Mexican artists Kahlo and Rivera. Celestino Bustos and his girlfriend, Anna McGowan of Jackson,



WILLIAM WIDMER/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The immigrant-led Krewe de Mayahuel makes its way through a February crowd of parade-goers in New Orleans.

Miss, dressed up as the 1939 painting "The Two Fridas." Bustos donned an ankle-length dress and sported a unibrow and makeup. Another marcher dressed as Kahlo in men's clothing.

The parade crowds adored the Fridas and

screamed her name as Krewe de Mayahuel rolled by.

The immigrants who make up the bulk of the krewe grew up in various parts of Mexico, from Ciudad Juarez to Monterrey to Mexico City.

Some have lived in New

Orleans for a few years, others for decades.

They're construction workers, doctoral students, engineers and architects.

Mayahuel's members aren't the first Latin American immigrants to parade (and the krewe includes other groups). Ten years ago, Antonio Garza, a native of Texas, formed Amigos de los Amigos, a krewe partly made up of Mexican-Americans like himself.

"Carnival is such a reflection of what's happening with society," said Rebecca Snedeker, executive director of the New Orleans Center for the Gulf South at Tulane University. "With the long, unfolding history of the city, there's been many groups of immigrants who have moved here and forged a response to carnival this time of year."

The Hispanic population in New Orleans grew by 40 percent, to 20,849, between 2000 and 2013, according to U.S. census data, with larger increases in neighboring areas. Most was due to increases in Mexican and Honduran immigrants.

While Krewe de Mayahuel joins other efforts to insert Latin American culture into New Orleans, Rosa Gomez-Herrin, a doctoral student in urban studies at the University of New Orle-

ans who grew up in Lima, Peru, says representation on policy-making bodies still eludes this immigrant community.

There are no Latinos on the city's seven-member school board. There is a Latina, Helena Moreno, on the City Council.

As Mayahuel paraded along packed neighborhood streets to the French Quarter, the cultural seemed to overlap with the political.

A parader, one of the Fridas, carried a sign in Spanish saying "Migration is natural."

Krewe members wore monarch butterflies, a symbol adopted by immigrant rights activists because the monarch migrates across North America without respect to borders.

Hours later, at the end of the route, Mayahuel's Fridas and Diegos dropped to the ground in exhaustion and drained the last drops of tequila out of numerous bottles.

The route ended near where Mexico's first indigenous president, Oaxaca native Benito Juarez, is believed to have lived when political infighting led to his exile here in the mid-1800s.

It's an example of how Mexico and New Orleans "are connected on so many levels," Bustos said.

Smoker makes one last plea in his obituary

Cancer victim writes: 'Life is good — don't let it go up in smoke'

BY LINDSEY BEVER
The Washington Post

Four days before he died, Geoffrey Turner turned to his daughter and asked for his laptop.

Sarah Huiest knew that her father had made preparations for his death, including writing his own obituary — a way, she said, for the 66-year-old to tell his own story in his own words.

Huiest said she had not yet read it — but it was time.

"I have something I want to show you," she said he told her.

Huiest said she thought it would be about "his world travels, work ventures and various accomplishments."

She said she never expected this: "I was an idiot who made the same stupid decision, day-after-day, multiple times per day. I was a smoker and even though I knew it may eventually kill me, I chose to deny the truth to myself. The pain and suffering I

caused my family was not worth the perceived 'satisfaction' that really did nothing more than waste money, separate me from my family, and eventually destroyed my body."

Huiest locked eyes on her father.

"I looked at him and said, 'It's so self-deprecating,'" she said in an email to The Washington Post. "He just shrugged his shoulders and said, 'It's all true.'"

Turner had smoked throughout his lifetime but never experienced serious health problems — not until

he got a case of bronchitis that would not go away, his daughter said. Then, in November 2018, she said, Turner was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer — a diagnosis his doctor attributed to smoking.

That same month, he wrote his obit. After an agonizing three months, Turner, 66, of Latham, N.Y., died Feb. 13. Days later, his obituary appeared in the Albany Times Union.

Turner, who worked in the computer business, wrote that during his life, "I did many good things,

helped lots of people, and even made a decent living."

"At 66 years old, I lived a decent life, but there are so many events and milestones I will not be able to share with my loved ones," he continued. "The moral of this story — don't be an idiot. If you're a smoker — quit — now — your life depends on it and those that you love depend upon your life."

He listed his survivors — his wife, his children, his grandchildren and his brother, who he said was "five and a half years older

than I am, and even though I never stood a chance, we competed at everything."

Then he gave them a message, a mantra to live by: "Remember, life is good — don't let it go up in smoke."

Sarah Huiest, 36, of Rexford, N.Y., said that though she and her mother "cut out a few things that were too over-the-top for us" before printing the obit, no one expected it to be seen by so many people.

It has been shared across social media and made headlines in national and international news.

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Sacramento: Police shooting of unarmed suspect justified

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The two Sacramento police officers whose fatal shooting of an unarmed black man last year prompted nationwide protests will not face criminal charges, prosecutors announced Saturday.

Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert said Officers Terrance Mercadal and Jared Robinet used lethal force lawfully. The officers have said they

thought Clark, a vandalism suspect, had a gun, but investigators found only a cellphone.

Schubert said the decision not to file charges against the officers "does not diminish in any way the tragedy, the anger and the frustration that we heard since the time of his death."

Clark's family filed a wrongful death lawsuit in January.

One of the officers is black; the other is white.

8 die in India-Pakistan fighting amid high tensions, officials say

SRINAGAR, India — Indian and Pakistani soldiers have again targeted each other's posts and villages along their volatile frontier in disputed Kashmir, killing six civilians and two Pakistani troops, officials said Saturday.

But in a sign that tensions between the nuclear-armed rivals could ease, a Pakistani Cabinet minister said train service between Pakistan and India would resume Monday.

Tensions have been running high since Indian aircraft crossed into Pakistan this past Tuesday, carrying out what India called a pre-emptive strike against militants blamed for a Feb. 14 suicide bombing in Indian-controlled Kashmir that killed 40 Indian troops. Pakistan retaliated, shooting down a fighter jet Wednesday and detaining its pilot, who was returned to India on Friday in a peace gesture.

French police: Memorial stone for razed synagogue vandalized

PARIS — French police are investigating after a memorial stone marking the site of a former synagogue destroyed by the Nazis was vandalized in the eastern city of Strasbourg.

The prefecture of the Bas-Rhin region said in a statement the memorial stone was discovered moved from its base Saturday.

Strasbourg Mayor Roland Ries denounced "a

new anti-Semitic act."

"Anti-Semitism undermines the values of the Republic," the prefecture said.

The monument commemorates a synagogue built in 1898 that was set on fire and razed to the ground by the Nazis in 1940.

Last month, about 80 gravestones were spray-painted with swastikas in a Jewish cemetery close to Strasbourg.



BULENT KILIC/GETTY-AFP

A suspected Islamic State fighter is searched Friday by members of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces. The U.S.-backed group is closing in on Baghouz, Syria.

U.S.-backed Syrian fighters advance against ISIS holdouts

OUTSIDE BAGHOUZ, Syria — The ground assault into the last area held by the Islamic State group intensified Saturday as U.S.-backed Syrian fighters made "remarkable progress" amid heavy clashes, including the capture of a hill overlooking a tent encampment for the extremists, officials with the Kurdish-led forces said.

The capture of the last pocket still held by Islamic State fighters in Baghouz village would mark the end of a devastating four-year global campaign to end the extremist group's hold on territory in Syria and Iraq — their so-called caliphate that at the height of the group's power in 2014 con-

trolled nearly a third of both Iraq and Syria.

Since the last push by the Syrian Democratic Forces began Friday night, the Kurdish-led force has been advancing slowly on two fronts as the extremists used snipers and booby traps to slow the push on the last area they control, SDF spokesman Mustafa Bali said.

He added that extremists tried to detonate a suicide car bomb against advancing fighters but the attempt failed.

Bali tweeted that "heavy clashes" were taking place in the area on the east bank of the Euphrates River. Later in the day, he tweeted that heavy fighting contin-

ued at outskirts of Baghouz, adding that "SDF made a remarkable progress since yesterday evening (and) recaptured many positions from ISIS."

The military campaign to uproot the militants from the eastern banks of the Euphrates began in September, pushing them down toward this last corner in the village of Baghouz, near the Iraqi border. The military operation was halted on Feb. 12 as the SDF said a large number of civilians and hostages were holed up in the territory, which sits atop caves and tunnels where they had been hiding.

"We expect it to be over soon," Bali said.

Dozens feared dead in Nigerian pipeline explosion

WARRI, Nigeria — More than 50 people are missing after a leaking oil pipeline exploded and caused a stampede in southern Nigeria, a local official said Saturday.

The blast Friday caused massive oil spillage in the Nembe kingdom in Bayelsa state, the Nembe Chiefs

Council spokesman, Chief Nengi James-Eriworio, told The Associated Press.

The Nembe trunk line is operated by the Port Harcourt-based Aiteo Group and carries crude to the Bonny export terminal. Aiteo had yet to comment on the explosion. It was not clear if the pipeline had

been shut down.

Nigerian oil companies usually assert that the majority of oil spills are caused by sabotage, theft and illegal refining. Hundreds of people have died in similar accidents as impoverished people risk their lives to collect fuel leaking from pipelines or trucks.

North Korea's leader leaves Vietnam after Trump talks

DONG DANG, Vietnam — Smiling and holding up his clasped hands in a victorious pose, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Saturday boarded his private train at the Vietnam-China border for a 60-plus-hour ride home, ending a trip to Vietnam that saw a summit breakdown with President Donald Trump.

He spent his last day in Hanoi laying wreaths at a war memorial and at the mausoleum of national hero Ho Chi Minh. At the border, he got out of his armored limousine and waved to a crowd cheering his departure.

Since Trump flew home to Washington, Kim has stepped into the spotlight, keen to show himself as a poised leader taking his rightful place on the international stage. He met Friday with President Nguyen Phu Trong, the country's top leader and Communist Party chief.

Beatles magazine: The Cuyahoga County Public Library in Ohio says a 1968 copy of Life magazine with the rock group on the cover has been returned by a borrower named Brian who apologized for stealing it as a kid. He sent \$100 to cover late fees, the library's cap. The normal fine of 10 cents a day would have topped \$1,800.

Sitcom actor: Nathaniel Taylor, best known for playing Rollo Lawson, the street-smart best friend of the son on the 1970s sitcom "Sanford and Son," died Wednesday at 80 in Los Angeles after a heart attack, his son Kaedi Taylor said Saturday. Taylor's character was the sidekick to Lamont Sanford, played by actor Demond Wilson.

As Brexit looms, 'preppers' stock up, ready for worst

U.K. officials brace for any potential trade disruptions

BY JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — For almost as long as Britain and the European Union have been wrangling over Brexit, Melvin Burton has been preparing for a bumpy landing.

He's growing vegetables, drying fruit and buying in bulk. He reels off the cornucopia of cans filling his shed and the cupboard under his stairs: "Tomato sauce, chopped tomatoes, corned beef, tuna, honey, baked beans, tins of ham. Cat food, of course, because I don't want them to go hungry."

"I started buying stuff about a year and a half ago," said the 45-year-old, who lives with his wife and 8-year-old son in a village near Cambridge in eastern England. "No one seemed to be accepting that there was a real problem."

Plenty of people think there is a problem now.

Britain is scheduled to leave the EU in less than a month, on March 29, but its departure terms are still unknown.

A U.K.-EU deal designed to ensure a smooth departure has been rejected by Britain's Parliament, and lawmakers are due to vote in mid-March on three starkly differing options: leave with a deal, leave without a deal or postpone Brexit.

Quitting the bloc without a deal would, overnight, bring tariffs, customs checks and other barriers between Britain and the EU, and could lead to gridlock to British ports.

U.K. officials and companies have been bracing for potential trade disruption by stockpiling everything from ice cream and chocolate cookies to medicines



Melvin Burton displays stored provisions in his garden shed Friday in Littleport, Cambridgeshire, England.

and body bags.

But the government still warned this week that British people and businesses are unprepared for the shock of a "no-deal" exit.

Britain imports almost a third of its food from the EU — even more during the early spring "hunger gap," when domestic crops have yet to be harvested and retailers rely on fresh produce from Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands and further afield.

Supermarket chief executives have warned the government that Britain's available storage space is full, and "even if there were more space it is impossible to stockpile fresh produce, such as salad leaves and fresh fruit."

The government says there will be severe disruption to freight across the English Channel and "reduced availability and choice of products," especially fresh fruit and vegetables, if Britain leaves the EU on March 29 without a divorce deal.

And it has warned that "there is a risk that consumer behavior could exacerbate, or create, shortages in this scenario."

Some people, like Burton, are taking no chances. He's a member of a Facebook group titled "48 Percent Preppers," with more

than 10,000 members. The name refers to the 48 percent of electors who voted to remain in the EU in Britain's 2016 referendum. "Remain" voters make up the bulk of Brexit hoarders; "leave" supporters are apt to dismiss warnings of food and medicine shortages as "Project Fear."

Members of the group and several similar online forums swap tips on what to buy and how to store it, whether to stock up on fuel and how to knit their own clothes. Others have seen a commercial opportunity. One company in northern England sells "Brexit boxes" containing freeze-dried food, a water filter and a fire-starter for almost \$400.

In London, seed importer Paolo Arrigo put together 12 months' worth of easy-to-grow seed packets — carrots, beans, lettuce, pumpkin, tomatoes — and labeled it a Brexit Vegetable Growing Survival Kit. He has sold hundreds in a few weeks.

"By sowing something each month, you can harvest something each month," said Arrigo, who runs his family's business, Seeds of Italy. "And that means that you've got a supply of fresh vegetables to feed your family in case there's any interruption in supplies."

OBITUARIES

ERIC HAMP 1920-2019

U. of C. linguist who studied how languages changed

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Eric Hamp, a professor of linguistics who taught at the University of Chicago for more than 40 years, was an expert in languages ranging from those with Indo-European roots like Albanian to Native American languages including Quileute and Ojibwa.

"He was a giant in our field," said Brian Joseph, professor of linguistics at Ohio State University, who met Hamp early in his career and considered him one of his intellectual mentors.

"He would be called an historical linguist," Joseph said. "He was interested in the history of individual languages and the way languages change."

"He had a remarkable command of dozens of languages and drew on that vast knowledge to develop ideas about the way languages changed in general ... and how various languages came to be the way they are."

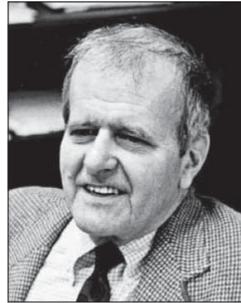
Hamp, 98, died of natural causes Feb. 17 in Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City, Mich., according to his daughter, Julijana Hamp Love. He and his wife, Margot, who survives him, moved to Traverse City from their longtime home in Chicago's Hyde Park in 2006.

Hamp, whose parents were British, was born in London in 1920. His father was with a shipping line, and a job move took the family to New Jersey when Hamp was 5 or 6 years old.

He got his undergraduate degree from Amherst College in Massachusetts in 1942, and at about the same time became a U.S. citizen and joined the Army. He left the service as a sergeant soon after the war ended and by 1947 was working on a master's degree in linguistics at Harvard University, where he later got a doctorate in the field. He was working on his doctorate in linguistics when he joined the University of Chicago as an instructor in 1950.

Former University of Chicago colleague Victor Friedman called Hamp "one of the greatest Indo-European linguists of the 20th and early 21st centuries ... a real master linguist." Friedman started graduate school at the University of Chicago in 1970 and said Hamp was a mentor for him there.

Indo-European languages include Germanic



UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Eric Hamp taught at the University of Chicago for more than 40 years.

languages, including English, as well as Romance and Slavic languages. Friedman, who was interviewed from Australia via Skype, described it as a huge family of languages that stretches from China to Portugal.

Friedman, the Andrew W. Mellon Distinguished Service professor emeritus in the humanities at U. of C., said some of Hamp's most significant contributions were in Celtic and Albanian linguistics — "Precisely because these are on the margins of Indo-European interests, and both of these branches contain precious remnants, precious data for reconstruction of Indo-European and the history of Indo-European languages."

Hamp's contributions to the field included over 3,000 publications, Friedman said. "Most of them very short but very important, very incisive. He could find some small detail in a language or a dialect and from that detail could reconstruct something with huge implications."

Another University of Chicago colleague, Michael Silverstein, said Hamp was the last survivor of a handful of colleagues who really resuscitated the field of linguistics at the university. "That was a lasting contribution because the department and the field flourished here at the University of Chicago," said Silverstein, Charles F. Grey Distinguished Service professor at the university.

Hamp was chair of the Department of Linguistics from 1966 to 1969, and was director for the Center for Balkan and Slavic Studies from 1965 to 1991, Silverstein said. The center sometimes drew visiting delegations of linguists, some from what was then the Soviet bloc. During their visits, the Hampes would entertain, and Margot Hamp would take them on a shopping trip to what

was then the Marshall Field's department store for goods they couldn't get at home. "I suspect one of the reasons for the constant flow of delegations to the Slavic Center was actually Marshall Field's," Silverstein said.

Silverstein remembered one other slightly less academic side of Hamp. Once a year, around Valentine's Day, linguists in the department would receive an elaborate invitation, often a poem, to a party at the Hamp home.

For the gathered linguists, the party food was always open-faced tongue sandwiches, served with water cress on black bread. "It was (always) a marvelous party," Silverstein said.

Hamp, who served a term as president of the Linguistic Society of America, continued to do important research and writing on languages long after his 1991 retirement. He was tireless in his research and his field work.

Brian Joseph noted Hamp's special interest in Albanian. When it was hard to get permission to travel to Albania, Hamp continued his research on the language by visiting villages in Greece and southern Italy where Albanian was spoken. Joseph said Hamp visited hundreds of such villages, compiling word lists, verb information and noun forms. "He had a grasp of outlying Albanian dialects gathered by field work," Joseph said.

Hamp's contributions to understanding of the Albanian language was recognized in 2012 around the time of his 92nd birthday when Posta Shqiptare, the national postal service of Albania, issued a stamp in a series commemorating three foreign Albanologists. Hamp was the only living Albanologist recognized, according to the University of Chicago.

Hamp continued to publish conclusions from his work until about three years ago.

"Throughout his whole life, his focus was languages and his work," his daughter said. "He felt he had this internal mission."

In addition to his wife and daughter, Hamp is survived by his son, Alex; and six grandchildren.

Plans are being made for a spring celebration of Hamp's life on the campus of the University of Chicago.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.



China's "social credit" system is part of a government effort to use technology such as data processing, genetic sequencing and facial recognition to tighten control.

Have an unpaid fine in China? Then buying a flight won't fly.

BY JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — Skipped paying a fine in China? Then forget about buying an airline ticket.

Would-be air travelers were blocked from buying tickets 17.5 million times last year for "social credit" offenses including unpaid taxes and fines under a controversial system the ruling Communist Party says will improve public behavior.

Others were barred 5.5 million times from buying train tickets, according to the National Public Credit Information Center. In an annual report, it said 128 people were blocked from leaving China due to unpaid taxes.

The ruling party says "social credit" penalties and rewards will improve order in a fast-changing society after three decades of economic reform have shaken up social structures. Markets are rife with counterfeit goods and fraud. The system is part of efforts by President Xi Jinping's government to use technology ranging from data processing to genetic sequenc-

ing and facial recognition to tighten control.

Authorities have experimented with "social credit" since 2014 in areas across China. Points are deducted for breaking the law or, in some areas, offenses as minor as walking a dog without a leash.

Human rights activists say "social credit" is too rigid and might unfairly label people as untrustworthy without telling them they have lost status or how to restore it.

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence criticized it in October as "an Orwellian system premised on controlling virtually every facet of human life."

The ruling party wants a nationwide system by 2020 but has yet to say how it will operate. Possible penalties include restrictions on travel, business and access to education. A slogan repeated in state media says, "Once you lose trust, you will face restrictions everywhere."

Companies on the blacklist can lose government contracts or access to bank loans or be barred from issuing bonds or importing goods.

Offenses penalized under "social credit" last year included false advertising or violating drug safety rules, the government information center said. Individuals were blocked 290,000 times from taking senior management jobs or acting as a company's legal representative.

Since the launch of such "joint punishment," the system has caused 3.5 million people to "voluntarily fulfill their legal obligations," the Information Center said. It said that included 37 people who paid a total of \$22 million in overdue fines.

The report gave no details of how many people live in areas with "social credit" systems.

"Social credit" is one facet of efforts by the ruling party to take advantage of increased computing power, artificial intelligence and other technology to track and control the Chinese public.

The police ministry launched an initiative dubbed "Golden Shield" in 2000 to build a nationwide digital network to track individuals.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 3 ...

In 1706 composer Johann Pachelbel, best remembered for his "Canon in D," died in Nuremberg, Germany; he was 52.

In 1791 Congress passed the nation's first tax law, which imposed a levy on spirits distilled in the United States.

In 1831 George Pullman, the Chicago railroad-car

magnate, was born in Brocton, N.Y.

In 1847, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 1849 Congress created the Minnesota Territory.

In 1887 Anne Mansfield Sullivan arrived at the Alabama home of Capt. and Mrs. Arthur Keller to become the teacher of their

blind and deaf 6-year-old daughter, Helen.

In 1931 "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States.

In 1945 the U.S. and Canadian armies linked up as the German army went into full retreat along the Rhine River in World War II.

In 1991 in a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

In 1993 Dr. Albert Sabin, the inventor of the oral polio vaccine, died in Washington; he was 86.

In 1998 Larry Doby, the first black player in the American League, was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

In 1999 the Supreme Court ruled that public schools had to finance one-on-one nursing care for some disabled students throughout the school day.

In 2002 voters in Switzerland approved joining the United Nations, abandoning almost 200 years of formal neutrality.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
March 2	
Powerball	27 68 25 19 1 / 21
Powerball jackpot	\$348M
Lotto	03 12 22 25 28 29 / 12
Lotto jackpot	\$11.5M
Pick 3 midday	336 / 0
Pick 4 midday	7566 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday	03 10 22 23 24
Pick 3 evening	826 / 0
Pick 4 evening	2394 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto evening	04 31 33 34 42
March 1	
Mega Millions	29 33 39 60 66 / 21
Mega Millions jackpot	\$267M
Pick 3 midday	624 / 9
Pick 4 midday	2136 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday	17 27 29 31 39
Pick 3 evening	524 / 6
Pick 4 evening	4289 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	08 11 22 43 45
March 5 Mega Millions	\$40M

INDIANA	
March 2	
Lotto	4 30 31 38 44 46
Daily 3 midday	238 / 5
Daily 4 midday	8708 / 5
Daily 3 evening	220 / 2
Daily 4 evening	43902 / 2
Cash 5	8 10 12 29 35
March 2	
Lotto	02 03 13 15 31 46
Daily 3 midday	599
Daily 4 midday	9086
Daily 3 evening	600
Daily 4 evening	7528
Fantasy 5	07 09 19 38 39
Keno	12 17 22 25 26 29
	31 33 34 38 50 51 53 54
	57 60 62 64 66 73 75 76
March 2	
Megabucks	03 13 16 18 27 37
Pick 3	742
Pick 4	3333
Badger 5	02 03 12 13 24
SuperCash	09 17 28 29 33 37

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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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In Memoriam

Margaret Freeman (Enright)

Happy Birthday, Mom. You are missed by all and you are loved by all. Your loving son, Ed.
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Death Notices

Angsten, Henry "Bud"

Henry "Bud" Angsten, 94, passed away on February 17, 2019 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Nancy Lady Angsten. He has 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Henry was born in Michigan City, Indiana; grew up in Oak Park, Illinois; graduated from Fenwick High School; and attended Cornell University before joining the Navy as a pilot and serving in World War II. After returning from service he graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Henry went on to become President and Chairman of the Board of the Corey Steel Company in Cicero, Illinois. After retirement, he and his wife settled in Stuart, Florida.

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Argento, August 'AUGIE'

August 'AUGIE' Argento, died on February 26, 2019 at the age of 89 surrounded by his family. Augie was born in Chicago but settled in Melrose Park which he always considered to be the greatest town in the world. Augie joined the Melrose Park Police Department in 1960 and enjoyed his colorful career until an injury forced his retirement in 1987. Augie was a sportsman that loved to fish and hunt. With his unique ability to make anyone a friend, Augie truly lived his life to the fullest.

Augie was married for 61 years to Irma (Berg) who died in 2007. He is survived by his beloved children, Robert (Toni) Argento, Vincent (Dolores) Argento, and Annette (Michael) Szczasny, as well as his 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A daughter, Patti Lynn, and a brother Salvatore predeceased Augie. A private memorial service will be held by the family in Squaw Lake MN in July. Memorial donations in memory of Augie may be made to Niska Memorial Cemetery, c/o Kathy Carlson 6100 3rd Ave South Minneapolis, MN 55419 or to the charity of your choice.
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Bays, Joan (Schlenvogt)

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Berbari, Evelyn

Evelyn Citron Berbari, nee Floom, age 91, beloved wife of the late Paul Citron and the late Seymour Berbari; loving mother of Audrey (Craig) Marshak, Mark (Cheryl) Citron, and Robert (Caryn) Citron; dear stepmother of Jerry Berbari; adored grandmother of Michael, Brianna, and Juliet. Service Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to Hadassah Chicago-North Shore or JourneyCare Hospice. The family will observe kosher dietary laws. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Bodenhagen, Geraldine 'Gerry'

nee Bordenaro, age 86, of Homer Glen passed away on February 19, 2019. Happily married for almost 61 years to Kenneth Bodenhagen. Loving mother of Karin (George Simatovich), Janet (Greg) Pappas, William (Wanda) Bodenhagen, and Ken (Anna) Bodenhagen. Cherished grandmother of Gregory, Brooke, Michael, Nicolette, and Jessica. Dear sister of Ronald (Suzanne) Bordenaro and the late Margaret (the late Leonard) Giuliano. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews, caring cousin, and fond lifelong friend of many. She will always be remembered for her wonderful cooking, sense of humor, and the great love for her adored grandchildren. Family and friends to gather Saturday, April 27, 2019; visitation 9:30 am, funeral mass 10:30 am at St Bernard Catholic Church, 13030 W. 143rd Street, Homer Glen, Illinois.
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Bonet, Arlene M.

Arlene M. Bonet (nee Pellegrini), age 88, a Naperville, IL resident 1995-2012, formerly of Chicago's Roseland and Mount Greenwood neighborhoods, died Friday, March 1, 2019. She was born December 8, 1930 in Chicago, IL. Arlene had a 40 year career in nursing at Roseland Community Hospital and Northwestern Memorial Hospital, both in Chicago and Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL. Visitation Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 3:00-8:00 PM at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville. Funeral services and interment are private. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Bosenbecker, Bruce Ladd

Bruce Ladd Bosenbecker passed into the arms of the Lord, Feb. 22, 2019, after a heroic battle with cancer. Loving son of Raymond Bosenbecker Sr. and Margaret (nee Raible). Beloved brother of Raymond (Donna) Jr., Don (Marilyn) and William (Jean). Loving cousin to many, lifelong friend of Bill and Janine Jordak, dearest uncle to Jennifer, Mary, Raymond III (deceased), and Anne and great uncle to Sam, Kate, Jon, Ray and Harry.

Bruce was a retired Customer Service Representative for United Airlines and served in the Army Corps of Engineers in Vietnam. He touched many lives in Chicago, St. Louis, and around the world. In Bruce's honor, please THANK the VA, veterans, doctors, nurses and support staff at your local hospitals and hospice centers. We are grateful for the excellent services from St. Luke's, BJC, Evelyn's House, Brookdale and Briarcrest. Graveside Service at Maryhill Catholic Cemetery Niles, Illinois on March 16, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. A service of the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.
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Boyer, Carol Jean

Carol Jean Boyer, 75, of Chicago's North Center neighborhood, longtime cashier at Jewel Food Stores on Lincoln Ave., passed away peacefully February 27, 2019. Beloved mother of Michael (fiancée Beth Poshepny), Kimberly Boyer, and James (Amy) Boyer. Dear friend and neighbor of Marcella Bloodworth. Preceded in death by parents Leo Franczvai and Mildred Brown Franczvai, brother Robert (Linda) Franczvai, and husband Douglas Jon Boyer. Carol always put others first and will be deeply missed. Memorial gathering Sunday March 10, 1-6pm, (prayers 4pm) at Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center, 6471 N. Northwest Highway (1 bl N of Devon/Harlem), Chicago, 60631. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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Breen, Michael K. 'Mickey'

Michael "Mickey" K. Breen, age 69, passed away on February 27, 2019 after a courageous battle against melanoma. He is survived by his love Barbara, by his children, Kevin, Peter (April), Ryan (Melissa) Breen and Katie (Richard) Dieker, and by his grandchildren, Patrick, Anna Fay and Brayden. He was also the dear brother of Terrence (Patricia), Mark (Barbara), John (Beverly) and Gerard Breen and uncle of many loving nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Grace Breen. Mike was a partner in the landscaping firm Rosborough Partners from which he developed many friendships. He had a passion for gardens and was very well respected and loved for his work in this area. He was also an avid bicyclist, kayaker, hiker and fisherman; he loved the outdoors and he loved life. He resided in Kenosha, WI, after living most of his life in Illinois. Visitation will be held Friday, March 8 from 10 am until time of the Mass at 11 am at St. Mark's Church, 7117 14th Avenue, Kenosha, WI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Miles for Melanoma (sponsor runner Katie Dieker) www.melanoma.org or St. Mark's Church Building Fund, 7117 14th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53143. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Briggs, David H.

David H. Briggs, 93, of Willowbrook, longtime resident of Clarendon Hills. Retired teacher/Chair of English Dept at Lyons Township and Riverside Brookfield High Schools. Loving and caring son, husband, father and friend, and a generous spirit. For full obituary, please see dupagecremations.com.
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Byrne, Joanne M.

Joanne M. Byrne (nee Brongel), 84, of Clarendon Hills passed away February 28, 2019. Preceded in death by her darling husband of 50 years, Thomas. Loving mother of James (Lisa), Barbara (Thomas Behnke), Kathleen, Michael (Georgia), beloved grandmother of Patrick, David (Sarah), and Matthew (Araina) Byrne, Nicole Behnke and Jonathan Byrne, very special great-grandmother of Austin and Mary Grace Byrne. Treasured sister-in-law of John, David and Mary Byrne and adored by her caregiver Chi Chi. Funeral Monday, March 4, 2019 at 9am from Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien, IL. Mass 10am. Interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Sunday, March 3, 2019 2-6pm. For info call 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com. In lieu of flowers, donations to Love Christian Clearing House (www.love-cc.org) would be greatly appreciated. Joanne was a dedicated volunteer at Love for over 10 years.
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Campbell, Michael Kevin

Michael Kevin Campbell. Beloved son of Elayne, nee Huebner and Kevin (Wendy) Campbell. Loving brother of Rebecca (James) Riba, Elizabeth (Jason) Connelly and Matthew (Brianna) Campbell. Special uncle to Olivia, James, Joseph, Jason and Baby Campbell. Nephew, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Monday, March 4th, 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS / GAMBONEY & SON DIRECTORS 6938 W. North Ave. (three blocks east of Harlem) Chicago. Funeral Tuesday, 8:45 a.m. at the Funeral Home for prayers at 9:30 a.m. to St. Celestine Church in Elmwood Park for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Final committal service will be private. info: 708/848-6661
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Carson, Judith Covey

Judith Covey Carson of Skokie died on January 6, 2019. She was born in Minneapolis on May 15, 1948. She is survived by her husband Tom and two children, Nora and Dan. She received a Ph.D. from Brown University and worked for many years as a software designer/architect. Visitation Saturday, March 16, 2019, 1:00 p.m. until time of her memorial service 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3627 Golf Road, Evanston, Illinois 60203. For more information, please visit www.donnellan-funeral.com or call (847) 675-1990

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Condic Jr., Mark A.

Son of the late Marko and Tona; husband of the late Mary (nee Aranza); beloved father of Mark (Lorraine), John (Lena), Susan (Dan) Sandra, Nancy (Howard), the late Matthew, and the late Luke (Sheila), Peter (Mila), Paul and Mary Ann; dear brother to the late John (Dorothy), Sr. Bernadine, Joseph (Delores), and Olivia; he is survived by his brothers Peter and Simon, and his sister Rosanda (the late Kenneth) Swift. Mark was a grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and friend to many and will be missed by all. Visitation March 9, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. prior to the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church located at 2823 S. Princeton Ave Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls. For Info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonfuneralhome.com
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Connelly, Ernest A.

Ernest A. Connelly, 90, of Morton Grove, beloved husband of Agnes; loving father of Margarite (Jonathan) Primozich Loew, Johnnie (Sharon) Mitchell, and Gary (MaryKay) Mitchell; dear papa of Zachary, Vanessa, and Jacob Loew, and Melissa (Bill) Waddle, and Janel (Dan) Daczewitz; cherished great grandfather of 7; fond brother of the late Katherine, Paul, Margaret, Eugene, John, and Glenn. Memorial mass at St. Martha Church 8523 Georgiana Ave. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to Honor Flight Chicago 9701 W. Higgins Rd. Ste. 310 Rosemont, IL 60018 appreciated. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500

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Cook, Gladys S.

Gladys S. Cook (nee Wloszek) of Lisle, passed away on Wednesday, February 27th, to join her devoted husband, the late John A. Cook, Sr. Gladys, 93, was the seventh daughter of Sophie & Frank Wloszek. Surviving Gladys are her four children, Janet (Richard) Wilmoth; John A.; Donald (Tracey); and Daniel. Proud grandmother of five: Jannine and Jori Wilmoth;

Heather (Cook) Bland; Carla (Fiancée Robbie Aoukar) and D.J. (Victoria) Cook and great-grandmother of Aliana Bland. Favorite scrabble partner of La Verne Cook, niece. Raised in the Back of the Yards, Gladys lived in Lisle for 65 years. She worked for Rexnord as an assembler for 32 years and then volunteered at Good Samaritan Hospital for 25 years. An avid reader and loved to crochet. Her kindness and humor belied Gladys' strong-will and protective nature with her famous glare--the "Cook look". A visitation will be held on Sunday, March 3, from 3-8pm at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home (5015 Lincoln Ave. Lisle, IL). A Funeral will be held on Monday, March 4, 11am prayers from the Funeral Home to an 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church (820 Division St. Lisle, IL Corner of Kingston & Front St). Interment Lisle Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) would be appreciated. For more info call 630-964-9392.

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Cook, Sr. Eugene J. 'Joe'

Cook, Sr. Eugene "Joe", age 71, Veteran USN, Vietnam Conflict. Beloved husband of Diana M. "Candy" nee Sabala. Loving father of Louis J. (Mary), Eugene J., Jr. (Corina), Connie M. Maizer, David J., Sr. (Jodi), Eric J., Sr. (Michelle) Jason J. (Monica), & Alex E. (Sandra) Moreno. Dear grandfather of 15. Fond brother of William Powers, Elfine Howell-Hansen (late Frank Howell & George Hansen), Constance Weeks & the late Richard (Joanna). Uncle & great-uncle of many nieces & nephews. Life member & service officer of Rhine VFW Post # 2729, 35 year employee of Roadway Express, member & steward of Teamster Union #710. Funeral Service Tuesday, March 5, 10:00 a.m. at the New Life Community Church-Midway, 5101 S. Keeler Avenue, Chicago (Parking & entrance to church on east side of Keeler). Visitation Monday 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. & Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at New Life Community Church-Midway. Interment Private. Info: 773-767-9788. Arrangements by Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services. Online tributes www.parksidechapels.com

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Curto, Jane Ann

Jane Ann Curto, 92, of Burr Ridge, IL died February 14, 2019 at The Birches Assisted Living in Clarendon Hills, IL, where she was a founding partner in 1999.

Born July 21, 1926 at Hinsdale (IL) Hospital, to Irene and Dr. Kenneth Nichols, Jane Ann spent her life living in and around her hometown of La Grange, Illinois, and was a lifetime member of the LaGrange First United Methodist Church.

A 1944 graduate of Lyons Township High School, she was especially proud that both of her sons and one of her grandsons were also LTHS graduates. Starting at DePauw University during WWII and then finishing her bachelor's degree in 1948 at National College of Education (now National Lewis University), Jane Ann taught second grade in Riverside for several years and later in life, taught English as a second language.

Jane Ann loved art, both as an engaged viewer and an occasional painter. She was a member of the La Grange Art League, where she recalled taking lessons from Charles Vickery. For many years, she combined her interests in art and education by acting as a "picture lady" for local elementary schools.

On July 6, 1949- her parents' wedding anniversary - Jane Ann married the love of her life, William P. Curto, of Chicago, who predeceased her in 1987. Though Jane Ann and Bill had many things in common, they were happiest in the Keweenaw in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where all four of their parents had been born and raised and later spent their summers. As Jane Ann and Bill had done as children, they spent their summers in their beloved Eagle Harbor, where they later provided their own sons with an immersion in the natural world of lakes and forests.

Jane Ann was a fastidious homemaker and an attentive, devoted and outspoken mother to her sons and grandsons. An avid reader, her favorite books were historical fiction, especially books about American history. She was also a generous giver, supporting causes that she was passionate about, particularly education. Widowed for more than 31 years, she became strongly independent while preserving her deep devotion to her heritage.

Jane Ann is survived by her two sons James Kenneth (Mary) and Jeffrey Nicholls (Mary Pat) and three grandsons, William, Griffith and Luca, and two great-grandchildren, Henry and Charlotte.

Interment will occur in the summer at Lake View Cemetery in Calumet, Michigan.
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See Demetra Futris notice.

Driscoll, Maureen K. '(nee Kelley)'

Maureen passed away surrounded by family on February 21, 2019, in Jupiter, FL. Previously of Chicago, IL, she was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Mary Jane Kelley, her husband of 25 years Tom Driscoll, and her son Thomas E. Kleist. She is survived by her son Tim Kleist (Lisa Palermi), son Kelley Kleist (Amy), and daughter Katie (Tom) Rothery. Grandmother of 12, great-grandmother of 3. Member of Amer. Legion Post 271 and Fraternal Order of Eagles. Remembrance at 11:30 a.m. with a Memorial Mass at 12:00 p.m. on Sat., March 9 at St. John Fisher Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw, Chicago
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Fargo, Stephen S.

Stephen S. Fargo of Chicago, IL, passed away on Sunday, February 17. He was 68. Beloved son of Sondra Fargo and the late Dan Fargo; brother of David, Jonathan, and Sarah; uncle of Ellen, Paul, Andy, and Chris Fargo; stepbrother of Kim Baksh Half and Rhea Baksh Marro.

A longtime resident of York House, a Thresholds home in Chicago's Rogers Park, Steve was an accomplished pianist, arranger, and composer, regularly playing selections from his classical and contemporary repertoire at York House and the First United Methodist Church in Evanston. He also loved playing guitar, painting, drawing, singing, calligraphy, and photography.

Steve was a graduate of the North Shore Country Day School and the American Conservatory of Music. Music was his primary passion and sharing it with others was his life's mission fulfilled.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00pm at the First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 516 Church Street, Evanston, IL 60201. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Autism Speaks at autismspeaks.org. Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.

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Fay, Mary Virginia

Mary Virginia Fay, 88, of McHenry, IL, passed away

February 27, 2019. Wife of the late Donald. Mother of Mary (the late Howard) Conkling and the late Michael (Phyllis) Fay. Sister in-law of Donald Minucciani. Sister of the late Theodore Francoeur, the late Edward Francoeur and the late Dorothy Minucciani. Grandmother of Emily (Benjamin) Wiltsch and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 9:30AM to 11:00AM, St. Patrick "little church", 991 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest IL, 60045 with Funeral Mass at 11:00AM. Burial Private info: Wenban Funeral Home (847)234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

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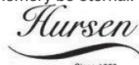
Forsythe, Roy James

Roy James Forsythe, age 86, a resident of North Aurora, IL, passed away March 2, 2019 at Hines VA Medical Center. Visitation will be Thursday, March 7, 3:00-9:00 PM at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville and Friday, March 8, 10:00-10:30 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1500 Brookdale Rd., Naperville. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 AM. Interment will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com for a complete obituary.

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Futris, Demetra

Demetra Futris (nee Psychogios) 96, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2019 surrounded by her family. She was a graduate of Wright Junior College, a tireless worker for the Plato PTA, a deeply faithful Orthodox Christian, and selfless caregiver to her mother, father and husband. Dee was the beloved wife and partner of 63 years of the late George C. Futris; loving mother of Valerie (Dean) Dranias, Dean (Denise) and Peter (Marcey); proud grandmother of Patrick (Jamie) Dranias, Lauren, Logan (Maleigha), Dana, Ashley, Katie (Logan) Voelker; doting great-grandmother of Skyler, Brody and Griffin Dranias; devoted sister of the late Gus (Mary) and the late Angelo (the late Kay) Psychogios; much-loved daughter of the late Peter and Petruia Psychogios. Visitation Monday at 9:30 a.m. with the funeral service to follow at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Road, Westchester, IL; private interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to the above church or Orthodox Christian Mission Center, 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086 would be greatly appreciated. May her memory be eternal.

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Gallagher, Olga

Olga Gallagher nee Ingers, of Huntley IL. Born in Chicago, she passed away February 21, 2019 at the age of 99. Olga was the beloved wife of the late William C. Gallagher (2002); loving mother of Winifred M. Lindquist and William J. Gallagher; dear grandmother of Noelle (Dan) Tiberi, Christopher (Theresa) Gallagher, Meghan (Michael) Leuzzi, John, Kevin (Maryanne) Lindquist, Karen (Dave) Stout, Christine (Chris) Porter and cherished great grandmother of 24. Olga is preceded in death by 10 siblings. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m. at Grove Memorial Chapel, 1199 S. Arlington Heights Road, Elk Grove Village. Private inurnment at Queen of Heaven Cem. Contributions in Olga's memory may be made to a charity of your choice. For more info, 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com
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Gassmann, Leonard

Leonard Peter Gassmann, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at the Golden age of 90. Loving Son of the Late Leonard and the Late Helen nee McLoughlan Gassmann. Beloved Husband of Maria (nee Vazquez). Loving Father of Leonard (Catherine) Gassmann III, Elaine Craig, Kathleen (the Late Gerald) Johnson, the Late Raymond (Lynne) Gassmann, Mary Lou Marinelli, Robert (Jan) Gassmann, Michael (DeeDee) Gassmann, Nancy Cherry, the Late Patrick Gassmann and John (Alice) Gassman. Dear Brother of the Late Margaret (the Late William) Murtha, the Late Catherine (the Late George) Valesh, the Late Evelyn (the Late Raymond) Nykel, and the Late James Bowles. Fond Grandfather of 13 and Great Grandfather of 23. Dear Uncle and Great Uncle to many. Family and Friends are to gather for the Visitation and Funeral on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 directly at Sacred Heart Church, 815 North 15th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois 60160 for a brief Visitation from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial to immediately be celebrated promptly at 10:30 a.m. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Russo's Hillside Chapels. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Leonard's personal tribute website at www.russosillsidechapels.com and sign his guestbook. Please Omit Flowers.



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Grainge, William

William S. Grainge December 20, 1923-February 19, 2019
Preceded in death by his wife of 50 years Londa Grainge, his son William H. Grainge and his daughter Carol Fortune. He is survived by his beloved best friend of 25 years, Elaine Warren, daughters Cristine Lieb (John) and Catherine Steiner (Michael), step-daughters Victoria Warren and Shelly Fitzgerald grandchildren Raschel Muse (Riley), Mike Fortune (Cassie), Sara VanDeBerg (Paul), Josh Lieb, John Steiner (Jennifer) and Sofia Warren, great grandchildren Asher and Kate Muse, Anna, Isaac and Eli VanDeBerg, Ellery and Esben Steiner and Chance and Dash Fortune. He was a World War II Marine veteran and was beloved by family and all who knew him.



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Hanke, Richard M.

Richard M. Hanke, age 88; beloved husband of Doris nee Escutia; dear brother of James (Liza), the late Dolores (Robert) Palicka and the late Edward (Linda); brother-in-law of Robert (Diane) Escutia and Richard (Linda) Escutia; fond uncle of Rebecca, Kevin, Kristin, David, Robert, Ronald, Mary Ann, Richard, Michael, Anthony, Benjamin and Kara; Visitation Tuesday, March 5th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 8404 Cass Ave., Darien from 9:00 A.M. until time of Mass at 11:30 A.M. Ent. Queen of Heaven Christ the King Garden Mausoleum. Arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home** - 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.
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Harper, Patricia P. 'Trish'

Patricia P. "Trish" Harper, age 86 of Venice, FL, formerly of Chicago Heights, IL, died peacefully on Saturday, February 23, 2019.
Beloved wife of the late William Harper of 53 years. Loving mother of Jane (Paul) Sarmiento, William (Kellie Webber), Robert (Loretta), and Patrick. Loving grandmother to Jonathan, Claire and Matthew.
Dear sister to the late Jane (late Henry) Noonan. Sister-in-law to the late John (Patricia) Harper and the late Matthew and Marguerite Harper.
Beloved aunt to her nieces and nephews. Dear friend to many.
Trish was a graduate of St. Philip Neri Grammar School and St. Thomas Aquinas High School. She attended Colorado College and LSU, graduating with a degree in Business Administration. She received her teaching degree from Lewis University. She taught business classes at Bloom High School and Prairie State College. For 20 years, Trish worked as a corporate trainer at Amoco training the executive assistants and had the opportunity to travel to multiple Amoco sites, including Egypt.
Trish was a very generous friend and loved an adventure, often taking her children to museums and family/friends to the Warren Dunes. The ultimate entertainer, Trish loved to cook for family and friends, serving her award winning recipes.
Trish retired to Venice, FL and became a Docent at Spanish Pointe in Osprey, FL conducting historical tours of the grounds. In their retirement, Trish and Bill traveled extensively throughout Europe, South America, and Russia.
A Celebration of Life Mass will be Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 10 AM at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1891 Kaneville Rd., Geneva, IL.
Private burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Northwestern Neurology Research and Education Fund <https://tinyurl.com/y3fke5kk>
For information 630-232-8233 or www.malonefh.com.



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Hendricks, Kenneth Hugh

Kenneth Hugh Hendricks, 84, of Elgin, IL passed away at home unexpectedly on February 20, 2019. Ken was born March 29, 1934 in Chicago, IL. He was the third of four children born to Louis Hendricks and Marie (Wheeler) Hendricks. On October 14, 1955, he married Virginia Mirek, and they enjoyed 63 years of marriage, the source of his greatest happiness. He is survived by three siblings, James (Julia) Hendricks, Patrick (Irene) Hendricks, and Colleen (the late Theodore) Gorski; his five children, Jacqueline (John) Petrakis, Kimberly (Jay) Urbain, Kenneth (Lori) Hendricks, Mary (Dan) Hendricks-Harris, and Jennifer (Michael) Winger; and 29 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ken was preceded in death by his wife Virginia, his parents, and a variety of other family members and dear friends he considered family. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army. Throughout the course of his life, he was active in serving others and parish activities. He was noted for leading daily grace before meals, concluding with "Thank God for Family", a tradition his children continue. Ken loved his family, sharing a good meal and a good drink with family and friends, reading an hour or more each day, and the Cubs and Bears. A private funeral was held at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, where Ken and Virginia were active parishioners. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654 or www.catholiccharities.net/donate. Laird Funeral Home, Elgin, is assisting the family. 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com.
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Holcomb, Shirley R.

Shirley R. Holcomb nee Kellerman, 94. Beloved wife of the late Sam D. Holcomb. Devoted mother of Adie (Fred) Gilties, Susan (Dr. Howard) Katz and Judy (Leigh) Rosenberg. Proud grandmother of Megan (David) Bossov, Amy (Dr. Adam) Kessler, Jessica (Rabbi Jeremy) Fine, Jordan (Jennifer) Katz, Adam Katz, Lois (Alan) Mellovitz, David, Carl, Natalie and Claire Rosenberg and the late Molly Louise Rosenberg. Adoring great grandmother of Jonny and Zach Bossov, Annie and Trudy Fine, Maddy and Sloane Katz, Eli, Lola and Gabriel Kessler and the late Gideon Kessler. Dear sister of the late Paula (the late Irwin) Freedkin. Service Sunday 2PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals** Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (one block north of Lake Cook Road), Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom. Memorials in her memory to Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, 29 E. Madison St., Chicago, IL 60602, www.fidf.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjfiinfo.com

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Hooker, Joan

Joan (Shalek) Hooker, 92, of Oak Park passed away on February 9, 2019. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Dr. and Mrs. Victor Shalek. A self-proclaimed "maverick," Joan lived an extraordinary life full of good health, family, friends, and love. She was an avid gardener who loved the outdoors and staying active. Joan was loved by all who knew her and will be remembered especially for her positive outlook on life and the kindness and respect she showed to everyone she met. She was a thoughtful, intelligent, and charming person with an unbounded amount of patience, love and generosity. Joan will be missed every day, and her legacy will live on through those she leaves behind. Joan is survived by three children: Terrence Stone of Berwyn; Marc (Renee) Fontana of Carpentersville; Kimberly Kordat of Brookfield; seven loving grandchildren and five great grandchildren who will miss her dearly. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to the American Stroke Association. A Celebration of Joan's Life will be held at Unity of Oak Park, 405 N. Euclid Ave., Oak Park, IL, on Saturday, April 6, at 11:00 a.m.
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Iwanowski, Isabel 'Liz'

Isabel "Liz" Gibson Iwanowski, age 76, of Lombard. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving sister of Guy Gibson, Ralph Gibson, Martha Gibson McGinnis and the late John "Woody" Gibson. Cherished aunt of Rebekah Lazar, Michelle Gibson, Jenell Smith, Adam McGinnis, Robert Gibson, and Tim Gibson. Visitation will be held Friday, March 8th from 8:30 AM until time of prayers at 9:30 AM from **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St, Lombard to Sacred Heart Church, 114 S. Elizabeth, Lombard for 10 AM Mass. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or call 888-629-0094.
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Jacobs, Marcia G.

Marcia G. Jacobs, nee Glaser, age 80, of Scottsdale, AZ, formerly of Deerfield and Buffalo Grove; founder of Michelle's Clothing Boutique in Highland Park; beloved wife of the late Kenneth Jacobs; cherished partner of Ted Kuller and the Kuller Family; loving mother of Michelle (Dave) Schumer, Marty (Simon Pearce) Jacobs, and Rob (Kathy) Jacobs; adored grandma of Allison (Noah), Stefan, Adam (Kelly), Andrew and Abigail; proud Gigi of Dresden, Ethan, and Jacob; dear sister of Ann (Larry) Newmann; devoted canine soulmate of Archie; treasured aunt and special friend to so many. Marcia had such a generous heart and sparkling spirit that touched us all and will live on in our memories. Memorial Service Sunday, March 10th, 1:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Chicago Botanic Gardens, www.chicagobotanic.org, please designate the donation to the Garden Bench Memorial in the name of Marcia Jacobs. The family will be receiving condolences immediately following the service, and on Monday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. For further condolence information: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.
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Janic, Mary Helen

Mary Helen Janic (nee Semple), Loved, admired and respected wife to the late Theodore (Ted); dearly loved mom to Catherine (Rob) Graettinger, Margaret (Bill) O'Neill and Jim Janic; kind grandma to Liam O'Neill and Caroline and Natalie Graettinger and fond aunt to many, passed away peacefully on February 24, 2019. Mary was a woman with a love of travel, live theater, word puzzles, math, unfussy people and justice. She loved learning and was a gifted student and graduate of Fenger High School in Chicago (1952), and a Phi Beta Kappa at Thornton Community College, where she earned an Associate's Degree in Accounting. Mary enjoyed her family and numerous close friendships, and took great pride in her work, as a legal secretary, as a Realtor, and as a Revenue Officer with the Internal Revenue Service, where she was awarded numerous commendations for her skillful resolution of highly complex cases. As a loving mom, Mary volunteered with the PTA, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Always one to look forward, Mary believed in the inherent value of all people, advocated for a more peaceful and just world, and supported numerous charities. She will be remembered as a remarkable woman who lived a full and meaningful life, and she will be missed. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church Choir 2019 Trip to England, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston, IL 60202 or PING! (www.PINGOPRF.org). A memorial service to Celebrate her life will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston at 11:00 am, on Saturday, April 13, 2019.
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Jedd, Dolores M. 'Dee'

Dolores M. "Dee" Jedd. Beloved daughter of the late Anton and Mary Jedrejczak. Loving sister of the late Victoria, Elizabeth, Irene (the late Stanley), Gertrude (the late Joseph), Eleanor (the late Elmer), Leonard (Dolores), Robert and Eugene. Cherished aunt, great aunt and great-great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Best friend of caregiver, Eileen. Faithful friend of many. Family and friends will meet Saturday, March 9th, at St. Thecla Church, 6725 W. Devon Ave. Chicago for memorial visitation from 10:00 AM until time of Memorial Mass at 10:30 AM. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Alzheimers Association, 225 Michigan Ave. 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601. www.alz.org. 800-622-8358



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John, Rosch

John L. Rosch, age 70 of Kenosha, died on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at Grande Prairie Health & Rehab Center. Born in Chicago, IL on August 19, 1948, he was the son of John J. and Adele J. (Novak) Rosch. He attended schools in Chicago. He is survived by his two sons, John and Michael; his brother, Louis (Nora) Rosch; his nieces, Cara (Alex) Biholar, Lauren Rosch, Alyssa Rosch and Stacy (Darrell) Watkins; his cousins, Cheryl (Len) Wiatr, Pam Mosk and Steven (Greg) Krol; and his special friends, Alice and Clayton. In accordance with John's wishes, private funeral services will be held. **Piasecki-Althaus Funeral Home & Cremation Services** 3720 39th Avenue Kenosha, Wisconsin 53144 262-658-4101 Online Condolences at www.piasecki-althaus.com
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Kalwa, Richard W.

Richard W. Kalwa, 71, Feb. 21, 2019; Uncle to Michael J. (Donna), Brian J., and the late Tom P. (Kim) Connolly. Teacher and Artist. Richard earned his Ph.D., at Cornell, teaching at LSU and the Univ. of Wisc. at Racine. He then joined Chapman and Cutler, LLP. Richard loved walking and lived a life of the mind. He loved philosophy and painting the human figure. **Lakeview Funeral Home** 773.472.6300 www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com



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Kec, Robert G.

89, of Frankfort formerly of Chicago, passed away Thursday, February 28, 2019. Loving husband of Mary (Svec); beloved father of Kathy (Dan) Sarhage, late Robert Kec, late Tim (Kathy) Kec, Chris (Laura) Kec and Ruth Kec; dearest brother of Carol Kec and late Joan (Robert) Zogata; proud grandfather of many and great grandfather of 7. Robert was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Korea and a member of the VFW and was a Sheet Metal Worker for Local #73. A visitation will be held at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort IL 60423 on Sunday March 3, 2019 from 2-8 PM. Funeral services Monday, March 4, 2019 prayers in the funeral home chapel at 9:30 AM leaving for St. Anthony Catholic Church for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated. www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225 for info.
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Knowland, Virgil Ellis

Virgil Ellis Knowland, 77, of Palatine, IL and Nokomis, FL, born March 3, 1941, passed away February 28, 2019 surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Dorothy, nee Bilik for 56 years. Proud father of Patricia Knowland, Gary (Lori) Knowland, Karen (Matt Golin) Knowland. Loving brother of Marianna (Carl) Woodall and brother-in-law of Gwen

Jacobs, Col. Robert (the late Lorri) Bilik, Edward (Mary) Bilik, Stanley (Natalie) Bilik and the late Sharon Bilik. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter Pamela. He was the co-founder of High-Life Products, Inc. and was a former member of the Shriners Big Wheel Unit. In lieu of flowers, donations to Shriners Hospital for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707. Visitation Monday, March 4, 2019 from 3-9pm at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Funeral Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:30am from the funeral home to St. Theresa Church for Mass at 10:00am. Interment private. For funeral information 847-359-8020 or visit Virgil's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Lang, Marian

Marian Lang nee Kahles, passed away at home on February 28, 2019. Beloved wife of the late George Lang Sr., mother of the late George Lang Jr. (Mary Beth), Richard (Leslie), Jerry (Judy), grandmother of seven, great grandmother of ten. Marian was a devoted Catholic, former president of the Catholic Women's Club and a CCD teacher for many years. She also was very involved in the church's Renew Group. Marian, or "Shrimp" as her oldest friends referred to her, was a lover of life, and all its wonders and quirks. She was a voracious reader, loved to travel, and was an avid camper. One of her many great joys in life was to have George Sr. burn a hot dog or a marshmallow over an open camp fire. Yeah, she loved them burnt. She never met a coffee cake she didn't like and enjoyed her glass of wine every day, which may or may not have anything to do with her living past her 101st birthday. She also had the worst taste in wallpaper. Ever. She was loved by her many friends, and adored by her family. She will be greatly missed. Visitation Sunday 3pm until 8pm at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL Funeral Monday 9:15am to Our Lady of Ransom for 10:00am mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Funeral info 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Legittino, Joanie

Joanie Legittino, 63. Indomitable and graceful single-mother of John Legittino. Niece of renowned Chicago maestro Stanley Paul. Loving sister of the late Sandy Glog. Beautiful daughter of the late Raelene and the late Howard Mittelman. Formerly married to John Legittino. Friend of nearly everyone she met - old and young. Service Monday 11 AM at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Road Chicago, IL 60660. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of a monetary donation, please consider becoming an organ donor - thanks to our donor Joel's remarkable generosity and gift of liver and kidney. Joanie lived seven additional years. Arrangements by **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847.256.5700.

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Lemker, Margaret M.

Margaret M. Lemker 86 of Des Plaines. At Peace with Christ on Friday, February 22, 2019. Beloved wife of John. Dear sister of the late William (the late Anni) Moore. Fond aunt of Walter (Debra), James, Stephan, Tom (Annie) Moore, Thomas Jr. (Michelle), Michael (Licia), James (Kathleen) and Kevin Fox. Loving sister in law of Margaret (the late Thomas) Fox and Mary Ellen Lemker. Great aunt and great great aunt to many. Visitation Sunday from 2:00 to 7:00 P.M. at Cumberland Chapels (FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS) 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Services Begin: Monday 8:45 A.M. at the Funeral Home and will proceed to St. Mary's Church, Des Plaines. Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M., Interment All Saints Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers Memorial to the Union League Boy's and Girls Club or Envision Unlimited appreciated. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708/ 456-8300

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Lindquist, Charles David

Charles Lindquist passed away peacefully on Feb 25th, 2019 in Sun City, Arizona. An amazing grandfather, father, brother, uncle, son and friend. Survivors include Tiffany, Jim, Lisa, Jamie, and 5 grandchildren. Forever in our hearts! RIP. A celebration of life will be held in Illinois at a later date. Details will be posted to Legacy.com

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Lysy, Dr. Anton P. 'Tony'

Sept. 2, 1942 - Feb. 13, 2019

After a three-month battle with sepsis, Tony Lysy passed away peacefully in Tucson, AZ, with his longtime partner, Diane Smith, by his side. For many years, he was Dean of Studies at the Theosophical Society in America in Wheaton, IL, taught summer classes at Far Horizons in Kings Canyon National Park, CA, lectured nationally, and wrote for Quest magazine. He was also an important contributor to the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions. His many students and friends will remember his great intellect, wisdom, and sense of humor. And all those who loved him will treasure memories of his incredible generosity of spirit. He leaves behind his son, Austin Lysy (Chicago) who was the pride of his life, his sister, Marianne Oort-Lissy (Wassenaar, The Netherlands), and his nephews, Marc, Maarten, and Tigger, and their families. Funeral arrangements were private. Hold gently the memories with peace and love in your heart. To leave a condolence or to share a memory please visit www.vistosofh.com

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Ma, Ivy

Ivy Ma, loving mother of Tanya (Robert) Schlusser & Timothy (Jennifer Renz) Tickle. Dear grandmother of Beatrix. Fond sister of Ulysses (Karen) Ma. Services Private. Arrangements by **Giancola Funeral & Cremation** 800.975.4321 www.giancolafuneral.com

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Maier, Patricia Ann 'Pat'

Patricia A. Maier (nee Vietmeier), 85, of Lombard, IL, formerly of Hot Springs Village, AR, Northbrook, IL and Neenah, WI, at eternal peace on February 25, 2019. Pat's life as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend is to be celebrated as a full life, lived well, caring for others, devoted always to God. After growing up in Toledo, OH and graduating from Bowling Green State University where she was a proud member of the Delta Gamma Sorority, she began her career as a teacher until staying home to raise her ever-grateful family. She was a talented and accomplished seamstress and we will fondly remember the many hours Mom spent in her sewing room. Her unwavering faith led her to a life lived according to God's will, giving generously of herself through her charity work. Pat is survived by her husband of 61 years, Bill, their children Tripp (Lori), Mary (Bob), Molly (Kevin), Tim (Tracy), Mike (Kristi), and Terry (Holly), grandchildren Bobby, Annie (Matt), Molly (Ben), Julia (Ryan), Erin, Billy, Sam, Emily, Mark, Charlie, Ellie, Harry, Will, Max and Samantha, great-grandchildren Patrick, Eli, and Jane, and sister, Marti. Welcoming her to join them at last are her parents, in-laws, sisters, brothers-in-law, and nephews. She was blessed with many friends, some still with us and others with whom she is now rejoicing. To honor Pat's memory, donations may be made to Potter's Clay Ministries, 110 Crescent Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901. Pat's service will be on Monday, March 11th, at 10:30am, at Christ the King Church at 1501 South Main St., Lombard, IL, 60148.

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Marlene, Hensrud

Marlene Hensrud passed away on February 22, 2019 at the age of 82 years due to complications from surgery. She was born in Mossbank, Saskatchewan, Canada on May 27th 1936. She led a very active life including serving in the Canadian Air Force for 7 years before moving to the U.S. She worked for Zenith Electronics and retired from there in 1988. Marlene was a big hockey and baseball fan and an avid volunteer in retirement, especially for Northern Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity, Hosanna Lutheran Church and the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association.

She is survived by her brother George and sister Irene White (Eddie) plus many nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews and her close friend Ruth 'Brien. She was preceded in death by her brothers Melvin, Carl and Darrell and her sister Shirley.

Donations in Marlene's memory can be made to the Northern Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity in Elgin, Hosanna Lutheran Church in St. Charles and Western DuPage Special Recreation Association.

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MAZANEC, ALICE

Alice Mazanec, 91 of Lexington Square, Lombard and formerly a 53 year resident of Riverside passed away February 27, 2019. Devoted wife of the late Frank A.; dear sister of the late Ruth Bloom; beloved aunt of Cathy (Paul) Skrip, Cyndy Jirsa, David (Susan) Bloom, Jeff Bloom, Kent (Tona) Mortensen and Nancy (Fred) Volgamore. Alice was a former employee at Berwyn National Bank and a bookkeeper for California Manufacturing Co. in Chicago. She was an avid traveler, bowler, pinocle player, Cubs fan and did beautiful counted cross stitching. Visitation Wednesday March 6, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. till time of services at 10:30 a.m. at **Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home** 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside. Entombment Woodlawn Mausoleum. Funeral info 708-447-2261 or www.moravecek.com.

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McAnaney, Shirley

Shirley McAnaney, age 90, of Northbrook passed away peacefully February 20, 2019. Raised on a farm with 14 brothers and sisters, life in Browerville, MN instilled in her a work ethic she carried the rest of her life. Shirley worked nearly everyday until her 87th birthday - most recently at Sunset Foods in Northbrook. Whether it was taking care of her grandchildren or making delicious meals for family and friends, she was happiest when she was working and involved. Loving mother of Judy (late Joe Warrner), Gary (Dawn), adored grandmother of Kate, Nick, Ali and Quinn and great grandmother of 6. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, in 1975. Visitation on March 9 at 9:30-10:30 with a mass following at Our Lady of the Brook, 3700 Dundee Rd., Northbrook, IL. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Adolorata Villa, 555 McHenry Rd, Wheeling, IL 60090.

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Medins, Gunars O.

Gunars Medins MD, MS, FACS
Born: Riga Latvia, Sept 21, 1924
Died: Gainesville, GA, Feb 11, 2019
Gunars Medins MD, 94, passed away peacefully at Bell Minor in Gainesville, GA, after a short illness. He was the son of the noted Latvian composer/conductor, Janis Medins, and operatic alto

Olga Medins. He studied medicine and received his MD at Marburg University in Germany. He furthered his studies in thoracic and cardiac surgery at West Suburban Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Medins did seminal research work at Northwestern University on cooling the body to facilitate connection to the heart lung machine. He practiced surgery in the U.S. Panama Canal Zone, American Samoa, Pakistan, Palau, Caroline Islands, and the Congo. He also had private practice in Kailua Kona, Hawaii.

Dr. Medins is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carol Medins, and children Peter (Becky) Medins, Lisa Tatiana Medins, Juliette Pardue, Gunars Medins Jr., Christian (Carol) Medins, John (Sandra) Medins, Maria Medins, and many grandchildren. He was preceded by his parents and his beloved aunt Hortencia Klavins, and uncle Peter Klavins. Services to be held at a later date.

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Mohr, Joan

Joan Marie Mohr, nee Geist, passed away on February 26th, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Mohr. Dear mother of Robert (Dina), Thomas (Elizabeth Cunningham) and the late Brian (Carol) Mohr. Loving grandmother of Austin (Angela), Evan, Brendan and Colin Mohr. Sister of Clifford (Lorraine) Geist. Joan was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and a music lover. She was involved in the USO, where she met the love of her life Robert, at an organized dance. Her passion for dancing and her family will forever be remembered by those she left behind. Funeral services will be held at a later date. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Joan's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Mongello, Nadene

Nadene Mongello, 83, originally of Chicago, IL passed away quietly in Prescott, AZ on February 21, 2019. She is survived by her daughters Tinamarie Newman, Michele Mongello, her son Anthony Mongello, sons-in-law Frank Newman and Luc Bernard, sister-in-law Audrey Mongello, and loving nieces, nephews, and godchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Pasquale and daughter Patricia. Nadene or "Mickey" as she was known by many had a 3F foundation to life...Family, Friends and Fun. She traveled extensively, and her love of music had her always singing and dancing. Her last wishes were for all who loved her to gather and share the wonderful stories that made them smile, as bringing laughter to all that met her was her goal each and every day. She is already missed. Memorial visitation at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 111 S. Cass Ave., Westmont, IL on Friday, March 29, 2019 at 9:30 am until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00 am. Inurnment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) appreciated. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Morgenthaler, Jill

Jill E. Morgenthaler age 64 of Mt. Prospect. Beloved wife of Kerry Chambers; loving mother of Neal Warren Chambers and Jamie Joyce Chambers; fond sister of Terry Morgenthaler (Patrick Kerins), Jeffrey (Donna) Morgenthaler and Sharon Morgenthaler; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Colonel (Ret.) with 30 years military service in the U. S. Army. Professional

international speaker, leadership expert and the author of "The Courage to Take Command: Leadership Lessons from a Military Trailblazer." Visitation Friday March 8, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1095 E. Thacker, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Funeral Service Saturday March 9, 10:30 a.m. at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Moss, Nancy J.

Nancy J. Moss, 80, formerly of LaGrange, IL died Wednesday, February 20, 2019 following a long illness. She was born May 10, 1938 in Chicago, a daughter of Bill and Mary Louise Moss. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Dohn H. Mehlenbacher. Her career was spent in communications and public relations. She is survived by a niece, Erin M. Lally and a nephew, Timothy M. Lally, both of Henderson, NV. Memorial and Interment services will be held on Saturday, March 9th, 10 am, in the chapel at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 S. Wolf Rd, Hillside, IL 60162.

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Murphy, Daniel T.

Daniel T. Murphy, 69, passed away Feb. 19, 2019. Brother of James, John, and Anne (Don) Dewald. Dear uncle of Meredith, James and Michael. Preceded in death by his sister Mary Lynne, father James R. and mother Virginia Milroy Murphy. A graduate of Loyola Academy and the University of Dayton he was a sole proprietor the last 25 years. His quick wit and smile will be greatly missed. Visitation Saturday March 9, 9:30 am until time of funeral mass 10am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St, Glenview. Private interment at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joan of Arc School, 9245 N. Lawndale Ave, Evanston, IL 60203. Funeral Information 847-998-1020.

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Myszka, John H. "Jack"

John H. Myszka "Jack", age 85; beloved husband of Marie nee Curcio; loving father of Scott (the late Nancy) (Susan) Myszka, John (Jane) Myszka, Cindy (Stephan) Blandin, Karen (Jim) Jones and Kristi (Mickey) Lawson; proud grandfather of Eric (Amber), Adam (Kristen), Ashley (Chris), Jack, Elly, Michael (fiancee Maya), Lindsey, Alex, Casey, Max, Nicky, Avery, Holly and Emmett; cherished great grandfather of Heather, Jay and Mark; dearest brother of two and uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Funeral Monday 10:45 AM to St. Juliana Church for mass at 11:30 AM. Interment Maryhill cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Juliana, St. Vincent DePaul Society. Funeral info: 847-966-7302

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Napolitano, Kathleen Lynn

Kathleen Lynn Napolitano, Loving wife of Salvatore Napolitano, Beloved mother of Brian (Valerie), Jason (Erin), Steven (Tami) Napolitano, Cherished grandmother of Brooke, Nathan, Luca and Milo Napolitano. Funeral 9:15 a.m. Thursday from Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 p.m. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Oatess, Franklin

Franklin was born on December 11, 1945 and passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Franklin was a resident of Illinois at the time of passing. Born and raised in Ohio, Frank attended Cathedral Latin High School and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton, where he met his adoring wife, Karin, a student at nearby St. Elizabeth School of Nursing. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in his name to: Respiratory Health Association, 1440 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60607 Guardian Angel Basset Rescue 108 E. Main Street Post Office Box 288 Dwight, Illinois 60420 The family also extends its deepest thanks to the terrific doctors, nurses, University of Chicago medical students, and other staff at North Shore University Hospital, Evanston, who provided exceptional and compassionate care. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

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Orlowski, Ozzie 'Richard Joseph'

Ozzie "Richard Joseph" Orlowski, 92, of Glenview, passed away February 26, 2019. Beloved husband for 58 years of the late Valerie nee Greschner; loving father of Ralph (Mary), Ron, Rick (Donna), and Rob Orlowski; cherished grandfather of Matthew, Sarah, Maggie, Sandy, Carly, Nick, Angelia and Jake; proud great grandfather of 4; dear brother of the late Eleanore (late Chuck) Wikarski, late George (late Lee) Orlowski and late Hank (Peggy) Orlowski; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Mr. Orlowski was a Veteran of WWII serving in the US Army and was the recipient of two Bronze Stars. He was also a proud member of the Niles VFW and avid golfer. Visitation will be held Sunday, March 10 from 2 to 6 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Funeral Mass will be held Monday, March 11 at 10:30 am at St. Catherine Laboure Church, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hines VA, 5000 5th Ave., Hines, IL 60141 or DAV (Disabled American Veterans), PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Owens, Joseph

Joseph C. Owens departed, "the world [which] is too much with us," peacefully on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at Alden Estates in Jefferson, Wisconsin at the age of 100. Born March 31, 1918 in Chicago, Illinois, he was the last surviving sibling of ten. He married Ellen Foran in 1948 who predeceased him in 1954 and remarried Ellen Phelan Halloran in 1963. The father of four children, Joseph F. Owens, Mary E. Shirley (deceased), Mary M. O'Connell, and Sarah J. Jacobs; he is survived by 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Joe "Red" Owens was an outstanding scholar-athlete at Leo High School in Chicago. After playing in two legendary City Championship games at Soldier's Field, he attended college on a football scholarship at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Following graduation from college cum laude, he obtained his law degree from Northwestern University Law School in 1944 and was a practicing "Chicago Loop" lawyer for over 60 years. He was a long-time member of the Logan Square Lions Club and instrumental in the formation of multiple charitable organizations.

A funeral mass will be celebrated March 9, 2019 at St. Petronille Catholic Church, 420 Glenwood Ave., Glen Ellyn at 10:30 AM, followed by private interment. No wake or formal visitation. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a Catholic charity of your choice would be appreciated. A Celebration of Life Memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn. Arrangements handled by the Leonard Memorial Home, Glen Ellyn. Service info (630) 469-0032.

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Paulson, Daniel Lloyd

Daniel Paulson, 94 of Winona, MN passed peacefully Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019. Dan was born in Isabel, S.D. Sept. 2, 1924, one of 8 children of Nels and Charlotte (Green) Paulson. Dan grew up in Isabel where he developed an appreciation for gardening, farming and the environment. Dan served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He moved to Chicago to study, work and raise a family. He graduated from Loyola University Chicago.

Dan was an avid reader and a crossword puzzle wizard. He did extensive genealogical research and traveled the world discovering his roots. He enjoyed raising flowers in his greenhouse. He volunteered helping the disadvantaged and promoting adult literacy.

He is survived by his sons Timothy, Michael, Patrick and Kevin, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Anne of Winona, 1347 West Broadway Street, Winona, MN 55987.

Special thanks to St. Anne's of Winona staff who embraced Dan as a member of their extended family and provided loving care to the moment of his death.

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Peiffer, David P.

David J. Peiffer, 57, a life-long resident of Evanston, died February 15th. He was born in Evanston in 1962. He is survived by his mother Mary Peiffer and sisters Susan Meyer (late Matthew Meyer) and Nancy Peiffer and two brothers Steven Peiffer and brother Mark (Kristene) Peiffer. He also was uncle to three nieces and two nephews. His memorial service will be held this summer. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Foundation or YMCA of Evanston.

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PETERS, LORRAINE L.

LORRAINE L. PETERS, (nee Beck), beloved wife of the late Edward J. Peters, D.N.; loving mother of David & Celine (Brian) Pfund; dearest grandmother of Nicole (Michael) Kaleta, Ryan & Megan; dear sister of June (late Jerry) McBride, late Walter (late Cecelia) Beck, late Edward (late Peggy) Beck, late Donald Beck, late Donna (Richard) Gawron & late Carl Beck; fond aunt & great aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. at **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.** 8999 S. Archer Avenue, Willow Springs. Funeral Thursday, March 7, 2019, 9 a.m. from the funeral home to the Church of St. Daniel the Prophet. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. (708) 839.8999 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com.



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Phillips, LaVerne L.

LaVerne died peacefully at her home in Largo, FL on Sat., Feb. 16 after a long illness. She was surrounded by family. Laverne was born in Chicago, IL on October 4, 1930. She was adopted by Dr. Vernon Leech and his first wife, Helena Van Alstyne. Dr. Leech married Miriam Green in 1938, and they raised LaVerne. Goldie Allen Proctor, LaVerne's birth mother, reconnected with her in 1996 and they remained in touch until Goldie's death in 2005. She attended public schools in Evanston, IL and received a B.A. degree from Western College, Oxford, OH. She earned a Master of Education degree from National College of Education in Evanston, IL after which she taught kindergarten for two years in Park Ridge, IL. Parents of her students introduced her to James Ellis Phillips, a widower with three children. They were married July 30, 1955. Jim died in 2009. LaVerne was a "stay-at-home" mom, active in several organizations - Presbyterian Church, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and National Conference of Christians and Jews. In the late 1960s, she and Jim focused their volunteer work on the Institute of Cultural Affairs, the global organization concerned with the human factor in world development. For fourteen years, they traveled the world, teaching seminars, and participating in community reformulation consults. They became permanent residents of Florida in 1985 where LaVerne became involved with the "arts scene." She was a member of Studio 1212 (an artists' cooperative), a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society as of 2005, and the International Society of Acrylic Painters. An award-winning artist, her paintings are in many private collections. LaVerne has said, "Making art is a lot like everyday life. One takes what one is given and makes something of it. The important part is the creating. Sometimes the magic works, and sometimes it doesn't. The joy is in the 'becoming.' I love making art! It nourishes my soul and releases endorphins of well-being."

She is survived by her four children - Jane (Bill), Jeff (Lois), Nancy (Tom), and Scott (Monica), seven grandchildren - Jon (Ellen), Brad (Christy), Andy (Linda), Adam, Margaret, Charlie and Tony, and eight great grandchildren - Henry, Cora, Michael, Simon, Sam, Elaina, Isla and Mark. A memorial service celebrating LaVerne's life (and according to her wishes) will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 17 at Studio 1212, 1405 Cleveland St., Clearwater, FL 33755. A later celebration will take place at Paw Paw Lake, Watervliet, MI, on July 2 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of LaVerne can be made to Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760 or to Studio 1212.

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Ptak, Lorraine G.

Lorraine G. Ptak nee Maciejewski, 94, beloved wife of the late Sylvester Ptak; loving mother of Kimberly (Timothy) Rooney and the late Constance Ptak; dear grandmother of Timothy (Joy), Michael and Matthew Rooney; loving great grandmother of Hannah Lorraine Rooney; fond sister of the late Esther (late Edward) Wolak and late Harry (late Marianne) Maciejewski; aunt of many nieces and nephews and dear friend of Kathy Pantekovski. Visitation Monday, March 4th. from 9 A.M. until 11 A.M. at St. John of the Cross Church. 5005 S. Wolf Rd. Western Springs, IL with a funeral mass beginning at 11:15 A.M. Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude's Children Hospital appreciated. For additional information, call Suburban Family Funeral Home at 708-652-1116 or visit www.Suburbanfamilyfh.com.

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Remien, Charles J. "Jack"

C. Jack Remien, Jr. died on Feb. 22, 2019, in Plymouth, MN, leaving his beloved wife, Eunice and two step-children Pam Laventure and Mark Haagensen. Jack was born in Chicago on Sept. 1, 1942, the son of C. Jack and Charlotte Connery Remien. He is survived by his sister Carol Hunsicker (Larry), his step-brother Patrick McNulty (Betsy Collins), and Marguerite Cleary McNulty Remien, his cherished step-mother of 55 years. Memorials preferred to Eagle Brook Church-Wayzata Campus Building Campaign (One by One) <https://eaglebrookchurch.com/one-by-one/>

Condolences to: **David Lee Funeral Home** Wayzata 952-473-5577 www.davidlee-funeralhome.com

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Reuter, Joseph T.

Joseph T. Reuter. Beloved son of the late August Joseph and Fearn G. nee Lemming. Loving brother of Margaret Reuter, Christine (James) Farrell and Virginia Reuter. Dear uncle of Nellie O'Malley, Colleen McHugh and great-uncle of Hazel, Aurelia, Finnegan and Declan. Joseph was a retired employee of Northwest Airline, Fourth Degree-Knights of Columbus, member of IRM, Illinois Railway Museum and CERA, Central Electric Railfans Association. Friends and family to meet for a Funeral Mass, Tuesday, March 5, 10 a.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Church, 140 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Richards, Herbert 'Herbie'

Herbert Richards, 88, passed away on March 1, 2019. He was born in Chicago, IL on May 7, 1930 to Thomas and Marie (nee Duddy) Richards. He was the loving husband to the late Brigid; loving father to Mike, Noreen (Jon Grand) Richards, and the late Jim Richards; loving brother to late Leo, Jim Richards and Kathryn Goliniewicz; Favorite uncle Herbie to all his nieces and nephews. Herbert was a decorated war veteran of the Korean War. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Monday, March 4, at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Ave, Lake Forest, IL. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** 847-234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Samuel, Letty

Letty Samuel, nee Leib, age 81. Beloved wife of Hank Samuel, cherished mother of Arthur (Joyce) Samuel, Enid (David) Traisman, Kenneth (SooMi) Samuel and Robin Snyder, adored grandmother of Hilary, Noah, Maya, Eli, Sage, Lettie and Sarah, dear sister of Maxwell Leib, Gary Leib and Barbara (Jeff) Schroeder, fond aunt of many. Services Friday March 8th, 11 AM at the chapel in New Light Cemetery, 6807 E. Prairie Rd., Lincolnwood. Memorials in Letty's memory to the Jewish War Veterans would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824, or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Schaffer, Henry Michael

Henry Michael Schaffer, age 75, former attorney and professor of law. Beloved husband of Barbara, nee Mindel. Loving father of Emily (Deiwson Nogueira Araujo) Schaffer, Katherine (David Bamman) Schaffer. Proud grandfather of Ruby, Sam, Theo, and Leo. Service Tuesday, 2 PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, www.theaftd.org or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, www.jdrf.org or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.



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Schmidt, John W.

John W. Schmidt, age 89, a longtime resident of Romeville, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2019 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 5, 3:00-8:00 PM at **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services** 15219 S Joliet Rd. Plainfield, IL 60544 (Corners of Rts 30 & 59). A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at the funeral home. Inurnment will take place on a future date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. For full obituary, please visit www.overmanjones.com. For more information, please call (815)436-9221.



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Schotanus, Patricia

Patricia Schotanus, 79, of Highland Park, IL and Wilton Manors, FL passed away on February 26, 2019 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She was the beloved daughter of Rose and Florio "Blackie" Orsi and was preceded in death by her sister Sheila Zombolo and son B. Joseph Schotanus. She is survived by her children Brad (Kiki) and Julie; Vito Mariani, Jr. (Maggie); her grandchildren Joe, Drew, Frank and Vivian; brother-in-law Leo Zombolo; and her sister Donna Orsi. Pat was born and raised in Highland Park, graduating from Highland Park High School in 1957 and marrying her neighbor and love of her life, Hank Schotanus 56 years ago. Losing both her mother and first born son in the months leading up to her 27th birthday drove Pat to become a fiercely loyal and unfailingly supportive mother to her children - those that were born to her and the far greater number she welcomed into her life. Pat was a licensed hair stylist who worked for Olympic champion Barbara Ann Scott but is most fondly remembered for the unlicensed work she performed on her family and friends on Park Avenue. Her love of golf was inherited from her father (perhaps inspired by playing Bob O'Link) and shared with her husband and children. She enjoyed playing the game well and hated playing it poorly. She treasured competing whether it was winning the Sunset Valley Women's Golf Championship eight times or beating the guys down in Florida. Pat was a breast cancer survivor, a faithful Catholic and a "junking" addict but the sunshine of her life were the grandkids that could do no wrong. She valued the companionship of her dogs and her extended canine family (in particular the little stinker, Willie). Pat & Hank were fortunate to spend most of the last 26 years in their "utopia" on the Middle River in Wilton Manors surrounded by wonderful friends, neighbors and an occasional manatee. When Pat wasn't on walks with her precious LuLu you could always find her enjoying a glass of wine preparing for the next visit from her family. A Memorial Gathering will be held on Monday, March 4th, from 4:00-5:30 at Richardson Park Manor House, 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL. A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 9th from 9:30-11:00am followed immediately by a funeral mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 770 Deerfield Rd., Highland Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Humane Society of Broward County www.humanebroward.com or spend the money on a bottle of wine, wait until 4:00pm and share a good Pat story.

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Schumm, Carole

Carole Louie Schumm Resident of Danville July 31, 1960 - February 24, 2019 Carole Louie Schumm, 58 of Danville, CA, passed away peacefully on February 24, 2019, after a year-long courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving husband, Richard, devoted daughter, Courtney; mother, Elaine Louie; sisters, Sharon (Michael) Ohlson and Lenora Phelps, and several nephews and a niece. She is preceded in death by her father, Leonard Louie.

Carole was born in Chicago, IL and earned a B.S. in Communications and a Masters degree in Advertising from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Her career started with ad agencies Foote, Cone & Belding and DDB Needham in Chicago. In 1993, she moved to San Francisco to begin a distinguished 25 year career with Clorox. All who worked with Carole valued her as a co-worker, boss and friend.

Carole was a wonderful wife, dedicated mother, devoted aunt, loving sister, and patient daughter, who always believed that family came first. Carole enjoyed traveling, extended meals with a nice glass of cabernet with family and fawning over her four-legged children, Buster, Niki and Chloe. The strength of her quiet spirit will be deeply missed.

Carole's "Celebration of Life" Mass will be held at 11:00am on Monday, March 4th, 2019 at St. Isidore Church, 440 LaGonda Way, Danville, CA 94526. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Carole's memory, to the American Cancer Society in Walnut Creek, 2185 North California Blvd., Suite 290, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

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Serota, Phyllis

Phyllis Serota, (nee Horner) who was brought to her eternal rest after 100 glorious years of life; adored daughter of the late Frieda Horner; beloved wife of the late Louis H. Serota; loving mother of James (Susan) and Mitchell (Barbara) Serota; cherished grandmother of Daniel (Sharon), Jonathan (Nicole), Sheila and Zachary (Elizabeth) Serota; much loved "Gigi" to Sarah, Sabrina, Stephanie and Joshua. Memorial service Wednesday, 7:00 PM at Congregation Am Yisrael, 4 Happ Road, Northfield. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in her memory to Chicago Parks Foundation, 541 N. FAIRBANKS CT., CHICAGO, IL 60611 or www.chicagoparksfoundation.org.

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Shannon, Rick

James Richard "Rick" Shannon, Ph.D., of Bowling Green, Kentucky, passed away at home on February 24, 2019. Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Louise Shannon and the late James M. Shannon, Rick grew up in Villa Park, Illinois. He received a PhD in Marketing from University of Memphis in 1992 and taught Sales and Marketing at Western Kentucky University, serving as Chair of the Department of Marketing for 17 years. Rick was a member of Pi Sigma Epsilon and Beta Gamma Sigma and served on the Business Advisory Council of Barren County High School. He developed a love of golf at a young age, a passion he shared with his dad and close friends for much of his life. Always a sports fan, Rick was an avid supporter of WKU's Lady Toppers basketball and volleyball teams. His easy-going nature and infectious smile endeared him to friends and strangers alike. Rick was the loving husband of Kelly O'Keefe. He is also survived by his adored stepdaughter, Violet O'Keefe and his sisters, Kathleen Shannon and Kay Ellen Shannon. A memorial service will be held in Bowling Green at a future date.

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Shoult, Richard E. 'Dick'

Richard E. (Dick) Shoult, age 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, February 24, 2019, while receiving care at Alexian Brothers Hospice. Richard E. Shoult, the son of Clifford Shoult and Ella May Wipert, was born in the town of Washington Courthouse, Ohio, on July 26, 1927. He was a retired Army Veteran serving for 22 years followed by an additional 25 years in the Nuclear Power construction industry. Dick was the beloved husband of the late Mary Harvey Shoult. He is survived by his daughters Carolyn (Frank) Morgan and Nancy (Charles) Rizzo. Proud Grandfather of Nicole (Carl) Stovall and Steven Morgan. Proud Great Grandfather of Ryne Stovall, Carly Stovall and Victoria Stovall. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

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Singer, Nancy

Nancy M. Singer (nee Mueller) M.A., 72, of Wilmette, formerly of Winnetka, passed away Feb. 21st, 2019, at her home after a long battle with cancer. Loving wife of 31 years to the late Mark E. Singer; cherished mother of Abigail M. Singer of Oregon and Mark P. Singer of Virginia; beloved sister to Joseph Mueller of Springfield and the late Mary Winger (nee Mueller) of Minnesota; grandmother, aunt, cousin, friend and colleague. An avid supporter of progressive causes, Mrs. Singer spent her life working in education, first teaching economics at the University of Kansas, and last working as assistant to the dean of engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 9th at 10 am at the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, 600 9th St. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to www.wttw.com, www.sierraclub.org or www.wbez.org.



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Smat, Virginia

Virginia M. Smat. Wife of the late Charles J. Loving mother of Diane Wengel, Donna (late Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks), Denise Highley and Darlene (Michael) Jurik. Loving grandmother of Dawn Malecki (Charles Mc Dermott), Dennis (Chona) Wengel, Ronald (Shelly) Banks, Kimberly Banks, Samuel (Rosella) Banks, Lynn Banks, Hope (Dean) Jaeger and Heather Banks, the late Melanie (Nicholas) Gasparas, Michael Schultz, Crystal (Michael) Paul, Emma Schmidt, Michael (Ann), Jurik. Great grandmother of 14. Visitation for Virginia will be Monday, March 4th from 3 to 9 p.m. at The Sourek Manor Funeral Home, 5645 W. 35th St, Cicero. Tuesday, March 5th prayers will begin at the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. and process to Our Lady of Charity Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. For more information call 708-652-6661



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So, Frank S.

Frank S. So, late of Flossmoor, IL. Beloved husband of Deborah So nee Huggett and the late Carolyn So nee Burr. Loving son of the late Anna and Steven So. Dear brother of the late Richard So. Brother in law of James (Arlene) Carr, David (Becky) Barr and David (Doreen) Huggett. Fond uncle of nephews, nieces, great and great great nephews and nieces. Retired CEO of American Planning Association. Memorial Service Saturday, March 23, 11:00 a.m. at Church of St. John the Evangelist, Leavitt Ave. and Park Drive, Flossmoor. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist or South Suburban Humane Society would be appreciated. 708 798-5300 or www.info@tews-ryanfh.com



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Spatz, Sr. Mary Catherine, IBVM

Sister Mary Catherine Spatz, IBVM (Sr. M. Charles) passed away on February 27th, 2019 at the age of 89. She was a member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loretto Sisters) for 71 years. Mary Catherine was the daughter of Charles and Nora (Carroll), and the sister of her deceased brothers Tommy and Bernie. She is survived by her sister-in-law Janie and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews and will be greatly missed by her family, IBVM Sisters, IBVM Companions and many, many friends.

Mary Catherine shared her love and care with numerous people in ministry in several Chicago area Catholic schools, including many years at both St. Bernard's and St. Adrian's. From 1998 until 2017 she lived at Loretto Convent in Wheaton, IL and was Community Minister there for 12 of those years. In April of 2017 Mary Catherine moved to Casa San Carlo in Northlake, IL with several of our sisters. There she continued to enjoy her life of sharing her many gifts through prayer, presence, companionship, welcome and joy.

A Celebration of Life for Mary Catherine will be held at the Wheaton Franciscan Chapel of the Holy Angels located at 26 W 171 Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 on Tuesday, March 5th. Services will be as follows: 2:00pm - Visitation, 3:00pm - Words of Remembrance, 4:00pm - Liturgy followed by refreshments.

Interment will be on Wednesday, March 6th, at 11:00am at St. Michael's Cemetery in Wheaton. Memorial donations may be made to: Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary at www.ibvm.us or P.O. Box 508, Wheaton, IL 60187. funeral info www.williams-kampp.com.

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Swartz, Thomas P 'Mel'

Thomas P Swartz, 59, a 25-year resident of Gurnee, died Feb 23, 2019 at Advocate Condell Medical Center. Tom owned/operated Swartz Plumbing. Tom is survived by his wife Jeanne of 27 years; his sister Kim (Bill) Neier; his brother David (Sarah) Swartz; and his many nieces and nephews whom he loved to spoil rotten! A Celebration of Life for Tom will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 Go to www.libertyvillefuneralhome.com for updates and expanded obituary.

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Teolis, Arlene Mary

(nee Wonake), born in Chicago, Illinois, May 1, 1931, the beloved wife of the late Rev. Mr. Matthew F. Teolis, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2019, in Pompano Beach, Florida. Her passion was to help those less fortunate, being devoted to and active in the St Vincent De Paul Society, St Gabriel Conference. She was also preceded in death by her eldest son, Dr. Matthew B. (Lynn) Teolis, and survived by her loving sister Frances (nee Wonake) Rosanova (late Anthony); and cherished mother to her remaining children: Michael (Cynthia) Teolis, Jane Wojtkiewicz (Alan), James (Kristi) Teolis, Lawrence Teolis, Robert (Maria) Teolis; dear grandmother to Michael (Annette) Wojtkiewicz, John (Renee) Wojtkiewicz, Giovanna (Joseph) Anayas, Adrianna (Eli Estrada) Teolis, Francesca, Mattea, and Beija Teolis; great-grandmother to Avery Wojtkiewicz. Like her husband, she made an anatomical donation of her body to the University of Miami Medical School. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a local St Vincent De Paul Society conference. A memorial service in Chicago is pending.

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Tranchida, Mary

Mary Tranchida, nee Yaccino, 92 years young, beloved wife of the late Jack. Precious mother of Barbara and Jacqueline (Terry) Oddo; treasured grandmother of Anthony, Dominick (Jessica), Vincent (fiancee Catie) and Bianca; cherished great-grandmother of Isabella; dear sister of Julio and the late Victor, Theresa, Carl, Frank, Margaret, Elaine and Gene; aunt of many. Visitation Monday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Tuesday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. John Vianney Church, Northlake. Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Tun, Charles W.

Beloved husband of Lorraine (nee Moy); loving father of Andria (Jan) Michalski, and Ginger Boskelly; beloved son of the late Bak and Shee Ying Tun; fond grandfather of Ryan (Jamie), Mark (Kathleen), Laura (Shawn), Krista, T.J., Kelsey, and Stacie; great grandfather of Lily, Callen, Kyle, Jordan, Charlie, Zach, and Camden; dear brother of the late Harry (the late Florence) Tun, the late Rose (the late Thomas) Toy, Viola (the late Ko) Ozone, the late Clariese (the late David) Gin, Mabelle (the late Louis) Chan, and Roy (Leora) Tun; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Member of the American Legion Post #1003, Medinah Shriners, Auburn Park Mason Lodge #789, and the Scottish Rite. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Charles Tun to the Belmont Village 545 Belmont Lane, Carol Stream, IL 60188 appreciated. Visitation Tuesday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral Service Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home** 544 W. 31st St. (Chicago) Interment Mt. Auburn Cemetery. For Info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonsfuneralhome.com

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Usdrowski, Alan J.

Alan J. Usdrowski, US Army Vietnam veteran, Age 70, of Elk Grove Village, IL, passed away on February 19, 2019. Beloved husband of Pat (nee Lange). Loving father of Rene' (David) Sutherland and Scott Usdrowski. Cherished grandfather of Evan. Visitation Monday from 3pm until 9pm at **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. Funeral Tuesday St. Thecla Church, 6725 W. Devon Ave, Chicago, mass 10:30 am. 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Voll, Gerry W.

Gerry W. Voll, age 87, of Oak Park, formerly of Wheaton; beloved husband of Linda K. Voll; loving father of James (Sandy) Voll, Cheryl Vacval, Nancy (Robert) Brunn and Sarah Voll; cherished papa of 7 and great-grandfather of 3; dear brother of the late Norene (the late Donald) Wadolny. Memorial visitation Saturday March 9 from 2 p.m. until time of service 4 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191

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Wake, Douglas R. 'Doug'



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Doug Wake passed away on Friday February 22, 2019, a few weeks after his 67th birthday. He lost a many year battle with Lewy Body Dementia & Parkinson's, passing peacefully with family at his side.

We invite you to visit his face book page "In Memory of Doug Wake"
<https://www.facebook.com/in-memory-of-Doug-Wake-248995365989027/>

On it family and friends have already begun to share letters and pictures. We encourage you to take a moment to reflect and to please post a funny story, picture, words of comfort, or favorite memory.

With so many friends and family spread throughout the U.S. in lieu of services Doug would best be remembered with a donation to the Parkinson's Foundation in his memory. A donations link is on the FB page.

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Walsh, John W.

John W. Walsh, age 88, U.S. Air Force, Korean War Veteran. Beloved husband of 64 years to Barbara (nee Marco); loving father of John (Margaret) Walsh, Kathryn Balaskovits, Patrick (Laura) Walsh and Kristine (Robert) Schultz; cherished grandpa of Sarah (Dan) Theberg, Jennifer Walsh, Brian Balaskovits, Melissa Walsh, Jason Balaskovits, Colleen Walsh, Kasey Walsh and Molly Walsh; proud great grandpa of Alyssa and Leah Theberg; dear brother of Dorothy (the late Joe) Schuck, Peggy (the late Dan) O'Herron and the late Marion Walsh. Lifelong Sox fan and proud retiree from Peoples Natural Gas. Please meet Saturday, March 16, 2019 at St. Eugene Church for 10 A.M. Mass. Interment Private. For info www.kolbusmayfh.com or (773) 774-3232.



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Watson, Marilyn

Marilyn Watson, age 77, of Burr Ridge. Beloved wife of Michael Watson for a wonderful 50 years. Loving mother of Michael (Sarah), Gregory (Anne), and Daniel (Tracy) Watson. Devoted grandmother of Madeline, Michael, Brendan, Elizabeth, Joshua, Owen, Benjamin, and Declan Watson. Fond aunt and friend of many. Marilyn had many passions outside of her family, including gardening. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Details forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Morton Arboretum. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. For information: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Weese, Florence Lorayne Kales

Florence Lorayne Kales Weese was best known for being an advisor of all things, a research librarian and historical archivist, a leader in community service, for giving selflessly, and for her limitless love and dedication to her family. Even at 97 years of age, she had a remarkable zest for life, maintained her lifelong sweet tooth, and believed that anything was possible if you worked hard enough. Mrs. Weese was born and raised in Chicago, IL. She taught in the Chicago public school system for several years, and later, with an advanced degree in Library Science, served as the chief reference librarian and library archivist at Triton Junior College. Mrs. Weese served in leadership roles in countless organizations including ORT, Hadassah, Oak Park Temple Sisterhood, and the Oak Park and River Forest Historical Society. She was awarded the Woman of Valor Award from the Women of Reform Judaism in 2016. Above all else, Mrs. Weese was a family woman. Her husband of almost 69 years, the late Dr. Carlisle Weese, was the love of her life. Her greatest pride and joy were their 3 children and their families including Dr. William C. Weese (Lynn Wetherbee), Dr. James L. Weese (Barbara); children Scott Weese and Brooke Weese (Ben Weinraub), and Dr. Debra E. Weese-Mayer (late Dr. Robert N. Mayer); children Dr. Jennifer Mayer (Richard Deitchman), Jaimie Mayer (Daniel Raiffe), and Dr. Jonathan Mayer (Elisabeth Theodore). Mrs. Weese cherished every moment she spent with them, as well as her dear nieces and nephews, and her dearest friends from all stages of her life. She was preceded in death by her parents, Newman and Jennie, and brothers, Norman (Hilda) and Stanley. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations in honor of Mrs. Florence Weese's life be made to any of the following charities: The Dr. Carlisle and Florence Weese Cancer Education Fund at Aurora Cancer Care, c/o the Aurora Foundation, 950 N. 12th St, Milwaukee, WI 53233, Liberty Wildlife, 2600 East Ellwood, Phoenix, AZ 85040, or The ROHHAD Fight Inc Research Fund-Pediatric Autonomic Medicine, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, 225 East Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611. Funeral services will be held at Oak Park Temple, 1235 N. Harlem Avenue, Oak Park on Sunday, March 3, at 1 PM, followed by interment at historic Rosehill Cemetery. Shiva will be held following the interment until 9 PM and then Monday, March 4, 6-9 PM at 290 East Pearson. Info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.



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Zalewski, Michael

Michael Zalewski, Beloved son of William and the late Georgine; dear brother of Nancy (Tim) Tomasek and Joe (Tracy); loving uncle of Toria, Taylor and Matthew; devoted father figure to Josh (Erica) Davies. A private burial was held at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to **The Oaks Funeral Home** 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com

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Zaura, Gertrude Rose

Gertrude Rose Zaura nee Stritar, 100, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Paul; loving mother of Paul (Diane) and the late Tom (Carol, surviving) and Susan; cherished grandmother of Peter, Eileen (Keith) Santini, Karen (Brian) Wendling, Teresa (Chris) Winfield, and Anne Marie (Dan) Jukic; great grandmother of Luke, Evan, Jake, Anna, Paul Joseph, Cali, Augustine, Linkyn, Theodore, and Simon; loving sister to eight predeceased brothers and sisters; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Gertrude loved animals, her garden, all things purple, and dancing to Stevie Wonder in the kitchen. She will be missed by all. Friends and family are asked to meet at St. James the Apostle Church, 480 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Memorial Mass at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, March 23, 2019. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials will be appreciated for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 525 W. Monroe St., #1510, Chicago, IL 60661. Arrangements by **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**. Funeral Info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com

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Zurek, Dorothy Joan

Dorothy Joan Zurek nee Rempa; age 97; of Northbrook passed away on February 28, 2019. Beloved wife of the late John Zurek; Loving mother of Barbara (Ken) Szymura, Robert (Cathy) Zurek and Nancy (Gene) Rigitano; Proud grandmother of Jeffrey (Kathy) Szymura, Susan (Rob) Dwyer, Kimberly (Nate) Herbst, Gregory Zurek, Nick Rigitano and John (Kaitlin) Rigitano; Cherished great grandmother of 6. Visitation Monday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral, 9:15 a.m. at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca to Saint Phillip the Apostle Church 1223 W. Holtz Avenue, Addison. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Memorial donations in Dorothy's name to the Alzheimer's Association or American Diabetes Association would be appreciated. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com

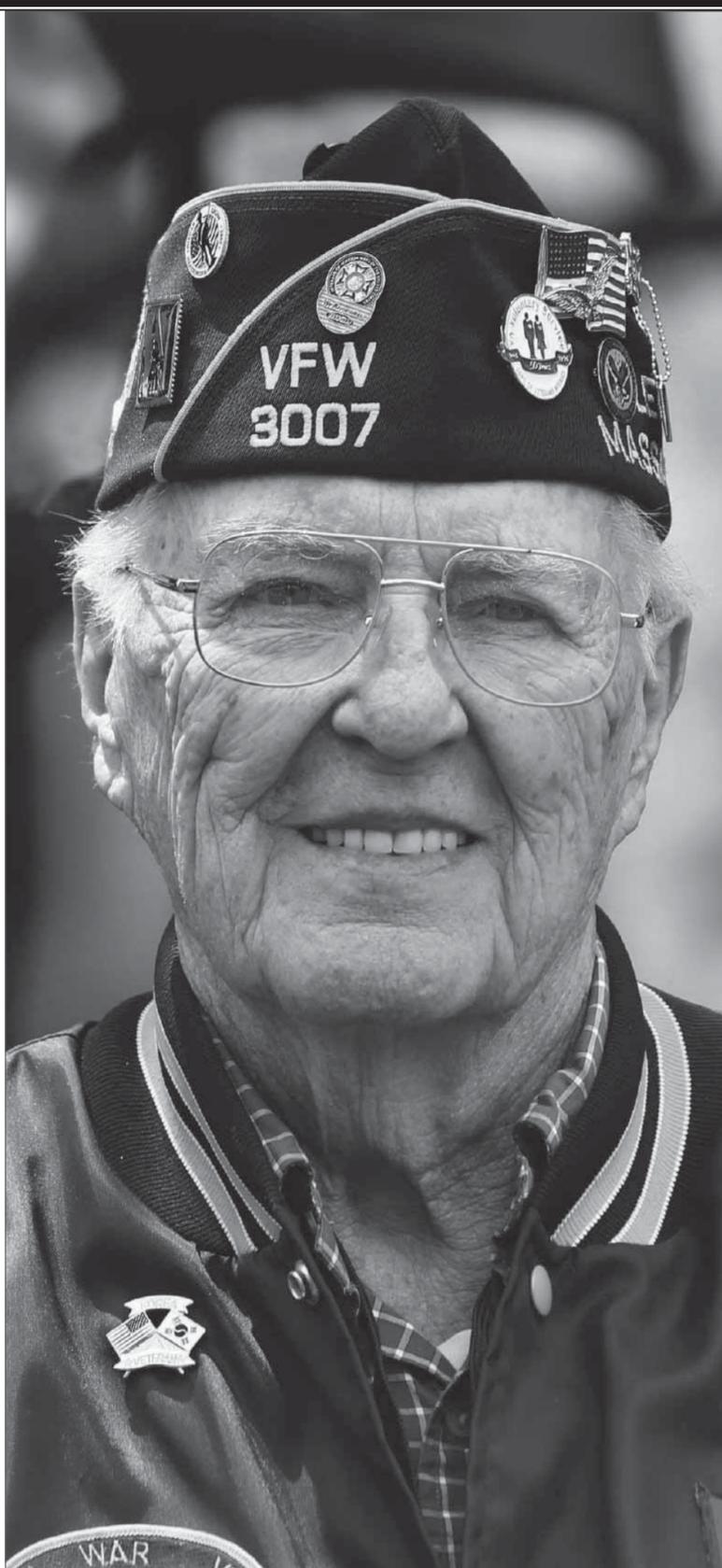
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Zvokel-Darding, Nancy

Nancy Zvokel-Darding (nee Johanes) age 77, of Plainfield, formerly of Lyons. Devoted mother of Glenn Zvokel, Mark Zvokel, Cheryl (Trey Joiner) and Brian (Denise) Zvokel. Loving grandmother of Taylor Zvokel. Dear sister of Fred (Marlene) Johanes, Jerry (the late Diane) Johanes, the late Dorothy (James) Toren, and the late Ruth (the late Robert Muth). Cherished "sister" of Rosemary Zahumensky. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Nancy loved time with family and friends, enjoyed working at Home Goods, arts & crafts, traveling, cooking, bingo and rafting in the Smokey Mountains. Memorial service to be determined at a later date. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410



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Robin Ross, center, director of culinary at Kraft Heinz, and team members taste breakfast scrambles in Glenview last month.

Prepared-food giants work to stay relevant

Evolving consumer tastes are challenging Kraft Heinz and others

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ | Chicago Tribune

Robin Ross, director of culinary at Kraft Heinz, doesn't need data to know how much consumer tastes have changed since processed food reigned supreme. ¶ When she was growing up, dinner often meant heating up a can of something on the stove, and when she was raising kids she bought a lot of McDonald's Happy Meals. But today her adult daughter hand-breads chicken nuggets for her children, part of a broad trend of families opting for more fresh, natural, personalized meals. ¶ That shift has dogged massive prepared food companies like Kraft Heinz, whose brands became household names at a time when shoppers cared more about consistency, convenience and familiarity than that long list of ingredients on the packaging.

For many of these companies, the fight to stay relevant means rolling out innovative new products that are either developed internally or brought on board as part of the acquisition of startup food companies.

At Kraft Heinz, it's Ross' job to create new products, or new versions of the old standbys, that capture the

attention of a modern food shopper with discerning tastes and a plethora of options.

Innovation has not, of late, been what's been getting attention at Kraft Heinz, which employs some 2,000 people in the Chicago area and 39,000 globally. Co-headquartered in Chicago and Pittsburgh, the legacy packaged

food maker has been criticized for focusing too much on cost cutting and not enough on brand building or product development, a concern that resurfaced late last month as the company unleashed a cascade of dismal financial news.

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"Do we really need 18 different brands of salsa or 100 different types of olive oil? I think we have gotten so focused on volume and so unfocused on consumer needs and what consumers really want." — Phil Lempert, consumer trends analyst

Walmart finds new role for popular greeter

Naperville man with cerebral palsy was to lose his job due to change in duties

BY SUZANNE BAKER
Naperville Sun

Shoppers will continue to see Craig Goodwin's smiling face at the Walmart Supercenter in Naperville.

Instead of camping near one of the front doors as a greeter, the Naperville man will be working near the self-checkout aisle of 75th Street store assisting customers and checking to see if they've paid for all the items in and below their carts.

Craig Goodwin's mother, Sharon, confirmed the family met Friday morning at the Naperville Walmart with Dale Murphy, the company's vice president and regional general manager, to hash out a way for Craig Goodwin to stay at the store, a place she described as his second home.

Goodwin, who has cerebral palsy, thought his days at Walmart were numbered because the company last week alerted greeters at 1,000 stores around the country that their jobs were being phased out in favor of a "customer host" position, a role that requires a different skill set, such as handling customer refunds, scanning receipts and checking shopping carts. The position requires hosts to be able to lift heavy weights, climb ladders and do other tasks, which Goodwin cannot perform in his wheelchair.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2018

Tom Ricketts, right, and his family now have sole ownership of the Chicago Cubs after Tribune Media sold its last 5 percent of the team for \$107.5 million.

HOW MUCH ARE THE CUBS WORTH? TRY \$2.15 BILLION.

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Cubs paid Tribune Media \$107.5 million for the broadcast company's remaining 5 percent ownership stake in the team, a deal that values the club at \$2.15 billion.

For those of you keeping score at home, that's about 100 times what Tribune paid for the team nearly 40 years ago.

Terms of the January sale were released Friday during Tribune Media's fourth-quarter earnings report. Tribune

Media said it will recognize a pretax gain of \$86 million from the sale.

The deal comes nearly 10 years after the Ricketts family paid \$845 million to acquire a 95 percent stake and controlling interest in the team and Wrigley Field from Chicago-based Tribune Media, which owns WGN-Ch.9 and dozens of TV stations nationwide. Now the Ricketts family and a small group of outside investors have complete ownership of the team.

Tribune Media, then known as Trib-

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Ill. ready to go all-in on sports betting

Backed by Pritzker, state looking to join trend in U.S.

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Sports gambling, a multibillion-dollar industry that mostly relies on the black market, may soon go legit in Illinois.

Backed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and a host of gambling interests, Illinois is looking to join New Jersey, Pennsylvania and a growing number of states to legalize sports betting, turning the widely practiced but illicit activity into a bounteous source of tax revenue.

Don't lose your bookie's number just yet, however. To get it done, lawmakers and businesses face a series of hurdles.

Illinois legislators, for one, need to figure out where sports betting should take place, how much to tax bettors and whether to limit it to bricks-and-mortar locations or allow more lucrative online betting as well.

No less challenging will be determining who gets a limited number of licenses, with businesses from casinos and racetracks to video gaming terminal operators already angling for a piece of the action.

"The big obstacle in many states, including Illinois: You have a wide array of stakeholders who want in on sports betting but may have conflicting visions for how regulated sports betting might look," said Chris Grove, managing director of sports betting for Eilers & Krejcir Gaming, a California-based research and consulting firm.

Churchill's latest bet

Churchill Downs, the Louisville, Ky.-based casino and racetrack owner, whose properties include Arlington International Racecourse in Arlington Heights, has more than a rooting interest in seeing Illinois legalize sports betting.

On Friday, the Illinois Gaming Board conditionally approved Churchill Downs' \$407 million purchase of a 62 percent stake in Rivers Casino, with the

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Amazon plans to open dozens of grocery stores

BY MATT DAY
Bloomberg News

Amazon plans to open dozens of grocery stores in U.S. cities, The Wall Street Journal reported Friday, a move that would expand the retail and technology giant's grocery footprint beyond its Whole Foods Market chain.

The first of these stores will open in Los Angeles as early as the end of 2019, and Amazon is in talks to open locations in shopping centers in San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, the Journal reported, citing people familiar with the matter. The company is also exploring the idea of purchasing regional grocery stores, the paper said.

The Seattle-based company, which has been experimenting with online delivery of groceries for more than a decade, got into bricks-and-mortar food retail with its 2017 purchase of Whole Foods. Amazon has also expanded Amazon Go, its cashierless convenience store concept, to 10 stores.

People familiar with the matter said last year that the company planned to open as many as 3,000 of the so-far small-format stores, including up to 50 in 2019.

Amazon declined to comment on the Journal report.

Shares of food retailers all fell on the news. Kroger Co., the nation's biggest traditional grocery chain, dropped as much as 6.4 percent, while Walmart and Costco Wholesale Corp. also declined. Target Corp., which gets about 25 percent of its sales from food, also fell before recouping its losses.

Amazon's \$13.7 billion purchase of Whole Foods signaled the company's intent to break into the \$840 billion grocery market, but left it at a scale well below the likes of market leader Walmart, which operates 4,750 grocery stores.

Some analysts saw Whole Foods, which stocks a limited selection of items in contrast to Amazon's preference for selling a wider range of items, as a starting point for Amazon in physical grocery retail. The company has since started delivering groceries from the shelves of Whole Foods locations across the U.S.

Food makers try to stay relevant

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A focus on cutting costs

The company reported a \$12.6 billion loss for the fourth quarter of 2018 and announced it was writing down the value of its Oscar Mayer cold cuts and Kraft natural cheese brands by \$15.4 billion, an indication that the sales and earnings potential of those iconic brands aren't as strong as once thought.

It slashed its dividend by 36 percent, lowered its 2019 outlook and disclosed that it had received a subpoena from the Securities and Exchange Commission related to its procurement operations. The company launched an internal investigation in response and found it should have recorded a \$25 million increase in the cost of products sold in prior periods.

The company said it plans to sell some brands or business units to strengthen its balance sheet for a future acquisition, a deal some investors have been eager to see since its failed \$143 billion bid to buy Unilever two years ago.

And after two years of deep cost-cutting that helped give Kraft Heinz industry-leading profit margins, the company last year boosted brand spending by \$300 million and this year plans to launch "record-level innovation," CEO Bernardo Hees said in the company's earnings call with analysts.

But, Moody's analyst Brian Weddington said, "there is still some question on how effective that spend is going to be."

The budgeting strategy at Kraft Heinz, which requires managers to justify each cost and eliminate nonproductive spending, is to blame for some of the financial volatility, as the company is so lean that it struggles to offset cost inflation with more cuts, Weddington said.

He said that ultimately the strategy will improve profit margins, but other industry watchers said the efficiency comes at the expense of responding to consumer needs.

"If you're constrained because of cost then the whole organization is less entrepreneurial," said Donald Fitzgerald, a food sector consultant and adjunct professor of marketing at DePaul University. That's true both for product devel-

opment and for the brand salespeople working with retailers to design promotions and shelf displays that pull shoppers in, said Fitzgerald, who until last month was group vice president of merchandising and marketing at grocery chain Mariano's.

Meanwhile, the market is rife with food startups that are laser-focused on the health-conscious consumer and able to use e-commerce to access an audience no longer loyal to Big Food.

To compete, many of the large companies are acquiring those upstart brands or launching venture capital arms and accelerator programs to invest in their growth.

Chicago-based Conagra, maker of Slim Jims and Orville Redenbacher popcorn, added gourmet Mexican to its portfolio by acquiring Frontera Foods' packaged foods business in 2016 and a year later paid \$250 million for Angie's Boomchickapop whole grain popcorn. Cereal maker Kellogg paid \$600 million for Chicago protein bar company RxBar in 2017. Tyson Foods took a minority stake in plant-based protein start-up Beyond Meat in 2016 through a venture capital fund it launched to invest in food companies pioneering new products and technologies.

Kraft Heinz last year launched Springboard, a venture fund and accelerator program for small craft and natural brands, and paid \$200 million to acquire better-for-you condiments maker Primal Kitchen, which will continue to operate as an independent company.

Those efforts are effective if the values align and the smaller companies are nourished and able to maintain their culture and energy — which doesn't always happen, said consumer trends analyst Phil Lempert, who runs The Supermarket Guru web site.

But traditional companies also have to thoughtfully develop their own products, and not just by making incremental changes to existing products, which only overwhelms and confuses consumers faced with more than 40,000 products in a typical supermarket, Lempert said.

"Do we really need 18 different brands of salsa or 100 different types of olive oil?" Lempert said. "I think we have gotten so focused



Erin Marshall, from left, Carrie Conway and Lauren Bayer re-evaluate a recipe at Kraft Heinz in Glenview last month.

on volume and so unfocused on consumer needs and what consumers really want. This is how these big companies have gotten lost, they haven't been listening to consumers."

Catering to healthy eaters

Ross, who heads up the innovation kitchen at Kraft Heinz's research and development center in north suburban Glenview, has a 14-member team dedicated to paying attention to what consumers want. Wearing white chefs coats, they develop and test products and recipes in five open kitchens that ring the lobby's glass-topped atrium, the sounds and smells on display to visitors like a piece of live art.

The facility is one of two Kraft Heinz innovation kitchens in the U.S.; the other, in Warrendale, Pa., focuses on Heinz condiments and frozen food. It is stocked to mimic the typical American kitchen, based on a questionnaire circulated to 3,000 households every three years to track what kinds of appliances and foods people are buying.

Ross joined the culinary team at Kraft Foods 25 years ago after she had her second child and it became too difficult to balance her career managing restaurants for the Levy group, and she's become intimately familiar with how people's food shopping habits have evolved.

The trends are evident in the test kitchen's collection of gadgets, including an Instant Pot pressure cooker (in 11 percent of households) and an air fryer (in 5 percent, but growing), which are meant to help get dinner to the table faster.

They are evident in the spice cabinet, where ginger powder, cumin and chili powder have gained prominence as Hispanic and Asian influences spread, and in the dairy case, where almond milk sits beside 2 percent.

A third of Americans decide what's for dinner based on what's in their kitchens, and the No. 1 reason people decide not to try a recipe is because they don't have the ingredients, Ross said, so her team develops recipes and products with their pantries in mind. Each test kitchen is equipped with both an electric and gas oven, and microwaves of various wattage levels, to ensure the company's products cook properly in most homes.

Many of Kraft Heinz' innovations, like those of other Big Food companies, have focused on catering to what people perceive to be healthy.

In 2015 it reformulated Kraft Mac and Cheese with no artificial colors, flavors or preservatives, and in 2017 it launched Oscar Mayer hot dogs without nitrates and nitrites. That same year it launched the "O, That's Good!" product line with Oprah Winfrey to bring a nutritious twist to comfort food, including frozen pizza with a cauliflower crust and cheddar broccoli soup with butternut squash in the base.

Devour, a line of frozen meals marketed to millennial men, took another approach, pushing larger portion sizes and richer flavors to entice a demographic that hasn't been targeted in the frozen food aisle.

Last year, Kraft Heinz's big launch was Just Crack an Egg, a microwaveable egg scramble in a cup that

contains fresh vegetables, Ore-Ida potatoes, Kraft cheese and Oscar Mayer meat (but not an egg; consumers use their own). The product lives alongside eggs in the refrigerated section of the grocery store, giving the company a foot in the fresh-food perimeter of the store where customers are spending an increasing amount of their time.

Developed in concert with the consumer insights and strategy team, marketing and research and development, Just Crack an Egg aimed to solve a breakfast problem highlighted by survey data: people want portable, portion-controlled protein in the morning to give them satiety and energy to start their day, but many don't have time to cook before work, Ross said. And people love eggs but normally reserve them for the weekends because of the preparation and cleaning time.

Ready in less than two minutes, Just Crack an Egg, "brings the weekend occasion into the work week," Ross said. To prove the point, the culinary team timed it against how long it takes to make a fresh egg scramble, and found the packaged meal was ready by the time the skillet was just heating up.

It took two years to develop Just Crack an Egg, in part because the culinary team had to figure out how to use high-pressure processing to keep vegetables fresh for the duration of the product's shelf life, Ross said. It also ran a battery of tests to ensure food safety in multiple scenarios, including if people use egg whites, two eggs or microwave two bowls at the same time, in microwaves with varying wattage levels.

Just Crack an Egg, which launched in February 2018 and is carried in nearly 74 percent of the market, sold 21.7 million cups last year for \$50.7 million in sales, "vastly exceeding expectations," a spokesman said.

But not every new product performs so well. Fresh Take, a coating mix for meats that contained a mix of breadcrumbs, fresh cheese and herbs, floundered likely because no one thought to look for it in the dairy case at the grocery store, Ross said.

While Kraft Heinz takes criticism for not investing enough in innovation, Ross said: "I feel like as a company and as a culinary group we have made progress with respect to understanding the folks that our company is producing products and services for."

Fitzgerald, the food sector consultant and former Mariano's executive, said Just Crack an Egg is the kind of "true innovation" that begins to reinvent Big Food's mature legacy categories and offers opportunities for retailer partnerships.

"On that one, kudos," he said. "There is not enough of that."

Supermarket Guru's Lempert also sees the potential, but as he looked at the packaging he was shocked that it didn't prominently highlight the protein content of the egg dish given consumers' obsession with protein.

The culinary team may have its finger on the pulse, but what drives success is "the support you have with these products," he said. "How are you going to market them?"

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Bad sign for Belvidere: Jeep sales drop again as SUV boom fades

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The U.S. auto market may be nearing the end of the go-go days for sport utility vehicles sold by the likes of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles' Jeep.

Fiat Chrysler posted its first monthly sales decline in a year, with Jeep registering a rare back-to-back drop in deliveries. The company

joined Toyota, Honda and Nissan in trailing analysts' estimates for February in a Bloomberg News survey.

Fiat Chrysler has announced it's laying off 1,371 workers at its Belvidere Assembly Plant, effective May 2, because of slowing demand for the Jeep Cherokee.

Jeep's rough patch after a yearlong growth spurt adds to signs the American SUV boom may be reaching its

limits. Rising interest rates and tighter credit are likely to make it more difficult to sustain the record prices fueled by consumers shifting allegiances to costlier pickups and other light trucks at the expense of sedans.

"Affordability is going to be a challenge for consumers going forward, and we're beginning to see that," Michelle Krebs, senior analyst for car-shopping re-

searcher Autotrader, said by phone.

Sales dropped 5.9 percent for the lucrative Wrangler model, which entered February with inventory piling up at dealerships. Fiat Chrysler's results wiped out a gain of as much as 1.7 percent, with the stock dropping 0.1 percent to \$14.71 as of 11:34 a.m. Friday in New York.

"The overall industry is starting off slower due in

part to weather, the U.S. government shutdown, and concern over tax refunds," Reid Bigland, Fiat Chrysler's head of U.S. sales, said in a statement.

Shares of General Motors and Ford, which have switched to reporting U.S. sales only on a quarterly basis, also dropped.

Toyota sales in February fell 5.2 percent, dragged down by weak demand for the RAV4 compact SUV.

Deliveries fell 12.5 percent for the Japanese company's top model in the U.S.

Deliveries of Nissan's best-selling Rogue crossover plunged 16 percent, while Honda's Pilot SUV posted an 8.8 percent drop.

"The results today suggest a much bigger story: The sales pace has finally shifted into a lower gear," Charlie Chesbrough, senior economist of Cox Auto-



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Are you taxed and confused?

There are ways to get help with filing your returns

BY SARAH SKIDMORE SELL
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It's tough to know all the answers at tax time, particularly in a year with massive tax law changes. Sometimes people need help, but where should they turn? Here are a few options:

IRS

The IRS has answers to most tax questions online. Its website also has a number of tools to help you find what you need, including an interactive tax assistant, searchable tax topic lists and frequently asked questions. The agency urges people to look online at IRS.gov for answers before calling, because telephone wait times can be lengthy.

Tax professional

If you want, talk to a paid tax professional.

Various people can prepare your taxes, including certified public accountants, enrolled agents and attorneys. While anyone with a preparer tax identification number can prepare a return, the IRS points out that tax preparers have differing levels of skill, education and expertise.

Enrolled agents, attorneys and CPAs can represent their clients on any matter with the IRS, including audits, appeals and payment or collection issues. Other kinds of tax preparers have limited practice rights; that means they can represent clients whose returns they prepared and signed, but only before certain IRS employees. They cannot represent clients on appeals or collection issues even if they prepared the return.

The IRS has an online directory to help you search for qualified professionals in your area.

VITA

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program of-

fers free tax help to moderate- and low-income individuals, and to people with disabilities or taxpayers with limited English skills who need extra assistance. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic help. To find a location near you, use the tool found through the IRS website or call 800-906-9887.

TCE

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly program focuses on taxpayers 60 or older. Its IRS-certified volunteers can answer questions about pensions, retirement and other issues unique to seniors, according to the IRS.

The AARP Foundation's Tax-Aid program runs the majority of the TCE sites nationwide. Locations can be found on the IRS or AARP websites or by calling 800-906-9887 or 888-227-7669.

Low Income Taxpayer Clinics

Low Income Taxpayer Clinics provide education and resolve disputes for low-income individuals. These clinics are independent of the IRS. Each clinic decides if you meet income guidelines and other criteria before it agrees to represent you. The LITCs can represent you before the IRS or in court for audits, appeals, tax collection and other tax matters.

The services are provided for free or for a nominal fee, according to the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Services. You can find one near you at the Taxpayer Advocate's website.

MilTax

MilTax is the tax service provided by Military One, an organization that coordinates with the Department of Defense to provide free resources for veterans and their immediate families up to a year after retirement or separation from the military.

MilTax's online software allows eligible individuals to file their federal taxes and up to three state returns for free. It also provides tax consultants by phone to answer questions about deployment, multi-state filing, combat pay and other pertinent issues.

It is available online at MilitaryOneSource.mil or by phone at 800-342-9647.

Taxpayer assistance centers

Taxpayer assistance centers are IRS-run locations available to help people who need face-to-face help. Once known informally as walk-in clinics, you now need an appointment to visit. The number of these centers has shrunk in recent years, so use the IRS website to find the location closest to you.

Taxpayer Advocate Service

The Taxpayer Advocate Service helps people resolve problems with the IRS and recommends ways to prevent problems.

It's not designed to provide direct help for individuals in completing their taxes, but it does have information online to assist taxpayers. It also wants to hear from people who are experiencing economic hardship or find the IRS is not responding to them in a timely fashion. It's intended to be taxpayers' voice in the system.

Tax software

Many people use tax software to complete their taxes. These software programs typically have built-in or add-on services of their own to offer assistance. TurboTax, for one, offers TurboTax Live, which provides rapid access to CPAs, enrolled agents and tax attorneys to help answer questions and make sure taxes are done right.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Twin River Casino in Lincoln, R.I., was accepting bets in January.

Illinois may add sports gambling

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transaction expected to close this week. Adding sports betting at the Des Plaines casino — the state's largest — would no doubt sweeten the deal for Churchill Downs.

"Legalized sports betting would certainly be beneficial to Rivers and something the customers would very much want," Churchill Downs CEO Bill Carstanjen said in an email.

The transaction met with some resistance from the gaming board over concerns that minority investment in the casino would fall from 17 percent to 3 percent. To get the deal done, Churchill Downs agreed to make a good faith effort to sell up to 10 percent of the equity value in Rivers — at the same price — to minority investors within 90 days. After that, the board will review their results.

"We just want to make sure there are really strong, good faith efforts to include this group," gaming board member Dee Robinson, who raised concerns about the sale, said at the meeting.

Grove said if it is done right, Illinois sports betting could generate \$762 million in annual wagers, tap into pent-up consumer demand and reverse declining revenues at the state's 10 riverboat casinos. Those revenues peaked in 2007 at \$1.98 billion, before sliding 31 percent to \$1.37 billion in 2018 as video gaming became more prevalent.

Early returns for sports betting in other states have been promising, with Grove projecting the legal sports betting market to top \$1 billion in revenue quickly — perhaps this year — depending on how many states come online.

Getting in early

Legal sports betting is still a nascent industry in the U.S., available only in Nevada until a Supreme Court ruling last year struck down a 1992 federal law and opened it up to other states. New Jersey and Pennsylvania were among the first to create legislation and offer sports betting last year at casinos, racetracks and other sites.

Illinois is among more than a dozen states considering legalized sports betting, with Pritzker counting on \$200 million in revenue from the industry in next year's proposed budget. While no specific legislation has been introduced, the governor's plan calls for 20 licenses for in-person or online sports betting, sold

for \$10 million each.

"The governor looks forward to working with lawmakers to begin regulating sports betting, after the Supreme Court decision allowed other states to capitalize on what is currently happening on the black market," Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said in an email.

Rivers Casino in Des Plaines, the largest casino in Illinois, with gross receipts of \$442 million in 2018, is all-in on adding sports betting.

"It's something we're certainly interested in doing in Illinois," said Greg Carlin, CEO of Midwest Gaming and its corporate parent, Rush Street Gaming, owners of Rivers Casino. But any sports book would have to find accommodations at Rivers without displacing the more lucrative slot machines and other gambling positions, Carlin said. "Here in Illinois there are already capacity constraints. We wouldn't want to reduce the number of gaming positions that we currently operate."

Already, Rush Street Gaming added sports betting in December at its Philadelphia and Pittsburgh casinos in temporary quarters. Carlin said the impact was immediate. "In Pennsylvania it's been a positive for the overall business," he said. "We've seen some new folks who haven't been to the casino. We've seen an increase in our food and beverage revenue, our slot revenue, our table revenue. Sports betting revenue isn't huge in itself, but as a package, it's been a positive."

Likewise, Churchill Downs saw a "nice uptick" at its Mississippi casino after launching its sports book there in August, Carstanjen said. Improved performance included direct sports betting revenue as well as increased foot traffic at table games and slots, he said.

Competing with bookies

Sports betting in the U.S. is already a multibillion-dollar industry, Grove said. Most of that betting is illegal, however, done through offshore online platforms such as Bovada, BookMaker and 5Dimes. Others prefer the old-school method, placing bets with their bookies.

Getting Illinois customers to switch to legal sports betting shouldn't be that hard, Grove said — if the state offers a reasonable tax rate and online platforms.

Online betting accounts for about two-thirds of sports wagering revenue in the states where it is allowed, Grove said. The mobile apps include geo-tracking that prevents wagering outside the state.

Grove said projected annual gross sports betting revenue in Illinois would drop from \$762 million down to \$333 million if online wagering was excluded.

"If available, Rivers would pursue the online product given the significant market access that product provides," Carstanjen said. "We view the online alternative as crucial to the success of the sports betting product long-term."

No less important is the tax structure, given that illegal sports betting is essentially tax-free.

The Illinois plan has penciled in a 20 percent tax rate on sports books' gross wagering revenue, which would generate an estimated \$77 million to \$136 million per year in tax revenue for the state.

"If the tax rate is too high, it will be tougher for regulated, licensed sports book operators to compete with some of these offshore sites that don't pay tax," Carlin said.

Online vs. bricks-and-mortar

State Rep. Mike Zalewski, a Riverside Democrat who heads the House Revenue Committee, is expected to help craft the state's proposed sports betting legislation, aiming at a May 31 deadline to get it to the governor's desk.

Zalewski said lower sports betting tax rates in New Jersey, which launched in June with an 8.5 percent tax on casino wagering and a 13 percent tax online, may offer an "inactive" guideline. He likewise favors a "healthy mix" of online and bricks-and-mortar platforms.

He said the odds of getting a sports betting bill passed in Illinois were "more likely than not."

While competing interests may present challenges, Grove also liked Illinois' chances to make sports betting legal. "The demand is there," he said. "People would rather bet legally than illegally. As long as you have a reasonable tax and fee structure and you're allowing both retail and online, this should be a tough one to mess up."

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Wynn Resorts fined \$20M over sexual allegations

BY KEN RITTER
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LAS VEGAS — Casino mogul Steve Wynn's former company was fined a record \$20 million by Nevada gambling regulators for failing to investigate claims of sexual misconduct made against him before he resigned a year ago.

The penalty against Wynn Resorts Ltd. ends an investigation that began after The Wall Street Journal reported that several women said the company founder harassed or assaulted them.

Wynn Resorts will keep its gambling license under the Nevada Gaming Commission settlement approved by four commissioners who set the fine.

"It's not about one man," said Commissioner Philip Pro, a former federal court judge. "It's about a failure of a corporate culture to effectively govern itself as it should."

Pro called the commission "guardians of the integrity of gambling," with a responsibility to make sure license holders "don't do things that bring disrepute on the industry" in Nevada.

The previous highest fine in state history was \$5.5 million in 2014 against the sports betting and mobile gambling system company now known as CG Technology.

Commissioners John Moran Jr. and Deborah Fuetsch said they considered a higher fine but did not specify an amount.

Chairman Tony Alamo said \$20 million "makes it clear to all licensees that this culture cannot be tolerated," while also letting the publicly traded company "heal."



RICHARD BRIAN/AP

Wynn Resorts will keep its gambling license under the Nevada Gaming Commission settlement.

"It needs to move needles here," he said. "It needs to ring across the entire country."

Steve Wynn himself was not part of the settlement, and neither Wynn nor any personal representatives attended the commission hearing. Wynn has denied all allegations against him. One of his attorneys, Colby Williams, said by telephone that he was aware of the fine but declined to comment.

The commission has frozen Wynn's Nevada casino license. It has not taken other disciplinary action against him or the other board members and executives named in the settlement. None are still with the company.

Wynn resigned as board chairman and company CEO in February 2018 following reports that he harassed or assaulted several women. He also sold his company shares.

Details about the investigation and its findings were not made public.

But Wynn Resorts acknowledged in settlement documents that several former board members and executives knew about but failed to investigate after Wynn paid \$7.5 million in 2005 to a former salon

employee who alleged he raped her and that she became pregnant as a result.

"Mr. Wynn engaged in intimate and sexual conduct with (company) employees," the settlement documents said.

The company also failed to investigate a cocktail server's allegation that from 2005 to 2006 Wynn pressured her into a non-consensual sexual relationship, the documents said. Wynn paid a \$975,000 private settlement to that woman and her parents, the settlement said.

Wynn Resorts neither admitted nor denied that company executives were made aware of allegations that Wynn sexually harassed multiple flight attendants on company aircraft.

"The company's initial response during this period was driven by Mr. Wynn's adamant denial of all allegations," said a statement from Wynn Resorts spokesman Michael Weaver.

It acknowledged a "short-sighted focus on initially defending Mr. Wynn, rather than reassuring employees of the company's commitment to a safe and respectful work environment."

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CD, time deposit, share certificate... What's the difference?

If you shop for certificates of deposit in the newspaper or online, venturing beyond just your local bank, you'll likely encounter some names for CDs that leave you wondering if you're considering apples to apples.

CDs are what the banking industry calls "time deposits," or sometimes "term deposits". Those names signify that your deposit is made with an agreement that you will keep it at the bank for an established time period or term. This is different than checking, savings or money market accounts, where you can generally deposit and withdraw funds at any time of your choosing.

But while "certificate of deposit" and "CD" are fairly ubiquitous terms, not every U.S. financial institution uses those names, and shopping for the best CDs in the country will occasionally put a product in front of you that certainly looks like a CD but goes by some other name.

This most often happens at credit unions or community banks. Instead of CDs on their product menu, you might simply see "time deposits" or "term deposits", such as "3-Year Time Deposit". And at credit unions, where customers are members who hold a share in the credit union, you might see "share certificates" instead of CDs.

Does this matter? Essentially no. While some wonky banking rules specify minor differences in these products, they do not come into play for the vast majority of consumers. Whether it's called a CD or a time deposit or a share certificate, it's the same product: Deposit X dollars for a period of Y months or years and we'll pay you Z percent interest.

So when you see X, Y, and Z in a deposit product's description, rest easy that you are looking at that institution's version of a CD, no matter the marketing name they've given it.

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SHARON GOODWIN

Walmart has found a new job for Craig Goodwin, the Naperville Walmart greeter with cerebral palsy who was told he would soon be out of a job because the company was changing from greeters to "hosts," a position he could not do because of his disability.

A new role for Naperville greeter

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Initially he was offered the position of fitting room attendant, but his mother said he couldn't meet many of the requirements — such as hanging clothing, lifting more than 10 pounds or climbing a ladder — without accommodations.

People with disabilities who have traditionally filled the greeter job at many stores accused Walmart of acting heartlessly by changing the job requirements.

Outraged customers and family members like Sharon Goodwin turned to Facebook to rally support. Others started petitions and called and emailed Walmart corporate officials to register their displeasure.

After more than a week of backlash, Walmart pledged to make "every effort" to find other roles for disabled workers who'd accused the retailer of targeting them.

In a memo sent to store managers and released Thursday night to the public, company President/CEO Greg Foran said associates with disabilities who are transitioning out of the "people greeter position" face a unique situation.

"And because not all disabilities are the same, each case requires a thoughtful solution," Foran wrote in the memo. "For that reason, we are looking into each one on an individual basis with the goal of offering appropriate accommodations that will enable these associates to continue in other roles with their store."

Walmart spokesman Kory Lundberg in an email added the company is still early in the process of reaching out to individuals and has made offers to some greeters, including those with physical disabilities.

"Craig Goodwin has been offered another role in his store, and we are waiting to hear from him. We expect similar offers will continue to be extended to associates over the coming weeks," Lundberg said.

Sharon Goodwin said their family is thrilled Craig can stay at the place where's

"It truly is something he can do. It is kind of stuff he does now, checking under the cart and asking if they've paid for items."

— Sharon Goodwin

he's worked the last 19 years. Craig Goodwin, 39, started as a greeter at the store when he was a student at Naperville North High School.

"We are very excited," Sharon Goodwin said of the new full-time role her son is expected to start at the end of April.

"(Craig is) so excited; he was screaming," she added.

"It truly is something he can do," Sharon Goodwin said. "It is kind of stuff he does now, checking under the cart and asking if they've paid for items."

From the description she was given, Sharon Goodwin estimated her son will be capable of doing 90 percent of the work.

What he won't be able to do is change the register tape when it runs out or assist customers purchasing some items, such as liquor, which require a Walmart attendant to check identification and punch in a code.

Since Walmart routinely has two other employees working in the same area, they'll be able to handle the duties her son cannot physically perform, Sharon Goodwin said.

Craig Goodwin has been a model employee, literally; a photo of him was incorporated into advertising on the side of a Walmart semitrailers.

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Ricketts family has complete ownership

Cubs, from Page 1

une Co., bought the Cubs in 1981 from the Wrigley family, founders of the chewing-gum company, for \$21.1 million.

As a result of the January sale, Tribune Media has a deferred tax liability of \$69 million it expects to owe on the gain, the company said in its earnings release.

Tribune Media may owe a lot more in taxes for the Cubs transactions, however.

In the 2009 sale to the Ricketts family, Tribune Media retained its minority stake in the Cubs through a complicated transaction structured as a leveraged partnership rather than an outright sale in a bid to avoid capital gains taxes.

The deal was later challenged by the Internal Revenue Service, which said Tribune Media owes \$225

million in state and federal taxes, and \$81 million in interest and penalties.

Tribune Media is contesting the IRS ruling and "continuing to pursue resolution" of the tax dispute, but the sale of its remaining stake "has no impact" on the company's potential tax liability, according to a news release Friday.

Gary Weitman, a spokesman for Tribune Media, declined to comment. Tribune Media spun off the Chicago Tribune and other major newspapers into Tribune Publishing in 2014, retaining broadcast, real estate and other assets, including its 5 percent stake in the Cubs.

In December, Nexstar Media Group agreed to buy Tribune Media for about \$4.1 billion, pending approval from shareholders and federal regulators.

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30560.54	24129.49	Wilshire 5000	29205.23	28807.42	29102.59	+116.30	+0.4	+13.0	▲+4.4								
1742.09	1266.93	Russell 2000	1602.10	1570.60	1589.64	-0.42	-0.0	+17.9	▲+3.7								
397.86	327.34	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	375.67	370.28	374.24	+3.01	+0.8	+10.8	▲+2.0								
7903.50	6536.53	FTSE 100	7210.70	7041.03	7106.73	-71.87	-1.0	+5.6	▲+0.5								

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	10.27	+12
Chesapeake Energy	3.13	+53
Bank of America	29.31	+38
Ford Motor	8.79	+08
EnCana Corp	7.26	+37
Bristle Myr Sqb	53.22	+24
Elit Lilly	128.89	+4.84
AT&T Inc	30.82	-33
Snap Inc A	9.80	+09
Pfizer Inc	43.36	+40
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.78	-02
Aurora Cannabis Inc	7.34	+38
HP Inc	19.60	-4.14

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Synergy Pharma	.07	-22
Adv Micro Dev	23.68	-68
Novavax Inc	.70	-122
Kraft Heinz Co	32.40	-2.55
Microsoft Corp	112.53	+1.56
Apple Inc	174.97	+2.00
Caesars Entertain	8.97	-08
Micron Tech	41.58	-99
Cisco Syst	51.41	+1.30
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.99	-07
Comcast Corp A	39.10	+49
Intel Corp	53.30	+81
IQWi Inc	27.15	-55

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
iShares Brazil	42.35	-1.80
iShares China Large Cap	44.17	+0.3
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iShares EAFE ETF	64.62	+50
iShares iBoxx HY CpbD	85.61	+0.2
iShares Rus 2000	158.24	+0.9
Invesco COO Trust	174.39	+1.59
ProShs UltPro ShtQQF	11.25	-29
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	280.42	+1.28
SPDR Financial	26.69	+23
US Oil Fund LP	11.66	-29
VanE Vect Gld Miners	21.70	-1.36
iPath Sh Term Fut	29.98	-61

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	30.82	-33
Alibaba Group Hldg	183.88	+6.96
Alphabet Inc C	1140.99	+30.62
Alphabet Inc A	1148.52	+31.96
Amazon.com Inc	1671.73	+40.17
Anheuser-Busch InBev	81.96	+6.92
Apple Inc	174.97	+2.00
BP PLC	42.58	+1.2
Bank of America	29.31	+38
Berkshire Hath A	304859.50	+2859.49
Berkshire Hath B	203.13	+1.22
Boeing Co	440.62	+16.57
Chevron Corp	122.03	+2.64
China Mobile Ltd	53.12	-61
Cisco Syst	51.41	+1.30
Citigroup	64.47	+33
CocaCola Co	45.38	+10
Comcast Corp A	39.10	+49
Disney	114.01	-1.24
Exxon Mobil Corp	80.00	+1.58
Facebook Inc	162.28	+39
FEMSA	90.28	-2.07
HSBC Holdings PLC	40.61	-1.0
Home Depot	185.17	-7.22
Intel Corp	53.30	+81
JPMorgan Chase & Co	104.43	-57
Johnson & Johnson	138.35	+2.65
MasterCard Inc	227.25	+3.93
McDonalds Corp	185.05	+3.04
Merck & Co	81.65	+88
Microsoft Corp	112.53	+1.56
Netflix Inc	357.32	-5.70
Novartis AG	91.40	+6.2
Oracle Corp	52.51	+0.3
PepsiCo	116.18	+3.5
Pfizer Inc	43.36	+40
Procter & Gamble	98.44	-1.81
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WalMart Strs	97.93	-1.62
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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, March 1, 2019

Market capitalization in millions of dollars		Stock \$ change		Stock % return	
RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR	
1 Boeing Co	248,943	440.62	▲+16.57	+28.1	
2 McDonalds Corp	141,621	185.05	▲+3.04	+21.6	
3 Abbott Labs	138,040	78.59	▲+2.46	+35.7	
4 AbbVie Inc	118,154	80.10	▲+0.8	-26.2	
5 Caterpillar Inc	79,119	137.47	▼-1.21	-6.3	
6 Mondelez Intl	68,208	47.23	▼-0.49	+10.5	
7 Walgreen Boots Alli	62,842	66.61	▼-3.82	-2.7	
8 CME Group	62,231	182.59	▲+4.53	+15.3	
9 Deere Co	52,239	163.31	▼-2.66	+5.9	
10 ITW	47,382	144.41	▼-0.42	-6.6	
11 Exelon Corp	47,071	48.54	▼-0.20	+35.2	
12 Kraft Heinz Co	39,509	32.40	▼-2.55	-47.8	
13 Baxter Intl	38,870	75.84	▲+1.35	+15.5	
14 Allstate Corp	31,539	95.01	▲+0.94	+5.8	
15 Equity Residential	27,190	73.50	▼-0.73	+34.3	
16 Arch Dan Mid	23,764	42.43	▼-0.06	+6.2	
17 United Contl Hldgs	23,682	86.92	▼-2.51	+28.7	
18 Discover Fin Svcs	23,591	71.84	▲+0.38	-2.4	
19 Motorola Solutions	23,533	143.61	▲+3.63	+37.1	
20 Ventas Inc	22,215	62.29	▼-1.96	+32.0	
21 Nthn Trst Cp	20,340	93.13	▲+0.49	-8.3	
22 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	18,701	315.30	▲+9.54	+57.1	
23 Grainger WW	17,038	302.53	▼-4.88	+20.4	
24 Gallagher AJ	14,783	80.32	▼-0.28	+19.9	
25 CDW Corp	13,945	94.83	▼-0.92	+33.0	
26 Dover Corp	13,186	90.98	▼-0.87	+12.1	
27 TransUnion	12,062	64.85	▲+1.32	+13.4	
28 CNA Financial	11,798	43.46	▲+0.22	-6.6	
29 ConAgra Brands Inc	11,296	23.26	▲-1.12	-33.8	
30 IDEC Corp	11,111	144.85	▲+0.30	+7.8	
31 Zebra Tech	10,893	202.21	▼-4.14	+43.7	
32 CBOE Global Markets	10,735	96.20	▼-0.09	-12.5	
33 NISource Inc	10,023	26.91	▲+0.27	+19.5	
34 Equity LifeSty Prop	9,834	109.36	▼-0.33	+32.1	
35 CF Industries	9,423	42.28	▼-1.79	+4.4	
36 Packaging Corp Am	9,088	96.18	▼-2.11	-16.4	
37 LKQ Corporation	8,852	27.82	▲+0.49	-29.4	
38 US Foods Holding	7,620	35.02	▼-0.37	+4.2	
39 GrubHub Inc	7,529	83.02	▲+3.05	-14.9	
40 Jones Lang LaSalle	7,492	164.23	▼-2.96	+1.9	
41 CDE Global Inc	7,330	58.78	▲+0.75	-12.2	
42 Hill-Rom Hldgs	7,153	107.30	▲+2.76	+32.5	
43 Middleby Corp	6,858	123.13	▲+3.90	+4.3	
44 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	6,684	47.56	▼-1.09	-19.2	
45 Old Republic	6,346	20.97	▼-0.18	+9.2	
46 Aptargroup Inc	6,344	100.81	▼-1.24	+14.8	
47 Ingedion Inc	6,141	92.12	▼-1.54	-26.7	
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Have readily available phrases and statistics to draw from. When you run into the VP you admire in the elevator and she asks, "So what have you been up to?" you'll have articulate, meaningful responses to give her rather than saying, "Not much," or giving her a generic, "Things are so crazy!" This also applies to when a recruiter reaches out to you on LinkedIn or when your uncle asks about your job over the holidays.

Give yourself plenty of choices. You'll likely never include everything you've ever done in a resume or a conversation, but keeping a list of your accomplishments gives you options. When you're ready to apply to your dream job, you can pick

and choose the most relevant, compelling items.

Observe your own trends. Keeping stock of your accomplishments lets you observe your own trends. Are there any project areas you've really knocked out of the park? Do you post the best results when working on a team or alone? Maybe you've led multiple cross-functional teams and not even realized it. Documenting what you're doing and how you spend your time helps you identify patterns that might influence what turn your career takes.

Create a simple list. Now you're ready to start or update your list. To save time and write in a professional tone, try to keep the list as a "master" version of your professional resume.

Don't forget to apply resume writing tips like including statistics to quantify your results, using strong action verbs and writing about work you've done in the past tense and current work in present tense.

Keeping this sort of list fresh prepares you for when the time comes to spruce up your resume, apply for a job or speak about an experience or specific result quickly.

careernotes

Ace that interview

It's a mistake for jobseekers to treat an interview as a one-way interrogation, according to Nick Morgan, author of "Give Your Speech, Change the World." "All too many interviewees see an interview as a largely passive activity, answering the questions that are asked," Morgan writes in Forbes.com. "A successful applicant needs to have a prepared agenda, of no more than a few items, which he will cover in the interview, no matter what questions are asked." Morgan suggests that applicants research the company before the interview, identify a problem the company has, and then tell the interviewer how they can help.

What is your unique value?

Kimberly Robb Baker, certified resume writer and job-search strategist, says that if you stick to only showing how you meet the basic requirements of a job you'll be treated like a commodity. Instead, you need to think about what it is that makes you unique and attractive to prospective

employers. "Whether your background in physical education informs your HR candidacy with a unique perspective on employee wellness programs or your coding knowledge makes you an IT manager who can speak engineers' language, you have something to offer that goes beyond the basics. Find it and express it," says Baker.

Potential for advancement

Look at the opportunities for advancement within a company: Is there a possibility of being promoted after you've been there a few years? Are there other positions you could apply for internally? For example, if you work in an editorial position, could you move to a higher position in sales? It's much easier to move up within your company than to look for advancement somewhere else. Hiring managers will almost always give internal job seekers preference when reviewing applications. When companies promote from within, you can hit the ground running and learn how to be an awesome manager and work your way up the ladder.

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Perry cautions that by writing inaccurate information on a former employee’s reference letter, you are not only challenging your own integrity, you are also hurting the person applying for the job and the company they applied with. Remember to always contact your company’s human resources department before divulging any information to a former coworkers’ potential employer. Many organizations have policies that prohibit a supervisor from speaking directly about a past worker’s job performance.

“The struggle that surrounds the issue of a needy former coworker is that you are torn between your personal desire to help your former colleague, and your professional desire to maintain your high standards,” explains career expert Liz Ryan.

It’s important to have a strategy when dealing with this type of situation. Ryan suggests:

- 1. Define your boundaries.** Will you actively help this person with their job hunt? Will you be a reference? It’s important to decide.
- 2. Make a distinction.** Distinguishing between providing support and assistance is what will keep you from getting entangled in the ex-employee’s business.
- 3. Stick to your guns.** If avoidance doesn’t help, try saying, “I’m not familiar enough with your work to be a reference,” or, “Joe, I like you as a person, but I can’t be a business reference.”

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"We spend so much time perfecting ourselves for certain jobs that we often fail to check if those jobs, or in more specific terms, those companies, are places where we could succeed," says Jyll Henon, a recruitment specialist.

Henon suggests five ways to ensure that a potential employer is the right employer for you:

- 1. Do your research**
 All of the major job websites have extensive reviews of companies. Granted, this user-generated content isn't always 100 percent reliable, but Henon says if you read between the lines, you can get a good idea of what to expect. "Employer reviews are a lot like Yelp reviews," she says. "You get a bunch of evaluations, some more positive than others, and you try to see what the majority of people say. Of course, if there are several negative reviews and one absolute glowing review, it's a good bet that the glowing review was written by someone who represents the company."
- 2. Ask around**
 "LinkedIn is perfect for getting honest reviews of companies," Henon says. "You can always find connection who work, have worked or know people who've worked at the companies you're considering, so reach out to them for a little insight."
- 3. Check with your recruiter**
 The people who are empowered with the hiring responsibilities aren't just judged on the people they bring in, but also on the people

who head out. "If you're in HR and 75 percent of the people you've recruited and helped hire for your company leave within a year or two, that reflects badly on you," Henon says. "So if you're a recruiter, you want to make sure your candidates have a strong understanding of their potential job, and the best way to do this is to share as much information as possible." But Henon says the onus for receiving that information is often on the candidate. "Ask a lot of questions. Ask to speak with current employees or see if you can shadow someone for a few hours. You should be as determined to gather information from your employer as they are determined to learn everything they can about you."

4. Observe your surroundings
 When you visit a company for an interview, keep your eyes and ears open. Henon says there is much to learn from simply observing how a company operates. "Are office doors closed? Are people gathering in spaces and gossiping? Is the space conducive to creativity? There are the questions you need to ask yourself," she says. "I think that a simple walk-through an office tells a lot. Do people seem happy? Are they sitting at their desks with their heads in the hands or are they moving around the office, creating a space with the positive energy you'll need if you decide to accept the position."

5. Research their competitors
 Using any of the strategies listed above, Henon says it's possible to learn a lot about a company by researching its peers in advance of your interview. "A lot of industries mimic their counterparts when it comes to employee space or benefits," she says. "A real estate office may look pretty standard across the country, as might a design firm or a law office. Do you homework and find out what the standards are, then ask questions based on that information. You can mention that you have a friend who works for Microsoft and she says this is how they do things, and then ask if the company you're interviewing with does things the same way."

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TEAM EFFORTS MAY BE POPULAR — BUT INDIVIDUAL CONTACT STILL RULES THE DAY

Aron Whitman sold office supplies for nearly 40 years before retiring in 2002. “I was probably 10 years stale when I finally stepped away because people were ordering paper and pens through catalogs and the internet in the 1990s, but I had a small group of clients that still loved the sample, the handshake, the office visit and the receipt,” says Whitman, 78, and a “fall-asleep-at-the-pool guy” in Tempe, Arizona. “I called it the SHOR method: Sample: I’d give them a pen or a highlighter; Handshake: I’d look them in the eye, ask about their kids, give them a good, hard handshake; Office visit: I came to them. I didn’t wait for a phone call. I showed up once a month; and Receipt: I took their order right then and there, in pen, and gave them a carbon copy when I left.”

Whitman, who speaks with such style and focus that you soon realize he could sell you the phone you’re already using, says he has mixed feelings about how people approach sales opportunities today. “I love the fact that you can sit in front of a screen and find the most appropriate leads. I love that you don’t have to go fishing for contacts,” he says. “But I don’t love how some people never leave that screen. They pick up their phone or send an email. I don’t want an email. If you’re going to sell me something, sell it to me in person. Get in my face and make the sale.”

While the former Providence, Rhode Island, resident realizes there are still plenty of great sales representatives who meet with their potential customers in person, he thinks they’re missing the true benefits of a face-to-face opportunity. “Meet with people one-on-one. Don’t make a pitch to a crowd. Make an individual connection and let that person handle explaining it to the rest of the crowd,” Whitman says.

Focal point

Whitman’s advice isn’t just helpful for those looking to sell a product or service. It can also be essential tutelage for anyone who is trying to sway a co-worker, manager or potential boss into making a mutually beneficial decision. “It’s true that companies are much more apt to trust a team decision than an individual decision but to be honest, a lot of that’s just talk,” says Jenna Rios, CPA, who specialized in tax consultation for start-up firms in San Francisco. “I meet with a lot of teams and there’s always one person who you quickly realize is the person who needs to be convinced that you should get the job.

I use that person as my focal point and I hone in on them. I don’t ignore everyone else at the table but when we discuss the meat and potatoes, I’m making eye contact with the alpha of the group. It doesn’t take long to see that everyone else is just there for the coffee and bagels.”

Rios says she’s still working on her confidence when it comes to approaching the employee she views as the team manager, so to speak, but she thinks she already does a good job of tagging that person during presentations. “It’s usually not the person who asks a million questions. Those are the people who just want to show that they know more than me, especially since I’m a woman,” she says. “For me, it’s the quiet one who takes notes but asks one or two really legit questions. I had a guy last week ask me about the tax implications of a nonprofit merging with a new, small firm. I’m simplifying it here but he had some real issues that he’d thought about and he was testing me. I knew right there — that’s the guy. That’s who I have to convince.”

And?

“I’m working on it,” Rios says.

Time-tested approach

I mention Whitman’s SHOR method to Rios. “I don’t have any free samples but I like that,” she says. “Can you imagine getting a client and filling out all the contract information in pen? That’d be old school. I kind of like it.”

Rios says she always makes eye contact, especially when offering a handshake, as Whitman suggests, but she says it can sometimes be a challenge when dealing with potential clients who are men. “Some guys just say ‘OK, then’ and leave it at that. Some guys come in for a hug. I’m like ‘seriously? I’m not your grandma.’ And then other guys offer this weird handshake like they’re afraid to touch a girl or they think they’re going to break my hand. It’s awkward.”

Rios says she’s well-versed in handshakes, thanks to her father-in-law. “The guy was a mechanic in Queens for like 50 years,” she says. “He sat with me one day for two hours and worked on my handshake. It was like shaking hands with the Hulk and he didn’t let me back down. And he only spoke Spanish. ‘Firma! Firma!’ When my husband tried to stick up for me, he ordered him out of the room. I mean, I can barely talk about it without tearing up.”

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*

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'The foundation is set'



Nearly two months removed from his team's painful playoff loss to the Eagles, **Matt Nagy** has had ample time to assess his first season as Bears coach. Nagy is predictably pleased with the strides the Bears made in winning 12 games and an NFC North championship. The 40-year-old coach spoke with the Tribune about his excitement for his special defense, his players' overall hunger and quarterback Mitch Trubisky's growth. But in a positive yet critical self-analysis, Nagy also made clear that the Bears' 2018 climb was "not good enough."

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BRAD BIGGS | On the Bears

General manager Ryan Pace is busy scouting prospects at the combine, the precursor to the NFL's shopping season. His first order of business come free agency next week might be to keep a pair of his own: Bryce Callahan and Adrian Amos. **Page 6**

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Time to cut MNF crew to 2

Know whom ESPN should pick to replace Jason Witten as an analyst on “Monday Night Football”?

No one. Witten’s decision to return to the Cowboys may be reason to re-examine whether overamped Joe Tessitore should come back for a second year on play-by-play on “MNF” or whether Booger McFarland is the best choice as an analyst on the prime-time NFL showcase.

But one thing is certain: The days of Howard Cosell, Frank Gifford and Dandy Don Meredith are long gone.

Witten’s unretirement as a player after one singularly mediocre season as a prime-time analyst offers ESPN what should be a welcome opportunity to pare its Monday night announcing crew from three to two. With a sideline reporter and occasional input from a rules expert, a third announcer would clutter any NFL telecast and especially ESPN’s production overstaffed with extra graphics and gimmickry.

Last year’s “MNF” only made this more evident. For much of the season, ESPN strapped co-analyst McFarland to a cart that bounced along the sidelines, apart from Tessitore and Witten.

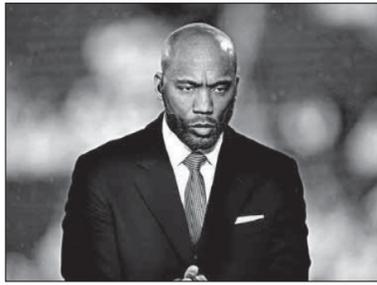
Tessitore too often sounded as though he was selling the games rather than calling them. Witten came across as though he had no TV experience (probably because he had none) and cut into time for McFarland, who was fairly sharp at times.

Not only would dropping the third announcer spare viewers unwanted competition for the mic, it would save ESPN millions of dollars. Just because going with a two-person team makes all kinds of sense doesn’t mean ESPN will do it.

Many people who would be excellent, such as Fox’s Charles Davis, are unlikely to be sprung from their current deals to jump to ESPN.

Here are some possibilities, bearing in mind I once thought Tony Kornheiser would be a good pick:

1. Louis Riddick: If you’re going to have a third voice, he should have something to say from a unique perspective. Riddick not only played the game, but also worked as a scout and executive. Riddick has shown a keen knack for NFL analysis all over ESPN, just not in the booth, although he’s on record saying “MNF” is a career goal. Now would be a good time. He probably should



GREGORY PAYAN/AP

Louis Riddick has shown a knack for NFL analysis on ESPN and is on record saying “Monday Night Football” is a career goal.

have gotten it last year.

2. Kurt Warner: The NFL Network contributor who has worked national radio broadcasts of “MNF” knows the job, does the job and would be excellent at the job. It’s believed he could take the ESPN position if it were offered to him.

3. Steve Young: Another ESPN analyst who seems to have plenty to say. He might be a tad bland, but he certainly knows what he’s talking about and presumably would be able to make a smooth transition.

4. Greg Olsen: The former Bears tight end hasn’t retired, but he got some experience as a TV analyst for Fox in 2017 and wasn’t bad. That puts him one up on where fellow tight end Witten was at this time last year before he retired. Olsen auditioned for the job before ESPN chose Witten. The New York Post reported ESPN and Fox were courting Olsen before the news on Witten broke. Clearly he’s gunning for something.

5. Matt Hasselbeck: The former QB has become one of ESPN’s leading studio analysts. It’s only natural the network would consider him for its top NFL showcase.

6. Kirk Herbstreit: ESPN’s top college analyst seems plenty happy in his current role, which he does very well, so this seems unlikely. He still would be a solid choice.

7. Brian Griese: The onetime Bears quarterback is a leading ESPN college football announcer and did a serviceable job alongside Beth Mowins on one of the

season-opening doubleheader “MNF” telecasts last year. It’s not an exciting pick but it would get the job done.

8. Rex Ryan: Please, no. The former NFL coach worked on an “MNF” telecast in 2017. It wasn’t good. He has said he is more comfortable doing studio work. ESPN should keep him comfortable.

9. Christine Brennan: The sharp USA Today columnist and commentator for CNN, ABC News, “PBS NewsHour” and NPR’s “Morning Edition” made her name in part as an outstanding NFL writer for the Washington Post. If ESPN is going to have a third voice, why not make it distinct from the other voices — not just on its telecast but every other one as well?

10. Doug Kezirian: Who? You may not know Kezirian, but he’s host of ESPN’s “Behind the Bets” podcast and, beginning March 11, a new one-hour gambling-related program on ESPNNews called “Daily Wager.” It’s nearly impossible to see the NFL or ESPN going this route. But just because odds are against adding an informed voice on wagers to the telecast doesn’t mean it’s a bad idea.

11. Peyton Manning: Eli’s brother has resisted the call to date, so maybe Manning knows something those wooing him do not. This insurance pitchman is working for the ESPN+ streaming service. But one suspects it was easier for the Blues Brothers to coax Matt “Guitar” Murphy and Mr. Fabulous out of their high-paying gigs than for ESPN to get Manning for “MNF.”

12. Jay Cutler: Mr. Cavallari was signed, sealed and supposedly delivered to Fox after retiring as Bears QB two years ago. But he wound up deciding to play with the Dolphins for a season. Though some spoke glowingly of his promise as an analyst, Cutler did not circle back upon retiring again. So he still has no experience and, it seems, no real desire. Perhaps his role as the wry husband on wife Kristin’s E! reality show, “Very Cavallari,” is enough for him. Tune in to this weekend’s Season 2 premiere, in which he receives a gift llama, and see if he looks it in the mouth!

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MEDIA

Top 10 honors for Tribune Sports

The Chicago Tribune Sports section is among the best in the country.

The Tribune’s Chicago Sports report earned Top 10 honors for its daily and Sunday sections in the largest circulation category in the annual Associated Press Sports Editors contest, and several writers and a photographer were recognized for their stellar work in 2018 in judging that took place this week in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Paul Sullivan, who has covered the Cubs, White Sox and Major League Baseball for the Tribune since 1987, was named one of the nation’s 10 best columnists. Submitted entries included a column about “bullpenning” being baseball’s hottest new trend, one on former White Sox slugger Jim Thome’s path to the Baseball Hall of Fame and another on the Cubs’ loss to the Rockies in the National League wild-card game.

Dan Wiederer was honored in the explanatory story category for his in-depth piece headlined “Absence of Answers. The James Jordan murder.” Wiederer’s winning story took readers back to the scene of the crime where Michael Jordan’s father was killed and examined key questions about the case 25 years later as one of the convicted felons bid for a new trial.

Longtime Tribune Bulls beat reporter K.C. Johnson spearheaded a group effort that earned Top 10 recognition in the projects category. The entry focused on the 20 years since the dissolution of the Bulls dynasty, with Johnson breaking down the subsequent years into three eras and intricately offering a season-by-season analysis. The project included columns from Phil Rosenthal, David Haugh and Steve Rosenbloom and a “Where are they now?” segment from Malika Andrews that caught readers up with the men who made up the dynasty era.

The Tribune’s Brian Cassella won Top 10 in feature photos for his picture of Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo having a cooler filled with water bottles poured on him after hitting a walk-off home run against the Diamondbacks on July 26 at Wrigley Field.

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Hawks center Dewayne Dedmon fouls the Bulls' Otto Porter Jr. on a 3-point attempt in the final moments of regulation Friday.

Going extra mile

Bulls rack up plenty of superlatives in Friday night's 4-overtime victory

BY K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — Where to start after a game like the Bulls' 168-161 conditioning-test victory over the Hawks on Friday?

Zach LaVine scored a career-high 47 points, including 21 in 20 minutes of overtimes, and almost achieved the rare quadruple-double with nine assists, nine rebounds and eight turnovers.

Hawks rookie Trae Young put on a show for the ages, finishing with a career-high 49 points with 16 assists. He had 29 points and seven assists in the fourth quarter and overtimes alone.

Otto Porter Jr. tied his career-high with seven 3-pointers, finished with 31 points and 10 rebounds and calmly sank three free throws with 0.4 seconds left in regulation to force overtime.

And Lauri Markkanen joked about how NBA stands for "No Boys Allowed" after powering through an illness to post 31 points with 17 rebounds. In his 11th straight game with at least 20 points and nine rebounds, he sank three free throws to put the Bulls ahead for good with 1 minute, 59 seconds left in the fourth overtime.

The Bulls posted franchise records for points as well as 3-pointers made and attempted (21-for-48). The teams combined for the third-most points in league history, and it's also only the third time both teams scored 160 points or more in a game.

And in a leg-wearying game that featured 22 lead changes and 17 ties, both teams shot better than 47 percent. The shot-making and execution remained at a high level.

So let's start with Wayne Selden Jr.

Huh? With just more than 4 minutes left in regulation, Young turned the ball over as he tried to split a double team of Markkanen and Kris Dunn. The loose ball rolled on the floor, where Selden battled Vince Carter for it, wrestling it away briefly. With the ball again rolling, Selden, sprawled on the court, extended his hand to push the ball ahead to LaVine, who streaked ahead for a fast-break layup over DeAndre' Bembry and a six-point lead.

The Bulls' bench erupted. Shaquille Harrison flexed his biceps in a show of strength. Ryan Arcidiacono simply flexed. Jim Boylen sprang to his feet, clapping. LaVine immediately sought out Selden to dap him up.

"I just know 50-50 balls are important, so just trying to make an impact," Selden said. "Making those momentum plays are big for us. In a long game like that, every possession really counts."

Boylen was having none of such matter-of-factness.

"That was a huge play," Boylen said, his voice and intensity raising. "They mean guys are protecting the soul and spirit of the team and playing the right way and giving it everything they have and laying it out there. It's fun."

"Those plays that Wayne did? That makes me want to play again. It does something to your nervous system. It makes you want to go out and dive on somebody."

The marathon game featured other such beyond-the-box-score moments. Harrison stripped Young in the waning seconds of the third overtime, giving the Bulls a chance to win. Arcidiacono sank a huge corner 3-pointer to tie the game with 25.1 seconds left in the second overtime.

And so on and on and on. "It just shows that we're resilient and we're together and we keep playing," LaVine said. "We're going to play hard regardless...."

"It's tiring as hell. It was a good game. I've never been part of something that long. We kept getting an opportunity to win and making dumb plays or doing the wrong thing. But we pulled it out. That's all that matters."

And the teams get to do it all over again Sunday, gathering at the United Center to conclude the home-and-home series. Unsurprisingly, both teams used Saturday as a recovery day. The Bulls, who listed LaVine



The Bulls' Zach LaVine, who scored 47 points, shoots over Hawks center Alex Len.



The Hawks' Vince Carter reacts after the Bulls took the lead in the fourth overtime.

as probable for the rematch with a sore lower back, scheduled a film session.

"Our guys need ice tubs. They need massages. They need treatment," Hawks coach Lloyd Pierce said after the game. "Trae played 55 minutes. He needs to understand what recovery is. He may not feel it now; he's got adrenaline because of the career high and things like that. But he'll feel it (Saturday)."

Indeed, somebody check on Carter. Quick.

At 42, the oldest player in the league logged 44 minutes, 53 seconds, including almost 18 of the 20 overtime minutes.

"I was talking to him and I was like, 'How in the heck are you still out here, man?' He was like, 'I don't even know,'" Porter said, laughing. "He said his legs were numb. He couldn't feel them. But that's like Superman out there. I'm a big fan, and just to play against him is a big honor."

The respect factor flowed freely after the atypical game, which had the feel of a playoff game for its intensity and big playmaking.

To wit, here were the Bulls on Young's performance:

Boylen: "For a rookie to do that was unbelievable. We were throwing guys at him. Shaq had him some. Kris had him some. Archie had him some. We tried to tag team a little bit. ... We blitzed him. We switched him. We threw the kitchen sink at him pretty much. Gotta give him credit." LaVine: "He's an incredible talent. You can already see he has that "it" factor. You gotta guard him. ... When somebody doubles, he's going to hold the ball and make the right pass and put pressure on the defense."

In the direct aftermath, Boylen said so many big plays occurred that it was hard to remember them all. He also called it a hard game to absorb because there's so much going on. Pierce made similar postgame comments, pointing to the Hawks being short-handed with John Collins sitting out and Omari Spellman going down and two

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players fouling out and just trying to piecemeal the right lineups and matchups in the overtimes.

"It's all learning moments," Boylen said. "This is a young, developing team, just like they are. ... We've got a lot to pull from. Obviously we probably can't absorb it all by Sunday. But we've got a lot of footage of situations we can learn from. ... There's no shame in losing this game for Atlanta. This was a great game. We hung in there and made a couple more plays than them."

That's basically it. After an Alex Len turnover, Robin Lopez followed Markkanen's three go-ahead free throws with a tip dunk of Porter's driving layup for a five-point lead with 88 seconds left in the fourth overtime.

Young scored — of course he did — to cut it to a one-possession game, but LaVine supplied the dagger with a driving layup with 37.1 seconds left.

"I'm mad I didn't make enough plays," LaVine said. "I air-balled one (shot) because I was so damn tired. We made a couple weird plays where we didn't have the ball in the right situation. We were just trying to get the win. It was nothing other than that."

"Otto was staying in my ear talking about, 'Come on, let's keep doing it.' Because at one point, you know, you're just like, 'Man, this game is going too long.' I'm just glad we pulled it out. It was a fun game."

Speaking of Porter, the Bulls are 6-2 in games in which he has played. He's clearly playing a larger role for the Bulls than he did for the Wizards, where he served as the third option behind All-Star guards John Wall and Bradley Beal.

"I've always known what I can do," Porter said. "It was just a matter of being in a place where it can be showcased. This is a great opportunity for me to share my knowledge and love for the game with this organization and this team."

Meanwhile, Markkanen gutted out another stellar performance. After scoring 25 points on 15 shots through regulation, he took just one shot in the first three overtimes. He also came out for a brief rest in the third session.

After scoring six points and taking two shots in the fourth overtime, Markkanen revealed that he felt sick during the game.

"I felt a little weird. I don't know what it was," Markkanen said. "I wouldn't say I had the flu, but something was bothering me in the first half. ... I'm exhausted. You gotta fight through it. I know that first half I definitely didn't feel my best, but I knew I had to pick it up."

"We were joking that NBA stands for 'No Boys Allowed', so you got to man up and play the game. When I put my jersey on, it doesn't matter how you feel. You've got to perform. And that's what I did."

So that's five Bulls victories in six games, including a four-game road winning streak. There's a completely different vibe inside the locker room these days. Players believe they're going to win. And when they do, they're not satisfied.

"This should make us even hungrier," Markkanen said. "We can do anything when we play well. We didn't play our best basketball, but we played our game. ... It shows a lot of heart from the team."

For the second time, echoing comments made in an interview just before the All-Star break, LaVine spoke positively of his improving relationship with Boylen.

"Just a trust factor," LaVine said. "You have to learn to trust people and know what they want and how things are going to go. We're getting in a good groove and we're getting to know each other."

Victories, particularly those of the epic variety, have a funny way of making that happen.

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BLACKHAWKS

KINGS 6, BLACKHAWKS 3

Playoff hopes take a huge hit

Colliton: 'We're running out of time' after woeful Kings snap 10-game losing streak

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Just a few minutes had passed since the Blackhawks' demoralizing 6-3 loss to the Kings.

Coach Jeremy Colliton was thinking about what he had witnessed Saturday at the Staples Center but also on his mind was what had taken place just a week ago. Back then, the Hawks played two of their best games of the season in losses to the Avalanche and Stars.

Those games were acceptable to Colliton despite the outcomes. What the Hawks showed against the Ducks on Wednesday and against the Kings, who snapped a 10-game losing streak Saturday, was not.

"All of a sudden the Colorado (and) Dallas game it's like, wow, we do get it," Colliton said. "We know what we have to do and we just haven't been able to find that the last two games. We found a way to pull one out of a hat in Anaheim but we can't do that night after night. So we got to find a way to get back to it."

"There's enough games left, but we're running out of time. We've got to find that level."

Mathematically, the Hawks still are alive. They remained five points out of the final Western Conference wild-card spot with several contenders playing Saturday night. But nine of the Hawks' final 17 games are against teams who currently are in playoff position.

The Hawks' top two lines were humming the first two minutes of the game, but a couple of penalties — too many men and a tripping call on Dylan Strome — ended any momentum and changed the complexion of the game.

The Kings scored on both power plays and added another first-period goal for a 3-0 lead. The Hawks fought back to tie it early in the second on a pair of Brendan Perlini goals and Connor Murphy's third of the season, but the comeback was short-lived.

Adrian Kempe scored with 11 minutes, 52 seconds left in the second to put the Kings back ahead 4-3, and they added a pair of in the third. Corey Crawford allowed six goals on 25 shots in his second straight start since returning from a concussion.

"It was just a sloppy game overall in Anaheim and a sloppy game overall here," defenseman Duncan Keith said. "I don't know why. I certainly don't think we're in a position where we can't respect our opponents. If anything, they should not be having respect for us the way we've been playing."

The Kings, the second-lowest scoring team in the NHL, set their season high with the six goals. On Sunday, the Hawks face the Sharks, the NHL's second-highest-scoring team. It will be a challenge, to say the least.

"It's an opportunity to respond," Colliton said. "We need to find that professional game, that playoff-style effort. If we do that we have a chance to win. We may not win but we have a chance to win. So that's how we got to approach it."

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Crawford healthy and hopeful after two games back

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford will get a rest Sunday against the Sharks after playing consecutive games in his return from a concussion.

After allowing three goals in his first game back — Wednesday's win against the Ducks — Crawford allowed six Kings goals Saturday in a 6-3 loss, tying a season high.

"I felt good the whole time," Crawford said. "I just didn't stop too many."

While Cam Ward will get the call against the Sharks, Crawford should start the bulk of the Hawks' remaining 16 games after Sunday and hasn't given up on the playoffs.

"We've gone on a streak before, so you definitely can't count (us) out," he said. "I think the teams ahead of us, they were kind of struggling for a bit and they've kind of picked it up. So for us, it's just play our game and not worry about what's coming. Just focus on each game and we definitely have the team to get in."

Road warriors: Saturday's loss was a notable exception, but the Hawks had been outstanding on the road over the last two months. They are 9-4-1 in their last 14 away from the United Center.

Coach Jeremy Colliton pointed to the power play as the biggest reason.

"It allows you to stay in a game," Colliton said. "You keep it close and then you get your chance on the power play. I also think we're ready to defend, we're ready to battle, we understand we're going to have to grind, and when we have that mentality we're tougher to beat."

CUBS



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Tommy Hottovy, who replaced Jim Hickey as Cubs pitching coach, works with starter Jon Lester during spring training in Mesa, Ariz.

Student of the game

Hottovy's analytics knowledge will be big benefit to Cubs

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — As a 22-year-old hotshot in the Royals organization seven years ago, Mike Montgomery admits he wasn't the easiest guy to mentor.

But a 30-year-old sidearm specialist clinging to his plodding career treated Montgomery well and left a favorable impression.

That former teammate is now his pitching coach with the Cubs: Tommy Hottovy.

"Sometimes you can get ragged on a lot, especially when you've been pitching in the minors," Montgomery recalled. "But he was always nice to me, and he was smart. That's the one thing that jumped out."

The wisdom Hottovy gained persevering through five organizations in 11 professional seasons bolsters his knowledge of analytics.

"It doesn't surprise me that someone as bright as Tommy is now a pitching coach," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "It's a technology-based game right now. We had Ian Kennedy throwing on the side the other day, and

we had four cameras and one box in front of the plate that was rating his spin speed.

"You need more people to understand how to take that information and use it productively. Tommy is definitely that."

But in the case of Hottovy, 37, there's more than just understanding spin rates and data points.

"His sidearm delivery was different than the norm, but you still have to know how to break down everyone's mechanics — sidearm, three-quarters, over the top, lefty, righty, everybody," Yost said of Hottovy, who had a 4.05 ERA in 17 appearances with the Red Sox and Royals, the extent of his major-league career.

"Tommy has studied the game to the point where he's going to be a really, really good pitching coach."

After his stints with the Red Sox and Royals, Hottovy's baseball education continued the next two seasons in the Rangers and Blue Jays organizations. The Cubs signed him to a minor-league deal in 2013, but in April of 2014 he suffered a career-ending shoulder injury in spring training.

"I was with the Royals when they got to lock down those seventh-, eighth-, ninth-inning roles," Hottovy said. "And then I was with Toronto where they tried to piece it together with a

bunch of Rule 5 and 40-man waiver claims.

"But in the end, just being able to pick the brain of a bunch of different guys and getting an opportunity to be in some different organizations gave me a broader scope of what goes on in the major leagues, instead of being in one organization for a long time."

Soon after his playing career ended, Hottovy, a finance major at Wichita State, yearned to stay involved in baseball. So he took an online course Boston University offered titled "Sabermetrics 101: Introduction to Baseball Analytics."

"It's a great course," Hottovy said. "It takes you behind the scenes and helps bridge a gap."

The Cubs soon hired him in their advance scouting department as their run prevention coordinator.

After Jim Hickey resigned after last season, Hottovy moved up to become pitching coach.

"How about that?" Montgomery said. "It's really cool. But to me, nothing has changed."

"I'm still dealing with him in the same way I have the last couple years. He's the pitching coach, so the title is different. He's going to be in the dugout, but it's all good stuff."

While Hottovy embraces the analytical side, there's also the

human element of coaching.

Montgomery is expected to be in the hybrid starter/reliever role for the third consecutive season.

"I know where (Montgomery) has been and what he's gone through, so it adds context to the conversation and trust when I take something to him," Hottovy said. "He doesn't have to second-guess it. We can have a healthy argument about it, but we know we're on the same page and moving on."

Hottovy's talents were too good for the Cubs to ignore when they looked for a new pitching coach.

"We always kind of viewed him as a rising star," general manager Jed Hoyer said. "We thought he definitely was going to be an excellent pitching coach. As we got into the winter and started talking about it, no doubt that timetable was being sped up. Teams were going to be younger but different. And people were asking permission (to talk to Hottovy).

"We were thinking, 'We know this guy is a star right here,' and I think sometimes guys are thinking, 'You want to finish that development.' This guy is awesome. This is our guy. He's been awesome so far in camp."

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CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Chatwood intent on proving he belongs

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Here are four takeaways from Cubs spring training Saturday:

1. Tyler Chatwood is determined to make the roster.

The Cubs might have only one open spot on their roster, and Tyler Chatwood hopes to convince management he's deserving of it as the 13th pitcher.

"I can't control what they do," Chatwood said Saturday, one day after pitching three scoreless innings against the Diamondbacks. "I feel like I'm a starter. I know we have a lot of good starters. My job is to pitch and make them make a tough decision."

Barring injuries, the rotation is set. And because of contractual obligations and stronger relievers, only one bullpen spot remains. In the mix are left-hander Randy Rosario and Chatwood, among others. Chatwood, who lost his spot in the rotation in August, is owed \$25.5 million over the next two seasons. The Cubs would have to assume a large portion of his contract if they were to trade him, or they could use him in long relief.

"Hopefully nobody (gets injured), but there's always that (possibility), and there's always the need for more than five legitimate starters," manager Joe Maddon said. "For right now, keep doing what you're doing."

"Guys like him in this situation, hopefully you try not to be the manager or the general manager. Be the pitcher, be the player and nail down what you do on the field and make the discussion difficult."

Chatwood has walked one in five spring innings after walking 95 in 103²/₃ innings last season.

2. Jon Lester sticks to preparation, not the rival Brewers.

The Brewers' Travis Shaw hit a two-run homer off Lester in the first inning Saturday, but the left-hander wasn't upset after the 7-4 Cubs loss.

"At this time of year, (it's) just about getting up and down three times and firing my fastball as much as I can," said Lester, who allowed three hits and struck out three against a veteran lineup. "Once I get that, everything else usually falls into place from there."

Left-handers Cole Hamels and Mike Montgomery will pitch Monday in a simulated game, and Alex Mills will face the Reds in Goodyear.

3. Carl Edwards Jr. is ready to take training wheels off the pause in his delivery.

Edwards is working on a new delivery in which his left foot sometimes grazes the mound after his initial leg kick before lifting it again and delivering.

He labeled his one scoreless inning Friday in his spring debut as "beginner's luck."

"I'll go on my next two outings to see how I really feel," Edwards said.

Maddon's only concern with the pause would be with a runner on base.

"I've been in the slide step since growing up, so I don't think it will be a hard transition," said Edwards, who plans not to use a high leg kick when runners are on base. "That gives me enough time since my catcher (Willson Contreras) has a cannon."

4. Jason Heyward on the slow free-agent market: "There are a lot of people at home for no reason."

Right fielder Jason Heyward, who was scratched from the lineup Saturday because of an illness, joined the chorus of players voicing disappointment with the slow free-agent market the last two winters.

"(Teams) know the money they have available," said Heyward, who signed an eight-year, \$184 million contract in December 2015. "They know the personnel they have. Nothing has changed from whenever the off-season started to now. If anything, there's more money that each team has to spend."

"With certain guys, it's a given. They're going to sign and sign big contracts. But there's a lot of people out there who can still help a team win. There are a lot of guys who have done a lot in this game, and for them not to have a job, I guess there are question marks around it — a lot of different questions. ... There are a lot of people at home for no reason."

Iapoce different kind of influence

Upbeat, unique personality makes hitting coach relatable

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Anthony Iapoce took a peek at Albert Almora Jr. in his backyard as a high school senior, studied Kris Bryant's swing at Class A Boise and evaluated Ian Happ in the instructional league in 2015.

Those experiences as a special assistant gave Iapoce a data bank now designed to help him succeed as the third Cubs hitting coach in three seasons.

Iapoce is just part of the latest instruction the Cubs implemented as they try to become a more efficient in situational hitting and regain the power that faded in 2018.

"We all want the results as fast as we can," said Iapoce, who rejoined the Cubs after three seasons as the Rangers hitting coach. "You also have to understand as coaches you never know when that moment is going to be."

Players have felt comfortable with Iapoce's upbeat personality and emphasis on preparation rather than minutiae.

"I don't know how to explain (his) mental side of the game," Almora said. "It's unique. It's changed my life. During the minor leagues, he came to me. Without hitting a ball in a cage, he's changed the way I thought about the game in my approach."

"Anyone here can perform on the physical side. It's the mental grind that we struggle with.

Having him on our side is a positive step."

Manager Joe Maddon recently described Iapoce as "high energy, very entertaining."

That was evident in a YouTube video from four years ago in which Iapoce was wearing a flat cap and Rangers jersey while break dancing at a charity event.

"He's a very relatable kind of guy," said Rangers slugger Joey Gallo, who hit 81 home runs the last two seasons under Iapoce's supervision. "He likes to be goofy, have fun and keep the energy up. He definitely made a huge impact on the environment for the hitters."

"We try to work on things and got better at a lot of stuff. But at the end of the day, it's on me to implement it."

Iapoce, a New York state native, sports a slight accent and wears high-stirrup socks. His hiring marks a sense of urgency for the Cubs, whose offense failed miserably in the second half of 2018, resulting in their quick playoff exit and the firing of Chili Davis.

The Cubs' hitting woes have been well-documented. They scored one run or fewer 40 times. They hit 167 home runs — 56 fewer than in 2017. Their OPS dropped from .771 in the first half to .705 in the second. And they hit .235 with a .300 on-base percentage in September.

Iapoce is one of three new voices. Terrmel Sledge, who was the hitting coach for Hopp at Class A Eugene in 2015, took over as assistant hitting coach for Andy Haines, now the hitting coach for the Brewers.

And Maddon has taken a more



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Cubs hitting coach Anthony Iapoce, center, talks with Javy Baez, left, and Albert Almora Jr. at spring training last week in Mesa, Ariz.

active role in drills designed to improve the hitters' production in specific situations — or what Iapoce describes as "opportunity" hitting.

"I step back and let Joe go to work," the mild-mannered Iapoce said. "It's pretty cool watching him run the drills, and the players are into it and competing against each other."

"You see someone enjoying stuff that you know you have to recognize that and let Joe take it on. We can learn from each other and realize we can lean on each other for certain things, no matter what area that's in."

Iapoce also learned from his players during his first season with the Rangers, whose roster included veterans Adrian Beltre, Shin-Soo Choo, Prince Fielder, Ian Desmond, Mitch Moreland and Robinson Chirinos.

"You'd ask them questions like, 'When did you realize this?' " Iapoce recalled. "They'd say it took five or six years in the league. That's why they played so long — because they were always trying to improve."

Given the apparent disconnect Davis had with a few

players, Iapoce's familiarity and verbiage has put them at ease so far.

"He's been good since the first day I got here," catcher Willson Contreras said. "He was here before, knows us well, and what I really like about him is that he talks about the mental side but not much about mechanics and my swing."

"He says positive things about hitting. Prepare your mind to go through tough stretches and have a game plan every single day before you got to the plate. If you're having a tough time, just battle."

It has been a warm reunion on both sides for Iapoce and the younger hitters.

"I'm enjoying a lot," Iapoce said. "I've enjoyed their conversations throughout the winter. It's great to physically give a hug to a guy I haven't seen in a couple years that you watched him accomplish in the 2016 World Series."

"As a minor-league coach, you're always talking about Game 7 in the World Series, and it really happened for those guys. So definitely it was cool for me."

WHITE SOX



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Sox outfielder Nicky Delmonico added some juice to the rivalry with the Cubs when he called their fans the most annoying in baseball.

Some trash talking

White Sox's Delmonico makes himself easy target after dissing Cubs fans



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the
White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — We don't know whether Nicky Delmonico will make the trip to Sloan Park on Sunday for the first Cactus League meeting between the White Sox and Cubs.

But if Delmonico does, he's bracing for some harsh treatment

from Cubs fans.

"It couldn't get much worse," he said with a grin.

Delmonico, a 26-year-old outfielder in his third year in the majors, was unknown to most Cubs fans before making news several weeks ago with an off-the-cuff comment at SoxFest about their general demeanor.

When a youngster asked which fans are the most "annoying" in baseball, Delmonico quickly replied: "Cubs fans."

It was a tap-in putt for any Sox player who knows how their fans feel about their North Side peers. Teammates Tim Anderson and Yolmer Sanchez, who also were on the panel, quickly confirmed Delmonico's assessment. Then Delmonico doubled down by saying: "Whenever the Cubs play (in) our home, you all have got to literally give them hell."

It was no surprise the video went viral. That's usually what happens whenever an athlete says something insulting. Delmonico soon was deluged with tweets from outraged Cubs fans telling him what they thought of him, or simply asking who he was.

"Oh, yeah, I was blown up on Twitter and all that," he said. "But I expected it. Just normal stuff."

Delmonico, who went 3-for-3 Saturday and is hitting .545 this spring, has more important things to think about, like trying to nail down a job. But the kerfuffle has put him in the spotlight and he's not backing down.

If the shoe fits ...

Anderson said Delmonico was only saying what every Sox fan is thinking.

"Man, we're South Side, and we'll continue to be South Side," Anderson said. "The Cubs are our rival, so it's only right to talk trash and make it interesting for the fans. It makes it exciting when we talk about the Cubs, gets the fan into it. So give them something to watch."

The Sox and Cubs play twice this spring, Sunday in Mesa and March 15 at Camelback Ranch in Glendale. They're meaningless games, of course, but sometimes they live up to the regular-season hype, like last



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Fans watch players warming up on the field before a game between the Sox and Cubs at Guaranteed Rate Field last season.

year's game at Sloan Park in which Eloy Jimenez hit a two-run, pinch-hit home run against his former organization.

The real test for Delmonico won't be until the Sox play at Wrigley Field on June 18 and 19, when he strolls out to left field and has to deal with the bleacher bums.

Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant, who caused a similar stir at the recent Cubs Convention when he called St. Louis a "boring" town, empathizes with Delmonico.

"Totally," he said. "Anything you say can be taken whichever way (someone wants) it to go. I wouldn't expect Nicky to say anything but that. You're at SoxFest — you don't like the Cubs fans. So say that. What's wrong with that?"

"We were at the Cubs Convention — we don't like Cardinals fans. That's all I was saying. And the Cubs fans loved it, and the Cardinals fans didn't. At the end of the day, I'm not out to get anybody. I don't think Cardinals fans are bad people. They're actually great people. They're great fans. The stadium is great. I was just riling up our crowd, which it did, but on the other hand, it was taken out of context."

Bryant believes he and Delmonico were just doing what every player is supposed to do at an offseason fan fest: create some interest in the upcoming season.

"That's kind of our job as players, to get your fans excited," he said. "Especially with all the circumstances surrounding (the Cubs) at the time, it was nice to just get back to baseball. 'Let's do this thing.'"

But Bryant said he wasn't expecting his comment to go viral, apparently believing what's said at the Cubs Convention stays at the Cubs Convention.

"It doesn't," he said. "It's funny because I grew up in Vegas, so I should know that."

Some fans get outraged over the littlest things, especially on Twitter, where anonymity allows them to say anything without accountability. Because those comments spread on the internet, Bryant and Delmonico expect to get an earful from fans when they visit Busch Stadium and Wrigley Field, respectively.

"It's everywhere, but ... it's the (Sox-Cubs) rivalry," Delmonico said. "Both fans are into it and it's intense and you just expect it. I mean, you don't expect to be treated well in every road game, so ..."

Maybe things will blow over by the summer or maybe not. Someone is bound to say something to spark the Cubs-Sox rivalry before then.

Believe it or not, it's not that difficult to find someone on the Sox who doesn't like the Cubs. When I began to ask Anderson about the Sox playing the Cubs this week-end, he quickly corrected me before I could finish the question.

"We're not playing the Cubs," he said. "We're playing us."

OK. So does Anderson want to be in the lineup when the Cubs play the Sox?

"I'd love to go beat up on the Cubs, man," he replied. "I'm always for that."

See how easy that is?

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WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

Cease finds his spiritual side through yoga

By PAUL SULLIVAN | Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Three takeaways from White Sox spring training Saturday:

1. Prospect Dylan Cease is following the teachings of a yogi named Sadhguru.

One of the motivational quotes from Indian yogi Sadhguru is: "The contradiction within a human being is simply because he is trying to mentally figure out things that he has not experienced."

That would apply to Cease, who is learning about life in the majors without actually being there. Cease, who threw a bullpen session Saturday and expects to make his first Cactus League start in a few days, spent much of the offseason reading Sadhguru's books and doing yoga to find his spiritual side.

"I don't necessarily do the physical stuff," Cease said. "I just like the meditation and spiritual side. To me, the best way to describe it is that it feels like emotionally breathing. You kind of put a distance between your thoughts and your feelings. It just helps me feel clear."

Sadhguru's teaching appealed to him, and Cease said he is passionate about "taking it to the next level and really learning the different stuff they do and incorporate it in my life" as much as possible.

"I saw him on YouTube and started reading about him, and I liked what he was talking about so I really had to explore it for myself," he said. "I didn't do it for baseball. I just did it because I'm passionate about it. If it helps with baseball, great. If it doesn't I'm going to still keep doing it. It's a niche thing. It's a little uncomfortable because it's a completely different way to look at life and handle life. It's just something you will be uncomfortable at first, but I like it."

2. Eloy Jimenez will be in the lineup Sunday when the Sox travel to Mesa to play the Cubs.

Jimenez hit a two-run, pinch-hit homer against his former organization last year at Sloan Park, getting a little revenge.

"I just wanted to play, I don't know why," he said of the moment. "When I had the chance to get that at-bat, it was amazing."

Jimenez said Yoan Moncada told him he was going to hit a home run, which made it even more memorable. Jimenez had the day off Saturday, so he will be in the lineup.

3. Carlos Rodon had one bad inning and two good ones against the Rockies in his Cactus League debut.

Rodon pitched two scoreless innings, sandwiched around a shaky second in which Rockies third baseman Pat Valaika grabbed hold of a slider for a three-run home run at Camelback Ranch. The Sox won 10-6.

"After giving up that slider homer on that pitch, I definitely wanted to punch something," Rodon joked. "But with all the young guys around, I probably didn't need to do that the first day out."

Rodon looked at the radar readings and said he was "happy" to throw as fast as 93 mph "without max effort." That number should rise as Rodon builds arm strength toward a probable opening-day start.

Rodon went 6-3 with a 2.70 ERA in his first 14 starts after returning from shoulder surgery last June but plunged in September, going 0-5 with a 9.22 ERA in his last six starts.

SPRING TRAINING NOTES

Machado: Padres debut 'exciting'

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Manny Machado's debut in a Padres uniform was a lot less eventful than his free agency.

The four-time All-Star spent the off-season being courted by every club with money to burn, and he wound up signing a 10-year, \$300 million deal with the Padres late last month. But after a few workouts in Arizona, his Cactus League debut against the Giants in Peoria, Ariz., was rather underwhelming.

The 26-year-old Machado popped out in his first at-bat and drew a walk in his second, and he came out of Saturday's game after three innings at third base without getting any action.

Then again, the Padres are paying Machado for what he will do when the game start counting.

Not what happens on a sun-splashed field in Arizona.

"Finally. Finally got to play some baseball," Machado said. "It's been good, getting to know my teammates and just getting my feet under me. It's been a nice week, getting to know players a lot more. I finally got out there and played some baseball — makes it a lot better."

Farquhar returns: Danny Farquhar took the mound in a game again. That was more than enough Saturday.

Farquhar's spring training appearance for the Yankees was his first game since the 32-year-old reliever collapsed in the White Sox dugout on April 20 because of a ruptured aneurysm and brain hemorrhage. He had surgery the day after and was hospitalized nearly three weeks.

The right-hander got one out and was charged with five runs in an 8-7 loss to the Pirates.

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Bryce Callahan will generate plenty of interest on the market as a nickel cornerback.

Goal is to get Callahan, Amos back in the fold

Bears would like to hang on to key performers in secondary



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

INDIANAPOLIS — This is Ryan Pace's fifth trip to the scouting combine — the precursor to the NFL's shopping season — and it's perhaps the first time the Bears general manager hasn't referred to free agency using words such as dangerous waters, land mines or other expressions to describe the potential for busts.

The Bears were attached to many big-name free agents over the last few off-seasons because they had oodles of salary-cap room and needs on both sides of the ball. They had discussions with many, made offers to some and landed a few. Cap space is limited for the first time under Pace, the result of landing outside linebacker Khalil Mack, and the Bears have fewer needs, with one significant hole filled last month when right tackle Bobby Massie re-signed instead of testing the open market.

Free-agency pitfalls often occur because teams buy a player whom they don't know with complete authority. That's why teams prefer to start free agency by using money to prevent their own players from exiting. Along those lines, the Bears are expected to try to keep nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan and strong safety Adrian Amos when the new league year begins March 13.

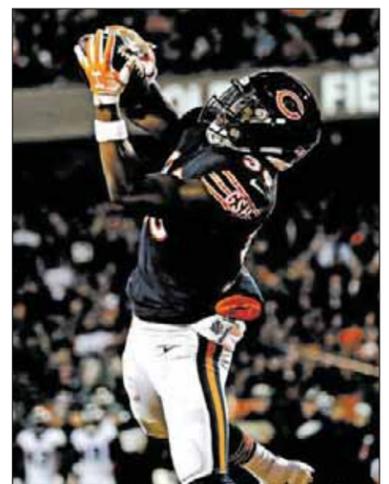
Agents and teams have met all week, and a two-day negotiating window opens March 11, when clubs are free to talk money. Here are six takeaways with the combine wrapping up Monday.

1. The Bears' top priority is at nickel cornerback.

If they're going to spend good money somewhere, this is the position, and Callahan is the best available player — one they know. The Bears likely will have competition for Callahan, but I expected more buzz about him over the weekend when talking with sources. The price for quality slot corners has gone up as they effectively have become starters. The Jets are projected to have \$100 million in cap space and are expected to look for cornerbacks. The free-agent market at the position is thin, and Callahan is going to get paid — it's just a matter of how much. Kareem Jackson, who turns 31 in April, has plenty of experience, and the Texans are not expected to re-sign their 2010 first-round pick. Jackson moved to safety last season, but when injuries hit he wound up back at cornerback and played well. Pace has not done well with defensive backs over age 30 in free agency — consider safeties Antrel Rolle and Quintin Demps and cornerback Alan Ball. It will be interesting to see Callahan's market value in another week. Former Chargers first-round pick Jason Verrett has been plagued by injuries, appearing in only 25 of a possible 64 regular-season games, but he's a dynamic player when healthy. If the price is right and the team has a worthy Plan B on its roster, he would be intriguing. Verrett is expected to draw interest around the league. Another free-agent option if Callahan departs could be Buster Skrine, the former Jets veteran who has missed only five games in eight seasons. He's on a tier below Callahan.

2. The Bears want Amos back.

The strong safety has been durable and is well-liked in the locker room. Amos can run well and is a good fit with the Bears. They likely will recommend he gauges interest elsewhere before the sides determine if a deal can be made. The situation could get interesting because safety might be the deepest position in free agency — players such as Earl Thomas, Landon Collins, Lamarcus Joyner and Tyrann Mathieu, among others, make it a buyer's market at a position at which teams have been hesitant to spend big money. Some veterans could be disappointed in a couple of weeks. Deon Bush filled in when free safety Eddie Jackson missed time with a right ankle injury and is entering the final



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Bears safety Adrian Amos makes an interception against the Eagles in the NFC Wild Card game on Jan. 6.

year of his contract, so if Amos gets more money elsewhere or the Bears extend themselves to address the nickel position, they could pencil in Bush as the starter and perhaps augment the depth chart with a draft pick. Amos is said to be seeking a big pay day.

3. The Bears are not expected to spend significant money on a new kicker.

Pro Bowl kicker Jason Myers is a free agent coming off a season in which he made 33 of 36 field-goal attempts for the Jets. The Bears are not believed to have interest in Myers but they still might be considering some veterans who are on the market or expected to be March 13. With Cody Parkey guaranteed \$3.5 million next season, don't expect the Bears to throw money at the problem but instead look for good options to generate legitimate competition.

4. Pace spoke with confidence about the tight end position.

But the Bears have only two under contract for 2019: Trey Burton and Adam Shaheen. Ben Braunecker, a restricted free agent, is unlikely to be tendered at the low of \$2.025 million. He has value on special teams, and the Bears would like him back. They have also expressed an interest in re-signing Daniel Brown, an unrestricted free agent. If the Bears are seeking an in-line blocker, the best on the market is the Ravens' Nick Boyle. But he has serious interest from multiple teams, with the commitment to Burton, it remains to be seen how much the Bears want to pay a Y tight end. It's a good draft for tight ends, which could play a factor here.

5. Pace has fared well at times when letting the market come to him.

He probably will enjoy not being in the heat of the free-agent action — when overspending is about the only way to get anything done. With patience, he has landed steady players at better prices, such as outside linebacker Aaron Lynch a year ago. Lynch was a good fit with the Bears and potentially could return. Broncos coach Vic Fangio might want to sign Lynch too. Some bargains will be out there — solid players who can provide depth — when the dust settles after the initial 72 hours of free agency.

6. The Bears might want to think twice before overhauling the special teams operation.

With the team certain to devote a lot of time to the kicker competition, it stands to reason the Bears shouldn't make changes across the board. Long snapper Patrick Scates will not be tendered as a restricted free agent but could be back. Punter Pat O'Donnell played on a one-year, \$1.5 million contract last season. Pace said he thought O'Donnell improved from 2017, but the Bears' actions will dictate how happy they were with him.

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BEARS

Q&A WITH MATT NAGY

Excited about growth, potential

BY RICH CAMPBELL, DAN WIEDERER
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INDIANAPOLIS — Bears coach Matt Nagy joined the Tribune's Bears podcast, Bear Download, on Wednesday and discussed a variety of subjects, including how the offense will improve in 2019, what the offense needs and how he cultivates his leadership methods.

The following is an excerpt from the 18-minute interview, edited for clarity and space. For the full chat, listen to the podcast at chicagotribune.com/beardownload.

We had a lot of opportunities to write about what we thought about your season. But in the meantime, I'm sure you've had a chance to reflect. What's your own evaluation of how you did as a coach in Year 1?

I like the fact record-wise, winning the NFC North ... the way we ended it making it to the playoffs. But that's not good enough.

I know for a lot of people it might have exceeded some expectations. That very first meeting we had together was me standing down there with the trophy and wanting the guys to believe what we have in front of us. I loved that part of it.

Me, personally, relationship-wise with the players was very important. I probably felt a lot better at the end of the season than I thought I would, just getting to know who these guys were on an individual basis. Because it's hard. There's so many of them. But once you get to different times in practice while they're stretching or in a meeting or after a meeting, you get to know who they are, what they're about, have some individual meetings. That part is probably what I liked the most.

What did you do to appreciate the Coach of the Year honor, that accomplishment and just being a part of the honors show?

It was very interesting being there with so many prominent people in regards to what they've done in their careers and guys who are currently doing great things. My wife, Stacey, and I were able to sit next to Brian Urlacher, and we just chatted and talked. Then you have Joe Namath and Barry Sanders presenting you with an award. I just think, "Wow, this is almost surreal." That's the way I looked at it.

But at the same time, there's just that mutual respect. All of us compete our tails off throughout the year, all the different players and coaches that are there. There's just that respect for one another, knowing we all want to be the best but yet in the end respect what we do. And so it was a great honor to have that and to be selected by everybody that did that. It's a proud moment.

When we met with you a week after the playoff loss — a good eight days removed from it — while you sat up on that dais, you could feel you were still seething from that loss. How do you describe how you felt and how you properly put that in the right frame to have it be productive?

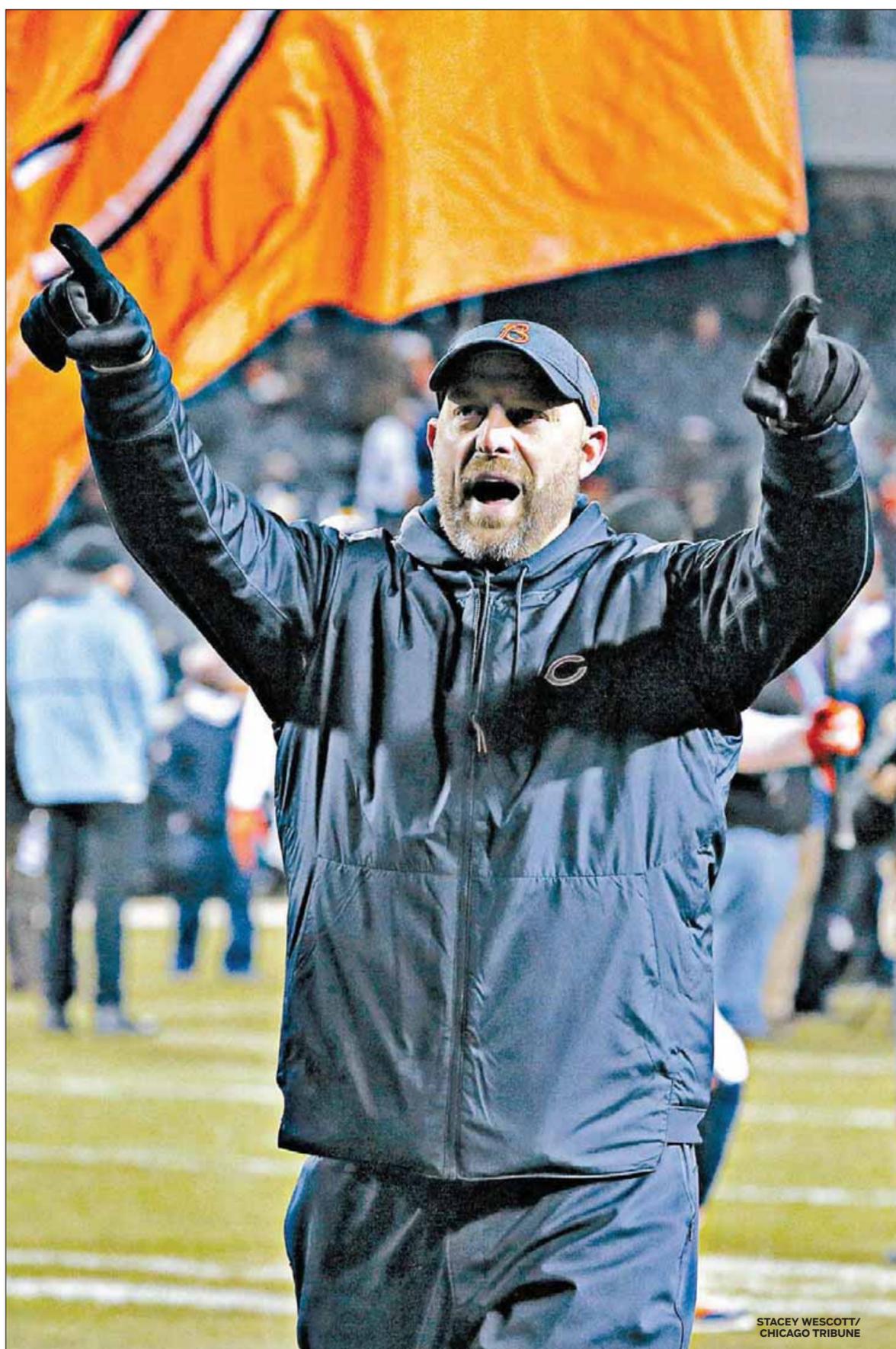
There's two levels to it. The first level is how do you, individually, handle losses? Or adversity? Forget the team part and forget the head coach part. How do I handle it? I've grown up as one of the most competitive people around, and I hate losing just like everybody else. No one likes to lose. But now you've got to figure out why did you lose. That's the stuff I wanted to reflect upon once the season ended and you get by all the meetings. What's the why part and how can we fix it?

The other part is me being the head coach. How do you handle that part? That's where the maturity kicks in from the experiences with other mentors that you've learned from. You really do take a step back a couple days afterward and you feel like, OK, did we at least build this thing and get this foundation set to where, as we go here each and every year, we just get better and better? I feel like we did that. It's not good enough, but the foundation is set. That part was the part that kept me going during that time. You could feel it from talking to our players and coaches.

How do you balance appreciating how far you've come but also understanding you've got to find a way to get wins No. 13 and 14 to get that first-round bye. Earlier when we heard from you on the podium, you talked about motivation and monotony. What has been your thinking about how to push the right buttons on a team that has come a long way but obviously needs to go further?

Our players are all different, and we coach different. One of the things is almost like a continuing-education-type deal for all of us. How do you do that? What is it? Well, for me it's leadership books. It's just finding different avenues to reach your players and your teammates. Now I know our team individually way better than I did last year at this time. So how do I reach certain guys? How do I lead them? How do they lead themselves? That's very important for us.

The first part of the question in regards to goals, the ultimate goal is to win the Super



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Bowl. That's the (easily identifiable) goal that everybody has. But how do you get to that? That's where, if I self-reflect, one way to do that is let's get that first-round bye. How do you do that? That's where I can be more detailed in saying the importance of getting, No. 1, a free win, and No. 2, playing again at home. So every chance you get, it's important to make sure you maximize those chances.

So we reached goals last year, but I don't know that we necessarily got into that first April 3 meeting as to how we get there. We just said: Let's get there. Now we can say: How do we get there? We did talk last year, if you guys remember, I made it clear that it's very important to protect Soldier Field. I thought we did that. We can be better, but we did that.

What's a recent leadership book or two that has left an impression on you?

There's one right now that I'm reading from back in the '90s by Pat Riley ("The Winner Within: A Life Plan for Team Players"). He goes through different experiences that he's had, details different experiences back in the day coaching the Lakers and how he handles players. I'm in the middle of it right now. I've always been into reading. It's very important.

Now that you're in a head coaching position that you hadn't been in before, what do leadership lessons from these books mean to you, perhaps differently?

It'd be one thing if you're basically stealing ideas or thoughts that they did. But you want to be able to take some thoughts that they've used or situations they've had, and how do you manipulate that into what your team is doing? How do you make it fit? That's the creative part of it. It might not be exactly what they did, but it might trigger your thoughts into maybe all of a sudden an idea pops up of how you want to do something. I just really believe nowadays with these millennials and the type of kids that we have, how you reach them is very important. It's totally different, and there are different ways to do it.

That goes for us as coaches and teachers, how we teach. The old-school days of putting up lines on the chalkboard and saying, "You run a slant route: three steps this way and three steps this way" — they want to see it. That's how they learn. We've got to be able to adapt with that.

You talked about the exit interviews, feeling a hunger and belief from players. Is there an example or two that resonates with you where you say, "Man, when that guy came into my office and left, I felt really, really excited"?

It wasn't like there were three or four or

five guys that just did it. It was literally every one of those guys. Some of them I had one-on-one conversations with. Others, there were groups of two or three that came in and we talked. But the one thing that was neat was their response to me of saying, "We were going to win the Super Bowl." So they believed it. They really did. But now they also realize it's not easy.

OK, well, why didn't we didn't win the Super Bowl? It's not because of one play. It's not because of one person. It's all of us collectively. So how are you going to use that "Obsess to be the best" that we talked about last year — how are you going to use that this year? If we all get a little bit better, we're going to be back in this situation. But it's a new situation too.

Was that feeling stronger than you thought it was going to be from those guys?

I think so. I wasn't sure after a loss like that how they're going to handle it because they are young. Are they upset and deflated and disappointed? Yeah, they are. But they were actually more positive and more anxious to get back here, which fired me up.

Because in that game, the way we lost, there's a natural reaction to almost feel sorry for yourself as players and coaches, that, "Man, we were so close." But, no, we're going to use this now as a motivation.

That's what's fun to me, knowing that we have guys on this team that truly care. They're going to come back here, and they're going to be firing away.

We asked Ryan Pace about the inconsistency of the offense, and he almost corrected us, saying he looks at the offense from a positive standpoint. Do you feel good about the offense, the point output and the strides you made? Or do you see a lot of ways you are going to have to push to make sure you are at the top of the league and competing with the Saints and Rams in scoring?

Anybody that looks at our team right now, they see a top defense in the league and they see an average offense. When you see these other teams that you just mentioned, they see top offense in the league, and then depending on who they are, depending on their defense ... it's kind of flipped. You want to have that balance between the two.

Two things: I know we can get to where we're the top on the offensive side. We have the players and coaches to do that. But there's got to be some patience here that goes on with that and developing this because it does not happen in one year.

I hope we can jump to the top of the league next year and be in that top-five offense. I know this: It should definitely be

better because of our year together. The whole offense. That's the ultimate goal is to make sure our guys understand the game is going to be slower to them now, and they're going to be able to play faster because they know what we're doing.

Also, I don't have to throw everything at them to see what they know. They now know what we do best. I know what we do best. Our coaches know. Now we can just tweak it and hopefully take that next step.

How much do you look at progress for this offense being a natural progression with the players you have, versus seeing areas where you can inject speed here or a blocker there or certain areas where you can fine-tune?

We always are going to be fine-tuning. Last year going into this, for myself, everybody is new. You don't know the personalities of the guys. You don't know how they practice. You don't know how they play in a game. You don't know how they perform, how they react to adversity or how they're going to handle the mental side of the offense. Now I know all that. I'm able to give, probably, better advice to Ryan and the personnel department as we look for what fits our offense.

Last year we went out and got some free agents — because we were able to — that we thought fit. They've done a great job of doing that offensively with Trey Burton, Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel. These guys came in and did a really great job and helped create an identity. We didn't get to the final part of that, but we're going to get to it this year. I'm really looking forward to adding some depth and some different pieces as we go.

Have you done anything cool to recharge from the season? Please tell us you've taken a moment to appreciate everything.

Yeah, yeah. Stacey and I went to St. Lucia for a good six days. That was great just to get away and make the days as slow as you can possibly make them go. Then we went to the (NFL) honors (ceremony) before the Super Bowl. Then we came back.

What I've been doing between watching tape on free agents and the combine, I've been able to be a dad. I've been going to basketball games with my boys. I've been watching their basketball games, which is one of my favorite things to do in the world. It's been great. We got to go to Cameron Indoor Stadium with the boys and see the Duke-UNC game. That was a bucket-list-type thing, and my boys loved that.

It has been a good offseason so far. But as we're here right now, you can kind of feel it, like we're getting back into putting those blinders on and rolling.

COLLEGES

LOYOLA 81, BRADLEY 68

Moser has grand goal: 'We're not done yet'

Loyola's road was rougher this season, but the MVC champs can start thinking big — again



SHANNON RYAN
On Loyola

For anyone wondering where those feisty, never-say-die, chemistry-infused Ramblers from last season were, there was proof of their existence Saturday night in front of a sell-out crowd at Gentile Arena.

The Ramblers beat Bradley 81-68 for a share of the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season title. They've won consecutive conference championships for the first time in program history. Now, Loyola heads to the Valley tournament where they will be the top seed. Drake, which also finished the MVC season 12-6, will be the 2 seed.

"Don't go anywhere," coach Porter Moser said, addressing the fans. "We're not done yet."

March, after all, is not a bad time to peak.

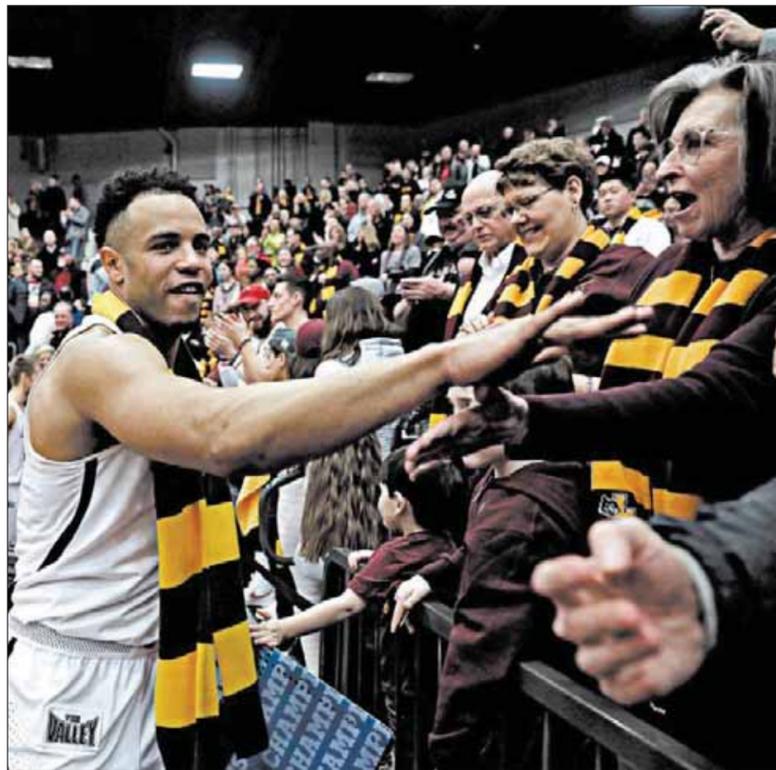
As 99-year-old team chaplain Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt told fans at the conclusion of her traditional pregame prayer, "See you in St. Louis."

It's there where the Ramblers will chase their second straight tournament championship and with it an invitation to the NCAA tournament. Unlike last season, when the Ramblers had a chance at an at-large berth after a 25-5 regular season, the automatic bid is their only path.

Loyola (19-12, 12-6) can't afford to have the lapses that have made this season a bumpier ride as they Ramblers struggled to adjust to life after their improbable run to the Final Four.

Moser credited the team's grit. "It just shows the character of the team to fight through the pressure all year long to do it again," Moser said. "It's so hard to repeat."

Marques Townes had a senior night to remember with 26 points — 18 before



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Loyola's Marques Townes slaps hands with Terri Custer, mother of teammate Clayton Custer, after the win over Bradley clinched an MVC co-championship for the Ramblers.

halftime as the Ramblers took a 48-29 lead — to make a stronger case for himself as the league's most valuable player.

Clayton Custer, the team's other senior, was last year's MVC MVP, but his scoring average (13.2 to 11.3) and shooting percentage (52.8 to 43.1) have fallen from last season. He scored all 15 of his points in the second half Saturday while shooting an efficient 5-for-7.

"We've had ups and downs this season," Custer said. "It's been a roller coaster with the added pressure. It feels really good to come out on top and win a second one. I'm glad for our fans too, because they stuck with us throughout the whole time. We still wound up winning the conference this year, which is awesome. We know how to fight through stuff"

After head-scratching adversity this season, so much felt familiar again on Saturday night. Nets were cut down, players wore championship T-shirts, Sister Jean was front and center for a team portrait.

Against Bradley, the Ramblers shot 58.7 percent (63 percent in the first half), saw four players reach double figures in scoring, passed for 18 assists on 27 baskets and harassed the Braves into frustrating scoring droughts.

"This game was a good sign," Custer

said. "Offensively we were clicking. We were playing with pace. It was probably more fun to watch us play tonight than it has been some games. We were playing a fun style of basketball. As long as we continue to guard, we're in a good place."

Custer and Townes were honored before the game. Both were instrumental in the Ramblers' historic season, and they have been just as essential in keeping this team from folding. They embraced at half-court before tipoff, posing with framed photos of their iconic moments from last season's NCAA tournament.

They hugged again at halfcourt as they checked out of the game with 19.6 seconds left and swapped jerseys for a photo — before swapping back. They have to wear these jerseys again per NCAA rules.

"We got a taste of it last year," Townes said. "It's still a great feeling. This is what we worked for. We just have to keep the momentum going."

It's been a tougher road this season, of course, and there's still big business to handle in St. Louis.

But why shouldn't these Ramblers dare to dream big again?

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BASKETBALL NOTES

Tennessee gets key win vs. Kentucky

Associated Press

Jordan Bone scored a career-high 27 points and No. 7 Tennessee beat No. 4 Kentucky 71-52 on Saturday to maintain its home-court dominance and snap the Wildcats' four-game winning streak.

Tennessee (26-3, 14-2 SEC) earned its 25th straight home victory to remain tied for first place in the Southeastern Conference with No. 13 LSU.

The Vols also beat Kentucky (24-5, 13-3) at home for a fourth straight year.

Big upset for Indiana: Justin Smith scored a career-high 24 points, and Indiana beat No. 6 Michigan State 63-62.

Devonte Green added 13 points as Indiana (15-14, 6-12 Big Ten) earned its second straight win against a ranked opponent. The Hoosiers beat No. 19 Wisconsin 75-73 in double overtime Tuesday.

Indiana trailed 62-60 before Juwan Morgan converted a three-point play with 1:46 left.

The Spartans (23-6, 14-4) dropped out of a tie for first place in the Big Ten.

Houston's streak over: Collin Smith had 21 points to help Central Florida (22-6, 12-4 American Athletic) beat No. 8 Houston 69-64.

The Cougars (27-2, 14-2) saw their 33-game home winning streak end — it was the longest in the nation.

Williams OK after fall: North Carolina coach Roy Williams fell near the bench with 55 seconds left before halftime of the fifth-ranked Tar Heels' 81-79 road win over Clemson. He was helped by team personnel to the locker room.

North Carolina officials said after the game that Williams suffered a bout of vertigo, but was feeling better by the end of halftime even though he didn't return to the bench.

UIC earns No. 5 seed: Tarkus Ferguson had 20 points and 10 rebounds, his seventh double-double of the season, and Illinois-Chicago rallied in the second half to top host Detroit 80-71. Jordan Blount added 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Flames (16-15, 10-8), who earned the No. 5 seed and will play Green Bay on Tuesday in the opener of the Horizon League tournament.



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Notre Dame quarterback Ian Book runs an offensive drill Saturday during spring practice.

NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

Book keeps it the same

Despite 2018 success, Irish QB has desire to get better

BY LAMOND POPE | Post-Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Ian Book spent last spring locked in a quarterback battle with Brandon Wimbush.

After guiding Notre Dame to a College Football Playoff semifinal appearance, Book's situation obviously has changed this spring. But his approach remains the same.

"I still have to go out there every day and prove myself," Book said Saturday, the first day of spring practice. "We have great quarterbacks in our quarterback room. I'm not going to take anything lightly."

"I've got to go out there and prepare every day. There's a lot of goals and areas in my game that I want to improve. I'm working on it every day."

Last season, Book became the starter in Week 4. The Irish scored at least 30 points in six of his nine starts. Overall, Book completed 68.2 percent of his passes for 2,628 yards with 19 touchdowns and seven interceptions.

He'll be the starter and Phil Jurkovec the backup after Wimbush transferred to Central Florida in January.

And Book is focused on more success. "It's taking that next step and really testing myself with the reads and totally understanding what's going on with the defense — pre-snap, post-snap, all that," Book said. "I want to take the next step and challenge myself that way."

Book is also pushing himself as a team leader.

"It's something I've really been testing myself to do: be a vocal leader and let the guys hear how I am and always know they have someone to lean on," he said.

Teammates have noticed a difference. "Book has been a tremendous leader, and I told him that," offensive lineman Robert Hainsey said. "I told him, 'You're the quarterback, and everyone is going to listen to you. Your voice echoes loudly within our locker room and within this building. When you say something, ears are going to perk up and people are going to listen because of who you are and the way you run this team.'"

"I'm really proud of the way he's handling his leadership role now and I'm excited to see what he does with that."

Coach Brian Kelly said Book is handling the responsibilities "quite well."

"Ian's not a particularly loud and vocal guy, but he's going to stand up when he needs to say something," Kelly said. "He's done that a couple of times and it resonates quite well."

"He is a different leader than he was last year. He was just the quarterback at Notre Dame last year. He's a leader in our program (now), and that's a big difference."

Studstill to transfer: Safety Devin Studstill has decided to seek a graduate transfer.

"I will have my degree this May and elect to grad transfer to pursue my dream, and fulfill my promise to my late mother," Studstill wrote as part of an Instagram post.

Studstill had four tackles in five games in 2018. He made 38 tackles in 2016 and 18 in 2017.

"We love Devin (and) we wish him the best," Kelly said. "He's done everything we've asked him to do. He's been a great teammate."

"He's worked his butt off. He's in the best condition and best shape of his life. I expect him to do really well wherever he ends up."

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BULLS

Play and they shall come

The Bulls aren't good, but they still rank near the top of the NBA in attendance. Why do fans keep going?

BY PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

As a gift for his son Tyson's fourth birthday, Jose Santos decided to take him to the United Center to see his first Bulls game.

The Glenview man, 38, had grown up in the Philippines rooting for Michael Jordan — just like everyone he knew — and Santos wanted to share his Bulls devotion with his son.

But before he would plunk down money for the tickets, there was one condition.

"Honestly, if it wasn't for the discount, I probably wouldn't be here," said Santos, who said he got about a 40 percent price cut through his job at Northwestern University. "They haven't been good in a couple years. Management is trying to make them better, but I don't necessarily know if that's what is happening."

Santos represents the tension within the Bulls fan base: loyalty to a franchise that has fallen on hard times.

And the Bulls recognize the issue. They had nine straight seasons of leading the NBA in ticket sales and have topped the league 13 times since Jordan's last Bulls season in 1997-98.

The Bulls' streak of 315 sellout games ended Nov. 17, 2017, against the Hornets.

According to Elias Sports Bureau data, the Bulls are now third in average home attendance with 19,896, behind the 76ers and Mavericks — and that's with the United Center having the league's largest capacity at 20,917.

Last season the Bulls led the league with 20,776 per game, so they've experienced an erosion of about 4.2 percent. If that trend holds through the rest of the season, it would be the fourth straight season that attendance has declined.

To combat the decline, the Bulls have become more aggressive, boosting sales staff, offering discounts, selling packages to corporations and schools, giving musicians and other entertainers opportunities to perform on court if they buy group packages, adding new restaurants, ramping up in-game entertainment and even giving season ticket holders more access to Bulls management.

"You have to be a really good listener," said Keith Brown, vice president of ticketing and premium seating.

"For the last few years we've done 'chalk talks' with our season ticket holders featuring Michael Reinsdorf, John Paxson and Gar Forman to speak about the direction of the team and to answer questions. It's been very important for us to listen to our fans and take their constructive feedback."

Brown noted that the Cubs and Bears went through similar fan-base erosion before becoming competitive.

"There are (Bulls) fans that want — understandably — immediate gratification and they're a little bit more upset," Brown said. "And then there's a segment of fans that understands we're on a path to success and they're patient."

To get a sense of what the fans are feeling, we interviewed several at the Feb. 13 Bulls-Grizzlies game as well as others we identified via social media. Two Bulls players also weighed in on their interactions with fans.

Sami and Maryam Hassan

Bloomington

Hassan, 26, took his wife, Maryam, also 26, and his mother and brother to a Bulls game in November. His family's experience epitomized two camps that represent Bulls fans these days.

For Hassan, an environmental scientist, and his brother, "it was a very not-so-fun time because they were getting blown out."

"Now for Mom and my wife, two people who don't follow basketball whatsoever, they had a great time," he said. "The Jesse White Tumblers did a pretty acrobatic halftime show, and then (there were) these little races. Benny the Bull was doing his dunks at halftime; he's throwing popcorn at people."

"My mom and my wife, they really enjoyed it. They walked out of there as we lost by 25 or 30 points saying this was a fantastic time. ... Anytime you watch basketball live, for me it's still a great time, don't get me wrong. But I didn't have as much fun as I would have had if it was a competitive game."

Hassan is a little more in tune with the fan base than other Bulls devotees. As the administrator of Die-Hard Chicago Bulls Fans, a Facebook page with nearly 360,000 followers, he sees the spectrum of Bulls fans' leanings.

Over the past two years on his page, Hassan has noticed a growing segment of fans — many who post the #FireGarPax hashtag — who actively encourage others to boycott the games until the team dismisses Paxson and Forman.

"The fan base is outraged about (Chairman) Jerry Reinsdorf and all these trades for cash considerations," Hassan said. "Money going to ownership's pockets, it's kind of like a slap in the face for fans."

"(Fans are) spending their money to watch the team develop, to watch the team compete, and you're sitting here trading future draft picks for money. The most notable one was Jordan Bell. It's just become a joke. We're the laughingstock of the NBA."

Hassan has noted more empty seats this season, particularly on the 100 level of the United Center.

"I was 7 when they won their last championship," he said. "My most recent memories when I was a kid was the Marcus Fizer days, the Eddy Curry days, the Tyson Chandler days. So it's been a rough ride for me as a Bulls fan."



Sami and Maryam Hassan during a Bulls game in November.



COURTESY OF TERRY SLAW

Terry Slaw

Buffalo Grove

Slaw, 61, grew up in Northbrook as a Bulls fan, and he and a friend used to mow former coach Jerry Sloan's lawn when they were in high school. Slaw remembers watching Jordan's 63-point game against the Celtics on TV in 1986 when a friend remarked that if they didn't buy season tickets after that performance, they might never see another Bulls game in person.

Slaw recalls saying, "Oh, you're crazy! Well, he was right." In 1998 — after six championships, Jordan's second retirement and the start of the Bulls' first post-Jordan demolition — Slaw was finally able to get season tickets: Section 312, Row 2, Seats 1 and 2. He has remained there every season since, resisting invitations to upgrade.

"I used to recognize faces," said Shaw, an attorney. "I don't get the impression there are many people (in that section now) with full season packages."

Slaw said Bulls account service executive Jen Hall checks in with him once a month, and they've forged such a relationship that he and his wife, Irene, look for her whenever they're at the United Center.

"She treats my wife and me very nice," he said. "We got to see Benny the Bull close up in the locker room. My wife is a big fan of Benny the Bull."

Slaw said he has decided to stick with the team "through thick and thin." But he has seen friends in the 100 level give up their seats.

"They couldn't even give them away," said Slaw, referring to season ticket buyers who try to sell their unused tickets. "If you're talking \$450 (for two tickets), even if people didn't mind spending that kind of money, that's a lot of money to leave on the table. ... They didn't go to enough games to justify the loss."



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Andrew Mojica

Little Village

"They play horribly," Mojica said before a game against the Grizzlies. "Their defense is horrible. They can't score enough points. They get a lot of good players and then they just get rid of them for draft picks. That's not how you're supposed to run a team."

And yet Mojica is a regular ticket buyer, showing up to the United Center once or twice a month.

"I walked in and I bought (the tickets) here to get out of the house," he said. "It's still a Chicago team. I'll still support them; they're just not that good."

"I don't even remember how much (the tickets) were. I just brought my little brother with me to see a Bulls game."



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Jackie and Erich Staskal

Poplar Grove

He's into the games, she's into the players — with a (maybe?) healthy obsession with former Bull Joakim Noah, whose return Feb. 13 with the Grizzlies drew her and her husband to the game.

Still, Jackie supports the current Bulls. "I want to see all my Chicago teams win, but it's an added bonus that (Noah) played for Chicago and he's coming tonight," she said. "I've been a fan of his since he was with Florida (and) I followed him ever since. I celebrated when he started with the Bulls. I cried when he left. I followed him in New York and now I'm following him in Memphis."

Erich brought his wife to the game as an early Valentine's Day present. He has rooted for the team despite reservations about its direction.

"I don't know if management changes can be affected by me as a fan," he said. "I don't know if (a) boycott's going to do anything. If it would, I'd be more than willing to help."

"Sometimes as a fan I've just got to go through the ups and downs. And I appreciate where they've been — it's a struggle to be where they're at right now — but truly there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

Erich said don't count him among the armchair talent evaluators.

"It's easy to look at people in charge and say, well, I would do this differently," he said. "A lot of things would've been different if Derrick (Rose) wouldn't have gotten injured."

"Sure, management probably could've made better decisions, but unforeseen things affect everything. So I've just got to stand behind them and keep hope alive for the future."



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Victor Hauch

Copenhagen, Denmark

It was Hauch's second Bulls game but the first for his teammates on the SISU Copenhagen youth basketball team — "the best team in all of Europe" — who were in the area for a tournament.

"The NBA is the best of the best, so we come to watch a game," the 14-year-old said. "The Bulls are not that good this season but they've got to tank to get Zion (Williamson)."

Back home, the Mavericks' Luka Doncic has a big following, but among the Bulls Hauch is partial to Zach LaVine: "I just like the way he plays."

Lauri Markkanen

Bulls forward

The Bulls create several opportunities for fans to meet players — outside the locker room, on the court and even during the national anthem — based on the ticket package a fan buys.

Relaxing in the locker room before a recent game, players such as Robin Lopez and Wendell Carter Jr. kept watch of the clock to see when it was time to dash out for meet-and-greets with kids and their parents.

"Yeah, it takes a little bit of time from us, but it's really important," Markkanen said. "It means a lot to us that they're here, so we've got to show our appreciation to them as well. We don't take it for granted. We're happy to do that stuff."

Wayne Selden

Bulls guard

Selden came to Chicago with MarShon Brooks via a deal with the Grizzlies that sent Justin Holiday to Memphis. Both fan bases have been supportive, he said, "but coming here you see that the crowd is a little more full, a lot more electric."

"It's more of a classic feel," Selden said. "A lot of teams are trying to keep up-to-date with what everybody else has going on. The Bulls keep real traditional, and you've got to respect it because of the legacy behind it all."

"I've only been here a month. I feel the fan support all over. For example, my social media has grown a ton since I've been here. ... I don't have my car here yet, so I've been getting a lot of Ubers, and people recognize me."



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Alex Durkin

Hoffman Estates

Like Henson, Durkin, 15, was at the United Center that day to learn marketing strategies from the Bulls.

Long term, the sophomore said he believes in the Bulls' youth movement.

"They have a young team and it's fun to watch Zach LaVine play," Durkin said. "When they become good and win championships, you can't call us loyal fans bandwagons."



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D.J. Henson

Hoffman Estates

Henson, 15, joined classmates and students from other schools on a field trip to the United Center to learn about marketing from members of the team's marketing department.

"We learned why we should get into it and how it's good for us," he said. "They talked to us as a group, did presentations."

But the 10th-grade at Hoffman Estates High School already is sold on the Bulls.

"They have a lot of potential going forward in drafts, early draft picks," Henson said. "This is my first actual basketball game. ... I'm looking forward to seeing Zach LaVine, my favorite player on the Bulls."



COURTESY OF DONTÉ BROWN

Donte Brown

Gary

Brown, 22, moderates a Facebook group of 10,670 members called ChiBulls4Life. He has been a Bulls fan since the Rose days and his personal Facebook page is awash in Bulls hats, shirts and images of players.

"I support them because I'm such a die-hard fan," he said. "I tune in every game."

"I do have some (friends) joke around (about the Bulls) but not in a negative way. They know I'm a die-hard fan. They know I rock with the Bulls every day. It's the history, the whole tradition, the six championships, the dynasty. It's just a lot of history."

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One of Cheryl Pope's works, "Too Young to Die," is spelled in carnations and roses that will be left to wilt in the gallery throughout the run of the show.

Cheryl Pope welcomes a fight

Pugilistic Chicago conceptual artist calls her work 'poetic journalism'

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
 Chicago Tribune

ROCKFORD — Cheryl Pope wanted to know what it felt like to knock someone out, and so she did.

She knocked someone out. She's a native of Palos Park, just southwest of Chicago, and speaks with the flat, nasal working-class no-nonsense of a Chicago caricature. She is also a conceptual artist; she teaches fashion at School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and has the dark stormy eyes and off-handed elegance of an Italian movie star. Seven years ago, at 32, after a year-and-a-half of training, Pope won the annual Chicago Golden Gloves tournament.

"Why?" she asked. "Well, I'll tell ya, it wasn't to become a boxing artist or something. My goal was two things, to win the Gloves and to knock someone out. I wanted to know if I would find myself having to stop during (the fight) and feel bad for the other person. What I found was I wanted to keep going.



"Truth Be Told" is a gold-leafed basketball. Pope said it symbolizes a choice for athletes and artists alike: "Do you want this gold, or do you just want to play?"

And once I saw her knocked down, I wanted to keep punching her. Later I watched the video of it and even the ref is sort of saying, 'Go to your corner.' Two years later I saw that same girl at

this community meeting, and it was ..." She cringes. "Awkward" hangs in the air, unspoken.

As Pope recounts this, she stares at

the boxing ring that has been erected in the main gallery of the Rockford Art Museum, which recently opened "Not Without a Fight," a sort of survey/retrospective of the past 10 years of Pope's often moving, occasionally pugilistic practice. That ring, for instance. Take it as a metaphor for confrontation. Or as a boxing ring: On Friday, the museum was set to host a real fight night, albeit one in which bouts are punctuated by poetry readings, with Pope as ring leader.

Her works are often scrawled with quotes from the Chicago and New York City teenagers she interviews. Varsity jackets that don't have school names etched across the backs but hard truths ("I took the blame"). Banners that don't honor championships but unsettled feelings ("Sometimes I tell the truth too much"). Pope talks to students about gun violence, and about responsibility, and anxiety, and jail, and growing up, then she creates works that draw on their conversations. And when she sells these works, a portion of the sale goes to the student who gave her the quote.

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Remembering the Daily News' final day



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

How are you reading this? On a computer or a phone or the old-fashioned way?

Even as we collectively hurtle toward an uncertain future, there remain hundreds working every day to give you various forms of the Tribune and hundreds of thousands of you still reading it, some the old-fashioned way, the ink-on-paper way.

I bring this up because I am preparing for the inevitable mood that hits me every March 4.

Now, most calendar dates are privately significant but March 4 is Chicago's birthday.

In January 1837, a charter was prepared by a civic committee and offered for approval at a public meeting at the Saloon Building (what a name), a three-story brick building at the corner of Lake and Clark Streets. That was our first City Hall (there have been seven so far). The charter was approved and sent to the state legislature. There it was enacted into law on March 4, 1837, officially making Chicago a city, with a population of 4,170.

March 4 is also the day the Chicago Daily News died.

That was a tough day in 1978, especially for those of us who worked for the 102-year-old newspaper, and those of you who were loyal readers of it. We knew the end was coming for a month and many of us on the staff spent those days anxious, angry,

joyful and liquor-filled.

We all worked hard, wanting to go out proudly, and, naturally, columnist Mike Royko put it best in his next-to-the-final-day column, writing in part, "When I was a kid, the worst of all days was the last day of summer vacation, and we were in the schoolyard playing softball, and the sun was down and it was getting dark. But I didn't want it to get dark. I didn't want the game to end. It was too good, too much fun. I wanted it to stay light forever, so we could keep on playing forever, so the game would go on and on.

"That's how I feel now. C'mon, c'mon. Let's play one more inning. One more time at bat. One more pitch. Just one? Stick around, guys. We can't break up this team. It's too much fun.

"But the sun always went down. And

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A newsstand sells the last edition of the Chicago Daily News.

Sweeping gospel music history in prose, song



HOWARD REICH
Tribune arts critic

No city has played a larger role in the emergence and nurturance of gospel music than Chicago, so listeners here – and beyond – have ample reason to applaud the release of “The Gospel According to Malaco,” a massive coffee-table book and eight-CD anthology.

Malaco, of course, stands as an important conglomeration of record labels presenting African-American music in general, gospel in particular, and not simply because it has been in business for more than half a century in Jackson, Miss. In the ensuing decades, Malaco has acquired the catalogs of labels that have come and gone, making it a major repository of a music that first emerged in Chicago in the 1920s, when Georgia bluesman Thomas A. Dorsey began redefining sacred song here.

His groundbreaking role in applying blues techniques to aspirational music of the church was so fundamental that in the 1930s these tunes were widely termed “Dorseys.” From his innovations – fostered at Pilgrim Baptist Church and carried forth by Mahalia Jackson, Clara Ward, the Barrett Sisters and other Dorsey acolytes – an entire industry blossomed, a large part of its history documented on “The Gospel According to Malaco.”

Though it’s true that this package could be considered something of a vanity project, in that it celebrates Malaco, the venture mostly avoids this perception by



Mahalia Jackson opens the eight-CD set documenting “The Gospel According to Malaco.”

emphasizing the artists and the music. It does so through a sumptuous display of historic portraits, performance shots, album covers and other ephemera.

“The Gospel According to Malaco” gains further credibility because its voluminous text was penned by Chicago gospel expert Robert Marovich, author of “A City Called Heaven: Chicago and the Birth of Gospel Music” (University of Illinois Press), editor-in-chief of the Journal of Gospel Music website and host of “Gospel Memories” on WLUF-FM 88.7.

To Marovich, there was no resisting the prospect of annotating a recorded collection spotlighting Jackson, The Dixie Hummingbirds, The Ward Singers, The Roberta Martin Singers, The Caravans, Rev. James Cleveland and the Angelic Choir, The Original Blind Boys of Alabama and many more.

“Malaco probably has the largest collection of license-able

gospel classics of any label in the country,” says Marovich. “And because of that, they essentially are the vault for gospel music, just because of what they have. Their special place in gospel music is that (through this set) they are making pieces available that have been out of print for years.”

Moreover, any collection that stretches from a 1947 cut by Mahalia Jackson to a 2013 release from The Canton Spirituals offers a welcome overview of gospel music dating back to its early days – in the course of its 100 tracks.

It opens with Jackson singing “Move On Up A Little Higher,” which Marovich’s essay terms “Jackson’s breakout hit, reportedly selling 2 million copies. It proved to other indie record companies (besides Apollo, which released the recording) that adding gospel to their catalog was commercially viable.”

It’s not difficult to understand why “Move On Up A Little Higher” reached an enormous

audience. Even amid the somewhat fuzzy sound of the old single, there’s no missing the colossal size of Jackson’s instrument, the easy rhythmic sway of her delivery or the ferocious conviction of her delivery. Similarly, the ebullient a cappella singing of The Dixie Hummingbirds in “Don’t You Want to Join That Number” (Apollo Records, 1947), the majesty of The Roberta Martin Singers in “The Old Ship of Zion” (Apollo, 1949) and the piercing intensity of The Ward Singers in “Surely God is Able” (Savoy Records, 1950) underscore the depth of this collection.

Marovich says he’s especially glad to see recordings that have been difficult to come by reappear here in cleaned-up versions, such as “Open Our Eyes,” recorded by the Gospel Clefs for Savoy Records in 1958. Chicago radio legend Herb Kent used it as a theme song, its rousing music and words offering a message of hope for African-Americans in a racially perilous era.

“It was ahead of its time, talking about peace and brotherhood in 1958, when the country wasn’t there,” observes Marovich (which is not to say that we’re there now).

“A lot of people remember that song from growing up, but it really hasn’t been available. Now it’s literally on the first disc of the set, a really good version.”

Also significant in “The Gospel According to Malaco”: its attention to mass choirs that don’t often receive the reverential attention lavished on star soloists and virtuoso quartets.

“Peace Be Still,” for instance, was recorded on Sept. 19, 1963, four days after the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, was bombed, killing four girls. Rev. James Cleveland and The Angelic Choir’s recording

cries out for deliverance right at the outset: “Master, the tempest is raging.”

“Peace Be Still” was talking about the times without specifically being political about them,” says Marovich. “Everyone knew what it meant, but it didn’t say so specifically.”

It didn’t need to. In a way, that always has been one of the central roles of gospel music: to comment upon racial and social injustice in remarkably inspirational, life-affirming ways.

Like virtually any endeavor, “The Gospel According to Malaco” (priced at \$65.95) has its minor shortcomings, most notably a lack of a track list, Marovich’s extensive text serving as the only guide to the recordings.

Still, there’s no doubting the value of this effort, which pushes far past ancient gospel history to include music of the 1980s (Albertina Walker and the Evangelical Choir of the Lighthouse Baptist Church, Rev. Clay Evans and Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Choir, Solomon Burke); 1990s (Ricky Dillard and The New Generation Chorale, Dorothy Norwood, The Pilgrim Jubilees); and 21st century (Edwin Hawkins, The Canton Spirituals).

And though this package can be considered an overview of gospel music history, Marovich sees it as only the beginning of such restorations.

“I think if this project does well, it’s just the tip of the iceberg,” he says, foreseeing sets devoted to James Cleveland, The Roberta Martin Singers and other treasures from the vault.

For gospel music fans, that’s a most inviting prospect.

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Fight

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Add to this a gold-painted basketball (reading “Truth Be Told”) and a disassembled punching bag, and the Rockford museum – housed in a former Sears – looks distinctly like a gym.

And yet – Rockford? Why not a Chicago show for Pope, who is accessible, provocative, approachable, arguably underrated, and not to mention an artist from Chicago, directly addressing the most pressing issues of Chicago? Why a show in Rockford?

Because Rockford curator Carrie Johnson was a fan, and like Pope, who now divides her time between Chicago and Brooklyn, Johnson saw the relevance of the work extending far beyond Illinois. Johnson said: “I thought, what are these kids talking about in these works? Well, that’s also Rockford. Maybe even more so. We are a blue-collar community and for long, this museum has had the reputation of ‘Oh, I can’t go there, I wouldn’t understand.’ But the point of art is not always to understand. Sometimes it’s to feel and connect and speak directly. So of course we would welcome an artist and activist who is creating works from the seemingly simple act of listening to people we don’t hear from.” (To underline the point, Pope insisted that, for the four-month run of her show, the museum let anyone 18 or younger get in free; the museum agreed.)

For a dozen years, Pope served as the studio director for Nick Cave, the celebrated Chicago-based artist. He owns a work by Pope titled “This or That.” It’s installed in his home. It’s constructed of scores of faux gold chains, meticulously stitched together and arranged to resemble a basketball hoop melting downward and pooling on the ground into a kind of golden chalk outline of a dead body.

“To understand Cheryl is to understand how committed she is to creating a platform for people and their concerns,” he said. At the same time, he said, at least the piece he owns doesn’t shy from the contradiction of those concerns, “the contrast between the (basketball court) and the politics and injustice found there. It’s about a hoop dream – it’s what’s dreamed. At the same time, it’s about the circumstances.”

Pope calls her work “poetic journalism,” which is as good a description as any. (One of her most celebrated projects, a 2013 piece called “Drive By in 5 Acts,” found Pope driving viewers back and forth between segregated communities in Chicago, as a poet performed inside the vehicle.) Lately however, Pope is painting more. She feels herself moving in new, even traditional directions. So we asked her to reflect on some of the surprising, personal objects that shaped her:



“Heavyweight” is a boxing bag split open and hung on the wall at Cheryl Pope’s “Not Without A Fight” at the Rockford Art Museum. The inside of the bag is covered in 23 carat gold leaf.

“(Pope is) an artist and activist who is creating works from the seemingly simple act of listening to people we don’t hear from.”

— Carrie Johnson, curator

“#Yell_Yell” (2013)

Two megaphones, pointed head to head, inches apart, with almost no breathing space between, on a base of black aluminum (that appears to be bleeding). “I remember in high school, I would get in someone’s face, I would be like bumping chests – like ready to throw down. I was thinking about that here. And how you don’t see it much anymore. I was in Miami in 2011 and outside a restaurant these two guys got into a fist fight – I remember thinking then ‘Huh, how often you see that?’ Especially in Chicago, where people are scared a gun will come out. And yet, we need room to yell and to be heard.” It’s a simple, unambiguous image, and a spot-on portrait of contemporary discourse.

“Black White Broach” (2012)

Roughly 15 feet long, made of thousands of faux-gold chains sewn together (by Pope, not a studio assistant, which is common practice among large tediously constructed works). “This took forever to make. My grandmother had a broach for her and my grandfather that said (their names) ‘Clifford’ and ‘Vivian,’ with like a chain strung between the words. Because they were always connected. It stuck in my mind.” She steps to the side and



Pope’s banners were inspired by interviews with students at several schools, including one in West Englewood.

nods behind the piece. Though invisible to the casual viewer, the back resembles a clasp on any broach, down to an oversize pin. “I don’t know how many chains it is. I bulk-ordered. But when I see it I also I think of Brother Mike Hawkins, who died at 38, the age I’m now. He mentored so many kids (including a young Chance the Rapper) and people in spoken word. He used to joke this was me and him – black and white. He’s in this, too.”

Various Banners (2015-2017)

Traditional school sports banners in familiar colors (Syracuse orange, Carolina blue), created after interviews with students at several schools, including Kenyon College in Ohio, Ontario College of Art and Design and Lindblom Math and Science Academy High School in West Englewood. “The first time was with Lindblom. I asked the students to tell me one truth and one lie, and I received about 150 responses though I had funding to produce 20 banners. We hung them in the school’s gym. After that I just switched to having conversations and if they

said something strong, I would ask them to use it on a banner.” Her banners say, “I am that one girl with no future” and “I want to be forgiving” and “I am unsure of my place.”

Pope’s art generally uses a lot of text. One piece in the show is a rug the exact dimensions of a Chicago juvenile-detention cell, and printed across its surface: “When I get out I not never coming back.” Another piece is “Too Young to Die” spelled in carnations and roses, left to wilt in the gallery throughout the run of the show (which closes May 27). Asked why she uses so much text, she talked about her background: her father was a church basketball coach and her mother was a cheerleading coach, the family was Baptist and attended church four times a week. “But there was tension and I don’t feel the female voice was as heard as the male. So I started writing. I couldn’t stand up for myself or my mother so everything went into notebooks, which could hold a whisper or a scream.” She said that at nine years old, she confronted a family member who had used the n-

word and wrote up a contract: In exchange for not hearing another slur, she promised not to laugh annoyingly loud. She tried to locate that contract for this show – a kind of prototype of her work now – but couldn’t.

“Heavyweight” (2017)

A boxing bag, split open and hung from the gallery wall with thick chains; the inside of the bag is covered in 23 carat gold leaf. “It was my favorite bag, so when it broke I used it. I wanted to see inside. People would always ask why I was boxing, and, well, my grandfather had won a Chicago Golden Gloves. I believe in lineage and history. I also had a lot of anger and needed stuff to come out. Still, no one will tell you exactly why they started boxing. But I didn’t do it to become ‘the artist who boxes.’ For a while none of the guys (at the Chicago gym where she trained) knew I even was an artist. And I didn’t know what they did. Which I liked. It’s hard finding places like that when you’re an adult.”

“Truth Be Told” (2018)

A Spalding basketball painted gold with “Truth Be Told” across the surface in red letters. “A lot of (my work) is something of a double play between the art world and what the work is saying, and this says, ‘What do you want?’ Those words, ‘Truth Be Told,’ forces the issue. Artists are traded between galleries the way athletes are traded. Only a limited number of either makes it to the top. But eventually, the gold goes away. You have only yourself. So, at the end of the day, do you want this gold, or do you just want to play?”

“Just Yell: A Guidebook for Yellers” (2013)

A gold-plated music stand, holding a faux 308-page high-school yearbook, most of which is dedicated to youth killed by gun violence in Chicago. Made partly in collaboration with students at Farragut Career Academy in Little Village, whom she asked to contribute statements and shouts of activism. Instead of yearbook portraits, each photo is a teenager who died (from 2012 to May 2013), paired with a picture of the person who killed them. “See all of the open spaces where a photo should be? That’s because we don’t know who killed a lot of our kids. This book was early (in my career), and it’s like the glue that spread outward to the rest of my work. The people speaking inside, they’re not just from the South and West sides. They’re all over Chicago. One young man (in the Gold Coast) said he couldn’t participate because he didn’t see this violence himself. I said, ‘That’s why we need you!’ My work is about community and if I’m not being accessible, if I’m not allowing in the entire community, then what am I doing?”

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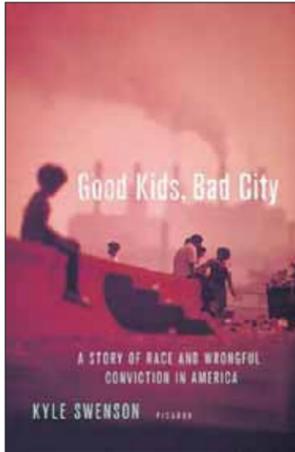
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In 2011, Kyle Swenson was a 25-year-old cub reporter for the Cleveland Scene, a small alternative newspaper, when he received an unexpected phone call. It was from a former convict named Kwame Ajamu who claimed that he and two other local black men who were still in prison had spent decades behind bars for a murder they didn't commit. Originally, Ajamu had approached Terry Gilbert, a crusading civil rights lawyer. But Gilbert was swamped with other cases that involved DNA evidence, the most convincing path to proving wrongful convictions, and this case had none. So Gilbert suggested that Ajamu contact Swenson, figuring that if there was anything to the story, a newspaper investigation might help his cause.

When the skinny white reporter from the Cleveland suburbs met the burly product of the city's predominantly black East Side, he was skeptical, despite the thick file of supporting documents that Ajamu brought to their first encounter at a downtown Starbucks. But Swenson needed fresh copy, and once he dug into the story he became convinced of the three men's innocence. He wrote an exhaustive exposé that eventually helped to exonerate Ajamu, who had converted to Islam and changed his name from Ronnie Bridgeman, and to win freedom for the two other defendants, Ronnie's older brother, Wiley, and his best friend, Rickey Jackson.

Now Swenson has produced a compelling, beautifully written book that goes well beyond that initial journalistic probe into a grave injustice. "Good Kids, Bad City" is another powerful addition to the growing literature on the failures of America's criminal justice system, particularly in dealing with African-American men. But it is also a gripping, novelistic account of what happened to the three defendants and their lone accuser after the convictions, a frank confession of the methods and emotions of an obsessed reporter, and a poignant meditation on the dark side of Cleveland and what became of that once-proud embodiment of Midwestern virtues that allowed this travesty to happen.

On a hot Monday afternoon in May 1975, a white money-order salesman named Harry Franks made the next-to-last stop on his rounds to collect commissions from convenience stores on Cleveland's East Side. It was too late to go to the bank to deposit the \$429.55 cash payment, so Franks headed straight to his last stop with the money in a leather briefcase. As Franks was leaving



'Good Kids, Bad City'

By Kyle Swenson, Picador, 289 pages, \$29

the Fairmount Cut-Rate, two young black men jumped him. When Franks resisted, they attacked him with a pipe and threw acid in his face, and one youth fired several shots, leaving the salesman to bleed to death as they ran away and jumped into a green car driven by another man.

Several witnesses agreed on those details. But only one, a quiet, near-sighted 12-year-old neighborhood kid named Edward Vernon, identified Jackson, 18, as the shooter and Wiley and Ronnie Bridgeman, 21 and 17, as his accomplices. Never mind that the three had alibis, that Vernon's story had inconsistencies and that several tips pointed to other suspects.

Police and prosecutors built an entire case around the boy's testimony, winning double murder and robbery convictions that put the three other youths on death row.

But the Dickensian saga of cruel twists and providential turns was only beginning. Two years later, Wiley Bridgeman won a retrial but was convicted again based on Vernon's single say-so. Wiley was slated for execution by "Old Sparky," the state's electric chair, but on the scheduled date it was announced that the U.S. Supreme Court had struck down Ohio's death penalty statute, and its pending capital sentences were converted to life with a 15-year minimum. Jackson kept his head down in hopes of winning parole, but by the time he became eligible, a tough new practice of adding 10 more years to former death sentences, which prisoners called "super flops," had taken effect. Ronnie Bridgeman finally got out in 2003 and discovered that a prison clerical error had altered one digit in his new Social Security number. With a clean ID and a Muslim



ANN HERMES/CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR/GETTY

Kwame Ajamu, formerly known as Ronnie Bridgeman, sits with Ricky Jackson for an interview in 2015 in Cleveland. Kwame and his brother, Wiley Bridgeman, along with Jackson, were wrongfully imprisoned in 1975.



PICADOR PHOTO

Kyle Swenson wrote "Good Kids, Bad City: A Story of Race and Wrongful Conviction in America."

name, Kwame Ajamu started over with a steady job and new wife. He could have walked away from his past as Ronnie Bridgeman, but he refused to give up on proving his innocence and getting his brother and friend out of jail.

A hellish fate, ironically, also awaited the accuser, Edward Vernon. As an increasingly troubled teen, Vernon sampled booze and pot, then graduated to harder stuff just as crack cocaine began flooding America's inner cities. Soon he fell down a 20-year well

of living in crack dens and sleeping in cars on the street. Finally Vernon found religion and got sober, but that only made it harder to escape the prison of a guilty conscience. At late-night prayer vigils at his church on the East Side, Vernon would suddenly break into loud, unexplained wailing, but he refused to discuss what was tormenting him with his worried pastor, even after he suffered a stress-induced stroke.

Swenson's investigative odyssey took an unexpected turn,

too. After months of digging, he hoped that his scoop would break the case wide open again. But when it was published, nothing happened. Swenson became so depressed and angry that he left Cleveland for a new job in Florida. (He now works for The Washington Post.) Yet unbeknownst to Swenson, once Jackson read the article in prison, he started working with lawyers for the Ohio Innocence Project. Those lawyers tracked down Vernon and got him to recant his false testimony and to provide details of how he had been coerced and coached by police. Based on that new evidence, Jackson and Wiley Bridgeman finally walked free in 2014, after serving what at the time were the longest terms of exonerated prisoners in U.S. history.

While working on his investigation, Swenson sought advice from Michael D. Roberts, a legendary local reporter. "What's it say about the town?" was Roberts' mantra for Cleveland stories, and in this book Swenson gives a furious answer. Starting with the city's riots of the 1960s, he traces a vicious cycle of racial mistrust and political dysfunction that led to decades of Cleveland police scandals and the hardening of an East Side black community that kept its doubts about the wrongful convictions silent. It is an impassioned lament for his fallen hometown, and it burns so hot in the opening chapters that a reader might wonder when Swenson will get back to his main characters. Keep reading, because he does. After 40 pages, you will not want to put this riveting and important book down.

Mark Whitaker is the author of "Smoketown: The Unknown Story of the Other Great Black Renaissance."

BOOK REVIEW

Dive into Lenox mysteries with a new prequel

By CAROL MEMMOTT
The Washington Post

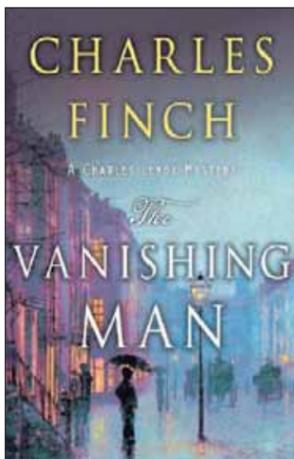
Fiction readers who crush on blue-blooded British detectives will fall hard for Victorian-era sleuth Charles Lenox, if they haven't already. Lenox first appeared in Charles Finch's well-received 2007 novel "A Beautiful Blue Death." Lenox's exploits, laid out in 10 subsequent novels, now share shelf space with other aristocratic crime solvers — Dorothy L. Sayers' Lord Peter Wimsey, Elizabeth George's Inspector Thomas Lynley, and Maisie Dobbs, Jacqueline Winspear's private detective who was widow of a viscount. Like these other royal relations, Lenox is independently wealthy and has answered a higher calling to ferret out justice for his fellow citizens.

The latest Lenox novel, "The Vanishing Man," is the second in a series of prequels that offer delicious details into Lenox's early years honing his observational and deductive skills as a private investigator. "The Vanishing Man" takes place in 1853,

and Lenox, a passionate, still-inexperienced 26-year-old, has as yet solved only a few cases for Scotland Yard. Filled with self-doubt, he also continues to endure the scorn of the yard's detectives who consider him a nuisance and that of his peers who find sleuthing beneath him.

As the story begins, Lenox is called to the home of the Duke of Dorset, who wants Lenox to discreetly look into the theft of a not-very-valuable painting of one of his ancestors. Lenox soon wonders whether the thief stole the wrong painting, which was hung next to an invaluable one — possibly the only oil painting of William Shakespeare done in his lifetime.

Soon another robbery is attempted, there's a murder and it's revealed that the missing painting may hold a clue to the location of a never-before-seen Shakespeare play. Lenox's hunt for the portrait's thief, the murderer and the missing play take him to the halls of Bedlam hospital and the British Library as well as a pub near London Bridge and the fashionable salons of Lon-



'The Vanishing Man'

By Charles Finch, Minotaur, 272 pages, \$26.99

don's West End.

Finch's novels offer more than just cozy yet suspenseful storylines. "The Vanishing Man" also captures the culture of the time



CHARLES FINCH 2014

Charles Finch is the author of 11 Charles Lenox books.

in which it's set — there's mention of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the novel everyone in London is reading, and nods to Charles Dickens, John James Audubon and the Duke of Wellington. As he looks out a window at Scotland Yard, Lenox sees "in the

distance" workers toiling on a project: "some tremendous bell was going to be placed in a tower right by Parliament." Big Ben.

It's part of Shakespeare mythology that one day a new play will be unearthed. Finch — who occasionally reviews books for the Chicago Tribune — artfully and most satisfyingly ties up this plot thread in "The Vanishing Man" as well as that of the identity of the art thief and the murderer. By novel's end, Lenox learns of another suspicious death that needs investigating. In "The Vanishing Man's" closing sentences, Lenox's brother watches him ride away in a carriage and wonders "to which hidden, mysterious, thrilling corner, in the great city spread before him now like a world of marvels, his brother's new case would take him."

Longtime fans know what the future holds for Lenox. Everyone else needs to jump into the carriage with Lenox and hold on tight.

Carol Memmott, a freelance book critic, lives in Northern Virginia.



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Teachers resort to crowdfunding

Meanwhile, Amazon gets a tax rebate; surely we can do better

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

I'm not sure where or when it happened, but somewhere along the line, we decided to accept that students' relationships with their school books should be temporary.

If our goal is for students to learn as much as possible while in school, this is not good.

To make best use of books for the purpose of learning, we need to offer ownership of those books. We need to be able to speak back to the books through highlighting and annotating, adding our own unique marginalia that captures our thoughts in the moment. For books that I have re-read for the purposes of teaching, I can trace the evolution of my response to the text through different colored writing, recognizing how each reading adds to my knowledge.

Annotating books is a skill we get better at with practice — a skill the college students I've worked with find foreign, because they have not been allowed to write in their books. When I show them what I have done to my books, they look at me like I'm a madman.

Unfortunately, for the vast majority of

public school students, books are hand-me-downs, rentals, or if purchased treated with an eye towards maximizing the return on the dollar when sold back.

If you would like to see how far the hand-me-down culture goes, search for pictures that Oklahoma's teachers were posting as they engaged in labor negotiations last year. The stacks of literature anthologies look like they've been mauled by deranged badgers. How they could be used at all defies sense.

Some students have it even worse. As of this writing, at the DonorsChoose.org website where teachers can post requests for materials and resources for their schools, there are nearly 9,000 requests categorized under "books." One class is looking for books like "Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race" by Margot Lee Shetterly and age-appropriate biographies of Booker T. Washington, Jesse Owens and Barack Obama for Black History Month.

Another wants sets of early readers so students can actually take a book home to practice reading.

It is impossible to decide which of these requests is most worthy, because they are all worthy. Donors Choose reports that they have facilitated almost \$800 million in funding for classrooms from more than 3.5 million donors.

That's great and all, but I am having a hard time celebrating over schoolteachers needing charitable donations of \$800 million to meet the basic needs of their classrooms. Ironically, many of the DonorsChoose.org projects will be fulfilled through Amazon, a company that made \$11.2 billion in profits, but will receive a \$129 million tax rebate for a -1 percent tax rate, according to The Hill.

Something seems out of whack here. Students not having access to their own books is one of those "we must do more with less" decisions made so long ago, we've forgotten it could be different.

Imagine if students had books that were truly theirs to take home, to mark their progress and learning. Imagine if they could interact with the books in ways adult professionals take for granted. We're endlessly worried about student achievement, and here is an initiative that I'm certain will help students learn more.

And yet the thought of supplying enough books so each student can have their own is like saying you want to frolic with the unicorns. Even giving each student one book is too heavy a lift.

Surely we can do better.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller
2. "There There" by Tommy Orange
3. "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah
4. "Fear: Trump in the White House" by Bob Woodward
5. "Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind" by Yuval Noah Harari — Monique D., Chicago

I think that Monique will enjoy "Eat the Document" by Dana Spiotta, a book rooted in the recent past that tells a story plenty relevant to the present.

1. "The Dog That Whispered" by Jim Krause
2. "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman
3. "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards
4. "Heads You Win" by Jeffrey Archer
5. "The Colors of All the Cattle: A No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Novel" by Alexander McCall Smith — Phyllis R., Arlington Heights

If Phyllis hasn't read "My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout, she's in for a delightful few hours; once you start reading, you don't stop until the end.

1. "Magpie Murders" by Anthony Horowitz
2. "Dark Places" by Gillian Flynn
3. "I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer" by Michelle McNamara
4. "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah
5. "Sharp Objects" by Gillian Flynn — Colleen Z., Clarendon Hills

For Colleen, I think she'll take to the emotional intensity combined with a bit of mystery in Pamela Erens' "The Virgins."

Get a reading from the Biblioracle

Send a list of the last five books you've read to books@chicagotribune.com.

LITERARY EVENTS

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TUESDAY EVENTS



JAY FLECK & JONATHAN STUTZMAN
Tiny T Rex and the Impossible Hug
Tuesday, March 5 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville hosts Jay Fleck & Jonathan Stutzman with their fun new picture book, *Tiny T Rex and the Impossible Hug*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the featured new book at Anderson's Bookshop.



TJ MARTINSON
The Reign of the Kingfisher
Tuesday, March 5 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
26 S. La Grange Rd. La Grange
708-582-6353
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in La Grange welcomes novelist TJ Martinson with his new title, *The Reign of the Kingfisher*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop.

WEDNESDAY EVENTS



BECKY RAPINCHUK
Clean Mama's Guide to a Healthy Home
Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm
The Book Stall
811 Elm St., Winnetka
847-446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The Book Stall welcomes cleaning and home-keeping expert BECKY RAPINCHUK, creator of the wildly popular Clean Mama blog, for a signing of "Clean Mama's Guide to a Healthy Home: The Simple, Room-by-Room Plan for a Natural Home." It's a step-by-step schedule for tidying a home in just 10 minutes a day.



MARY PAT KELLY
Irish Above All
Wednesday, March 6 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville presents author Mary Pat Kelly with her latest novel, *Irish Above All*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop.

THURSDAY EVENTS



COMMON GROUND WITH AHMAD SADRI
Sponsored by Swedenborg Library
Thursday, March 7 / 7-9 PM
"The Epic of the Persian Kings"
77 W Washington St. / 2nd floor
312-346-7003
SwedLib.org

Learn about this magnificent poem and its most successful translation into English, told by the translator Ahmad Sadri of Lake Forest College. "The Epic of the Persian Kings" was written by Ferdosi 1,008 years ago and is beloved by modern-day Iranians. \$10 payable to Common Ground.



ANNIE WARD
Beautiful Bad
Thursday, March 7 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
26 S. La Grange Rd. La Grange
708-582-6353
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in La Grange hosts author Annie Ward sharing her new novel, *Beautiful Bad*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop.

FRIDAY EVENTS



MARY PAT KELLY AND CATHERINE O'CONNELL
Irish Above All
Friday, March 8, 11:30 am, Luncheon,
Union League Club
Sunday, March 10, The Book Stall
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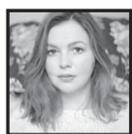
The Book Stall hosts two Irish celebrations featuring Chicago author MARY PAT KELLY and Chicago's own songstress CATHERINE O'CONNELL. Ms. Kelly's new novel is "Irish Above All," the story of a young woman who returns to Chicago from Paris in 1933 to help her cousin in his rise to mayor. For Union League Club luncheon reservations, call 847-446-8880. The Sunday event at The Book Stall, 811 Elm St., Winnetka, is free and open to the public.



JAMES RILEY
The Revenge of Magic
Friday, March 8 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville welcomes back middle grade author James Riley with his new title, *The Revenge of Magic*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop.

FRIDAY EVENTS



AMBER TAMBLYN
Era of Ignition
Friday, March 8 at 7 pm
Pfeiffer Hall
310 E. Benton Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville presents actress, activist and author Amber Tambllyn with her new book, *Era of Ignition*. Tickets are available exclusively at AmberTambllynAndersons.brownpapertickets.com

SATURDAY EVENTS



LORI DEGMAN
Just Read
Saturday, March 9 at 11 am
Anderson's Bookshop
5112 Main St. Downers Grove
630-963-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Downers Grove hosts Lori Degman with her new picture book, *Just Read*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop.

UPCOMING EVENTS



THOMAS LENNON
Ronan Boyle and the Bridge of Riddles
Sunday, March 10 at 2 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
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www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville hosts actor and author Thomas Lennon author of the middle grade novel, *Ronan Boyle and the Bridge of Riddles*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop.



LISA SEE
The Island of Sea Women
Monday, March 11 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
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Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville welcomes back the bestselling author Lisa See with her latest novel, *The Island of Sea Women*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop.

UPCOMING EVENTS



LISA GRAFF
Far Away
Monday, March 11 at 7 pm
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Anderson's Bookshop in Downers Grove hosts author Lisa Graff with her new middle grade book, *Far Away*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop.

I read in
self-defense

—Woody Allen

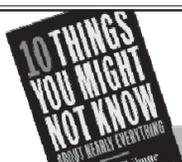


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'Ruben Brandt' director passionate about visuals

Storyteller Milorad Krstic pays homage

BY HUGH HART
Los Angeles Times

Intense artist Milorad Krstic is making his feature film debut only now, at age 66, with the delightfully surreal animated thriller "Ruben Brandt, Collector." What took so long?

In town to attend the Annie Awards, for which "Ruben" earned an independent animated feature nomination, Krstic does not order coffee in the cafe of his Beverly Hills hotel. He does not need coffee. As his producer wife, Radmila Roczkov, observes quietly, Krstic, crowned in a shock of bowl-cut hair, jabs the napkin as if drawing invisible sketches, barely stopping for breath as he explains the genesis of his late-blooming masterpiece. "I am painter," Krstic begins. "Since 4 years old, I've been painting, drawing, and my world is visual, so to me it's all the same, whether I'm directing an animated film or making some painting, or drawing pencil on paper, or making book, or putting acrylic color on canvas, or making stage design, or making documentary, whatever it is, I must always express myself in some visual way.

"But even in my paintings, I always have some story. Before I sign it, I give the painting a title, which means there is some little story inside every painting. I do think of myself as a poet, but a visual poet. Sometimes I make this poetry to be very short, like



MEL MELCON/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Visual artist Milorad Krstic, who lives in Hungary, is making his feature debut at 66 with the animated action-crime thriller "Ruben Brandt, Collector."

one drawing or one painting, and sometimes I have a longer story."

Longer story ideas don't come around all that often for Krstic. Fifteen years after his 1995 animated short "My Baby Left Me" won a Silver Bear at the Berlin International Film Festival, he crafted the character that would kick-start "Ruben Brandt, Collector." "I made a sketch portrait of a long-necked girl," he recalls. "Her head was extended as a head of a horse, but still she was beautiful. I knew her name must be Mimi, and I immediately knew she must be the femme fatale in an

"I do think of myself as a poet, but a visual poet."

animated feature action-psychological thriller. The film will be about art, and Mimi will steal the paintings from the famous museums all over the world. Then I sat down and wrote a story about the guy, Ruben Brandt, who is forced by his nightmares to rob museums to get the painting he wants. And Mimi will be a leading member of Ruben's gang." Backed by the Hungarian National Film Fund and

a team of about 200 artisans, Krstic populated his heist plotline with paintings by 13 of his favorite artists, including Botticelli, Gauguin, Picasso, Van Gogh, Edward Hopper and Andy Warhol, whose gun-slugging Elvis Presley twins terrify Ruben in his sleep. "I've visited most of the museums you see in the film and use these locations to make Ruben Brandt feel like a James Bond movie," Krstic says.

"We're jumping all over the world, from the Louvre to Washington, D.C., to New York, St. Petersburg and the Uffizi in Florence. This is a film about art, and I wanted to show that art belongs to the globe."

Krstic, who moved to Hungary in 1989, grew up in Slovenia watching Hollywood Westerns, Fellini flicks and Russian silent films at the local movie house. A devoted cinephile, he crams "Ruben Brandt" with references to such auteurs as Sergei Eisenstein, Alfred Hitchcock and Akira Kurosawa. "In Kurosawa's 'Yojimbo,'" Krstic notes, "There's a dog with a

human hand in his mouth. David Lynch made an homage to Kurosawa in his film 'Wild at Heart,' and in 'Ruben Brandt,' I paid homage to both directors with a little cardboard dog with a human hand in his mouth hanging from the interior rearview mirror in the car of the bad guy, Barutanski. By the way, his car is a Lincoln Continental Mark III, a tribute to William Friedkin's 'French Connection.' I wanted to steal from the best by putting these images into my film and hopefully giving them fresh shape. This is how art and science go forward. All the time, we are standing on the shoulders of somebody else."

A cavalcade of nightmares, car chases, demonic paintings, film-noir suspense and CIA backstory, peopled by characters with strange faces, "Ruben Brandt" favors dream logic over photo-realistic rationality. Ruben Brandt's Picasso-esque nose, for example, takes a different color from the rest of his face, while a two-dimensional thief flaps in the wind like a piece of paper. "Creating this diversity of forms was a really precious task for me," Krstic says. "A character might have three eyes or two noses or whatever, but you need to believe 'This a real human being.'" Pointing to a desert on the table, Krstic observes, "Hitchcock said film is not part of life, it's a slice of life, exactly as in your slice of cake here. We know what is chocolate, what is vanilla. It's about how you combine the layers. And this movie is my slice."

Kogan

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now it's almost dark again."

The final edition carried the jaunty headline, "So long, Chicago," and a poignant eulogy by the great writer M.W. Newman. He wrote, "The writer's newspaper ends as it began — a momentous Book of Life. But that story isn't over, just the Daily News' part of it. A newspaper dies, but newspapering goes on. Life goes on, the sequel and all the tomorrows after that."

The staff scattered, some to other newspapers (including this one), and there has remained a tightly knit group of Daily News alums, kept close in part by a newsletter that was started by a lovely woman named Margaret Whitesides, who had been a mainstay of the paper.

After her death in 2002, it was cared for by the husband-and-wife team of Bob and Marge Herguth for more than a decade and since then has been run by former CDN-ers Henry Kisor and Jack Schnedler. Each month they compiled, as I have written before, "a newsletter that is chatty, informative and entertain-



TRIBUNE FILE

Mike Royko is pictured in his office at the Chicago Daily News.

ing, filled with news of births and deaths, memories of the good old days and news of post-paper accomplishments."

The latest edition, which arrived via email early this week, carried this note: "If you have a sense that our monthly missive's contents are drifting ever farther into the distant past and circling in previously charted seas, that is an

accurate perception. The main reason for this becalmed state of affairs has to do with the increasing paucity of fresh material from our 170 or so subscribers about what they're up to these days. ... Given this parlous situation, Henry and Jack are on the verge of cutting back the newsletter's production to every other month — six times a year."

And so it goes. In 2008, the 86-year-old Sumner Redstone, who then controlled then controlled Viacom and CBS Corp., told a gathering in Beverly Hills that there "won't be any newspapers in two years. Ink is going to go away."

Premature to say the least. Ink hasn't gone away. Neither did Redstone, for that matter; he turns 96 in May. Perhaps ink-on-paper products will be able to coexist with whatever new electronic marvels are forthcoming. The point, I suppose, is that solid and energetic journalism is not a luxury but an essential, no matter how delivered. That was reaffirmed over the last couple of weeks, peppered as they have been with



BILL HOGAN/TRIBUNE 2008

The former Chicago Daily News building is seen from the Washington Street bridge.

Smollett-Kelly-Election news.

As the son of two journalists, I grew up in a home and in an era in which newspapers were held in high, almost holy, regard. That was reflected by what I would see and read walking into the lobby of the Tribune's former home in the tower by the river, a quote from playwright Arthur Miller carved into the wall: "A good newspaper, I suppose, is a nation talking to itself."

Not everyone was so kind. The first Mayor Daley, for instance, once said, "A newspaper is the lowest thing there is."

That latest edition of the Daily News alumni newsletter carries a note from my former colleague Alan Mutter who writes, at the behest of Schnedler, "a 'fresh reflection' on why newspapers have entered into an 'evident death.' Things are, indeed, tough."

He cites a 104-page study titled "The Expanding News Desert." It is fascinating reading. Yes, a bit depressing, but there are bright paragraphs.

It starts with this: "From our very beginnings as a nation, newspapers have played a vital role in building community. Strong newspapers fostered a sense of geographic identity and in the process nurtured social cohesion and grassroots political activism. The stories and editorials they published helped set the agenda for debate of important issues, influence the policy and political decisions we made, and build trust in our institutions."

It ends with this: "The fates of communities and local news organizations are intrinsically linked — socially, politically and economically. Trust and credibility suffer when local news media are lost or diminished. We need to make sure that whatever replaces the 20th century version of local newspapers serves the same community building functions. If we can figure out how to craft and implement sustainable news business models in our smallest, poorest markets, we can then empower journalistic entrepreneurs to revive and restore trust in media from the grassroots level up, in whatever form. ..."

So, how are you reading this?

On a computer or a phone or the old-fashioned way?

No matter, really. Thanks. Appreciate it.

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"Good Girls" (9 p.m., NBC): Season 1 of this dark dramedy ended with Beth (Christina Hendricks) holding a gun on the violent gang leader Rio (Manny Montana), who dared her to shoot him. What transpires in the immediate aftermath drives much of what happens to Beth, her husband, Dean (Matthew Lillard), and her friends Ruby and Annie (Retta, Mae Whitman) as Season 2 opens. Elsewhere, Ruby's husband, Stan (Reno Wilson), finds his new police job in peril when he learns the truth about the grocery store robbery.

"God Friended Me" (7 p.m., CBS): In the new episode "Two Guys, a Girl, and a Thai Food Place," Miles and Cara (Brandon Micheal Hall, Violet Beane) try to help a young woman who fell into a coma after inexplicably disappearing on the night before her wedding. She has since awakened, but has no memory of her lost evening.

"American Idol" (7 p.m., ABC): The long-running musical competition series opens Season 17 — its second on ABC — with a two-hour premiere, as judges Luke Bryan, Katy Perry and Lionel Richie return to start another search for an inspiring singer. Tonight's opener, "201 (Auditions)," features aspiring vocal hopefuls trying to prove they have the right stuff at tryouts in New York, Los Angeles, Denver, Louisville, Ky., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Ryan Seacrest returns as host; multimedia personality Bobby Bones plays in-house mentor.

"Divide and Conquer: The Story of Roger Ailes" (8 p.m., 11:30 p.m., AE): Producer-director Alexis Bloom's feature-length documentary chronicles the origin, rise and downfall of one of the most polarizing media personalities of the late 20th century: Roger Ailes, the chairman and chief executive officer of Fox News. Dubbed by some as the "Ernest Hemingway of campaign advisers," Ailes also was perceived as a bulldog for conservative causes and a kingmaker for politicians.

"Chronicle Mysteries" (8 p.m., HMM): In the new "Vines That Bind," Alex McPherson's (Alison Sweeney) latest podcast installment leads her — and most of her staff — to nearby Macklin, to investigate the death of a vintner whose passing was ruled an accident by the local police. Alex's instincts suggest something more sinister, but before she's able to get very far in her probe, another member of the victim's family is fatally shot.

"Free Solo" (8 p.m., NCEO): This widely praised 2018 documentary from Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin follows professional rock climber Alex Honnold as he attempts a free solo climb — one using no ropes, just his hands and feet — up the sheer face of El Capitan, the iconic 3,200-foot granite monolith in California's Yosemite National Park. For the 33-year-old Honnold, the prospect of attaining El Capitan's summit under such daunting conditions has been an obsession since he began climbing 23 years ago.

"Bar Rescue" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., PARMT): As he opens a new season of his unscripted series, celebrated bar and nightlife expert Jon Taffer heads to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to assist a brother and sister whose own nightclub was destroyed by Hurricane Maria in a premiere called "The Lights Come Back in Puerto Rico." They face an uphill challenge, to put it mildly, but at least they have guidance from a guy with three decades of experience in the business.

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	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	God Friended Me (N) ©		NCIS: Los Angeles: "Into the Breach." (N) ©		Madam Secretary: "Between the Seats." (N) ©		News (N) ▶
	NBC 5	World of Dance: "The Qualifiers 2." (N) ©				Good Girls: "I'd Rather Be Crafting." (Season Premiere) (N) ©		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	American Idol: "201 (Auditions)." (Season Premiere)				(9:01) Shark Tank (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ▶
	WGN 9	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	blackish ©	Larry Potash (N)	Weekend News (N)	Instant Re-play (N) ©	Chicago's Best
	Antenna 9.2	Two Dads	Two Dads	Growing	Growing	Johnny Carson ©		
	This TV 9.3	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Heat/Night ▶		
	PBS 11	Victoria on Masterpiece: "The White Elephant." (Season Finale) (N)		Victoria on Masterpiece: "The White Elephant." (Season Finale) (N)		Victoria on Masterpiece: "The White Elephant." ©		
	The U 26.1	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Engagement	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Butterfly in Shades of Grey." ©				Touched by an Angel ©		Night G'ery
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ▶
	Bounce 26.5	Harlem Nights ★★		Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13, '09) ★★				
	FOX 32	The Simpsons (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N) ©	Family Guy ©	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday (N)		Fox Chicago Final Word ▶
	Ion 38	NCIS: Los Angeles		Private Eyes (N) ©		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ▶
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CABLE	AE	Trump Dynasty		Divide and Conquer: The Story of Roger Ailes (NR, '18) ★★				
	AMC	The Walking Dead ©		The Walking Dead (N) ©		(9:05) Talking Dead (N)		Walk:Dead ▶
	ANIM	The Zoo (N) ©		Evan Goes Wild (N)		Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star ▶
	BBCA	(4) King Kong ('05) ★★		Apocolypto (R, '06) ★★		Rudy Youngblood, Raoul Trujillo. ©		
	BET	Social Awards (N)		American Soul		Social Awards		Boomeran. ▶
	BIGTEN	Basketball Postgame	Journey (N)	Basketball		B1G Basketball & Beyond		The Journey
	BRAVO	Housewives-Atlanta (N)	Married to Medicine (N)			Watch (N)	Don't--Tardy	Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		News ▶
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Under. B. ▶
	CNN	CNN Special Report (N)		The Bush Years (Premiere) (N)		The Bush Years (N)		Sp. Report ▶
	COM	Pineapple	The Interview (R, '14) ★★	James Franco, Seth Rogen. ©				Superbad ▶
	DISC	Naked and Afraid: "Frozen and Afraid." (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Alaskan Bush People (Season Premiere) (N)				Alaskan ▶
	DISN	Sydney-Max	Coop	Raven	Raven	Star Wars	Fast Layne	Fast Layne
	E!	(5) Bridesmaids ('11) ★★		Total Bellas (N) ©		Very Cavallari (Season Premiere) (N) ©		LadyGang
	ESPN	MLS (N)	MLS Soccer (N)			SportsCenter (N) ©		Alaskan ▶
	ESPN2	UFC Main Event (N)		UFC Unleashed		College Football: All-Star Challenge. ▶		
	FNC	Watters' World ©		The Next Revolution (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Watters ▶
	FOOD	Family Food (Series Premiere) (N)		Worst Cooks (Season Finale) (N)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
	FREE	(6:55) The Lion King (G, '94) ★★		(SAP)		The Lion King II: Simba's Pride ★★		
	FX	The Equalizer (R, '14) ★★		Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas. ©				Equalizer ▶
	HALL	When Calls the Heart (N)		Meet the Peetes (N) ©		A Winter Princess (NR, '19) ©		
	HGTV	Beach (N)	Beach (N)	Caribbean	Caribbean	Island (N)	Island (N)	Hunters Int'l
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pick. (N)		(9:05) American Pickers		Pickers ▶
	HLN	Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Death Row ▶
	IFC	Green Lantern (PG-13, '11) ★★		Ryan Reynolds, Blake Lively. ©		Planet of the Apes ★★		
	LIFE	The Wrong Teacher (NR, '18)		Jessica Morris. ©		(9:03) The Killer Downstairs ('19) ©		
	MSNBC	Kasie DC (N) ©		Headliners ©		Headliners ©		Date. Ext. ▶
	MTV	Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ▶
	NBCSCH	Windy City Poker (N)		All Access	Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Sharks (N) ▶		
	NICK	Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G, '11) ★				The Office	The Office	Friends ▶
	OVATION	(6) Lethal Weapon (R, '87) ★★		Lethal Weapon 2 (R, '89) ★★		Mel Gibson. ▶		
	OWN	Police Women of Dallas		Police Women of Dallas		Police Women of Dallas		Police ▶
OPY	Deadly Cults (N)		Snapped ©		Mark of a Killer		Cults ▶	
PARMT	Bar Rescue ©		Bar Rescue ©		Bar Rescue (N) ©		Rescue ▶	
SYFY	Speed (R, '94) ★★		Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. ©		17 Again (PG-13, '09) ★★			
TBS	Suicide Squad (PG-13, '16) ★★		Will Smith, Jared Leto. ©		Suicide Squad ('16) ★★			
TCM	Sabrina (NR, '54) ★★		Humphrey Bogart. ©		The Heiress (NR, '49) ★★			
TLC	Sister Wives: "Flagstaff Flirtation." (N)				Seeking Sister Wife (N)		Dr. Pimple ▶	
TLN	Living-Edge	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point ©	Insights		Let Think	
TNT	Olympus Has Fallen (R, '13) ★★		Gerard Butler. ©		(9:15) Law Abiding Citizen (R, '09) ★★			
TOON	Samur. Jack	Aqua Teen	Burgers	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown: "The Fall of Great Empires." (N)		Paranorm. ▶			
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VH1	The Family That Preys (PG-13, '08) ★★		Kathy Bates. ©		Kingdom Come ('01) ★★			
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WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Gone © ▶	
PREMIUM	HBO	Leaving Neverland (NR, '19)	Wade Robson. ©		Crashing (N)	High (N)	Last Week	
	HBO2	(6:50) Get Him to the Greek ('10) ★★		(8:45) Collateral (R, '04) ★★		Tom Cruise. ©		
	MAX	Kingsman: The Golden Circle (R, '17) ★★		Colin Firth. ©		(9:25) Elektra ('05) ★★		
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	STARZ	American Gods ©		(7:58) American Gods		(8:53) American Gods		Gods ▶
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Cable TV hosts and podcast personalities Kid Mero, left, and Desus Nice are moving from Viceland to Showtime with a new late-night talk show.

‘Bodega Boys’ make a leap

Late-night duo’s raising their game for late-night Showtime series

BY CHRIS BARTON
Los Angeles Times

Podcast favorites turned cable late-night hosts known as Desus Nice and the Kid Mero had just sat down for a freewheeling lunch in Pasadena, Calif., last month when a New York City emergency started blowing up on their phones.

Desus and Mero are two high school acquaintances who first gained fame in 2013 from the Complex podcast “Desus vs. Mero” that grew into their on-going “Bodega Boys” podcast. That in turn became a nightly talk show on Viceland and, now, a self-titled series on Showtime. The Bronx natives Desus (Daniel Baker) and Mero (Joel Martinez) are also stars on Twitter.

But all talk of their burgeoning media careers was put on hold when suddenly their beloved New York Knicks were lighting up the social media circuit.

“Kristaps (Porzingis) is trending? That’s never a good thing,” says Desus, who checked his phone to see the duo were being alerted about the Knicks’ star power forward. “You know he’s injury-prone, he hasn’t played in a

while ... I’m going to go into my room and cry.”

After riffing on a few absurdly grim Knicks memories — there are a lot of them — Desus reads Porzingis has been traded, which sends both through stages of grief. “Don’t tell Desus and Mero,” Desus reads among his Twitter replies, “they’re on the West Coast, they’re not going to see this yet.” As they laugh, this leads to some back and forth about imagining a Bodega Boys bat signal.

“A big Timberland boot with a sad face on it,” Desus says. “A crying Timberland boot, like the Michael Jordan meme,” a grinning Mero offers.

This, in a comically tragic nutshell, is how Showtime’s new “Desus & Mero” will work. News happens and, with a lightning-quick mix of natural rapport, improvisation and the ever-roiling stew of modern pop and internet culture, a new, distinctively New York take on late-night comedy follows.

“We have waited a long time to enter the talk-show space, and we were only going to do it if we felt like we had the next big thing,” Showtime President and CEO

David Nevins said when the series was announced last year. “Desus and Mero feel like exactly that.”

For Desus and Mero, the move to Showtime also marked a similar jump to a bigger contender. “Desus & Mero” was a breakout hit at Viceland, which has struggled overall in the ratings. Consequently, the duo found themselves run ragged by the show’s daily schedule and a lean production staff. At Showtime, they have encountered a different world.

“You know how sometimes you feel kind of like circus monkeys?” Desus asks. “They’re just like ‘dance, dance, dance.’ You never get that with Showtime. If we don’t want to do something we don’t have to do it. We have full creative control.”

“And it could be something that’s like 90 percent done and we’re just like, eh, we’re not feeling this,” says Mero. “That level of creative freedom is like ...” and he makes a stunned face.

“It was cool, we made a lot of shows on Viceland but from that experience we learned how to make TV,” Desus explains.

As a result, the new show finds them raising their game. For the first time, Desus and Mero will have writers, who include former staff members of “Last Week Tonight With John Oliver,” “The Late Show With Stephen Col-

bert” and “Saturday Night Live.” And instead of grinding through a daily schedule, the show will be recorded live-to-tape each week to maintain their usual timely flair. With the daring, pointed comedy of “Chappelle’s Show” and MTV2’s eccentric “Wonder Showzen” as their touchstones, Desus and Mero will also expand into field pieces and sketches.

“That’s like the dopest thing about this incarnation of our show,” Mero says. “It’s like we’ll sit in the room with the writers and it’s just like a riffing session.”

“We got that Showtime travel budget,” Desus adds. “It’s funny because ... we were supposed to do something that would take place in Georgia, and in my head I’m like OK, they’re going to rent a green screen in Bushwick and they’re like no, you’re going to Georgia. Oh, that’s different.”

“It’s the old show on PEDs,” Mero offers.

“Why you bringing A-Rod into this?” counters Desus.

With sports just scratching the surface of how granular Desus and Mero can get with their New York references, the question has come up whether their perspective — which includes being rare people of color on late-night TV with Desus’ Jamaican-American background and Mero’s Dominican roots — will play in middle America. For them, this has never

been a concern. “We have so many fans that are outside New York who are like, we just love the energy you bring,” Desus says. “It’s just like, ‘you guys are you, and we like watching you guys.’”

“And Google is your friend,” Mero encourages. “So if we make some obscure Bronx reference they’re like, ‘What is Bay Plaza Shopping Center?’ Enter. Cool!”

And for as specific as Desus and Mero’s references can be, their comic philosophy is one of inclusion. You could see the big tent in action at road shows that included San Francisco’s comedy-tilted Clusterfest last year, which saw the duo pack the city’s Bill Graham Civic Auditorium for a late afternoon show.

“We love the live shows because we’re millennials, and millennials love two things: avocado toast and instant gratification,” Desus says. “It feels like a family kind of thing. Our comedy should never feel like we’re on-stage talking to you.”

Just as in their Viceland days, free-flowing interview segments will follow the duo to Showtime with guests from music and politics scheduled to include John Legend, Vince Staples, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and a series-opening chat with their local congresswoman, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

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Facebook tests definition of 'friend'

Dear Readers: I've briefly stepped away from my column to work on a new writing project and have been rerunning topical Q&A's from 10 years ago. Today's topic surfaced during the dawn of Facebook: social media friendships.

ment value. You should say to your friends, "Could you all do me a favor and only post old photos of me that my Grammy wouldn't mind seeing?"

Dear Amy: What is the best course of action to take when someone who tormented you in high school and college asks to be your "friend" on Facebook? Should I assume this person has changed for the better and add him or her as a "friend"? Or do I click "Ignore"?

According to HR professionals, employers increasingly are checking social-networking sites to make sure their prospective hires are respectable and careful people. If your friends can't imagine how these photos could be professionally embarrassing to you, then they're not trying hard enough. (January 2009)

Dear Friend?: People use Facebook in a variety of ways. For some, it is just another venue to broadcast their latest activities. They accumulate "friends," are not discerning about their contacts and are simply into quantity. Others take Facebook as an opportunity to make, renew or keep up with actual friends.

Dear Amy: My cousin unloaded a rant on me years ago and has never explained, apologized or even acknowledged that she did anything inappropriate. I am civil to her, but I do not feel safe around people who use me as a dumping ground. She either thinks I have no feelings or just does not care about them.

If you don't want to accept this person into your virtual life, then by all means don't. Don't overthink this; your former tormentor's overture might not be personal but a shout-out to everyone in your yearbook. (December 2009)

Now, my cousin has sent me a Facebook "friend" request. I do not think Facebook is the place to repair our relationship. I would feel rude just ignoring the request, but I would feel uncomfortable sending her a message through Facebook, which would open up my Facebook page to her.

Dear Amy: I'm in my mid-20s, and I just finished my master's degree. I maintain contact with several colleagues and professionals on a popular social-networking website. I have a wonderful group of girlfriends I met in college, and we stay in contact on this same site.

What is the most appropriate way to tell her I do not want to be Facebook friends?

The problem is that some of my friends continue to post photos taken many years ago in college. None of the photos are scandalous, but I would be embarrassed if a potential employer saw a picture of me posing with giant beers in a crowded bar.

Dear Friendless: I think it's possible your cousin is unaware that her rant affected you so deeply. (Facebook is an internet social-networking site where people can invite "friends" to interact online.)

My friends seem to think this is harmless and funny, but I work in a competitive field and want to be taken seriously. Is my concern legitimate? I cherish my friends, but would I be out of line to ask them to remove pictures of me from their pages? How can I do so without offending them?

Your cousin has probably contacted dozens of people, asking them to be her Facebook "friends." Based on your distant relationship, you could probably ignore her request and she wouldn't notice. However, I think you should seriously consider connecting with her. I disagree with you that Facebook is not the place to resume or repair your relationship. It might be the perfect venue to establish contact. It could grow into something more substantial if you were both willing. (February 2009)

Dear Wondering: Your letter should be laminated and posted in dorm rooms as a cautionary tale. Unlike the fleeting buzz of a Jell-O shot, those youthful photos have a way of outlasting their original entertain-

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Why asking permission may not be enough

What to do when kids find their entire lives on the internet

I'm old enough to remember Matt Lauer smirking his way through a "Today" show segment, circa 1999-ish, about a wacky, new fad adults were doing before they went on dates.

It was called Googling, he told us. And they were doing it to each other.

What a concept! Dial up your internet, type a person's name into a search engine and ... stuff pops up about them? Like, what kind of stuff, I remember wondering.

It was an innocent time.

Last week, the Atlantic wrote a story about kids Googling themselves and finding their entire lives documented online, from in utero sonograms to potty training updates to soccer scores. Ninety-two percent of toddlers already have their own unique digital identity before age 2, the article reports.

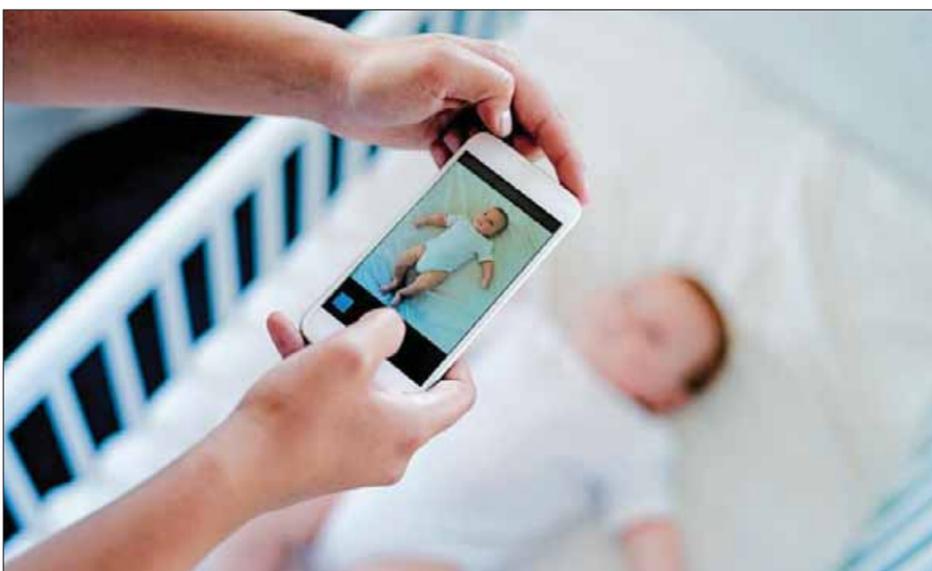
"It's weird seeing myself up there," 11-year-old Cara (a pseudonym) told the magazine. "And sometimes there's pics I don't like of myself."

Cara was trying to get up the courage to approach her parents about taking down some of the photos they'd posted on Instagram.

A few years ago, after reading Devorah Heitner's "Screenwise," I vowed to start asking my kids' permission before posting any photos of them on social media.

"Asking them for their permission before sharing a photo of them creates a positive boundary," Heitner told me at the time. "It teaches them, 'You can say no to a friend taking or sharing your photo.'"

That idea of reminding them that they have agency over their bodies and can use their voices to exercise that agency resonated with me. Occasionally, I have slipped and posted a vacation photo or athletic achievement



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without asking them, but I've mostly stuck to it.

That Atlantic article has me wondering whether that's enough.

Not all of the kids in the article minded having a deep well of internet information out there.

"We thought it was so cool that we had pics of ourselves online," 13-year-old Natalie (another pseudonym) said about Googling herself with friends. "We would brag like, 'I have this many pics of myself on the internet.' You look yourself up, and it's like, 'Whoa, it's you!' We were all shocked when we realized we were out there. We were like, 'Whoa, we're real people.'"

Ouch. I called Heitner on Monday to get her thoughts on the article and what it should mean to those of us in the thick of parenting today.

"We always have to be mindful of our children's humanity in a very deep way," Heitner said. "We have to think of their identities as their own and remember that

their identities are going to be in flux."

A kid may welcome — even crave — internet fame at, say, 9 or 11 or 15. But they may regret some of that exposure as they get older, Heitner said, when they want to forge their own identities without a lot of preconceived notions to combat.

Maybe when they're applying for colleges. Maybe when they're applying for jobs. Maybe when they're falling in love and want to swap life stories over late-night coffees at all-night diners and not worry that their life story, sonogram on up, is widely available within a few keystrokes.

"The internet is forever," Heitner said.

She urges parents to pause before discussing a child's diagnosis on social media, knowing that child will someday be an adult who might not want to disclose that diagnosis to a potential employer.

She urges parents to consider whether social media is the best place to seek recommendations

for help in areas that are potentially embarrassing — bed-wetting, for example — knowing that a classmate of your child's can walk by an open laptop or hop on a parent's phone and see what your child probably doesn't want others knowing.

She urges parents who let their kids post videos on YouTube to disable the comments.

"No one needs to be commenting on an 11-year-old's magic tricks," Heitner said. "Because, inevitably, there will be some terrible person out there who comments on your child's weight or race."

She urges parents to think long and hard and lovingly about where their stories end and their children's stories begin.

"I think people have the best, kindest intentions," she said. "But I think we need boundaries."

The goal, Heitner said, doesn't need to be to keep your child's entire persona off the internet. That would be close to impossible, given that sports teams and school clubs and friends and

family are likely to post images and information about your child even if you don't.

"But I think you want to be careful not to foreclose any future opportunity," she said. "You want to think about whether what you post could, in some way, undermine your child's possibilities in life. And whether there's a way for what you're posting to actively embarrass your kid."

My rule for writing about my kids — on social media and in my columns — has always been, "Would I say this out loud in front of them?" If yes, I let myself write it. If no, I don't.

But Heitner's words have me thinking more critically about that. Especially this:

"We want to teach our kids that people are real even if they're not very Google-able," she said. "That crossing guard is real even if she's not your Facebook friend. It's very human to want to quantify how you're known in the universe, and you want to teach your child that's not all based on likes and followers."

This is tricky stuff for those of us who write about our lives for a living. But I think, actually, it's tricky for everyone.

"Parenting is isolating, hard work," Heitner said. "I do think there's that urge to understand what others are going through and share what you're going through and feel less alone because of it. And I think we need to have empathy for that."

"But," she continued, "I think we need to work hard to find ways to do that that are a little safer for our kids."

Even if what we're safeguarding is their right to roll out their life story at the pace and place that make them comfortable.

I want to honor that. I'm going to work hard on honoring that. Join me?

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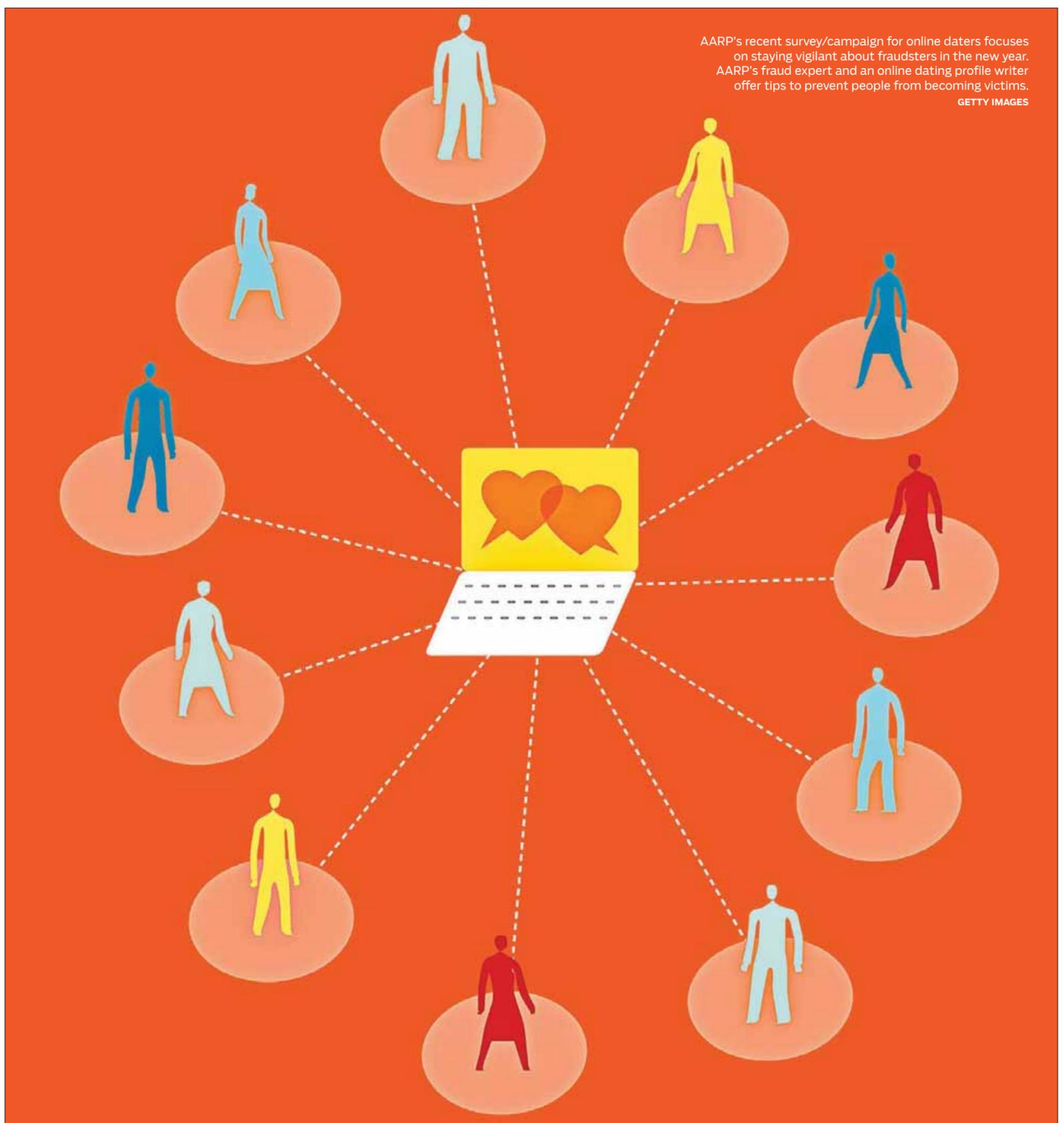
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FRAUDULENT LOVE

How to sort suitors from scammers when it comes to online dating

BY DARCEL ROCKETT
Chicago Tribune

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How much money are you willing to part with when it comes to looking for love? Reaching out to potential mates through online dating sites may be the norm, but when a possible love match asks for money, all bets are off.

"There are people who don't have money to lose, and they lose it nonetheless," said Kathy Stokes, AARP's director of fraud prevention programs. "A woman in her mid-60s called into our fraud helpline. She ended up getting in a relationship online with someone who tells her he has a medical emergency and needs \$2,900. Her income is \$778 a month, but she goes to the one credit card she has and sends him the money, and he disappears. She calls in and says she's going to go to her grave owing this mon-

ey. I can't imagine this woman is going to spend the next 25 years of her life running from debt collectors."

According to a recent AARP survey that looked at how often U.S. adults ages 18 and over were targeted or victimized in online relationship scams:

- 27 percent indicate they or someone they know has encountered an online relationship scam.

- 57 percent of those scammed lost money or suffered other financial losses.

- 53 percent say they experienced emotional distress and/or health problems as a result of the scam.

The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, which looks at suspected internet-facilitated criminal activity, puts Illinois in the top 10 states when it comes to the number of victims and the amount of money victims of all types of online scams have lost.

"You and I probably both

have friends that met someone and married (someone) from an online relationship," Stokes said. "But in any case, be vigilant and make sure you're looking for those signs, and there are clearly signs if a person isn't who they say they are."

If a photo looks less like a regular photo and more like a model, if a potential mate wants to leave the dating website and talk through email or texts and then inundates you with said texts, calls and emails, or if a person never shows up to meet you in person despite promises that it will happen, all are scam signs, per AARP.

Eric Resnick, an online dating profile writer and owner of ProfileHelper.com — based in Orlando, Fla. — said protecting oneself from scammers starts with the profile, photos and online dating strategy. He offered the following tips:

Profile: Avoid talking about things like financial security, loneliness, or a

former spouse (ex or deceased). "Talking about how financially secure you are tells scammers that you are worth targeting while telling good matches that you don't think you are good enough to get a date without telling people you've got money," Resnick said. "Meanwhile, mentioning your ex, deceased spouse, or talking about being lonely or looking for someone to help fill an empty space in your life tells scammers that you are emotionally vulnerable and primed to be taken advantage of."

Photos: Avoid showing off material wealth in images, because it not only makes you seem insecure, but it tells people that you have something worth trying to take. "You definitely want to be careful about having a photo of you where there are identifying details in the image," such as a photo in which your car and license plate are visible Resnick said.

Strategy: A lot of scam victims are people who are not finding a lot of online dating success, and then they suddenly end up with a perfect match who seems to adore them.

"Scammers always make the first move. Scammers target, and they approach," Resnick said. "When you are talking to someone online, you have to control the narrative for yourself."

One doesn't have to engage in a conversation with everyone who shows an interest to find "the one," Resnick said. Too many first dates can also open one to more possibilities of scammers.

Resnick added that once the foundation for your online dating profile and strategy is there, keep in mind that there is never a reason to send someone you've met online money.

Other warning signs, according to Resnick, include: If you are talking to someone for more than

a week and the person can't or won't meet you in person, it's time to move on. If you aren't sure if the other person's photo is real, run the image through Google Image Search or TinEye to see where else it might appear online. Scammers tend to reuse profiles. Copy and paste a couple of sentences from the other person's profile into Google, and see if it pops up on other dating sites. And when in doubt, bring in a second pair of eyes. Ask a friend or family member to look over the other person's profile, photos and messages. He or she might catch some red flags that slipped past you.

"Parents taught us to be suspicious of strangers looking for information from you," said Stokes, of the AARP. "It's our turn to engage our inner skeptics as adults as we are trying to meet people."

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SOCIAL GRACES

What if sister-in-law complains about your brother

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Q: Your sister-in-law often vents to you about her husband — your brother. It makes you feel two-faced and guilty. How do you redirect the conversation but still make her feel supported?

A: Don't be a go-between. Directness is better. Avoiding conflicts doesn't usually help a relationship.

Be direct with your sister-in-law. Say, "I'm glad you're married to my brother. He can be a pain in the butt sometimes, but I love him, and I want you both to feel I support your relationship. When you vent to me, I feel guilty about it. I don't want to trash him, but I do want to support you. Know that I want to help, but ultimately I hope you guys can work on whatever it is you're struggling with together."

Or you may need to pull yourself out completely. You can say, "It sounds as if you've got some complaints about Bill. He's not perfect, but you're not going to solve anything by talking to me about it. Go talk to him."

— Josh Hetherington, licensed marriage and family therapist

A: Redirect the conversation when it feels as if it's crossing a line by asking about other parts of your

sister-in-law's life or using humor to change the subject. You can even mock your own discomfort about the situation.

Model boundaries to your sister-in-law. Talk about your partner in ways that you would be comfortable hearing about your brother. For example, share how great a cook your husband is. Highlight the positives, and you'll encourage your sister-in-law to see the positives in her own

relationship.

Establish a boundary. Say, "I am so grateful that we have a close relationship. I want us to always talk to each other, but I feel uncomfortable when we discuss intimate information about my brother." Use "I" statements, so that she knows the discomfort is on you and it's not that her feelings are invalid.

You can also help her find better places to vent about her husband, like



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other women friends or support groups.

— Kristina S. Brown, licensed marriage and family therapist

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THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

Kids' Party

By **WEB BEHRENS**
Chicago Tribune

Monday

DOLLAR MOVIES AT PARAMOUNT

Aurora's Paramount Theatre is well-known for its musicals. But Mondays in March, the venue becomes a cinema. Enjoy classic movies, with admission just a buck. This Monday, it's "Raiders of the Lost Ark"; future weeks feature "The Princess Bride," "The Breakfast Club" and "Pirates of the Caribbean." Doors open at 6:15 p.m.; screening at 7 at Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. \$1. tinyurl.com/y57zacuf

Tuesday

PANCAKE DAY

When is Pancake Day? Well, it depends on which source you ask. Chicago-based Yolk, home of delectable breakfasts and brunches, celebrates this Tuesday — which is also Mardi Gras, aka Fat Tuesday. For just a buck, get a stack of cakes dusted with powdered sugar with a side of hot syrup. On the other hand, IHOP's Pancake Day comes one week later; short stacks are free on March 12, and diners are encouraged to donate to children's medical charities. Yolk's eight Chicago locations serve their pancake special all day Tuesday, 6 a.m. till 3 p.m. tinyurl.com/y6mqo99y

Wednesday

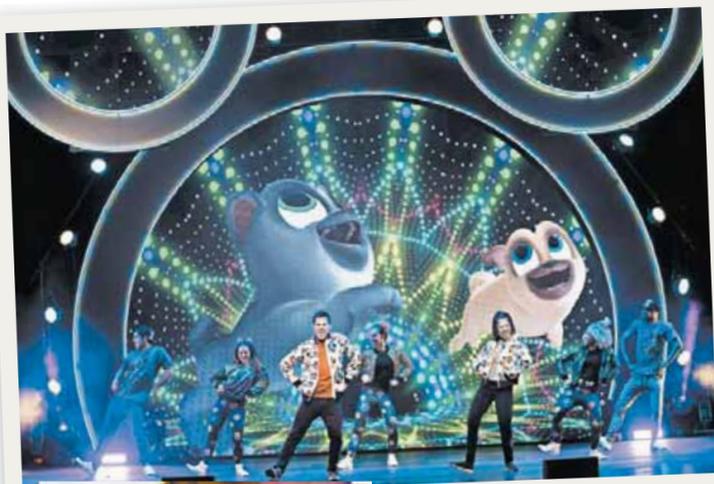
'DISNEY JUNIOR DANCE PARTY ON TOUR'

Hosted by Dee and Jay (get it?), this show brings a slew of "Disney Junior" hits to the stage for an interactive concert for young ones. Expect two sets (each about 30 minutes long, with a 15-minute intermission) featuring a wide range of characters, from Mickey and Goofy to Fancy Nancy and Doc McStuffins. "Dance Nancy" sweeps through the suburbs of Chicago for three dates: 6 p.m. Wednesday in Joliet; 6 p.m. Friday in Rockford; or 4:30 p.m. Saturday in Waukegan. \$24-\$73.50. disneyjunior.com

Thursday

'JACK AND THE BEANSTALK'

Everyone knows Jack, not to mention the



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Wednesday, March 6:
'DISNEY JUNIOR DANCE PARTY ON TOUR'

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NOWRUZ CELEBRATION

singing harp and the goose with golden eggs. But have your kids met Carmelita? That's Jack's cow and she speaks Spanish — just one of Chicago Kids Company's cute additions to this famous fable. Maravilloso! 10:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday (and continuing through May 10) at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. \$14. tinyurl.com/y4jzt7os

'THE ORCHID SHOW: IN THE TROPICS'

We can't think of a more kaleidoscopic escape from winter doldrums than the Botanic Garden's annual Orchid Show. Escape to the lush greenhouses, packed with more than 10,000 orchids that represent an amazing range of vibrant color

and bizarre shapes. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (till 8 p.m. Thursdays) through March 24 at Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. \$12, \$10 for kids 3-12; \$25 for parking. tinyurl.com/zwadq3h

Friday

'A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER'

Why are all the D'Ysquiths dying? You'll find out when you catch this hilarious musical comedy. Monty discovers he's the distant heir to a fortune, and the blue-blooded members of the D'Ysquith family — all played by the same actor — discover the downside to decades of

snobbery and greed. Porchlight Theatre gives it a PG-13 rating, but precocious fifth- and sixth-graders would eat it up. Through March 16 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St. \$61-\$66. tinyurl.com/yau8zklm

Saturday

MCA FAMILY DAY: MEGA TINY

Play with scale at MCA Chicago's latest Family Day, when local artist-teachers host cool workshops for kids and their grownups. The "Mega Tiny" theme means you can create large-scale sculptures, among other activities. Drop in between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. Free for families with kids 12 and under. tinyurl.com/y2zbnk69

NOWRUZ CELEBRATION

Ancient Persia celebrated the New Year when winter ebbed and the equinox dawned. The Oriental Institute celebrates Nowruz, or Persian New Year, early this month, but hey, we'll take any way to herald spring. Color eggs, enjoy treats with tea, tour the Persian gallery and more. The event runs 1-4 p.m., but don't miss the 2:30 p.m. performances of Persian music and dance. At the Oriental Institute, 1155 E. 58th St. \$5 for adults, free for kids; registration recommended. tinyurl.com/y55h9ajw

Sunday

CONCERTS FOR KIDS: THE BOOGERS

Talk about a band name that kids will love! Beat Kitchen's all-ages winter concert series continues with the Boogers. The group is the brainchild of a punk rocker who's also a dad with a doctorate in developmental psychology. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., concert at noon at Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. \$6. tinyurl.com/yyrakgcb

CIVIC ORCHESTRA'S COMMUNITY CONCERT

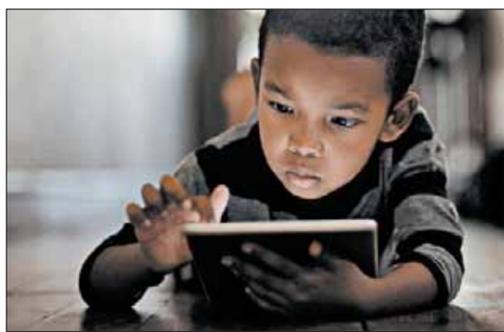
The Civic Orchestra of Chicago's concert focuses on works by Sibelius and Wagner 3 p.m. at the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive. Free, but tickets required. tinyurl.com/y2uzhba9

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How to help your kids balance screen time and the real world

By **MARI-JANE WILLIAMS**
The Washington Post

When it comes to kids and screens, it often feels as though parents are wearing headphones with conflicting messages piped into each ear. On one side: a steady drumbeat of increasingly dire warnings about game addictions and the developmental consequences of letting kids spend too much time on devices. On the other side: the powerful siren song of phones, laptops, tablets and video games.



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As with everything, it's up to parents to find balance. Although there are general guidelines on how to set those limits, the answer will vary from family to family, and even from one child to another within a family, says David Hill, a pediatrician and father of five in Chapel Hill, N.C.

As you come up with a plan, look at your needs and your child's needs, and tailor the guidelines appropriately. For example, Hill, the chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Communications and Media, says that for a travel soccer player who spends 90 minutes at practice three times a week, on top of homework, sleeping and socializing, the right amount may be five minutes a day. Another child who has fewer activities and obligations may have time for more. It also depends on what the child is doing on the device, Hill says. Working on a school project with friends is not the same thing as playing a first-person shooter game.

We asked Hill and other experts how parents can help kids fight the lure of the screen. Here are their suggestions.

1. Keep playing with your kids. As our children get older and no longer require constant supervision, par-

ents tend to retreat into the background, leaving kids to figure out how to amuse themselves. A certain amount of that is a good thing. But the best way to get a child interested in doing something, whether it's a jigsaw puzzle, a card game or shooting baskets, is to do it with them, says Katie Hurley, a psychotherapist in Los Angeles. "Play changes as kids grow, but they don't stop needing that meaningful connection with parents," Hurley says.

2. Just say no. "A lot of parents seem to feel great difficulty with saying no to their kids," says Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, a professor of education, psychology, linguistics and cognitive science at the University of Delaware. "Acknowledge the struggle, but stick to the limits," she says. "We're in charge of their emotional health. Twelve-year-olds are not known for making the best decisions."

3. Slow down on purging toys. But before deciding those old American Girl dolls no longer spark joy for your tween, hit the pause button, Hurley says. Children have a tendency to revisit items they've seemingly outgrown, and having a healthy amount of kid clutter at the ready can promote imaginative play. "Kids have a way of going back to things when

they're struggling, to go back to a safer time," she says. "They'll use all kinds of everyday things to create play scenarios. But if it's all taken away and we're all living in perfectly clean spaces that aren't playful, they're not going to play."

Providing them with options for analog play, whether it's crayons and paper, blocks, board games or cardboard boxes they can use to create a fort, can help them resist devices.

4. Let them be bored. "We've become very uncomfortable with boredom, for adults as well," says Hill. "The idea that there has to be a thing at all times is pervasive."

He says brain imaging studies have shown that when people are bored, their brains "light up like crazy" as they engage in creative thought.

5. Walk the walk. It's hard to convince kids they should be doing something other than staring at their phones when that's how we spend most of our free time.

"Remember when you used to push a stroller, you would talk to the kid about what you were seeing," Golinkoff says. "Now adults are pushing a stroller and talking on their cellphone, so the kids are getting less input. ... We need to put the phones away and interact with children."

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HEARTH CRAFT

5 ways to transform your home inspired by magic

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

Once we've move into a new space, it often feels as if what is needed is a spark of magic.

Can't one just wave a Harry Potter-type wand and place all photos on the wall in perfect harmony, or finally find that perfect couch?

Erica Feldmann, a Chicago native who runs the HausWitch Home + Healing shop in Salem, Mass., can't craft you a wand, but she does use the inspiration of magic in her new book "HausMagick: Transform Your Home With Witchcraft," which came out Feb. 12.

The book weaves together her knowledge of interior design with a personal study of "earth magic," astrology and tarot. More specifically, after dabbling in Wicca as a teenager, she pursued a degree in gender and cultural studies with research concentrated on witches. Combining her design and witch interests began when a friend who had recently moved asked her to cast a spell to find her a new house.

For those who might be less comfortable with witchcraft, she cautions her tips do not mean you need to start using crystal balls. "It means taking simple steps toward improving your quality of life and starting to see how you can shift the energy around you in your favor," she writes.

From crystals to using touch, here are tips to transform your home through what Feldmann

considers a magical instruction manual for interior alchemy.

1. Get to know your aura and the auras of others.

Boundaries are important to home design. Feldmann describes an aura as "your personal electromagnetic field, and it extends 2 to 3 feet around the outside of your body." She gives steps to visualize an aura — imagine a glowing light around your body — to get a feel for where and what yours is. Of course, many people live with other people, whose space also needs to be respected and reflected. Think through each person's energy. For example, with two opposite tastes in the house, consider how to balance or combine. Can you frame something from your travels — a map, a postcard — that brings positivity to the space?

2. Consider a crystal by your bed.

If you don't know much about why crystals are sometimes in the corner of your yoga studio, Feldmann provides a good primer. She explains that they come in different sizes and forms, and are believed to have a role in healing. Beginners can bring crystals into their home by simply placing one in a conspicuous space. But think about what it's supposed to do. For example, she suggests an amethyst on a bedside table, which could help with sleep as it should make you feel safe and supported. Or perhaps a pyrite on your desk, for willpower and manifestation. An advanced step? Creating a crystal potion.



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A mix of styles — eclectic but minimalist, for example — can reflect multiple people's energy in a shared space.



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Erica Feldmann, above, suggests adding candles to your space to bring a sense of warmth.

3. Think about what the room wants.

Rooms have their own energy. A few years ago, Feldmann realized she never used a room meant to be an office. Finally, she Skyped her clairvoyant, who agreed to read the energy of the room. The room, he told her, did not want to be light, like the rest of the house, and did not want to be a productive space. It wanted to be dark, creative, meditative. She

changed it from cheery yellow to a room with a black chalkboard and arts-and-crafts table. The lesson here, Feldmann says, is if a room still feels energetically off even after a bunch of aesthetic fixes, think beyond the material world. Are you using the space for activities more stressful than serene? Is there a way to stop doing things in a certain space, like checking work email?

4. Use the sense of touch.

In describing how to create a cozy retreat, she suggests considering what you think of as comforting. For Feldmann, what comes to mind are sweaters and flannel blankets. You can include textures like these, but also bring other, different layers of texture in your home, to help it feel lived in and comforting. Consider something like a glass piece or mirror — something

smooth that can bring in calm — alongside natural textures, like hardwood floors or wood furniture. And fireplaces and candles can bring literal warmth.

5. Clear out unwelcome intruders.

Should you feel an "unwelcome intruder," whether it be Casper-like or negative energy surrounding your space, one option is to give whatever this is somewhere else to go. Choose something personal from the space and place it outside the home, Feldmann instructs. Think an old coffee mug or plant pot. She suggests saying something like, "This space is mine, and I am the boss here. I acknowledge and respect the time you have spent here, but that time is now over, and I must ask you to leave. Please use the living room window and find the space I have created for you outside my home. Go in peace."

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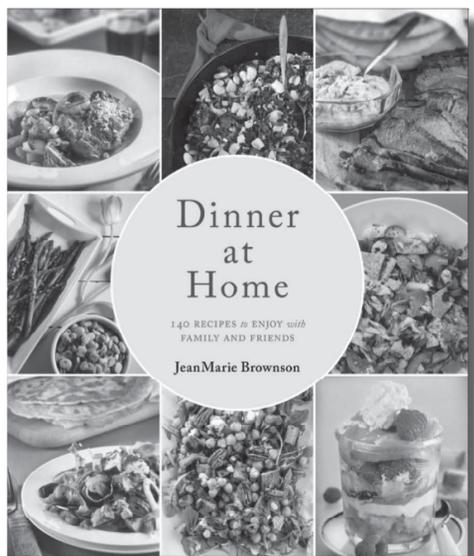
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TUCSON ON 2 WHEELS

Arizona city an oasis for cyclists of all speeds



A cyclist sticks to the bike lane on the Cactus Forest Loop in Saguaro National Park near Tucson.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY LORI RACKL

Chicago Tribune

TUCSON, Ariz. — I love cycling, which is why I hate winter in Chicago.

I'd rather bird box on a balance beam than pedal outside through slippery slush in the freezing cold. But that means months relegated to being stuck inside, out of the saddle — not a pleasant prospect for someone who likes bikes the way Brett Kavanaugh likes beer.

On a particularly frigid Saturday in January, I couldn't take it anymore. I grabbed a blanket and my laptop and spent the afternoon shaking down the internet, searching for a place my husband and I could thaw out and ride bikes for a few days.

Hours later, I emerged from the rabbit hole with an answer: Tucson.

This Sonoran Desert city 60 miles north of Mexico is where lots of pro cyclists — both road and mountain bikers — train in the offseason, when the weather is dry and mild. Average winter highs in this part of Arizona range in the mid-60s to low 70s.

Tucson is ringed by mountains that can give even the strongest quads a hammering, but the metro area also boasts a massive, interconnected network of paved paths and buffered bike lanes that are off-limits to anything with an engine. That's right, fellow cyclists: No cars. They call it The Loop. I call it heaven.

"Whether you want to do some serious climbing, go really fast, take it slow, hit the mountain bike trails or ride the roads — it's kind of 'take your pick' in Tucson," said Jason Smith, co-owner of Ventana Velo, a bike rental company that also offers guided tours.

That's exactly what we did during a recent long weekend in Tucson. We took our pick of bike rides, from a sightseeing spin downtown on three-speed cruisers to an epic climb up a mountain that's home to the southernmost ski area in the continental U.S.

And that's the beauty of biking in Tucson. There's something for everyone, no matter what your speed.

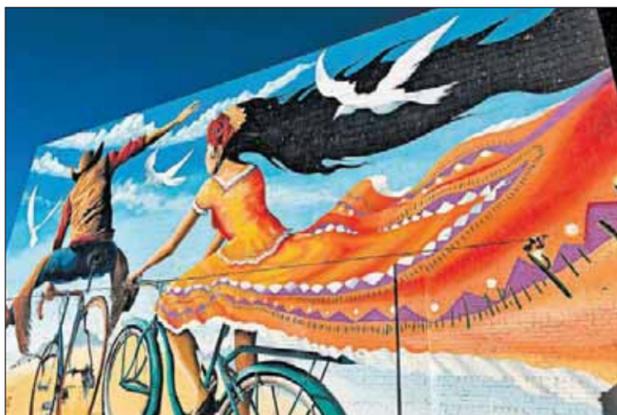
Cruising downtown

Bike rides don't get much easier than this: a leisurely, two-wheeled exploration of the city's neighborhoods with Tucson Bike Tours.

Perched on a comfortable cruiser, you cover about 10 miles on a journey that wends past colorful murals, old adobe houses and other points of interest.

Milwaukee native Jimmy Bultman started the business four years ago. He led us and another sun-starved couple from Green Bay, Wis., on a two-hour tour (\$50) that included a brief stop at the Bike Church, a shrine to cyclists fashioned out of recycled bike parts, and a trip through Rattlesnake Bridge, an enclosed overpass that looks like a giant diamondback, complete with rattling sound effects.

We snacked on fruit-filled



Joe Pagac, a native of Tucson, painted this mural celebrating Tucson's cycling culture in 2017 after raising money for the project on Kickstarter.



A road sign on the Cactus Forest Loop trail in Saguaro National Park warns cyclists to be careful on the descent.

empanadas from a dirt-cheap but delicious bakery and cruised over to the century-old Hotel Congress. That's where Bultman relayed the juicy details of a fire in January 1934 that sparked the downfall of notorious outlaw John Dillinger, the rare Midwesterner who hightailed it to Tucson in winter to escape the heat.

Turns out a couple of Dillinger's gang members were staying at the hotel at the time of the blaze. Firefighters recognized them, and that helped lead to their boss' capture nearby. Dillinger was extradited to his home state of Indiana, where he broke out of jail only to be gunned down by the feds a few months later in Chicago.

The Loop

A public works project to shore up the banks of the Rillito and Santa Cruz rivers after massive flooding in 1983 spawned this fantastic urban trail system connecting Tucson, Oro Valley, Marana and South Tucson.

Just last year, the county officially completed The Loop by filling in the final missing links of a 54-mile ribbon of pavement that encircles much of the city. This main "loop" has a bunch of spurs that make for easy access, combining to form 131 miles of connected trails devoted to cyclists, pedestrians and equestrians.

As soon as we checked into our hotel, we made the most of the mandatory \$29 resort fee by borrowing a couple of the property's bikes and making a beeline for The Loop.

On this late weekday afternoon, it felt as if we had The Loop to

ourselves. The pavement was in pristine condition — a smooth black carpet marked only by the occasional white arrow pointing to one of the dozens of public artworks peppered along the trail. Convenient, spacious and seemingly endless, The Loop is about as good as an urban trail network gets.

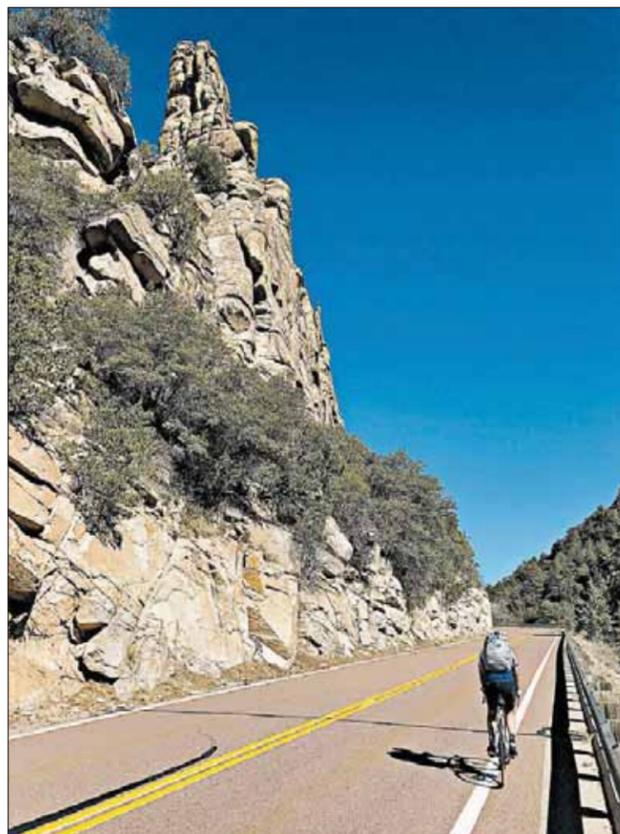
Parking it

Tucson has the good fortune of being flanked by Saguaro National Park, whose east and west districts boast crazy-good biking for folks wanting some ups and downs on their rides.

On the east side, the Cactus Forest Loop is a stunner: 8 scenic miles on a mostly one-way road in the Rincon Mountains. Huffing and puffing up the steeper ascents, you're surrounded by a sea of cactuses, from the deceptively fuzzy "teddy bear" chollas to paddlelike prickly pears and the park's namesake saguaros, those iconic sentinels of the Sonoran that can reach heights of 50-plus feet.

"It's the prettiest ride in Tucson," said Jeff, who rented us a couple of hybrids at Fair Wheel Bikes near the University of Arizona campus.

With a map and yellow highlighter in hand, Jeff pointed us to another great ride on the west side of town, this one in Tucson Mountain Park along Gates Pass Road, passing a movie studio where John Wayne filmed *Westerns* and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, a zoo, natural history museum and botanical garden rolled into one. We rode 60 memorable miles that day,



Soaring rock formations poking up from Mount Lemmon add to the scenery while you're climbing up the road.

relishing the rolling terrain and cloudless blue sky.

By the way, if the thought of renting bikes and plotting rides in unfamiliar territory sounds like a logistical headache, that's because it is. It's worth noting that plenty of tour operators — Backroads, Cycling House and Trek Travel, to name a few — will take care of all that, doing everything short of pushing your pedals.

Lemmon aid

Our biggest day of biking, by far, unfolded on the slopes of Mount Lemmon, the highest peak in the Santa Catalina Mountains, at 9,157 feet.

It's a beast of a climb that starts on the dusty desert floor, among cactuses and palo verde trees that eventually give way to forests of oak, ponderosa pine and Douglas fir, culminating not far from Ski Valley. Who knew you could ski in Tucson? The mountain is a layer cake of climates, making it feel as if you've traveled from Mexico to Canada over the course of 26 short miles.

Those 26 miles don't seem as short when you're on a bike and the road is an uncomfortable-but-not-unbearable 4 to 6 percent grade almost the entire way. A climb like this calls for a lightweight road bike, so we rented a couple from Jason at Ventana Velo. He met us with the bikes in a parking lot outside Le Buzz, a popular cafe where cyclists congregate. Or, as Jeff from Fair Wheel Bikes put it, "where a bunch of people dressed in funny clothes like to talk about how fast they used to be."

Jason fitted us to our bikes and

sent us on our way up the nearby mountain, telling us to call him if we ran into trouble.

The road up the mountain is wide enough for cars and bikes to peacefully coexist, but it's not always easy to keep your eye on it; the surreal rock formations and desert vistas can be a seductive distraction. As we inched our way up, the air grew thinner and colder. We pulled out layers of clothing from the stuffed backpack my husband wore like a champ and continued to climb past yellow signs warning of black bear crossings and piles of snow pushed to the side of the road.

After four hours in the saddle and 6,000 feet of elevation gain, we finally reached our destination, the mountaintop village of Summerhaven. To be more specific, the Cookie Cabin in the mountaintop village of Summerhaven. The ski chalet-looking joint is famous for serving cookies the size of a plate. After torching a buffet's worth of calories on one of North America's legendary climbs, I was ready to inhale one.

One thing I wasn't ready for was the descent down Lemmon. While not technical, it would be cold and potentially dangerous. Just ask the poor guy who, a few days earlier, went head-over-handlebars when a deer darted in front of him.

We decided to take Jason up on his offer and gave him a call.

He was kind enough to pick us up at the Cookie Cabin, whisking us away from the all-too-familiar snow and cold and depositing us back in sunny Tucson.

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Lighten up your souvenir shopping in Europe



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Shopping in Europe can be fun, but don't let it overwhelm your trip. I've seen half the members of a guided tour of the British Houses of Parliament skip out on the tour to survey an enticing array of plastic "bobby" hats, Big Ben briefs and Union Jack underwear instead. Focus on local experiences, and don't let your trip become a glorified shopping spree.

As a fanatic about packing light, I used to wait until the end of my trip to shop, then go hog wild in the last country I visited (and flew home heavy). One summer I traveled with a 16-pound backpack and avoided shopping until the last week of my trip — when, in Spain and Morocco, I managed to accumulate two medieval chairs, two sets of bongos, swords, a mace and a camelhair coat ... most of which are now in my attic.

Now I know better and shop light when it comes to souvenirs. Here are a few ideas for lightweight, packable souvenirs found in some of my favorite places in Europe.

■ **Christmas ornaments in Germany:** Rothenburg is one of Germany's best shopping towns. Lovely prints, figurines, wine glasses and beer steins are popular, but if you want to shop light, consider a Christmas ornament. Rothenburg is the headquarters of the Kathe Wohlfahrt Christmas trinkets empire, which has spread across the half-timbered reaches of Europe. Tourists flock to the two biggest stores, just below Rothenburg's Market Square, where they hungrily fill little woven shopping baskets with



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Handmade lace in Belgium can be pricey, but it's a characteristic, packable souvenir.



No matter what time of year it is, a German Christmas ornament from Rothenburg makes a memorable souvenir. The town is the headquarters of the Kathe Wohlfahrt empire.

goodies to hang on their trees (items handmade in Germany are the most expensive).

■ **Museum gift shops in Amsterdam:** Gift shops at major Dutch museums (such as the Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum) are a bonanza for shoppers. Consider picking up books, postcards, unusual posters, decorative items

or clever knickknacks featuring works by Rembrandt, Van Gogh or Vermeer. These gift shops are also a good source for books you may not see elsewhere.

■ **Handmade paper in Sweden:** The town of Lessebo in the Swedish Glass Country has a 300-year-old paper mill (*handpappersbruket*) that's well

worth a visit. Making handmade paper using strictly traditional methods (the newest piece of machinery is from the 1920s), Lessebo's mill is a study in the way things used to be: Cotton fibers are soaked until they become pulp, packed into a frame, pressed, dried, glazed, and hand-torn into the perfect size and shape. This paper

has long been coveted throughout Sweden for special purposes, and its excellent gift shop has artisanal watercolor paper, stationery and cards that will last a lifetime.

■ **Ties in Croatia:** Croatian soldiers who fought with the French in the Thirty Years' War had a distinctive way of tying their scarves. The French found the look stylish, adopted it and called it a la Croate — or eventually, cravate — thus creating the modern necktie. If you're in the Adriatic port of Split, look for Croatia, a boutique that sells neckties with traditional Croatian motifs, such as the checkerboard pattern from the flag or characters from Croatia's ninth-century Glagolitic alphabet.

■ **Lace in Belgium:** You can visit high-end stores in Brussels, but Bruges' Kantencentrum (Lace Center) is a museum and school that teaches you about lacemaking while you shop. Exhibits explain the different

ways to make lace, and a computer lets you try different techniques yourself — it ain't easy. The payoff is upstairs in the demonstration room, where ladies chat merrily while making lace, usually using the bobbin technique perfected in Bruges. Observe as ladies toss bobbins: They follow mazelike patterns with a forest of pins to help guide their work. The result is on sale in the gift shop, along with materials for making lace on your own.

■ **Soccer swag in Barcelona:** Sports fans love jerseys, scarves and other gear associated with the wildly popular FC Barcelona (aka Barca) soccer team. You can find knockoffs at tourist shops, but for the real thing, visit Camp Nou Stadium — Europe's biggest, with a capacity of over 99,000. A tour takes you in through the facility and a museum — and at the end, of course, there's a big shop to buy official Barca gear.

■ **Leather in Florence:** Florence's long leather-working tradition was born at Santa Croce Church, where Franciscan monks perfected the art of binding gorgeously illustrated manuscripts. Today, the venerable leather school at the church is the city's most famous place to buy leather goods, but you'll see leather for sale all over Florence. A wallet or belt is a nice, packable purchase.

Wherever you go, avoid souvenir carts outside big monuments, where the goods tend to be overpriced and cheesy. Do your shopping in places that offer a fun cultural experience. If you shop smart and local, a few well-chosen items can help you capture the essence of a place for years to come.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Can I get a refund after a Greyhound bus delay?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I boarded a Greyhound bus from Arcata, Calif., to Oakland at 9:30 a.m. A few miles down the road, the bus broke down on Highway 101.

The driver pulled over to the shoulder. She announced that the radiator had lost water and contacted her supervisor, who said help was on the way.

After over an hour, our driver said the company was bringing a replacement bus from San Francisco. Another bus was in Arcata, but no driver was available. Greyhound offered no other options. In order to be out of harm's way, the driver was able to pull into the small town of Myers Flat. The passengers were in need of food and water for the long wait.

Around 1 p.m., the driver announced that a bus from San Francisco — five to six hours away — had left at noon. That meant we would not reach Oakland until after midnight. I had no other choice but to take a local bus back to Arcata, secure a hotel for the night and schedule my return for the next day. This was a very unfortunate and inconvenient experience for me (and for the other passengers). As a result, I had the unanticipated expenses of an overnight stay plus transportation costs the next day.

I wrote a letter to Greyhound asking for a refund, and followed up a month later. I have not received any response. I would like to have the \$58 I paid for my ticket refunded, plus the price of staying overnight in Arcata, \$108.

— Vivian Pisano, Berkeley, Calif.

A: Greyhound should have sent a replacement bus for you and the other passengers promptly. Making you wait 10 hours isn't reasonable. I also would have made my own arrangements for a hotel after this Greyhound bus delay and found another way to get to Oakland, which you did.

Greyhound's Terms and Conditions of Purchase & Carriage, the legal agreement between you and the company, says it is not responsible for keeping its schedules. "Carrier is not responsible for delays caused by breakdowns, road conditions, weather or other conditions beyond carrier's reasonable control," it says. But, it adds, Greyhound will make

"reasonable attempts" to minimize the delays or make alternate arrangements to enable bus travel to your final destination.

What's interesting about this clause is that Greyhound is explicitly saying it isn't responsible for failing to maintain its buses. In other words, the radiator problem you experienced was preventable by Greyhound, but the company says it isn't liable. In other sectors of the travel industry, that wouldn't fly. Airlines, for example, compensate passengers when there's a mechanical delay.

At a minimum, Greyhound should have quickly refunded your ticket. I also think you might have asked about a hotel. Its contract promises to make

"alternate arrangements," which may include covering your hotel for a night. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Greyhound executives on my consumer-advocacy site. A brief, polite email to one of them might have at least gotten you a refund for this Greyhound bus delay.

I contacted Greyhound on your behalf. It agreed to refund your ticket and cover your hotel costs.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Travel is in young actress' blood

BY JAE-HA KIM
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Harley Quinn Smith made her acting debut at the ripe old age of 1 in "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," which was written and directed by her father, Kevin Smith. She played the infant version of her dad's character, Silent Bob. Since then she has starred opposite Molly Ringwald in "All These Small Moments" and in the film "Yoga Hosers." She'll be seen next in Quentin Tarantino's star-studded film "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" alongside Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio and Margot Robbie. Smith, 19, also is part of the music group the Tenth, which recently released "Dunes."

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: What was the first trip you remember taking as a child?

A: I've apparently been flying since I was an infant, but one of the earliest memories that I can remember the clearest was going to Maui with my parents and grandparents. My parents don't usually travel for pleasure very much, because they have to travel for work so often, so this was one of the rare occasions we went somewhere on an actual no-work vacation. I remember it so fondly. My dad has an insane fear of the ocean, so that was probably the one and only time he's been in the ocean in my lifetime.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?

A: Always Disneyland. I



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"I would spend every day of my life at Disneyland if I could."

would spend every day of my life at Disneyland if I could. A lot of my friends and I have annual passes, so we try to go whenever we can. I literally never get tired of it. It's my absolute favorite thing to sleep there too. The Disney hotels are all so cute and it's the best feeling in the world to wake up at Disney. You wake up surrounded by magic.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

A: My absolute dream is to go to Japan. I've been obsessed with going since I was super young. The obsession has only grown stronger though, because I'm now aware of a place called Rabbit Island (Okunoshima), which is a small island off of Japan that is just filled with bunnies.

As a rabbit mom myself, this sounds like my heaven. It's also one of my No. 1 goals to spend some time volunteering at an elephant sanctuary in Thailand. I'd love to go for a month or two and spend all my time with rescued elephants.

Q: What is your best vacation memory?

A: Probably going to Edinburgh with my best friend and my family. I don't know why, but something about that place just really does it for me. I love all of the history and all of the ghost stories they have there. It was really unlike anywhere I had ever gone before.

One of my absolute favorite things that we did while there was going on a dungeon tour. It was so cheesy. It was like a haunted house during Halloween or something, but me being the wuss that I am, I was absolutely terrified.

I just remember my friend and me basically hiding in my mom's coat and closing our eyes for pretty much the entirety of it. I would just like to also add that this was not long ago at all. I think I was 17. We were running out of it by the end because we were so scared.

It was so hilarious and something I'll for sure never forget.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.



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While Geoffrey Baer was growing up in the northern suburbs, his family spent part of the summers in the Lake Geneva, Wis., area, one of the destinations featured in Baer's new show.

Love letter to Midwest road trips

WTTW's 'Chicago on Vacation' features more than two dozen destinations

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

Midwest family road trips sure have changed since the era of wood-paneled station wagons, optional seat belts and fold-up maps.

These days, good luck getting the kids to take out their earbuds, drop their smartphones and look out the window on your way to the Wisconsin Dells, Michigan's Harbor Country, the Indiana Dunes (our newest national park) or wherever your brood is headed.

The journey and destinations have changed over the years, but the Midwest family road trip remains a cherished tradition. It's also the subject of an upcoming public television special, "Chicago on Vacation With Geoffrey Baer." The show premieres at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday on WTTW-Ch. 11 and online at wttw.com/vacation, where a companion website will be stocked with extra videos and resources to plan your next getaway.

"For me, this is a nostalgia show ... nostalgia for the road trip," said Baer, who spent many a childhood summer in the Lake Geneva area. The popular Wisconsin resort town is one of more than two dozen destinations featured in the 90-minute documentary that mixes history and humor with a truckload of vacation inspiration.

Baer and his frequent co-producer, Eddie Griffin, racked up 7,000-plus miles over eight months of filming, which wrapped as recently as January in the snowy Northwoods of Wisconsin.

"It's by far the most difficult program I've ever worked on, but in a good kind of challenging way," Griffin said.

The following is a Q&A with Baer and Griffin, edited for space and clarity.

Q: Your shows usually focus on Chicago or the surrounding area. What made you branch out well beyond the city's borders?

Baer: These places are an extension of Chicago. There's an emotional connection that I thought would really resonate. I've been doing these shows now for 25 years, and I've never heard or felt this kind of buzz — people coming up to me on the street after seeing the promo on TV, saying, "Hey, did you go to this place or that place?"

Q: How did you pick the destinations?

Griffin: There were ones that jumped out right away: Lake Geneva, Door County. You might

go there, and maybe the majority of people you're going to run into are Chicagoans on vacation. Then there are the shorter drives, like the Indiana Dunes. We wanted to make sure we picked places near Chicago and some exotic places, Mackinac Island and Charlevoix, Mich. We wanted to show you some places that don't feel like the Midwest.

Q: What makes "Chicago on Vacation" different from your typical travel show?

Baer: I would go so far as to say it's not a travel show. There is no travel advice: where to stay, here's a great restaurant, etc. It's not that kind of show. It's not Rick Steves.

A lot of this show is the history you didn't know. You might have heard Lake Geneva was a hideaway for the super rich, but we really talk about how that happened. Or the Dells. Depending on what generation you're from, you either think about the Duck boats or Tommy Bartlett or water slides. I didn't know the Dells had this history of reinventing itself every 20 years. And all the history in Galena? There is nothing in Chicago earlier than about 1833. You go to Galena, and you see these stone buildings that you would think you'd only find in New England. There's this preserved history that happened through benign neglect.

There's just a lot of surprising, "I never knew that" kind of history that's really different than what a lot of travel shows try to do. It's the real story, as best as we can research it, which immediately sets it outside of some of these cable travel shows, where it's this sort of frothy passing along of "fakelore."

Q: What were the biggest challenges during filming?

Griffin: The weather. Normally when we're doing a show in Chicago, if it rains, we cancel, and we book a shoot two days later, and everything's fine. But we're not coming back to these locations. We have to film in the rain. We have no other option. We have to get it while we're there.

Baer: I have a reputation for "OK, I'll do anything" on these shows. But this was outdoorsy stuff: snowmobiling, skiing, ice fishing, water skiing. I'd water-skied about 40 years ago, and it didn't seem too difficult, so I thought it would be fine. Well, we filmed this whole disaster of me trying to get up on water skis. By the third try, I felt some muscle pull. I won't tell you which one. I was like, "That's it, we're done." That was months ago, and I still have some shoulder issues.

I hadn't (snow) skied in 30



Baer, left, samples a brandy Old-Fashioned at a Northwoods supper club.



Peaches in the resort area of Sister Lakes in Michigan.



Wisconsin's Door County, sometimes referred to as the Cape Cod of the Midwest, is a popular destination for vacationing Chicagoans.



Amusement parks, like this one at Indiana Beach in Monticello, Ind., are a big draw for vacationing families.

years. I went skiing. I'd been on a snowmobile exactly once in my life, and then we're out there with these snowmobile guys who were like, "We'll only take it up to 70 or 80 miles an hour."

And the water slides. ... I love water slides with the big floatie thing. But Eddie just wants me to do the ones where I'm dropping straight down. Water went up my nose. My back got all scratched up.

Q: Any place you wanted to include in the show but couldn't?

Griffin: I wanted to film stargazing in the middle of the night in an International Dark Sky Park. We tried to make it happen in Door County, but the weather would not cooperate. There's another dark sky park in northern Michigan. We tried to

make that work on our Charlevoix trip, and again, the weather didn't cooperate. And the hot air balloon in Galena; we tried to make that happen three times. But if the wind is like 2 miles an hour, they cancel it for safety reasons. We couldn't do it.

Q: Where was a place you went for the first time, and did it surprise you?

Griffin: Sleeping Bear Dunes. It's turquoise blue water over giant sand dunes — as high as 450 feet. Lake Michigan looks like a sea. You can't see anything on the horizon except for blue water. It doesn't feel like the Midwest.

Baer: The only place on this whole journey that I'd never been was the Dells. I'm not sure I would say I discovered the place of my dreams — it's been called the Las Vegas Strip for tweens.

But I liked it way more than I imagined I would. The Duck ride didn't do that much for me. I really liked the scenery, but the Duck itself, it's so slow going through the water. But the water parks, particularly this one place called Kalahari, I was really impressed.

I would also say — and I've been there before — but those canyons in Starved Rock; they're mind-blowing. It's unbelievable we have this kind of terrain in Illinois. And I'd never actually been inside the Illinois State Capitol. I couldn't believe the elaborate ornament. It's been beautifully restored, I'm sure at enormous taxpayer expense. It's a pretty jaw-dropping place.

Where's your next Midwest vacation?

Griffin: I'd go back to Door County. Take the ferry, go up to Washington Island, explore some of the beaches or ride bikes. That would be my No. 1. And I'd probably take my wife to Mackinac Island.

Baer: We always go to the same place in Michigan, about halfway up the coast. It's on a little inland lake. Right over the dune is Lake Michigan, so you can either go to the big lake or the little lake. It's pretty remote, so you don't see a lot of people. (And Baer says you won't see it on the show.)

Baer: The joke is that you don't tell anyone about this place because it will get ruined.

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NEWS TO USE

Flit with the butterflies in Indianapolis

BY PHIL MARTY
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Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ The Indianapolis Zoo's Hilbert Conservatory will be alive with color during the annual Butterfly Kaleidoscope. Running March 21 to Sept. 2, the exhibit will feature more than 40 species of butterflies and moths flitting around the indoor garden. The Butterfly Kaleidoscope is included with zoo admission. tinyurl.com/y3b57o87

■ Fans of early jazz great Bix Beiderbecke will gather in Racine, Wis., on March 7-10 for the annual Tribute to Bix Fest. This is the 30th year for the fest, which includes several jazz bands and lectures. There's also a bus tour of jazz sites and jazz film screenings. www.bixfest.com

■ The LaPorte County Master Gardeners will hold

its Spring Garden Show on March 23 at Michigan City High School in Michigan City, Ind. Veteran gardening expert Susan Martin is the keynote speaker, and there will be vendors and other gardening sessions as well as children's programs. tinyurl.com/y22zta7

■ Winter won't last forever, so time to think about some summer paddling. Canoe-copia will be March 8-10 in Madison, Wis. Wander around more than 250,000 square feet of kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards and other outdoor gear. More than 180 seminars and clinics also will be offered. www.canoe-copia.com

■ The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in Indianapolis is celebrating its 30th birthday with a variety of exhibits and special events. First up is the new exhibition "A Sense of Beauty: Showcasing the Power and Beauty in Native Art," which runs from March 9 to Aug. 4. Visitors will view



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Catch the annual Butterfly Kaleidoscope March 21 to Sept. 2 in Indianapolis.

rarely seen works of Native American art arranged in eye-catching installations, including a "tree" of jewelry, a "waterfall" of baskets and a "whirlwind" of weavings suspended in midair. tinyurl.com/y4yxlgtq

■ Cedar Creek Winery in historic Cedarburg, Wis., is holding its 29th annual open house celebration March 9-10. There will be barrel tastings of the 2018 Marquette vintage and a new Prairie du Sac Estate-grown St. Pepin wine. There will also be a grape vine pruning demo, a cooking-with-wine demo and

live music. tinyurl.com/y4yxlgtq

■ Michigan is said to be home to more lighthouses than any other state, and a new book, "Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses," chronicles the many that are reputed to be visited by spirits. The book is written by Dianna Higgs Stampfer, an expert on the state's lighthouses and frequent writer on Michigan. The book can be ordered at tinyurl.com/y5kegc7n.

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Phil Marty is a freelancer.

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NANCY MORELAND/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials onstage at the BBC.

Florida juke joint a blues history time capsule

BY NANCY MORELAND
Chicago Tribune

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — For a bluesman, Lil' Ed Williams looks mighty cheerful. His silver fez and million-watt smile sparkle in the neon aura of the Bradfordville Blues Club, a rural outpost of musical history about 12 miles northeast of downtown Tallahassee.

When a patron shouts, "It's a lot warmer here than Chicago!" the slide guitar king and lead singer for the

Blues Imperials banters back, "You got that right, brother!"

It's not the Southern climate warming the singer's heart on this January night; it's the venue — a cinder-block juke joint at the end of a dark road.

"When you drive up that lane, you turn the clock back 50 years," says club owner Gary Anton. One of two Florida sites on the Mississippi Blues Trail, the "BBC" rocks the woods with soulful sounds every weekend. The 1960s-era

roadhouse isn't easy to find, but for musicians of a certain ilk, it's a holy grail.

Williams' band joins a lineup of musicians whose soul-baring ballads have pierced the country quiet.

"Everyone from B.B. King to Ray Charles came out here to play with local bands when Tallahassee's clubs closed at 2 a.m.," Anton says. Like other stops on the so-called Chitlin' Circuit, the BBC was a safe venue for African-American musicians during segregation.

Tonight, after 90 minutes, the band takes a break.

The audience disperses, heading straight for a bonfire and Miss Ernestine's fish shack. The queen of catfish coaxes one fillet at a time to succulent perfection. So perfect, you hesitate to relinquish its sweet warmth to a brisk sip of beer. Finally, a single, searing note from Lil' Ed's guitar beckons patrons onto the dance floor.

Nancy Moreland is a freelancer.

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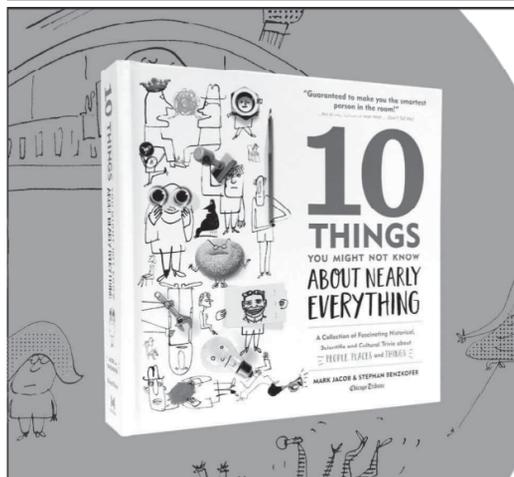
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WHAT TO EAT WHEN YOU GET THERE



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During a timed blindfold challenge overseen by chef Art Smith and "Top Chef" host Padma Lakshmi, Sara Bradley, right, identified more spices — 12 — than any of her competitors.

Downright delish

'Top Chef' fans can dig into Sara Bradley's winning dishes at her Kentucky restaurant

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

"Top Chef" guest judge Art Smith knows a thing or two about fried chicken.

In a recent Quickfire challenge, Smith heaped the praise on contestant Sara Bradley's fried chicken, so you can bet the crispy bird served with corn and blackberries was downright delish.

Better yet, you can try it for yourself at Bradley's restaurant, Freight House, in Paducah, Ky. Bradley recently put her winning fried chicken concoction on the menu, along with a shrimp roll she made on Episode 8 of the cable TV cooking competition, airing at 7 p.m. Thursdays on Bravo.

"Almost every dish that's done well (on 'Top Chef') has been on the menu," Bradley said during a phone interview following that February episode, when her fried poultry prowess won her \$5,000 from KFC.

As of press time, Bradley was still in the running for the title of "Top Chef." She and her fellow contestants were leaving Kentucky, where the bulk of the season unfolded, and headed to the finals in Macau.

"You see us make these dishes on TV," she said. "We thought it would be pretty cool to give people the chance to come taste them."

Bradley, a Kentucky native, used to work in Chicago for chef-restaurateur Paul Kahan at Avec, Blackbird, Nico Osteria and Publican Quality Meats. When it came time to branch out on her own, Bradley boomeranged back to Paducah to open Freight House in 2015. The farm-to-table restaurant leans heavily on ingredients sourced from Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri. It's a roughly six-hour drive from Chicago, straight down Interstate 57.

The 140-seat Freight House was busy before Bradley went on the show. Her newfound fame has steered even more business to the dinner-only eatery, open Tuesday through Saturday.

"We've seen a ton of people coming down from Chicago," said Bradley, this season's sole contestant from the Bluegrass State.

Before filming started, Bradley had a hunch there'd be a challenge set at her alma mater, the University of Kentucky in Lexington. That came to pass in an episode that aired in early February titled "Hoop Dreams." Contestants were split into two teams and asked to cook comfort food for a crowd at Rupp Arena, home of the UK Wildcats.

"I've always been a diehard UK basketball fan," said Bradley, who bleeds blue. "My uncle who lives in Lake Forest played on the team. Both of my parents, my siblings — we're all graduates of UK. As a young kid, my grand-

father would take me to Rupp Arena, and it was such a treat."

Getting the chance to cook on the UK basketball court on "Top Chef" seemed like a dream come true. Until that dream turned into a nightmare.

To recap: Bradley and fellow contestant Adrienne Wright both decided to make chicken and waffles. Bradley used a boxed mix for her waffles. Her rationale: The Whole Foods they were shopping at didn't have enough buttermilk, and she figured the ingredients in the boxed mix are similar to what she would have included if she'd started from scratch. Bradley didn't think it was a big deal. The universe disagreed.

"Some of the trolls on the internet say it was the worst decision of my life," she said.

Wright put Bradley on blast for using a waffle mix. Wright's teammates got the crowd revved up about it. Before long, chanting ensued, and Bradley got heckled in the stadium she loves. She narrowly escaped getting booted from the competition for serving one of the judge's least favorite dishes.

"You build it up in your head that it's going to be this amazing experience," she said about cooking in Rupp Arena. "It was pretty defeating. I was upset."

Bradley bounced back in the next episode with her winning fried chicken dish, cheekily listed on the Freight House menu as "Chicken & Not Box Waffles." The \$24 entree includes a buttermilk-fried green onion waffle, her mom's coleslaw and sorghum butter.

Also on the menu: a dish that landed her in the top three during an episode shot in Nashville. Bradley has substituted the grouper with one of her favorite fish to serve at Freight House: Asian carp. The fish is swimming in a file gumbo sauce with braised greens and pumpkin seed pesto (\$21).

For \$18, diners can get the Gulf shrimp roll Bradley made on the January episode "Whatever Floats Your Boat." The cooking action took place aboard a houseboat on Lake Cumberland, where Bradley made a lot of friends with her boozy "Jiggle Juice" — think Jell-O shot with Maker's Mark.

"People were just slamming them," Bradley said of the wiggly bourbon shots. "We had a few left over and came back after judging, but the crew had already gotten to them."

Bradley sold Jiggle Juice shots at the restaurant earlier this year. She plans to bring them back.

On the challenge episode with Art Smith, Bradley smoked the competition when the chefs were tasked with identifying a tray of spices while wearing a blindfold.

"I practiced that one at the restaurant," she said with a laugh.



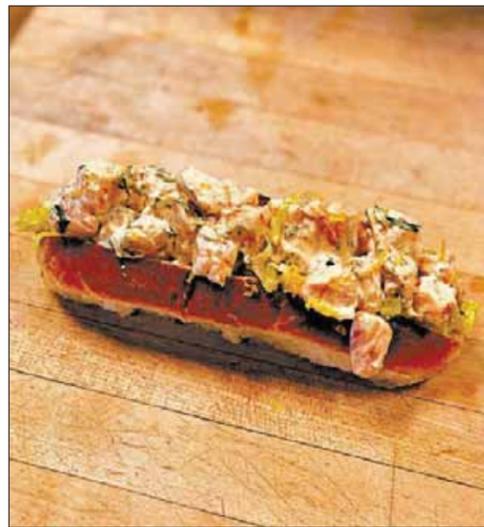
GLENN HALL/FREIGHT HOUSE

Freight House, Bradley's restaurant in Paducah, Ky., is open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday.



FREIGHT HOUSE

Bradley wanted to make it clear that no store-bought mix was used in making the Chicken & Not Box Waffles dish on the Freight House menu.



FREIGHT HOUSE

The Freight House menu includes a Gulf shrimp roll, a dish Bradley prepared on the "Top Chef" episode "Whatever Floats Your Boat."



DAVID MOIR/BRAVO MEDIA

Sara Bradley, a UK basketball fan, got grief for using a boxed waffle mix during a "Top Chef" cooking challenge in the Wildcats' Rupp Arena.

"I'd open up the spice jars, smell and put it in my memory bank. I didn't have to waste time tasting them. I could tell what most of

them were by their scent."

As the 16th season of the show starts to draw to a close, a lot of Freight House diners have been

doing some sleuthing of their own. Customers have been peppering Bradley with questions — "What's Padma really like?" — and trying to figure out if she'll be crowned the next "Top Chef."

"They're like, 'You can just tell me, knowing full well I can't tell them,'" Bradley said.

One thing she can say is that she and Wright have put the War of the Waffle Mix behind them. The two women are friends. And — drumroll — they're both pregnant.

"We're expecting babies around the same time," said Bradley, whose due date is in May — the same month as her beloved Kentucky Derby.

"I won Derby tickets in the first Quickfire," Bradley said, "but I don't know that I'll be able to use them this year."

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HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

Kitchens of the future

Experts offer insights on the next-generation heart of the home

By **KIM COOK**
Associated Press

Today's home kitchen doesn't look anything like it did a century ago. But for the most part, it doesn't look a lot different than 50 years ago.

Appliances are sleeker, materials are better, color palettes are broader. But the room is still the hard-working heart of the home.

So what might the kitchen of the future be like? Experts weigh in.

First, that open-plan layout. Here to stay?

Not necessarily, says Sam Cochran, features director for Architectural Digest magazine.

"Kitchens will continue to be gathering spaces, with dining nooks and multipurpose work surfaces where you can both roll your dough or type on your laptop," he says. "But it's no longer a universal truth that a dream kitchen must be an open kitchen. We're seeing more and more people embrace doors and walls as they warm to the idea of the kitchen as a separate sphere, one that you can move in and out of over the course of the day."

Andrew Shead, marketing manager for the appliance maker True Residential, doesn't see open-plan kitchens going away. "But many of our high-end clients are adding a second kitchen to serve as a working kitchen," he says.

Especially popular with those who entertain a lot, the backstage workhorse kitchen keeps messy prep out of sight, allowing the front-of-house kitchen to serve as more of a showy entertaining and gathering space.

Kitchen designers are incorporating fashion-forward features like glass fronts and LED lights on



SIGNATURE KITCHEN SUITE

Signature Kitchen Suite is one of several companies working on tech capabilities for the kitchen, like having appliances communicate with each other to create shopping lists, meal recommendations and cooking instructions.

fridges, chic leather and metal hardware on appliances and cabinetry, and backsplashes with unusual finishes like shagreen, metal, raw wood or artful murals.

Tech is also the talk of the kitchen-design crowd. "The future of kitchen appliances is undeniably digital," says Jon Hall, product and marketing director for JennAir.

"We're already charging at a fast clip in that direction," he says, noting that JennAir has developed more than 110 new prod-

ucts with what he refers to as "an enhanced digital backbone." That means dishwashers that respond to voice commands and ovens that help craft a menu.

Both LG Signature Kitchen Suite and Miele are working on appliances that could communicate with each other to create shopping lists, meal recommendations and cooking instructions. Zach Elkin, general manager of Signature, says they've coined a term for the next generation of forward-thinking

cooks: "technicureans."

"These homeowners are far more tech-focused than previous generations. They've upped their culinary expectations to include precise prep and flexible cooking experiences, along with their desire for leading-edge design," he says.

Cochran acknowledges the inspired advances but thinks there's a practical endpoint.

"I think we'll only see smart kitchen technology become more sophisticated and easier to use," he says.

"Already there are products like Brizo's SmartTouch faucets that turn on and off with just a tap. And companies like Samsung and Liebherr have developed refrigerators that feature integrated cameras that allow you to check your grocery stock from anywhere. I can imagine the day when your fridge will automatically order milk when you're running low."

But there has been some consumer pushback.

People still value reliability and performance most in appliances, Shead says,

and "consumers have expressed concern about the technology quickly becoming outdated and unsupported in an appliance they expect to have for 10 to 20 years."

True will focus more on advancing the production and design of kitchens rather than unnecessary smart tech in appliances that can actually hinder a product's life span, he says.

There's also consumer concern over privacy vulnerabilities with integrated microphones and cameras.

"There is such a thing as smart tech simply for smart tech's sake," says Cochran. "I think the more extravagant ideas will be weeded out as the market course-corrects for functionality."

Customization is a trend everyone seems to agree on.

Shead has seen residential clients create smoothie station fridge drawers; fridge drawers below a coffee bar; and several wine fridges joined to create a wine vault.

"People are so proud of their kitchens — they want them to be distinctive," Cochran says. "So I think we'll see people rewriting the rules. More huge islands. More color. More tile. More character."

He's also not a fan of hiding a kitchen's purpose.

"The idea that every counter must be constantly cleared and all appliances hidden is a thing of the past," he says. "I once toured a kitchen with a bespoke cappuccino maker integrated into the fine millwork. I just thought, someday that machine will break or be replaced by a better model and you will have to rip out the whole mahogany wall. Enough is enough. Kitchens are real-life."

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STYLE

WHAT TO WEAR NOW

High fashion is afoot on NBA courts

Rule change allows players to showcase amped-up sneakers

BY ADAM TSCHORN
Los Angeles Times

Anyone watching the opening games of the 2018-19 National Basketball Association season would have been hard-pressed or colorblind not to notice something seriously afoot on the basketball court.

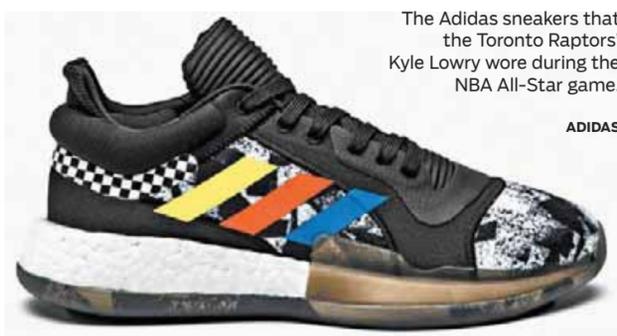
The Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum kicked off his season wearing a pair of color-blocked Nike sneakers that had more in common with a Piet Mondrian painting than his team uniform. His teammate Jaylen Brown hit the hardwood shod in a pair of mismatched Adidas T-Mac IIIs, bright red on one foot and bright blue on the other. In Detroit, the Pistons' Langston Galloway started the season in a pair of customized Q4s as colorful as a box of melted crayons. For the Cleveland Cavaliers' Jordan Clarkson, opening-day footwear consisted of Grinch-green Nike Kobe 6s, while then-Utah Jazz player Alec Burks went with a pair of impossibly bright pink Adidas Dame 4s that were a nod to Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Over the next several months, the cavalcade of colorful kicks only grew. Two days after comic book legend Stan Lee's death in November, the Brooklyn Nets' Spencer Dinwiddie pounded the parquet in a pair of sneakers customized with superhero imagery to honor the Marvel Comics legend.

The amped-up sneaker style is no accident; it's the direct result of an NBA rule change removing the color restrictions that previously limited regular-season on-court footwear to combinations of black, white, gray or team colors. (Some restrictions remain, such as a prohibition against reflective fabrics and flashing lights.)

"We made the change to provide our teams and players with a vehicle to showcase their individuality as well as their passion for basketball footwear," Christopher Arena, the NBA's senior vice president of identity, outfitting and equipment, said in an email.

It's clear that the change has

TODD KIRKLAND/AP
Atlanta Hawks guard Trae Young's sneakers commemorating MLK Day.ADIDAS
The Adidas sneakers that the Toronto Raptors' Kyle Lowry wore during the NBA All-Star game.

done more than simply add pops of color; it's helping reshape the role the sports shoe plays in a modern day-to-day wardrobe.

Limited-run sneakers are player exclusives — either a unique fabrication or colorway made exclusively for brands' endorsed athletes or off-the-shelf shoes hand-customized at an athlete's request by sought-after artists, such as Los Angeles native Salvador Amezcuca, whose nom de shoe is Kickstradomis.

According to Josh Benedek, Nike's North America media relations director, the lifting of the

color restrictions has another benefit: It gives Nike and, therefore, rivals Adidas and Under Armour and every maker and customizer of shoes a way to see what generates interest and social media buzz. If Kyle Kuzma, for example, wants to wear a custom colorway of a particular shoe and there ends up being a fervor around it, that might inspire a future colorway, Benedek said.

"Even before they lifted the ban on colors, (people) were focused on the players walking through the tunnel (into the arena) talking about what they're wearing be-

BRYNN ANDERSON/AP
Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade's sneakers during a game in Miami.ICON SPORTSWIRE
Denver Nuggets guard Nick Young's day-glo Adidas sneakers.

fore the game and after the game. Now we get to talk about what they're wearing on the court too. ... It's like there was one kind of camera lens (on watching the game), and the NBA has pulled the lens off. And now we can see it all," said Isack Fadlon, owner and chief executive of Melrose Avenue indie retailer Sportie L.A.

If this sort of synergistic showcase sounds familiar, it should; luxury fashion brands have been doing this on the catwalk and the awards-show red carpet long before the NBA was in short pants (or in existence for that matter). And, as any student of sneaker history can tell you, a heightened hardwood profile has the potential to catapult a single pair of colorful kicks into the pop-culture pantheon.

That's because on or around Oct. 18, 1984, according to a letter from the NBA to Nike, Michael Jordan stepped into a preseason game wearing certain black and

red Nike basketball shoes that violated league policy. Legend has it that Jordan continued to wear the noncompliant color combination, incurring a \$5,000-per-game fine from the NBA, a fine that, also according to lore, Nike was more than willing to pay to reap the publicity windfall.

Neither the league nor Nike would confirm that such fines were actually threatened, levied or collected (although the NBA furnished a copy of the letter from its archives). However, a quarter of a century later, what actually happened isn't as important as what Nike did next. Letter in hand, it seized the marketing opportunity surrounding the banned color combination by launching an ad campaign.

The result? Not only was the Air Jordan 1 sneaker a huge success right out of the gate, it helped lay the groundwork for an entire Nike-owned Jordan Brand that in 2018 saw \$2.86 billion in revenue.

How not to give a compliment: 'Nice wig!'

ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I'm in a dance class with a woman who wears a different wig every week. She looks great in them and clearly likes to change up her look. I want to compliment her because she deserves it, but I don't want to say, "I love your hair," since it's obviously not her hair. And it seems rude to say, "That wig looks great on you," since she may not want to admit it's not her hair. (I don't know her that well but am on friendly terms.) Can you give me a few phrases to use that don't sound awkward?

— Roni T.

Dear Roni: Everyone loves a compliment, so you are absolutely right to want to say something positive to her. But what? How about something as simple as, "I admire how you always look so nice at every class." Maybe follow up with, "I wish I could look so put together all the time the way you do." You're always safe with a generic compliment.

I was reminded of this recently when I saw a friend I hadn't seen in a while. I blurted out, "Wow, you've lost weight," which was absolutely the wrong thing to say, since it could be interpreted as "You were too fat before." I was kicking myself. What I should have said is, "You look fantastic," and left it up to her to explain — if she wanted to — "I've been working out" or "I've lost 15 pounds" or whatever. That lets her decide how much she wants to reveal about her regimen.

I will never forget when I ran into a well-known politician I had not seen for many years, and the first thing he said was, "Ellen, you got fat." How to respond to that? That was decades ago, and I still recall the humiliating encounter vividly. Then there was the boss who asked me "When is the baby



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Even if someone's gorgeous hair is fake, your admiration is real — and your compliment should be too.

due?" when my baby was 4 months old. Never, ever assume a woman with a noticeable stomach is pregnant. And do not comment on it.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I'm fed up with the pilling on my sweaters. It is not just the bargain brands. No matter what the cost, some of my sweaters have fuzz balls that I can't get rid of. Any suggested solutions?

— Veronica M.

Dear Veronica: There was a time that battery-operated fabric or sweater "shavers" — gizmos with a whirling blade under some sort of protective net designed to remove pills and fuzz — were popular. I don't see them so often now. I never found one that really did the job, which is probably

why they're no longer on every store shelf.

Some people swear by a "sweater stone," which is a natural pumice stone for your fabrics. I haven't tested them yet but welcome reports from readers on their experience. Amazon.com offers a variety of sweater stone options starting at around \$7. Hand-washing sweaters — especially delicate silk and cashmere — in baby shampoo to help prevent pilling is another alternative.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Please help! Our daughter is getting married, and the wedding will be small because that's what we can afford. The problem is that we are having people sending back RSVPs and adding additional people we didn't invite —

like their date or extended family. So far there are a dozen people planning to attend who did not receive an invitation. This is putting a lot of additional stress on me and my husband, and my daughter and her fiancé.

— Distressed Mother of the Bride

Dear M.O.B.: Good manners dictate that you should include spouses and fiancés on the invitations. As for guests' children or boyfriend or girlfriend of the moment? Nope. For guidance, I turned to Emily Post (emilypost.com), my go-to on thorny etiquette questions.

It's not easy, but you'll need to call all the folks who think they can bring uninvited guests with them and deliver the bad news. Start out with a cheery positive

comment like, "Lulabelle, we're so looking forward to seeing you at the wedding!" then bring down the hammer, nicely but firmly. "We're so sorry that we can't accommodate (her boyfriend; the cousins; her kids)."

You don't have to give any additional info about your cash flow unless you want to. Even bare-bones weddings can be expensive, and the cost per guest keeps going up.

Weddings are stressful enough without these worries. I'm so sorry you have to deliver the bad news. Enlist your husband in making some of those phone calls to share the burden. She's his daughter too!

Angelic readers 1

Ron B. writes, " 'Toni T.' asked if there was any real difference between upscale hair products and the more economic brands. My wife worked for several years for a reseller of chemicals to the cosmetics industry; a very large number of the big and smaller producers were their clients. The sales reps, all of whom had a degree in chemistry, regularly said that the everyday products, with few exceptions, were every bit as good as the expensive brands. Both were composed of virtually the same ingredients, in varying amounts and combinations, with virtually the same — if any — results."

Angelic readers 2

From Marge M.: "In response to Elaine K.'s question ... having spent decades trying to pick apart my eyelashes from clumpy mascara, I finally found the answer: They're Real! Tinted Lash Primer by Benefit (Ulta, Sephora; amazon.com, \$19.40 and up). It simply tints your lashes and has no lengtheners or thickeners, therefore no clumping!"

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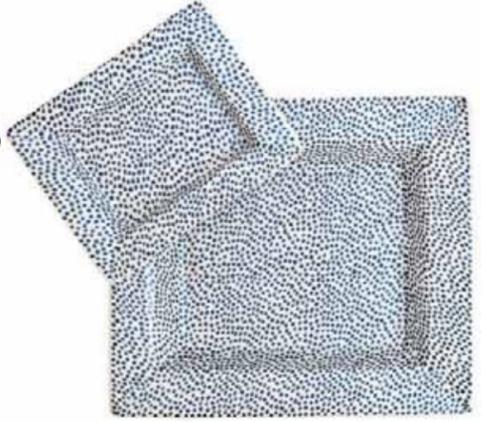
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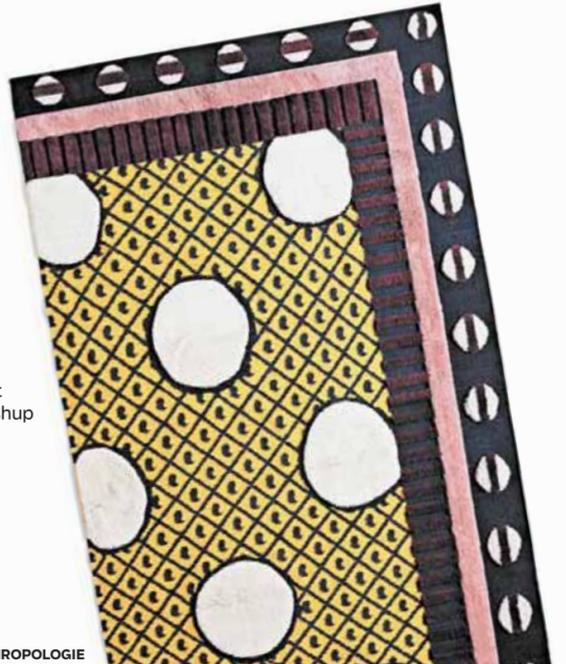
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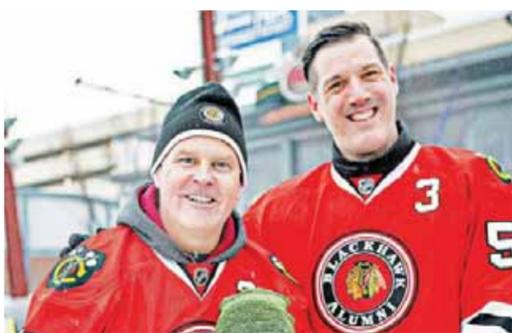
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AJ Pacheco with Chicago Blackhawk Alex DeBrincat



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Tommy Hawk with Taylor Tzakis and baby Nicholas Tzakis

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BY CANDACE JORDAN



Blackhawks score for Ronald McDonald House

Over 400 hockey fans and supporters turned out Feb. 17 for the seventh annual Skate With the Greats, a benefit for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana (RMHC-CNI). Held at the Chicago Wolves Ice Rink at Parkway Bank Park, the event featured a skate-around with Blackhawks alumni and a meet-and-greet with NHL Hall of Famer Chris Chelios and current player Alex DeBrincat.

Kids and adults alike waited in line to receive an autograph and photo with players DeBrincat and Chelios, who signed hockey pucks, caps and other memorabilia. Super fan Mike Borowiak offered up the engine cover from his 2013 Blackhawk Edition Camaro (one of only three made) to be signed.

Jim De Maria, vice president of development for RMHC-CNI, said, "The Blackhawks organization has been very good to the charity. The Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association sponsors a family den on the 11th floor, and Duncan Keith sponsors the entire eighth floor at the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children's Hospital." The Blackhawks also sponsor the living room on the fourth floor.

The Lindblad family attended with son Nicholas, 17, who underwent a heart transplant in 2015. They have been staying at Ronald McDonald Houses off and on for 13 years. "Thanks to the kindness of the people at the Ronald McDonald House Charities, I've been able to attend a Cubs training camp, learn how to throw a ball from Fergie Jenkins, how to hit a ball from Billy Williams and have dinner with Cubs legend Ernie Banks," Nicholas said.

Presented by the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association, Dr Pepper and the village of Rosemont, the event raised more than \$88,000.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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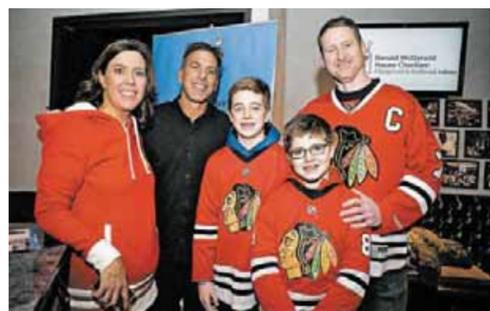
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How much to spend on gift for brother's 5th marriage?



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My brother is getting married this year for the fifth time. How much do I spend on a gift?

Gentle reader: Traditionally, presents are given only for first weddings. Of course, there is nothing against doing so anyway if one is so inclined. If you are, Miss Manners can only admire your optimism. However, there have never been any rules about how much to spend.

Dear Miss Manners: I often have business colleagues stay with me in my home when they are in town for meetings. Sometimes there are multiple people, such as when the main colleague brings a student, assistant or technician.

These people may be romantically involved with each other, but I don't know them well enough to be aware of it. Sometimes there seems to be some borderline relationship and/or I'm just not clear about it.

I have two spare bedrooms, and of course I don't care if they share a room or if they want two separate ones. I just don't know how to show them to their room(s) without assuming one way or another. "Here are two spare rooms, do as you will" isn't really appropriate, nor is dancing around a simple question. I'd appreciate some words to use that will neither make me seem like a prude nor embarrass unattached colleagues.

Gentle reader: Give them the two rooms, and stay

out of the hallway.

Dear Miss Manners: While on vacation at a theme park in Florida, I was shocked to see a mother enter the not-empty men's room shouting for her son. There was no reply.

When I suggested/requested she leave, given it was a men's room that was being used by numerous gentlemen, I was informed that she had every right to be there, and she resumed shouting for someone who was not in the facility.

I have no doubt about what the reaction would be to my entering a women's restroom even if looking for my daughter. Instead, I would politely ask a woman entering/exiting to see if my daughter (using her name) was "OK." In this day and age, I cannot imagine putting a child in any scenario where their location is in question.

Was I correct in my request? Am I wrong in my view about how to handle locating my child?

Gentle reader: The mother was rude, but it would have been preferable to focus on how to help rather than how to criticize.

You could have asked the child's name and said you would be happy to go look yourself to save her any embarrassment. Miss Manners hopes that this is what would happen if you were found hovering outside a women's room holding a pink backpack, a coloring book, a child's sweater and coat — and a worried look.

Dear Miss Manners: A few years ago, I moved four hours away from my immediate family. We have distant cousins who live near me, but I haven't seen these cousins since I was very small, so I'm not close to them. My brother

knows them better than I do.

He thought it was a good idea to give these cousins my number without my permission. If he had asked, I wouldn't have said no, but I would have liked to have been asked before he did it. I approached him politely and asked that he let me know before he gave my number out again. He said that family trumps courtesy and that I shouldn't care if he gives my number to anyone as long as it's family.

Is he right? Or is he being disrespectful to me?

Gentle reader: Your brother's assumption — that you would make no objection to sharing your number with your cousins — was reasonable and therefore not disrespectful. Sharing a phone number with a family member is not the same as making it public.

But before your brother says, "I told you so," Miss Manners amends that that does not make him right to have done so. It seems strange that people erupt in anger when companies inadvertently expose private data while they are themselves busy smearing the most intimate details of their lives over every reachable electronic surface. But etiquette sees neither contradiction nor hypocrisy in this: Your right to expose yourself does not grant anyone else the right to do so. Having now learned your preference, your brother should have apologized for his mistake and agreed not to repeat it.

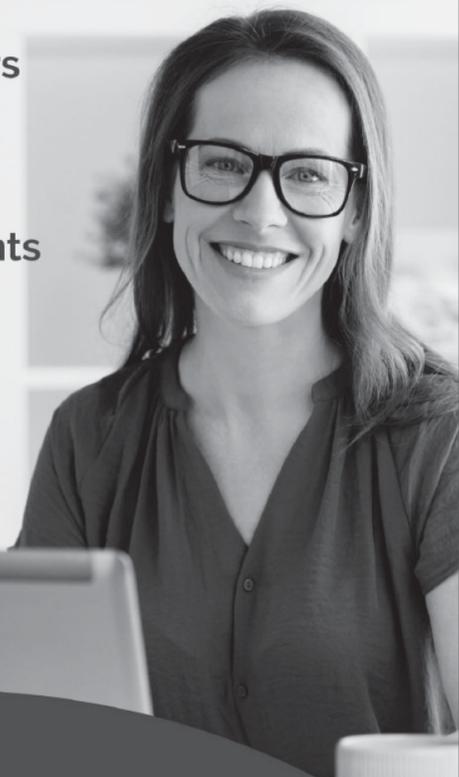
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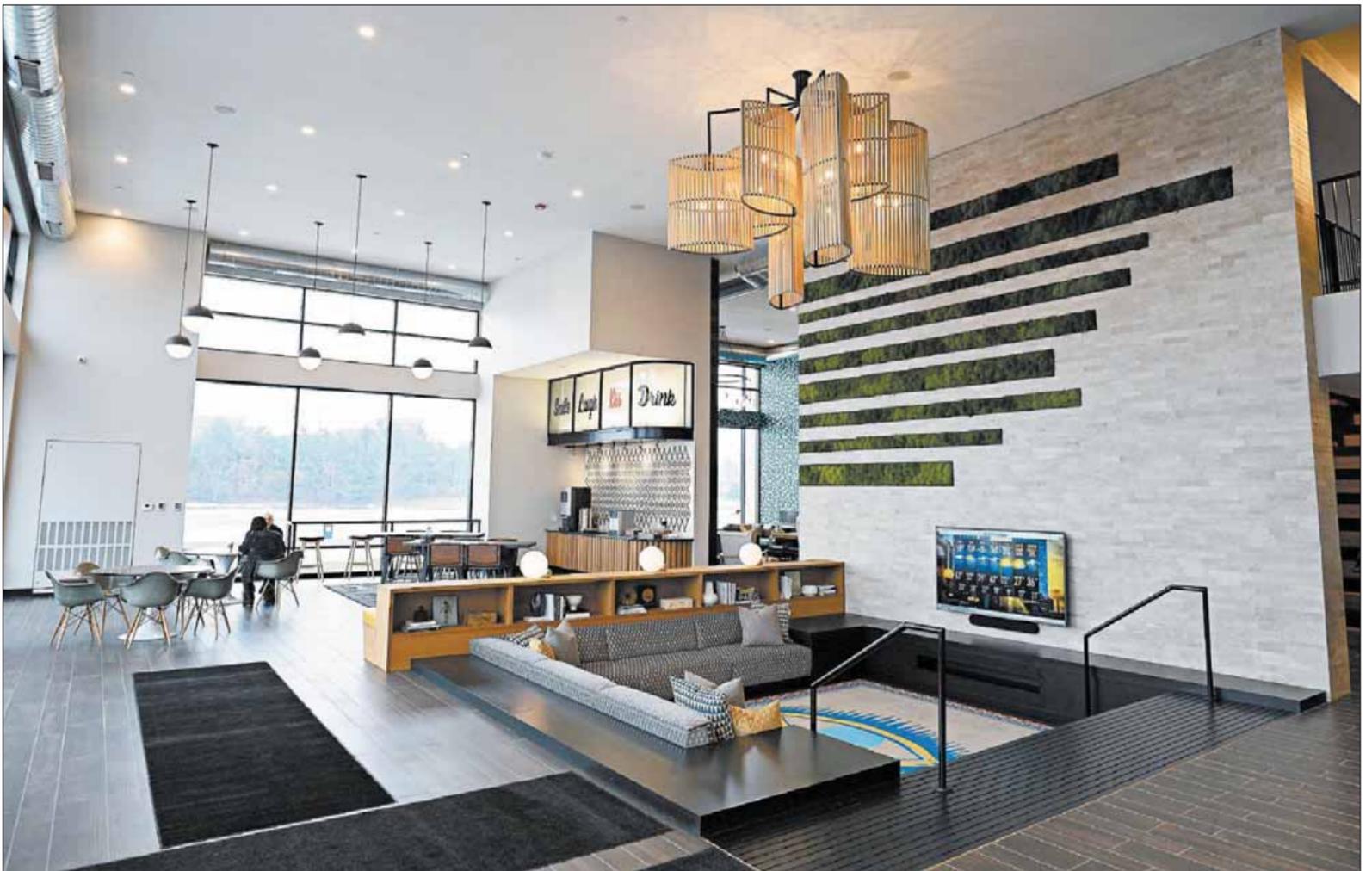
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Chic design and dog spas

Some suburban apartments hope to lure Chicagoans with city-style amenities



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444 Social, a Lincolnshire apartment community, includes stadium-style seating and a big-screen TV in a common area.



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The 444 Social complex, expected to be completed this summer, features 302 apartments and a host of amenities.



TIM SEED/M&R DEVELOPMENT

The outdoor pool at the Residences at Hamilton Lakes in Itasca is a summer draw.

BY DARCEL ROCKETT | Chicago Tribune

Nicole Martin has lived in the Chicago area her entire life with the exception of five years in Lake Geneva.

When deciding to sell her home in Wisconsin and move back to Illinois last year, Martin asked herself two questions: Do I want to be in the city or the suburbs, and do I want to buy (again) or rent?

The sales manager chose the latter in both instances, moving to the Residences at Hamilton Lakes in Itasca.

“The biggest driver is: Where do you work, and where do you hang out, where are your friends and family, and where does your work take you?” she said. “If the answers to those questions are not within the city itself, I think it can make a lot of sense to live in a place like Hamilton Lakes that is so close to highways and minutes

from the airport.” Dry-cleaning delivery service and swanky saunas were a bonus.

Martin is not alone in her thinking. Some Chicagoans are making the move to suburbia not because of kids, the need for more space or cheaper housing options,

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More Americans paying their mortgages on time



KENNETH R. HARNEY
The Nation's Housing

It's a real estate and social barometer that doesn't get a lot of publicity, but it's important: More Americans are paying their mortgages on time today than they have in nearly two decades — maybe even longer.

That's a big deal, because when large numbers of owners do the opposite — stop paying on

their home loans for months at a time — the entire economy feels the effects. Spiking delinquencies in 2007-2008 ushered in the global financial crisis and spawned tidal waves of foreclosures that devastated borrowers and their communities. Some of the wounds are still fresh. Delinquency rates may sound like a

yawn, but they are a key economic bellwether that shouldn't be ignored by anyone serious about real estate.

So here's the good news: The national delinquency rate on home loans hit the lowest level it's been in 18 years as of the final quarter of 2018, according to data compiled by the Mortgage

Bankers Association. Borrowers with conventional mortgages, those eligible for sale to investors Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, are the best performers; roughly 97 percent of them are paying on time. Borrowers with Federal Housing Administration-insured

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MIKE ROYKO TELLS IT LIKE IT IS IN "THE BEST OF ROYKO"

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Roscoe Village home with hot tub, roof deck, wine cellar: \$3 million

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ASKING PRICE: \$2,995,000
 Listed on Feb. 12, 2019

This is a six-bedroom, six full bath and one half-bath home situated on an extra-wide double lot in Roscoe Village. This highly designed, contemporary home offers a limestone facade paired with ample outdoor space, including a patio with hot tub, fireplace, three Trex decks and a Zen garden. Upgrades include radiant heated flooring, surround sound, automated sprinkler, lighting and snow-melting systems. The professional-grade kitchen features Wolf, Sub-Zero and Miele appliances. There is a family room, as well as formal dining and living rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows. The iron staircase leads to the second level with a master suite with a fireplace and walk-in closet. The master en suite spa boasts a rain shower and soaking tub. A lofty third level has vaulted ceilings and skylights, and allows access to two roof decks. Lower-level highlights include a wine cellar, theater with an audiovisual system, gym and mudroom. The three-car garage has Wi-Fi. Agent: Leigh Marcus of @properties, 773-312-7550



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A Lincoln Park mansion initially listed for \$50 million has returned to the market with a \$5 million price reduction.

ELITE STREET

Lincoln Park mansion price cut to \$45M

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
 Chicago Tribune

A six-bedroom Lincoln Park mansion that was listed from 2016 until 2018 for \$50 million — the Chicago area's highest asking price ever — came back on the market Wednesday for \$45 million.

Situated on fully eight city lots on North Burling Street, the mansion is owned by United Automobile Insurance Co. Chairman and CEO Richard Parrillo and his wife, Michaela. They built the mansion about a decade ago after paying \$12.5 million in 2005 to purchase the site from the Infant Welfare Society.

Even at a reduced, \$45 million listing, the Parrillos' asking price far exceeds what the Cook County assessor believes the home is worth. The assessor's office last year valued the mansion at \$19.36 million.

In 2016, the Parrillos' original listing agent told Elite Street that the asking price was so high because the couple's cost to build the mansion was \$65 million, including land costs. The Parrillos first listed it in December 2016 for \$50

million, and they never budged on their asking price before taking it off the market in November.

Now the mansion has returned to the market with its \$5 million price reduction.

The mansion's size is up for debate. Listing information states that it measures 25,000 square feet, but the assessor's office reports that it's close to 10,000 square feet less, at 15,533 square feet. Features include nine baths, seven fireplaces, a reflecting pool and multiple fountains, all on a 0.61-acre parcel.

Listing agent Tim Salm declined to comment on the price reduction.

The Parrillos' asking price is more than double the amount being sought by the Chicago-area home with the second-highest asking price. Pete's Fresh Market co-founder and owner Jimmy Dreonas is seeking \$21.9 million for his six-bedroom, 13,400-square-foot mansion on North Dearborn Street on the Near North Side.

Former White Sox player Juan Uribe sells downtown condo for \$885,000: Former Chi-



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The Lincoln Park property is owned by United Automobile Insurance Co. Chairman Richard Parrillo and his wife, Michaela.



The property features nine baths, seven fireplaces and a reflecting pool.

cago White Sox infielder Juan Uribe on Monday sold his three-bedroom, 1,887-square-foot unit on the 29th floor of the Regatta high-rise in the New East Side neighborhood for his \$885,000 asking price.

Uribe, 39, played for the White Sox from 2004 until 2008 and now is retired from Major League Baseball and living in the Dominican Republic. In 2007, he paid \$1.04 million for the condo.

After moving back to the Dominican Republic and renting out the unit, Uribe placed it on the market in

March 2017 for \$1.299 million. Over the next year and a half, he cut his asking price in small increments 17 times before settling in at his final list price of \$885,000 in November.

The unit has three baths, two balconies, an open floor plan and views of the skyline, the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. The 44-story Regatta building has an indoor pool, a fitness center, a children's playroom and a theater.

Listing agent Sergio Aguirre could not be immediately reached for comment.

Founder of Yolk restaurants pays \$2.7M for Tudor-style mansion in Hinsdale: Yolk founder Taki Kastanis and his wife, Jackelyn, on Feb. 7 paid \$2.7 million for a five-bedroom, 5,735-square-foot Tudor-style mansion in Hinsdale.

Kastanis, 41, opened his first restaurant at age 21 in Lakeview and opened the first Yolk in downtown Chicago in 2006. Yolk now has eight locations in Chicago, as well as restaurants in Indianapolis, Florida and Texas.

The three-story mansion

that Kastanis bought had been listed for \$4.6 million in March 2018. Its price was quickly reduced later that month to \$3.499 million, and the price was cut further to \$2.995 million in July. The home has 5 1/2 baths, reclaimed quarter-sawn white-oak paneling, Nanz hardware, Birger Juell floors, Ann Sacks tile, Urban Archaeology lighting, a master suite with a fireplace and a steam shower, and a lower level with a rec room and a game room.

The mansion's kitchen has Christopher Peacock cabinetry, Calcutta gold marble counters, a La-canche range, and Sub-Zero and Miele appliances, while the family room has wood trusses and a fireplace surround that was imported from Ireland. Outside on the property are a coach house, pergola and a fireplace, along with a patio and perennials.

Dawn McKenna, who represented both the Kastanises and the sellers, declined to comment on the transaction.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Advice for retirees who want to upsize

BY ELLEN JAMES MARTIN
Andrews McMeel Syndication

Many baby boomers are compelled to downsize because of tight finances. But an affluent minority of retirees is now turning that tradition on its head: Instead of trading down, they're buying bigger, plusher and more amenity-rich houses.

Debbie Pincus, a Connecticut psychotherapist who's been in practice since 1985, says many boomers adhere to the philosophy that "more is better" and are unwilling to compromise their expectations, even in retirement.

Pincus never attempts to dissuade her clients from fulfilling their real estate ambitions. But she does encourage them to consider the trade-offs in time, energy and money involved in expanding the scope of their ownership.

Here are a few pointers for retirees intending to upsize:

Ask yourself how often your offspring would likely visit your big house.

Sid Davis, a real estate broker who authored seven books on real estate, says those capable of buying bigger often go to great lengths to fulfill their vision. "These are people with big, close families," he said. "Their lives revolve around family."

If the vision of a "family mecca" appeals to you, Davis says to search for a property that's readily reachable by as many family members as possible.

Question whether a senior community would work well for family visits.

Maybe you would like to



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If your goal is to go big to create a "family mecca," keep in mind that it needs to be easy for family to get there.

move to an age-restricted community. Yet you'd also like to see your progeny as often as possible. If so, you should give a second thought to your original plan.

"Your grandkids aren't going to find many fun things to do in a senior-oriented subdivision. Rather than moving to a senior community, pick a place with more recreational options for the kids," Davis says.

Tom Early, a real estate broker and former president of the National Association of Exclusive Buyer Agents, suggests you consider a property near a neighborhood swimming pool in an area where lots of young families live.

"Focus on the interests of both the young children and teenagers in your group," Early says.

Factor airport and road access into your thinking.

Do you hanker to retire to a faraway place with a better climate and still see the extended family often? If so, Davis says you'd be well advised to choose an area with good transportation access.

"If you move a long way away and yet want the kids

to visit a lot, you'd better live close to highways or an excellent airport," he says.

Consider the importance of spare bedrooms.

Are you hoping for overnight visits? You'll want the right features to accommodate everyone.

"Look for a house with at least three bedrooms and, even more important, as many bathrooms as possible. ... If you have only one bathroom, you're bound to have bottlenecks," Davis says.

Also, he recommends looking for large common areas in upsized property.

Don't compromise your own comfort.

Davis says some people who plan to upsize can become so focused on their grandchildren that they forget their own needs. He advises them to keep their own goals front and center during the home selection process.

"Young people do fine in a house with lots of stairs. But stairs can become a real issue for people over 60, especially after health problems set in. That's why it's smart to choose a one-level house if possible," he says.

Management ignoring condo unit's water issue

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
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Q: Our condo has no cold (or potable) water in the kitchen. The condo fee covers water.

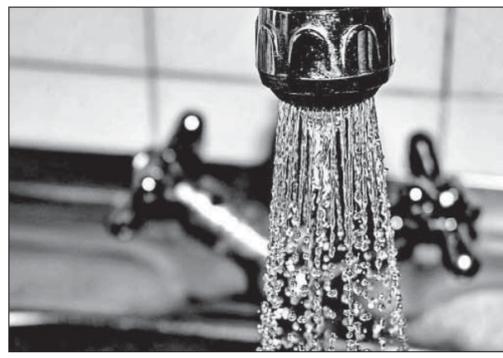
From my conversations with the condo's management company, fixing the problem entails replacing a major valve in this large building and is a major undertaking. They give no estimate about when the work might be done, if ever.

Should this problem have been disclosed to us at purchase, and would it require disclosure at an eventual sale? Would we be justified in asking for a reduction in the monthly fee, retroactively? If we got a reduction, would that let management off the hook for fixing the problem?

A: It sounds obvious to say, but we think you're entitled to cold, drinkable, usable water. Although we don't know the details of the plumbing in the building and any other particulars of the kitchen itself, it is perfectly reasonable to expect that your fixtures have hot and cold running water.

We're wondering what caused this problem and whether any other units are experiencing the same. Was the kitchen rebuilt or moved within the unit? Assuming the kitchen is original to the building, it's unclear why your unit has (presumably) hot but not cold water.

While peculiar, it's not unusual that one condo unit in a building will have a problem that does not affect other condo owners. Examples include roof leaks, window problems, foundation issues such as cracks or settling, water infiltration and plumbing problems.



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The condominium documents probably state that the association is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the common areas and elements of the building. Your plumbing issue, as described, seems to fall under that description and we believe you should be able to rely on the documents that bind all the unit owners together as an association and that govern how the owners interact with each other and the association.

But there's a lot we don't know. We don't know the costs involved or other circumstances surrounding the lack of water to your unit. We also don't know if the association has made attempts to fix the issue and, if they have made a serious attempt, why it has been unable to resolve it.

If the central issue is that it costs a lot to repair the valve, well, that's too bad. There are times that buildings need to make certain repairs even when the costs are high.

Go back to the association management team to get more information. You want to know when the issue was discovered, how it was investigated, what possible solutions there are and their timetable for fixing the issue. If they refuse to talk to you or give you the information, you should talk to the president of the homeowners associ-

ation and ask for the same information. You might also ask for the past two years of building board meeting minutes to see if the issue came up in those meetings and what was said about it.

Once you have that information, you will be able to evaluate whether your seller knew or should have known about the issue.

If the sellers knew about it, they should have disclosed it.

After you do this research, talk with an attorney who has experience in seller disclosure issues and condo lawsuits to determine whether you have an action against the seller and if it will be worth going after the seller for your damages. You should also explore the possibility that you'll have to sue your building to fix this issue.

Having no cold running water is a problem that will likely depress your home's value if you tried to sell it. Having this become a publicly known issue might become a black mark on the entire condo building, as will filing a lawsuit.

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Do I have to buy private mortgage insurance?

Usually when we buy insurance, we're protecting ourselves against an otherwise devastating financial loss, such as the cost to replace a home or vehicle, or the cost of medical bills should we become seriously ill or injured. But for homeowners buying private mortgage insurance, it's not about protecting yourself.

Often called PMI, private mortgage insurance is actually an insurance policy for mortgage lenders, even though homeowners pay the premium. It financially protects the lender from losing money should the homeowner default on their mortgage. And for certain homebuyers, it's not optional.

Any buyer who takes out a conventional mortgage with a down payment of less than 20 percent is required to hold PMI. That's because mortgage statistics show that the less equity a homeowner has in their property, the higher their risk of default. Once equity surpasses 20 percent, the risk of foreclosure drops significantly.

Private mortgage insurance is most commonly handled as a monthly premium bundled with the mortgage payment. However, some lenders offer an option to pay for PMI in one lump sum at closing, or in a combination of upfront and monthly payments.

PMI costs vary based on two main factors: the borrower's credit rating and the amount of their down payment. Costs typically range from 0.5% to 1.0% of the original loan amount per year. So for a \$200,000 mortgage, PMI would likely cost \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually, or \$83.33 to \$166.66 a month.

To avoid this monthly add-on, some homebuyers will save longer before buying so they can swing a 20 percent down payment, while others opt for FHA or other non-conventional mortgages that don't require PMI. But these mortgages can carry higher rates, and waiting to purchase isn't always desirable. So PMI offers homebuyers an option that they can weigh against the alternatives.

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(FHA) mortgages pay late nearly three times more frequently; even so, more than 91 percent of them are on time. The big gap between homeowners with conventional loans and FHA borrowers shouldn't be surprising, because FHA borrowers have lower credit scores, higher debt-to-income ratios and lower down payments on average. All three factors multiply the risk that borrowers will pay late. Yet even at 8.65 percent, the current FHA delinquency rate is much better than it was a decade ago, when it hovered around 14 percent.

Overall, says Freddie Mac Chief Economist Sam Khater, U.S. homeowners are performing better today in terms of on-time payments and foreclosure avoidance than they have in 30 years.

What's contributing to this good behavior? It's no secret: Since 2010, stricter federal underwriting rules imposed on the mortgage industry have banned some of the lending industry's previous worst habits, and required them to screen out high-risk borrowers — essentially limiting their customer base to people who can truly afford the mortgages they're seeking. In the conventional market, that's why Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — the country's two largest sources of mortgage money — have kept their average FICO credit scores near a relatively pristine 750, well above levels typical before the financial crisis. (FICO scores run from 300 to 850, with low scores indicating a high probability of future delinquencies and foreclosures.)

An improving economy has helped significantly as well. Mortgage interest rates continue to be below historical averages. Unemployment has fallen steadily and is now at or near multi-decade lows. Plus many of today's owners are sitting on sizable equity

gains as they pay down mortgage balances on their homes while price inflation pushes their values up. The Federal Reserve estimates homeowner equity now totals a stunning \$1.5 trillion, the highest ever. For some owners, that cushion functions as an insurance policy should anything threaten their ability to pay the mortgage.

How long can the current impressive performance continue? No one can be certain, but here are a couple of observations. Mortgages originated in the past several years under strict federal rules constitute what lenders and investors call "the cleanest book of business" they've seen in many years. If the lending industry begins to relax underwriting standards in any significant way in order to dig deeper into the pool of riskier credit applicants to pump up their volume of home-purchase mortgages, it's inevitable that delinquencies will rise.

There's some evidence that a modest loosening of standards got underway last year. Homeowners' demand for refinancing dissipated with rising interest rates, and some lenders began easing standards to include a broader mix of applicants. FICO itself confirmed in a study that average credit scores were on the decline in the home-mortgage arena. Fannie Mae relaxed its policy on debt-to-income (DTI) ratios for buyers, allowing more applicants with DTIs up to 50 percent to pass muster for a loan. Previously, the cut-off was 45 percent. Meanwhile, the FHA has seen notable declines in average credit scores and is approving low-down-payment purchasers with DTI ratios well above 50 percent.

Steps like these may appear — and be — helpful for marginally qualified first-time buyers. But what will they look like through hindsight during the next recession?

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The 444 Social apartment complex features fenced-in pet play areas, a golf simulator and fitness studios.

Amenities

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but because they're looking for a convenient location that allows for work/life balance. And while leaving the city means leaving some perks behind, many suburban developers are offering amenities on par with downtown high-rise living. Think gym facilities that rival commercial clubs, doggy spas, chic common areas and walkability to entertainment.

Stephanie Le has lived in the Residences of Wilmette for six months after a year of living downtown. The 30-year-old pharmaceutical sales rep works in Lake Forest and called the reverse commute "brutal."

"I feel like I have a better work/life balance because my office isn't as far," she said. "Granted, the downtown isn't as crazy as downtown Chicago, but this area is quiet, clean, I love my neighbors and it has a small-town feel without being so far from downtown Chicago."

With a sauna, indoor Jacuzzi, business/conference space and close proximity to the Metra, Le said the Residences is comparable to apartments in the city.

Tony Rossi, president of M&R Development, the company behind the Wilmette and Itasca properties, agrees that the "explosion of amenities" seen downtown is starting to take hold in the suburbs as

well. He said rent in the suburbs is usually two-thirds of rent in the city, but newer buildings with extra features will have a higher price tag. Martin pays about \$1,925 a month for her one-bedroom and underground parking.

"There are amenities in what they're offering residents that are every bit as good as downtown amenities — with the exception that you may not have a great bar next door," he said. But what suburban properties lack in libations, many make up for in things like pet perks.

Rossi has been in the real estate business since the 1970s, and he said there were few buildings that permitted pets 25 years ago. Now it's not uncommon for 25 percent of a building's population to have dogs. Which means dog grooming stations and indoor dog runs.

The 302-unit apartment 444 Social community in Lincolnshire, set for completion in this summer, also features fenced-in pet play areas and amenities galore — a gourmet chef's demonstration kitchen, stadium-style seating and a big-screen TV in a communal area, co-working space, a virtual reality golf simulator, a fitness studios and kayaking on an adjacent lake.

Kelso Sharp, a new resident of 444 Social, has experienced homeownership, military housing and apartment rentals throughout his 22-year Navy career. He said the complex ranks



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Scott Greenberg, who developed 444 Social, says complexes in Chicago sometimes stratify demographically. "When you can create a community that has millennials in it, families in it and baby boomers, it's actually better," Greenberg said.



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Amenities at the Residences of Wilmette include a sauna, indoor Jacuzzi and business/conference space. A Metra station is also nearby.

near the top, citing the large swimming pool, grilling and common areas. Sharp pays about \$2,300 a month for his two-bedroom unit.

Proximity to the Great Lakes Naval Station means he can live close to work yet far enough away to keep his private time his own, he said. The Joliet native plans on staying for the year he has left on his orders.

"This is perfect for me," he said. "They really want to get that sense of community going here. It's just nice — the aesthetics of the place. It's brand-new, so to be the very first person to live in an apartment, that's attractive to me."

The goal of 444 Social was to meld residential living with the luxury of a hotel, all on acreage within

walking distance of the CityPark shopping center, said the property's developer, Scott Greenberg, who also worked on the Wit Hotel and Hotel EMC2 downtown.

"In the city, sometimes you get these developments for the youngest and the hippest, and then you get the older communities — we designed this project to really attract a wide audience to encourage collaboration among all ages," Greenberg said. "When you can create a community that has millennials in it, families in it and baby boomers, it's actually better. If you just have young people and just have old people, that's not good. But if you put them together, you can create some synergistic magic."

Greenberg developed the project with more than 20 years of hospitality experience and considers design a key factor in changing the vibe and perception of suburban rental living. For example, adding color and art to corridors in apart-

ment buildings, as hotels do, makes all the difference, he said.

And while some suburban developers merge residential and retail in the same physical structure — think storefronts at street level and housing on top — Greenberg said 444 Social is unique because the apartment building is new and located near (but not connected to) existing commercial facilities, like Regal Cinemas next door. It also has natural elements, like forests and a lake, nearby.

"This goes to part of the DNA of this place," Greenberg said. "If you want to be happy, if you want to live a healthy life, if you want to stay active, you got to be social. ... That is what is missing in apartments where it's downtown or in the suburbs where you just go to a place and hole up. Here we're actually creating a community, so it's pushing that experience."

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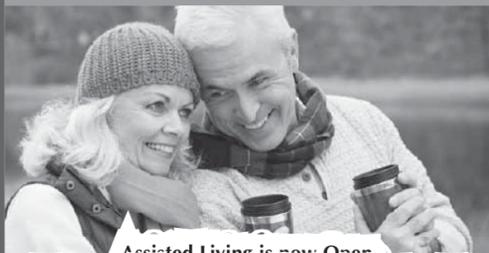
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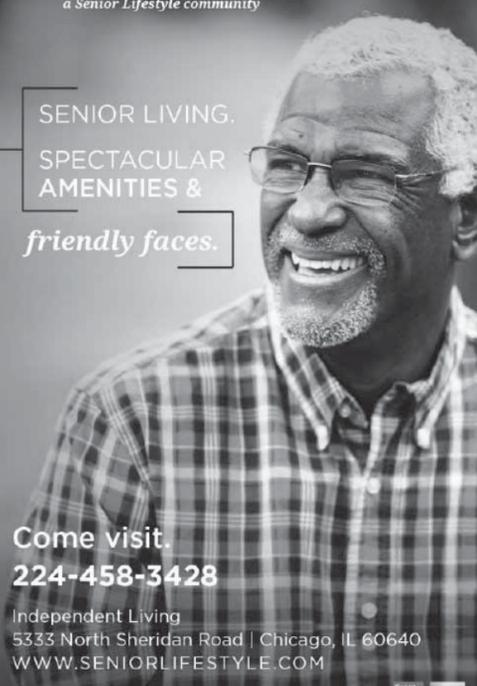
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Built-to-order armored Cadillac Escalade is a mobile office, costs up to \$500,000

BY JAMIE L. LAREAU
Detroit Free Press

Here's something else that sets the rich and famous apart from the rest of us: their armored, bullet-proof custom-built mobile offices.

The 2019 Armored Cadillac Escalade ESV Chairman Package is a built-to-order vehicle that costs \$300,000 to \$500,000, a steep upgrade from the regular Escalade ESV, which starts at \$78,195.

The Chairman Package is a mobile office with the comforts of home and a bulletproof shell to ensure the safety of the VIP inside.

"For these types of vehicles, we are either approached by the people who will be riding in them or their assistants," said Arthur Yurovitsky, vice president of marketing at INKAS Armored Vehicle Manufacturing in Toronto, which customizes the Escalades.

In some cases, "we're approached by corporations for executive fleets or embassies and consulates for their ambassadors or diplomats," Yurovitsky said.

INKAS has been around since 1995, mostly building armored bank trucks and civilian-grade armored vehicles. It sells about 420 built-to-order vehicles a year. About 30 to 40 percent of those sales are to customers in the United States, often to sports stars and celebrities who get driven around, Yurovitsky said.

The vehicles INKAS customizes and sells include Escalades, Chevrolet Suburbans and Mercedes Benz S-class SUVs. It also builds law enforcement-grade vehicles, armored bank trucks and, most recently, cannabis transport trucks for customers in states such as Michigan where pot is legal.

"The vehicles are armored all the way around and their climate-control system is built in, along with a cannabis-optimized layout, so that can be however the person wants it designed to best load and unload and move the product," Yurovitsky said.

INKAS makes the trucks in various sizes, payload capacities and configurations from Ford Transit vans. It uses models 150, 250 and 350 for small-to-medium companies, and Ford Transit 350HD models for larger companies. In most cases, the vehicles start at \$65,000, Yurovitsky said.

The company's customized limousines are far pricier than the cannabis or bank trucks. The limousines can be made armored or unarmored, he said. And



INKAS ARMORED VEHICLE MANUFACTURING PHOTOS

The interior of the 2019 Armored Cadillac Escalade ESV Chairman Package customized by INKAS Armored Vehicle Manufacturing.



The 2019 Armored Cadillac Escalade ESV Chairman Package is a built-to-order vehicle that costs \$300,000 to \$500,000.

the company will customize the ride for whatever the client is willing to spend.

"We've had crazy requests," Yurovitsky said. "Some clients want some crazy artwork, and we have to commission an artist to come in and design the dashboard. Or some want exotic leather off a rare kind of animal."

INKAS started its armored limousine division in November 2013, driven by traffic congestion reaching all-time highs, especially in Asia, South America, the Middle East and Africa, where people

"spend hours in their vehicles," Yurovitsky said.

"If you're a diplomat or head of state, you want to be productive wherever you are," he said.

Last year, INKAS built a standout \$1.13-million Mercedes-Benz stretch G63 AMG limousine for a "high-ranking executive in Europe," Yurovitsky said.

"It's an armored office on wheels that's set up for you to be more comfortable than you are in your real office," he said.

Another vehicle for the modern, busy executive or political figure is the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter limou-

sine van that INKAS builds, which starts at about \$300,000.

It will hold up to seven people, who can walk around in it while it's moving, and it has bathrooms, Yurovitsky said.

"Political parties will buy them to shuttle their teams around," he said. "It's like a mini-tour bus, but you don't need some crazy license to drive it because it's just a big van. If you're going to be sitting in traffic for two hours in it, you'll be looking forward to it."

INKAS has delivered "some" of the new Escalade ESV Chairman Package

vehicles, with "many more" in production, the company said. The Escalade ESV used for the Chairman Package has a 6.2-liter V8 engine and a 10-speed automatic transmission generating 420 horsepower and 460 pound feet of torque.

Its 130-inch wheelbase has a large passenger compartment to hold an executive office. It has Italian leather seats, exotic wood paneling, a mini bar with a liquor dispenser, air purification system, SmartTV, 4G LTE hotspot, advanced entertainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android

Auto integrations and a 16-speaker setup.

The Chairman Package includes power-reclining captain's chairs featuring power ottomans, massage, heating and cooling capabilities with "in-vehicle lighting provided through the INKAS DayLight headliner system, designed to mimic natural daylight in order to promote a state of well-being," the company said in a news release.

It's not all luxury, though. The vehicle has a 360-degree closed-circuit camera system for security, and the body's armor shields against attacks from 7.62x51mm or .308 Winchester full-metal jacket ammunition.

It can withstand an explosion of two hand grenades detonated simultaneously below the limo's floor.

"You're not going to see Walmart buying one of these things to shuttle their VIPs around in," Yurovitsky said. "This is more common in South America, Africa, the Middle East, South Asia ... where corporations will have these types of vehicles in their fleets, and they need it because their competing corporations have it as well."

"In Malaysia, you can spend three hours in traffic to drive 1 mile," he said. "So you'd rather be in a vehicle that you're comfortable in and can get some work done."

Experts offer tips to help avoid car repossession

BY FRANK WITSIL
Detroit Free Press

A record 7 million Americans are at least three months behind on their car payments, the benchmark for many lenders to trigger a repossession — and a warning light for the economy.

If you are one of these borrowers, or afraid you might get behind, here are some things experts say you can do:

■ Familiarize yourself with the loan. Before you buy a

vehicle, shop around for the best financing deals. Consider the interest rate and the length of the loan, not just the amount of the monthly payment.

■ Know what you can afford. The car-buying process can be exhausting and an auto seller may convince you that you can buy a car that you may not have the money for a few months later. So before you pick out the car you want, the right color and all the options, be sure to set a budget.

■ Prioritize your bills and costs. Can you cut some expenses to save money? Can you pay your car loan, which is secured with the car, before you pay other debts, such as a doctor's bill, which won't trigger a repossession?

■ Consider using emergency savings. If you've saved for a rainy day and you are now behind, this might be the time to tap into that account. In addition, a tax refund also might help you get caught up.

■ Inform the lender. If you

are late, or think you probably will be late, let your lender know. If you are having a hardship, such as a medical problem or job loss, the bank may be able to offer some leniency.

■ Ask for consideration. If you miss a payment, ask the lender to take your situation into account until you can get back on track. You may be able to work out a deal. The bottom line is the creditor doesn't want your car, but it will take it if it thinks you aren't going to pay what you owe.



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If you can't make your car payment, contact the lender.

■ Seek help. If you are overwhelmed, contact a reputable nonprofit credit counseling organization. There may be a fee for the

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The smooth-handling A220 is the sedan version of Mercedes' new compact architecture.

Mercedes tries compact sedan

By MARK PHELAN
Detroit Free Press

In a choice that oozes sincerity if not finely honed customer research, Mercedes-Benz's marketing team decided the secret to selling more small vehicles to Americans was to make them look more like traditional sedans.

That's the origin story for the 2019 Mercedes A220 4Matic sedan, which offers a more conventional, upright profile than the sleek CLA that was the first front-wheel drive compact car Mercedes sold in the United States.

Because, as everybody knows, Americans love sedans. That's why the body style hit a historic low at less than 30 percent of 2018 vehicle sales.

Maybe Mercedes knows something other automakers don't, or maybe it figured it was building the new A-class anyway, so what the heck? Why not ship a few to America to see if it is the small sedan Americans have been waiting for?

The A220 is the sedan version of Mercedes' new compact architecture. Competitors include small luxury cars such as the Audi A3, BMW 2-series coupe, Cadillac ATS, Jaguar XE and Volvo S60.

The A220 is similar in size to Mercedes' sleeker CLA, which is in its last model year before a new, bigger version model arrives late this year. At 179.1 inches long, the A220 is 2.2 inches shorter than the 2019 CLA and 5.5 inches

2019 MERCEDES-BENZ A220 4MATIC

All-wheel-drive, five-passenger compact sedan

Price as tested:

\$48,790

(excluding destination charge)

Rating: 3 out of 4 stars

Reasons to buy:

Interior look and feel, rear headroom, handling

Shortcomings: Trunk space, rear legroom, no USB A-type ports, cost

shorter than the coming 2020 CLA, with which it shares its architecture and wheelbase.

The A220 is 3.6 inches shorter than a Honda Civic sedan, so we're talking about a small car.

A 2.0-liter engine, front-wheel drive and seven-speed automatic dual-clutch transmission are standard. All-wheel, which Mercedes calls 4Matic, is optional.

Prices for the A-class start at \$32,500 for a front-wheel drive model and \$34,500 for Mercedes' 4Matic AWD system. Both prices are \$600 less than the comparable 2019 CLA 250.

My test car had adaptive cruise control, blind-spot alert, lane-departure assist; touch screen; dual zone climate control; Apple CarPlay; Android Auto; voice recognition; leather

upholstery; heated front seats; memory for the driver's settings; power adjustable seats; push button start; LED headlights and taillights; adjustable 64-color ambient lighting; and 19-inch AMG multispoke black wheels.

German automakers have finally tired of the multifunction rotary controllers they've inflicted on customers for the better part of two decades. The A220's controls are a breath of fresh air: easy to learn and use. The A220 introduces Mercedes's new MBUX system, which dispenses with the rotary controller in favor of a touch screen and an unobtrusive touch pad.

The gauges and touch screen in my car were part of a \$2,100 option package that creates a dual-screen display rising from the top of the dash. It's intended to resemble a tablet, a look designers at many automakers are infatuated with.

The A220 4Matic's steering and handling are responsive and sporty. Its ride is comfortable and the interior is quiet. But the 8.6 cubic foot trunk is smaller than any of the competitors' and rear legroom is also tight.

The interior has several USB-C ports, but none of the larger, more common USB-A. That'll be convenient as the smaller, faster USB-Cs become more common. Until then, however, it means you'll need an adapter to use most smartphones and other devices.

Bad smell may be coming from A/C filter or a mouse



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Q: I own a 2007 Hyundai Sonata that is in excellent condition with 100,000 miles on it.

I have been having this terrible odor in my car, especially strong when I get in it in the morning, but generally it is always there. I took the car in for a thorough deep cleaning and even asked them to check under the hood for any possible dead animal that might have crawled in there, but they found nothing.

The gentleman mentioned something about having the A/C filter checked because he said they can get moldy and cause an odor.

I'll have that checked out, but could it be coming from any other source? In the 11 years that I've owned the car I've never had this problem before.

— Y.V., Milwaukee
A: Stinking microbes in the air conditioner housing are a common source of odors, but usually in the summer, not the winter. When it's cold, they are less likely to proliferate.

Many cars now have cabin air filters that must be changed regularly, and I suggest a filter with activated charcoal if available.

But if the odor persists, take your car to an auto detail shop where they have equipment to eliminate odors.

I would not rule out a mouse or other critter, though, as the culprit.

Q: Could you please explain how the temperature gauge works in cars? How can the out-



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A persistent odor could be a cabin filter issue.

side temperature reading not be affected by traveling at different speeds on a very hot or cold day?

— L.S., Chicago
A: Cars report the outside air temperature via a probe, usually near the front of the vehicle.

The reading is then sent to the readout inside the cabin. Notice that we said air temperature, not wind chill temperature.

Machines are not affected by the wind, so no matter how fast or slow you go, the temperature will always be only air temperature.

Automotive temperature readings are buffered, though, so that the readings do not swing so fast as to become confusing.

Q: I purchased a Subaru Forester in 2014 and drove it for 58,000 miles. It began using a lot of oil, more than you would expect it to and more than my 2006 Jeep Liberty with 138,000 miles on it.

I went to the dealer that I bought it from, and they gave it an oil change and sealed the engine so I could not tamper with it. They said to drive it for 1,200 miles, bring it

back and they would check it. They also told me it was because I did not use their Subaru filters.

Well, I took it back and guess what? It passed. So about halfway through the oil change cycle, I needed a quart of oil.

Is 1,200 miles a real test or is it a ruse to get me to think that it is normal? I think they have a problem with the engine and are trying to avoid fixing it.

— W.R., Palmerton, Pa.
A: As far as car companies are concerned, one quart of oil every 1,000 is considered normal. Some engines do better than others, of course.

Keep in mind that some oil must be consumed during normal operation.

By the way, if a dealer demands that you use only a Subaru filter, the dealer must provide it for free, according to federal law. Otherwise you are free to use the filter of your choice.

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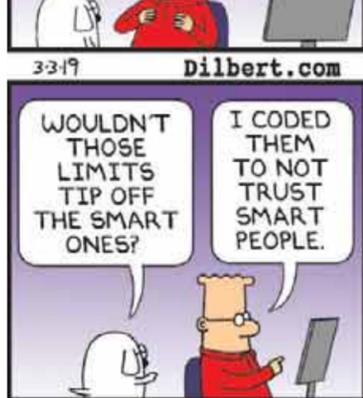
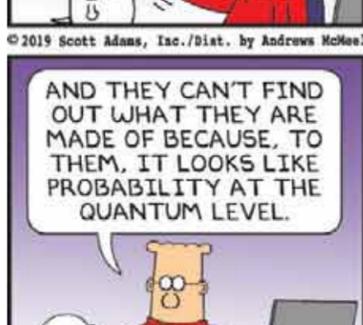
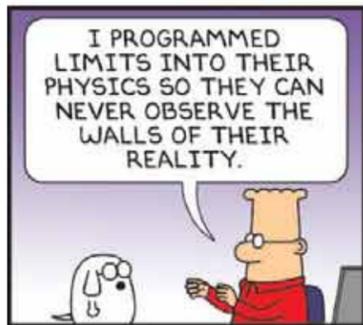
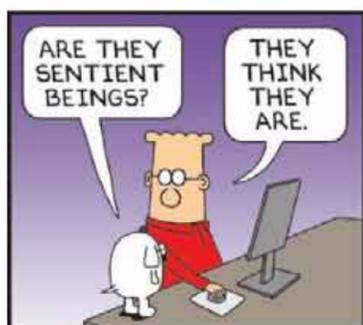
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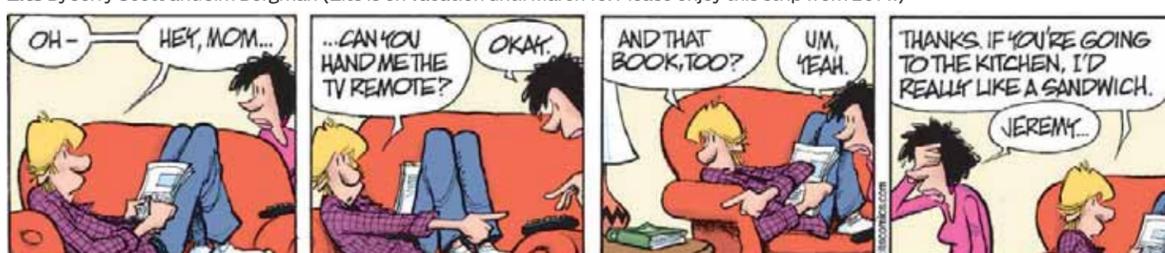
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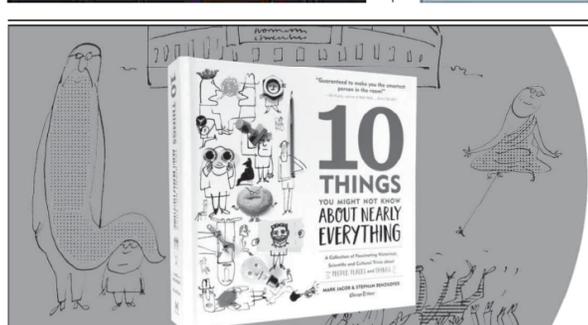
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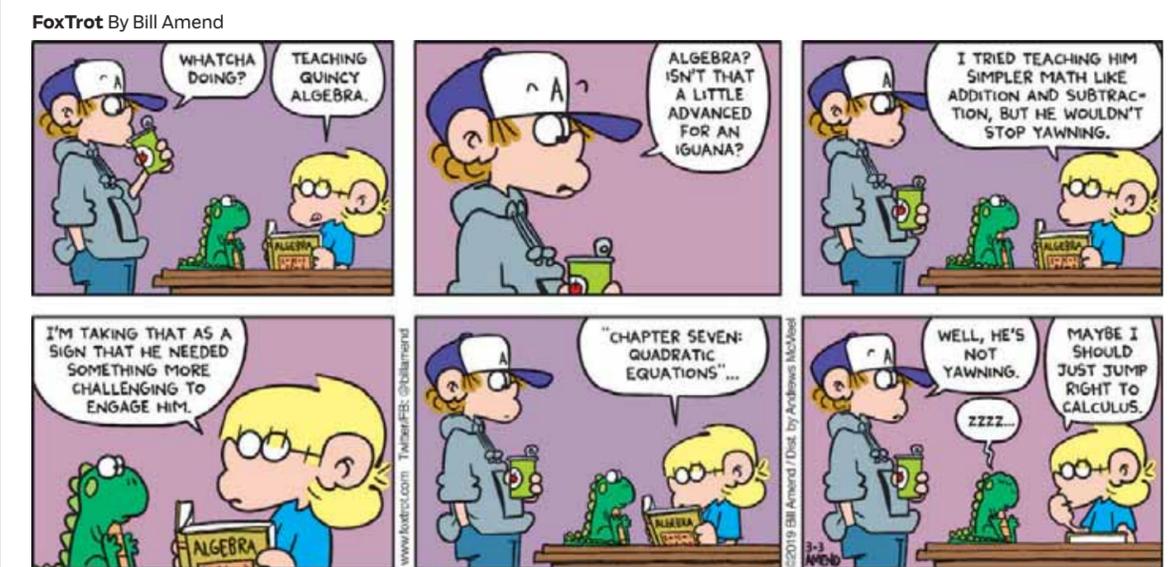
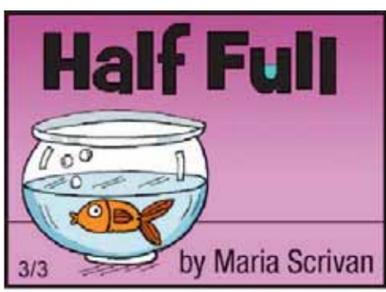
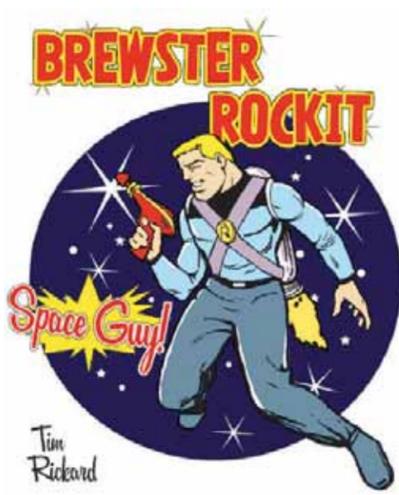
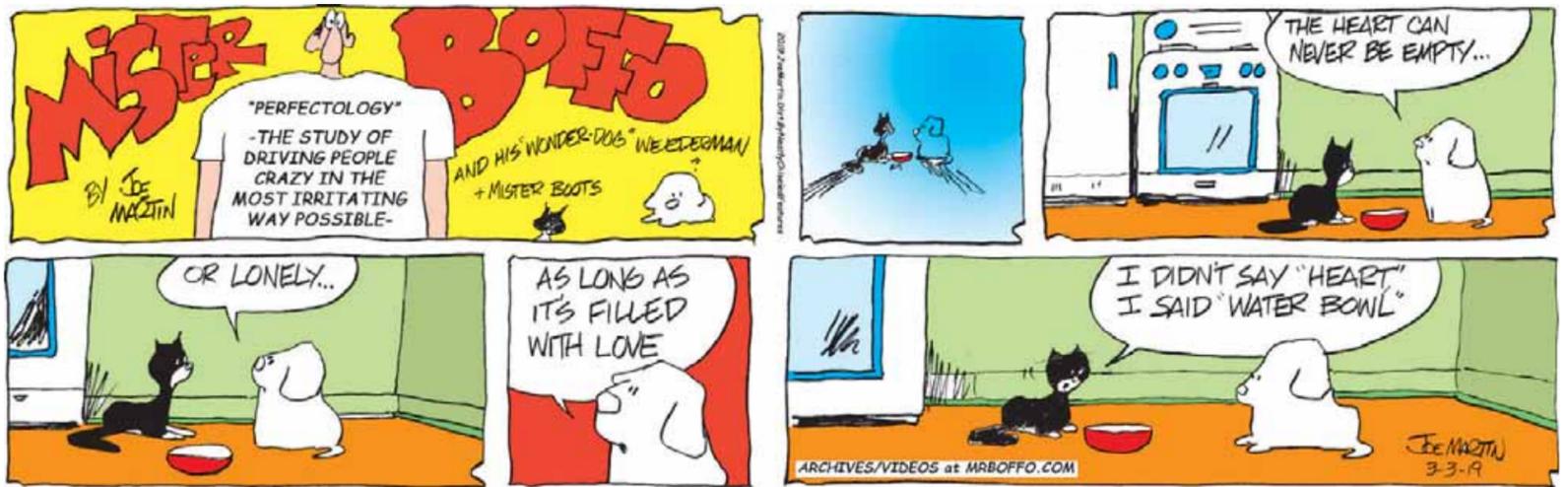
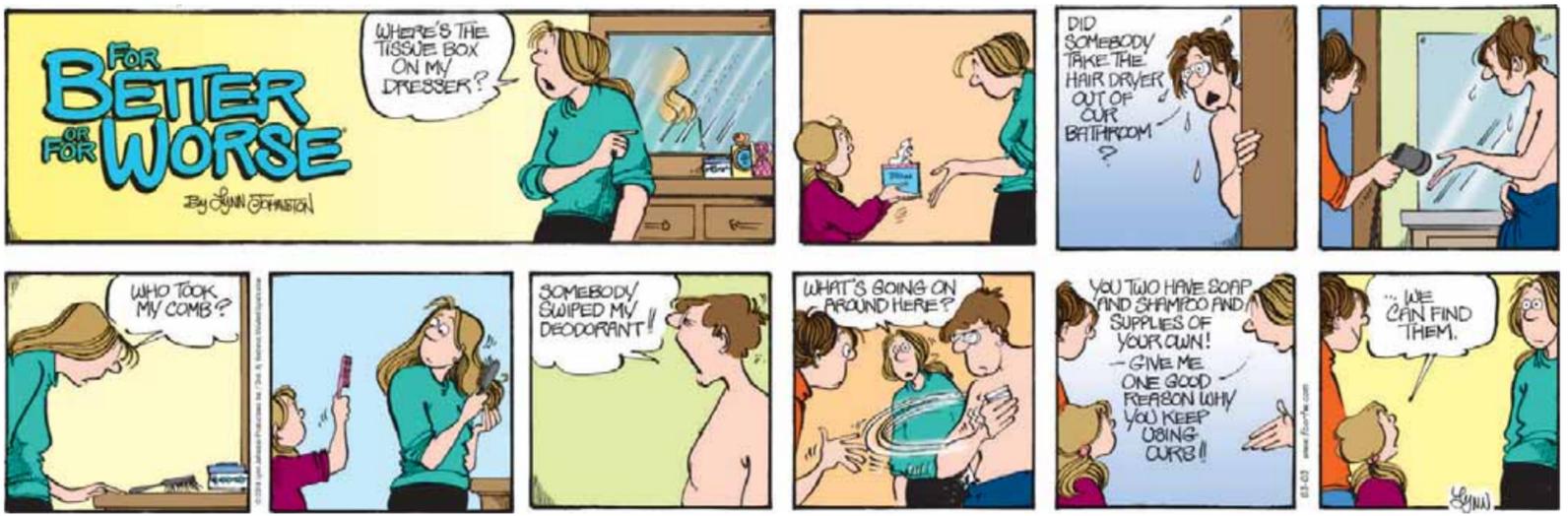


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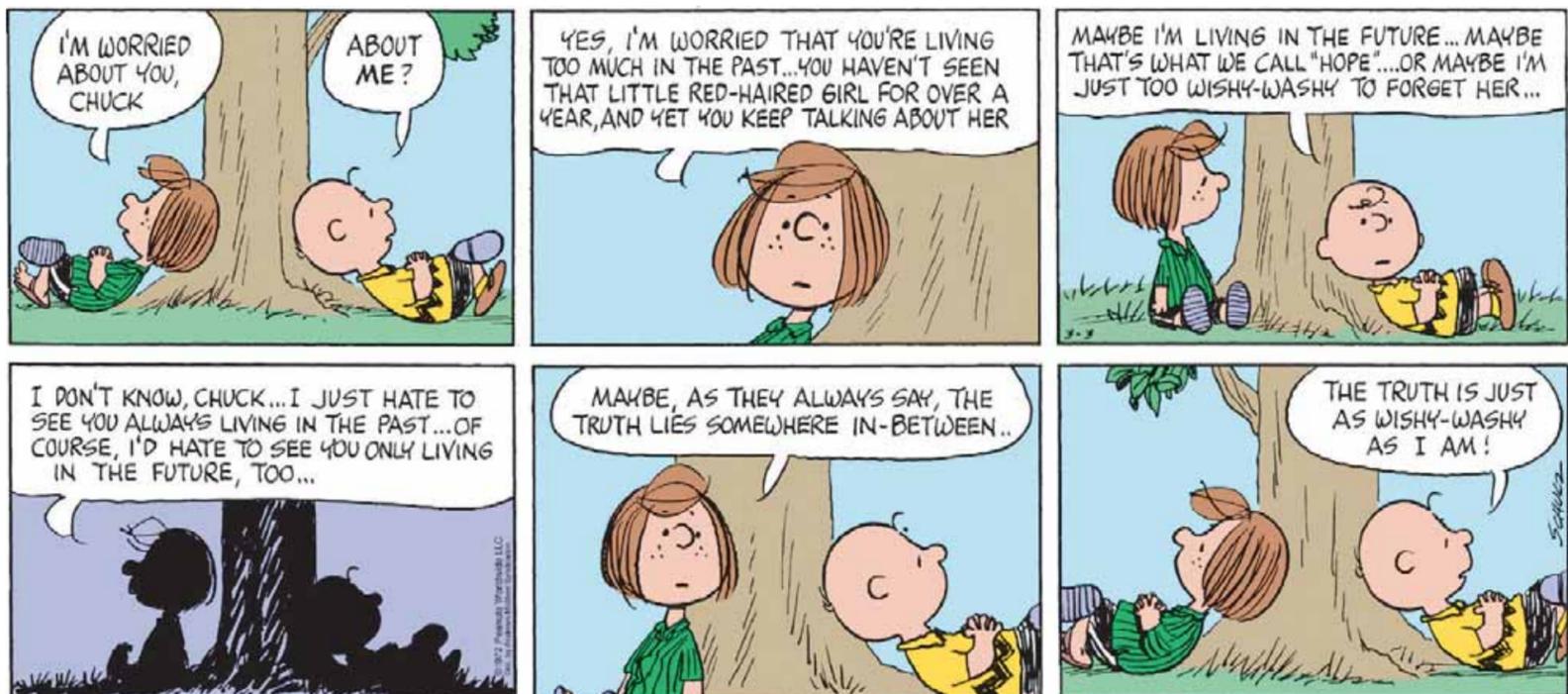


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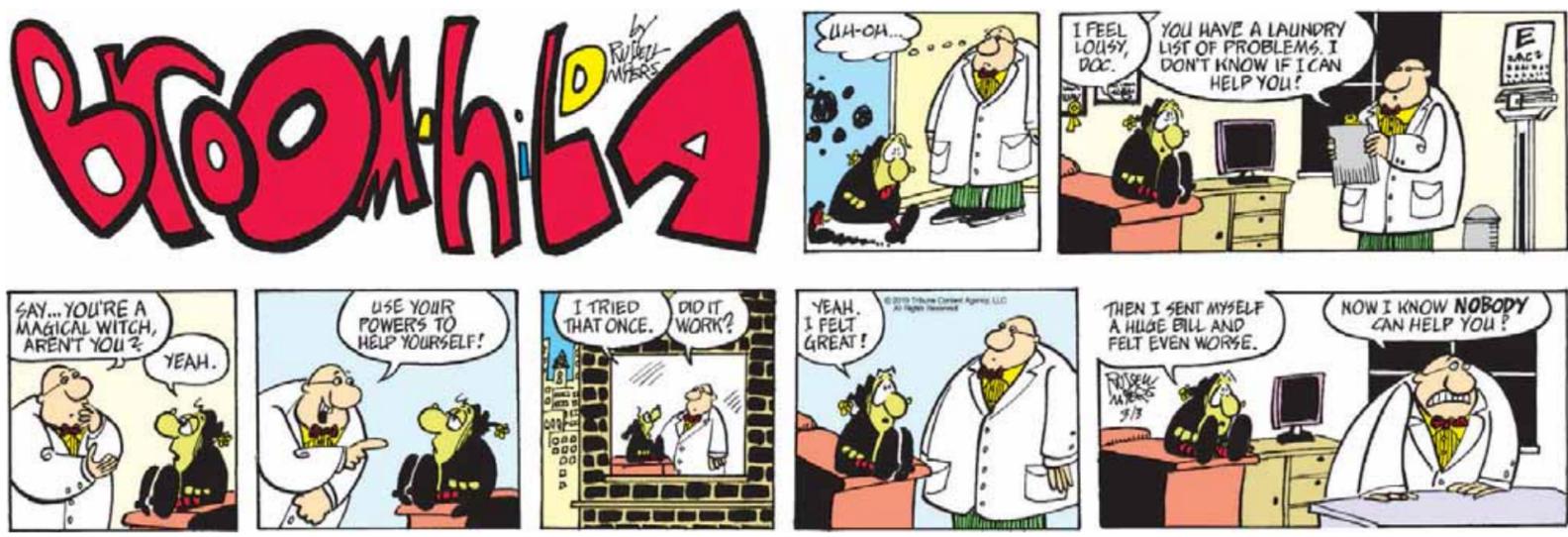
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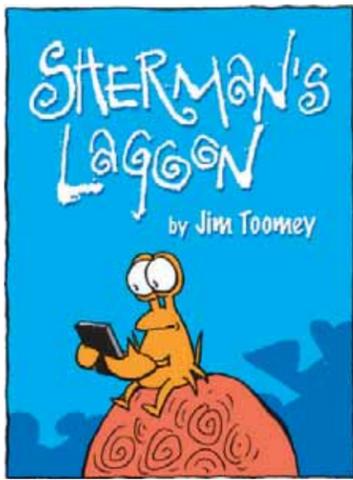


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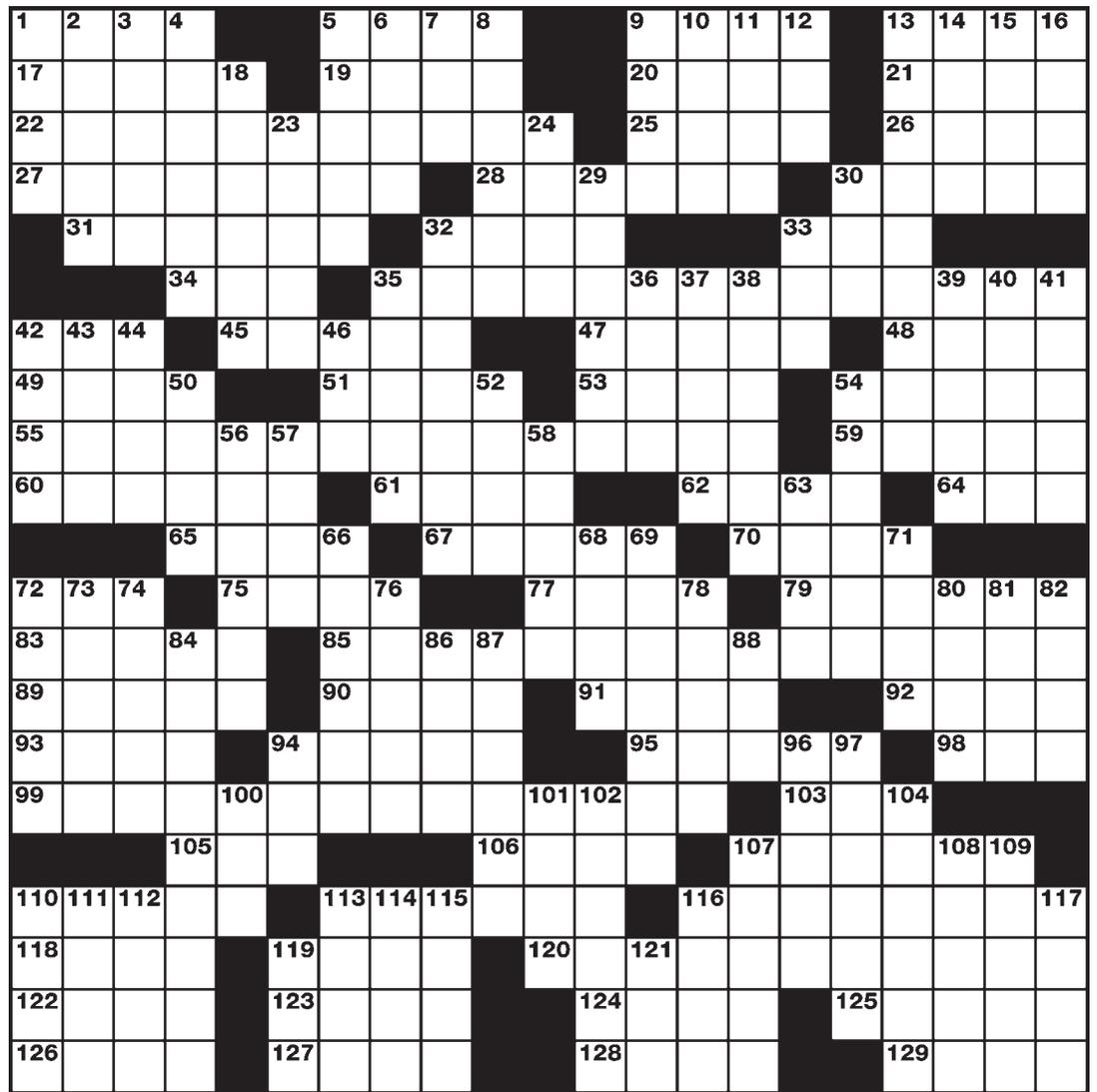
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93 "Later!" to Luigi
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29 Bad-mouth
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35 Chocolate, for instance
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37 Superman story regular
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88 Director from Taiwan
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96 Attractive quality
97 Big kahuna
100 Protrude
101 Neighbor of Turkey
102 Cause to confuse
104 Lent follower
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109 Perceptive
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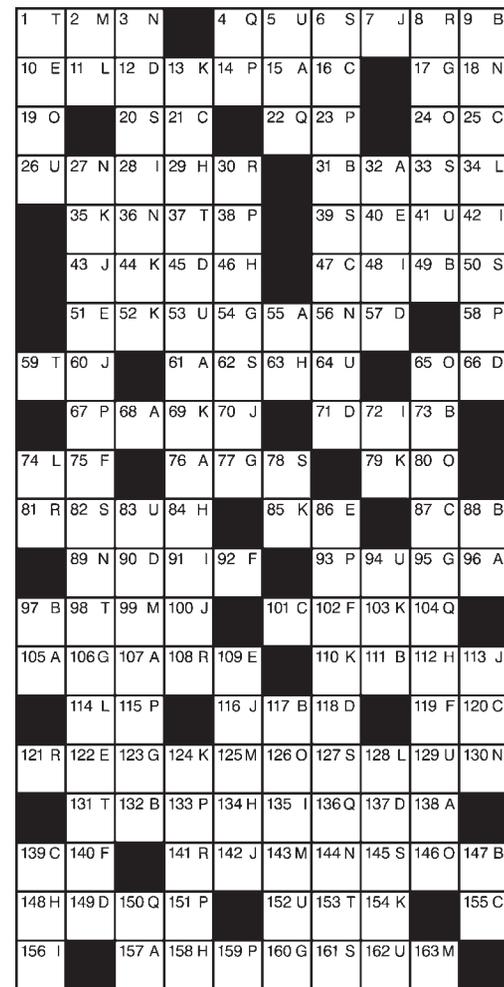
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- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

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- B. Very strange 9 49 147 31 132 97 73 111 88 117
- C. Fusion 139 16 120 101 25 21 155 87 47
- D. Settle securely 118 57 137 71 149 45 12 66 90
- E. Bakery sweet 51 122 109 86 10 40
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More or Less

BY CHARLES PRESTON

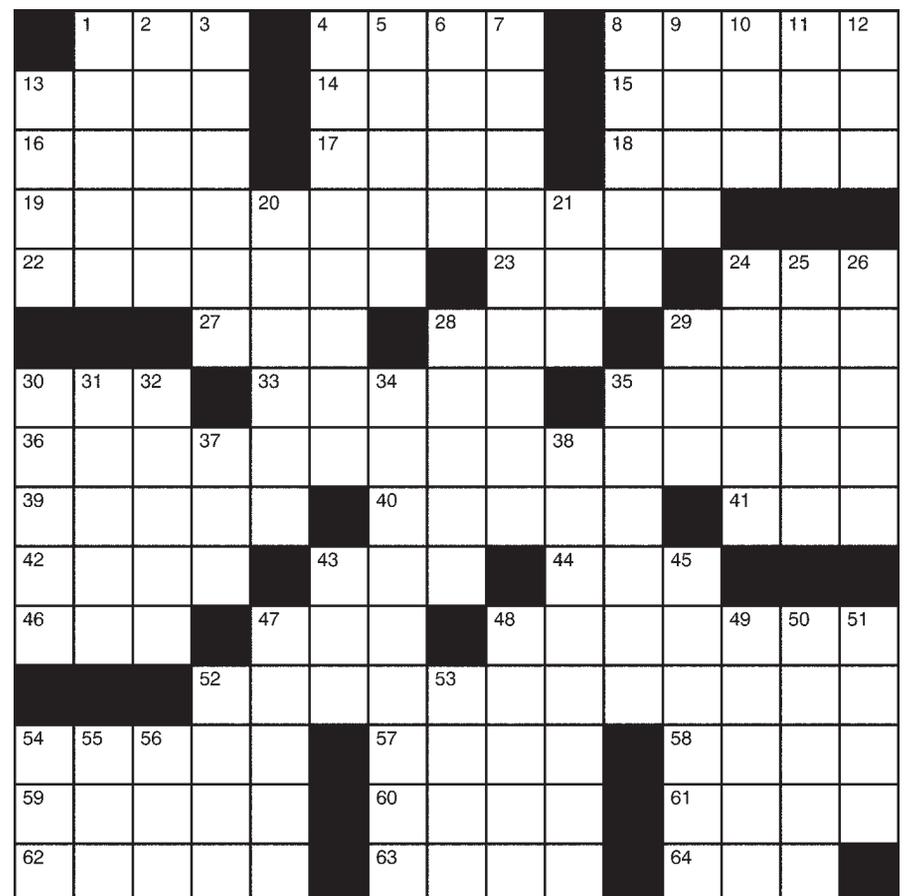
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Revisiting the Past

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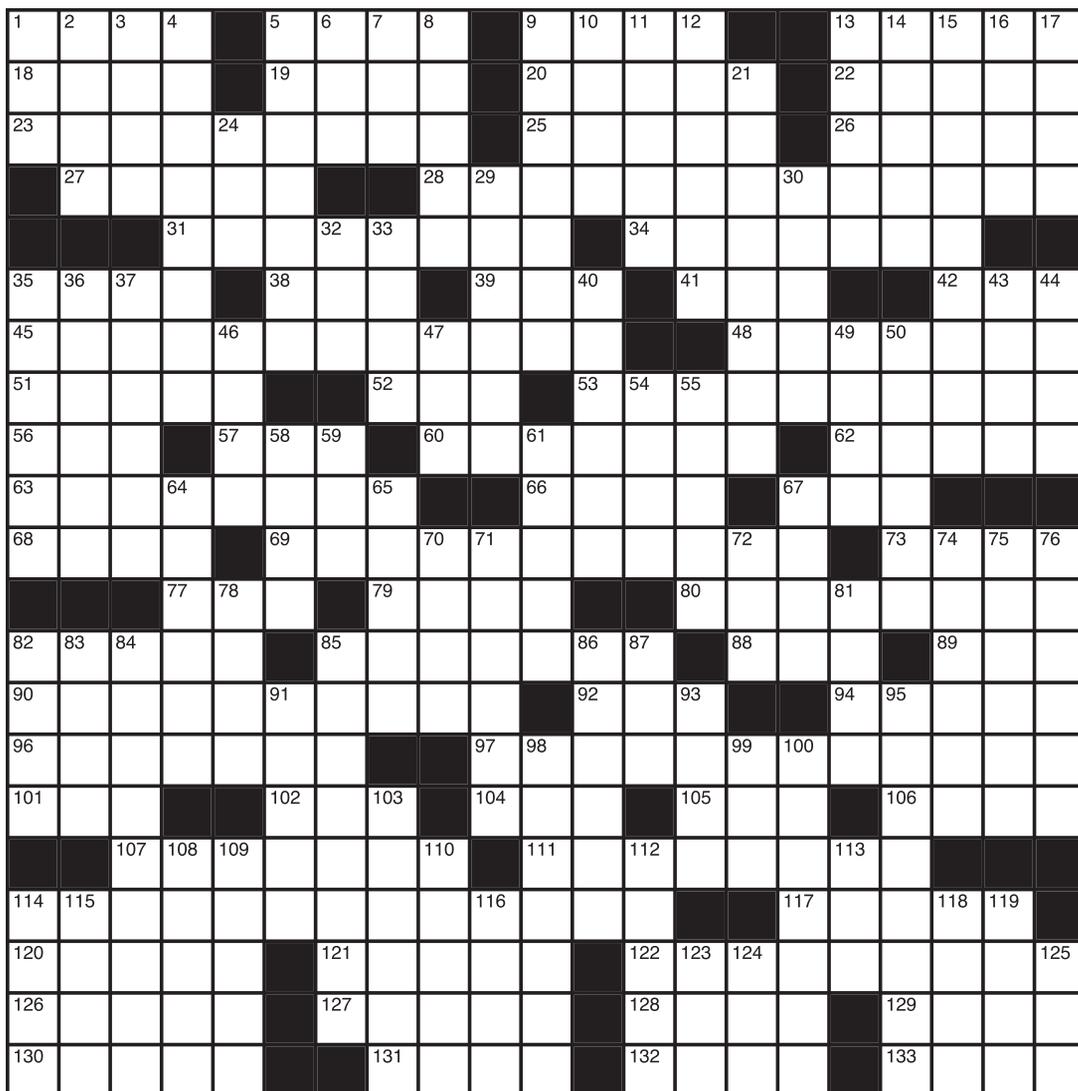
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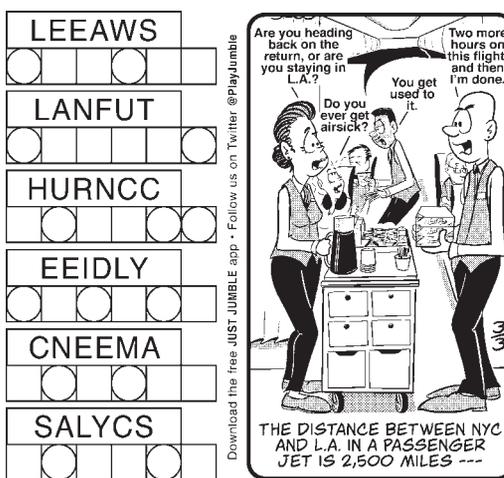


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Jumble

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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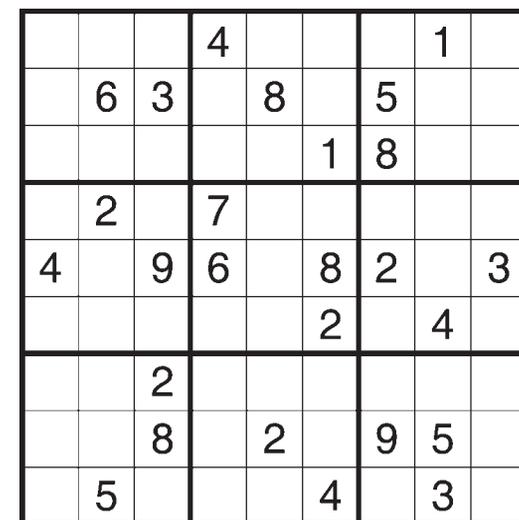
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Sudoku

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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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Gina Rodriguez tearful over end of 'Virgin'

BY YVONNE VILLARREAL
Los Angeles Times

"Jane the Virgin" doesn't launch its fifth and final season until later this month, but the farewell tour has already kicked into gear. And there were tears. Lots of tears.

Taking an afternoon break from production on an upcoming episode, creator and showrunner Jennie Snyder Urman and star Gina Rodriguez were at the Television Critics Association press tour in Pasadena to talk about what's to come as the CW dramedy nears its end. Both Urman and Rodriguez were emotional during the 35-minute panel, wiping back tears and holding hands at various points as they reflected on the show's journey, as well as their own.

So, how much will the final season have viewers crying?

"I want you to cry throughout the entire season," said Rodriguez, who recently starred in the action thriller "Miss Bala."

"I cried a lot in the editing room, if that's any indication," Urman said. "A writer in our room, Carolina Rivera, once described telenovelas to me as a 'pornography of emotion.' And that crystallized in my mind somehow. ... And so we go through all the feels this season, certainly."

Last season concluded with Jane (Rodriguez) and Rafael (Justin Baldoni) headed toward an engagement — or at least, that had been the plan. But in the final moments of the season finale, as Jane arrived at Rafael's apartment anticipating the big question, what she got instead was an OMG moment of a different variety. Michael (Brett Dier), her dead husband, was standing before her. The Season 5 premiere, which airs March 27 on the CW, will immediately address the Michael-looking elephant in the room. Here's what else viewers can expect:

Full circle: The theme this year, according to Urman, is "things coming full circle." So expect moments that feel similar or mirror moments from "Jane's" beginning as a means of showing "how much these characters have grown and learned and changed," Urman says. Urman also talked of plans to revisit issues that have come up with the couples that are handled differently because of growth from the characters. "I want a real sense of closure at the end," she added. "Our philosophy in the writers' room is: How can we have our cake and eat it too? How can this person die but then come back? How can this person cry and then laugh? ... I'm really trying to push that into our



CAROLYN COLE/LOS ANGELES TIMES

last season where we can have it all and have these big family moments. I want to say goodbye in the right way."

Another OMG moment: The Season 5 premiere includes a seven-page monologue delivered by Jane that will surely leave an impression with viewers. "It was a phenomenal challenge, especially because we wanted to do it (as a one-shot sequence)," Rodriguez said.

The love triangle: Urman was cagey about how

much the love triangle plays into the ending now that Michael (?) is back in the picture — not wanting to give armchair detectives too much to piece together.

Bonus info on spinoff: The CW recently announced its pilot order for a "Jane the Virgin" spinoff called "Jane the Novela." It's set up as an anthology series, in which each season would be based on a different fictional novel written by Jane Villanueva and would be narrated by her too. Urman and Rodriguez are both attached as executive producers.

Should she tattle on stylist? Switch salons?



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: My regular hair stylist, A, has been out sick, and it seems as if she won't be coming back soon. I went to another stylist, B, at my stylist A's salon (she's the owner) and got a decent haircut. Recently I needed another haircut. A (out sick) suggested D, another person at her salon, but I decided to go to the one I went to previously, B. This time B acted really bizarre, holding up her arm and yelling in pain as she was cutting my hair, among other odd behavior! Finally I'd had enough and told her to stop. The haircut was barely OK. I had to make a few adjustment cuts on my own.

My question is, should I tell my regular stylist/salon owner, A, that one of her people is a psycho? Also I'd like to try out D, but I don't want to offend B. So for my next haircut, do I just need to go somewhere else entirely if A's not back? Or can I go to D for my next haircut?

— PDJ

Dear PDJ: Ah, drama at the hair salon! I had to read your question a couple of times to get straight on the alphabet of stylists and who is who. But I think I've got it now. The easiest of your questions is whether to tell the owner/stylist (A) that one of her stylists (B) went wacky in the middle of cutting your hair. Answer: Mind your own business. It's the owner's job to keep tabs on the (lack of) mental health of her employees, and I'd bet my next



JAMIE GRILL/TETRA

Changing stylists can be nerve-wracking, but a visit to the salon shouldn't be all about drama.

haircut that the other stylist (D) has already told the boss that B is batty.

Moving on. You definitely should not let B ever come at your head with scissors. If making an appointment with D is going to make you uncomfortable because you fear B will be offended, then yes, switch salons.

A haircut is supposed to be a relaxing spa-type experience. The soap opera

at this place is anything but relaxing. Do yourself a favor, and find a stylist at a different salon.

Another hair question ...

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: Is there a real difference between upscale hair products and more economic brands, like Suave or Dove or even Pantene?

—Toni T.

Dear Toni: I've found

drugstore brands to be totally satisfactory and just as good as or better than the splurge products for sale at the salon. There are plenty of women (and men) who think that the high-end stuff is worth it and that going cheap will turn their hair into a haystack. I'm betting that if we did a blind test, they wouldn't be able to tell the difference.

Do a comparison of ingredients of the frugal

versus expensive brands, and you'll see they have a great number of the same ingredients. Hey, readers, tell me what you think.

Angelic readers

My request for the best makeup magnifying mirror turned up many suggestions. From Deb G.: "Although you will have to slow down considerably and use one hand while

holding the mirror with the other when applying your makeup, the 20x mirror at Walmart is perfect for those of us who can't see close up."

K.S. writes, "The perfect makeup mirror is from Costco! It's on a tall stand, so you are looking straight into it rather than down. It has a great light ring and magnifier side. And it's \$19.95!!"

Karen McI. agrees: "I wear bifocals and really need a good magnifying mirror to apply makeup and tweeze my brows. I really love the one I got at Costco! For the current price of \$20, I don't think you can beat the price. Hope this helps your readers!! (It's the Sunter LED Natural Daylight Vanity Mirror.)" Leslie C. swears by the Costco one too.

Mary A. says, "I have tried several over the years but keep going back to a Jerdon Tri-Fold Two-Sided Lighted Makeup Mirror With 5x Magnification" (amazon.com, \$39.99). Marla F. bought a different Jerdon model and loves it. Mary B. has yet another Jerdon model that works great for her.

Lulu M. recommends the Sunplus Trade LED 7x magnifying lighted vanity bathroom mirror with swivel, flexible gooseneck and locking suction (amazon.com, \$34.99). Jackie B. and Leslie L. rave about a mirror by Simple-Human (amazon.com, from \$125).

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@ellen.com.

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Celebrate the Year of the Pig in style

BY DARCEL ROCKETT | Chicago Tribune

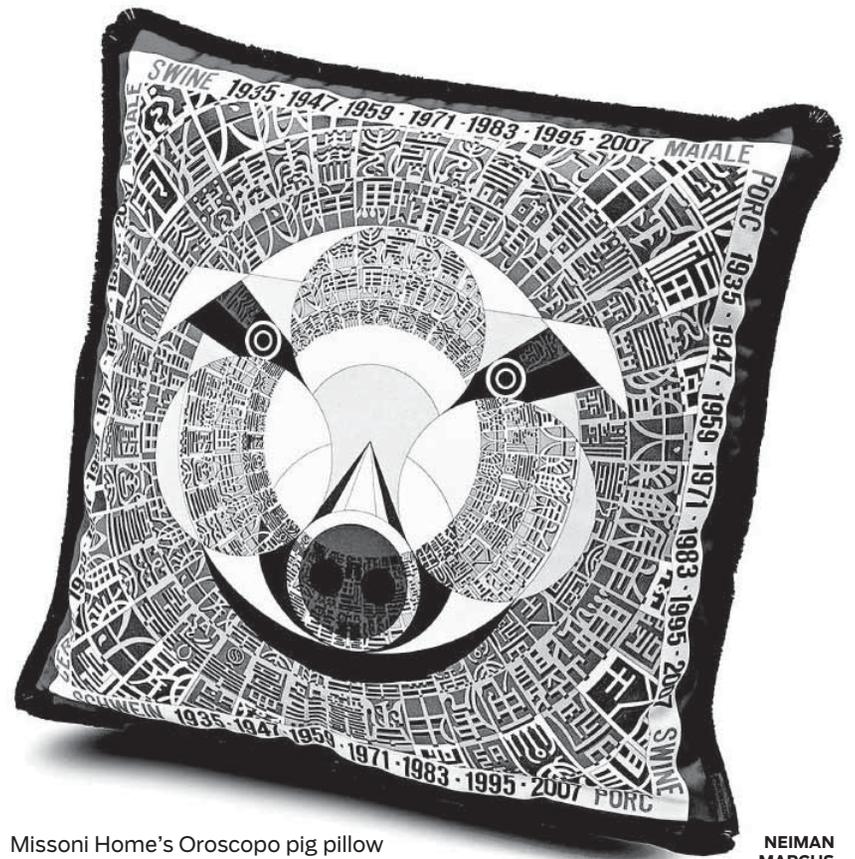
Feb. 5 marked the start of the Year of the Pig. Those born in the years 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007 and 2019 fall within this porky purview. Home and fashion designers are banking on bacon with a slew of swine-based styles to celebrate the sow and the belief that the animals represent fortune, good luck, happiness and abundance. Gucci joined in the celebration with a 22-piece collection of accessories featuring Disney's Three Little Pigs. And for its home collection, Italian fashion house Missoni created a series of graphic pillows representing all twelve of the Chinese horoscope characters.

Representing the 12th and final animal in the zodiac, these piggy products won't have you crying wee all the way home — unless it's with glee.



POTTERY BARN

Pottery Barn's cast-aluminum Vintage Blacksmith pig paper towel holder, \$44, Pottery Barn and potterybarn.com



NEIMAN MARCUS

Missoni Home's Oroscopo pig pillow from its Chinese New Year collection of pillows, \$220.50, Neiman Marcus and neimanmarcus.com



Baccarat's crystal Zodiac Pig is hand-painted with 20-karat gold accents. \$195, neimanmarcus.com

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TORY BURCH

Tory Burch's mini shoulder bag shines in mirror-finish gold leather. \$328, toryburch.com

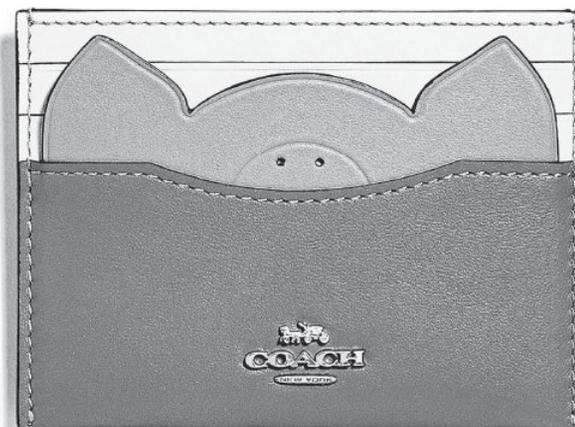
Marc Jacobs' Flying Pig Bag Charm, \$55, nordstrom.com

NORDSTROM



Gucci women's Ace sneaker with Three Little Pigs patch, \$650, Gucci and gucci.com

GUCCI



Coach leather card case with pig peeking out, \$75, coach.com

COACH

You can buy happiness, or at least get closer

BY GREGORY KARP
NerdWallet

If you have a few extra bucks that you don't need for necessities like rent or loan payments, consider shopping for happiness.

From ancient philosophers to current experts in behavioral economics, people have been pondering the link between money and happiness. Among them is author Gretchen Rubin, who thinks about happiness for a living. She's written several books on the subject, including "The Happiness Project" and the forthcoming "Outer Order, Inner Calm."

She helped think through the question of whether you can use discretionary money to buy happiness. Short answer: probably not. But you can definitely spend money to increase it. A lifetime happiness shopping list might go like this.

Buy better relationships. Key to happiness is how you deal with other humans. It's a recurring theme. "So if you're spending your money to broaden relationships or deepen relationships, that's a good way to spend your money," Rubin said. Use discretionary money to attend a college reunion or a friend's destination wedding. A corollary, especially for younger adults: Buy a social life. Young adults often experience an intense period of socializing with friends, searching for life partners and networking for career opportunities — all potential sources of happiness. Maybe increase social bar-and-restaurant spending or pay for a dating app.

Buy experiences — and some things. The usual advice is "buy experiences,



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Vitalii Myroshnychenko test-rides a bike atop a stand at REI Co-op in Seattle. Buying a bicycle can provide you with an experience — fulfilling the advice to "buy experiences, not things."

not things." But that requires a deeper dive. "What I find is often the line between experiences and things is not that clear," Rubin said. A bicycle can provide an experience, and a new camera can preserve one. So buy experiences, especially with other people, but also think about buying material things that allow you to have experiences or enhance them.

Buy solutions. Also

known as "throw money at the problem" or "buy back time." "One thing that makes people happier is to feel they have control over their time and they're not doing boring chores," Rubin said. So that could mean paying someone else to do yardwork or using a full-service laundry. It's the balancing act of money vs. time. If you have a little extra money — probably because you sold your time to an employer — buy back

time by paying for convenience.

Buy according to your interests. What represents a happy experience for one person is not necessarily the same for another. Someone who mostly dines out should probably not use discretionary money to buy a fancy set of kitchen knives. But someone who loves to cook? Maybe so. Rubin reminds us, "Beautiful tools make work a joy."

that's a good way to spend your money," Rubin said.

Buy stress relief. Is there a simple fix for recurring arguments or sources of stress, especially with a significant other? If you argue about a messy home, can you afford maid service? Or, can you afford not to get maid service? "The question is always, 'Is it cheaper than marriage counseling?'" Rubin quipped.

Buy money peace. "One of the greatest luxuries money can buy is the freedom not to think about money," Rubin said. "And financial security is something that really contributes to people's happiness." Paying off debt is a good idea, and building an emergency fund is an especially good one. It provides cash for not only real emergencies, like a car repair, but all those emergencies in our heads that never happen but keep us up at night because they might. Happiness is silencing the haunting what-if voices. "The freedom from worry is a big boost to happiness," she said.

Buy wiggle room. If you have extra cash, use it to allow yourself to be sloppy without consequence. It could be as simple as buying a few extra pairs of underwear so you're not pressed to do laundry every seven days.

Buy a do-gooder high. Be charitable. "Contributing to others is a great way to support the causes you believe in and put your values into the world," Rubin said.

If you add a few of these purchases to your life's shopping cart, chances are you'll be happier when you check out.

Bringing the great outdoors indoors

BY MICHELE LERNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Jim and Jennifer Sergent bought their home in suburban Arlington, Va., two years ago, they appreciated its modern look — the exposed wood beams and the nature trail that passes in front of it. But the master bathroom left a lot to be desired.

“This is a 1990s Deck House, so it’s got an open post-and-beam structure that feels like an atrium, and that feeling extends right into our bedroom,” said Jim, a graphics editor at USA Today. “But when you opened the door to the master bathroom, it just felt different. The design aesthetic just stopped at the bathroom door.”

The mostly white bathroom looked cold and had the added discomfort of a small shower. Jim, who’s 6-foot-4, either bumped his head or stubbed his toe nearly every day.

“We wanted our bathroom to respond to the rest of the house, not only the wood but also the floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace in the family room,” said Jennifer, a freelance design writer. “It was Jim’s idea to build a shower with a natural stone wall that echoes the fireplace. We know design fashions come and go, but stone and wood will never go away.”

The Sergents’ instinct to bring natural elements into their bathroom is reflected in a growing trend among homeowners to incorporate more wood and stone into their interior spaces, sometimes in unexpected places.

“It makes people feel good when we bring in natural elements,” said



MARVIN JOSEPH/WASHINGTON POST

Jim and Jennifer Sergent transformed what had been a cold-looking bathroom with natural stone and wood.

Leigh Spicher, director of design studios for Ashton Woods, an Atlanta-based builder with communities in Arizona, Texas, Georgia, the Carolinas and Florida. “Using wood on walls or the ceiling of a bathroom fits in with the trend toward using wood for trim and entire walls in all kinds of homes, from modern to traditional styles.”

Wood and stone can be necessary to warm up a space, particularly in a modern house, said Jessica Parker, an interior designer and senior project manager with GTM Architects in suburban Bethesda, Md.

“In a modern house, you can add a stone wall around the fireplace or rustic wood beams to the ceiling to add warmth and texture,” Parker said. “We use stone and wood consistently, especially in homes with an all-white kitchen or high ceilings. In a more traditional home, we install polished wood beams for a more refined look.”

Although hardwood is the most popular material

for floors in homes today, and stone is common around a fireplace, homeowners and designers are introducing these materials in other places.

“The Sergents’ Deck House has tons of great windows and skylights, so it was a natural choice to bring in nature,” said Nadia Subaran, co-owner of Aidan Design in suburban Silver Spring, Md., who designed the couple’s kitchen and bathroom. A Deck House is a brand name of plans built with post-and-beam construction, usually with open rooms and lots of exposed wood. “You always end up with a lot of hard surfaces in a bathroom, like porcelain and tile, so it’s becoming popular to bring in wood to soften the space.”

Wood and stone also can be used to add texture and definition to an open floor plan, said Jim Rill, owner of Rill Architects in Bethesda.

In one client’s home, “we used a wood ceiling and wood trim on a hallway to define the space and accentuate where you walk,



JAMIE COBEL/RILL ARCHITECTS

A room with a high ceiling can seem cold, but wood can be used to warm it up.

versus where you gather, dine and cook,” said Rill. “The wood ceiling extends to the breakfast room and outdoor porches. You can feel like you’re inside when you’re outside, and you can feel like you’re outside when you’re inside.”

Natural stone has been used to create a “grotto effect” in lower-level spa bathrooms that seem almost to be carved out of a cellar and make the house seem as though it has always been there, Rill said. Stone walls can be expanded around a fireplace

to include arched niches for books and display space, he said.

In one master bedroom that Parker designed, she added a feature wall with a large wood-enclosed fireplace with a wood mantel.

“The room had very high ceilings and needed some warmth, so we went with this dramatic feature instead of a more traditional small fireplace,” she said.

The adjacent master bathroom, a sleek space with glass and porcelain tile, is warmed up with an oversized shower with two

walls of natural stone.

Although some homeowners use wood and stone indoors to highlight the nature found outside their home’s walls, others use these natural materials in contrast with their surroundings.

“In an urban environment, it’s almost more necessary to bring in wood and stone, so it’s not a cold interior regardless of the setting,” Parker said.

Michele Lerner is a freelancer for the Washington Post.

How to find clothes that complement your body

BY ARAMIDE ESUBI

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Part of having great style is being able to put an outfit together, and the other part is about finding clothing that flatters your body. When you're trying to find suitable clothing, it's important to understand what complements your figure.

Finding clothing that flatters your body can take some time. Read through the following tips, and put them into action. Doing so will open you up to so many possibilities when it comes to your personal style.

Know your shape: The first step to find clothing that flatters your body is to know the shape of your body. You can either measure yourself or you can take a look below at the most common body shapes to get a better idea of what kind of shape you have. Once you understand what kind of body shape you have, you can get a better idea on how to dress for it.

- Hourglass: Your shoulders and hips are about the same size, and you have a defined waistline.
- Rectangle: Your shoulders, bust and hips are about the same size, and you do not have a defined waistline.
- Triangle: Your hips are wider than your shoulders.
- Inverted triangle: Your shoulders or bust are larger than your hips.

Forget about the size and focus on the fit: No one is going to be looking at the tag on the inside of your clothing but you. If it bothers you that much, cut out the size tag once you purchase the clothing. The number size is not what matters; it's all about the fit. Getting the right-sized clothing (either going up or down in size) will complement your body better. I see a lot of people who are stuck on the number and forget about the fit, which results in them squeezing into a smaller size. Doing so looks less flattering than if they were to go up to the correct size.

It's important to remember that fitted clothing is different from tight clothing. If something is tight, it will be bunched and gathered in the wrong areas, which makes the garment lie incorrectly. Fitted clothing complements the body without discomfort and fabric distortion. This goes for clothing that is too large as well. If a garment is gaping or bunching in an area it shouldn't, it is too big. This means that you should either get the item tailored to your body or get a smaller size.



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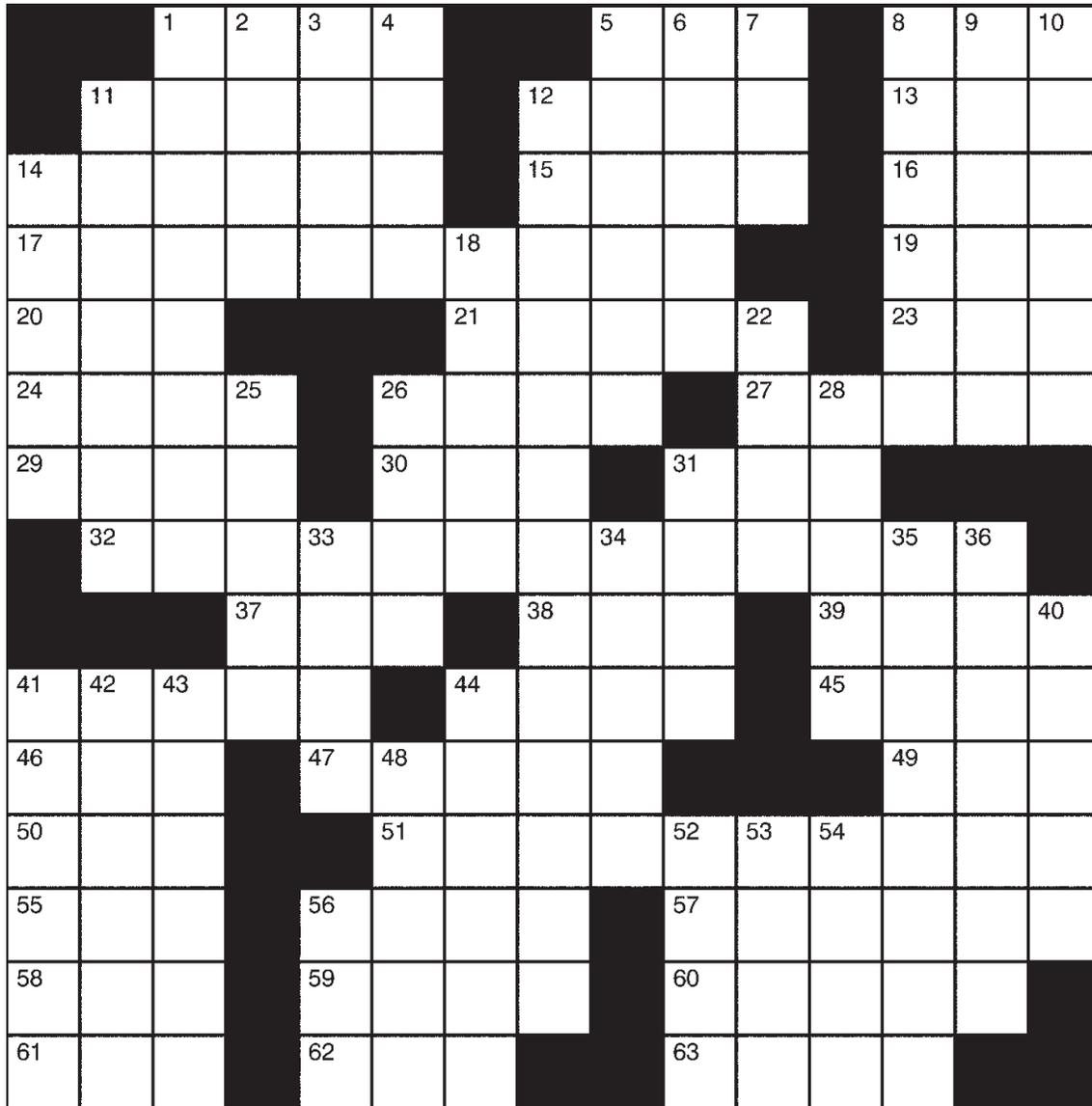
Once you understand what kind of body shape you have, you can get a better idea of how to dress for it.

Ask for help: If you're someone who isn't confident in shopping to highlight your figure, ask for help. Reach out to a friend who has good style, reach out to a professional or go to your local department store and ask an associate for help. Many stores like Nordstrom offer free styling sessions, so take advantage of that! There are people who spend their life dressing others; use that expertise.

Remember that clothing is not made to fit every-

one. It's easy to feel frustrated or dejected, but it's important to remember that it's impossible to make clothing fit for everyone. When you're trying to find clothing that flatters your body, consider how to get clothing tailored to meet your needs. Tailors can look at an item of clothing and tell you where it needs to be altered to best highlight your figure. Take advantage of that, and accept that clothing needs to be tailored.

Pigskin Parade



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29. Customs payment
30. Kiwi's cousin
31. Dolt
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58. Japanese epic film
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GWEN STEFANI

The No Doubt lead singer and former coach of TV's *The Voice*, 49, extends her *Gwen Stefani—Just a Girl* residency at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas into November 2019 and continues to donate money from each ticket sold to the Cure 4 the Kids Foundation.

What's it like playing Las Vegas? The thing about touring and doing live shows at this point in my life—it's really about balancing being a mom [to sons Kingston, 12, Zuma, 10, and Apollo, 5, from her marriage to Gavin Rossdale], being home and being away. In Las Vegas, I'm able to continue to work and do what I love, and be with my children at the same time. It is really fun having Zuma there; he takes me on and off stage for all of my costume changes. He's actually part of the crew.

You celebrate boyfriend Blake Shelton in your show. I celebrate Blake every day in my life, and I am so grateful for him. He is my best bestie. The show has sections, and the final act of the Vegas show is a Western theme. I wrote "Make Me Like You" about

Blake, and that act starts with that song. It's to show the triumph over some of the heartache in my life.

What is Cure 4 the Kids? Cure 4 the Kids provides medical treatment to children facing life-threatening conditions. Donations are also helping to fund the foundation's state-of-the-art building, increasing the number of exam rooms and improving the patient treatment experience.

You also have your own fashion line, L.A.M.B., and a new beauty line on the way. I have a heart and a passion for creativity. For me, it all comes from the same spot—whether it's music or a handbag, a shoe, a sweatshirt, a stage show—it's all about the journey, not the outcome.



It's a big movie year for the House of Mouse. It all starts on March 8 with **Captain Marvel**, starring **Brie Larson** as Marvel Comics' much-anticipated female superhero come to life on the big screen.

► **Dumbo** (March 29) Dreams take flight again in director Tim Burton's all-new, live-action remake of the 1941 animated classic, starring Colin Farrell, Michael Keaton and Danny DeVito.

► **Avengers: Endgame** (April 26) Captain America, Iron Man, Thor and the other Avengers are in for a royal rumble in the fourth—and final?—film in the franchise, starring Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson and Chris Hemsworth.

► **Aladdin** (May 24) **Will Smith** is the Genie in the live-action reboot of the story about the boy who discovers a magical lamp.



► **Toy Story 4** (June 21) After Bonnie (Lane Stiles) brings a reluctant new toy, Forky (Tony Hale), to her room, a road trip alongside old and new friends shows Woody (Tom Hanks), Buzz (Tim Allen) and the gang how big the world can be.

► **The Lion King** (July 19) In *The Jungle Book* director Jon Favreau's new computer-imaged version, Nala (Beyoncé), Simba (Donald Glover) and Mufasa (James Earl Jones) journey through the African savanna, where a future king must overcome betrayal and tragedy to assume his rightful place on Pride Rock.



► **Artemis Fowl** (Aug. 9) Josh Gad, Judi Dench and newcomer Ferdia Shaw star in this fantasy adventure tale (based on the best-selling young adult book of the same name) about a young genius criminal mastermind, fairies and a missing family fortune.

► **Frozen 2** (Nov. 22) Elsa (Idina Menzel), Anna (Kristen Bell), Kristoff (Jonathan Groff) and Olaf (Josh Gad) venture far into the forest to learn the truth about an ancient mystery of Arendelle.

► **Star Wars: Episode 9** (Dec. 20) The as-yet-untitled final film in the franchise wraps up the story taking place in a universe far, far away, with **Mark Hamill** returning as Luke Skywalker and **Daisy Ridley** as Rey.



Will she return to *The Voice*? Go to Parade.com/stefani to find out.

Luke Bryan Saddles Up

Country entertainer Bryan rejoins fellow *American Idol* judges Katy Perry and Lionel Richie, along with host Ryan Seacrest, when the next search for singing superstars begins March 3 on ABC. Then Bryan, 42, whose 20 *Billboard* No. 1 hits include "Country Girl (Shake It for Me)," "Drink a Beer" and "Drunk on You," takes to the road May 31 with Cole Swindell, Jon Langston and DJ Rock for the Sunset Repeat Tour.



Julianne Moore Dances the Night Away

The Oscar-winning actress stars in *Gloria Bell* (in theaters March 8) as a free-spirited divorcee who spends her days at a straight-laced office job and her nights on the dance floor. Then she meets Arnold (John Turturro), who only sees one "piece" of the multifaceted Gloria.



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WHILE YOU WERE OUT

It's back! The beloved series from the 2000s, where designers redid a room while the unsuspecting homeowner was away, gets a reboot, airing on both TLC and HGTV (March 16). The show features stars from each network. We collected design inspiration from some of them. —*Leanne Potts*



Clockwise from top left: Vern Yip, Sabrina Soto, Hildi Santo Tomás, Hilary Farr, Doug Wilson, Nicole Curtis and Ty Pennington

GO GLOBAL

"My house has a global feel because of things I have picked up on my travels," says designer **Vern Yip**, who was on the original *Trading Spaces* and several HGTV series and specials. "I love mixing opposing elements, like a 16th-century chair in a contemporary room." Get that antique feeling with the **Espresso Carved Wood Bench**. \$1,000, worldmarket.com



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

"I love to use a product in a completely different way than it was intended," says carpenter and *Trading Spaces* veteran **Ty Pennington**, who has a starburst fashioned from piano parts hanging in his house. Our Pennington-inspired pick: this industrial **Spark Plug Coat Rack**. \$129, slipstreamcreations.com



EMBRACE ETHNIC

"Latin culture is super important to me," says **Sabrina Soto**, whose parents were born in Cuba. The designer, a veteran of TLC's *Trading Spaces* and several HGTV series, plays homage to her roots with colorful accents, like textiles made by the Otomi people of Mexico that feature embroidered silhouettes of animals and plants. The **Paulina Otomi Pendant Light** is a shining example. \$785, straydogdesigns.com

PRACTICAL CAN SHINE

"I rehab houses in the Midwest, so I like practical things," says **Nicole Curtis**, star of the HGTV series *Rehab Addict*. She chooses items with style that can stand up to the wear and tear of family life. "I look for storage for kids' toys, and rugs that resist dirt." We think the **Bear Hamper** fits the bill. \$99, crateandbarrel.com



PLAYFUL & PLANET-FRIENDLY

"I love area rugs. That's where I pull in color in a room," says designer **Hilary Farr**, who hosts HGTV's *Love It or List It*. Tribal and boho prints are her favorite designs, and "because I do love our planet too," she has a rug in her house made of recycled plastic bottles. That inspired us to check out the eco-friendly **Lhasa Rug**. From \$37 (3-by-5), fabhabitat.com



BE ORIGINAL

Your house should tell who you are, not where you shop, says **Hildi Santo Tomás**, a *Trading Spaces* designer. "I don't want to walk into a room and be able to tell exactly what store everything came from," Tomás says. Look for unusual things, like this Rodney Allen Trice **Repurposed Table** made from an old suitcase (or make your own!). \$325, etsy.com/shop



DITCH THE DRAB

"We've been in a neutral moment for a long time, where people use a lot of grays and beiges," says **Doug Wilson**, an original *Trading Spaces* designer. "Let's liven things up." Wallpaper adds zing, fast, he says—especially a pattern like Hygge and West's **Topiary** in Emerald. \$140 a roll, hyggeandwest.com



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—Tina Shaycort, Melissa, Texas

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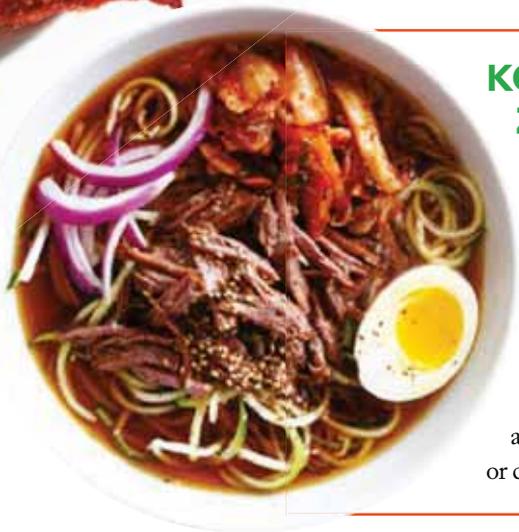
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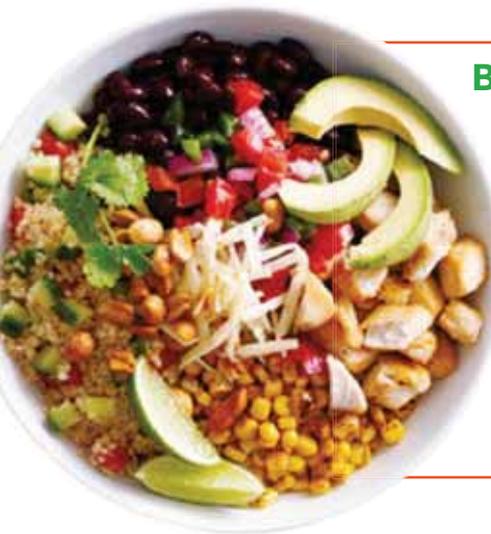
SPRING PESTO RICE BOWL

Inspired by an iconic dish served at Sqirl, the cult-favorite L.A. restaurant of chef-owner Jessica Koslow, this gorgeous bowl is packed with flavorful brown rice, feta, bacon and a beautiful fried egg. It’s topped with preserved lemon (available at gourmet stores and on amazon.com) for a citrusy punch.



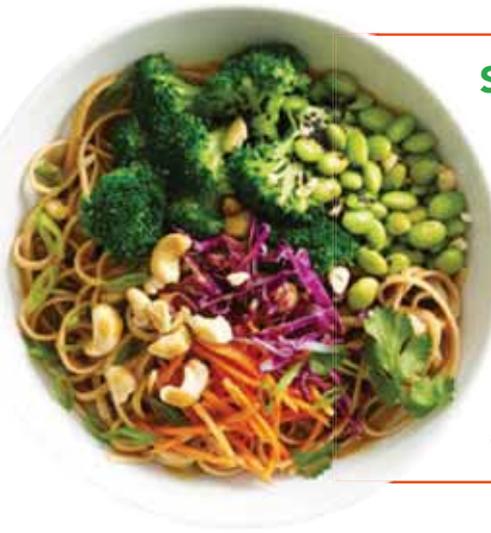
KOREAN BEEF ZOODLE BOWL

This grain-free bowl, adapted from *The Whole30 Slow Cooker* by Melissa Hartwig, uses zucchini “noodles” in place of pasta. Using salty-sweet coconut aminos is a popular grain-free way to get the flavor of soy sauce for those who follow a Whole30 or paleo diet. You can find coconut aminos, along with fish sauce, in the Asian foods or condiments aisle of most supermarkets.



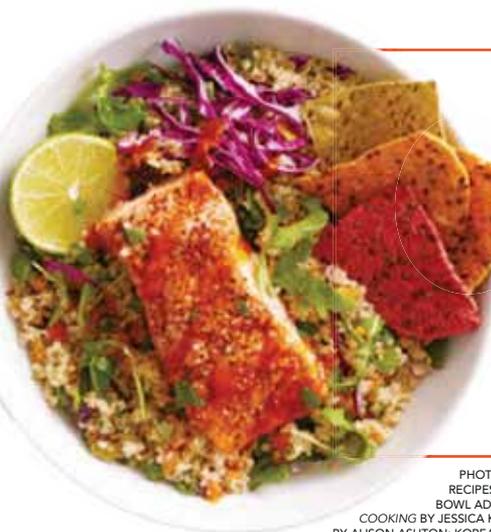
BLACK BEAN AND QUINOA BOWL WITH CHICKEN

This bowl is all about bold Mexican flavors—spicy-sweet corn, creamy black beans, vegetable-flecked quinoa—and it’s just as delicious if you replace the chicken with your favorite tofu. All of this goodness was inspired by a popular bowl served at the California-based chain Tocaya Organica.



SESAME CASHEW NOODLE BOWL

This vegan bowl is popular at Farmer’s Fridge—a Chicago chain that stocks their branded vending machines with good-for-you fare. It’s packed with broccoli, cabbage, edamame (you can buy them already shelled at your supermarket salad bar) and topped with a flavorful sesame dressing and crunchy raw cashews.



FISH TACO BOWL

The restaurant chain Sweetgreen, with locations from Washington, D.C., to California, helped pioneer the power bowl trend. This recipe turns a classic fish taco into a protein-packed bowl that pairs warm fish (use wild salmon or steelhead trout) and quinoa with cool arugula, crunchy cabbage and tortilla chips.

SPRING PESTO RICE BOWL

In a small bowl, toss 2–4 very thinly sliced radishes with 1 Tbsp lemon juice and 2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil. Set aside.

In a blender or food processor, combine ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil, 2 cups lightly packed chopped spinach leaves, 1 cup lightly packed kale leaves (stems removed), 1 tsp grated lemon zest and 1 Tbsp lemon juice. Blend until smooth, scraping down sides as needed. Season to taste with fine sea salt.

In a large bowl, combine spinach mixture, 6 cups warm cooked short- or medium-grain brown rice, 2 Tbsp chopped fresh dill, peel of 1 preserved lemon, finely chopped, and 1 Tbsp lemon juice. Season with salt. Divide rice mixture among 6 bowls. Top evenly with ¾ cup crumbled feta (preferably sheep’s milk) and radishes. Top each with 1 fried egg, sunny side up. Drizzle with hot sauce. Season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Garnish with dill sprigs, preserved lemon and, if desired, cooked thick-sliced bacon. Serves 6.

KOREAN BEEF ZOODLE BOWL

In a 4-quart slow cooker, combine 1 cup beef broth; ¼ cup coconut aminos; 2 Tbsp toasted sesame oil; 1 tsp fish sauce; ½ tsp paprika; 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and coarsely chopped; 4 cloves minced garlic; 1 (2-inch) piece ginger, grated; and 1 (2–2½-lb) beef chuck roast, fat trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces. Cover and cook on LOW 10–12 hours or HIGH 5–6 hours. Remove beef. Add 1 (10.7-oz) pkg zucchini noodles (or 2 small zucchini, spiralized) to cooker; cover and cook on HIGH 2 minutes or until noodles have softened.

Shred beef with 2 forks. Divide cooking liquid and noodles among 4 bowls. Top evenly with shredded beef, 1 cup kimchi, ½ cup thinly sliced red onion and, if desired, 2 large eggs, soft-cooked, peeled and halved. Sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds. Serves 4.

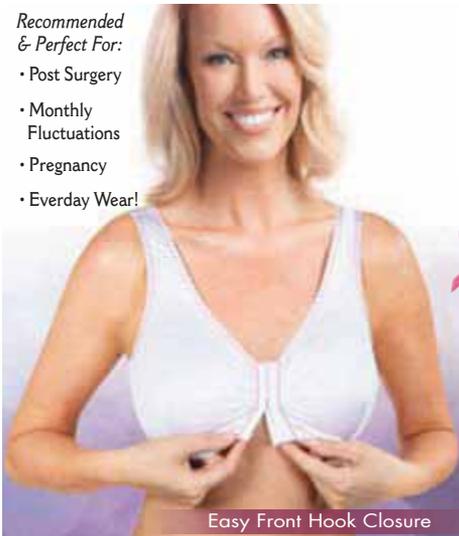
Instant Pot How-To: Place first 9 ingredients in a 6-quart Instant Pot. Cook on HIGH 55 minutes; natural release 10 minutes. Release remaining pressure; remove beef from pot. Add zucchini noodles to pot. Set to SAUTE on less/low; cook 2 minutes or until noodles have softened. Finish recipe as directed.

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BLACK BEAN AND QUINOA BOWL WITH CHICKEN

Heat 1 Tbsp **butter** in a skillet over medium. Add kernels from 2 ears of **corn**, ¼ tsp **chipotle chile powder**, **kosher salt** and freshly ground **black pepper** to taste. Cook 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in juice of ¼ **lime**; set aside.

Place 1 (15-oz) can **black beans**, undrained, in a small saucepan over medium. Stir in ½ tsp chipotle chile powder, ½ tsp **ground cumin** and salt and pepper to taste. Cook 5 minutes or until warm. Stir in juice of ¼ lime.

In a large bowl, whisk 3 Tbsp **extra-virgin olive oil**, 1½ Tbsp **red wine vinegar**, 1 clove grated **garlic** and salt and pepper to taste. Add 4 cups warm cooked **quinoa**, ½ cup finely chopped **red onion**, ½ cup finely chopped seeded **Persian** or **English cucumber**, ¼ cup chopped **cilantro** and 1 finely chopped **Roma tomato**; toss to coat. Divide quinoa mixture evenly among 4 bowls. Top with corn, 2 cooked **skinless boneless chicken breast halves**, chopped, beans and 1 **avocado**, pitted, peeled and sliced. Garnish with **pico de gallo**, ¼ cup shredded **pepper jack cheese** and ¼ cup **roasted peanuts** or **pumpkin-seed kernels**. Serve with additional cilantro and **lime wedges**. **Serves 4.**

SESAME CASHEW NOODLE BOWL

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add 1 (16-oz) pkg **whole-grain linguine**; cook according to manufacturer's instructions until al dente. Drain. Transfer to a large bowl; toss with 1 Tbsp **toasted sesame oil**.

Bring another pot of salted water to a boil. Set up a large bowl of ice water. Add 3 cups **broccoli florets**, cut into ½-inch pieces; cook 3 minutes or just until tender. Drain. Add to ice water; drain.

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Combine 3 Tbsp **lime juice**, 2 Tbsp chopped **cilantro**, 4 tsp minced **jalapeño**, 2 tsp **white wine vinegar**, 1 tsp **kosher salt**, ½ tsp **ground cumin** and 1 clove **garlic** in a blender or food processor. Blend on high 1 minute. Turn off motor; scrape down sides. Blend on low 1 minute, slowly drizzling in ¾ cup **grapeseed oil** until well combined.

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In a large bowl, combine 6 cups **baby arugula**, 4 cups warm cooked **quinoa**, 1 cup thinly sliced **red cabbage**, ¼ cup cilantro leaves and 1 cup crumbled **tortilla chips**. Add vinaigrette; toss to coat. Divide among 4 bowls. Top each serving with 1 fish filet. Drizzle with **hot sauce**, if desired. Garnish with whole tortilla chips, cilantro and **lime**. **Serves 4.**



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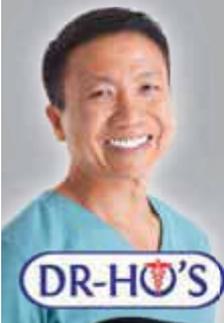
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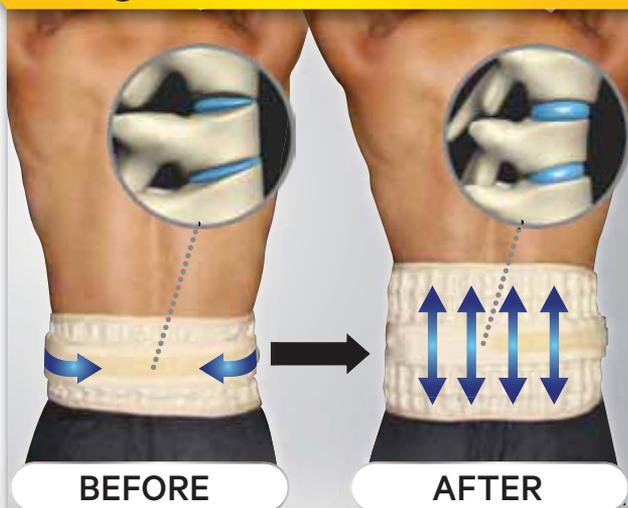
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Sunday With...

KEN JEONG

He broke out (of a trunk) in *The Hangover* (2009) and has been making us laugh ever since.

By M.B. Roberts



It's not every comedian you meet who's a legit M.D. (or vice versa), but that's Ken Jeong for you. He practiced medicine when he first moved to L.A. but soon found himself playing a doctor in movies and TV instead (*Knocked Up* and *Dr. Ken*). The 49-year-old talked to *Parade* about his new animated movie, *Wonder Park* (March 15), his role as a judge on *The Masked Singer* and his Netflix comedy special.

Did you expect *The Masked Singer*, where celebs perform in elaborate disguises, to be a hit? It's insane, isn't it? None of us expected the monster ratings. One reviewer described the show as a "fever dream." It's like, "Wow, is *The Masked Singer* on or do I have the flu?"

When you practiced medicine, did you make your patients laugh? I was always serious as a doctor. In fact, I would over-compensate for the fact that I did stand-up comedy. I don't believe that laughter is the best medicine. Actually, medicine is the best medicine. But I think that having a good sense of humor

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about life is really important.

Was voicing Cooper in *Wonder Park* fun? Kenan Thompson and I play the beavers, Cooper and Gus. Being in the same recording booth with him was so much fun!

Have your 11-year-old twins, Alexa and Zoey, seen the movie? They loved it! I started doing animated movies for my kids. Now I just love doing them for me, because you can improvise. And you don't have to shower.

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Favorite breakfast: Bacon and eggs. And coffee. "And a chance to just sit with the family. I think it's the company you keep."

Prized possession: Postcard from Duke University men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski. "I grew up in North Carolina, so Coach K is a towering figure in my world."

Comedy heroes: David Letterman, Eddie Murphy. "I'd watch *SNL* way before I was supposed to, when I was like 6 or 7."

Your Netflix comedy special, *Ken Jeong: You Complete Me, Ho*, is named in honor of your wife, Dr. Tran Ho? Yes. I'm so glad she kept her maiden name. But seriously, this is one of the most heartfelt things I've done in my career. I talk about my kids and my wife, describing her courageous battle with breast cancer.

What are your Sundays like? This year, I've taken the family to Montreal, Toronto, New York City and Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, where I've done stand-up—so we try to find Sundays wherever we are. Traveling with my family means I have way more incentive to be a tourist and enjoy where I am. That's a way of slowing down my rapidly blinking mind.

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