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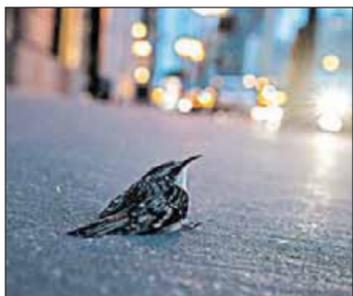
Moments after "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett pleaded not guilty to bombshell charges of staging a hate crime on himself, Cook County prosecutors were already looking to cut a deal, the actor's attorneys say.

After the brief March 14 arraignment, as reporters and spectators filed out of the courtroom, Smollett's attorneys say the assistant state's attorney handling the hot-button case asked them: What can we do to help this case go away?

That signal sparked a week and a half of behind-the-scenes negotiations, ending with the stunning decision by State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office to drop all 16 counts of disorderly conduct against Smollett — a move that sparked outrage and calls for Foxx to resign.

With the fallout from the Smollett

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Before flying away, a brown creeper recovers on a sidewalk after hitting a building in Chicago's Loop this month.

Studies: Skyline lethal to birds in migration

Building lights, confusing windows along busy flyway

BY TONY BRISCOE AND CINDY DAMPIER
Chicago Tribune

On a brisk weekday morning, before the sunrise shimmers across Chicago's downtown skyscrapers, Annette Prince walks a perimeter around the glass facades while carrying a duffel bag and net. Every year, starting in mid-March, Prince, director of the Chicago Bird Collision Monitors, and her team of volunteers scour the Loop for dead or wounded migratory birds — and spring typically marks the beginning of her busy season.

"We had one day (last month) when it was just bird after bird after bird," Prince recalled. "We were getting calls on our hotline and it was a very busy pickup day. And it's going to continue to build gradually until May."

Every year, billions of birds embark on

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MAYOR-ELECT LORI LIGHTFOOT



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Residents of Massillon, Ohio (current population about 32,000) worked in steel mills and factories — until they started closing.

Shaping victory

From a small-town standout to a big-city force

BY LOLLY BOWEAN
Chicago Tribune

MASSILLON, Ohio — She was devastated when she earned a B grade in class.

She was a celebrated point guard on the basketball team, sang in the choir, played trumpet in the band and, by being elected president of her class three times in a row, she demonstrated that she was a standout among the students at Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio.

So when it was time to select "Miss Massillonian" — the young woman who would represent the small Ohio city and who was often admired as destined to become the most successful — Lori Lightfoot's classmates thought she would make history and become only the second African-American woman to hold the pageant title.

"There's no doubt that she had to work harder to be in that position," said Jennifer Brown Grizzard, 57, who attended high school with Lightfoot from 1977 until 1980. "Lori was so focused. ... She should have won."

The pageant judges didn't pick her, and Lightfoot didn't make history in her hometown that year.

But nearly 40 years later, she's made a much bigger mark on history. Tuesday, she became the first black woman, and the first openly gay politician, elected to lead Chicago. She will also be the first elected mayor in decades who wasn't born in Chicago.

For Lightfoot's close-knit communi-

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Lightfoot's senior portrait from the 1980 yearbook of Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio.

"She was loyal. She is still loyal. When Lori walks into a room, her charismatic personality takes control. She's rational, pragmatic, calm."

— Chuck Richards, Lori Lightfoot's classmate at Washington High School

TRIBUNE INTERVIEW

Sketching out her 'mandate for change' after historic win

BY BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

From the moment Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot finished her election night victory speech Tuesday, the City Hall stopwatch started.

She must name a transition team, build out a Cabinet and hire top staffers in less than six weeks, or as Lightfoot put it, "an insanely short period of time."

As such, Chicago's incoming mayor made it known in a wide-ranging interview with the Chicago Tribune that she's wasting no time getting down to the city's business after a dominant win over Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle in which she won 74 percent of the vote and swept all 50 of the city's wards.

Asked if such a large margin of victory might make governing easier at the outset than if she had won a tight race, Lightfoot replied, "It depends."

"I think it will make governing easier when you talk about the residents and voters of this city," she said.

"Will it make it easier dealing with a City Council that is still going to have people on it who have been around forever and just view the game from a very different perspective? That remains to be seen."

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Kim Foxx greets police Superintendent Eddie Johnson in 2016 at her swearing-in ceremony as Cook County state's attorney.



JOHN KASS

Police superintendent on Lightfoot, Foxx and Smollett

Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson says he's staying clear of a move by suburban police chiefs who've given Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx a vote of "no confidence" over her handling of the Jussie Smollett fiasco.

The Fraternal Order of Police and north suburban chiefs gathered last week to denounce Foxx, both for the Smollett disaster and because, they argue, she is not tough on crime.

But Johnson has other important issues besides litigating whether Smollett, a smirky TV personality, faked his own hate crime attack at the hands of mythical supporters of President Donald Trump.

Johnson needs to get his department ready for what could be another violent summer.

"My colleagues certainly have a right to their opinion. For me, I have to focus on getting the CPD and the city ready for the summer months. I understand they are disheartened.

"But in terms of CPD, we've had a great relationship (with Foxx). It's like a marriage. Her goal and mission and my goal and mission are the same: to keep this city as safe as we can. Now, we're not always going to agree, and that's the nature of the beast."

Johnson made his remarks Friday during a wide-ranging interview on my podcast, "The Chicago Way" on WGN Radio, which I co-host with WGN producer Jeff Carlin.

Johnson talked of Foxx, and of his two-hour meeting with Chicago Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot.

And also of his first case as a rookie police officer, when things were simpler, more than 30 years ago.

"He was a little boy, 4 years old and he was lost, he didn't come home from school," Johnson said. "We went out to find that little kid and believe it or not, we found him. That was my first job as a Chicago police officer, finding that lost little boy. I can still remember his mom, how hysterical she was that he didn't come home from school.

"When we found him and reunited them, that sense of accomplishment

and the way that made me feel — that we'd done something good — I knew I was built to do this job."

Johnson still feels good about the job, but now politics wash over him.

After Lightfoot trounced Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle in a historic beat-down, an aging Rev. Jesse Jackson sought relevance. He's trying to protect Preckwinkle in the postelection shakeout, and also her damaged protege, chief prosecutor Kim Foxx.

The clash over Foxx is developing racial overtones. Foxx's defenders, like Jackson, are mostly African-American. Those suburban police chiefs at their news conference the other day who were critical of Foxx were mostly, if not exclusively, white.

"One thing, I'm going to call balls and strikes. If you look at what's going on right now, it's easy to extract that it's a racial divide right there because you see cops out there — like the press conference you didn't see any suburban black chiefs standing up there — so it's easy to draw from that, that it's a racial divide regarding this," Johnson said. "But you know what? We have to stop all that and focus on what's right and what's wrong."

So, what's right and wrong with Jussie Smollett?

"You would ask me about that," Johnson said.

"Those detectives did a thorough and just job. When you look at the facts as we know them right now, the state's attorney's office was with us every step of the way, they approved felony charges in the beginning and then went back independently of CPD and went to the grand jury and sought an additional 16 counts against him."

But Foxx inexplicably dropped all the charges

"Am I happy with the way things turned out? Not really. I think we could still have an apology of some sort. But I've been a cop for 30 years," Johnson said. "I recognize you're not always going to get the outcome in court that you want."

Johnson met with Lightfoot the day after the election.

"The meeting went quite well. It lasted more than two hours, she and I met privately of course, but then we met with the chiefs and her chief of staff," Johnson said. "Let's not forget the mayor-elect is very familiar with law enforcement and the Chicago Police Department, there's not a lot of things we have to bring her up to speed on, but she wanted to know what our plans are going into the summertime."

"She and I have always had a great line of communication," Johnson said.

Johnson said he and Lightfoot did not discuss Kim Foxx and Jussie Smollett.

I told him what's bothered me about the case — besides Foxx weirdly dropping the charges and shooting her political foot off — is how Foxx's alleged conflict of interest began.

News reports had Foxx privately communicating with a Smollett family member and with lawyer Tina Tchen, a former chief of staff for former first lady Michelle Obama. They wanted Foxx to lobby Johnson about the case.

That clearly didn't work, did it?

But rather than reach out to Foxx, why didn't Tchen just call Johnson's boss, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who was the White House chief of staff for Michelle Obama's husband?

"I wish I could answer that question for you," Johnson said. "But I can't. I simply don't know. I really don't know the answer to that question."

I truly believe Eddie Johnson doesn't know. And I don't know. And I suppose you don't know either.

Who knows? Nobody.

Nobody knows. History might have just been made, but this still is Chicago. And nobody knows nothing.

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Then-mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot gets a boost from a set of cardboard boxes while answering questions in March.

The silly obsession with Lightfoot's height



MARY SCHMICH

In the past few weeks, I've heard a lot of people mention that Lori Lightfoot is short, and every time I do, I want to look the offender in the eye and hiss, "What does height have to do with it?"

Unfortunately, to look most of those offenders in the eye, I would have to stand on a box, or at least on my tiptoes, because at 5-foot-2½ on a really tall day, I wind up gazing at a lot of collarbones.

But, seriously, what does height have to do with it?

In most fields of endeavor, certainly mental endeavor, physical stature shouldn't have anything to do with how anyone's aptitude is judged, and if it doesn't, why talk about it? I'm bringing it up today because our newly elected mayor mentioned it in her victory speech Tuesday night.

Standing at a lectern — don't get me started on the nightmarishness of lecterns for all but the tall — Lightfoot, who is about to become the first African-American woman and the first openly gay person to lead the city, delivered a moving speech about what

Chicago children could see in her victory.

"They're seeing a city reborn, a city where it doesn't matter what color you are," she said, "and where it surely doesn't matter how tall you are." She made space for the laugh and the cheer before she added, "where it doesn't matter who you love, just as long as you love."

Obviously, Lightfoot's trailblazing qualities as a gay African-American woman have stirred more attention than the fact that she is what the world calls "short," a word often delivered with the condescension of a pat on the head. But throughout the mayor's race, her height was an occasional low hum in the conversation.

Before the election, I ran across a Lightfoot profile in Marie Claire magazine that declared: "A line from Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* seems to best describe the candidate: 'And though she be but little, she is fierce.'"

I rolled my eyes. A description that focuses on her size and is built on the presumption that little is the opposite of fierce? That's the best you got?

But when I discovered that Lightfoot had tweeted the line with a thank you to the magazine, my eye roll turned to a shrug and then into an aha: By acknowl-

edging it, the little but fierce candidate used it to her advantage.

On the night Lightfoot won, Chicago Sun-Times writer Mary Mitchell made a glancing reference to the topic in a column: "Just about every black person I talked to about the mayoral race expressed serious doubts that a 'short black woman with a white wife' stood a chance of winning over the majority of voters in Chicago."

Lightfoot blazed a trail through the whole thicket of doubts, though that didn't stop the short talk.

After the election, a piece in Crain's Chicago Business noted, "We've seen how, listed at 5-foot-1, she won't be pushed around, as if size matters."

Size shouldn't matter, and yet the impulse to mention it remains large.

Don't misunderstand. There's nothing wrong with noticing how people look. We all do it.

We notice skin color, hairstyle, body type. We notice when people are like us and, more commonly, when they're not. I notice when people are tall more quickly than I notice people my size. I don't think of my size at all until someone mentions it, which a surprising number of people feel compelled to do.

The problem isn't noticing the differences in others. It's judging and re-

marking on those differences when they're irrelevant, or should be.

Research shows that humans associate being tall — but not too tall — with being smarter, more authoritative, more powerful. Tall people are apt to be paid more. Many working women wear crippling high heels to appear taller and on par with men.

It's worth noting that Lightfoot isn't the only Chicago mayor whose height has been a point of conversation. Our last three mayors — Rahm Emanuel, Richard J. Daley and his son Richard M. — have been slightly shorter than the 5-foot-9 considered average for American men. And they all took some ribbing for it.

In the hierarchy of biases, the one against so-called short people isn't at the top. But there is a bias, one that equates physical stature with potential and achievement. Lightfoot is smart to lightly address it, with humor, so that we can forget about it.

It's one more way that simply by being who she is, Chicago's next mayor is expanding the view of what authority, power and competence can look like.

And more good news? She's doing it in reasonable shoes.

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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, far right, claps as she and Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot hold a news conference April 3.

Preckwinkle's status as Dem. Party chair up in air

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

There was a palpable awkwardness as Toni Preckwinkle sat alone for more than a half-hour in front of the Rainbow/PUSH postelection unity event as speakers praised the vanquished candidate to fill time until Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot arrived to join her.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson used some of the time to warn against the prospect of a weakened Preckwinkle, and alluded to efforts to oust her onetime top staffer and now Cook County state's attorney, Kim Foxx, who has been under fire for her handling of the Jussie Smollett case.

"The same people who rejoiced in the victory last night of Lori, they're going to see right past Kim and try to remove Toni too. If they sense any gap in our enthusiasm, Toni will be next," Jackson said. "If we close the gap, it won't happen."

In vintage form, Jackson then asked the room full of religious and community leaders to repeat after him: "Toni is the president of the Cook County Board and of all Democrats. We shall fight to maintain her gain." As the room followed Jackson's lead, Preckwinkle sat by, smiled and mouthed, "Thank you."

Despite her massive runoff defeat in losing all 50 wards after decades in Chicago politics, Preckwinkle continues on as president of the Cook County Board until 2022. While her political strength on the County Board may be weakened, it is her tenure as chair of the Cook County Democratic organization that could be more quickly called into question.

The position of county Democratic chair once had power equivalent to the highest levels of elected local office, with the ability to make or break candidates from local to statewide office.

While the power diminished over the years, the county chair still decided who was worthy of climbing the political ladder in local governance — who deserved to move on and who deserved to step out. The ultimate strength of the county's Democratic Party chair relies on the organization's ability to deliver votes to favored candidates at the ballot box.

"It's all about how many votes you can bring in. That's all that matters," University of Illinois political scientist Chris Mooney said. "She can't bring in the votes? Then the question people are going to be asking is, 'What good is she?'"

For her part, Preckwinkle said only "yes, thank you" when asked by a reporter following the unity event Wednesday whether she intended to continue on in her role as county party chair.

The scale of Tuesday's results goes beyond a mere personal political defeat for Preckwinkle to also raise the issue of the relevancy of the county Democratic organization — its once vaunted machine

politics under the late Mayor Richard J. Daley vastly weakened over the intervening decades to become largely a catchphrase of political attacks.

The days of rampant patronage, used to enforce loyalty throughout the ranks, have faded under an era of federal consent decrees regarding political hiring. Though Preckwinkle billed herself in one mayoral ad as a "boss," it was largely in title only.

As a result, Preckwinkle found herself subject to several moves that might have been considered "defections" in previous decades as some aldermen and other Democratic power players and party allies endorsed Lightfoot's candidacy, sensing where the wind was blowing, with little to fear in terms of party retribution.

For Preckwinkle, any value of heading the party organization also was negated by its own highly visible stumbles.

Preckwinkle's predecessor as county Democratic chair, Joe Berrios, saw his real estate assessment practices shown to be unfair by benefiting wealthy homeowners at the expense of poorer homeowners. Berrios was unceremoniously dumped as county party chair last April, a month after challenger Fritz Kaegi defeated him in the Democratic primary for assessor.

Preckwinkle — who had been a staunch Berrios defender — picked up the party chairmanship along with the baggage that went with it.

Then, after launching her mayoral bid following Mayor Rahm Emanuel's decision not to seek a third term, there was the federal complaint filed against Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, in January. Federal prosecutors alleged Burke attempted to use his aldermanic control over zoning to shake down a business in exchange for legal work for his property tax-appeals law firm. Federal authorities also alleged Burke illegally solicited a \$10,000 campaign contribution that sources said was intended for Preckwinkle. She denied having any knowledge of his actions, but said she would return more than \$100,000 in campaign contributions she raised when the longtime alderman hosted a fundraiser for her at his home.

Burke, the dean of the City Council, denied any wrongdoing and even won re-election to another term in February. But his long-standing party role of making county judges as the top Democratic judicial slatemaker was taken away while Preckwinkle was forced to deal with the aftermath of the federal investigation at City Hall.

One ward committeeman, a Preckwinkle ally, said that to her credit, the party organization has evolved from decades ago when it was a group largely run by white men with Irish surnames to its current iteration that reflects more of the city's racial and ethnic makeup. Preckwinkle, herself, became the county's first African-American Democratic chair.

Yet it is the group's lack of nimbleness to deal with the further-leftward movement of insurgent progressives that has branded the county organization as too establishment, said the committeeman, who asked not to be identified to speak freely about the problems facing the local party.

"The identity crisis that I think the Cook County Democratic Party is dealing with, and so is the Democratic Party nationwide ... is this unbelievable wave of anti-establishment," the committeeman said. "It's befuddling because it would appear that the voters, in so many instances, election after election, are willing to go with the person who is the outsider."

The magnitude of Preckwinkle's loss Tuesday, from the ward to precinct levels, also was shown in that she was only able to add about 40,000 votes citywide from Feb. 26, when she finished second among a field of 14 candidates to advance to the head-to-head runoff against Lightfoot.

"She can succeed as a County Board president and carry on in her competent way, but the party? That's a separate issue. The smart ones will ask, 'How did we lose by 50 points here?'" Mooney said, adding, "Being a member of that establishment is not a positive thing in voters' minds."

Preckwinkle's fortunes have come a long way from only seven years ago when she was hailed as one of eight "public officials of the year" and pictured on the cover of *Governing* magazine. Now, in what she has said is her third and final term as County Board president, political talk of succession at both the party and county levels is beginning while supporters seek to dampen any talk of a shift in power.

At Preckwinkle's election night event, ally and Ald. Sophia King, 4th, sought to dispel any talk of lame-duck status, noting she would "still be the president of the Cook County Board, she will still be the leader of the Democratic Party, and she will continue to fight for these ideals and we will be right behind fighting for those ideals for years to come."

Back at Rainbow/PUSH, Robert Reiter, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, the umbrella organization for nearly 300 unions, said he considered Preckwinkle "a friend and ally."

"We need to make sure we give her the power to continue to do the things she's done to strengthen not just this county but, more specifically, this city," he said. "And I look forward to continue that strong partnership with Toni and make sure we all do what we can to support her."

For the record, the city's labor federation stayed neutral in the mayor's race.

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New tech aims to help solve more shootings

BY JEREMY GORNER
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Chicago police announced new technology Friday aimed to help detectives more quickly pull video from surveillance cameras, analyze cellphone data and read license plates while investigating gun violence and other crimes.

The Area Tech Center, housed at Area South detective headquarters on the Far South Side, is part of a broader effort by the Police Department to improve its dismal clearance rate for solving homicides and shootings over the past few years.

Since opening in late February, the center has received nearly 200 requests from detectives in need of video and digital evidence processing.

One of those requests included video evidence from private and police street surveillance cameras that helped identify a suspect in the March 23 fatal shooting of off-duty Officer John P. Rivera in the River North neighborhood, police said.

"One of our challenges in solving crime here in Chicago has been the ability to efficiently identify, collect, download and review all the video resources connected to a crime scene," police Superintendent Eddie Johnson told reporters Friday at the center. "Unfortunately, this has resulted in lost evidence, lower clearance rates. ... This has also impacted our relationships with those who have suffered from violent crime."

The tech center was bankrolled by billionaire hedge fund manager Ken Griffin, who pledged \$10 million last year to support the department's use of technology in high-crime areas.

The tech center is similar in concept to the department's strategic decision support centers that operate in 20 of the 22 patrol districts across the city. But those centers use police surveillance video footage, gunshot detection technology and real-time crime statistics to help patrol commanders determine where to deploy beat and tactical officers.

The tech center places more of an emphasis on video and cell phone evidence collection and is specifically tailored for detectives.

As part of a series of articles last year about the department's low clearance rate, the Chicago Tribune spoke with several detectives who said it was often a struggle to find the right computer program to open up surveillance footage or cellphone data.

On Friday, officials said the new tech center would help resolve those issues. The advancements would complement the nearly 300 detectives added by the department since 2016 to bring the total to about 1,200.

The department has also announced plans to add 50 sergeants to help supervise those detectives, a move that would bring the number of detective sergeants to about 190.

Melissa Staples, the department's chief of detectives, said the tech center will be run by 10 patrol officers, four detectives, a sergeant and a crime analyst — all with technological training — during morning and afternoon shifts.

"This team will produce timely cellphone and video evidence analysis for detectives assigned to cases involving violent crimes," she said.

The tech center is made up of a small room off the detectives' floor at Area South with two big-screen TVs and about a dozen computer monitors where detectives can analyze video and other electronic-based evidence.

Sgt. Patrick Kinney, who helps run the tech center, said its officers can also assist other detectives at homicide scenes by viewing recovered video on laptops.

"It saves ... hours upon hours for the detectives," Kinney said. "It frees them up because we're the ones doing the processing for them, we're the ones recovering the video, analyzing the video, and then providing it to them with the investigative leads."

The department said it plans to eventually add tech centers at its two other main detective units, Area Central and Area North.

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Poverty plays role in DNA structure changes, study finds

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

Growing up in poverty can have such a lasting effect on a person's health that researchers have now determined it contributes to changing the person's gene structure, according to a newly published study co-authored by a Northwestern University professor.

The study was published in February in the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, but it's based on decades of research that started in 1983 in Cebu City, Philippines. It originally was intended to be a two-year study that closely followed the development of children who were growing up in poverty, said Thomas McDade, a professor of anthropology and faculty fellow at Northwestern's Institute for Policy Research.

McDade became involved in the study

around 1999, when researchers started to look at the long-term health effects of the environments children grew up in had on them as adults, he said. Before that, someone's health was mostly thought to be caused by inherited genes and a person's current environment, such as if the person smoked, he said.

"What shapes whether a gene is expressed or not is a whole layer of regulation on top of the gene sequence that you inherit from your parents," McDade said.

Researchers started with 3,327 pregnant women and then did frequent follow-up visits after the women bore the children. When the study began, the mean household income was 260.4 pesos per week, which would translate to \$53.59 in the United States, according to the published study. The mothers had a mean education level of 6.9 years when the study began. The

scholars in the Philippines stayed in contact with the participants through the years along with researchers in the U.S.

What researchers found by following the children through adulthood is that the cells remembered experiences from early in life that then had an effect on gene expression, McDade said. This type of expression that goes on in a human body is correlated to whether a person will develop diseases, he said. The DNA sequences, which are inherited from a person's parents, did not change. "So experiences that you have earlier in your life can have, can in a sense be remembered by the cells through these epigenetic processes and then have lasting effects on gene expression," McDade said.

When the researchers were doing their analysis, they did not find major differences between men and women who participated in the study, McDade said.

Researchers have remained in contact with about half of the original participants who are now in middle age and have remained in Cebu City, McDade said.

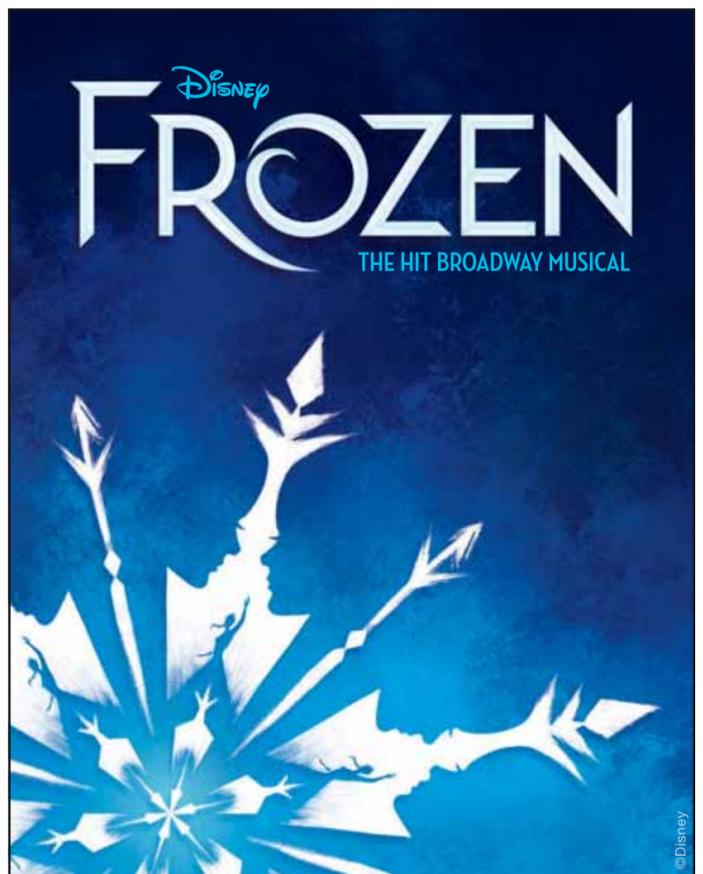
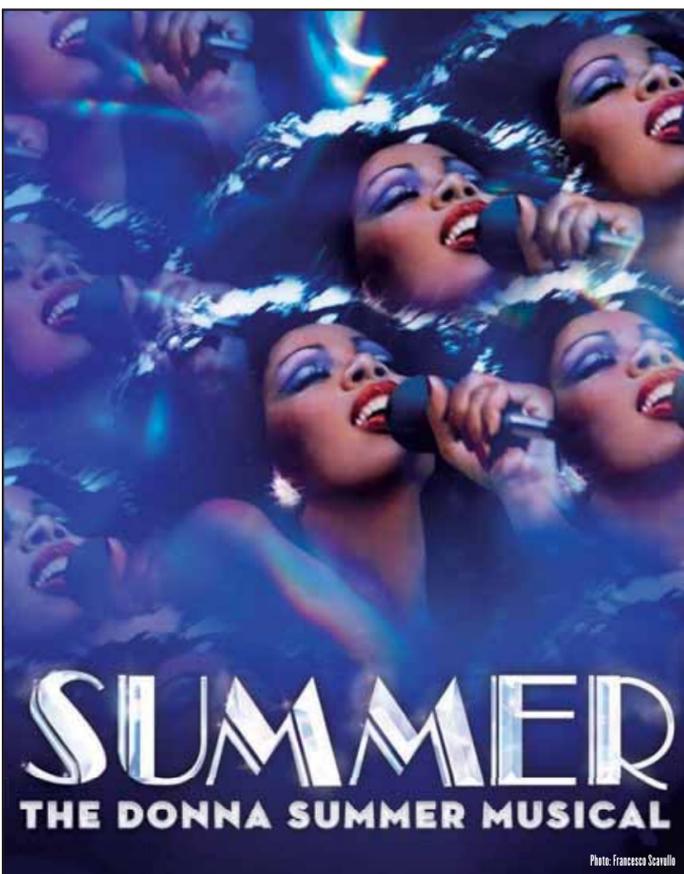
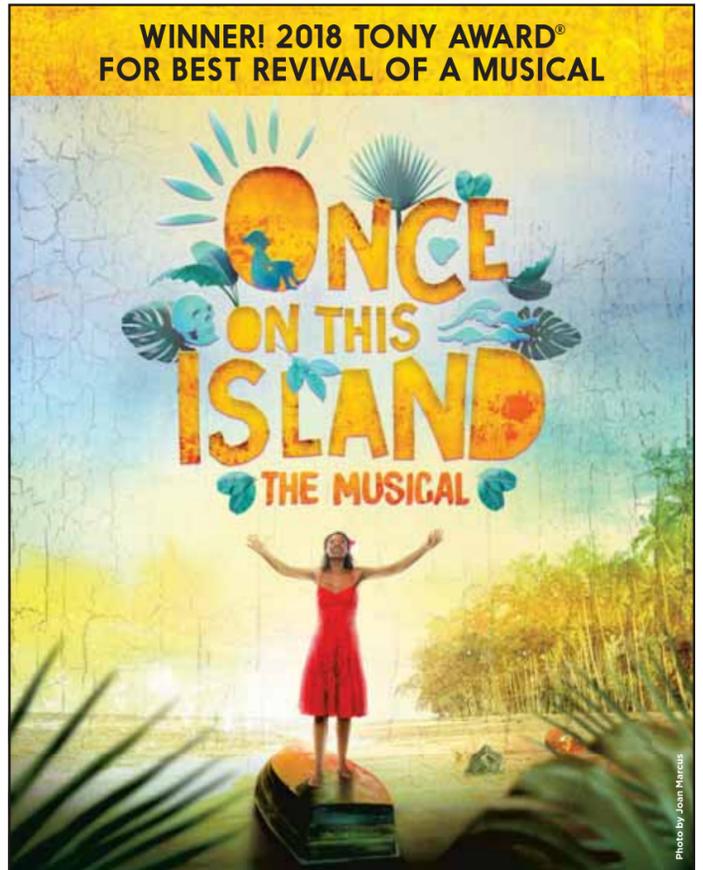
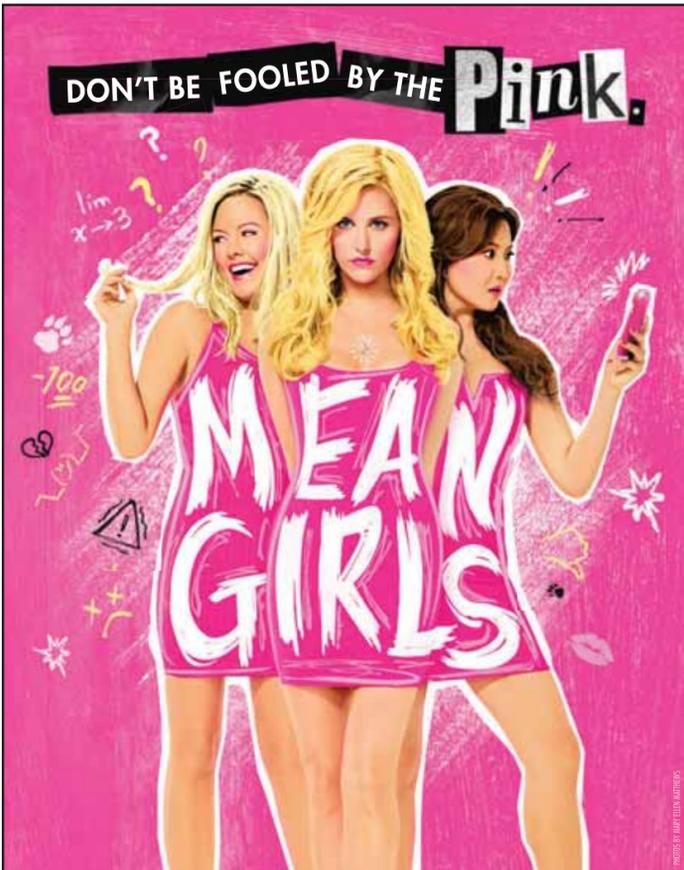
When researchers were examining the group, they were thinking of socioeconomic status broadly, including factors such as income, education and household assets, but McDade said he wants to do further research to see which factors of poverty are most important to determining the outcome of a person's health.

McDade said other researchers have studied similar studies in the United States, but the participants are younger than the ones in the Philippines study. Although the level of poverty will be different in the two countries, he still thinks researchers would come to similar conclusions.

"The general pattern would be very similar here," he said.

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An escalating problem

O'Hare design looks anything but stress-free, especially for wheelchair users



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It's easy to forget how perilous a ride on an escalator can be. Fail to grasp the handrail and you might fall. Hands, feet, shoes and clothing can get trapped in the moving stairs. Smartphone-addicted passengers take spills because they fail to watch their step.

Combine escalators with rushing travelers in an overcrowded airport and the chances that something will go wrong multiply. Travelers lugging wheeled suitcases lose their balance and fall. Or they lose control of luggage, which proceeds to hurtle down the escalator and hurt other travelers. Frazzled parents may not supervise their kids, leading to skinned knees or maimed fingers.

A multilevel airport without escalators is inconceivable. Yet given the dangers escalators pose and the fact that people in wheelchairs can't use them, it is surprising and disappointing that the visionary, usually level-headed Chicago architect Jeanne Gang has made escalators a central feature of her competition-winning design for the planned \$2.2 billion Global Terminal at O'Hare International Airport.

In the Global Terminal, which will replace O'Hare's Terminal 2 and is scheduled to accommodate international and domestic flights when it opens in 2028, Gang proposes to have departing travelers ride up escalators to a raised check-in and security floor, then take escalators down to gate level. This in an airport already filled with confusing up and down movements.

Shouldn't the aim be to simplify, rather than complicate, the traveler's experience?

Experts in the fields of airport design and disability rights said Gang's plan flouts the principles of universal design, which calls for architects to provide equitable experiences for people with and without disabilities.

"I'm concerned that the added stress and physical exhaustion of this process will make passengers feel grumpier and more stressed-out than they are already," Henry H. Harteveltdt, a San Francisco-based travel industry analyst wrote after I emailed him a copy of Gang's plan.

"Taken to an extreme, it means increased risk of air rage, to say nothing of the added costs involved in the project versus keeping everything on one level. Ugh."

Marca Bristo, president and CEO of Access Living, a Chicago-based nonprofit advocacy group for people with disabilities, predicted that the design would cause escalator bottlenecks, leading more able-bodied people to use elevators and slowing the path of wheelchair users like herself.

"Having to get to the elevator, wait for the other people to get off the elevator, and then have to maneuver to let other people get in and out of the elevator — that is a hassle but it's also time-consuming. ... This puts you at a much greater likelihood of being late for your flight," she said.

Asked to respond to these criticisms, city officials left wiggle room for design changes.

Lauren Huffman, a spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Aviation, stressed that the plan submitted by Gang and her team, Studio ORD Joint Venture Partners, was conceptual. The city, she said, will work to ensure that the final design meets or exceeds the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities.

But Gang's team won the competition on the design it submitted.

Which raises the question: Why was the potentially flawed plan selected in the first place? City officials have not specified why the plan won, nor have they identified the members of the city's evaluation committee.

Gang did not respond to an interview request.

Despite the fact that escalators are ubiquitous — there are at least 35,000 of them in the U.S., according to a Virginia-based trade association, National Elevator

Industry — the relationship between escalators and architecture is rarely discussed.

From 1899, when inventor Charles Seeberger and the Otis Elevator Co. produced the first commercial escalator, to the present, escalators have mostly been design afterthoughts — mere conduits tucked away in a structure's innards.

Among the exceptions are the curving, exposed-concrete ceilings that frame the superlong escalators of Washington, D.C.'s Metro subway system.

Like Metro's chief architect, Chicago's Harry Weese, Gang, best-known for the rippling curves of her Aqua Tower, likes to push the edge of the architectural envelope. That's what she did in her Y-shaped Global Terminal design, which evokes Chicago's municipal symbol and the meeting of the Chicago River's branches. The plan departs from the typical arrangement of O'Hare domestic terminals, which place the entire departures sequence on the curbside level where most passengers reach the airport.

As Gang explained to me in January, when the competing plans were unveiled, lifting the departure level would also raise a key portion of the arrivals sequence to the curbside level. That would let daylight filter in. Passengers going through customs and picking up their bags wouldn't be stuffed into basement-like gloom.

In turn, the departures level would form a kind of architectural plateau, overlooking a tree-lined atrium topped by a six-pointed skylight (a reference to the six-pointed stars of the Chicago flag). The overlook and the terminal's ceiling beams, which like the escalators would be covered in wood, would orient passengers making their way to the terminal's gates.

It all sounds good until you account for the frailty of human nature and machines.

Consider the Twitter account, Broken Escalators of DEN, which documents the broken escalators at Denver International Airport. It's filled with photo after photo of yellow maintenance fences around busted escalators and moving walkways.

In 2014, the local CBS station reported that as many as 40 of



STUDIO ORD RENDERING

Jeanne Gang's design for O'Hare's Global Terminal expansion has a multilevel design that makes escalators a central feature.

Denver International's escalators had been out of service at the same time.

Imagine if that were to happen at O'Hare, which recently reacquired the title of the nation's busiest airport as measured by total flights. Elevators would be packed. Bottlenecks would form as people struggled to get on working escalators. Some travelers might miss their flights.

"Chicago being the busiest, it (the design) could create more of a logjam," said Ramon Lo publisher of Airport Experience News, a Florida-based trade publication.

Even without mechanical problems, airports and escalators tend to go together as well as jittery passengers and weather-related turbulence.

In 2014, the Tacoma News-Tribune, citing state records, reported that there had been 175 injuries on the 70 escalators of Seattle-Tacoma (Sea-Tac) International Airport from 2008 to early 2014.

Only three of the injuries were caused by mechanical problems, the newspaper said. The most frequently cited culprit for the rest: Wheeled luggage that caused people to lose their balance.

Nationwide, emergency rooms treated an estimated 11,000 escalator-related injuries in 2017, the most recent year for which statistics are available, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Sea-Tac experience suggests that many of those injuries occur in airports.

In an attempt to prevent escalator accidents, some airports around the world post signs encouraging travelers with wheeled suitcases and strollers to use elevators instead. Others put metal posts in front of escalators to discourage people with luggage from using them.

But read the FlyerTalk online

forum and you realize that such efforts are often fruitless. Even attendants who are supposed to enforce the rules have little impact.

"I regularly travel with 4 bags all strapped together with heavy duty velcro. I can only use the escalator since it is impossible to turn around in the elevator," one traveler wrote in March on FlyerTalk.

It's not as if Gang is unaware of the principles of universal design. When Access Living opened its headquarters at 115 W. Chicago Ave. in 2007, the building included features like automatic sliding doors that whoosh open — and stay open — as wheelchair users approach. Bristo recalled that Gang got in touch to arrange for architects from her firm to take a tour of the building.

"It's kind of disappointing for me," Bristo said of Gang's Global Terminal design. "People should be developing for the demographics of tomorrow. When we look at how many people are living into their 80s and above, it just means that the demands on the system are going to go through the roof."

"What they minimally had better do is have extra elevators," she said.

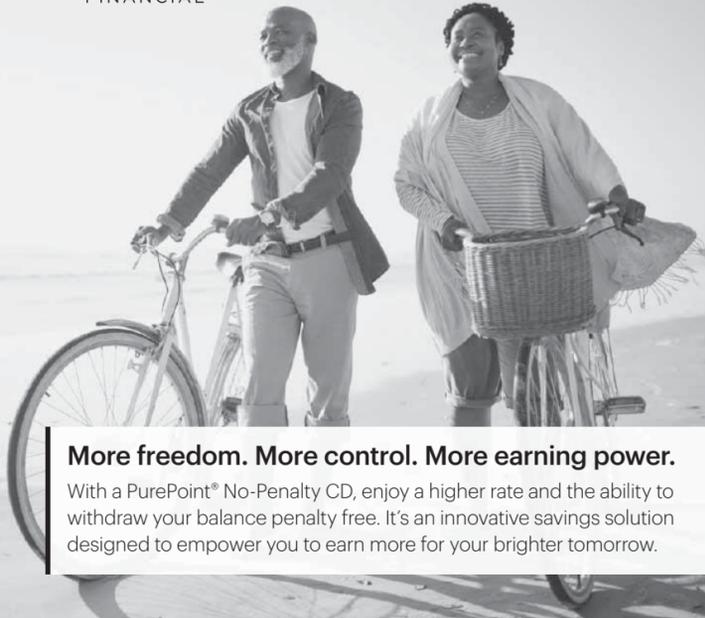
As her design stands now, Gang deserves credit for trying to elevate the escalator from a mere utilitarian conveyor to an architectural element that celebrates movement and spatial excitement. But her plan would improve the experience of arriving passengers at the expense of departing travelers, particularly those who use wheelchairs.

City officials need to take a hard look whether the design fully meets architect Louis Sullivan's celebrated maxim: Form should ever follow function.

Blair Kamin is a Tribune critic.

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their annual spring migration across the continent, some soaring from as far away as South America to their nesting grounds in the northern U.S. and parts of Canada. Along the way, an estimated 5 million birds belonging to 250 species fly through Chicago alone.

For birders, the voyage is a marvel of perseverance, wonder and — sometimes — calamity.

In addition to birds who die naturally during migration from attrition, hunger or predation, researchers estimate as many as 1 billion are killed in high-speed crashes into building windows each year in the U.S. Birds not only fail to recognize glass, they can often be confused by reflections or decorative trees inside building lobbies.

A pair of scientific studies published last week confirms what most conservationists know well: Chicago's skyline — a landscape dominated by glass superstructures situated on one of the continent's busiest flyways — is the most dangerous metropolitan area in the contiguous U.S. for migratory birds.

"Migration is an astounding feat of nature," Prince said. "It's an amazing process that these birds go through. The fact they even survive is incredible. These little birds that weigh only a few ounces and travel thousands of miles on their own energy. So, it's unfortunate that the birds we find here in the spring have made it all the way from South America, almost to their nesting grounds in Wisconsin, and they hit a window."

A report from Cornell Lab of Ornithology cited weather radar showing the large concentration of migratory birds that pass through the area each year, in addition to satellite data revealing Chicago generates the greatest amount of light pollution, which attracts and disorients migratory birds. The report estimates risk, but does not detail actual tallies of bird collisions.

Many birds have evolved to migrate at night when the air is cooler and more still. These species navigate using celestial cues, including the stars and the moon, which experts believe can be drowned out by the city center's bright lights.

The skyline is "brighter and more intense than the stars, so they are attracted by it," said Douglas Stotz, a senior conservation ecologist with the Field Museum's Keller Science Action Center. "It's the same basic idea when you see moths at your back light. They get attracted by the light, they get disoriented by the light, and they don't understand windows. That combination is what puts them at risk."

"The windows are what kills them, the light is what brings them into danger."

Certain songbirds especially at risk

In a separate study published Tuesday, researchers found that migratory songbirds that produce faint, high-pitched chirps as they



Annette Prince, director of the Chicago Bird Collision Monitors, keeps on the lookout for dead or wounded migratory birds on a Wacker Drive sidewalk on Tuesday.



A Field Museum staffer holds a white-throated sparrow carcass; the species is vulnerable to building strikes.

fly at night were involved in more lethal building collisions than songbirds that didn't.

University of Michigan researcher Ben Winger reviewed the Field Museum's records on the nearly 70,000 migratory songbirds carcasses collected after lethal building crashes in Chicago between 1978 and 2016. Winger found that species of songbirds that use these so-called flight calls had the highest death toll, even though, in some cases, other birds were much more abundant.

About 10,000 dead white-throated sparrows — tiny brown birds with a distinct ivory patch and enchanting whistles — were collected after striking buildings in Chicago, making them the most affected flight-calling songbird. Birds with large populations in Chicago that didn't use flight calls had significantly fewer collisions. Fewer than 10 warbling vireos and blue-gray gnatcatchers, for example, were recovered in the nearly 40-year timespan.

While the significance of flight calling remains unexplained, scientists suspect flocks use it for orientation, navigation and other collective decisions.

"A lot of what we know about flight calling is a bit speculative and inferential," said Winger, the lead author on the University of Michigan study. "Hearing this vocalization while traveling likely helps them navigate in some way. So hypothetically, hearing a call could be an indication you're on the right track."

If that's the case, that's a frightening revelation, scientists say.

Previous research determined that birds mesmerized while flying over brightly lit cities made more flight calls, meaning that confused songbirds could be luring others into

brightly lit urban areas and perhaps even directly into buildings, Winger said.

Even if dazed birds don't die in violent collisions, some circle the illuminated buildings and eventually die of exhaustion.

Campaign to turn out the lights

Since 1995, a consortium of conservation groups and commercial building managers have worked together to prevent these bird mortalities through the Lights Out program, an initiative that recommends tall buildings turn off or dim their decorative lights from 11 p.m. to dawn during spring and fall migration.

The city of Chicago has credited the program with saving 10,000 migratory birds each year.

But a structure doesn't always have to tower over the landscape to be hazardous. Apple's flagship store positioned alongside the Chicago River is a squat structure featuring crystal-clear glass walls. However, the company drew criticism from wildlife groups that blamed its nighttime lighting for a number of fatal bird strikes in the fall of 2017.

One of the most notorious buildings for bird collisions in Chicago is McCormick Place Lakeside Center, the short and stocky wall of steel and glass situated along Lake Michigan. Known for leaving its lights on at night in the past, its perimeter has been littered with the carcasses of dead birds during migration, making it the prime location for the Field Museum's study and even a hot spot for scavenger birds.

Reductions in nighttime lighting starting in the late 1990s, the use of curtains and a bird habitat at McCormick Place have resulted in a 75 percent drop in bird fatalities since the Field

Museum began monitoring in 1978, according to David Willard, a retired Field Museum ornithologist who led the data collection in Chicago.

Still, regardless of season, Chicago contributes the most light pollution of anywhere in the mainland U.S., proof that the city has more work to do, especially when scientists can forecast the roughly three-week period when at least 50 percent of migratory birds will pass through, according to Kyle Horton, a postdoctoral fellow at Cornell studying bird migration.

"We don't want to denigrate any program that is in existence, because anything is better than nothing. But we certainly know that more can be done. We're trying to provide more data about mitigation strategy," Horton said.

In the meantime, Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, introduced a "Bird Friendly Design" ordinance that intends to make new buildings less prone to crashes by establishing standards for new construction and renovated structures. Under the proposal, buildings may be required to reduce window reflections and incorporate patterns or elements like frosted glass that are more visible to birds.

The proposed ordinance would not apply to existing buildings or residential structures with six or fewer units, but Prince, the director of the monitoring network, said it's a start.

On Tuesday, Prince and the volunteers made their rounds in the Loop. Among the 11 dead were a robin, a song sparrow and three dead American woodcocks.

In any given year, they typically recover about 6,000 birds in the 1-square-mile area they canvass in downtown. The true body count, she said, is a lot more startling.

"That's just a percentage," Prince said. "If you multiply it out to all the miles of lakefront and the rest of Chicago, you get into tens of thousands of birds that are dying here yearly."

"It can be very discouraging, very distressing, and sometimes it's frustrating because it's just a big problem. It's never easy to see the birds hurt the way they are."

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Trump, Obama offer congratulatory calls

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Since her dominant victory Tuesday night to become Chicago's next mayor, Lori Lightfoot's iPhone has been abuzz with congratulatory calls, including from President Donald Trump.

The Republican president, who regularly has railed against Chicago's struggles to tamp down violent crime, called Lightfoot on Wednesday. The mayor-elect also has spoken with Trump's daughter and adviser, Ivanka Trump, former President Barack Obama, a slew of Democratic candidates running for president in 2020 along with mayors from around the country.

"I'm hearing from people that probably didn't know my name 10 minutes before their aide said, 'You should call this person, who just did this,'" Lightfoot quipped.

In addition to Trump and Obama, Lightfoot has heard from former President Bill Clinton, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democratic U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown, Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren, the latter four of whom are running for president. She's also spoken with U.S. Reps. Joe Kennedy and David Cicilline, according to her transition team.

In an interview with the Tribune, the mayor-elect mentioned her conversation with the president when asked who had called to congratulate her.

"I spoke with President Trump," Lightfoot said nonchalantly. "Very cordial conversation."

Lightfoot, outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel and much of Chicago's political establishment have pointedly criticized Trump on everything from immigration and trade policy to the president's often bombastic rhetoric and divisive tweets. Trump frequently slams Chicago for its violence and sanctuary city policy that prohibits government workers and police officers from asking about residents' immigration status.

Shortly after taking office, Trump famously tweeted that he was going to "send in the feds" to deal with the city's spikes in violent crime. Emanuel's administration sued Trump's Justice Department for withholding policing grant money because of Chicago's sanctuary status, and a federal judge sided with the city and ruled that the White House didn't have the authority to block the money.

Given the history, Lightfoot was asked if she was surprised Trump called.

"Yes and no, right?" Lightfoot said. "It's a smart, politic thing to do. Yeah, of course I was a little surprised. You know, when you get the White House operator and they say, 'Just a moment for the president of the United

States,' that's a pretty heady moment."

The mayor-elect said Trump brought up the city's struggles with crime, but in an "indirect way" and the two talked "briefly" about it, though she didn't divulge any details.

"I think it went well. I've never spoken to the man before. He's never spoken to me. He was very complimentary about the race, and extended an offer to be helpful to the city," Lightfoot said. "I intend to take him up on that offer. While our politics are radically different, he's still the president of the United States. We have a lot of taxpayers in this city who deserve to get every nickel of their tax dollars that they're entitled to from Washington, and I intend to make that happen."

Lightfoot and her campaign did not specify which presidential hopefuls had called, but the mayor-elect did discuss her conversation with former President Barack Obama.

After Lightfoot won, Obama tweeted that it was "great to see Chicago's historic mayoral race between two highly qualified candidates."

"Congrats to our next mayor, Lori Lightfoot — and Toni Preckwinkle campaigned hard and did us proud," Obama's tweet read. "I know that with our city's heart and Lori's leadership, Chicago's best days are still ahead."

During the campaign, Lightfoot advocated for a so-called community benefits agreement for Woodlawn residents who live near the site of Obama's planned presidential center in Jackson Park. Such an agreement would protect residents from displacement from redevelopment and other benefits, though Lightfoot has not weighed in on specifics she'd like to see.

Obama has opposed such a formal agreement, and the construction of the presidential center is on hold pending a lawsuit that has challenged whether it can be built on city parkland. Lightfoot said she discussed the future center, but "only in very brief terms."

"It was a congratulations call. It wasn't a substantive policy discussion. Obviously, we both know that's something that is on the table and needs to be resolved so everybody can move forward," Lightfoot said. "I said to him, 'It's really important that we make sure people in the neighborhoods feel like this is a good thing for them,' and he agreed."

"I don't want to get into the details of the conversation, but I feel confident that we're going to be able to work together well," she continued, "and we'll be able to move things forward in a way that protects the interests of people in the community."

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Mayor-elect Lightfoot's transition team

Offering a window into priorities: Education and crime-fighting

BY LISA DONOVAN
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot announced a transition team that will not only help in the little more than six weeks before she takes office, but offer a window into her priorities — crime-fighting and education — once she's sworn in May 20.

In a news release, Lightfoot said the team would help her office be “bold and effective,” and added: “To-

gether, we can deliver on the broad mandate for change given to us by voters all across Chicago.” The team includes:

Maurice Classen, who will serve as chief of staff for the transition team. Classen worked with Lightfoot when she was head of the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force, which was charged with examining the Police Department's history and crafting reform proposals. On the campaign

trail, Lightfoot made reducing crime a priority. In announcing he'd be on the transition team, her office issued a statement pointing to Classen's work at the Chicago Police Department as a strategic adviser focused on community policing, increased training and data analytics.

Lisa Schneider-Fabes will be the transition manager. Schneider-Fabes also was on the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force.

She also worked at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and at Chicago Public Schools where, according to a news release from Lightfoot's team, she worked on special projects for the CPS' CEO and chief education officer, “focusing on the quality and experience of teachers and principals.” In addition to crime, Lightfoot vowed on the campaign trail to improve the quality of neighborhood schools.

Ra Joy, who was an early backer of Lightfoot's may-

oral bid, will be a senior adviser on the transition team. Joy is an entrepreneur and activist who ran for lieutenant governor last year on a Democratic ticket with Chris Kennedy.

Sarah Pang, who will be a senior adviser, served on Mayor Rahm Emanuel's transition team, Crain's Chicago Business reported in 2011.

Manuel Perez will move from being Lightfoot's campaign manager to the transition team's intergovern-

mental affairs adviser — which involves reaching out to county, state and federal government about a variety of issues. He ran U.S. Rep. Jesus “Chuy” Garcia's successful run for Congress in 2018 as well as Garcia's losing run for mayor in 2015. He's also held several positions in county government, including special assistant to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, chief of staff to the Cook County clerk as well as chief of staff to Garcia when he was a county commissioner.

Lightfoot

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ty of friends and family back in her hometown, she's taking her rightful position at the top. And her rapid ascent from a relatively unknown prosecutor to mayor is no surprise to the people who knew her in her formative years.

“Lori can do anything she puts her mind to,” said Darlene Stanford, 57, who grew up around the corner from Lightfoot in Massillon and has known her since kindergarten. “She's always been so determined. She's very intelligent. She deserves this ... she has worked for it.”

During the heated campaign, opponent Toni Preckwinkle sought to portray Lightfoot as a wealthy, corporate attorney.

In fact, Lightfoot, 56, grew up about 400 miles east of Chicago in a small, working-class city in Ohio dotted by modest, wood-frame houses. Many of Massillon's residents — its current population is about 32,000 — once worked in steel mills and factories until they started shutting down. Abandoned warehouses and vacant commercial buildings litter the community, which has a set of railroad tracks running through it and is split by the Tuscarawas River.

It's a place where there are only a handful of quaint, locally owned restaurants and bars; where deer and wild turkeys roam freely in backyards; where residents hand out warm greetings with ease and wave to passersby.

Much of the community's social activities center around high school football and the annual beauty pageant. The high school football stadium holds about 16,400 people and on Friday nights the crowd spills from the stadium into the parking lot.

Lightfoot's story is the journey of a small-town girl from a conservative and religious family who envisioned a much bigger life for herself. She hails from a community where many of the students don't aim for college, and she slowly rose to be a major influential force in Chicago.

“She was a born leader,” said her mother, Ann Lightfoot, who is 90 and still lives in Massillon. “Whatever she is into, she gives 100 percent. She's the type of person who won't get into something if she doesn't like it and plan to do her best.”

'My dad ... would be totally blown away'

As she rode around Chicago on Election Day, Lightfoot said her mind occasionally wandered to the historic nature of a convincing win that would come just hours later. A big part of that included reflecting on her friends and family back home.

“I think about my parents, and I think a lot about the sacrifices they have made,” Lightfoot said. “I think a lot about my dad, who would be totally blown away by this circumstance.” Her father died in 2009.

As Chicagoans cast their ballots Tuesday, Lightfoot was in touch with her friends back in Ohio.

“I've been hearing from a lot of those folks. I just talked to my mother a little while ago, and I've been getting text messages from elementary school friends, high school friends far and near,” Lightfoot said. “There has been a lot of



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The childhood home of Lori Lightfoot in Massillon, Ohio, has a Lightfoot campaign poster in its front window.

coverage in the local news. People have been watching the reporting from here, so I'm getting a lot of love from people I've known literally my entire life.”

Like many African-Americans, Lightfoot's parents migrated from the South, fleeing racism and looking for better opportunities. They settled in Ohio. In the small family-oriented town, Lightfoot's mother found work as a nursing aide, and her father, the son of a sharecropper, got a job as a janitor.

In the 1950s, the couple quickly had two children. Then Lightfoot's father, Elijah Lightfoot, was diagnosed with meningitis, an illness that almost killed him. He recovered but lost his hearing, his wife, Ann Lightfoot, said.

Once he recovered, he and his wife had two more children — there is a four-year gap between the sibling pairs. Lori Lightfoot was their last born.

“Lori spent more time with me than the other children,” Ann Lightfoot said. “She had such a wonderful upbringing here. I believe of my four children, Lori became the most outgoing.”

Lori Lightfoot grew up in a handsome, two-story house in a lower-income community. The town was segregated, and Lightfoot's parents chose to live in a white area because they wanted their children exposed to the mainstream culture, Ann Lightfoot said.

In her early years, Lori Lightfoot was often the only black student in her classes. By the time she entered high school, her surroundings were more diverse.

In their community, Lightfoot became known as the friendly girl who broke barriers, took charge and pushed herself to achieve.

By the time she entered 10th grade, Lightfoot knew she wanted to be the leader of her school class of 437 students, those who knew her said. She campaigned to become class president and won easily, in part because she was so popular.

“She was able to get people together, and they would listen to her,” said David Harding, 71, a now-retired English literature teacher who served as the class adviser back then. “She wasn't a large person, and she couldn't overwhelm with size. So she led by example, and she never tried to put on airs. (Authority) could go to your head,



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Lightfoot was president of her class at Washington High School for all three years.

she never allowed that. She was consistent all the way through.”

As class president, a teenage Lightfoot led a day-long boycott of the cafeteria's bland food. Her efforts were rewarded with more flavorful pizza.

“The pizza boycott sounds funny now, but it was a big deal back then,” said Stephanie Cox Markovic, 56, another high school classmate who was also a class officer. At one point, a young Lightfoot testified before the school board to defend a teacher at their school, Markovic remembered.

“What teenager goes to a

board meeting in high school? Nobody but Lori,” she said.

Outside of student government, Lightfoot busied herself with lots of other extracurricular activities: She sang alto in the choir, played trumpet in the band, and was a member of the Latin Club and the school's culture club, a group responsible for encouraging student participation. She played volleyball and emerged as a leader on the high school's basketball team.

“She had a lot of speed and ball control,” said Bobby Grizzard, 59, another of her former classmates

and husband of Jennifer Brown Grizzard. “She was quick. She could keep the whole team going.”

Even as a teenager, Lightfoot was a standout, Grizzard said.

“We thought Lori was a bright star,” he said. “If you consider that she was class president for all three years, it shows how many people were in her corner.”

At one point, Ann Lightfoot told her husband they would have to buy their daughter a car, because she no longer had the energy to chauffeur her to all her activities.

“Getting up at all hours of the day, taking her here, taking her there, it was taking a toll,” Ann Lightfoot said.

When Lori got her car, she told her friends she would give them rides, but only if they supported her, her mother remembered.

“She told the girls, ‘If you don't come to my basketball games, if you don't come to my softball games, I'm not going to give you a ride,’” Ann Lightfoot said, laughing at the memory. “These girls, to get a ride, they'd sit through it.”

Many of Lori Lightfoot's peers finished high school bound for full-time work. Those who did go to college stayed close by.

But Lightfoot went away to the University of Michigan.

During her freshman year at Michigan, Lightfoot's older brother, Brian Lightfoot, was arrested for trying to rob a bank and shooting a security guard. It was a crushing moment for the family, but a teenage Lightfoot supported her parents as they made the difficult decision not to risk their house to bail him out.

“Lori wasn't at home at the time and she never talked about it a lot. But as time went on, we saw in her conversation, ‘Mom, have you heard from Brian? Brian's going to be OK.’ She seemed more as if she was trying to uplift me in saying her brother would be fine. His being away affected her,” Ann Lightfoot said.

After she finished college, Lightfoot pursued law, but not because of her brother. Her father aspired to be a lawyer, and she wanted to select a profession that was financially stable, she has said in interviews.

She graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and stayed in Chicago afterward.

'Rational, pragmatic, calm'

Even as Lightfoot's older brother struggled with the criminal justice system, she continued to rise.

Brian Lightfoot served time in prison but is now back in Massillon. On the campaign trail, Lori Lightfoot has praised him for his rehabilitation.

And even as she made a name for herself and built a reputation in Chicago, she kept one hand reaching back to Massillon. She'd attend the big football games and the tailgates, and reconnect with her classmates during frequent reunions. Because she was the class president, she'd deliver the keynote speech at gatherings nearly every five years, her former classmates said.

As a result, in some ways, her victory is her hometown's victory too.

“She was loyal. She is still loyal,” said Chuck Richards, another of her high school classmates. “When Lori walks into a room, her charismatic personality takes control. She's rational, pragmatic, calm.”

On the campaign trail, Lightfoot often described herself as a girl from a low-income family in a segregated steel town to illustrate the improbability of her rise from those roots to the possibility of becoming mayor of America's third largest city.

She described her hometown as a place “where we struggled, it's a difficult place. It certainly was difficult for me growing up, but there is a huge amount of pride,” Lightfoot said. “This is a tremendous accomplishment for somebody from little Massillon, Ohio.”

With her flourishing career in Chicago, Lightfoot could have easily become detached from her hometown, said Marva Dodson, 74, who has known the Lightfoot family through church since Lori Lightfoot was barely in school. But she remained involved.

In 2013, Dodson nominated Lightfoot to be honored with Washington High School's Distinguished Citizen award.

“She was a very smart, reserved and high-achieving teenager, and then she went on to become a mature, successful, practicing prosecuting attorney,” Dodson said.

In Massillon, Lightfoot's mother kept her campaign sign taped to the front window of her house. Her good friend Darlene Stanford had her “Lightfoot for Mayor” T-shirt and pins laid out on a table in her living room.

Although they aren't big earners, several of Lightfoot's former classmates back home said they donated to her campaign.

When Markovic learned that her former classmate was running for mayor of Chicago, she wasn't shocked because Lightfoot was always ambitious.

“Although she's talented and smart, my first thought was, ‘Nobody wins their first election,’” Markovic said. “Then all of a sudden, she kept inching up in the polls. Then there was the election, and she was ahead.”

As Lightfoot neared victory, it brought back a familiar feeling for Markovic — one she remembered from high school.

“I was surprised, but I wasn't surprised,” she said. “Because that's Lori.”

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Lightfoot campaigned on reforming city government to make it more transparent, accountable and free of corruption in the wake of an ongoing federal investigation at City Hall that already has left 50-year incumbent Ald. Edward Burke charged with attempted extortion and revealed that longtime outgoing Ald. Danny Solis wore a wire on his colleagues for two years while under federal investigation as well.

Since Tuesday, Lightfoot repeatedly has referred to her victory as a “mandate for change,” and she’s already sketching out how she’ll put it to use.

Among her plans: A day one executive order banning the veto power aldermen hold over zoning and permitting in their wards; new investigative oversight of the City Council; possible budget relief and new taxing authority from Springfield; and approval of an elected Chicago school board.

One area Lightfoot may not immediately influence is putting the brakes on tax incentives for the massive Lincoln Yards development on the North Side. While she has called for Mayor Rahm Emanuel to leave the project for her administration, Lightfoot seemed resigned that it will pass on her predecessor’s watch.

The mayor-elect also signaled intent to keep both police Superintendent Eddie Johnson and Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson in their current positions after meeting with each this week and called her initial meeting with Emanuel on the transition “very, very cordial.”

As she begins to stake out her positions on the issues, Lightfoot also is laying the groundwork to name a transition team that will be tasked with filling top positions in Chicago’s government and staff-level openings that make the city’s agencies hum. The nerve center of the operation is housed in a loft-style office overlooking the Chicago River filled with little more than scattered furniture.

“It doesn’t feel overwhelming, but there is a lot to do,” said Lightfoot, seated in a conference room with her campaign slogan, “Bring in the Light,” written on a whiteboard as part of the office’s Wi-Fi login code.

The mayor-elect explained that in envisioning the framework of her administration, she’s asking newcomers and government veterans alike on a variety of issues “what’s best for the city, for the residents, taxpayers” with no other considerations in mind.

“The conversations I’m having with people are about, ‘Tell me what you believe is the right thing to do, and put the politics aside.’ I’m not naive, and we’re going to have to contend with that,” Lightfoot said.

“I want to imagine things as big as possible, and then we’ll figure out what the practical realities are. But I don’t want to have things on the cutting room floor before we even start the conversation.”

Ending aldermanic privilege

Lightfoot made reforming City Hall the hallmark of her campaign.

A top plank on that agenda: Ending aldermanic privilege.

That veto power was at the center of Burke’s corruption charge, as federal authorities alleged the powerful alderman put a brick on a permit request from one of the nation’s largest fast food franchise owners as he pressed the restaurant giant to hire his law firm.

But ending the practice in which aldermen have final say over permitting and zoning in their wards is not as simple as erasing the authority from the city code: It can’t be found there.

Instead, aldermanic privilege, or prerogative as some call it, is a decadeslong tradition in which fellow aldermen and the mayor have deferred to the wishes of the local alderman when it comes decisions in his or



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Lori Lightfoot has repeatedly referred to her lopsided victory last week as a “mandate for change,” which she says will begin with the stripping of aldermen’s veto power.

her ward.

Lightfoot said she plans to address the matter by mayoral fiat the day she takes over the suite of offices on City Hall’s fifth floor.

“I’m thinking about an executive order from day one that says in more legalese than this, ‘This is not a thing. We will no longer honor this,’” Lightfoot said. “Because the way that aldermanic prerogative works is there’s got to be compliance with the executive branch, because otherwise it doesn’t work. So, you’ve got to eliminate that compliance, and you make it a mandate.”

Lightfoot said she would start by hiring department heads and deputies who will be “pledging allegiance to the new world order and good governance” and then train those people and their staffs — especially in agencies such as planning, zoning, buildings and housing where aldermen frequently deploy the practice. She then would direct Inspector General Joseph Ferguson to do spot audits to ensure compliance.

The mayor-elect noted how the practice not only has helped contribute to sustained corruption that has seen 30 aldermen convicted of crimes related to their official duties since 1972 but has prevented city-wide initiatives such as building more affordable housing from taking hold.

Lightfoot said that while some aldermen may be upset over losing the power, her administration would have an open dialogue to ensure they still have plenty of input on what decisions are made in their wards.

“If aldermen are doing their job right, they should be the ones who are closest to the vibe and the beat in their neighborhood and have a very important role to play on a number of different issues, but not a unilateral, unchecked right,” she said. “That’s gone as soon as I take office.”

The former federal prosecutor said she would pursue an ordinance to give Ferguson the power to investigate City Council committees, oversight warded off by Burke and other longtime aldermen in an effort to protect their fiefdoms from scrutiny.

“I know why that was stopped, and I think he is becoming less and less relevant, he being Ed Burke,” Lightfoot said of the alderman who won re-election to a record 13th full term in February despite the pending federal criminal charge. “But I think that’s a no-brainer. We have to have oversight.”

Lincoln Yards and Springfield

Throughout the campaign, Lightfoot also called for Emanuel to put the brakes on Lincoln Yards, a \$6 billion development planned for 55 acres of old industrial land between Bucktown and Lincoln Park. The zoning for the project has been approved, but the City Council still must give final approval on up to \$1.3 billion in tax subsidies to build new roads, bridges, intersections and transit facilities that will be necessitated by the massive Sterling Bay development.

Lightfoot said she still would prefer that the City Council not vote on the matter until she takes office, and she said while there have been a lot of community meetings, the project’s plans are ever-shifting and necessary studies on the impact of the project have

not been widely shared with residents in the nearby neighborhoods. Still, she seemed resigned that Emanuel is likely to get the project approved before he departs City Hall. The mayor-elect warned, however, that her administration still would have control over how and when possible tax subsidies for the project are disbursed.

“Look, I think they’ve got the votes for it to go forward,” Lightfoot said. “But all the money’s not going to be given at one tranche, so we will have leverage, and I intend to make full use of that leverage to get done what needs to get done.”

The mayor-elect also campaigned on converting Chicago’s appointed school board to an elected one. The Illinois House advanced a bill to the Senate on Thursday that would create a 20-member board with districts drawn by state lawmakers, plus a president elected citywide.

“I don’t favor that bill at all,” Lightfoot said, because it has too many members and does not specify requirements to serve on the board. She said she’s contemplating a requirement that school board candidates would have to serve a certain amount of time on a Local School Council before they could run.

“I want actual parents to be able to sit on that board, and if we treat it like another political body, that’s not going to happen and that to me is absolutely untenable and a nonstarter,” Lightfoot said. “I favor a situation where we have people who have come through the (Local School Council) process, because they have skin in the game. That means they’re probably a parent. They’ve been able to make and meet budgets. They have some expertise in doing hiring. I think all those things are very valuable skills that will help inform a school board.”

During the mayoral race, neither Lightfoot nor Preckwinkle offered many specifics on how they would close a projected \$252 million budget deficit or come up with \$276 million in new pension payments in a budget that will have to be presented in October.

Lightfoot repeatedly said she would “make the case for progressive revenue” by demonstrating to taxpayers that she also would cut spending at City Hall. She didn’t specify what “progressive revenue” she had in mind, other than floating the possibility of taxing high-end law and accounting firms. That move and other possible tax increases likely would require approval from state lawmakers in a legislative session that is scheduled to wrap up May 31 — just 11 days after she takes office.

Still, Lightfoot didn’t rule out seeking new taxing authority in May, even if she’d just be starting the process of looking for City Hall cuts. She also said her administration would look for pension relief and other possible financial assistance from Springfield.

“There are discussions going on about how to address certain pension issues,” the mayor-elect said. “We may ultimately opt out or we may opt in, but we at least have to have a seat at the table so that our interests are represented.”

Asked if she was referencing the possibility of merging the city’s four public employee pension funds with the state’s, Lightfoot replied, “Yeah. Those are some of the discussions going on.”

Lightfoot said she has had initial phone conversa-

tions with both House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton and soon would have a “substantive conversation” with Gov. J.B. Pritzker. She also is planning a trip to Springfield during the transition.

“Now, I didn’t allow myself to look past Tuesday,” Lightfoot said. “But you know every day for the last month at least, Springfield’s been on my mind.”

Police and schools

Lightfoot has called Chicago’s scourge of violent crime the No. 1 issue facing the city, and she has plenty of experience on the issue after holding multiple police oversight appointments under Emanuel and former Mayor Richard M. Daley.

The day after she was elected, Lightfoot met with police Superintendent Johnson and his command staff to hear their plan to address summer violence. The mayor-elect said she would be digging into more details soon on how to solve more murders and create better relationships with communities in crime-plagued neighborhoods on the South and West sides but has committed to keeping Johnson on as top cop for the time being.

“I think we have a very cordial and good working relationship. I think there

are some things he’s worked extremely hard on and are important to him, including rebuilding trust. And I think he’s done a good job at that,” she said. “There is more work to be done. Obviously, we have to do a far better job on keeping our community safe, and that’s where I’m going to put a significant amount of input.”

Lightfoot said there are “better solutions” to driving down crime that are being used in other cities, and “we’re going to change this thing around or we’re going to make changes.”

She also met with CPS CEO Janice Jackson, of whom she was critical during the campaign for the district’s handling of an ongoing sexual abuse scandal and the attempted closure of the National Teachers Academy in the South Loop. Lightfoot previously called for Jackson to apologize to parents for backing Emanuel’s plan to try to close the academy and turn it into a high school.

“I told her when I met her that I thought it was an important thing for her to recognize, and of course she does, that people have been really hurt. They have been wounded by the way in which a lot of things have happened at CPS,” Lightfoot said.

“It’s a very difficult job. In some ways, it’s just as challenging, if not more so, than being superintendent of police. But there are parents out there who feel like they have been shut out from the process of how their children are educated, and that’s never a good thing. So I’ve urged her to continue a process of healing.”

Still, Lightfoot said she was “very impressed” by Jackson and sounded inclined to keep her in charge of the schools.

“She’s a real person. She doesn’t come at you with education-speak,” Lightfoot said. “She’s very direct. I think she’s very smart, and I appreciated the candor of our conversation.”

A meeting with Emanuel

Before this week, the last time Lightfoot had been in

the fifth-floor mayor’s office was August 2017, when Emanuel was weighing whether to reappoint her as president of the Police Board, the civilian body that has final say over officer discipline decisions. Lightfoot had become a vocal critic, calling for the mayor to take stronger steps on police reform amid the fallout of the 2014 Laquan McDonald police shooting and subsequent U.S. Justice Department civil rights investigation.

Emanuel ultimately reappointed her, but only after the contentious 2017 meeting that Lightfoot previously described as having the sole purpose of the mayor asking “me point-blank if I was going to run against him.” Lightfoot told him no, but nine months later launched a run against him.

She said her meeting Wednesday with Emanuel represented a “night and day difference from the last time I was there.”

“It was very, very cordial. He pledged full support in helping the transition and was very generous in part talking about family and how important it was to make sure that the job didn’t blot out time with our child,” said Lightfoot, who has an 11-year-old daughter, Vivian, with her wife Amy Eshleman.

“You know, he’s raised three children while he’s been in office. So, he offered I think some really sound advice on that front.”

When Emanuel made the stunning decision in September to drop his bid for a third term, he predicted that none of the candidates in the race at the time ultimately would become the next mayor, saying it took more than a “one-trick pony” to run America’s third-largest city.

Lightfoot was among that group. So did she remind Emanuel of his prediction gone awry?

“I decided that probably wasn’t appropriate since the conversation was going well,” Lightfoot said. “I’m sure others will, however.”

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case continuing unabated, the Chicago Tribune attempted to piece together what led to such an abrupt dismissal of a case that had garnered international interest.

Foxx's office has denied multiple requests by the Tribune to interview the lead prosecutor, who made the decision to drop the charges, or Foxx's top deputy, who signed off on the deal. The central question — why prosecutors made the about-face — largely remains a mystery.

Meanwhile, Foxx, who had informally "recused" herself from the case due to a conflict, has faced mounting pressure to explain in more detail why the prosecution of Smollett was so quickly abandoned. In an op-ed in the Tribune, she backed off her office's initial stance that the case was strong, writing that they were uncertain of a conviction, but she offered no specifics.

At a news conference Saturday, Foxx declined to talk about "the substance of the case," saying the matter is "continuing to be reviewed by others" — but she did not say by whom.

But for the first time, Smollett's attorneys have provided their account of how the case concluded, saying in interviews with the Tribune that they'd rejected early offers of a deferred prosecution and insisted instead on a full dismissal. The defense team — which includes Los Angeles-based celebrity attorney Mark Geragos — blasted the case as weak while acknowledging they had been given only a sliver of the evidence gathered by Chicago police.

Smollett's lawyers said they emphasized in talks with Foxx's subordinates that the case hinged on questionable testimony by two brothers who told police that Smollett had paid them to stage the Jan. 29 attack. They also hammered on public statements made by police Superintendent Eddie Johnson that they believed were inconsistent with evidence that prosecutors later presented in court.

On Friday, though, Johnson told the Tribune he did "nothing unusual" in holding a news conference to detail a high-profile investigation, defending everything he said as based on evidence he still considers rock-solid.

"There was nothing that I personally interjected into my comments," Johnson said.

With the reason behind the dismissal still a mystery, the controversy has continued to rage. Last week, the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police staged a protest outside Foxx's Loop offices calling on her to resign, and a suburban police chief association issued a "no confidence" letter attacking her lenient approach to prosecuting low-level crimes. Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot also weighed in, saying Foxx owed Chicago a more "fulsome" explanation of her office's actions.

On the legal front, two separate petitions — one from a former prosecutor in Foxx's office and another from a retired Illinois appellate judge — were filed last week calling for a special prosecutor to investigate how the Smollett case was handled and whether the actor could be re-charged.

Patricia Brown Holmes, Smollett's lead Chicago attorney, told the Tribune in an interview last week that as the point person handling the negotiations, she tried to make it clear to Foxx's office that it would be embarrassed if prosecutors took the case to trial and lost.

"What I walked them through was the legality (of the investigation)," Holmes said at her downtown law office. "Whether they believe he's guilty or not, your case is crap. You can't sustain your burden (of) proof beyond a reasonable doubt."

'How is that going to make your case look?'

The swift dumping of Smollett's case seemed at stark odds with the details laid out at the actor's bond



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Chicago Fraternal Order of Police protested last week at the state's attorney's offices, calling on Kim Foxx to resign. Counterprotesters also gathered.



Actor Jussie Smollett leaves the court building after all charges were dropped March 26.

hearing just a few weeks earlier. Prosecutors at the Feb. 21 hearing said they had a litany of evidence to prove Smollett orchestrated an attack on himself that frigid night in the Streeter-ville neighborhood.

Smollett, who is African-American and openly gay, claimed he was walking from a Subway sandwich shop to his apartment in the 300 block of East North Water Street about 2 a.m. Jan. 29 when two men walked up, yelled racial and homophobic slurs, hit him and wrapped a rope around his neck. He said they also yelled, "This is MAGA country."

Police initially treated the incident as a hate crime. But their focus turned to Smollett after the brothers, who were arrested at O'Hare International Airport after returning from a scheduled trip to Nigeria, began cooperating with police.

At Smollett's bond hearing, prosecutors detailed a seemingly airtight case that included phone records, surveillance footage, even a \$3,500 payoff check from Smollett to the two brothers, whose sworn testimony was "locked in" before a grand jury.

On the day that charges were dropped, Foxx's top deputy, Joseph Magats, even defended the strength of the case, saying the dismissal was in no way an indication that Smollett was innocent.

"The fact that (Smollett) feels that we have exonerated him, we have not," Magats told the Tribune. "I can't make it any clearer than that."

Foxx, who had withdrawn from the case in February after revealing she had contact with Smollett's representatives early on in the investigation, also defended the strength of the evidence in a round of media interviews that week. But two days later, with the political fallout growing, Foxx wrote a Tribune op-ed saying for the first time that aspects of the evidence and testimony "would have made securing a conviction against Smollett uncertain."

"For a variety of reasons, including public statements made about the evidence in this case, my office believed the likelihood of securing a conviction was not certain," Foxx wrote without elaborating.

Smollett's attorneys be-

lieve Foxx was referring to conflicting statements made by Johnson as well as by the attorney for the brothers, particularly in describing some of the key evidence in the case as well as Smollett's alleged motive for staging the attack.

In detailing the findings of the three-week investigation, Johnson said at a nationally televised news conference on Feb. 21 that Smollett "attempted to gain attention" by sending a letter to himself at the "Empire" studios that contained threatening references to his race and homosexuality. "When that didn't work, Smollett paid \$3,500 to stage this attack and drag Chicago's reputation through the mud in the process," Johnson said. "This stunt was orchestrated by Smollett because he was dissatisfied with his salary. So he concocted a story about being attacked."

Asked directly by a reporter if the brothers, Abel and Ola Osundairo, had given police the information about the check and Smollett's motive, Johnson said, "Yes."

The lawyer for the brothers, though, said in a series of media interviews of her own that her clients had not told police that Smollett sent himself the letter or that he planned the hoax because he was unhappy on the set.

"Factually, Jussie never told them what the motive was," attorney Gloria Schmidt told the Tribune last week. "I wouldn't have them speculate on that."

Schmidt also said the brothers had told police that the \$3,500 check was not actually a direct payment for the attack but ostensibly for training and nutrition that the brothers were providing to Smollett to help him shed pounds in advance of a music video shoot scheduled for Feb. 23.

"It's complicated," Schmidt said in one interview, characterizing the check as a legitimate payment for training but with a "wink" that Smollett also expected the brothers to do him a favor by taking part in the hoax.

Schmidt clarified the remarks in her interview with the Tribune, saying Smollett wrote the check not long after asking the brothers to "do something for me."

"My conclusion was that the money was for the

training but as a front for their participation in the attack," she said.

Smollett's attorneys said the motive alleged by Johnson made no sense and had not been properly investigated by the police. Not only was Smollett's role as Jamal Lyon a pivotal part of the ongoing "Empire" story line, but he also was pleased with his treatment by the studio, his attorneys said. After rumors spread that Smollett staged the attack because he'd heard he was being written off the show, the Fox network issued a statement calling the assertion "patently ridiculous."

By the time that Smollett's case was brought to court, the alleged motive had shifted somewhat. Prosecutors made no direct reference in the bond proffer to the actor being upset about his pay. Instead, prosecutors said Smollett indicated to the brothers "his displeasure" with the studio's handling of the threatening letter.

Holmes said she made it clear to prosecutors that if the case went to trial, she intended to grill both Johnson and Schmidt under oath about their statements concerning Smollett's alleged motive.

"Hearing (the brothers') lawyer out there saying different things and contradicting herself, I'm calling her as a witness, right?" Holmes said. "So how is that going to make your case look? So now that creates all kinds of issues."

If Foxx was indeed referencing her public statements as impacting the decision to dismiss charges, Schmidt said in her interview with the Tribune, the criticism is off base.

"I'd like to know specifically what (Foxx is) saying would have hurt her case," Schmidt said. "She's just finding a reason to blame us, I think, for her lack of conviction in securing a verdict."

Schmidt also said it was highly unlikely she could have been forced to take the witness stand.

"They'd have to file a motion to disqualify me, and even if that motion were granted, then I have an attorney-client privilege with my clients, so no one can order me to talk about things that fall under that privilege," she said. "I know I'm doing my job when that's what the other side

wants to do — call me as a witness. It's not my first rodeo on that."

'Completely bamboozled'

Police say they were able to corroborate the brothers' story about the hoax by reviewing footage from dozens of police and private surveillance cameras showing the brothers' movements before and after the attack. But despite all the surveillance video and other evidence in the case, it seemed clear that the Osundairo brothers' testimony would be crucial in proving Smollett guilty.

The actor's seasoned attorneys believed they had plenty of ammunition to attack their credibility, including evidence of drug dealing, purportedly homophobic tweets sent by Ola Osundairo in 2015 and Ola's aggravated battery conviction for a violent 2011 attack in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood.

"If the credibility of your witnesses is sunk, then you can't carry your burden of proof," said Brian Watson, one of Smollett's Chicago-based attorneys. "You cannot put a witness on the stand and think you can carry your burden when they've probably contradicted themselves, when they have every motive to create a story that exculpates themselves."

They also said that much of the evidence, particularly text messages and phone records between Smollett and the brothers, was taken out of context. Instead of proving a conspiracy, the communications showed that the brothers knew exactly where Smollett was going to be on the night he was attacked, the actor's attorneys said.

There were also numerous phone calls and text messages between Smollett and Abel Osundairo both before and after the attack, according to court records. One text sent by Smollett four days before the incident was held up by prosecutors as evidence that the plot was being hatched.

"Might need your help on the low," read Smollett's text on Jan. 25, according to prosecutors. "You around to meet up and talk face to face?"

Smollett's attorneys said the brothers only came up with their story that the attack was staged after two days in custody and under threat of facing felony hate crime charges. They questioned whether information had been fed to them by their attorney, who knew that police suspected the attack was a hoax and came up with details that "fit that narrative."

"All of their evidence just ties the brothers to the crime," said Tina Glandian, a New York-based attorney with Geragos' firm. "There isn't a single piece of corroborating evidence for the brothers' story other than their self-serving statements that were made only after they were facing (possible) charges."

Schmidt, however, told the Tribune the brothers

were immediately willing to cooperate with police and that she never believed they were genuinely in danger of being criminally charged.

Glandian said text messages not disclosed by the police showed the brothers were indeed coordinating workout times with Smollett and providing dietary instructions. On the night of the attack, Smollett was supposed to train with the brothers after he flew back to Chicago, but his flight was delayed in New York for several hours and he had to cancel their plans, Glandian said.

Among the messages that were taken out of context by police was the one about Smollett asking Abel for help "on the low," Glandian said. She said the actor was actually asking the brothers to get him an illegal steroid-like supplement available in Nigeria that would help him cut weight quickly.

"When (prosecutors) say their case had problems, I think that they knew, placed into context, these things make a lot more sense with the truth as opposed to the brothers' concocted story," Glandian said.

When told of the defense's claim about the meaning of the "on the low" text, Schmidt laughed, saying that providing steroids to a client goes against their "code."

"Their platform — the brothers — is all about being steroid-free," she said. "Their whole thing is, you know, all-natural bodybuilding. It's ridiculous."

Schmidt also said the brothers were never in danger of being criminally charged, so they never asked for any kind of immunity in exchange for their testimony. Schmidt said she was alongside the brothers for their interviews with police and their testimony before a Cook County grand jury. At every step, she said, their story has been consistent.

"There was nothing that didn't jibe," Schmidt said. "There was nothing that was not factual, that was not consistent with what they had reported to police."

Schmidt said she was stunned as everybody when she learned the charges had been dropped. She had talked with the prosecutors' office just days before and was given no indication of a problem. In fact, the Osundairo brothers had been assigned a victim-witness liaison from Foxx's office to help them through the process of preparing for trial.

Schmidt was packing for a spring break trip with her family when she saw the breaking news reports that the charges had been abruptly dropped.

"No notice," she said. "The opposite. The impression of us moving forward and then, completely bamboozled."

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Activist Ja'Mal Green, left, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. and others appear at a news conference at Rainbow/PUSH Coalition on Saturday.

Rep. Bobby Rush: Police union 'sworn enemy of black people'

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

After a week of heated protests and calls for her resignation, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx and African-American leaders condemned Chicago's police union and defended how the prosecutor's office addressed an actor's alleged hate crime hoax.

Foxx vowed to remain at her post during a Saturday news conference, despite intense controversy sparked in March when her office dropped a 16-count indictment that accused television actor Jussie Smollett of orchestrating a racist and homophobic attack on himself to advance his career.

Foxx declined to address "the substance of the case" with reporters gathered at the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition headquarters, though she's faced mounting pressure to specify why Smollett's prosecution was so quickly abandoned.

But U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, activist Ja'Mal Green, Jackson and a group of other Foxx supporters blamed the city's Fraternal Order of Police for a Monday confrontation over the Smollett case that displayed some of the city's racial and political divisions.

"The FOP is the sworn enemy of black people, the sworn enemy of black people," said Rush, who drew criticism in the city's mayoral election when he suggested supporters of Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot would have the blood of African-American youths killed by the police on their hands.

"The FOP has always taken the position that

black people can be shot down in the street by members of the Chicago Police Department, and suffer no consequences," Rush said, as an aide approached Foxx and the state's attorney stepped out of television cameras' view. "Let's be clear: Kim Foxx, her battle, is with the FOP and all of their cohorts."

Hundreds of protesters faced off outside Foxx's downtown office last week, pitting police union members who demanded Foxx's resignation against counter-protests from groups including the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression.

Members of white extremist groups were said to have participated in the union's demonstration. A police union official has rejected that assertion, but Foxx criticized the union's protests as "personal."

"The injection of white nationalists in this conversation, for me, I will tell you personally, I was afraid," Foxx said Saturday.

"I would certainly hope that the FOP and whatever their disagreements with me may be, whatever concerns that they may have about my ability or leadership, would at least expect the people of their union to not inject racism or white nationalists into the conversation."

The union on Saturday described Rush's comments as "ignorant, offensive, malicious, and false," and continued to demand that Foxx resign from office.

"These outrageous and irresponsible comments have demeaned each and every Chicago Police Officer, regardless of their race," the union said.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who blasted prosecutors'

decision to drop all charges against Smollett as a "whitewash of justice," said Foxx needs to focus on answering questions about the case but that he's "totally against" the idea of her stepping down.

A former assistant state's attorney in Foxx's office filed a petition seeking a special prosecutor to look into the case and determine whether Smollett should be recharged with staging a hate crime, and whether Foxx or people who work for her interfered with the investigation.

A former Illinois Appellate Court judge also requested a special prosecutor investigation, and a group of suburban police chiefs gave Foxx a vote of no confidence.

The city has demanded that Smollett repay Chicago \$130,106 — the cost of the police overtime hours expended in the investigation into his allegations. The actor missed a city-imposed Thursday deadline to pay or face further legal action.

"The efforts that I've had on criminal justice reform that were once celebrated by many in this county, that are now being attacked because of one case and one celebrity — I think we have to ask ourselves: What is this really about?" Foxx said.

"I have never, will never, speak ill of our partners in this work," she said.

"Even though there are challenges between any relationship, you have never seen the Cook County state's attorney stand in any podium, stand in any room and disrespect or disregard any of those partners."

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Two accused of running towing scam, posing as city workers

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL
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Two convicted felons from the city's Brighton Park neighborhood are accused of posing as city tow truck drivers and using a police scanner to find traffic crash victims with disabled vehicles in a "predatory towing operation," according to Chicago police.

Both Angel Camacho, 26, and Jon Twist, 30, were charged with felony tow solicitation, and Twist was also charged with misdemeanor possession of a police scanner, police said.

The suspects were part of a "predatory towing operation," possibly orchestrated by gangs, head police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi tweeted.

In the scam, which was uncovered by police in recent weeks, tow trucks "appear unsolicited at scenes & essentially take cars hostage & later extort owners," according to his tweet.

During their bond hearing Saturday afternoon at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, prosecutors said the incident began when a truck became wedged under a viaduct at Racine Avenue and Pershing Road about 6:15 a.m. Friday.

The trucker alerted his firm's dispatch center to arrange a tow and began waiting.

When Twist and Camacho suddenly showed up at the crash, they told the

trucker they work with the city "all the time," prosecutors said.

They claimed they were with Chicago police and were sent there to tow the semi and its trailer. The duo appeared to work for the city of Chicago because they were wearing clothing bearing the city seal, police said.

But when the real tow truck company got there, an argument broke out and someone called police.

Twist admitted he was not called by the city, and he and Camacho were arrested.

Saying his convictions were more than 10 years ago and the new accusations are nonviolent, Judge Sophia Atcherson released Twist on a \$10,000 personal recogni-

zance bond.

The judge set the same \$10,000 personal recognizance bond for Camacho, which means they are allowed to return home without coming up with any cash, as long as they make it to their next court date.

Camacho, of the 3300 block of West 38th Place, will be back in court on April 12, and Twist, of the 3500 block of South Western Boulevard, on April 15.

Police said they both have prior felony convictions: Camacho for robbery and possession of a stolen motor vehicle, and Twist for kidnapping.

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Police: Shooting hurts at least 6, including 2 kids

BY HANNAH LEONE AND ROSEMARY SOBOL
Chicago Tribune

While about 20 children played outside, adults at the baby shower were laughing and having a good time, playing a game in which two men in the family wore fake bellies to look pregnant.

Then gunfire ripped down the West Englewood street, wounding at least six people, including two young children, around 6:25 p.m. in the 6300 block of South Seeley Avenue, police said. An 8-year-old boy was shot in the chest and back, and a 10-year-old girl was shot in the shin. Both were stabilized at Comer Children's Hospital, police said.

A 29-year-old woman was shot in the shoulder and chest, and remained in critical condition at Advocate Christ Medical Center at Oak Lawn. A 42-year-old man shot twice in the hip was also taken to Christ. A 23-year-old man shot in the left foot and a 28-year-old man hit in the right shoulder were both taken to Holy Cross and stabilized, police said. The 28-year-old was transferred to Mount Sinai Hospital.

There were about 20 children outside, and they started rushing the house, where some people ducked while others went to the door to help the children inside, said Richard Nix, whose oldest grandson was having the baby shower. The children started piling on top of one another as they were bottlenecked through the door, Nix said.

As Area South detectives began to investigate, police said they had no suspects in custody.

"The ones that were doing the shooting, none of them get shot," Nix said. "It's just all the innocent people."

The baby shower was supposed to be a happy day, Nix said, "supposed to be." Now Sandra Wright

Davis, a relative of the 8-year-old boy shot in the chest, sat in Comer's emergency room with several other frantic family members, waiting for word from doctors.

Wright Davis learned what happened when the boy's mother called her from the ambulance where she was with her son, crying, "My baby's been shot!"

Wright Davis said the mother had applied chest compressions. "She held onto her baby and applied the ... pressure. She did all the right things," Wright Davis said.

As Wright Davis recounted the harrowing phone call, a sobbing woman walked in with at least half a dozen more relatives. She was inconsolable, holding her hands over her cheeks as tears ran down her face. "Jesus," she said.

Relatives tried to comfort her, saying, "They said he was alert."

"He's got to be OK!" the woman said, hugging and holding onto relatives, then collapsing in the arms of a man who Wright Davis said was the boy's father. He walked out of the intake area, wearing light blue hospital scrubs, tears streaming down his face too.

Head police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi tweeted that the shooting took place "at a family gathering" and people on scene weren't cooperating with detectives.

A bouquet of balloons floated outside a home on Seeley between 63rd and 64th streets. In the backyard, people started taking down yellow, teal and red balloons that had been taped along the fence.

Nicole Caliman and Tabitha Kellum, who both live in the Gresham area, stood a few yards away from the scene and took it in. Caliman said she goes to crime scenes when she can because she feels many documentaries and shows glorify

violence in Chicago and she thinks it's important to see how things really are. Sometimes, she takes video.

"There's a lot of injustice, a lot of people don't really understand what's happening in Chicago or why it's happening, so that's kind of why I was like envisioning in my own head to do this," she said. "It's sad, it's sad, you know what I'm saying? I hate having to justify everything that happens here to people."

It can't be justified, Kellum said. The gunmen in shootings like Saturday's lack morals, she said.

At the yellow police tape down 64th from the two women, another woman was talking with officers on the other side about how to get her car out of the crime scene so she could go to Comer.

"Do me a favor, I want it to be as low-key as possible," an officer told her. "We can go this way — I just want you, you gonna come with me, you gonna get your car and you gonna pull your car around. You gonna get your family out, and you can go to the hospital, OK?"

The woman followed the officer as her 15-year-old daughter waited at the edge of the tape, holding a tiny girl with flower-shaped beads clipped throughout her braided hair, standing next to Richard Nix.

The girl said she and her mother had just parked down the street and were heading into the baby shower when two groups of males started shooting at each other. The girl had noticed a teen wearing an orange do-rag sitting on one of the porches before a car drove east down 64th toward Seeley and someone inside started shooting out of the car.

The teen in the do-rag stood up, and a group across the street started shooting back, she said.

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Both sides of pot pushing hard as bill looms in Ill.

By **ROBERT MCCOPPIN**
Chicago Tribune

When a new study reported that legal marijuana could have dire circumstances for the Midwest, it marked the latest in an onslaught of public relations attempts to affect the outcome of the legalization debate in Illinois.

On one side, the cannabis industry, investors, social justice advocates, and mostly Democratic lawmakers are calling for an end to what they consider a destructive war against a relatively harmless and sometimes beneficial drug.

On the other side, law enforcement, addiction counselors, preachers, and most Republican lawmakers warn about the dangers of legalizing another mind-altering addictive substance.

While each side has passionate true believers, their efforts are also driven in part by national nonprofit groups funded by often-undisclosed donors. Their target audience is both the general public, two-thirds of whom in Illinois support legalization, polls show, and undecided state lawmakers, who plan to consider legalizing weed for recreational use this spring.

The Marijuana Policy Project, whose goal is to legalize and regulate marijuana like alcohol, boasts of having changed laws through voter initiatives in other states such as Colorado, as well as in Vermont, which last year became the first state to legalize the drug through the legislature. With an annual budget exceeding \$2 million, the group claims that it was "instrumental" in getting Illinois to legalize medical marijuana, and is involved in ongoing negotiations over the current legalization bill.

Longtime Marijuana Policy Project board member Joseph "Joby" Pritzker is an investor in vaporizer mak-

ers Juul and Pax Labs, and MJ Freeway, which sells cannabis-tracking software. He is also a second cousin of Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who favors legalizing marijuana. The project recently participated in the governor's committee to study cannabis policy and criminal justice reform, and is working on efforts to craft legislation to legalize the plant.

The group's archenemy is Smart Approaches to Marijuana, or SAM, led by Kevin Sabet, a former adviser at the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy, who now directs the Drug Policy Institute at the University of Florida. He calls the marijuana industry the new Big Tobacco, making profits by selling a harmful, addictive drug.

SAM supports Healthy & Productive Illinois, a local affiliate that opposes legalization, represented in Springfield by longtime lobbyist Tim McAnarney. The group is also partnering with the Illinois chapter of the NAACP.

Fueling the debate

Each side tries to influence public perception of the issue. The latest example of this was a report on the downside of legalization, issued by the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, or HIDTA.

The little-known agency has raised its profile by tackling this issue recently. It is administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the same agency where Sabet worked under the Bush and Obama administrations. It funds joint anti-drug operations by other law enforcement agencies, like the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and local police.

In Colorado, the Rocky Mountain HIDTA has become a thorn in the side of Colorado's legal weed in-

dustry, periodically issuing reports on the negative effects of legalization. The Midwest HIDTA does not cover Illinois, except for the Rock Island area, but Smart Approaches to Marijuana capitalized on the report by sending out a statement that the report's findings could apply to Illinois.

Among other things, the report found that marijuana-related traffic deaths increased sharply in Colorado after legalization, that youth use was higher in states with legal marijuana, and that legal marijuana would generate \$4.50 in costs for every \$1 it generates in tax revenue.

The executive director of the Midwest HIDTA, Jeffrey Stamm, said that in addition to the data in the report, he has seen the negative effects of drug use firsthand.

"The intent of our report was purely educational," he said. "A lot of people look at how marijuana legalization will affect the individual, but I think the evidence is overwhelming that the costs greatly outweigh any purported benefits."

But critics have attacked the information in the report, much of which had been reported previously, as one-sided and misleading. Because signs of marijuana use remain in the body for weeks after the high has worn off, its presence in those involved in fatal crashes does not show whether it played a factor in the accident. Youth use was higher in states such as California, Colorado and Oregon before legalization, and have not increased in Colorado, at least, since then. And the \$4.50 cost per \$1 benefit estimate has questionable costs that do not distinguish from the costs of illegal marijuana use that are already occurring.

Kelvin McCabe, a criminal defense attorney in downstate Macomb on the legal committee for Illinois



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cannabis for sale at Whole Meds in Denver where recreational marijuana is legal.

NORML, which advocates legalization, argued that keeping the drug illegal drives the price up and leaves it unregulated, leaving it for unscrupulous dealers who sell to minors.

"We hear police are there to enforce the law, not to make it, but they are injecting themselves into policy," he said. "You can play with statistics and claim whatever you want."

'People making their case'

SAM co-founder Sabet said any connections with the Office of National Drug Policy were purely coincidental. He estimated his group will spend about \$250,000 to try to stop legalization in Illinois this year, far less than he expects the cannabis industry to spend. He said that SAM is funded primarily by donations from families affected by addiction, and from some private foundations, but takes no money from pharmaceutical, tobacco or alcohol companies, which may lose significant revenue if marijuana is legalized.

He noted that several medical groups, many members of law enforce-

ment, the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities, and the Mid-West Truckers Association all oppose legalization. He compared the situation in Illinois to that in New Jersey, which also had a governor and legislature that favored legalization, but where a bill to do so stalled recently due to concerns from the black caucus and others.

"People do not want pot shops in their community, and do not want more stoned drivers on the roadways," he said. "There's a human side to this that has real consequences."

A "shell" state bill that would legalize, tax and regulate marijuana, but has no details on paper yet, passed out of a committee to the full Senate last week. State Sen. Heather Steans, sponsoring the bill with Rep. Kelly Cassidy, said negotiations over the details of the bill, including creating new licenses for craft marijuana growers, processors and transporters, are continuing with the governor's office and other stakeholders. She hopes to introduce the bill by the end of April, and pass it by the end of May, with sales

beginning early next year.

As for the players coming on each side of the issue, she said, "It's just as all advocates do. It's no different than any big substantive bill in terms of people making their case."

On Thursday, pro-legalization groups made their case at the Thompson Center in Chicago. Partners in the push include ACLU Illinois, the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, Clergy for a New Drug Policy, and union officials, including Tom Balanoff, president of the Service Employees International Union State Council.

He spoke of the estimated \$350 million to \$700 million a year the measure could raise in tax revenue, and provisions to clear the criminal records of thousands of workers with minor marijuana convictions.

"We need this legislation to help our most vulnerable communities and to create opportunities for both working families and entrepreneurs," he said.

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Trump's retreat from closing the border

More evidence that in deal-making, the president is a bust



STEVE CHAPMAN

It has never been a secret that Donald Trump didn't actually write his famous book, "The Art of the Deal." It was composed by Tony Schwartz. What we can deduce now is that Trump also didn't read it — or any other books on the topic. We can reach that conclusion based on the abundant evidence that Trump is terrible at making deals.

His threat to close the U.S.-Mexico border offers the latest example. The president had spent several days raising that prospect "if Mexico doesn't immediately stop ALL illegal immigration coming into the United States." But his threat succeeded mostly in terrifying Republicans. "Closing down the border would have a potentially catastrophic economic impact on our country," warned Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell.

So on Thursday, Trump backed down while trying to disguise his surrender by saying he wouldn't carry out his plan immediately. "We're going to give them a one-year warning," he said of the Mexicans, and if they don't submit, he'll impose tariffs or close the border.

But he's been making this threat for several months already and so far has neither gotten his way nor kept his word. He's negotiating with himself, and he's losing.

His inability to reach deals to get what he wants is a recurring theme of his administration. Trump tried to get Mexico to pay for his cherished wall and failed. He tried to get Congress to provide \$5.7 billion to construct it and failed despite putting the country through a 35-day government shutdown.

He has since demanded that Congress give him \$8.6 billion for the barrier, which is also not going to happen. It takes a special perversity to repeatedly bang your head against an imaginary wall.

Trump imagined that coercing other countries would be easy. He said over and over that he would tear up NAFTA, before initiating talks with Mexico and Canada that produced only minor revisions and a new name — the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Trump boasted that it was "the biggest trade deal in the United States' history," but it actually didn't change much.

Even that deal is yet to be consummated, because Trump has to win the

approval of Congress. Speaker Nancy Pelosi says the House won't even consider it unless and until Mexico enacts new labor laws to protect workers. Even if the House were to consider the new agreement, it might still vote it down.

A shrewd negotiator could probably get a new trade deal with Mexico and Canada through Congress. But Trump has shown no aptitude for reaching mutually agreeable compromises with lawmakers or anyone else.

He couldn't get the repeal of Obamacare even when Republicans controlled both the House and the Senate. He couldn't get his immigration bill, which the Senate rejected last year by a 60-39 vote.

His "infrastructure weeks" have become a literal joke because he has never bothered to focus long enough to make progress. It shouldn't be hard to secure bipartisan legislation to shore up roads, railways and ports, but Trump is perpetually on a bridge to nowhere.

The biggest piece of legislation he has gotten is the 2017 tax cut package, which no Republican president could have botched. He signed a criminal justice reform bill and a measure to

curb the opioid epidemic, but in each case he was pushing an open door. His main role was not to interfere, as members of Congress did the hard work. He didn't make deals; he merely gave his blessing to deals made by others.

That option is not available when it comes to other countries. After last year's historic summit with Kim Jong Un, he assured the world that the North Korean leader was "de-nuking the whole place." But when they met again in February, Trump ended up walking out with nothing.

His trade war with China has hurt American farmers and manufacturers while enlarging the trade deficit. We've been hearing for weeks that a deal is near, but on Thursday, Trump said it may take four more weeks, promising it will be "an epic deal, historic — if it happens." If it happens, though, there is no reason to think it will live up to his billing.

Trump is good at making demands and issuing threats, but those are useful only if you know how to bargain and compromise. He fails at making deals because he has never learned that in negotiations, as in war, the other side gets a vote.

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Foxx must come clean about the Smollett case

In a sword-rattling letter dated Thursday, Mark Geragos, an attorney for Fox's "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett, threatened to "demand the prompt production of the entire investigation file" if the city of Chicago follows through on its threat to sue Smollett for allegedly staging a hate-inspired attack against him Jan. 29 and then lying to police about it.

But forget the demand. Forget waiting for the trigger of a lawsuit. The city and Cook County state's attorney's office should, without precondition, immediately open all the case-related files and stop ducking tough questions about what decisions were made and when.

The mystery has deepened and the divisive public controversy has grown steadily since March 26 — when prosecutors abruptly and without notice to the media or police dropped all charges against Smollett in an "emergency" court hearing.

State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office originally maintained that the startling decision to dismiss the case without a guilty plea or apology from the defendant was a routine form of "alternative prosecution" designed to clear the docket of low-level, nonviolent cases.

The public wasn't buying it. Smollett's allegation had made headlines around the world because it involved a gay African-American celebrity reporting that he'd been attacked in a wealthy neighborhood by two masked men who shouted pro-Trump slogans and left him with a noose slung around his neck but no significant injuries. Police tracked down the masked men and ultimately concluded the incident was a hoax orchestrated and paid for by Smollett.

The charges against Smollett were not particularly comparable to charges related to trying to solve the case — imagine the bad press if the cops had shrugged off the report of a racist, homophobic hate crime against a star! — and the claim had cast the city in a particularly bad light.

Justice required at least an expression of remorse from Smollett, particularly since Foxx's first assistant, Joe Magats, quickly assured reporters that there were no "problems or infirmities in the case or the evidence," and that prosecutors were confident they could have secured a conviction had they gone to trial.

But the circumstances of the dismissal — Smollett agreed to forfeit his \$10,000 bond,



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Jussie Smollett on March 26, after prosecutors abruptly dropped all charges against him.

and the state agreed to count a couple of days volunteering at Operation PUSH as sufficient community service — allowed Smollett to stand in the courthouse and proclaim his innocence.

Although Foxx had stepped away from direct oversight of the case because she'd exchanged messages with people close to Smollett early in the investigation, she later came forward to defend her office and to patronize those galled by the resolution as "people who don't understand the intricacies of the justice system."

When that didn't placate the citizenry and grumbling persisted that Smollett had received special treatment because he's rich and famous, Foxx submitted an op-ed to the Tribune on March 29 in which she tried another tack, writing vaguely that "specific aspects of the evidence and testimony ... would have made securing a conviction against Smollett uncertain."

OK, that happens. And if lack of proof beyond a reasonable doubt had been the consistent story from her office since the day of the dismissal — and one that prosecutors had shared with police in advance so as not to blindside them — then most of us would have understood once given the details. Cases crumble. Witnesses waver.

New facts emerge. It happens.

But Foxx left an informational vacuum into which Smollett attorney Geragos then jumped. In the most recent episode of "Reasonable Doubt," a podcast he co-hosts, Geragos contended that prosecutors first reached out to the defense to propose the arrangement to drop the case. He said the reason was not only that the investigation had turned up no corroborating evidence to support the hoax-based story told by the two masked men, but that there were irregularities in the grand jury process and one of the factors that suggested the attack was genuine was that one of the men "did end up spending the night at Jussie's house close in time to when this attack took place."

Gloria Schmidt, the attorney for the men, and Chicago Police Department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi told me they had no knowledge of information that would support Geragos' insinuation that the story is complicated by a sexual relationship.

Foxx's press office did not respond to my request for comment and clarification on this and related questions.

Meanwhile, Sheila O'Brien, a former Illinois Appellate Court judge, and Saani

Mohammed, a prosecutor who until recently worked for Foxx, have separately filed petitions asking for a special prosecutor to look into how Foxx handled the case.

The Chicago chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police joined with a large group of suburban police chiefs Thursday to express "no confidence" in Foxx, taking advantage of her inept handling of the Smollett case to air a far larger set of grievances over what they say is Foxx's tendency "to decriminalize or ignore (nonviolent crime), regardless of any collateral cost which is (borne) overwhelmingly by individual communities."

Operation PUSH responded by announcing a rally of its own for Saturday morning to condemn the "racially charged" police attack. Invitees included Foxx, south suburban African-American police chiefs and "a multiracial coalition of clergy, lawyers, elected officials and community activists."

Racial tension also surfaced earlier in the week during dueling protests in the Loop that pitted police-aligned critics of Foxx against activists who support her.

The toxic role of racism in the justice system is an undeniable problem. But its relevance in this particular case — where the main players, the masked men, Foxx, Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson and Smollett, are all African-American — is, like so much else, unclear.

What really happened behind the scenes? Foxx, who faces re-election next year, may not be able to salvage her political career with a "take-three" attempt to offer a full, specific and persuasive explanation. But rather than participating in self-serving rallies, she should give it a try, even if it means losing face.

Her office must work well with police and have the confidence of the public to effectively carry out its critical mission. Her high-profile pratfall is not just embarrassing, it's dangerous.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's online reader poll for funniest tweet is: "I lost a contact at the gym. While I was searching for it people started gathering around and, long story short, I teach yoga now," by @Darlainky. To receive an email alert after each new poll is posted, go to chicagotribune.com/newsletters and sign up under Change of Subject.

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Chad Tongue steps through floodwater to check on his home along the Rock River in Machesney Park near Rockford in March. Homeowners insurance typically excludes flood damage.

It's not as 'natural' as we think: 5 dangerous myths about flooding

By SAMANTHA MONTANO
Special to The Washington Post

Flooding, the costliest and most common disaster in the United States, leaves no part of the country untouched: from nor'easters along the coast of Maine to king tides in Florida to overflowing rivers in Nebraska to mudslides in California. After a "bomb cyclone" swamped the Midwest last month, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration warned that this spring might be "an unprecedented flood season," putting 200 million Americans at risk. Images of entire cities underwater, boats floating down interstates and bridges washed away capture the public's attention.

Despite how frequently the U.S. suffers flooding, dangerous myths persist, shaping how we prepare for and respond to floods. Here are five of those myths.

Myth No. 1: Floods are "natural" disasters.

Flood disasters are inevitably referred to as "natural." See, for example, this headline from *The Atlantic*, about 2016 flooding in Louisiana: "America Is Ignoring Another Natural Disaster Near the Gulf." Or from the *Los Angeles Times* in 2017 about Hurricane Harvey: "Harvey is likely to be the second-most costly natural disaster in U.S. history." And last month, Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts called the flooding in his state "the most widespread natural disaster in our state's history."

But disasters are created by the interaction of a hazard with our communities. It may be natural for heavy rainfall or snowmelt to cause rivers to overflow their banks, but the actual destruction that results — damaged infrastructure, destroyed homes, ruined crops, the stripping of topsoil — is a result of human behavior. Human activities destroy natural flood protection and put more people in harm's way. When forests are cut down and bayous paved over to make way for development, it exacerbates a community's overall flood risk.

And our efforts to prevent flooding can actually worsen the risk: Analyses by geologists at the University of California at Davis found that new levees along the Mississippi River made floods more frequent and more severe — spurring the construction of even more protective levees, and leading to a "hydrologic spiral."

Myth No. 2: Homeowners insurance covers flood damage.

Finding out your homeowners insurance doesn't cover floods is an unwelcome surprise when you're standing in the middle of your inundated living room. After Hurricane Sandy, some New Yorkers discovered that their homeowners insurance would not pay for flood damage: "They're covering five shingles and a piece of gutter, and that's it," one told a Reuters reporter. Similarly, after flooding hit Iowa in 2018, an employee with the



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Michelle Creegan, left, and Nicole Orlowski pass a sandbag along a line of volunteers building a barricade around a house in northwest suburban Algonquin in July 2017.

state's insurance regulator told *The Des Moines Register* that he'd been fielding calls from residents with homeowners insurance who had not realized it didn't cover sewer backups. "Now that they have reached out to their insurance company, they're finding no coverage was afforded for that," he said.

After Hurricane Irma, Robert W. Klein, then a professor at Georgia State University, told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*: "A lot of people just don't know their homeowners (insurance) won't cover them for flood." Howard Mills, a former New York insurance commissioner, said in *The Wall Street Journal*: "Even financially literate people do not understand that the standard homeowner's policy does not cover flood."

Nearly all home insurance policies exclude floods. When widespread flooding nationwide in the early 1900s overwhelmed private insurance agencies, they stopped offering flood coverage. In 1968, in an effort to fill the gap, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program, or NFIP. It is now the primary source of flood coverage for the United States, with more than 5 million policies issued in 2018. That covers only a fraction of people who might need it. In southeast Texas, which has relatively high rates of NFIP enrollment, 80 percent of residents were uninsured during Hurricane Harvey.

Myth No. 3: A "100-year flood" is a historic, once-in-a-century disaster.

Describing floods in terms of "100-year," "500-year" and "1,000-year" often makes people think the disaster was the most severe to occur in that time frame — as encapsulated by President Donald Trump's tweet calling Harvey a "once in 500 year flood!" He's not alone. When researchers from the University of California at Berkeley surveyed residents in

Stockton, Calif., about their perceived flood risk, they found that although 34 percent claimed familiarity with the term "100-year flood," only 2.6 percent defined it correctly. The most common responses were some variation of "A major flood comes every 100 years — it's a worst-case scenario" and "According to history, every 100 years or so, major flooding has occurred in the area and through documented history, they can predict or hypothesize on what to expect and plan accordingly and hopefully correct."

In fact, the metric communicates the flood risk of a given area: A home in a 100-year flood plain has a 1 percent chance of flooding in a given year. In 2018, Ellicott City, Md., experienced its second 1,000-year flood in two years, and with Harvey, Houston faced its third 500-year flood in three years.

That risk constantly changes, because of factors such as the natural movement of rivers, the development of new parcels of land and climate change's influence on rainfall, snowmelt, storm surges and sea level. "Because of all the uncertainty, a flood that has a 1 percent annual risk of happening has a high water mark that is best described as a range, not a single maximum point," according to FiveThirtyEight.

Myth No. 4: Looting is common after floods.

Perhaps one of the most persistent myths about flooding is that people often use the crisis as an opportunity to steal from empty homes and businesses. Then-New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie told CNN to expect lawlessness during Hurricane Harvey: "Looting is going to come next ... the bad elements that exist in every society and every state will try to take advantage of it." As Hurricane Florence made landfall in North Carolina, a local news

outlet claimed that "looting is as common when hurricanes strike as high winds and flooding."

This myth partly stems from a misunderstanding of what "looting" means. There is a clear distinction between ransacking a jewelry store and taking emergency medical supplies from a pharmacy, and some reports of looting mistakenly describe the latter. "That's not looting; that's survival mode," a military official who oversaw the response to Hurricane Katrina told *The Washington Post*.

Decades of research have found that looting after disasters is extremely rare. In a study of 100 such events, Disaster Research Center experts found many stories and rumors about looting, but very few verified cases. Instead, people engage in pro-social behavior: They act rationally, even generously, to help one another.

This myth has dangerous consequences: It can deter people from evacuating their homes. In interviews with researchers, residents who refused to leave before Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and Hurricane Bonnie in 1998 cited the desire to protect their property as a reason.

Myth No. 5: Floods discourage people from building in risky areas.

A consultant in Florida who advises property owners on flood risks told *Rolling Stone* that "property buyers are getting smarter. They are moving to higher elevations, one foot at a time." In an interview with Yale Environment 360, marine scientist Orrin Pilkey predicted that "sinking prices will cause a dramatic reduction in new beachfront development nationwide." Conservative commentator Ben Shapiro summed up attitudes held by many when he said, of sea-level rise: "You think people aren't just going to sell their homes and move?"

But our current approach to emergency management actually encourages people to rebuild rather than move. The Natural Resources Defense Council says that for every \$100 the Federal Emergency Management Agency has spent to rebuild flooded homes, it has allocated only \$1.72 to move people and buy out their properties. And residents aren't just staying put: People are moving to flood-prone areas. An analysis by the magazine *Governing* found that the population growth within 100-year flood plains was faster than in areas outside flood zones. And a report by Climate Central and Zillow found that in New Jersey, about 2,700 new homes, worth an estimated \$2.6 billion, rose in the flood-risk zone after 2009, "most likely driven by reconstruction following Sandy." This upward trend also held true in nine other coastal states: Construction growth in flood-risk zones outstripped growth in safer areas.

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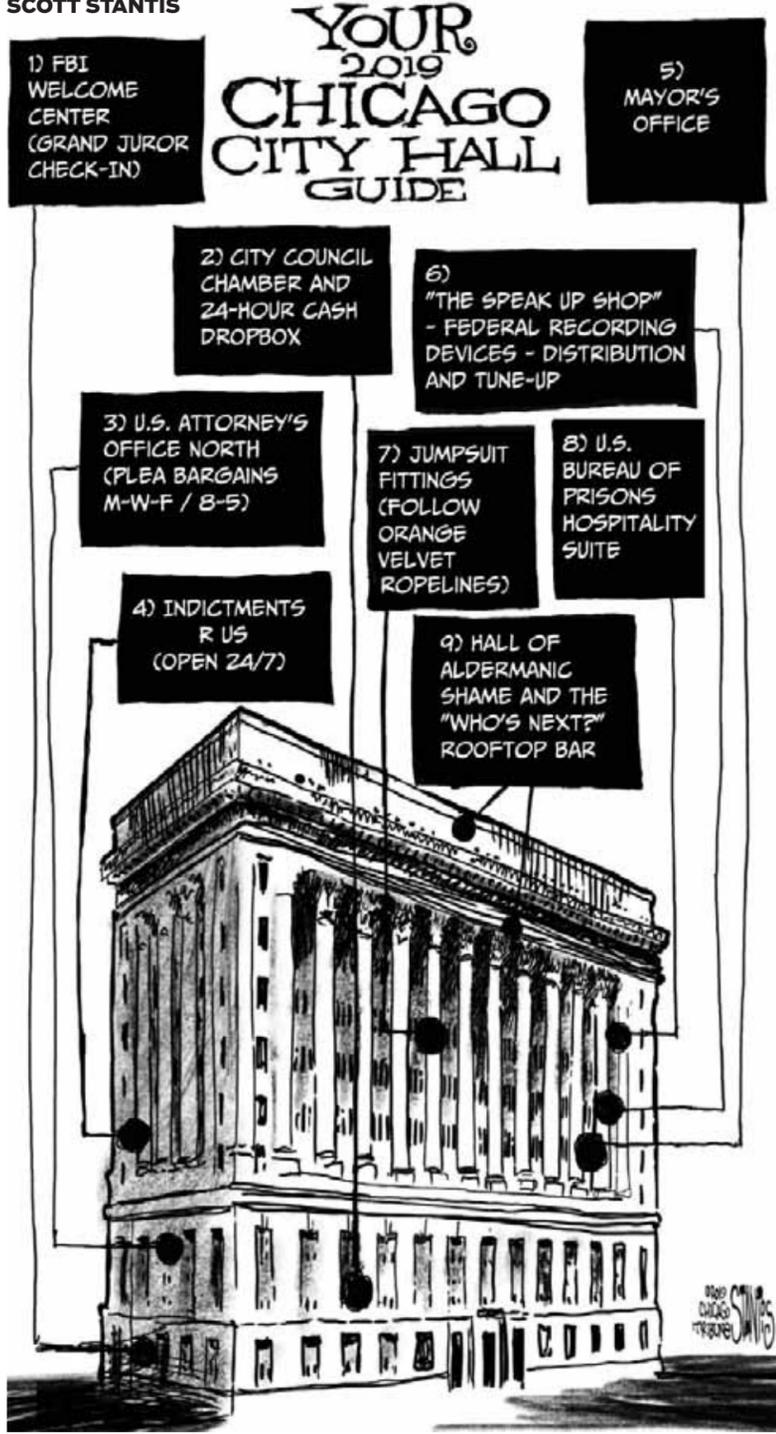
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The ex-fed nobody sent, Lori Lightfoot, vs. Chicago corruption

During a March mayoral debate hosted by the Tribune Editorial Board, Lori Lightfoot made an unusually bold prediction for a Chicago politician on the stump. She said the law enforcement hammer would come down — soon and hard — on allegedly corrupt members of the City Council.

Because Lightfoot is a former federal prosecutor in Chicago, her assurance, while unambiguous, carried a jolt of authority: “There is no doubt in my mind that in the coming days, and weeks at the most, we’re going to see a series of indictments from my former colleagues at the U.S. attorney’s office,” Lightfoot posited. “And it is going to center around this issue of aldermanic prerogative.”

Lightfoot takes office May 20. How intriguing and useful it could be for Chicago to have a mayor who was once part of the mechanism that investigates public corruption now leading a city that’s infamous for it. Operation Silver Shovel, Operation Greyford, Operation Haunted Hall — these federal investigations of recent decades led to charges against local aldermen, judges and others for abusing the public trust.

What Lightfoot was suggesting — and wouldn’t surprise us — is that another federal code name is about to be unveiled. Presumably this one would describe the investigation that implicates Ald. Ed Burke, who’s been accused of attempting to shake down executives of a company that owns a South Side Burger King. Also involved is Ald. Danny Solis, who wore a fed wire, and solicited Viagra pills and illicit massage parlor visits from someone who sought a city ordinance exemption, according to a federal affidavit.

Hmm, fast food and prostitution. Operation Primal Cravings, anyone?

A touch of “The Untouchables”?

As mayor, Lightfoot will come into office with the experience and credibility to take on a fight no previous Chicago chief executive has successfully concluded: cleaning up a corruption-prone City Hall. She’s the ex-fed nobody sent, and she’s indebted only to voters.

We have no idea how much Lightfoot can accomplish. But she’s already shown she’s willing to speak like the skilled prosecutor she was as well as the triumphant politician she now is. Will she bring a touch of “The Untouchables” to her tenure as mayor? Yes, but not exactly, because being the leader of a

city isn’t a law enforcement job.

More important, Lightfoot’s strength is that she entered the mayor’s race as a reformer and outsider. Her campaign caught fire after news of the Burke investigation broke, and she won on Tuesday with 74 percent of the vote. That’s a mandate to tell City Council members, in a collegial way, that there’s a new sheriff in town, and she still thinks like a fed.

The mayor-elect’s policy chops should bolster her reform agenda. She was president of the Police Board and chairman of the Police Accountability Task Force, which got the ball rolling on the overhaul of the Chicago Police Department’s training and supervision practices. She’s also a former law partner at Mayer Brown. Lightfoot’s campaign platform addresses public suspicions of insider corruption by calling for a two-term limit on mayors and a ban on outside employment that conflicts with city business for elected and appointed officials and city workers.

Kissing the alderman’s ring

Lightfoot has other ideas to clean up city government, but her position that’s gotten the most attention — because it takes a swipe at the culture of Chicago politics — is her critique of what’s known as aldermanic prerogative or privilege. This tradition, woven into Chicago’s neighborhood-centric identity, gives aldermen outside sway within their wards over zoning and regulatory approvals. Power like that over street corner deals can corrupt, absolutely. It’s part of what’s alleged in the Burke case: Federal authorities have charged him with attempted extortion for allegedly holding up a driveway permit for a Burger King in an effort to get a franchisee to hire his law firm. Burke has denied wrongdoing.

Lightfoot has said she wants to curb aldermanic prerogative because any situation that requires business people to “kiss the ring” of an alderman invites corruption. More than that, she noted, “If you look at the number of aldermen who have been prosecuted and found liable of federal crimes over the years ... the common thread among all of them is doing something in the exercise of aldermanic prerogative or privilege.”

That isn’t just a tough-talking former prosecutor talking. That’s the next mayor of Chicago. She has an opportunity to lead this city toward more lawful, more trustworthy, governance.

Teach for a day, get a pension for life: Another reason to fix Illinois’ constitution

The Illinois Supreme Court once again has illuminated for Illinois taxpayers the need to amend the rigid pension clause of the state constitution. The justices on Thursday upheld as constitutional a teacher pension for a retired lobbyist who substitute taught for one day.

Sub for a day. Pension for life. It’s outrageous. The Supreme Court continues to interpret the pension clause to the extreme.

The ruling upheld a controversial state law that allowed a lobbyist for the Illinois Federation of Teachers, David Piccioli, to become certified as a substitute teacher in December 2006 by working one day at a Springfield elementary school — and to buy pension credit for his 10 previous years working as a lobbyist. That sweet deal qualified him for a pension windfall from a teachers retirement fund that as of late

2018 carried an unfunded liability of more than \$75 billion-with-a-B. Because he also draws a pension from a previous job as a House Democratic aide, Piccioli’s total pension income now rises to nearly \$100,000. His pensionable income from the Teachers’ Retirement System is based off his salary from the IFT — another questionable pension loophole, which the Supreme Court upheld last year.

A pension bill signed by former Gov. Rod Blagojevich in 2007 allowed Piccioli to retroactively count his years lobbying toward a teacher pension if he taught for one day in the public schools. He bought service credits for his years lobbying and began collecting a pension when he retired from the IFT in 2012.



Piccioli

Even legislative Democrats, IFT backers included, questioned the deal and tried to claw it back by passing a law that Thursday’s ruling invalidates. “That’s not characteristic of the common, hardworking public-sector worker who makes a modest income and has a modest retirement benefit,” then-

Sen. Kwame Raoul, D-Chicago, said in 2011 when the Tribune and WGN-TV exposed the deal. “It gives people the impression of otherwise.”

Last year the court upheld a dubious loophole that allowed government employees who left those jobs to work for their union in the private sector to still qualify for a public pension — with payouts based on their much higher salaries in their

union roles. One example: Former Chicago labor boss Dennis Gannon, who started out working for the city, was able to retire at age 50 with a city pension based on his union salary of at least \$240,000.

The Supreme Court upheld that arrangement too. Together the rulings suggest the court will continue to protect pensions of any variety, even those gained through an obscurity or loophole or special deal, as long as the workers got away with it. The most recent ruling supporting Piccioli’s pension was 4-3 with Justices Mary Jane Theis, Robert Thomas and Rita Gorman wisely dissenting.

Voters could clamor to elect justices who won’t interpret the pension clause so tightly. Or they can push their state lawmakers to put a pension clause amendment on the ballot to loosen the restriction that pensions cannot be “diminished or impaired.” It’s the only rescue for Illinois.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

More than 200 House Democrats are sponsoring a bill to expand Social Security benefits, funded by a dramatic increase in taxes. California, Connecticut, Illinois and Oregon have established state-run retirement plans for private sector-workers, which some progressives hope will supplant 401(k)s. But there is no “retirement crisis” among either today’s retirees or tomorrow’s. ... More Americans are saving more than ever for retirement. Participation in traditional defined-benefit pensions peaked at 39 percent of employees in 1973. Today, the Social Security Administration says that 61 percent of workers, including 80 percent of married couples, participate in a plan. ...

Yet, while household retirement savings are growing, government retirement plans — Social Security, government employee pensions and the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. — are underfunded by up to \$26 trillion. ... Similar underfunding is true worldwide, and for the same reason: political pressures to promise benefits without levying the taxes to pay for them. Sen. Bernie Sanders has introduced legislation to expand Social Security’s promised benefits without fully funding existing benefits. States are gambling, through riskier investments and so-called pension-obligation bonds, to keep generous employee pensions plans afloat.

Progressives wish to move away from the private-sector plans that have massively expanded retirement savings and retiree incomes in favor of government provision of retirement income, which is nowhere near fully funded. If they get their way, a real retirement crisis could materialize.

Andrew Biggs, The Wall Street Journal

Traditionally, green opposition to nuclear power has been rooted, above all, in fears of radiation let loose in a reactor accident or from waste leaking out of disposal sites. To use nuclear power and generate radioactive waste, environmentalists argued, was like taking off in an airplane without knowing where to land. However, today several countries are building deep underground disposal sites where they can safely land high level radioactive waste. What are we now to fear most: a gram of plutonium escaping from a deep underground waste disposal site, perhaps in 10,000 years, or billions of tons of carbon-dioxide released from burnt fossil fuels in our time? ...

To satisfy the energy needs of a world demanding vastly more electricity for industry, cars and trains, desalination and digitalization, increased efficiency in the use of energy is valuable but not enough. We need innovation: better batteries for storage of electricity, superconductors saving energy, and fusion. But before we succeed in these and other exciting projects we need to be rational and practical and make full use of nuclear power, before the world becomes uninhabitable for our children.

Hans Blix, Time

PERSPECTIVE



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Lori Lightfoot and supporters celebrate her victory over Toni Preckwinkle in the mayoral election runoff in Chicago last week.

Is Chicago ready for reform? We've heard that before.



CLARENCE PAGE

When political novice Lori Lightfoot rolled to victory in Chicago's mayoral election, it sparked that traditional refrain from many among the political chattering classes: "Chicago ain't ready for reform."

It is a refrain famously attributed to the late 43rd Ward alderman and saloonkeeper Mathias "Paddy" Bauler and is said to have been uttered upon the news in 1955 that Richard J. Daley had won the primary for the mayor's seat. Daley would go on to win and hold onto the office with imperial authority and national influence in Democratic circles until his death in 1976.

But could Chicago, finally, be ready for reform? That's also a question of national consequence. A presidential election is on the horizon in which Democrats are divided by their own internal reform debate over how to retake the White House. In Chicago, progressives scored gains in City Council races. By electing Lightfoot, voters chose a former federal prosecutor and former president of the city's Police Board to be the city's first black female

and openly gay mayor.

That's worth celebrating as a victory for diversity in what was a runoff between Lightfoot and another black woman, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

Yet it is sobering for would-be reformers to remember that the legendary "Boss Daley" also campaigned as a "reformer" of the entrenched Democratic machine power.

Others in Chicago also have campaigned as reformers with mixed success. The first big signs of a crumbling Democratic machine came after Daley's death. Jane Byrne, the city's first female mayor, was elected in a surprise landslide in 1979 after a badly handled blizzard.

She was unseated in 1983 by Harold Washington, the city's first black mayor, another outspoken advocate for reform. He ran up against united opposition by a majority of conservative white aldermen, much like the resistance that President Barack Obama later faced against a Republican Congress.

Lightfoot launched her mayoral bid before Mayor Rahm Emanuel decided not to seek a third term, amid widespread outrage over an alleged cover-up of details surrounding the shooting by police of Laquan McDonald, an unarmed 17-year-old African-American.

Every election has the same two

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opponents, it is often said in political circles: change versus more of the same. Chicago voters clearly wanted change. Lightfoot, who played a central role in police reform efforts, won 74 percent of the vote (and won all 50 wards) in the runoff.

What's next? In her victory speech and later she called her win "a mandate for change." But she is still leaving many of us to wonder, change from what to what?

"You campaign in poetry," New York's late Democratic Gov. Mario Cuomo used to say. "You govern in prose."

The prose for Chicago can be found in red ink.

Long-running fiscal problems leave the incoming mayor with an urgent need to come up with hundreds of millions of dollars to deal with a pension crisis.

The city also has notorious problems with corruption — worse than any other city in the nation, according to Dick Simpson, a former alderman who is now a University of Illinois at Chi-

cago political science professor and has studied the city's and the state's long-running cultures of corruption. To relate a new history of clean government, he has said, "will be decades of work."

The next mayor also must wrestle with problems of crime, racial segregation, police conduct and economic gaps.

Lightfoot, like the other candidates, tried to stay as vague as possible about how to close the fiscal shortfalls without causing too much pain in constituents' pocketbooks.

It is there, on the sensitive topic of "revenue increases," that the poetry really gives way to the prose in politics. Preckwinkle's downfall came in part because of lingering ill feelings over a county soda tax she supported from its passage in November 2016 to its death by board repeal a year later. Message: Voters can put up with a lot, but don't get in the way of their soda pop.

Where do you tax or cut spending? How do you play hardball with Chicago's entrenched powers?

I wish the new mayor good luck, but some things never change.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Anti-union bias colors view

The Tribune editorial "Why an elected CPS board would be worse than the flawed status quo" (April 5) made one thing perfectly clear: Your main argument against the elected board is the possibility of union influence. Your editorial page has long been blaming unions for many of the city and state problems. To say that all unions are bad because you dislike a particular contract is like saying the entire institution of marriage is evil because of a particular set of marriage vows.

Since 1995, the state has given the mayor of Chicago total control over the board. This system has not worked out particularly well. Chicago Public Schools was plagued before and after this change by dropping enrollment and by unequal opportunities for the vast majority of students. Only a lucky 10 percent get into the coveted magnet schools.

Chicago Teachers Union members are in the trenches every day. They know firsthand the problems of educating kids who did not go to preschool or do not have books in their homes. Most of these teach-

ers have dedicated their careers to helping children and adolescents navigate emotional minefields, while desperately trying to improve students' skills and background knowledge. Why not listen to the CTU when it approves or disapproves of candidates for a board that will affect the membership's ability to teach?

— Jan Goldberg, Riverside

Biting hand that feeds us

The column by Lucie Macias and Leonard Pierce ("Democratic socialists: No more business as usual," April 4) trumpets the fact that "Chicago will soon have more socialist City Council members than any other major U.S. city in modern history." Whoopee. They go on to state that their socialist agenda will be paid for exclusively by "taxing the rich."

It has always puzzled me why leftists despise "greedy corporations" and the "evil rich" so much, given that they expect them to pay for all their generous benefit programs. Wouldn't a nice thank-you card be more appropriate?

Of course, evil rich people and greedy

corporations have other places they can go if they feel unloved. The Business section's story on Lori Lightfoot's preference for small business concludes with a quote from Howard Tullman, former CEO of Chicago tech hub 1871: "Look at New York. You got a few crazy politicians and Amazon walked."

That was 25,000 jobs and who knows how many hundreds of millions of dollars of benefit?

— John Knoerle, Chicago

More civics in classroom

The column by Robert C. Pozen and Nicco Mele ("Want to boost voter turnout? Pay people to cast their ballot on how to get people to vote," April 5) — which in part says, "Numerous academic studies and electoral analyses show that voting is habit-forming" — offers a different solution to the lack of voting besides throwing financial incentives at voters.

Children love to learn. Well-versed educators need to develop a K-12 program that includes civics education appropriate to each level of child development.

Two years of history/social studies in middle school and one semester of social studies/history/political science in high school are not enough for internalizing or understanding our government processes,

which include voting.

When students reach voting age, they will want to vote as part of their civic duty. This is very serious. Voters need to know what is happening in their country, why it is happening and how to use the voting booth to make changes.

— Donna Davis, Woodstock

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NATION & WORLD

Trump wants time to ID migrant kids

2 years sought by administration to find thousands

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Trump administration wants up to two years to find potentially thousands of children who were separated from their families at the border before a judge halted the practice last year, a task that it says is more laborious than previous efforts because the children are no longer in government custody.

The Justice Department said in a court filing late Friday that it will take at least a year to review about 47,000 cases of unaccompanied children taken into government custody between July 1, 2017, and June 25, 2018 — the day before U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw halted the general practice of splitting families. The administration would begin by sifting through names for traits most likely to signal separation — for example, children under 5.

The administration would provide information on separated families on a rolling basis to the American Civil Liberties Union, which sued to reunite families and criticized the proposed timeline Saturday.

“We strongly oppose a plan that could take up to two years to locate these families,” said Lee Gelernt, the ACLU’s lead attorney. “The government needs to make this a priority.”

Sabraw ordered last year that more than 2,700 children in government care on June 26, 2018, be reunited



President Trump acknowledges the crowd after addressing the Republican Jewish Coalition’s meeting in Las Vegas.

He makes fun of some at border

LAS VEGAS — President Donald Trump ridiculed some of the migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border, claiming they look like mixed martial arts fighters yet are coached by lawyers to say they fear for their lives if forced to return home.

“The asylum program is a scam,” he told members of the Republican Jewish Coalition. “Some of the roughest people you’ve ever seen.”

The president also criticized Rep. Ilhan Omar, one day after a New York man was arrested and charged with threatening to kill the Minnesota Democrat.

In his remarks, he also thanked several Republican lawmakers for their support before proceeding to mock Omar, an outspoken critic of U.S. policy toward Israel.

with their families, which has largely been accomplished. In January, the U.S. Health and Human Services Department’s internal watchdog reported that thousands more children may have been separated since the summer of 2017. The department’s inspector general said the precise number was unknown.

The judge ruled in March that he could hold the government accountable for families that were separated before his June order and asked the government to submit a proposal for the next steps.

A hearing is scheduled April 16.

Sheer volume makes the job different than identify-

ing children who were in custody at the time of the judge’s June order, Jonathan White, a commander of the U.S. Public Health Service and Health and Human Services’ point person on family reunification, said in an affidavit.

White, whose work has drawn strong praise from the judge, would lead the effort to identify additional families on behalf of Health and Human Services with counterparts at Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs and Enforcement. Dr. Barry Graubard, a statistics expert at the National Cancer Institute, developed a system to flag for early attention

those most likely to have been separated.

The vast majority of separated children are released to relatives, but many are not parents. Of children released in the 2017 fiscal year, 49 percent went to parents, 41 percent to close relatives such as an aunt, uncle, grandparent or adult sibling and 10 percent to distant relatives, family friends and others.

The government’s proposed model to flag still-separated children puts a higher priority on the roughly half who were not released to a parent. Other signs of likely separation include children under 5, younger children traveling without a sibling and those

who were detained in the Border Patrol’s El Paso, Texas, sector, where the administration ran a trial program that involved separating nearly 300 family members from July to November 2017.

Saturday marked the anniversary of the administration’s “zero tolerance” policy to criminally prosecute every adult who enters the country illegally from Mexico. The administration retreated in June amid an international uproar by generally exempting adults who come with their children. The policy now applies only to single adults.

On Friday, Trump declared “our country is full,” and insisted that the immi-

gration system was overburdened and illegal crossings must be stopped as he inspected a refurbished section of fencing at the Mexican border in Calexico, Calif.

“There is indeed an emergency on our southern border,” Trump said at a briefing on immigration and border security, adding that there has been a sharp uptick in illegal crossings. “It’s a colossal surge and it’s overwhelming our immigration system, and we can’t let that happen. We can’t take you anymore. We can’t take you. Our country is full.”

Washington Post contributed.

Rival street rallies roil already riven Venezuela

Guaido, Maduro marches come amid power struggle, shortage

BY SCOTT SMITH
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Rival political factions took to the streets across Venezuela on Saturday in a mounting struggle for control of the crisis-wracked nation, where U.S.-backed opposition leader Juan Guaido is attempting to oust socialist President Nicolas Maduro.

It was the first march Guaido has led since Maduro loyalists stripped him of legal protections he’s granted as a congressman, opening a path to prosecute and possibly arrest him for allegedly violating the constitution.

The rallies also follow crippling power failures that left most of the country scrambling in the dark for days and without running water or phone service.

Speaking before several thousand people, Guaido urged them to stay united and to keep up pressure until Maduro leaves power.

“Something is evident today,” Guaido said. “Venezuela is not afraid and continues taking the streets until we get freedom.”

Guaido tried to channel



Guaido Maduro

Venezuelans’ ire by calling crowds in the capital to march to the headquarters of the national power utility, Corpoelec. His supporters said the blackout is another failure of the socialist government.

“This regime has made big mistakes,” said Beatriz Cisneros, a 62, critical of Venezuela’s deteriorated petroleum industry, its broken educational system and hospitals that fail to provide basic care. “We’re fighting for Venezuela to have liberty.”

Many opposition supporters marched along a sunny main avenue carrying Venezuelan flags. A nun draped the national colors around her shoulders. Another protester carried a sign listing the lack of power, water and other basic services, along with the slogan: “Don’t get used to

it.” Across the country in Maracaibo, the hub of Venezuela’s once-thriving oil production, members of the National Guard fired tear gas at anti-government protesters, causing some injuries, local media reported. The area has been among those hardest hit by blackouts over the past two years.

Meanwhile, large crowds of Maduro backers, many dressed in bright red, waved flags and danced as they marched to the presidential palace.

“Let’s fill the streets of Caracas with joy,” Maduro tweeted. “Together, in an unending mobilization, we’ll defend our nation’s peace and independence. No more interference!”

Maduro made a new call for dialogue toward reaching peace in Venezuela with help from the fellow Latin American countries, including Mexico and Uruguay. But he also accused his opponents inside Venezuela of staging attacks and said they should stop.

“Do you believe that through terrorism you will



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Supporters of Venezuelan opposition leader and self-proclaimed interim president Juan Guaido march Saturday. A rally by President Nicolas Maduro’s supporters was also held.

achieve political power?” Maduro said. “Never! Not with political terrorism, not with mercenary terrorism. No!”

Guaido arose from relative obscurity in January when he was named head of Venezuela’s opposition-dominated National Assembly and said he was assuming presidential powers to force Maduro from power. He says Maduro is illegitimate due to allegedly fraudulent elections last year.

He has gained support from Washington and roughly 50 nations, but he has yet to budge Maduro, who maintains control over the government and military and is backed by foreign allies including China,

Cuba and Russia.

Washington on Friday added to pressure on Maduro by imposing financial sanctions on two companies involved in shipping oil from Venezuela to Cuba, along with nearly three dozen ships. Maduro blames the recent blackouts on U.S. “cyber-attacks” as part of a coup attempt to topple his government.

Guaido, meanwhile, has come under increasing pressure from Maduro’s government, which recently jailed his chief of staff and has taken legal actions that could lead to his own arrest, though the administration of President Donald Trump has warned of a strong response if the opposition leader is harmed.

Socialist party chief Diosdado Cabello told reporters on Saturday that the authorities acted in accordance with the laws in taking the legal action against Guaido. Cabello also dismissed the new sanctions, saying the United States has to resort to such measures because “it has no more arguments.”

Amid several thousand Maduro supporters was Ana Margarita Urbina, 57, who wore a bright red shirt, the color of Venezuela’s socialist party, saying she marched to defend the country she said is under threat from the imperialist United States.

“We’re on a mission,” said Urbina. “We have a common cause. Our country is our mother.”



DREAMSTIME

Scientists say cats have learned that when they hear their names they often get something good — food or play time.

Study: Cats react to sound of their names

BY MALCOLM RITTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hey, Kitty! Yes, you. A new study suggests household cats can respond to the sound of their own names.

Japanese scientists said they’ve provided the first experimental evidence that cats can distinguish between words that people say.

Atsuko Saito of Sophia University in Tokyo says there’s no evidence cats attach meaning to words,

not even their own names. Instead, they’ve learned that when they hear their names they often get rewards like food or play, or something bad like a trip to the vet. And they hear their names a lot. So the sound of it becomes special, even if they don’t understand it refers to their identity.

Saito and colleagues describe the results of their research in the journal Scientific Reports. In four experiments with 16 to 34 animals, each cat heard a recording of its owner’s

voice, or another person’s voice, that slowly recited a list of four nouns or other cat’s names, followed by the cat’s own name.

Many cats initially reacted — such as by moving their heads, ears or tails — but gradually lost interest as the words were read. The crucial question was whether they’d respond more to their name. Sure enough, on average, these cats perked up when they heard their own name.

Kristyn Vitale, who studies cat behavior and the

cat-human bond at Oregon State University in Corvallis but didn’t participate in the work, said the results “make complete sense to me.”

Vitale agreed that the new results don’t mean that cats assign a sense of self to their names. It’s more like being trained to recognize a sound, she said.

Monique Udell, who also studies animal behavior at Oregon State, said the study shows “cats are paying attention to you, what you say and what you do, and they’re learning from it.”

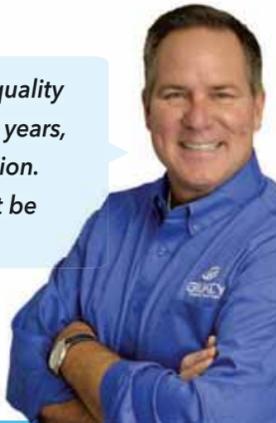


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The doubts crowded in late at night, after the kids were in bed and the dishes were put away.

In the months after she got her deployment orders, Navy cryptologist Shannon Kent spent her days preparing to join a Special Operations task force in Syria battling the Islamic State. For Shannon, the mission was the culmination of a 15-year military career: language exams, fitness tests, repeated deployments alongside Navy SEALs.

And yet, after four stints in Iraq and Afghanistan, she had thought those deployments, pursuing extremist leaders, were behind her. Her younger son was now barely a year old. Her 3-year-old, Colt, was just old enough to know that a war was taking his mother away.

"Momma no fight bad guys," he told her. Late into the evening, Shannon and her husband, Joe, who had completed 11 combat deployments as a Green Beret, discussed the bleak possibilities that were a routine feature of their world. Wills. Funeral preferences. Military friends who had been killed. Their life together was interwoven with the United States' seemingly endless wars.

As the departure date grew near, Shannon was alternately energized and so anxious she felt sick. How would the boys cope for six months without her? What if the worst happened?

On Jan. 16, Shannon texted Joe from Syria, letting him know she would be out on a mission. The city of Manbij had mostly been quiet since militants were pushed out by Kurdish forces who worked closely with the United States. But like anywhere in Syria, Americans were a target. Shannon and her colleagues often went out for several days at a time, sleeping in their trucks as they met locals and gathered intelligence. They dressed in civilian clothes, hoping to avoid attention.

"I love you," Joe responded. "Text me when you're back."

The Islamic State was watching as Shannon and a small team of Americans slipped into a bright kebab restaurant off a bustling street. It was a favorite haunt of Americans in the city. A man hiding a suicide vest under his clothing pushed past people on the sidewalk.

Within seconds, a fireball swept through the dining room, blowing out the restaurant's front entrance and scorching people walking by outside.

Shannon and three other Americans were killed — the deadliest attack on U.S. forces in the campaign against the Islamic State. She became the first female service member to die in combat in that conflict, shining a light on the mostly invisible role of women in the testosterone-filled world of Special Operations.

Shannon's path to Syria, Special Operations and that last mission in Manbij began in a small New York town where she sought out connections to the wider world. The daughter of a teacher and a state trooper, she had a knack for languages. Her father and an uncle, a Staten Island firefighter, were first responders on Sept. 11, 2001. Those events inspired Shannon to enlist in 2003.

In the Navy, Shannon qualified to specialize in the most challenging languages. She chose Arabic because she wanted to be at the tip of the spear of the 9/11 response.

Right away, Shannon began banging on doors to get overseas. In 2007, she landed a spot on a team supporting Navy SEALs who conducted nightly raids in Iraq. She used her Arabic skills to pull together intelligence on terrorism suspects and went out on a few SEAL operations. Women were just starting to be included in Special Operations missions as male troops encountered resistance to interactions with local women.

After that deployment, she was asked to try out for a permanent position on a SEAL support team. In 2008, Shannon, 5-foot-8 and 125 pounds, found herself pounding down a Virginia beach in full body armor, training for the next fight. In 2012, she was sent to rural Afghanistan to support a SEAL team. It was a rough deployment; her team lost multiple people.

Slowly, Shannon told family and friends, she was starting to earn the respect she craved. Working in the heady world of special operators, the value of a cryptologist — part linguist, part intelligence analyst — wasn't always obvious.

"She didn't have the title. She couldn't say 'I'm a Navy SEAL' or 'I'm a Green Beret,'" her sister, Mariah Smith, said.

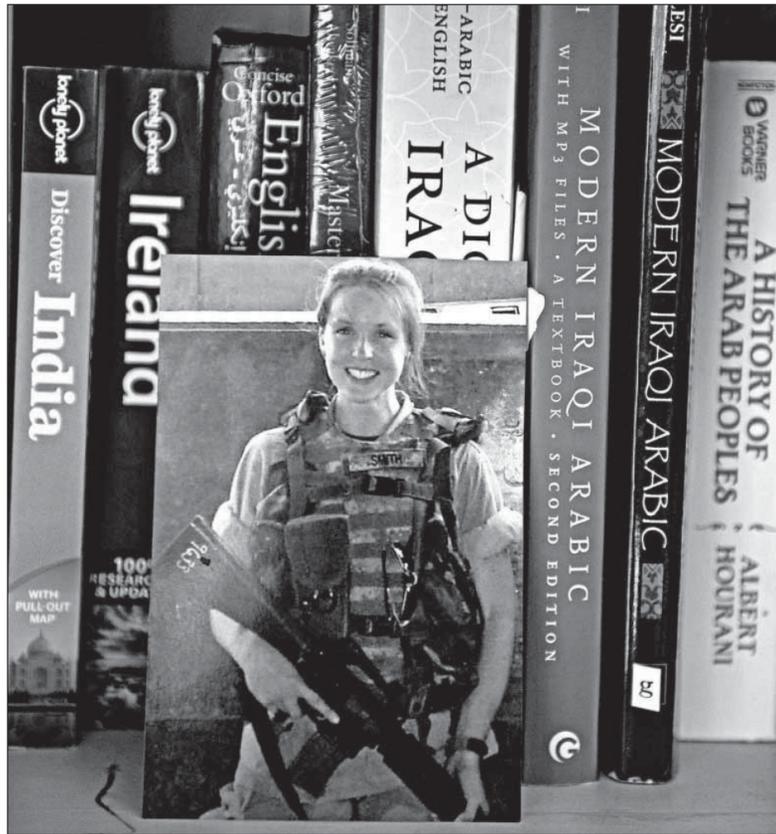
Especially in the initial years after 9/11, women faced a lot of skepticism on those teams. Shannon began working alongside SEALs nearly a decade before the Pentagon opened all combat roles, including Special Operations jobs, to female troops. In an era of insurgent conflicts without front lines, women like Shannon were already a repudiation of notions that female service members weren't exposed to combat.

"That she put herself in the most competitive environment for a woman

FINAL MISSION

Navy mom, torn between family and duty, had doubts. She went to Syria anyway — and was killed.

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A photo of Shannon Kent sits on a bookshelf in her family's home in Maryland. The mother of two boys was on her fifth combat tour.

really speaks to her need to overachieve and prove to other people that she's good enough," said Sharron Kearney, her cousin.

As the years passed, Shannon felt frustrated at having to validate herself over and over. She thought about trying out for Army Special Forces to secure a credential that would telegraph her worth. But as she reached the upper enlisted ranks, it didn't make much sense to start over.

In 2013, Shannon returned from Afghanistan. President Barack Obama, hoping to curtail the country's costly counterterrorism wars, had pulled U.S. troops from Iraq in 2011 and was moving to reduce the force in Afghanistan.

A friend set Shannon up with a Green Beret who also was training at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Like Shannon, Joe Kent's adult life had been defined by insurgent conflicts. He had grown up in Oregon, the son of self-described "dropout hippies" who tried to keep their kids away from sugar, TV and toy guns. Joe, from an early age, would fashion weapons out of Legos. He was going to be a soldier.

Joe and Shannon were married the following Christmas Eve. They bought a house overlooking Maryland's Severn River, with a deep yard that would be great for kids. Shannon planted an herb garden. Inside the house, she used seashells and shards of glass to make a mosaic depicting marching soldiers. On the wall, mementos from Joe's deployments to Yemen and Iraq were positioned alongside language awards and Shannon's Afghanistan photos — artifacts of their military histories.

In 2014, IS militants rolled across Iraq and Syria, pulling the Pentagon back onto a war footing. Joe soon headed off on two more Iraq deployments. He missed both of Shannon's pregnancies but was home for the birth of Colt in 2015 and Josh in 2017. They gave both children middle names after colleagues killed in action.

Joe, approaching 40 and now a father, decided it was time to end 17 years of continual deployments and put in his retirement papers in 2018.

Now stationed at nearby Fort Meade, Shannon began to think differently about her own professional path. She was committed to progressing in the Navy. Shortly after Josh was born, she bundled Colt into a hiking backpack and took him out into the woods so she could train for a 50-mile military orienteering event. At night, she kept up her Arabic. Between her pregnancies, she began a master's in military psychology, drawn to exploring the post-

traumatic stress disorder and other effects of repeated deployments that she and Joe had seen in so many friends.

But motherhood changed her perspective. She wanted to be there when the boys woke up in the middle of the night, she said.

Shannon eventually identified a potential solution: the military's doctoral program for clinical psychology.

In March 2018, Shannon was elated to learn she had secured one of 10 active-duty slots for the program. But there was a problem. Between her pregnancies, she had gotten a diagnosis of thyroid cancer. She matter-of-factly informed Joe, who was deployed at the time, by text only after she had emergency throat surgery to remove a growth. The cancer was caught early and left no lasting health effects, her doctors said. She had to be commissioned as an officer to enter the doctoral program, and doing so required the same clean bill of health that anyone joining the military for the first time must have. But the Navy determined the cancer made her medically unfit. She applied for a waiver and was denied.

Meanwhile, Shannon's home duty was coming to an end, and she was on a shortlist of people with needed skills. In the spring of 2018, even as she appealed the Navy's decision, she began predeployment training: refreshers in firearms, combat driving, first aid.

Shannon and Joe sought congressional help, and several lawmakers petitioned on her behalf. The Navy did not budge. She was healthy enough to stay in but not to become an officer.

Shannon tried to remain positive. She set her sights not just on securing entry into the doctoral program — she hoped to get a waiver the following year — but on changing the Navy's commissioning standard so others wouldn't face the same obstacle. Still, "it was a gut punch," her cousin said.

To prepare the boys, Shannon played them a cartoon song called "Grownups Come Back." In the summer and fall, she went away for several short predeployment trainings, a good way for the kids to get used to her absence.

With 15 years in, Shannon might have found a way out of the deployment, by seeing a psychologist or volunteering for additional shore duty. She couldn't bring herself to do it.

"She would say, 'Every part of my DNA is telling me don't do this, it's wrong,'" Joe

said. "She said, 'At the same time, my conscience and what I feel like has propelled me through my entire adult life is telling me I have to go on this deployment because it's my turn.'"

Joe and Shannon figured the odds were that she would be fine. This wasn't Iraq of 2007, when Americans were blown up every day. In Syria, U.S. forces were primarily operating in areas cleared of militants. But a smaller team meant operating "without a net," without the same backup, as Joe put it. Anything was possible.

In November 2018, Joe and Shannon left the boys with Joe's parents and drove to Fort Bragg in North Carolina for her flight to the Middle East. Joe described the trip down as a roller coaster. "She's a strong woman who's very capable of compartmentalizing her emotions," he said.

But she was conflicted. "Is this the last time I'm going to see the kids?" she asked.

In Syria, Shannon spent time operating out of a network of small bases that U.S. forces maintained in the country's northeast. Her mission was to pull together intelligence that special operators could use for raids or strikes on "high-value targets." While the Pentagon had decimated the Islamic State's fighting power, its top leaders remained at large.

Shannon told family and friends little about her work. She said the small U.S. footprint made it unlike the Iraq War, during which many troops operated out of massive bases.

Their mission continued even after President Donald Trump announced in December that the enemy had been defeated and U.S. forces would be coming home, a move senior military officials feared might squander the gains made by U.S. troops there.

It was around midday Jan. 16 when Shannon's team moved through a market area in central Manbij. Stepping past butcher cases and columns of shawarma meat, they entered the Palace of Princes. In the previous months, a series of high-profile Americans — senators, a senior Pentagon official, a four-star general — had stopped in the restaurant. The choreographed visits were publicized as proof of how far the city had come.

The suicide blast killed three other Americans: Jonathan Farmer, a Green Beret; Scott Wirtz, a civilian intelligence officer; and Ghadir Taher, a Syrian-born contractor who had returned to her home country to interpret for the U.S. military.

Joe got word from a friend that it appeared one woman had been hit in a bombing in Manbij. Home in Maryland, he told himself it wasn't necessarily Shannon. There were other women on her team. "But the timing of when we talked last ..." he thought.

The call came less than an hour later.

In the weeks after Shannon's death, family and friends flooded in for a memorial at the Naval Academy, the burial at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia, a service at Fort Meade in Maryland. People dropped off meals and sent checks.

What should he tell the boys? They were already used to their mom being away, and too young to understand what had happened. Joe consulted child psychologists. Most of the advice seemed tailored toward instances in which military fathers, not mothers, didn't come home.

Sometimes the kids asked to FaceTime with their mom. Not now, Joe replied, she's busy.

Josh, now 20 months, called Shannon's sister Momma a few times. It shook her. "After he said it, his little eyebrows furrowed, and he looked at me like, wait, that's not right," Mariah said.

Colt is attached to his paternal grandmother, Mary Kent, and scans the room when she's out of sight. "We're like, OK, we have to live another 30 years. Take your vitamins," Mary said.

Some family members are angry at the military for telling Shannon she wasn't healthy enough to enter the doctoral program even as it sent her to Syria.

"Losing Shannon is excruciating," Shannon's mother, Mary Plover-Smith, said. "Knowing that she should have been sitting in a classroom is almost unbearable."

The Navy, acknowledging mistakes in handling Shannon's case, took steps to improve the process for considering waiver requests, resulting in an initial increase in approvals of 15 percent. A group of senators has appealed to the Pentagon's leadership to consider additional changes affecting people in similar situations across the military.

Joe's mother said the situation was bitter given the relief she felt just last year at Joe's retirement. For so long she had feared a knock on the door. When her daughter-in-law left this time, Mary Kent said, it didn't even occur to her that Shannon might not be back.

"I thought we had dodged that whole thing," she said. "They had come home so many times that it was just like, she'll come home. Of course she'll come home."



Joe Kent walks in his yard in Maryland, where his late wife, Shannon Kent, had planted an herb garden. He's not sure what will become of it. The garden was her thing, he says.

U.S. expands 'catch and release'

Amid migrant surge, authorities busing people far inland

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EL PASO, Texas — The surge of migrant families arriving at the southern border has led the Trump administration to dramatically expand a practice President Donald Trump has long mocked as “catch and release.”

With immigrant processing and holding centers overwhelmed, the administration is busing people hundreds of miles inland and releasing them at Greyhound stations and churches in cities like Albuquerque, San Antonio and Phoenix because towns close to the border already have more than they can handle.

Relief organizations in some cities are struggling to feed and house the migrants and warning that a public health crisis is taking shape, especially with sick infants and children among the many immigrant families who need medical attention.

“We’re asking volunteer doctors and nurses and community members to step up and do what the government should be doing. If this was a hurricane, FEMA would be on the ground helping,” said Jim Gannon, CEO and executive director of Catholic Charities in Albuquerque, N.M.

For many years, families arriving at the border were typically released from U.S. custody immediately and allowed to settle in this country with family or friends while their cases wound their way through the courts, a process that often takes years.

Trump has railed against the practice, tweeting in November that it was over: “Catch and Release is an



Pastor Gavin Rogers, second from left, prays with an immigrant from Central America seeking asylum who had requested Communion.

ERIC GAY/AP

obsolete term. It is now Catch and Detain. Illegal Immigrants trying to come into the U.S.A., often proudly flying the flag of their nation as they ask for U.S. Asylum, will be detained or turned away.”

But in recent months, the number of families crossing into the U.S. has climbed to record highs, pushing the system to the breaking point. As a result, the government is releasing families faster, in greater numbers and at points farther removed from the border.

Since Dec. 21, Immigration and Customs Enforcement has set free more than 125,000 people who came into the U.S. as families.

Customs and Border Protection is also overloaded, and instead of holding families for up to 72 hours before turning them over to ICE, it has started releasing them directly into the U.S.

“The numbers are overwhelming right now,” said Gregory Archambault, ICE director of enforcement and removal operations in San Diego. “Everybody is stressed. The agency is stressed,

the (local governments) are stressed, the law enforcement agencies. Everybody is stressed because there are these mass numbers of people.”

ICE has been releasing asylum-seeking families so quickly that they don’t even have time to make travel arrangements. Families are given court dates, a head of household is often fitted with an ankle monitor, and they are dropped off at a charity-run shelter or bus station.

San Antonio received part of that surge in recent days, forcing the city to open a help center with food for migrants.

In El Paso, where shelters and churches are at capacity and seats on buses headed out of the city are getting harder to find, authorities briefly resorted to holding migrants in a pen lined with concertina wire under the shade of a bridge that connects the American city to Juarez, Mexico. They closed the makeshift holding area over the weekend and moved the migrants to a place with more shelter.

“They treated us like animals,” said Herling Jerlyn, a teenager from Guatemala.

Eduardo De Jesus Bermudez Florez waited for a Greyhound bus Tuesday to take him to Arlington, Texas, after spending time held under the bridge, where he said women cried through the night in cold temperatures.

The immigrant from El Salvador himself teared up as he described his ordeal. He became separated from his wife and their 10-year-old daughter in Mexico before crossing the border, and he still doesn’t know where they are. As De Jesus cried waiting for a bus, his 13-year-old son held the charger for his ankle monitor battery.

“He’d say ‘dad, I want to leave this place,’” said De Jesus, whose wife was once attacked with machetes by gang members. “I just told him that from here we can’t go back. Your future is here. Our country is too violent.”

In Albuquerque, nearly 280 miles from the border, faith-based organizations have helped roughly 1,000

migrants since mid-February. The groups were small at first, but they have been growing and the arrivals have become more frequent.

San Diego County recently opened a shuttered downtown courthouse slated for demolition to house up to 150 asylum-seekers. A coalition of religious and civic groups that manages the shelter said it has helped more than 11,000 members of asylum-seeking families since authorities began large-scale releases in late October.

About 22,000 immigrants have been released in Arizona in the past three months. In the Phoenix area, the nonprofit organizations and churches taking them in have a capacity of only 700 a week, said Connie Phillips, president and CEO of Lutheran Social Services in the Southwest.

That means immigration authorities have to drop off families by the busload at places not designed to take them in, like the Greyhound station in Phoenix.

The bus company is no

longer allowing anyone without a ticket to wait inside, so immigrant families, including little children, stand outside until a volunteer can get them in touch with a relative to buy them a ticket. That sometimes takes hours.

“The federal government is saying, ‘This is not our responsibility,’” Phillips said. “And the cities and states have not stepped up to provide any kind of emergency funding.”

She added: “This is going to be a public health disaster. These are small children, these are babies, and we cannot have people just out in the heat.”

Authorities said family arrivals along the U.S.-Mexico border reached an all-time high in February of 45,827 arrests or denials of entry.

“We didn’t have family groups for years and years, like we have now,” ICE’s Archambault said. “Our facilities are not made for this. We have diapers and baby formula and all this stuff, like a nursery.”

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For Latinos, memories of loving care

VapoRub's place in Hispanic culture is as strong as its eucalyptus-menthol aroma

BY **ESMERALDA BERMUDEZ**
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — They call it Bibaporrú, Beep Vaporrú, El Bic, El Bix, El Vickisito.

And many think of the sticky, stinky menthol goop as their own, even though it's used around the world.

In the Latino community, Vicks VapoRub inspires a curious, nostalgic devotion — for its many nicknames and uses far more creative than relief for the common cold and muscle pain.

"If I say to someone, 'Hey, bring me El Vah-po-ru!' they'll know exactly what I'm talking about," said Luciano Roldan, 78, of Los Angeles, who has been rubbing VapoRub all over, including up his nose, since he was a kid in the El Salvador countryside.

Since the ointment was invented as a croup and pneumonia cure by a North Carolina pharmacist more than a century ago, many have relied on the little blue jar to solve all sorts of problems: athlete's foot, stretch marks, stomach aches, earaches. Some actors even rub it on their eyes to cause tears. Others scoop it into their coffee or tea.

Online, there are countless tributes to its mighty powers. Some testimonials are real, some are jokes.

Latinos have created vivaporu hashtags, memes, emojis, comedy skits and, for those still scratching their heads at the love affair, explanatory videos. Some have written about their nostalgia in dissertations, poems and essays.

Mysterious rash? Vivaporu!

Broken arm? Vivaporu! Broken heart? Put vivaporu on that, too.

When "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda tweeted a selfie from Puerto Rico in January, holding a tub of Vicks ("I knew I wouldn't get through the

nine show week without peak remedies"), the response was exuberant:

"Abuelitas everywhere are cheering for this post

"That is the brownest thing I've ever seen you say.

"Nothing like that Veevapuruuu."

In 2017, a man who was accused of attempting to sell 2,000 containers of fake VapoRub across Illinois and Wisconsin did not escape attention.

Carlos Barraza, 23, was charged with violating the Trademark Counterfeiting Act after he got busted at a store called Dos Hermanos in a little town south of Chicago.

"Blasphemy!" declared Latina magazine.

Of course, not everyone is a fan.

Some people can't stand the smell or carry clammy memories of catching a cold.

Daniel Olivas, 59, doesn't recall protesting as a kid.

Each time he caught a cold, his mother would slather his chest with the salve as if she were icing a birthday cake, and then put him to bed in a eucalyptus haze.

"I would just succumb to it," said Olivas, now a lawyer and writer.

He thinks his mom used VapoRub because it was affordable.

"Moms had to come up with ways to heal the family," he said.

Growing up in Connecticut, Michael Diaz remembers his Dominican parents put VapoRub on acne, scrapes, cuts, bruises.

They kept the jar on the dresser in their bedroom.

When he was in second grade, Diaz came home on a snowy day.

Just as he had reached his family's porch, a sharp icicle broke off the gutter and landed straight on his head.

His mom saw the bloody gash and started crying. His dad, Jose, raced to grab the



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Vivaporu.

He slathered a big chunk of goo on his son's head and told him, "Hey, you'll be fine."

For three days, Diaz went to school smeared with menthol and eucalyptus.

"I had this cold, waxy Vivaporu sandwich on top of my little fro," he said.

Julia Longoria started pondering the Vicks phenomenon only after she grew up and began thinking back on her childhood.

In 2017, the WNYC radio reporter and producer decided to dig into the topic a little.

She interviewed dozens of people, but in the end found the best tale right at home: with her Cuban grandmother.

Malvina Camejo, 82, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., loves Vicks VapoRub so much she affectionately calls it her Vickisito.

She's used it for toenail fungus, to strengthen her nails, condition her hair and moisturize her skin. Sometimes she has five or six of the jars on her vanity.

Vicks VapoRub

Active ingredients:

Camphor, eucalyptus oil and menthol

Inactive ingredients:

Cedarleaf oil, nutmeg oil, petrolatum, thymol and turpentine oil.

Source: Procter & Gamble

"Anytime any of the cousins got sick, they were like, 'Don't tell grandma!' She's going to put that all over you."

Longoria always thought her abuela's use of VapoRub was an American thing.

But in interviews she learned that her grandma loved the ointment because it took her back to Cuba, to the happy days before the revolution when her own mother used to rub the salve on her.

After the embargo cut off the conduit for American products, Longoria's grandma couldn't get her Vickisito for years.

In Greensboro, N.C., there are several homages

to Lunsford Richardson, the pharmacist whose salve caught on and spread.

In 1918, the Spanish flu sent sales soaring, from \$900,000 to \$2.9 million in a single year.

Richardson was one of the thousands who died in the epidemic.

His company went on to market the ointment in England, Mexico and Central and South America, and then dozens of other countries.

Procter & Gamble, now its parent company, did not respond to requests for comment, but the company website and Vicks hotline emphasize that users should stick to the recommended uses listed on the label.

That means don't heat it, don't eat it, don't stick it up your nose, in your eyes, in your hair, in your ears.

For coughs, simply rub it on your chest and throat. For muscle and joint pain, rub it in wherever it hurts three to four times daily.

Maybe it was all the advertising. Maybe it was

product loyalty. Maybe it was simply a tradition passed from one generation to the next.

When Longoria asked scholars about the fascination with VapoRub, one suggested the subject might make a good doctoral dissertation.

Rachel Herz, a cognitive neuroscientist at Brown University, thinks its strong scent might play a role. She's included the product in several studies about the powerful memories that smells evoke.

She said VapoRub often brought up flashbacks that were positive, "not of feeling sick, but of being cared for and being soothed."

Daniel Olivas made sure that when he left for college back in the 1970s, he took his VapoRub with him.

But when he rubbed the cream on his chest just as his mother always had done, it didn't feel the same.

With her, he said, it had been "almost a religious ritual."

Without her, that magic was gone.



ERIC RISBERG/AP

The San Francisco suburb of Hillsborough is suing the owner of this Flintstone House, which has statues of Fred and Wilma, along with Barney and Betty Rubble, in the front.

It's 'Yabba Dabba' don't

Flintstones home draws ire of posh town in California

BY **JANIE HAR**
Associated Press

HILLSBOROUGH, Calif. — Towering dinosaurs stand among fanciful mushrooms in the sloping backyard. A life-sized Fred Flintstone welcomes visitors near the front door. And by the driveway on the lawn is a giant "Yabba Dabba Do" sign in orange, purple and red.

The latest battle in the war between government rules and property rights is playing out in a posh San Francisco suburb, where a retired publishing mogul has installed an elaborate homage to "The Flintstones" family.

The bold, bulbous house is surrounded by Stone Age sculptures inspired by the 1960s cartoon, along with aliens and other oddities.

The controversy has sparked international media coverage and an online petition signed by thousands to preserve the attention-grabbing property, visible from a nearby highway.

The 2,730-square-foot house itself is not at stake, but the town of Hillsborough says Florence Fang's

multimillion-dollar property is a public nuisance and an eyesore.

Officials filed a lawsuit in state court last month to make her remove the unpermitted garden installations.

Fang does not live in the house but uses it to entertain.

An attorney for the 84-year-old philanthropist says snobby officials want to squelch Fang's constitutional right to enjoy her yard, and promises a fight.

"Mrs. Fang has made people smile, she's giving them joy. What's not to love about Dino, who acts like a dog?" said Angela Alioto, a former San Francisco supervisor. "What is wrong with these people?"

The house, painted red and purple, was designed by architect William Nicholson and built in 1976. Fang, who once published the San Francisco Examiner, bought the property in June 2017 for \$2.8 million.

The whimsical front yard has statues of Barney and Betty Rubble, along with Fred and Wilma. A sign reads "No Dino Allowed" and features a purple cartoon dinosaur. Colorful mushroom sculptures dot the front and back. A steep staircase, deemed unsafe by town officials, leads

to a garden of giant metal prehistoric animals.

Mark Hudak, an attorney for Hillsborough, says the town prides itself on its rural, woodsy feel, and rules are in place "so neighbors don't have to look at your version of what you would like to have, and you don't have to look at theirs."

Government has the right to enforce public safety codes, and to ensure property owners don't impinge on the rights of other property owners, said Tim Iglesias, a property professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law.

But Iglesias says it's unusual for a homeowner to ignore three work-stop orders issued by the city, as the March 13 complaint states Fang did.

She also ignored an administrative order to remove the installations by Dec. 5, 2018, although she paid a \$200 fine.

"This is a situation where a very wealthy, sophisticated homeowner has basically thumbed her nose at the city consistently," he said. "If they let her get away, then all the other wealthy people in Hillsborough can say, 'Hey, I can do whatever I want with my property. Who cares about the planning department?'"

Want to get rid of pigeon poop? Mass. has a tax solution: Falcons

BY **BOB SALSBERG**
Associated Press

BOSTON — Along with all the usual declarations and deductions, Massachusetts residents have been asked to keep something else in mind this tax season: pigeon droppings.

In an unusual and at times stomach-turning appeal, the state agency MassWildlife proposed that one way to fight back against the sticky messes befouling cars and damaging bridges is for taxpayers to check a box on their tax forms to support the state's endangered species program.

How so? Peregrine falcons are among the program's beneficiaries, and they prey on pigeons.

"Hate pigeon poop? Save peregrine falcons," begins the message on the agency's website and in a recent newsletter. It goes on to picture a typical motorist driving home from work over one of the state's major bridges.

"You're thinking about dinner as you wait in traffic when — PLOP! — something white and black falls onto your windshield," the post continues.

And then, lest the reader believe it's all no more than a yucky nuisance, this warning: "This paste-like substance is so acidic and corrosive, that it can damage your car's paint job. And you guessed it, groups of birds all going to the bathroom in the same place can make man-made structures like bridges deteriorate faster."

Enter the peregrine falcon, a predator that can attain speeds of 240 mph in high-elevation dives, no match for the slower and less agile pigeon, which just so happens to be one of the peregrine's favorite feasts.

Peregrine falcons disappeared from Massachusetts in the mid-1950s and soon after the entire eastern U.S., their demise largely blamed on the pesticide



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MassWildlife is asking state taxpayers to help save peregrine falcons, a species that preys on pigeons.

DDT, according to the state's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

After the chemical was banned, efforts picked up to reintroduce the raptor, sometimes confused with more common varieties of hawk.

To the surprise of some ornithologists, many of the newcomers eschewed their former rural habitats and became city dwellers. Instead of on cliffs, they began nesting on tall building ledges and bridges in urban areas where food sources — pigeons, especially — were more plentiful.

To help the falcons along, state officials and volunteers placed nesting boxes in strategic locations such as the Custom House Tower in Boston, the 28-story W.E.B. Du Bois Library at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and the heavily traveled Tobin Bridge spanning the Mystic River.

"Falcon cams" were even installed to offer a continuous livestream of peregrine comings and goings.

The restoration effort is partially funded by voluntarily donations from taxpayers, who can choose to contribute to "endangered wildlife conservation" on their state returns. The money supports more than

400 threatened or endangered plants and animals, from bog turtles to timber rattlesnakes, but the peregrine falcon is easily among the most "charismatic," said David Paulson, senior endangered species biologist for MassWildlife.

Contributions to the fund have been increasing but remain well below levels needed, according to state officials and wildlife experts. About 23,000 taxpayers gave \$312,000 through the tax check-off in 2017, the last full year for which figures were available, compared with the \$178,000 provided by approximately 18,000 taxpayers in 2013.

It's not just bird lovers and conservationists embracing the revival of the peregrine falcons.

State transportation engineers have noticed a reduction in the pigeon population on bridges with nesting falcons, officials said. Fewer pigeons means less waste building up on bridge surfaces, rusting the steel and increasing the costs for maintenance and bridge replacement.

"It's almost like a symbiotic relationship," Paulson said. "The structure provides the habitat, and the falcons kind of provide the pest management, for lack of a better term."



ASHRAF KHALIL/AP

Decades of wear and tear from foot traffic, rising sea levels and a deteriorating sea wall have created flooding woes in the Tidal Basin, which is home to cherry blossom trees.

Creeping floodwaters threaten Washington's cherry blossoms

BY ASHRAF KHALIL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington's cherry blossom season has gone well this year, thanks to warm weather that has coincided with the annual blooming that draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each spring.

But officials are claiming that Washington's iconic trees are under a looming threat that requires emergency action.

Decades of wear and tear from foot traffic, combined with rising sea levels and a deteriorating sea wall, have created a chronic flooding problem in the Tidal Basin. The 107-acre man-made reservoir borders the Jefferson Memorial and is home to the highest concentration of cherry blossom trees.

"The Tidal Basin is at a pivotal moment," said Jeff Reinbold, acting superintendent for the National Mall and Memorial Parks division of the National Park Service. "The area was never designed for the kind of use it sees today."

The National Park Service, along with the Trust for the National Mall and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is undertak-

ing a campaign to save the Tidal Basin. In addition to rebuilding the battered sea wall and addressing the flooding problem, the groups want to improve walkways and update security systems.

Twice a day at high tide, a large stretch of sidewalk next to the Jefferson Memorial is submerged by the rising waters. During the heavy rains that routinely occur in Washington, the floodwaters overflow the sea wall in multiple locations and soak the tree roots.

It's more than just an inconvenience.

Teresa Durkin, senior project director of the Trust for the National Mall, said the higher silt concentration of the floodwaters is shortening the life span of the hundreds of cherry blossom trees that ring the basin.

"The infrastructure is breaking down because of the daily flooding. The trees are being inundated with brackish water," she said. "People do love these trees and we keep having to replace them."

Early estimates are that the rehabilitation project would require as much as \$500 million, with organizers seeking a combina-

tion of government money and private donations.

The organizations are partnering with American Express, which is funding the creation of the Tidal Basin Ideas Lab and inviting architectural and landscape design firms to submit proposals for replacing the sea wall and refurbishing and modernizing the entire area.

Sean Kennealy, the chief of professional services for the National Mall and Memorial Parks division, said the original 1880s design of the Tidal Basin simply wasn't equipped to handle the kinds of crowds and traffic the area now receives. That traffic has only increased as more monuments have been added to the Tidal Basin area over the years.

Even without the worsening flooding problem, Kennealy said the network of sidewalks and pathways needs to be expanded to accommodate the modern visitor numbers.

"People have started making their own paths through the grass because the walkways are either not wide enough or underwater," Kennealy said. "The trees just aren't being protected the way they should be."

At summit of G-7 ministers, discord is a unifying theme

BY THOMAS ADAMSON
Associated Press

DINARD, France — Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven nations revealed stark divergences in views on the Middle East on Saturday as they wrapped up a meeting in France that opened with the goal of finding common ground on contentious global challenges but was shaken by the absence of U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

The diplomats in attendance projected a united front while walking side-by-side along a seaside promenade before they released the agreement from their two-day meeting in Dinard. The agreement included mildly worded joint commitments on issues such as fighting cybercrime, giving women bigger peacemaking roles, and engaging with countries in Africa's Sahel region to combat migrant trafficking.

But what was omitted from the G-7's positions said as much as what was included. The differences could set the stage for tensions at an August summit of the leaders of the G-7 advanced economies — the United States, France, Canada, Japan, Germany, Italy and the U.K.

A European Union official expressed "regret" that the document had what she considered to be several glaring omissions that conflicted with non-negotiable positions of the EU. They included "no reference to a two-state solution" in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and "no mention" of the U.N. Security Council resolution in favor of the Iran nuclear deal, she said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not allowed to speak to the news media, said the language used to described the G-7's deep concern over Iran's "continuing support for terrorist organizations and armed militias" was not language EU members tend



STEPHANE MAHE/AP

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan, right, reiterated support for Venezuela's Juan Guaido.

to use. Four of the G-7 nations are in the European Union.

The foreign ministers' joint statement itself acknowledged "clear differences" on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict after "an exchange of views."

The agreement included an initiative to help countries share best practices on encouraging responsible online behavior. Also, the group pledged to encourage the creation of funds to help survivors of sexual violence in danger spots, and to encourage Sahel countries to take steps to end trafficking. It also reaffirmed the G-7's "commitment to a rules-based international order."

Discord is becoming a theme for the group.

Last June, President Donald Trump roiled the G-7 meeting in Canada by first agreeing to a group statement on trade, then withdrawing American support from it and sending a string of negative tweets about the summit and its host, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

On Saturday in Dinard, British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt was missing from the final group photo after attending Friday's session. Combined with Pompeo's absence, Hunt's status raised questions about the G-7's relevance.

U.S. officials acknowl-

edged points of discord at the talks hosted by French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan, who attended in Pompeo's place, said Washington would use the G-7 forum to galvanize support for Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido, whose claim to the presidency is backed by the U.S. and about 50 other countries.

But the meeting failed to change the position of Italy, the sole G-7 member state not to back Guaido.

"We spoke about it. The Italian position on Venezuela is pretty clear," said Italian Foreign Minister Enzo Moavero. "It is an extremely difficult situation, especially in light of the humanitarian emergency that weighs the most in our hearts."

Guaido has set out to topple the socialist administration of President Nicolas Maduro amid deepening unrest in the country, which has been plagued by nearly a month of power outages.

Italy also has irked EU and U.S. allies by becoming the first G-7 member to sign up to a Chinese plan to build a Silk Road-style global trade network, the Belt and Road Initiative.

Any reference to the contentious trillion-dollar plan was missing in Saturday's texts.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Pope: European, U.S. weapons to blame for kids killed in wars

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis blamed Europe and the United States for the deaths of children in Syria, Yemen and Afghanistan, saying Saturday that wealthy Western countries fuel conflicts by selling weapons in war zones.

Speaking to students and teachers of Milan's San Carlo Institute, Francis said "a country that produces and sells weapons has on its conscience the death of every child

and the destruction of each family."

Talking about the need for countries to welcome and integrate migrants, the pope rebuffed the crime concerns governments cite to keep out asylum-seekers. Foreigners aren't the source of most crime in Italy because "we also have lots of them," Francis said.

"The Mafia has not been invented by Nigerians. Mafia is ours," he said.

Afghan officials say insurgent attacks kill 7 officers, 3 civilians

KABUL, Afghanistan — Insurgents killed seven policemen and three civilians in attacks across Afghanistan, provincial officials said Saturday.

Such attacks, blamed on the Taliban, have continued in recent months, even as the militants hold talks with U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad to negotiate an American troop withdrawal.

In a visit to Kabul last week, Khalilzad lobbied

for "intra-Afghan dialogue" — talks that would encompass prominent Afghan figures, government representatives and the opposition, as well as the Taliban. The U.S. envoy has held several rounds of talks with the Taliban, most recently last month in Qatar where both sides said progress was made.

But despite such talks, the Taliban continue to attack Afghan forces.

Biologist who helped decipher genetic code dies in Singapore

LA JOLLA, Calif. — Sydney Brenner, a Nobel Prize-winning biologist who helped decipher the genetic code, died Friday in Singapore, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies said. He was 92.

Brenner shared the Nobel Prize in medicine in 2002 for his work in unraveling how genes control cell division. He and Robert Horvitz and John Sulston traced a roundworm to determine how

cells divide and create something new. The findings were key to understanding how cancers develop.

His most important contribution to science, however, was the work he did with Francis Crick and others to determine the genetic code. They discovered that DNA is made up of a series of three nucleotides called codons, which encode the amino acids that make up a protein.



SAKIS MITROLIDIS/GETTY-AFP

Children offer flowers to Greek police after clashes Saturday outside a refugee camp in Diavata, a Thessaloniki suburb. Officials say the demonstrations were triggered by false reports on social media that restrictions on travel to northern Europe had been lifted.

Warlord battles government for control of Tripoli airport

MISURATA, Libya — A renegade militia seeking to storm its way into Libya's capital battled for control of the international airport Saturday in a showdown that threatened to spill into bloody urban combat in the streets of Tripoli.

Fighters loyal to warlord Khalifa Hifter said they had overrun the airport on the southern edge of the city. But forces for Libya's U.N.-backed government mounted a counterattack — aided by reinforcements flowing into the city — and it remained unclear which side held the airfield by nightfall.

The airport has been closed since it suffered widespread damage during battles between rival groups in 2014. But it would be a symbolic blow to the government if the site fell to Hifter, who could use it as a key staging ground for further advances.

Hifter's militia is aligned with a separate administration based in eastern Libya. The country, rich in oil and gas reserves, has been split into rival regions for years as the United Nations and others try to hammer out a peace deal and set a road map for elections.

Hifter's offensive could usher in the most significant escalation of violence since the toppling of Libyan dictator Moammar Gaddafi in 2011. Hifter was a general in Gaddafi's army but defected and spent years living in northern Virginia. He returned to Libya to take part in the revolution against Gaddafi's rule.

Hundreds of truckloads of fighters from different militias left the city of Misurata on Saturday, heading to Tripoli to help fend off Hifter's forces, said militia sources and residents of Misurata, about 120 miles east of the capital.

PM vows to annex part of West Bank if re-elected

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says he will begin annexing part of the Israeli-occupied West Bank if he is re-elected to a fourth consecutive term. Such a move would be a departure from long-standing government policy.

Netanyahu made the

pledge in a television interview Saturday, three days before Israel's election, in a bid to shore up his right-wing base. His comments were carried by Israeli websites.

Netanyahu mentioned the recent U.S. recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the occupied Golan

Heights as an achievement. Asked by Channel 12 about annexing Israeli settlements in the West Bank, he said that "we're on the way" and that "the next term will be fateful."

More than 600,000 Israelis live on war-won land, two-thirds of them in the West Bank.

World Trade Center granite monoliths are put into place

NEW YORK — A 600-ton crane has delivered six granite monoliths to the World Trade Center — stone sculptures honoring those who were sickened or died from toxins while cleaning up the site of the 2001 terrorist attack.

On Saturday, the chiseled granite pieces were in place, pointing skyward to also honor rescue, recovery and relief workers facing the 9/11 aftermath.

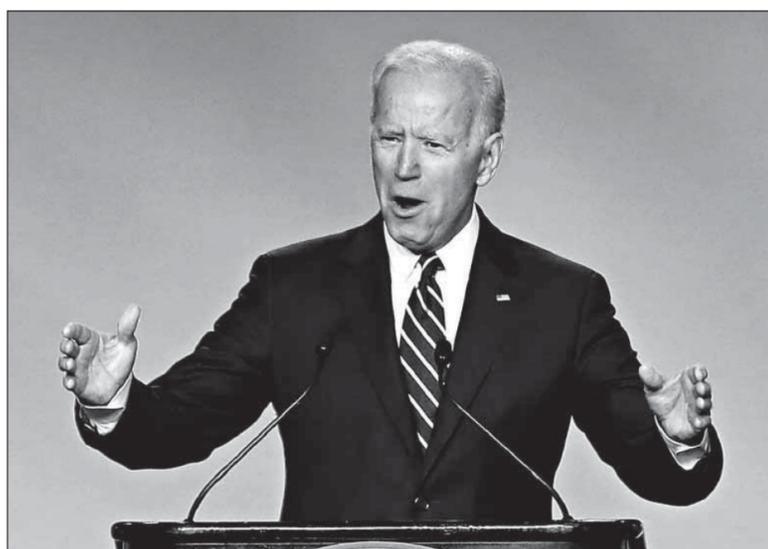
The monoliths were chiseled from the Rock of Ages granite manufacturing company in Barre, Vt., using Canadian granite.

Steel salvaged from the World Trade Center was incorporated into the structures outside the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. The monoliths that symbolize New York's strength and determination through adversity. Costs were covered by New York state, plus fundraising and private donations.

In Germany: Former President Barack Obama says he wants to support young leaders in Europe and elsewhere who are trying to tackle problems such as climate change and inequality.

Obama told a town hall meeting Saturday in Berlin that mentoring activists through his foundation may help encourage "millions of people who are working on the values and causes that we so deeply believe in." He said despite Europe's wealth, social achievements and decades of peace, "we also know that powerful forces are working to reverse many of these trends."

The former president suggested that fostering reasoned debate online should be a key task to keep politics from going in a negative direction.



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at the IBEW construction and maintenance conference on Friday.

Joe Biden 'putting everything together' for presidential run

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT AND NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Joe Biden on Friday made light of his recent controversy about crossing physical boundaries with women, and he signaled in a resolute speech to union activists that he's ready to run for president as a moderate Democrat in a party that has been drifting left.

Biden, 76, opened his speech to a conference of electrical workers joking that he had "permission" to hug the union leader who introduced him. The remark won cheers from the overwhelmingly male audience, but provoked some of the activist women Biden has sought to convince he "gets" their concerns about his famously touchy-feely, and some say dated, style.

During his speech and after, Biden defended his focus on the "personal connection" in politics.

"I'm sorry I didn't understand more. I'm not sorry for any of my intentions," he told reporters. "I'm not sorry for anything I've ever done — I've never been disrespectful, intentionally, to a man or a woman."

Biden all but declared he intended to join the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, telling reporters he's "putting everything together, man." He noted his lawyers had warned him to speak carefully about his intentions but said he expected to "be

standing before you all relatively soon."

He also suggested his strategy.

In a nostalgia-soaked speech, Biden made clear he would position himself outside the progressive wing of the party and seek support from traditional Democrats and the working-class voters who backed Donald Trump in 2016.

Biden said criticism of his bipartisan leanings was coming from the "far left" and reupped his appeal for compromise — a sometimes unpopular view in the Trump-era.

"The vast majority of the members of the Democratic party are still basically liberal to moderate Democrats in the traditional sense," Biden said. As to where he falls on ideological lines, he said, "I'm an Obama-Biden Democrat, man. And I'm proud of it."

Signs of shifts in feelings in the party have been evident in recent complaints about Biden's history of publicly affectionate behavior with women. Nevada politician Lucy Flores said she was uncomfortable when Biden kissed her on the back of the head backstage at a 2014 campaign event. Her account was countered by scores of women — from prominent lawmakers to former staffers — who praised him as a warm, affectionate person and a supportive boss. But several other women have also come forward to recount their own awkward interactions with him.

Flores panned Biden's remarks Friday, tweeting: "To make light of something as serious as consent degrades the conversation women everywhere are courageously trying to have."

Ultra Violet, a women's rights group that initially urged Biden to do better, also reacted sharply:

"Joe Biden's 'jokes' were shameful, and not how a so-called 'champion of women' should act," the group posted on Twitter. "He sent a very clear signal to women today — he just doesn't respect them."

Biden did say the controversy "is going to have to change somewhat how I campaign."

That controversy aside, Biden's address seemed intended to highlight how he could win back white, blue-collar workers like those who supported Trump in 2016. He seemed to criticize his own party for walking away from the demographic.

He recounted a time when, he said, the dignity of teachers, sanitation and electrical line workers was treasured and the nation felt it had a common purpose. Saying his father, a salesman, told him to respect everyone, Biden alluded to various "sophisticated friends" who don't get the significance of treating blue-collar laborers as equals.

"All you're looking for is to be treated fairly, with respect, with some dignity," Biden said.

In 1976 China's leadership deposed Deputy Prime Minister Deng Xiaoping and appointed Hua Kuofeng prime minister and first deputy chairman of the Communist Party.

In 1983 space shuttle astronauts Story Musgrave and Don Peterson took the first U.S. space walk in almost a decade as they worked in the open cargo bay of Challenger for nearly four hours.

In 1987 Harold Washington won a second mayoral term handily, making him the first Chicago mayor since the late Richard J. Daley to win re-election.

In 1990 a display of Robert Mapplethorpe photographs opened at Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Center, the same day the center and its director were indicted on obscenity charges. (Both were acquitted.)

In 1992 Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat survived the crash of his plane in the Libyan desert; three crew members died.

In 1994 civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi. In the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu intellectuals were slaughtered.

In 1999 NATO stepped up its airstrikes in Yugoslavia after rejecting President Slobodan Milosevic's cease-fire declaration. Yugoslav authorities, meanwhile, closed the main exit route where a quarter-million ethnic Albanians had fled Kosovo.

In 2001 NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft took off on a 6-month, 286 million-mile journey to the Red Planet.

In 2014 seventh-seeded Connecticut held off eighth-seeded Kentucky 60-54 in a championship game that featured the two lowest seeds in NCAA men's basketball history.

In 2015 Rahm Emanuel won re-election. Eight days later, the City Council approved a \$5 million settlement with McDonald's family before a lawsuit had been filed.

OBITUARIES

SUSIE GRAHAM JACOBSON 1956-2019

Chicago ad executive active in local charities

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Susie Graham Jacobson was a Chicago advertising executive who was active in Chicago charities and later became an accomplished amateur equestrian.

"She retired from advertising to do her horses. The horses were so much a part of her life, and she was an animal lover who had such a soft heart," said her husband, longtime Chicago radio and TV news anchor and commentator Walter Jacobson. "Every day she went up to ... the barn. And she liked being 62 years old and competitive (at riding)."

Jacobson died of complications from a head injury on March 31 at a rented home in Wellington, Fla. after falling the previous day while walking her golden retriever, Lucky, her husband said. A Gold Coast resident who also had a home in Beverly Shores, Ind., Jacobson had been in Wellington competing in horse shows.

Born Susan Norris Graham in Chicago, Jacobson grew up in Northfield and was the daughter of Florence Graham, the head pro and manager of the A.C. Nielsen Tennis Center of the Winnetka Park District. Jacobson was a tennis whiz and ranked nationally among the top 30 junior players in the U.S. from the time she was 12.

At 14, she was the first girl included in the Chicago District Tennis Association's SuperExcellence program at the Midtown Tennis Club. The following year, Jacobson was the first girl ever invited to work out with New Trier West's boys tennis team.

Jacobson's high school tennis career culminated with her winning the state



GRANT/JACOBY

Susie Graham Jacobson grew up in Northfield and was a Gold Coast resident.

singles title. After graduating from New Trier West, she was one of the first women recruited by Yale University to play tennis, and became the captain of Yale's women's tennis team. "Tennis has helped my marks," she told the Tribune in 1977.

After graduating from Yale with an English degree in 1978, Jacobson moved to New York City, where she soon began working for what would become the DDB Needham ad agency. She then moved to DDB Needham's Chicago office in the 1980s.

In 1989, a former DDB Needham colleague and friend, Mary Haderlein, recruited Jacobson to take a job at the J. Walter Thompson USA ad agency in Chicago, where Jacobson first was an account director and then, in 1994, a senior vice president.

"She had boundless energy and she was a highly charismatic person," said Haderlein, who now runs Chicago-based Hyde Park Group, a strategic innovation company.

In 1995, Haderlein recruited Jacobson to join her at the Grant/Jacoby ad agency in Chicago as a vice president and management director, overseeing multiple clients. The following year, Grant/Jacoby pro-

moted Jacobson to senior vice president and member of the agency's executive committee.

While at Grant/Jacoby, Jacobson pitched and won the account for Head sporting goods, Haderlein said. In 1999, Head's then-parent, HTM Holdings, hired Jacobson as its Chicago-based director of marketing communications.

Jacobson left HTM in 2003 to work for Haderlein at the Hyde Park Group as a senior account director.

Jacobson and her husband met at an event at a riding stable in Michiana Shores, Ind., Walter Jacobson said. They married in 1995.

"She was a perfect companion for Walter," said Walter Jacobson's longtime WBBM-Ch. 2 anchor partner, Bill Kurtis.

After retiring from the Hyde Park Group in 2005, Jacobson began training as an equestrian, working regularly with a trainer and spending many hours with her horses each day at a farm in north suburban Zion. Jacobson also had begun competing in divisions for amateur riders who are 50 and older.

"She was very dedicated to her horses, and the horses were such an important part of her life," said Jacobson's trainer, Meagan Murray-Tenuta.

Jacobson was volunteer and fundraiser for Chicago charities.

In addition to her husband, Jacobson is survived by a stepson, Peter Jacobson; three stepdaughters, Wendy, Julia and Genevieve Jacobson; and three step-grandsons.

A memorial service is being planned.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

ERNEST 'FRITZ' HOLLINGS 1922-2019

Longtime S.C. senator was presidential candidate in '84

BY MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Ernest F. "Fritz" Hollings, the silver-haired Democrat who helped shepherd South Carolina through desegregation as governor and served six terms in the U.S. Senate, died Saturday. He was 97.

Family spokesman Andy Brack, who also served at times for Hollings as spokesman during his Senate career, said Hollings died at his home.

Hollings, whose long and colorful political career included an unsuccessful bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, retired from the Senate in 2005, one of the last of the larger-than-life Democrats who dominated politics in the South.

He had served 38 years and two months, making him the eighth longest-serving senator in U.S. history.

Nevertheless, Hollings remained the junior senator from South Carolina for most of his term. The senior senator was Strom Thurmond, first elected in 1954. He retired in January 2003 at age 100 as the longest-serving senator in history.

In his final Senate speech, made in 2004, Hollings lamented that lawmakers came to spend much of their time raising money for the next election, calling money "the main culprit, the cancer on the body politic."

Hollings was a sharp-tongued orator whose rhetorical flourishes in the deep accent of his home state enlivened many a Washington debate, but his influence in Washington never reached the levels he hoped.

He sometimes blamed that failure on his background, rising to power as he did in the South in the 1950s as the region bubbled



AP/1983

In his final Senate speech in 2004, Ernest Hollings decried fundraising, calling money a "cancer on the body politic."

with anger over segregation.

However, South Carolina largely avoided the racial violence that afflicted some other Deep South states during the turbulent 1960s.

Hollings campaigned against desegregation when running for governor in 1958. He built a national reputation as a moderate when, in his farewell address as governor, he pleaded with the legislature to peacefully accept integration of public schools and the admission of the first black student to Clemson University.

"This General Assembly must make clear South Carolina's choice, a government of laws rather than a government of men," he told lawmakers. Shortly afterward, Clemson was peacefully integrated.

In the Senate, Hollings gained a reputation as a skilled insider with keen intellectual powers. He chaired the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and held seats on the Appropriations and Budget committees.

But his sharp tongue and shrewd wit sometimes got him in trouble. He once called Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, the "senator from the B'nai B'rith" and in 1983 referred to the presidential campaign supporters of former

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., with a derogatory slur used for immigrants who entered the U.S. by wading across the Rio Grande.

Hollings began his quest for the presidency in April 1983 but dropped out the following March after dismal showings in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Early in his Senate career, he built a record as a hawk and lobbied hard for military dollars for South Carolina, one of the poorest states in the union.

Hollings originally supported American involvement in Vietnam, but his views changed over the years as it became clear there would be no American victory.

In 1969 he drew national attention when he exposed hunger in his own state by touring several cities, helping lay the groundwork for the Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, feeding program.

In 1982, Hollings proposed an across-the-board federal spending freeze to cut the deficit, a proposal that was a cornerstone of his failed presidential bid.

As he prepared to leave office, he told The Associated Press: "People ask you your legacy or your most embarrassing moment. I never, ever lived that way. I'm not trying to get remembered."

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 7 ...

In 1957 the last of New York's electric trolleys completed its final run from Queens to Manhattan.

In 1964 IBM introduced its innovative System/360, the company's first line of compatible mainframe computers that gave customers the option of upgrading from lower-cost models to more powerful, expensive ones.

In 1966 the United States recovered a hydrogen bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain.

In 1969 the Supreme Court unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
April 6
Powerball 15 33 43 59 60 / 8
Powerball jackpot: \$68M
Lotto 03 05 06 08 18 34 / 11
Lotto jackpot: \$15.25M
Pick 3 midday 959/5
Pick 4 midday 2889/6
Lucky Day Lotto midday 08 17 27 38 39

Pick 3 evening 923/1
Pick 4 evening 6007/1
Lucky Day Lotto evening 02 13 19 21 22

April 5
Mega Millions 08 22 24 38 64 / 21
Mega Millions jackpot: \$104M
Pick 3 midday 454/0
Pick 4 midday 7972/7
Lucky Day Lotto midday 13 14 18 32 38

Pick 3 evening 435/7
Pick 4 evening 6630/4
Lucky Day Lotto evening 06 08 23 28 40

April 9 Mega Millions: \$120M

INDIANA
April 6
Lotto 9 12 16 21 35 37
Daily 3 midday 195 / 2
Daily 4 midday 1560 / 2
Daily 3 evening 809 / 8
Daily 4 evening 9567 / 8
Cash 5 118 21 32 42

MICHIGAN
April 6
Lotto 06 23 25 26 39 43
Daily 3 midday 961
Daily 4 midday 9402
Daily 3 evening 411
Daily 4 evening 8185
Fantasy 5 02 03 11 16 38
Keno 03 04 06 10 13 24
29 30 37 38 42 45 47 53
56 57 58 59 62 64 73 75

WISCONSIN
April 6
Megabucks 20 23 24 25 27 47
Pick 3 478
Pick 4 5911
Badger 5 01 12 13 17 19
SuperCash 05 09 10 20 30 36

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Mausoleum2 Discounted Shalom Memorial Plots.
Gilboa section. Please call 847-987-9222.

North Shore Garden of Memories

Two Graves in Section Garden K For Sale at North Shore Garden of Memories, North Chicago. Reduced Price. Call 847-272-4688.

Plots in Ridgewood Memorial Park

Discounted at \$4297 per single grave, 7 available > Section 17, Lot 976 (3) and Lot 977 (4) Please Call Ron @ 469-353-8626

Death Notices

Anderson, Therese M.

Therese (Terry) M. Anderson age 71 of Des Plaines passed away April 2, 2019. Cherished daughter, sister, cousin and aunt. Beloved daughter of the late Elmer and Kathleen (Brennan) Anderson. Fond sister of the late Jack, Bill and Mike Anderson. Survived by her two brothers: Joseph Anderson (Gavin Duffy), Martin Anderson (Tina) and sister, Mary Ellicson (Roger), sister in laws Mary Lou Anderson and Sandra Martins. Also survived by 11 nieces and nephews and 6 great nieces and nephews. Terry was a graduate of DePaul University and obtained her Master's degree from Loyola University. Terry was active in her church, and politics. She had a love for reading, politics, the Chicago White Sox and anything Irish. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 8th from 11:00 A.M. until time of the Funeral Mass 12:00 Noon at St. Mary's Church 794 Pearson St., Des Plaines 60016. Burial will be at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Des Plaines Self-Help Food Closet 847 375 1443. www.cumberlandchapels.com

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Arkes, Maxine

Maxine Arkes, nee Newar, age 96, of Chicago, beloved wife for 75 years of Ben Arkes; loving mother of Hal (Sylvia) and Michael (Helen, nee Leshner) Arkes; adored grandma of Daniel Arkes; dear sister of the late Donald (Leila) Newar; treasured aunt, cousin and friend to many. Service Monday, 11:00 a.m. at Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago. Interment Private. Maxine was personally active and philanthropic in numerous community service organizations. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org. For condolence information: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Balazs, John Robert

John Robert Balazs, 79, went to heaven on April 1st, 2019 after a 23-year battle with prostate cancer. He will always be remembered for the way he lived every day to its fullest and with joy in his heart. John spent his childhood in the northwest side of Chicago where he lived with his parents, the late Sophie (Siuda) and John, along with his two brothers, Bob (Carol) and Rev. Richard Balazs of the Congregation of the Resurrection. He met Mary Lou (Migala), the love of his life, and they married on May 4, 1963, leading to unforgettable memories. He followed his father's career path as a journeyman painter and eventually became owner of a successful painting and decorating business. John enjoyed a variety of hobbies including collecting stamps, baseball cards, fishing, cheering for the Cubs and creating masterpiece landscape paintings for family and friends. His love of baseball led him to start www.BaseballHistorian.com and his trademark business cards were left all over the world. John was the No. 1 fan of his four children and supported them in all their endeavors: John, Linda (John) Lester, Marianne (Chuck) Riddell and Joe (Angela). He was most proud of his six grandkids, Kali, Lauri, Mia, Abby, Sarah and Jake whom he adored. John traveled the world with the Friendship Force of Northern Illinois, visited five continents and made countless friends all over the world. He was loved by a huge extended family and many good friends. John was always a giver, volunteering at the local food pantry, donating to various causes and providing a helpful hand whenever needed. He gave unconditional love to all and is enjoying everlasting life in Christ. Wow!

A memorial mass in celebration of his life will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 11:00 am at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Catholic Church, 5352 W. Belden Ave., Chicago. Burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Open Arms Mission would be appreciated at openarms-mission.org.

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Baldassano, Dolores K.

Dolores K. Baldassano of Glenview, beloved wife of the late Louis; dear mother of Anthony (Kate), Joseph and Ralph (Erin); loving grandmother of Isabella, Joseph, Sophia, Nicholas, Mia, Ava and William; fond sister of Ralph (Phyllis) Trentadue and Joan (Luke) Pavone. Visitation at Simkins Funeral Home 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove Sunday from 3 p.m. until time of service at 7 p.m. Cremation private. Sign online guestbook at www.simkinsfh.com 847-965-2500

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Barillari, Erik Alessandro

Erik Alessandro Barillari, 23 years old, passed away the night of March 14, 2019. He was much loved by his surviving sister, Caitlin Faerevaag, his mother, Mary Beth Lang, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and teachers. Erik was preceded in death by his adoring father, Joseph P. Barillari, and all of his grandparents.

A graduate of Glenbard West High School (2014) and Northwestern University (2018), Erik was many things – a talented writer, actor, historian, artist, member of the historical European martial arts club Capital Kunst des Fechtens, member of the North American Vexillological Association, supporter of the arts and entrepreneurship in numerous venues, and possessor of one of the quickest, driest wits many of his friends and family ever heard. He could hold equally deep and interesting conversations on the intricacies of foreign politics, the future of crypto-currency, or the cultural relevance of the Simpsons over time. Listening to him and his sister discuss any topic was more entertaining and enlightening than any television show.

Erik grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and passed away at his last residence in Arlington, Virginia. He earned a Bachelor's degree with a double major in history and economics at Northwestern University, as well as certificates from the Kaplan Institute and the Business Institutions program. He spent one summer studying abroad in Berlin. He had written and appeared in several theater productions in high school and college, and was active in, and supportive of, numerous organizations that worked for equality and inclusion of all people in all facets of society, regardless of religion, race, gender or sexual orientation. He also supported Doctors Without Borders, and the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research. He loved film, languages, art, and history.

Erik was cremated as per his wishes. His ashes will be scattered as he instructed, and he will be memorialized at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Lemont, Illinois with his grandparents, Frank and Mary Anne Lang, and also in Canton, Ohio with his father, Joseph P. and grandparents, Joseph C. and Mary D. Barillari.

A memorial gathering will be held at Danada House in Wheaton, Illinois on Sunday, May 26th for all friends and family from 11 am until 3:00 pm. In memoriam, a scholarship fund for students of writing and theater will be set up at Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn in Erik's name. For those wishing to contribute, details will follow.

May part of Erik's legacy be closer communication, more interaction and continued love among all of those whom were touched, all too briefly, by his life.

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Behrens, Wayne Harvey 'Gumby'

Wayne H. Behrens, a long time resident of Bellwood IL died on March 14 after struggling with COPD. Born in Maywood on Sep. 25 1939, Wayne married Judith Kohlstedt in March of 1962 and raised 4 children: Deborah (Greg) Kurcab, James (Jane), Pamela (Joe) Madrid, Jeffrey (Laura), and was proud Grandfather to Jessica, Alison, Joseph, Jaclyn, Nikki, Michael, Nikolas, Madelyn, Tyler, Hollie and Peyton. He retired from International Harvester at age 58 after a 40-year career. Wayne enjoyed golfing, bowling, and family beanbag tournaments. A memorial service will be held on April 13, 9:15 at St. Alexanders Church in Villa Park followed by mass and burial at Mt.Emblem Cemetery.

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Berman, Herbert L.

Herbert L. Berman, 94, beloved husband of Goldie for 63 wonderful years; loving father of Diana (Rick) Harris, Julie (Robert) Medina and Andrea (Tim) Sheppard; Papa and grandpa of Davide Harris, James Medina, Steven Medina and Ryan Sheppard; treasured brother of the late Myra (late Alyn) Weiner and the late Sally; dear uncle and friend to many. Herbert was the former owner of Sinbac Shoe Company. Chapel service Monday 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Bernstein, Dayton T.

Dayton T. Bernstein, 91, of Naperville Illinois passed away peacefully March 29, 2019 with his family by his side.

Beloved husband of the late Eileen for 60 years. Devoted father of Holly Willson (Bill) and Caryn Coath (Robert Bronner).

Proud grandfather of Graham Willson (Raychel) and Justin Coath. Dayton was a small business owner and had a 28 year distinguished career with Superior Tea & Coffee Co. where he rose to Exec. VP. He was instrumental in marketing Kona Coffee and had deep ties to Hawaii. He and Eileen travelled the world. Services private **Russo's Hillside Chapels**. Donations to the National Stroke Association.

Bianucci, Joseph F.

Joseph F. Bianucci, Navy WWII Veteran, longtime resident of Wheaton, IL, passed away on April 2, 2019. Beloved husband of Sharlene nee Kuschel for 68 years. Loving father of Michael (Rose Anne) and Gail Bianucci-Houran; devoted grandpa of 3. For info RICHARD J MODEL FURNAL HOME, 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Blietz, Bruce S.

Bruce S. Blietz, 92, a father, war veteran, home builder, private pilot and sailor, formerly of Northfield, IL and Fish Creek, WI, passed away March 24th, 2019, in Sister Bay, WI following a long illness. He was a graduate of Northwestern University of Evanston and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

A member of the Greatest Generation, Bruce served in WWII in the Merchant Marine, the youngest deck officer aboard the troop transport "Hawaiian Shipper" in the Atlantic, Pacific and throughout the Far East. He was then drafted into the Korean conflict, joining the US Army's 45th Infantry Division, where he served in the US and Japan.

Bruce was active throughout his civilian life in the National Association of Home Builders, the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicagoland and the Illinois and National Boards of Realtors. Prior to retirement, Bruce was president of The Blietz Organization, designers and builders of residential communities throughout the North Shore of Chicago. He was an advocate for the preservation of green space and an award-winning industry leader, recognized often for conservation in land planning.

Bruce is survived by his wife Beverly, who was both his co-pilot and sailing crew for 64 years; sons, Craig (Kim) and Cameron (Annie); daughter, Paige (Mike); granddaughter, Mackenzie; and grandson, Casey.

A Gathering for family and friends will be held 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at The Fireside, 7755 State Hwy 42, Egg Harbor, WI in the Gallery Room.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in Bruce's name to Good Samaritan Society-Scandia Village, 10560 Applewood Rd, Sister Bay, WI 54234 or to your favorite charity.

Casperson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Sister Bay, WI is assisting the family. Expressions of sympathy, memories, and photos of Bruce may be shared with his family through his tribute page at www.caspersonfuneralhome.com.

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Boisvert, Eugenie

Eugenie "Jean" Boisvert – (nee Boyle) beloved wife of the late Richard; loving mother of Richard Jr. (Suzy), Jim (Robin Beth) and Diane; proud and cherished grandmother of Michelle, Genevieve (David) Barker, Danielle and Dominique; dear great grandmother of Savannah, Brittney, Kenedie, Audrey, David Chandler and Mary Louise; loving sister of Charles, Anna and the late Eileen. Visitation Tuesday 3-8 p.m. at Cooney Funeral Home 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Funeral Wednesday, prayers at 9:30 a.m. going to St. Viator Church for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society would be appreciated. Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Bonser, Sidney Henry 'Sid'

Sidney Henry Bonser - P.Eng. passed away peacefully at his residence in Naples, FL on Sunday November 4, 2018, at the age of 93. Born December 18, 1924 in London, England, Sid first went to Canada during the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan as a Royal Air Force pilot (1941-46) during WWII.

Sid made significant contributions to the growth of both UTLX (Union Tank Car Company) and Procor during his 30 years of dedication those companies. He joined Procor as vice president and general manager in 1964 and was named president later that year. In 1971, he was designated group vice president of TransUnion Corporation with responsibility for UTLX, Procor and several other companies. In 1972, Sid was named senior vice president of TransUnion and relocated to the United States. In 1981, he became executive vice president of The Marmion Group and was appointed the president of UTLX. Sid retired on April 1, 1994.

He was an active member and pilot of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum (where he kept his Harvard), and the Oakville Club where he kept his sailboat and played squash in Canada. He was one of the largest Canadian gun collectors of British shoulder arms, as well as an avid marksman, hunter, scuba diver, and skier. After moving to Lake Forest, IL in 1972 as Senior VP, he devoted his spare time to hunting at Halter Wildlife, and master carpentry skills, crafting fine furniture for all of his five children. After Sid retired he stayed in Lake Forest until 2016, when he moved to Naples, FL.

Sid was predeceased by his loving wife Adelheidur (Heida) Maria Einarson, whom he met in Gimli, MB during the war. He will be sadly missed by his children: Marilyn (John) Fraser in Oxford, GA; Pamela (Tony) McDermott in Covington, GA; Valerie (Jock) Macrae in Oakville, ON; Reg (Cathy) Bonser in Antioch, IL; Grant (Cathy) Bonser in Naples, FL; his 16 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Sunday April 14th between 1:00 pm and 4:00pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Lake Forest Mettawa 26225 North Riverwoods Boulevard Lake Forest IL 60045

Sid loved to fly "High Flight" "Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth - Put out my hand, and touched the face of God." J.G. MacGee

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Brait, Jacqueline E. "Jackie"

Jacqueline E. Brait, nee Guidice, of Chicago, passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Nickolas; loving mother of Nickolas (Catherine), Michael (Dodo) and the late Deborah Hoff; dearest grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 8; dear sister to Joseph (Josephine) and Marilyn (the late Don) Kulisz. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:30 A.M. at St. Edward Church, 4350 W. Sunnyside, Chicago. Memorial Mass 10:30 A.M. Inurnment Private. Arrangements entrusted to **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home**. For more info, call (773) 545-3800 or visit www.MuzykaFuneralHome.com.

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Cain, Grace "Mary"

Grace "Mary" Cain age 89, of Olathe, KS, passed away March 24, 2019 at her home.

A memorial mass will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 10 am, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2302 W. Church St., Johnsburg, IL 60051. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

To leave a message for the family and view the full obituary, visit www.PenwellGabelOlathe.com

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Chana, Dorothy

Dorothy Chana (nee Alexander), 97, a life-long resident of the western suburbs, went to be with Jesus on March 29, 2019. She was met in heaven by her loving husband of 63 years, Bob Chana, her sister, Edna Atella, and her beloved grandson, Cameron Chana. She is survived by her four children, Dottie Homeyer (George), Debbie Wicklander (Doug), Dyann Kotansky (Ken) and Rob Chana, Jr. (Lori) and Arthur Villereal, to whom Dorothy was a "mother"-figure. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christ Church of Oak Brook in Oak Brook, IL or the Center for Independence in LaGrange, IL. A Memorial Service will be held at Christ Church of Oak Brook, 31st & York Roads, Oak Brook, Tuesday, April 9th from 10:00AM until noon. A service will follow immediately after. A private burial will be held the next day. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Conway, John Walter 'Jack'

John "Jack" Walter Conway, 68 of Antioch, IL, formerly Buffalo Grove, IL; beloved husband of Gail (nee Gogola); loving father of Christine (Sean) Goodwin and Thomas Conway; dear grandfather of Lucas Goodwin; fond brother of Sandra (Peter) Smith and the late Randall Konieczny; cherished brother-in-law of Michael (Elizabeth) Gogola; adored uncle of many. Memorial Mass will be held on April 10th at 10AM at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church, 236 US Hwy 45, Indian Creek, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a research fund that has been set-up in Jack's memory at <http://giving.nm.org/johnconway>. Info 847-395-4000 OR www.strangh.com. Arrangements entrusted to the STRANG FUNERAL HOME OF ANTIOCH.

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Costa, Jeanne

Jeanne Costa Nee Kolkau. Dearly Beloved Wife of the late Frank Costa Sr., Loving and Proud Mother of Joseph and Frank, Dear Sister of Peggine (John) Wise, Paul (Terry) Kolkau, and Michael Kolkau, Loving Aunt, Sister in Law, Cousin, and friend of many. Funeral Services Tuesday 9am at **Carbonara Funeral Home** 1515 N. 25th Ave Melrose Park, IL to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; Mass 10am. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Visitation Monday 3-9pm. Please omit flowers. Visit Jeanne's Tribute at CarbonaraFuneralHome.net 708-343-6161

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Dahl, Elaine J.

Elaine J. Dahl, 82, of Northbrook, at rest April 1, 2019. Beloved wife of 63 yrs. to Oscar. Loving mother of Dean, Thomas, and the late Lawrence. Proud grandmother of Christopher, Jeremy, Ashley and Larry. Dear great grandmother of Christopher Jr. A straight shooter with a great sense of humor; Elaine loved to travel. She visited all 50 states and their capitol buildings. She also travelled extensively throughout Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. Elaine also loved the outdoors and was an avid golfer, playing in 39 states. She was extremely proud of the fact she got a hole in one before her husband. She loved hockey and was a Wolves and Blackhawk fan. Services and interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker, Ste 800, Chicago, IL 60601. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Darragh, Barbara A.

Barbara A. Darragh, beloved wife of Robert Darragh retired CPD; devoted daughter of the late Stanley and Antoinette Cisek; devoted cousin of many. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank IL, 60459 to St. Symphorosa Church. Mass 10:30 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery Funeral info (708) 636-2320.

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Dean, Noreen

Noreen Frances Dean, 73, of Ocala, FL, formerly of Wheaton, IL passed away peacefully on March 25, 2019 while under the care of hospice and supported by her family. Noreen was born in Chicago, IL on June 4, 1945 and grew up in Elmwood Park, IL. She graduated from DePaul University and married her college sweetheart, Francis Leo Dean. They celebrated their 49th anniversary this past January 2019.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Eileen (Lynch) Fitzsimmons and her sister, Kathleen Fitzsimmons. Noreen is survived by her husband, Frank; her three children, John Francis (Jennifer), Brigid Kathleen (Jeffrey Coyle) and Michael Thomas (Dominique); her grandchildren, Tyler, Leo, Cole and Tristan; her sister, Mary Eileen (Paul) Kreitz and her sisters-in-law, Sister Rita Eileen Dean and Patti Brees. Noreen and Frank raised a family, started (and eventually passed down) a successful business, Francis L. Dean & Associates, and shared a deep love of animals, specifically horses and dogs, building their first horse stables in Warrenville, IL in the early '90s. Noreen became a passionate horse show competitor in 1991 and was a World Champion as both owner and exhibitor during her competitive years. Noreen and Frank embraced the warmth of Florida and relocated to a spacious horse farm in Ocala, FL for their retirement just over 10 years ago. Noreen also discovered a love of seashell collecting on Sanibel Island, FL where the family has been enjoying vacations for over four decades. She turned her hobby into a vast and beautiful artistic collection that her family will always treasure. The family will hold a private service at a later date. In lieu of flowers and in celebration of her abiding love for animals, Noreen has requested that donations be made in her name to the Humane Society of Marion County, Florida (<http://thehsmc.org/donate>). Services were under the care of **Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel** in Ocala, FL.

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Desmond, Joan Elizabeth

JOAN ELIZABETH DESMOND, 73, passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, April 2, 2019. A long-time resident of metro Detroit, she most recently resided in Chicago. Joan was the daughter of the late Dorothy M. and Albert J. Desmond. She was the beloved sister of Terry & Betty Desmond, John & Eileen Desmond, Jim Desmond & Elisabeth

Williams, Greg Desmond & Michael Segobiano and the late Tommy. She will forever be the favorite aunt of Margaret "Peggy" Desmond & Carlos Nunez, Tom Desmond & Angela Arno, Kathy & Scott Barr, Matt Desmond & Julie Hearne, Anne & Mike Zilvitis, Alison & Alex Krumm, Kyle & Lyndsey Desmond, Kevin & Katrina Desmond, Patrick & Kara Desmond, Lily Desmond and Louise Desmond and twenty-one great nieces and nephews. Joan is also survived by numerous and loving friends and relatives. The family will receive friends on Sunday (today), April 7, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy, MI (between Maple and Big Beaver Roads), 248-362-2500. The Funeral Mass will be on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., in state at 10:30 a.m., at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opydke, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Memorial tributes to Albert J. and Dorothy M. Desmond Family Scholarship at U of D Jesuit High School, IHM Sisters and Detroit Cristo Rey High School.

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Drazner, Richard J.

Richard J. Drazner, age 58, beloved husband of Melissa, nee Rosenberg. Loving father of Abigail and Jeremy Drazner. Caring son of Yvette Drazner. He will be dearly missed by many other friends and extended family. Service Monday, 10 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 195 North Buffalo Grove Rd., (one block North of Lake Cook Rd.) Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel - 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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Edbrooke, Patricia Ellen

Patricia Ellen Edbrooke passed away Saturday, March 30, 2019.

She was born August 1, 1929 in Oak Park, IL to Joseph and Alice Dennehy.

Patricia graduated at age 80 from Northwestern University with a major in Philosophy of Communication.

She was a Mid-West Editor at St. Regis Paper Company, Public Relations Director at Association Management Services, Account Services Media Specialist/Copy Writer/Creative Group at Bozell & Jacobs, and Public Affairs Director at United Way of Illinois.

"Patsy" sang in the choir at Holy Name Cathedral and St. John's Parish, as well as in plays, television, and on radio. She had a lifelong passion for politics, which included campaigning for both John and Robert Kennedy.

Always there for the less fortunate, she loved life, and enjoyed each day to the fullest. She had a great sense of humor and an incredible smile. She will be greatly missed.

Patricia is survived by her beloved sister Marilyn (Patrick) Smith. Loving mother of five children, the late Raymond (Kathy) Edbrooke, Sheryl (late Alan) Watkins, Patrice (late William) Hild, Thomas Edbrooke, and James Edbrooke. She had 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Patricia is preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Alice Dennehy, and siblings Joseph, Eileen, Lauretta, and Thomas.

Visitation Friday, April 5, 2019, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home, Villa Park, IL. Funeral Mass Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:15 a.m. at St. John the Apostle Church Villa Park, IL. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

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Edwards, Jr., James C.

Retired Captain James C. Edwards, Jr., age 59, of Evanston, IL. Devoted son of James C. (Rebecca) Edwards, Sr. and the late Johnnie Edwards nee Williams; beloved husband of Lisa Edwards nee Sanford; loving father of Courtney (Julie), Alyse, and Jeremy Edwards; proud grandfather of Marcus, Halie, Kennedy, and Sydney Edwards; dear brother of

Gary Edwards, Rae (Melvin) Malone, Todd Harmon, and Adrienne Edwards. Visitation Friday, April 12, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Visitation Saturday, April 13, 2019, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. at Ebenezer A.M.E Church, 1109 Emerson Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Marty Leoni Memorial Fund, 909 Lake Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Ercolini, Anita G.

Anita G. Ercolini, age 88, (nee: Escalona), at rest April 4, 2019. Beloved wife of Eugene Ercolini for 66 years. Loving mother of Jim (Kathy) Ercolini, Judy (Edward "Pip") Onik and Peggy (Hal) Hahn. Cherished grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 6. Dear sister of the late Bill (late Lillian) Escalona. Fond aunt of Janet (Bob) Walesa. Visitation Sunday April 7th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Funeral service at 5:00 pm at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.** 7000 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook. Information: 630-325-2300 or adolfservices.com

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Farrington, Robert H.

Robert H. Farrington, preceded in death by his beloved wife, June I. Farrington, loving father of Robert (Ann), Thomas (Nancy), Julie (Robert) Farmer, Mary (Robert) Bertram; beloved grandfather of Timothy, Jonathan, Matthew, Samantha, Brett, Zachary and Rebecca; also many nieces and nephews and special friends; Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Miles F. and Ida E. Farrington, his brother, Francis M. Farrington, and his sisters, Elaine Stapleton and Dolores White. Robert had a long career in the newspaper business which started with a printer's apprenticeship in 1944. He held various positions including Typesetter and Composing Room Manager at the Chicago Tribune from late 1960's to his retirement in 1991. Funeral will be Monday, 10:30am, from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien, to St. Patrick Church, Lemont, Mass at 11:00am. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Sunday, 3:00pm- 9:00pm.

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Fawcett, Anne Langfitt

1932 - 2019
Fawcett, 86, of Evanston, IL, passed away in her home on March 24, 2019. She was born on August 15, 1932 in Chicago, IL and was the daughter of James Porter Langfitt and Annie (nee Neal) Langfitt. She was raised in Winnetka and was a student in the first class of Crow Island Elementary School. She graduated from New Trier High School (1950) and Wells College (1954) with a Baccalaureate degree in math, which led her to serve as treasurer of several nonprofit organizations over the years. She was a long-time member of Christ Church of Winnetka, Indian Hill Club (Winnetka), and Lost Tree Club (North Palm Beach, FL). With a healthy competitive spirit, she led an active life and engaged in many activities including bridge, golf, and tennis. Anne always had a positive disposition and a radiant smile that would warm the hearts of everyone around her. She was very devoted to her family and will be greatly missed by all. Survivors include her three children: Dwight (Christina) Fawcett, Jane (Robert) Dearborn, and Donald (Adrienne) Fawcett; her nine grandchildren: Jackson, Thomas, Katherine, Lucy, Lynne, Margot, Madeleine, Cecelia, and Teresa; her sister: Jane (Jon) Lind; and other family members and dear friends. A memorial service will be held at 4pm on Saturday, May 4 at Christ Church of Winnetka (784 Sheridan Road). In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate that donations be made to Rush University Medical Center to support the Rush Memory and Aging Clinic. Please send memorial gifts to Rush University Medical Center, 1201 West Harrison St., Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois 60607 or visit <http://rush.convio.net/afawcett>.

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Ferlito, Morris 'Chick'

Beloved husband of Anita; Loving father of Joanne, John (Debbie), and Patti (Mike) Williams; Fond grandfather of Johnny (Christina), Danielle, Nicole, Anthony, Michela Williams, Mia Williams; Fond uncle of many. Chapel Service Tuesday 10 AM at Salerno's Galewood Chapels 1857 N. Harlem Ave. Chicago IL 60707. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum. Member of the American Legion. In lieu of flowers donations to St Jude foundation. Visitation Monday 3-9 PM.

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Ferstel, Mary Alyce

Mary Alyce Ferstel (nee Greenan), age 91, went Home to Our Lord Saturday, March 30, 2019 from her home in Lakewood Ranch, FL. Born in Chicago Oct 30, 1927 to Patrick Greenan & May (McKeever) Greenan. Granddaughter of John Greenan & Maria (McCormick) Greenan of County Down, Ireland. Beloved wife of 55 years to the late James L. Ferstel of Wilmette, IL.

A graduate of St. Thomas the Apostle high school & Rosary College (now Dominican University), she met her husband while working as a DOD civilian employee in Osaka, Japan during the Korean War. After raising a loving family of 6 children, she enjoyed a career as a corporate travel counselor with American Express until retirement in 1993. A 61 year resident of Immaculate Conception Parish in Chicago, she had a special devotion to St. Jude & Padre Pio. She moved to Lakewood Ranch, FL. in 2017.

Dear mother of Julie Ann (Greg) Moon of Long Beach, CA, Claire Marie (Mario) Cappelletti of Castellina in Chianti, Italy, James Patrick of Lakewood Ranch, FL, Mary Beth (Bill) Strotman of Deerfield, IL, Mark William (Molly) of Park Ridge, IL, Stephen Eric of Paris, FL., & the late Mark Edward & Miles Joseph. Grandmother to Colleen Funck, Kate Moon, Marcella & Nicole Cappelletti, Hannah, Miles & Emma Ferstel, & Jack, Mark, Luke & Matthias Strotman. Great grandmother to Ken-Geo & Furio Tamashiro-Cappelletti.

Fond sister of the late Patricia "Patsy" (the late John) Lissner, the late John (the late Marg), the late Kathleen "Betty", the late Arthur "Bud" (Kathy), Cyril "Tom" (Denise), Robert (the late Vi), & Eileen (the late Chris) Demos.

Visitation 9:30 - 10:30AM Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Funeral Mass 10:30AM. Entombment immediately following at All Saints Cemetery & Mausoleum, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Passionist Missionaries.

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Ficaro, Jerome A 'Jerry'

Jerome A. "Jerry" Ficaro, age 66, retired Chicago Police Officer (Auto Pound Unit) with over 25 years of service. Beloved husband of the late Randi C. (nee Howell). Loving father of Jerry (Sarah) and James (Nicki). Proud grandfather of Vinny, Frankie, Kendal, Kacey and Jake. Fond brother of Jack and Joanie. A cherished cousin and friend to many. A member of F.O.P. Visitation Monday, April 8, 2019 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium 7861 S. 88th. Ave. (2 mi. west of 79th & Harlem) Justice, IL. Interment/services private. 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Fine, S. Richard 'Dick'

S. Richard "Dick" Fine, 94 of Chicago. Cherished son of the late Joseph and Ann Fine; loving brother of the late Shirley (late Seymour) Zeinfeld and the late Harriet (late Jack) Liebman; proud uncle of six nieces, nephews, and an assortment of great nieces and great nephews. Private services have been held. Memorial contributions to University of Chicago (www.uchicago.edu) appreciated. Information 847-256-5700.

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Fix, Christopher Neilson

Christopher Neilson Fix, of Hermosa Beach, CA, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 22, 2019 while on a business trip in New York City, NY. The most important thing in Chris' life was his family whom he loved unconditionally. He was embraced as a father, husband, son, brother and friend. Chris is survived by his devoted wife of 18 years,

Jennifer Debevec Fix, and their three precious sons, Tobin (16), Nathan (16) and Gavin (12). Chris was the loving son of John N and Linda (Harris) Fix and brother to John Fix (Jill), David Fix (Barb), and Wendy Fix Shpiz (Dave). He was "Uncle Chris" to his cherished nieces and nephews: Caroline, Cassie and Kyle Fix; Talia and Kaylen Fix; Jack, Charlie, and Mollie Shpiz; and Richey Debevec. He was the beloved son-in-law of Sally Debevec (preceded in death by Richard Debevec) and dear brother-in-law of Richard Debevec (Trisha).

Among his various nicknames, "Fixer" was known for his infectious spirit. His smile could light up a room and his zest for life left a mark on everyone he met. Nothing made Chris happier than spending time with his wife and three sons.

Born November 17, 1965, Chris grew up in Kenilworth, IL, attended Joseph Sears School and New Trier High School (Winnetka). He was a beloved teammate, junior hockey player, varsity football player, and All-State catcher in baseball. He forever cherished the memories from his childhood sports, the lifelong friendships he formed, and took so much pride in current days watching his three sons play hockey and lacrosse.

After high school, Chris attended Depauw University in Greencastle, IN, where he joined the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and was a member and captain of the baseball team. He graduated in the spring of 1988 with a Liberal Arts degree.

In the summer of 1988, Chris joined CBS Network in Chicago, IL. He spent the majority of his time in Chicago working with CBS sports clients, after which he was transferred to Detroit, MI and then Los Angeles, CA where he worked with national clients building sponsorships and advertising. While in LA, he joined CBS Interactive, the media leg providing online content for CBS Sports.com, NCAA.com, Max Preps and 150 official athletic sites. The company was, at that time, in the forefront of the internet providing information that was critical to the launch of online sports media. In the early days of March Madness, Fantasy Football and The Masters Live, Chris played a key role in garnering national advertiser support in what became a huge part of CBS Sports online success. As National Sales Manager and later, Senior Vice President, Sales, Chris built relationships with CBS Sports Affiliates, including NCAA, NFL, PGA Tour, NHL and MLB, and managed cross-platform national sales teams. In December of 2014, Chris left CBS after 26 years of service.

In recent years, he spent a brief period marketing the winter and summer Olympics for NBC sports, formed his own consulting firm and helped various corporations create new sales strategies and improve client's positioning in competitive marketplaces.

Throughout his 54 years, Chris had a larger than life personality and was completely dedicated to everything he did. He touched so many people over the years in various ways and will be missed greatly. When you think of Chris, remember his smile, celebrate life and jump in.

Funeral services will be held at 10am on Friday, April 5, 2019 at American Martyrs Church, 1431 Deegan Place, Manhattan Beach, California, 90266. A reception for family and friends will be held immediately following the service. Arrangements for a memorial service in Kenilworth, IL will be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to "Homes of Hope" through the non-profit Youth With a Mission San Diego/Baja (<https://ywamsdb.webconnex.com/general> - include a note that donation is in honor of Chris Fix); or "College America" in support of the education for Tobin, Nathan, and Gavin Fix (contribution checks should be made out to "College America" and can be sent directly to the attention of Jennifer Fix, 6333 S. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90001).

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Giannini, Aldo

Aldo Giannini, November 27, 1923-March 25, 2019 World War II Marine veteran Beloved husband of the late Evelyn, loving father of Michael (Marian) & John. Grandfather to Amy (Jason). Uncle of Diane, (the late) Debra, Pam (John), (the late) Chris, Mike, Jan, Rusty. Services at St. Simon's Episcopal Church, 717 W. Kirchoff Rd., Arlington Hts. IL April 12, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to St. Simon's Memorial Fund.

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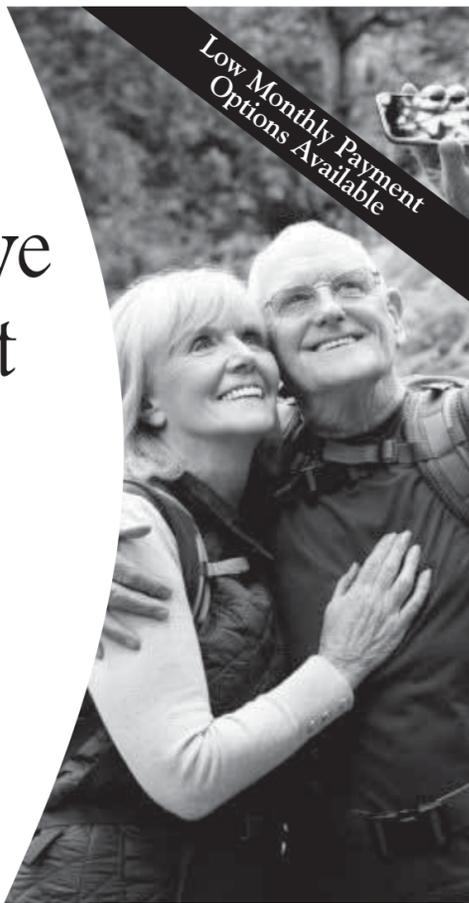
Gipson, Thomas R.

Thomas R. Gipson, age 90, of Cordova, TN, died April 4, 2019. He was retired from Navistar (formerly International Harvester) after 40 years of service. Mr. Gipson served as Director of Distribution - North America for Navistar. He graduated from South Side High School and remained active in class reunions, alumni golf tournaments and other alumni activities. He was a Memphis Golden Gloves Champion for two years in the mid-forties. Mr. Gipson was a World War II Army Veteran and a member of the Military Police Detachment at the War Crimes Trials held in Tokyo at the end of the war. He was preceded in death by his wife Dixie Gipson (nee Harper); parents Pete and Kate Gipson; brother Robert Gipson and sister Kay Pasley (nee Gipson). Thomas is survived by his son Michael (Jan) Gipson; daughter Deborah (Bill) Gipson-Poppenger; three grandsons Chris (Jessi) Gipson, Kevin (Chelsea) Gipson of Chicago, IL and Matthew (Elaine) Poppenger of Toole, UT; great-granddaughter Maeve Gipson; his sister-in-law Jane (Hugh) Sisson of Madison, MS; sister-in-law Shirley (Jim) Matko of Memphis, TN; sister-in-law Helen Barnett of Simi Valley, CA; sister-in-law Velma Gipson of Southaven, MS and dear friend Pat McIlvain of Cordova, TN. The Funeral Service will be Tuesday April 9th at 11:30 at Memorial Park Funeral Home with the Celebration of Life immediately following on-site. The family requests any memorials be sent to St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN.

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Glassberg, Maureen Marcia

Maureen Marcia Glassberg, née Frank, 82, loving daughter of the late Ira and Rose Frank; beloved wife and best friend for 48 years of the late Donald Alan Glassberg; devoted mother of Kevin Frank (Ellen) Glassberg; proud "Gram" of Noah Harrison and Ariel Rose Glassberg; dear sister of Anne (William) Goldstein; dear sister-in-law of Arnold (Ida) and Robert

(Gail) Glassberg; cherished aunt of Deborah, Cathy, Heather, Daniel and Deborah; treasured friend of many - she loved a beautiful, diverse mix of people, and they all loved her. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kellogg Cancer Center, www.northshore.org OR The Night Ministry, www.thenightministry.org. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 12:00 pm at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow; Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Gramm, Dwight A.

Dwight A. Gramm, age 86, of Skokie. Beloved husband of the late Ruth C., nee Corns; dear father of James, M.D. (Cynthia), Dwight A. II, and Michael (Cammie); loving grandfather of James, Luke, Noah, Elisabeth, Matthew, and Zachary Gramm and the late Michael Crissman; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Gathering, Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 1 to 4 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Private Interment, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to C.A.R.E. (Community Animal Rescue Effort), P.O. Box 691, Skokie, IL, 60077. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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Green - Heller, Gunde

Gunde Green Heller from Glenview Illinois died in hospice March 29, 2019. As Cunigunde Foertsch, Gunde was born in Kronach, Germany, August 30, 1941. Immigrating to the USA in 1957, Gunde earned Bachelor and Master Degrees in German Literature from Roosevelt University and was a department administrator at Roosevelt for more than 30 years. An avid reader Gunde loved books and music, among her favorites the songs of Schubert and Mahler. Her kindness and generosity in providing help for strangers who depended upon the kindness of strangers typified her life. A dedicated gardener, she made the world a beautiful place for people and for birds and bees and butterflies. And supported animal shelters where she adopted older dogs who needed loving care for their fading years. In memory of Gunde, please donate to an adopting animal shelter of your choice. Gunde leaves a sister, Angela, who resides in Germany, and husband Mitchell Heller of Glenview IL. A private service has been held.

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Gritschke, Richard A.

Richard A. Gritschke, 76, of Glenview at rest March 16, 2019. Beloved husband of Diann Gritschke; loving father of Christian Gritschke and Heather Kaspar; fond stepfather of John (Amy), Joseph (K.C.), and James (Vanessa) Kielczynski and their families. He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Margaret Gritschke; his uncle and aunt, Franklin and Marguerite Smith; brother, Robert; first wife, Maria Paz and granddaughter Amber. Richard also leaves behind his cherished nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends. A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 a.m. until time of the funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Catherine Labourer Church, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Gift of Hope, 425 Spring Lake Dr., Itasca, IL 60143. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Grunauer, Lillian R.

Loving mother of Darlene (David) Spence, Edward (Pam), James (Michelle), Gary (Candace), Laura (fiancé Dan Buchler), and the late Jackie Grunauer. Proud grandmother of Matthew (Erika), Jacqueline (Travis), Samantha (Matt), Kate (Nick), Jessica (Patrick), Lindsay (Drew), Leah (Nate), Eric, Ian, and Eve. Much loved great-grandmother of Brooklyn, Isabelle, Roselie, Bennett, Ashlynn, Olivia, Emily, Georgia, Noah, Eli and 3 on the way. Beloved wife of the late John R. Grunauer. Visitation Monday 2-8 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Bede the Venerable Church, 8200 S. Kostner Avenue, Chicago, IL, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Hertrich, Maria J.

Maria J. Hertrich nee Greco. Age 99; Beloved wife of the late Leslie Hertrich; Loving mother of Sharon (Late William) O'Donnell, Elissa (Michael) Lamb, Leslie (Late Thomas) Wzorek; Proud grandma of Laura (John) Schmitt, Karen Gabriel (Fiance Chris Hester), William (Denise) O'Donnell, Brian O'Donnell (Fiancee Michele Mills), Michael Lamb II, Christopher Lamb, Jason Lamb, Thomas Wzorek and Jennifer (Eric) Arrambide, Great-grandma and Great-Great-Grandma of many; Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday 5-9 pm at the **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park. Funeral Wednesday 9:15 am from the Funeral Home, to St. Damian Church. Mass 10:00 am. Private Interment at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville, IN. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Jostock, Henry

Henry Jostock 89, at rest April 2, 2019. He is survived by his wife Jacquelyn neeBuehler; children, Matthew Jostock, Andrew Jostock, Valerie Jostock, Eric (Donna) Jostock; step-children, Albert Heldermon, Robert (Dana) Heldermon, Sally (Dan) Arneson, Stephen (Lisa) Gundersen, and his step-granddaughter Brooke Heldermon. He was predeceased by his wives Cecelia and Katherine. Henry was an attorney in the city of Chicago for over 60 years. Donations in Henry's name may be made to Holy Name Cathedral's Thursday-Friday Supper Program: 730 N Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60611. Visitation April 7, 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm. Funeral Mass April 8, 10:30 am at Holy Name Cathedral. For information www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com, 773.472.6300.

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Kaczor, Jolanta 'Jolcha'

Jolanta "Jolcha" Kaczor nee Wrona, age 79, passed away peacefully at her Arizona home on March 30th. Jolcha was the beloved wife of Casimir "Casey" Kaczor Sr. for 57 years. Inseparable till the end. A true love story. A loving mother to Mary Ann Kaczor and Casey (Ann) Kaczor Jr. Preceded in death by her parents, Janina and Tadeusz Wrona and brother Gregory Wrona. A wonderful grandmother to Jennifer, Chris and Michael Kaczor. From Warsaw, Poland she made Chicago her home for most of her life. Jolcha had a zest for life and lived it to the fullest. Visitation Tuesday April 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral services will begin at 8:30am on Wednesday April 10th at the funeral home and will then proceed to St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Church for Mass at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info: 708.456.8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Kaye, Adrienne (Yemina)

Adrienne (Yemina) Kaye nee Stelmaszek, age 78, passed away on April 3, 2019. Devoted wife to late husband Paul, loving mom to Judi (Chris) Johnson, Eric Zencka and Dawn Zencka; and attentive neighbor to many in Albany Park. Adrienne was a familiar face in the community as she enjoyed getting to know people and learn their stories. Her curiosity to learn also made her a constant figure at the Harold Washington Library. A public visitation will take place at Drake & Sons Funeral Home, 5303 N Western Ave, Chicago IL 60625 from 3 to 9pm on Sunday, April 7. In lieu of flowers please make donations in her name to the Chicago Public Library Foundation cplfoundation.org

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Koehl, Steven E.

Steven E. Koehl - loving father of Christopher; devoted son of the late Edward R. and Hazel Koehl; dear brother of Ronald Walker and the late Daniel Koehl; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Services were private. Info Cooney Funeral Home 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Koldyke, Patricia

Patricia Blunt Koldyke "Pat" passed away peacefully at her winter home in the Village of Golf, Florida. She was born the middle of three daughters to Carleton and Rebecca Blunt and grew up in Winnetka, Illinois. Pat married the love of her life Martin "Mike" Koldyke in September 1960. They raised four children in Kenilworth, Illinois where she began her decades of philanthropic work.

Pat worked actively to make Chicago and the world a better place. As a volunteer, board member, and philanthropist she has supported a variety of civic causes in Chicago, most notably the Illinois Coalition for Handgun Control which she co-founded; the Chicago Council on Global Affairs where the Koldyke Global Teachers Program was established in her honor. She was a long-standing director of Children's Memorial Hospital, Northwestern Memorial Hospital and The Brain Research Foundation.

She and Mike co-founded the Golden Apple Foundation and the Golden Apple Scholars Program to promote excellence in teaching; and the Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL). Her dedication to improving the quality of educators made a profound impact on hundreds and hundreds of teachers and students.

Pat attended North Shore Country Day School and graduated with a degree in psychology from Vassar College ('58). Following graduation, Pat worked in publishing for Harper's Bazaar as an assistant shoe editor in Manhattan.

Pat is survived by her husband Mike, her four children, Laird Koldyke and his wife Deirdre of Chicago, Illinois; Carl Koldyke of Clear Lake, Iowa; Elizabeth Koldyke Boilbol and her husband Robert of Greenwich, Connecticut; and Ben Koldyke of Los Angeles, California; her two loving sisters, Fran Steinwedell and Carlene Blunt of Village of Golf, Florida; and eight grandchildren whom she cherished.

Pat's Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 13th, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. The service will be held at Fourth Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Delaware Street.

For those wishing to donate in Pat's honor, please direct gifts to the Golden Apple Foundation (www.goldenapple.org) which can be reached at 312-407-0006.

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Krefftt, Scott

Scott Krefft, age 63, of Winfield, passed away suddenly. Loving father of Natasha Krefft; dear brother of Susan Mezzenga, Marc (Jackie) Krefft, Kim (Linda) Krefft, Kevin Krefft, and Tammy Krefft; beloved uncle of Luke (Tara) Mezzenga, Jessica (Kris) Parks, Emily (Josh) Ligon, Tom (Kate) Krefft, Kelly (John) Szopa, Tracy (Mike) Humeston; devoted great uncle of many; and cherished friend of many. Memorial Gathering Wednesday, April 10th, 3-9 PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. of Roosevelt Rd) Lombard. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations to the National Parks Conservation Association www.NPCA.org are appreciated. For info: www.knollcrest.net

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Kubina, Kyle 'Bean'

3/25/81 - 3/30/19
Kyle Kubina, of Valparaiso, IN and Whitefish, MT, after battling glioblastoma for a year with the utmost strength and grace, has left this world to embark on a new journey. He was a kind, generous soul with a wicked sense of humor and a strong love of nature, music, books, and adventure. He effortlessly formed deep bonds with those he met and is adored by all who know him. Kyle has been an inspiration, and that legacy will live on in each of us. He is survived by his parents, Frank & Marie; sisters, Meg (Joe), Beth (Eric), and Julie; his special lady, Kels; his four-legged shadow, Karma; a large extended family and dozens of amazing friends.

A celebration of Kyle's life is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the American Brain Tumor Association at www.abta.org.

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Kutta-Barzyk, Alice

Alice Kutta-Barzyk nee Kaletka, age 100, beloved wife of the late John Barzyk. Loving mother of Sharon Kutta. Also, nieces and nephews. Funeral Thurs. 9:15am from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church, Mass 10:00am. Int. Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Wed 3 to 8pm. For Funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Landsman, Gerald

Gerald Landsman, of Skokie, Illinois passed away at his home on March 7, 2019. He was 91 years old. A kind and generous man, Jerry was the youngest of three siblings, born to Russian immigrants. During WWII, he enlisted in the Merchant Marine, helping to provide needed supplies to the Allies. He was subsequently drafted by the Army and trained as a paratrooper, before serving in the post-war administration of occupied Japan. Following the war, he attended Roosevelt University on the GI Bill, where he met his future wife, Suzanne. They married in 1949, and raised two children, Bonnie, and Ruth. After a successful career as a salesman and owner of his own plumbing distribution business, Jerry retired. He and Suzanne traveled the world between numerous volunteer activities, including serving as a docent at the Terra Museum in Evanston with Suzanne, and teaching English as a second language, where he was well loved by his students. Jerry also indulged his love of painting. He exhibited in many local shows and served on the Board of Wilmette Arts Guild, before focusing exclusively on caring for Suzanne, who passed away in 2018. Jerry was also preceded in death by his daughter Bonnie, and is survived by daughter Ruth Landsman, and son-in-law Seth Harry. Arrangements by **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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Lindberg, George

George W. Lindberg, a lifelong resident of Crystal Lake, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the age of 86. He was born June 21, 1932 in Crystal Lake, the son of the late Dr. A.V. Lindberg and Rilla (nee Wakem) Lindberg. He was the loving husband of Linda Merlo, whom he married June 20, 1964; the beloved father of Karen Ventura and Kirsten Tibbetts (David); and cherished grandfather of Julia, Drusilla and Tabitha. Appointed to the U.S. District Court by President George H. W. Bush, Judge Lindberg served 23 years on the federal bench in the Northern District of Illinois before retiring in 2012. He previously served 11 years as a justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, Second District. In 1972 he was elected Illinois' first State Comptroller. Thereafter, he served for two years as Illinois Deputy Attorney General. In 1966, he was elected to the first of three terms in the Illinois House of Representatives where he chaired the Judiciary Committee on criminal law. He also chaired the Illinois House Committee to investigate the Judiciary. During the Committee's investigation, two justices of the Illinois Supreme Court resigned. He was chief sponsor of the Illinois Government Ethics Act which requires annual disclosure of economic interests by Illinois public officials and candidates for office. Authorization for the Act was one of four reforms he recommended to a joint committee of the Illinois Constitutional Convention in 1969. Those reforms became part of the Illinois Constitution of 1970. Judge Lindberg graduated from Northwestern University in 1954 and its law school in 1957. While in law school, he trained under John E. Reid and Northwestern Professor of Law, Fred E. Inbau, the leading authorities on criminal interrogation polygraph technique. Upon graduation, he served as Vice President and legal counsel for John E. Reid & Associates, conducting several thousand polygraph examinations before resigning in 1968 to practice law and to continue his legislative and public service career. Visitation will be held Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 11 a.m. at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 419 E Terra Cotta Ave (Rt. 176) Crystal Lake. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to JourneyCare Hospice Foundation, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025 (www.journeycare.org) or to the Ronald McDonald House, 1301 W 22nd St, Suite 905, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

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Loeb, Lillian

Lillian "Lacey" Loeb, 96, beloved widow of WW II Veteran, Harry "Hash" Loeb, devoted daughter of the late Goldie & Ben Bey, loving sister of the late Frieda (Nat) Goldberg, Rose (Sam) Sherman, and Jerry (Pearl) Bey; cherished and adored aunt of Penny (Leo) Taylor, Ilene (George) Sang, Ted (Linda) Sherman, Craig (Jodi) Sherman; great aunt of 11 and great great aunt of 10. Auntie Lacey and beloved friend to many; devoted and loving caregiver, companion, Evelita Alcorco. Past President and very active in Jewish War Veterans of America. Chapel service Tuesday 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Macfarlane, Barbara King

Barbara King Macfarlane, age 92, a longtime resident of Lake Forest passed away peacefully on November 27, 2018. Barbara was a realtor with Griffith, Grant and Lackey in Lake Forest for many years. She also worked at Lake Forest Country Day School, and was employed at Abbott Labs during WWII. Beloved wife of the late Bruce Miller Macfarlane (2013); loving mother of David B. (Vicky) Macfarlane and the late Robert A. Macfarlane (2005); adored grandmother of Amanda and Robert B. Macfarlane and Julie (Rick) Macfarlane Hild; great-grandmother of Bronwyn Macfarlane and Lily Anna and Stanley Hild; sister of Priscilla Arnold; aunt of Henry, Mark, John and Caroline Arnold. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at The Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 East Westminster Road in Lake Forest. For additional information contact **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest** at 847-234-9649 or visit www.RTFunerals.com.

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Machon, Marilynn Louise

Marilynn Louise Machon, nee Kane. Age 88, long time resident of Park Ridge passed away peacefully on April 3, 2019. She was the loving wife of Robert Machon for 67 years. Beloved mother of Marilee Machon, Kirke (Madolyn) Machon, and Melissa (Robert) Werner and her late infant son Drew who was born and died in April 1960. Loving grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 13. She was also preceded in death by her beloved sister, Delores McPheeters of Novi, Michigan to whom she was very close. She attended Taft High School and Michigan State University. She was a member of the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church for 62 years where she served on both the deaconess and trustee boards. She was a proud volunteer for 40 years at Lutheran General Hospital.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, Illinois. Interment will be private at Town of Maine Cemetery in Park Ridge, Illinois. Memorials may be made to Rainbow Hospice, 1550 N. Bishop Ct., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 or at www.rainbowhospice.org. Arrangements entrusted to **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**. For further info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Manhard, Donald E.

Donald E Manhard Sr., 87, passed away April 4, 2019. Loving husband of Jeanie for 62 years; beloved father of Peter, Don Jr (Tricia), Katie (Donn) Pall; proud grandfather of Jamie, Donnie III, Jenny, Michael, Mark & Alexis; and dear brother of Robert (Kathy) & Elgin (Sally). Visitation 4 to 8 pm, Monday, April 8 and Funeral Services 10 am on Tuesday, April 9 both at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** in Highland Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Meligi, Ahmed

Cocoa, FL — Engineer Ahmed E. Meligi, born Nov. 13, 1941, passed away Mar. 21, 2019, due to a sudden stroke which occurred while sitting at home in his favorite chair on Mar. 14th. He apparently had more strokes at the hospital. He was surrounded by loving family. He is much loved by his wife, Donna of nearly 48 years and many family members and friends both in Egypt and around the world, who loved and will miss him as well.

Mr. Meligi received his master's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University, while dating Donna from Glendale, Calif. They were married Aug. 1971. Mr. Meligi was hired by the Chicago engineering firm, Sargent and Lundy. He eventually rose to vice president. He created the component qualification division for nuclear equipment.

He was instrumental in establishing the methodology for determining the useful life of equipment both electric power plant and fossil component. Ahmed was very active in the American Society of Mechanic Engineers, establishing seismic qualifications for designing nuclear equipment. He was written up in Who's Who.

He consulted and advised Egyptian Authority on numerous projects and worked with The World Bank. Mr. Meligi retired early from S + L due to health problems. He received a heart transplant in 2006, which blessed us with twelve more beautiful years.

Donna (who retired early from AT-T management in Chicago) and Ahmed were a team, working together, enjoying friends, family, sports and travel. Ahmed loved golf, bridge, socializing, friends, family and relaxing at home.

He is survived by his loving wife, Donna; step-daughter, Carey; his dear brother, dear sisters; dear uncle and aunt; treasured nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by his parents; two prominent brothers and a sister.

A memorial service to honor Mr. Meligi will be held at a later date. The funeral was done previously, according to Islamic belief. The family acknowledges and appreciates the doctors, nurses and staff who gave Ahmed excellent medical supervision throughout the years, both from Loyola University Medical Center and to his current hometown.

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MELTZER, ZELMA

Zelma Meltzer, age 94, of Chicago, was born on June 14, 1925 and passed away April 3, 2019; loving mother of Richard (Karen) Meltzer, Arnold Meltzer, Robert (Sandra) Meltzer, and Betsy Stone (Roy Selinger); proud grandmother of Lisa (Sean) Leibowitz, Ross (Jennifer) Meltzer, Talia Stone (Milan Preradovic), Cody Meltzer, Shawn Stone, Sarah Meltzer, Alec Meltzer, and Jacob Meltzer; and great grandmother of Bayla Leibowitz, Avery Leibowitz, Mackenzie Meltzer, and Rigby Meltzer; caring sister of the late Seymour A. Cohen. Service and interment private. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621.

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Merrill, Lisi Yvonne "Lee"

Lisi "Lee" Yvonne Merrill died on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. She was born on March 3, 1931. She was preceded in death by parents, James and Bessie Snyder. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Richard "Dick" Merrill of Naples, FL; her sons, Bill (Jenny) Merrill of Las Vegas, NV, Jim Merrill of Reading, PA, and Steve (Kimberly) Merrill of Knoxville, TN; her sisters, Jackie Landreth of Naples, FL and Gail Jefferies of Greensboro, NC; grandchildren Andy (Meagan) Merrill and Kristina (Derek) Gasiorek, step-grandchildren Lisa and Diane Cheung and great-grandchildren Logan and Nolan Merrill and Jayce Gasiorek. Her oldest sister Vida "Vicki" Tubiolo died in 2017. Lee was born and raised in the High Point/Greensboro, North Carolina area. After graduating from High Point High School, she joined the Air Force, and was stationed at Westover Massachusetts Air Force Base where she met her future husband, Dick. They were married on the base in 1952. Following their Air Force service, they moved to the Chicago Suburbs, where Lee stayed home raising their three sons and also being a very supportive and loving wife as Dick built a successful career with Commerce Clearing House (CCH). Upon Dick's retirement from CCH in 1991, they moved to Naples and were very happy members of Wyndemere Country Club for the next 23 years. Lee and Dick then moved to Barrington Terrace of Naples where they received such great care for the next five years until her death. Lee enjoyed the companionship of her husband and three boys. She was a wonderful person, very selfless, kind, sincere and generous. She also had a great passion for tennis, playing well into her 70s. She was loved very much by her family and will be greatly missed. Services and interment will be held privately with family members. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information: 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com



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Messer, Marion Neel

Marion Messer was born February 25, 1961 and died April 5, 2019. She left her adoring wife, Nicki Lee Artino, her puppy son, Joey, friends Jean Miller, Elaine Loeser, Portia Belloc Lowndes, Gayle Blitz, Torres (Iron Man) Ginn, Hillias (Magic) Goodman, brother Michael (Soldier Boy) Neel, and a vast Chicago family of loving people and dogs, too many to mention. She was cared for tenderly by the staff of JourneyCare Hospice at Rush University Health Center. Marion was the owner of "For the Love of Dog's", a Gold Coast dog walking service that turned into a neighborhood party wherever she went. The dogs had fun, the clients had fun, and people everywhere had fun. Marion owned a dictionary of pithy one-word sentences. "Greatness" comes to mind, when asked how she was doing. Wherever Marion saw a need, she found a way to fill it. Broken chair, broken heart, broken arm. She left things better than she found them everywhere she went. She came to pet sit, but she fixed your vacuum cleaner too. She put up fences to keep dogs from escaping. She fed and housed and clothed homeless people, and provided heaters for them in the winter. Don't ask how she found the electricity to power them, she just did. She gave haircuts to a tough homebound mafia litigator and shared her drawing talent with an aging artist. Marion saved sweet, overlooked remnants of that artist's work from the trash when she died. Marion was the pied piper of dogs, old, young, large, small, rich, poor, devil or angel. Marion, when sick with cancer, never failed to leap from her seat in the doctors' waiting room, and shout "Shazam" when her name was called. Light flared for that second in every heart in the room. She made the morose doctors laugh when she mentioned their colorful sox. You would notice her. She had style. Biker chick style. Tough girl style. Tough girl, gentle heart style. She was photogenic. Was a perfectionist. Had to look good. Was fastidious. Loved the Cubs and Bears and Hawks and even the Sox when required. Had a bandanna for every occasion. Her chicken soup cured the common cold. She rode a custom electric bicycle, with chopper handlebars -- red, of course, with leather saddlebags. She rode into our hearts and now, she has ridden out. Light has dimmed. Marion Messer took it with her. But she won't keep it. She will want us to have it, here, where we miss her so.

A celebration of her enormous life will be arranged in warm weather.
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Moore, Judith R.

JUDITH R. MOORE



The Moore Family announces the passing of Judith R. Moore, 82, of Lake Forest. She died peacefully with her family by her side. Her parents, Dr. Franz W. and Barbara Baumann, raised Judith and her four siblings in San Francisco. Judith attended Lewis and Clark College; the Hague University in Holland and the University of California at Berkeley. Judith and John R. ("Ron") Moore were married in 1960. Together, they raised four children--Lee (Rene); Roni (Robert Neumann); Tim (Renee) and Elaine (Darrin Manke) in Toronto, Canada, Lincolnshire and Lake Forest.

In addition to her husband, John R. Moore--the CEO (former) of Midas International--four children and their spouses, Judith is survived by ten beloved grandchildren: Andrea and John Leland Moore; Alexandra, Samantha, Barbara and Emma Neumann; Jason and Carter Manke; and Ellie and Finn Moore. "Honey" loved to support her grandchildren's sports and musical activities, inspiring their interest in wildlife and environmental conservation as well as the cultural arts. Judith was actively involved in philanthropic causes that aligned with her passions, serving as a member of the Woman's Board of the Ravinia Festival and the Honorary Steering Committee for the Rita Hayworth Gala benefitting the Alzheimer's Association. She is a former member of the Misericordia Women's Board and the Brookfield Zoo Women's Board as well as the Kenilworth Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society. Her love of California and Yosemite National Park was underscored by her lifelong membership to the Sierra Club. Judith leaves behind a commitment to family and to service--and absolutely beautiful memories. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, April 13, at Exmoor Country Club. Memorial contributions may be made in Judith's honor to Ravinia Festival.

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Muirhead, James Marshall 'Jim'

Age 102, of New Berlin, Wisconsin, formerly of Elgin, IL, passed away on Friday, February 8, 2019 at Grand Hills Castle Assisted Living Facility. Please see www.hartsonfuneralhome.com for more information.
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Nally, Walter

Native of Hollymount Co. Mayo, Ireland. Beloved husband of 60 years to Mary (nee Wall). Loving father of Walter, Winnie (Joe) Urchak, and Daniel (Diane) Nally. Cherished grandpa of Joey (Jamie), Megan, Danny, Sarah, and Aidan. Proud great-grandpa of Harrison. Dear brother of John Nally and the late Mary (Tom) Burke, Michael (Sarah) Nally, Vincent (Roseanne) Nally, Martin (Mary) Nally, Winifred Nally, Sr. Kathleen Nally, Daniel (Donal) Nally, and Patrick (Catherine) Nally. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Proud Local #399 Stationary Engineer for City of Chicago. Member of the Mayo Association and Gaelic Park. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.sheehyfun.com 708-857-7878

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Nawara, Irene M.

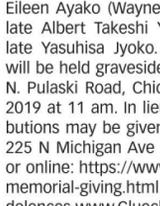
Irene M. Nawara nee Godula, age 93. Beloved wife of the late Bruno. Loving mother of Debra. Dear daughter of the late Walter Godula and the late Antoinette Godula nee Cabaj. Dear sister of Stella (late John) Budziak, late Walter Godula, late Loretta Godula and the late Adolf Godula. Fond sister-in-law to the late Charlie (Theresa) Nawara, late Walter (late Gertie) Nawara, late Julia (late Tony) Ciciora, late Sophie (late Bill) Marciniak, late Vera (late Walter) Czarny, late Michael (late Tillie) Nawara, late Lillie (late Ed) Zak, late Wanda (late Chester) Wolski, late Mary (late Richard) Schultz, late Ted (late Carol) Nawara. Loved by more than 50 nieces and nephews and their children. She will be missed by friends and neighbors from Back of the Yards, Brighton Park and Oak Lawn. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 am from the **WOLNIAK FUNERAL HOME**, 5700 S. Pulaski Rd., to St. Louis de Montfort Church, 8808 Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn, IL for Mass at 10:30 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Irene's memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana. Funeral Info: 773-767-4500 or www.wolnialfuneralhome.com
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Nealt, Ellen

Ellen M. Nealt - (nee Egan) beloved wife of the late William Nealt; devoted daughter of the late Mary and James Egan; dear sister of the late Mary Pat (Jack) Whalen; leaving behind a number of loving cousins and friends. Visitation and funeral will take place on Tuesday at St. Andrew Church. Visitation from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. when there will be a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment Graceland Cemetery. Arrangements by Cooney Funeral Home 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com
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Ogawa, Elsie Ikuko

Elsie Ikuko Ogawa, 93 of Arlington Heights. Beloved wife of the late George Yusak Ogawa; loving mother of Sharon (Bruce Bank) Ogawa and Michael (Sunandita Banerji) Ogawa; cherished grandmother of Karina (Patrick Casey) Ogawa, Caroline (Michael McConnell) Bank and Brian Ogawa; fond sister of Hatsumi Yamamoto, Martin Keiji Yamamoto, Eileen Ayako (Wayne) Seno, late Yuriko Jyoko and late Albert Takeshi Yamamoto; dear aunt of the late Yasuhisa Jyoko. Funeral interment services will be held graveside at Montrose Cemetery, 5400 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society, 225 N Michigan Ave Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60601 or online: <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/memorial-giving.html>. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Payne, Elsie J.

Elsie J. Payne, 92, long time Chicago resident, passed away Monday, April 1, 2019; cherished wife of the late August Payne; beloved mother of Kurt Payne; dear sister of Bernice (Andy) Pracko, the late Louise Stenke, the late Jerrold Stenke, Albert (the late Pat) Stenke, and the late Ronald (Mary) Stenke; aunt to many. Services will be held privately. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home** and Crematory, Crystal Lake 815-459-3411.



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Podber, Seymour

Seymour Podber, 88, of Northbrook, IL died on April 4, 2019. Survived by his wife Betty of 64 years. He is also survived by his children, David Podber and Elaine Podber Haney (Frank Haney); 6 grandchildren, Anna Podber, Sophia Podber, Benjamin Podber, Laura Haney, Alan Haney and Jeff Haney, and numerous nieces and nephews. Seymour was an exceptional husband, father, and loving grandfather. Seymour was born in 1931 in Staten Island, NY to Anna Lander and Abraham Schenkman, who had immigrated to this country for a better life. Seymour grew up surrounded by the love and support of his four sisters, Ruth Soloway-Abato, Judy Okun, the late Estelle Wagner and the late Selma Kreigsmann. Seymour served his country in the Korean conflict, earning two bronze stars in the Army. Seymour was a self-made man and an outstanding salesperson. In his later years he worked as a tram driver and tour guide at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Seymour was loved by all who knew him. Chapel service Monday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. No flowers please. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ark: <https://arkchicago.org/donate/>. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Pugh, Sitha L. 1923 - 2019

Thresholds, Chicago, Illinois, and so many others, mourn the passing of their colleague and dear friend. During Sitha's 40 year tenure at Thresholds, she worked with the intake department and touched many lives. Sitha loved fashion, travel, the arts, cats, and English tea. Sitha was known for acceptance, inclusion, energy, and her wonderful smile. Sitha was born in the U.K. and traveled to many countries before coming to the U.S. Sitha's beloved husband and sister both died in WW II. Sitha was preceded in death by her beloved parents and brother. Sitha led a full life and was a role model for all who came to know her. Her best friend from grade school, Mollie Dale, U.K., Drs. Amdur and Weinstein and staff and members of Thresholds, the Living Made Easier team, the Unity Hospice care team, the Brookdale East Lakeview team, and neighbors will all miss Sitha greatly. Sitha asked that if she touched your life in a positive way, to please remember that.
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Quinn, Elaine

Elaine Quinn, 82, of Mundelein, passed away March 24, 2019 at Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, IL. Elaine was born in Denver CO and been a long-time resident of Mundelein. Elaine had retired as a school teacher for Chicago Public Schools and been employed by Cook Memorial Public Library Libertyville, for more than 16 years. She was an ardent lover of all animals and had devoted much of her spare time to their care. Elaine is survived by her sister Shirley (Mark) Jervis, her niece Shawna (Eric) Erwin and her nephew Eric Jervis. She was preceded in death by her parents Frank & Florence Quinn. Private funeral services were from **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, Libertyville. The date of a public memorial will be announced at a later date. If desired, memorial donations made to St. Francis Animal Shelter, 10936 N. Port Washington, Rd.#138, Mequon, WI 53092 would be greatly appreciated. Funeral info. 847-362-2626 sign guestbook at Libertyvillefuneralhome.com
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Rak, Michele

Michele Rak nee Gilbertson, age 75, late of Frankfort. Beloved wife of Paul Rak. Loving mother of Paul Jr., Melanie, Christian, and Kevin. Proud grandmother of Tiffany, Gwen, Sydney, Hazel, and Violet. Survived by her daughters-in-law Marilyn, Barbara, and Erika, her siblings Lyn, Michael, and Paula, and countless nieces and nephews. Memorial services for Michele will be held on Tuesday, April 16 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** at 17248 S. Harlem Ave. in Tinley Park. The eulogy and remembrances will begin at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the General Fund of Together We Cope, which assists the elderly, people with disabilities, and many others in need. To donate, go to togetherwecope.org. For more information, call 708-532-1635 or www.vandenberg-funeralhome.com.
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Rapp, Michael Francis



On March 29, 2019 at the young age of 74, Michael Francis Rapp shook off the shackles of both Parkinson's and mortality to be lifted from the currents of space and time to join his heavenly father in eternal life. His strength, determination, and dignity through his battle with Parkinson's was, and

still is, a shining example of the inner mettle of the man we all loved. Father, husband, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, or colleague could all describe Michael but ultimately teacher is the most apt title he earned and deserved. Michael was born in Chicago in the summer of 1944, the third of four children to Al Rapp and Doris Rapp (nee Wright). At the ripe old age of eight, he was selling newspapers with his older brother while standing in the busier intersections of the city. This was the humble beginning of a soul destined for success. From the halls of Lane Tech as a budding teenager to the classrooms of Joseph Sears as an English teacher, Michael built upon his life experiences to guide and shape his interactions with the world. He was always eager to share his lessons with all who would listen. As an independent bookstore proprietor, he expounded upon the virtues of particular authors to unwitting customers. While teaching high school English, he inspired a love of language and writing in growing teens. Finally, as their last English teacher before high school, he'd blow his eighth-grade students' budding minds by abolishing the seating chart for his room. He loved to chase his dreams, even as they evolved over time, never giving up on them. While becoming an Oscar-winning actor in California never panned out, he performed with local acting groups and was the narrator for the church Christmas pageant for 18 years. More recently in his retirement, he was a member of the improv group at Westminster Place. Michael is survived by his wife Kim (nee Warner) of Evanston, IL, his son and wife Christopher and Kelly Rapp of Tulsa, OK, his daughter Melissa Rapp of Chicago, IL, step-son and husband Geoff and Sasha Klimko of Prague, Czech Republic, step-daughter Katrina Engel and Aaron Carney of Evanston, IL, brother Douglas Rapp of Evanston, IL, brother and wife Martin and Maria Rapp of Chicago, IL, and sister and husband Dawn and Larry Roberts of Chicago. He is also survived by six grandkids and numerous nephews and nieces. Please join the family at the memorial service commemorating Michael's life on April 20th at 11:00 AM at the Glenview Community Church in Glenview, IL. Following the service, there will be a gathering for a lively reflection of the man who has touched so many people. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to either Smile Train (smiletrain.org) or Father Flanigan's Boys Town (boystown.org). An online memorial has been set up at <http://legacy.com> for all to share in remembering his life.
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Rowley, Raymond J.

Raymond J. Rowley, Age 89 of Park Ridge. Beloved husband of Patricia, nee Wachter. Loving father of Brian, Craig (Carrie), Maureen (Jeff) Shinnal and Brad (Amy). Devoted grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of 1. Dear brother of Wilbur, Patricia, David and the late Jarla. Visitation Tuesday, April 9, 3-8 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. prayers from funeral home, to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, <http://www.alz.org>, appreciated. For further info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Russert, Jr., John F

John F. Russert, Jr., 75, of Libertyville, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2019 at his home after being treated for multiple myeloma for fourteen months. He was surrounded by his loving family. John was born on August 24, 1943 in Sheboygan, WI, the son of the late John Sr. and Gwendyth (Geiselman) Russert.

John received his BS degree in business from St. Norbert College, DePere, WI. Following college, he served as a Captain for the US Army Transportation Corp. in Germany. After his discharge, John enjoyed a career in various corporate Human Resource positions followed by positions in executive outplacement and career management. He was a member of St. Joseph Parish, Libertyville where he served as president of the Parish Council and was Co-founder of the St. Joseph Employment Ministry. John was an avid Green Bay Packer fan, beginning during the "Lombardi Era" while he was a college student. He enjoyed fishing with family and friends, especially on Lake Namakagon, Cable WI. John loved all aspects of photography including creating photo books of his family, friends and travel. John was a devoted family man and his love for creating memories and traditions leaves a legacy to his family.

John will long be remembered for his integrity, his devotion to his Catholic faith, and his commitment to leading employees in their pursuit of their employment goals.

John is survived by his beloved wife Kathleen (nee Hubbell) of 50 years on June 14, 2019, his loving children Mary (Jason) LaHam, Michael (Jan) Russert, Mark (Randi) Russert and Megan (Nathan) Jansen. He was the proud grandfather of Tyler LaHam, Elizabeth, Everett and Ethan Russert, Reeve Russert and Leo and Nolan Jansen, the dearest brother of Julia (John) Helf, and dear brother-in-law and uncle to many. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral Mass will be 9:30AM Sat. April 13 at St. Joseph Church, 121 East Maple, Libertyville. Private interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, Edgerton, WI. Visitation Friday April 12th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Place (Rt 176, 1 Blk East of Rt 21) Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations made to St. Joseph Parish, Libertyville, to St. Norbert College, 100 Grant St. De Pere, WI 54115 or to Northwestern Memorial Foundation Lake Forest Hospital Oncology, 1000 North Westmoreland Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045 would be greatly appreciated. Funeral info 847-362-2626 sign guest book at Libertyvillefuneralhome.com
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Schroeder, Patricia H.

Patricia H. Schroeder, 88, of Ft. Myers, FL formerly of Glenview, passed away April 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Mike Schroeder; loving mother of Kathleen (Tim) Gammons, Patti (Randy) Schatz, and the late Lauretta Ann Schroeder; fond grandmother of Heather Bock (Chris Novak); great grandmother of Anthony and Tanner. Memorial visitation will be held Tuesday, April 16 from 9:30 am until time of the Mass at 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St. (at Church St.), Glenview. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Parkinson Disease Association, 1800 North Main Street, Suite 215, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Schumann, Karen

Karen Schumann nee Lisching, age 78, passed away April 3, 2019. Beloved wife of 55 years of Edward; loving mother of Janet (Michael) Lynch, Marybeth (Michael) Sullivan, Robert (Laurie Cappitelli) Schumann; and cherished grandmother of 10. Visitation will be Monday, April 8th from 2 - 8 PM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St, Lombard. Funeral Services will be Tuesday, April 9th with prayers at 9:30 AM from **Brust Funeral Home** to Christ the King Church for 10 AM Mass. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For more information www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.
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Schwartz, Jr., Charles P.

Charles Phineas Schwartz, Jr., of Chicago, aged 91, died March 17 in Palm Beach, FL, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Beloved husband of Susan (Hirsch) Schwartz, loving son of the late Lavinia "Duffy" Schwartz and Charles P. Schwartz, Sr.; devoted father of Alex Schwartz (Jennifer Fleischer) of New York City, Ned Schwartz (Michelle) of Wilmette, IL, Debra Schwartz (Michael Brosilow), of Chicago, and Emily Schwartz Greco (Thomas) of Arlington, VA; dear brother of Polly Hertz and the late Robert A. D. Schwartz; devoted grandfather of eight. Services will be private; memorials may be made to Friends of the Parks, (312) 857-2757.



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Shiel, Laurel Elizabeth

Laurel Elizabeth Shiel (nee Campbell) born November 4, 1955, left her loving family for her God March 24, 2019. She will be forever loved and cherished by her husband of 38 years, William, her loving children, Alexander (Michelle), Chloe and Cathryn, siblings Scott (Shari) Campbell, Patty (Baird) Smart, Matt (Lisa) McReynolds, and her late sister Anne Campbell. Laurie was preceded in death by her father, William Campbell, and mother, Suzanne Reinardy Campbell McReynolds. She will be greatly missed by her many nieces, nephews, dear friends, especially Irma Soco, and our puppies. Laurie was a graduate of New Trier High School and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. A commercial interior designer she enjoyed her career but found even greater satisfaction and pride raising her beautiful children, who will always cherish her memory. Services were private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity. Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Nancy Wedemeyer Sippel, 89, long time resident of Evanston Illinois passed away Wednesday March 20th, 2019. She is survived by sister Georgiann McWilliams; Children George Sippel, Tracey Gordon and Judy Reilmann; Grandchildren Jeremy Gordon, Sharlene Osilaja, Bethany Reilmann, Justin Reilmann and Alex Sippel; and Great Grandchildren Isaac and Naomi-Noelle Osilaja. Nancy received her BA from Michigan State College then went on to receive her Master's Degree in Art History from the University of Michigan. She Married Cornelius Sippel III in 1957 and moved to Evanston where she became active in the Evanston Garden Club and the Women's Club of Evanston in addition to remaining active in the Delta Gamma Sorority her entire life. She was most well known for her crafts, starting Nan's Boutiques in the late 1960's, selling crafts at shows and gift shops. She was most well known for her door wreaths. She began working at various gift shops in the 1970's and then started her career in earnest at the Levy Senior Center on Maple Avenue teaching ceramics, sewing and craft classes. She also started the Levy Center Gift Shop where seniors were able to buy greeting cards and sell their hand made crafts. She "crafted" place settings and floral arrangements for special events at the Center and continued to work at the gift shop into her 80's as a member. She will be remembered for her love of musicals, her baking & cooking for holidays and special events, her card playing, her selfless love of family and friends & her generosity. She will be missed. Proverbs 31:10-31

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Smith, Ronald

Ronald Smith, age 86 of Lombard. Beloved husband of Gail Smith, nee Bouda; loving father of Patti Buchholz and Sherri (Michael) Dellaquila; devoted grandfather of Ronald (Brittany) Buchholz, and Shana Dellaquila; great-grandfather of Lyla and Skyler Buchholz; fond brother Gerald Smith. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Korean War Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, former Milton Township Supervisor and proud former member of the Republican State Central Committee. Memorial Gathering Wednesday, April 10, from 9:30 AM until time of service at 11 AM, at Community Presbyterian Church, 1111 E Madison St, Lombard. Memorials to Community Presbyterian Church, or Wounded Warrior Project are appreciated. Funeral info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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WWII Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Ann. Also preceded in death by daughters Sissy Devenport, Shirley Crescente, son Jimmy, granddaughter Debbie Johnson and grandson Teddy. Loving father of Walter (Bobbie), June (Tony) Clancy, Maryann (Joe) Addimando, Jerry (Daphne), Patricia (Luca) DeBellis, Dorothy and Ricky. Proud grandfather and great-grandfather to many and great-great-grandfather to Maralynn June Bezek. Visitation Wednesday 4 to 8 pm at The Original Rago Brothers Funeral Home, 7751 W. Irving Park Rd. Funeral service and military honors at 7:30 pm. 773-276-7800 or www.ragobrothersfuneralhome.com

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Ginette Geneviève Sorensen, 91, of Sister Bay, Wisconsin passed away peacefully at Hearthside Assisted Living on Friday, March 29, 2019.

She was born August 2, 1927 in France, daughter of the late Marceau and Marie Louise (Boussaert) Cerèzo. Ginette met her future husband during the Allied Liberation of Europe in 1944. She immigrated from France to Chicago, where she married Vernon A. Sorensen, became a citizen of the United States of America and raised her family. Ginette loved to travel, enjoyed the arts and cooking, and watching sunsets in Ellison Bay, WI. She will always be remembered by her family and friends for her kindness and charitable nature.

Ginette will be missed by her sons, Larry (Kathleen, nee Moran) and Jack (Marianne, nee Merges); grandson, Kirk (Nicole, nee Stewart); granddaughter, Kelly; and great-granddaughter, Avery.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband of 64 years, Vernon.

In honor of Ginette's wishes, there will be no formal services held.

Casperson Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Sister Bay, WI is assisting the Sorensen family. Expressions of sympathy, memories, and photos of Ginette may be shared with her family through her tribute page at www.caspersonfuneralhome.com.

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Staley, Maureen

MAUREEN ANN STAILEY--The beloved daughter of the late Julia and Les Staley was born in Chicago on June 28, 1949. Maureen passed away peacefully at home on March 31, 2019. Over the past several years Maureen valiantly fought a rare form of cancer under the care of the University of Chicago Hospital Cancer Center. During this difficult journey Maureen continued to live her life to the fullest enjoying golf, theater, sporting events, concerts and world wide travel with family and friends. Maureen graduated from St. Andrew School, The Immaculata and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton. Following graduation Maureen began a lifelong management career with the Combined Insurance/AON Insurance Company. Maureen is survived by her 3 brothers: Dick Stailey(Kitty), his children Sue (Jim Johann), Terry, Thom(Lynn), Tim and stepchildren Kathy (Tai Matlin), Michael McFee, Dave (Laura) their children Michael, Mark (Sally) and Megan (David Word), Don (the late Dennis Powell). Maureen is also survived by 15 grandnieces and grandnephews, cousins, and a large circle of friends. Maureen was preceded in death by her parents Julia and Les Staley and her brother Bruce. Visitation will take place on Tuesday from 3pm to 9pm at Cooney Funeral Home 625 Busse Highway in Park Ridge. On Wednesday a visitation will be held beginning at 10:30am at St. Andrew Church 3645 N. Paulina Street in Chicago prior to the funeral Mass at 11:30am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Maureen's name to: The American Cancer Society, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60601 800-227-2345, The Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601 312-335-8700 or to the Charity of your choice. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Dean Storey, 87, died peacefully April 1 after a short illness. Dean was a great guy with a droll wit who was loved by everyone who knew him. His interests ranged from history to the Cubs to the stock market. He will be missed forever by his wife Carol Leaf Bryant, daughter Lynn Storey, son and daughter-in-law Brian and Amy Storey, and grandchildren Evelyn Noyes, Alex Storey, and Aidan Storey. Friends and family will gather in May to share their memories of Dean.

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Donald Lee Totten, 86, of Elgin, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2019 surrounded by family.

Don was born on February 19, 1933 in Brooklyn, New York to Edgar and Louise Totten. He was raised in New Jersey and attended Ridgewood High School. He received a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Notre Dame University in 1955 and soon after married the love of his life, Joyce Anderson. They had four children. His passions included traveling, politics, golf, wine collecting and watching the Dodgers and Notre Dame.

After a few years in the engineering field, Don was elected Republican Committeeman of Schaumburg Township in 1966. In 1972, he was elected to the Illinois legislature and he received the Illinois Conservative Union's Legislator of the Year award in 1977. He was elected State Senator in 1980. He ran for Lt. Governor in March of 1982. In 1985, Don was elected Chairman of the Cook County Republican Central Committee. In July 1990, he was appointed a director of the Regional Transportation Authority. Throughout this time, Don was President of a private consulting firm specializing in government relations, management and political consulting.

In addition, Don was State Chairman of the Illinois Citizens for Reagan in 1976 and a member of the Steering Committee of the Illinois President Ford Committee. In 1980, he was Regional Political Director and Illinois State Chairman for the Reagan for President Committee, and a member of Reagan's transition team. In July 1981, he was appointed to the International Joint Commission.

He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce, daughter Donna, parents Edgar and Louise Totten, and sister Betty Estelle. He is survived by his sister, Barbara Hellenack of Wake Forest, NC. His children Diane Faldstein of Mooresville, NC, Robert and Cyndi Totten of Jacksonville, FL and Kathy and Mike Weber of Cornelius, NC and his grandchildren Brett Faldstein, Ericka Faldstein, Kyle Weber, Jennifer Totten, Alex Weber, Daniel Totten, Brian Totten and his great grandson Joshua Brady.

Visitation will be Friday, April 12th from 4:00-7:30 p.m. with a service being held from 7:30-8:00 p.m. at **Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services**, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60195. Interment will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in Palatine on Saturday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Patricia Triplett passed away peacefully on April 1, 2019 at the age of 87. She was the daughter of Clayton and Catherine McCallen, born on July 21, 1931. "Patsy" graduated from New Trier High School, class of 1949, and Stevens College in Missouri, class of 1951. She raised her four children in Barrington, IL. She was extremely proud of their accomplishments, as all four attended the University of Illinois and later obtained graduate degrees in architecture, nursing, and education. Patricia maintained a strong passion for education, the fine arts, and athletic pursuits. She is survived by her sister Betty Ann Tanner, son Kevin (Lynn), daughters Terry, Lisa (John) Staton, and Stephanie Luckes. Cherished Grandmother to Stephanie and Jessica Staton, Adam and Amelia Triplett, and Hannah Luckes. Private interment on April 12, Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Giancola Funeral Home, 800-975-4321.

She will reside next to her mother Catherine, lovingly known as Mimi. A "Celebration of Life" is scheduled for June 2, 2019. All are welcome. Patricia has asked that in her memory you call an old friend and go to lunch! In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to House of Peace, a shelter in Waukegan for women suffering from domestic abuse, www.houseofpeace.org/donate

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Utech, Virginia H. "Ginny"

Virginia H. "Ginny" Utech, nee Storz, age 96, beloved wife of the late Norman Utech (2003). Loving mother of David (Carolyn) Utech, Richard (Phil) Utech, and Ralph (late Sharon) Utech. Cherished grandmother of nine, one of whom preceded her in death. Dearest great-grandmother of eight. Dear sister of the late George (late Betty) Storz and the late Lorraine (late Robert) Roepke. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, April 13, 2019 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4660 W. 94th St., Oak Lawn, IL from 12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service to follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment private at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Chicago, IL. Ginny was president of Escorted Travel International in Evergreen Park, IL. Ginny and her husband escorted tours throughout the world with over 40 trips to Europe. Memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Church in Orland Park, or Peace Village preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Jack Vukov, US Marine Veteran, of Woodridge. Beloved husband of the late LaVergne Vukov (nee Doleska); loving father of Dr. Jack (Tanya), Dr. Larry (Gail), Dr. Penny (Dr. Merrell) Reiss and Dr. Allen (Carol); devoted grandfather of Joseph (Kelsey), Samuel, Rachel, Ryan, Taylor and Leigh; dear great-grandfather of Isaac and Esther; and cherished

brother-in-law of Dorothy (late William) Nekola. Jack was preceded in death by his brother, Matthew (Dorothy) Vukov and sister, Laura Miloshevic. He served in the Pacific Theater in WWII in Unit VMTB-131 from May 1943 to November 1945. Jack was a co-owner of Alpha Television, Downers Grove. In his retirement, he spent his time traveling, fishing, attending Sunday breakfasts, and enjoying his grandkids every chance he had. Visitation 4 to 9 PM Tues., April 9th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove, where a Funeral Service will be held at 10 AM on Wed., April 10th. Entombment to follow at Clarendon Hills Cemetery, Darien. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice, in Jack's name. For Service Info: 630-964-6500 or hjfurnerals.com

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Midland Park, NJ-age 94, formerly of Des Plaines, IL, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2019. She is survived by loving daughters Nancy (James) Palumbo and Betsy (Randy) Hartanov. Also surviving are her dear grandchildren Justin (Creighton) Hartanov, Tyler (Cara) Palumbo, and Grant (Sara) Hartanov. Great grandchildren: Aniston Lake Hartanov, Regan Elizabeth Hartanov, Cameron David Palumbo, and Grady Randall Hartanov. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Chuck, in 2006. After graduation from North High School, Sheboygan, Wis (1942), Harriet moved to Chicago where she held several secretarial positions. She married Chuck Wesche in 1949 and devoted her life to raising her family. Harriet requested that after her passing, this message be shared with everyone: "I had a wonderful life and was very happy. Please know that I am now truly with the love of my life Chuck and my family. After Chuck's passing, I enjoyed spending time with my two beautiful girls, two son in laws, and three grandsons". She will be forever remembered and dearly missed. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, August 3, at 10am at St. Marcelline Catholic Church, 820 Springinguth Road, Schaumburg, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mill Gardens Assisted Living, 36 Faner Road, Midland Park, NJ 07432, Attention: Nick Drivanos, Director. Arrangements were handled by **Vander Plaet Funeral Home**, www.vpfh.com.

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Maxine Wilkoff nee Kroll, 86, beloved wife for 52 years of the late Gerald; loving mother of Vicki (late Michael) Prot, Gayle Wilkoff and Lisa (Benedict) Pesigan; dear sister of the late Dick (Bert) Kroll; fond aunt and cousin; longtime cherished friend to many. For many years Maxine owned and operated Kroll Jewelers. Funeral service Monday 11 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Jewish United Fund or a charity of your choice. Info: 847-256-5700.

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Margaret H. Wills nee Lundin, age 96, of McHenry and formerly of Chicago, at rest April 5, 2019. Loving mother of Daniel (Karen) Wills and Brian (Sheila) Wills, and mother-in-law of Janet Wills. Cherished grandmother of Elizabeth, Cristin, and Jeffrey Wills; great-grandmother of Zachary, Elsie and Madison. Beloved sister of Marion Stanley. Preceded in death by husband Ralph (2003); son, Robert; and 4 brothers. Private services entrusted to **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, McHenry. INFO: 815-385-2400.

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Martin Jude Wojtalewicz, 75, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 31, 2019 in his home. Marty was born May 17, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Frank and Bernadine Wojtalewicz. He was a beloved husband to Claudia, nee Hartman, for 52 years. He also left behind a brother and best friend Frank (Sue) Wojtalewicz. He graduated in 1961 from St. Patrick's High School and graduated from Southern Illinois University. He taught 34 years at Harrison High School and Mather High School in Chicago. He was a dedicated father to Jeff (Nikki), Andy (Kim), David (Katie), and Julie (Rich). He was a beloved grandfather to Ryan, Kelsey, Matthew, Michael, Nick, Jake, Cole, Gabby, Liam, and Brady. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Monday, April 15th, 2019. Visitation will begin at 9am, until the time of Mass at 10am, at St. Edna Parish, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Donations can be made to Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease.

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Rhonda Lynn Wolff, nee Reder, age 63, loving mother of Daniel (Hillary Gimpel) Wolff, and devoted partner to Joel Lipsky, passed peacefully surrounded by family and loved ones on April 6, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late Shirley and Bernard Reder; dear sister of Richard (Marlene) Reder, and Elise (Marco) Benassi; and cherished by family members Elizabeth, Mike, & Raelynn Taylor, Jeremy Reder, Jake, Peter & Michael Benassi, and Evan Lipsky. She collected many loving friends whom she treated like family throughout her life. Chapel service Monday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a meaningful charity of your choice. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Sylvia Wouk, 91, of Bahama, NC was born in Lyons, IL on October 5, 1927 and passed away on March 27, 2019 surrounded by her loving family.

She will be remembered for her kindness, most beautiful smile, unconditional love for her family, and the world's best povetica, apple slices, and potato salad. Her beautiful voice and love of singing

will be sorely missed, especially at Christmastime. Sylvia and her husband Bill spent the early years of their marriage in Lyons before moving to Downers Grove where they raised their three children. They later moved to Morris, splitting their time between Illinois and south Florida until relocating to North Carolina to be near family. Preceded in death by her husband Bill, son-in-law Mike Matteson, parents George and Katherine (Grubescic) Marohnic, brothers John and George, and sister Wilma.

She is survived by her daughters Cindy and Lisa (Mike), son Scott (Amanda), granddaughters Kari (Mike), Kristin (John), great-granddaughter Coco, sister Anna, and many nieces and nephews.

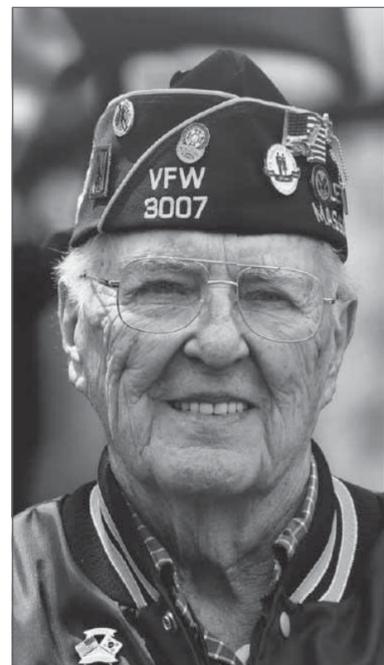
The family would like to thank the staff at Frances Gray Soltys Adult Day Health Program of Hillsborough, NC, which Sylvia attended the last five years. The family is forever grateful for the compassionate care provided by the wonderful staff at Duke Regional Hospital, Duke Homecare and Hospice, and Hillcrest Convalescent Center of Durham, NC. A celebration of Sylvia's life will be held at a later date.

Donations in her memory can be made to The Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Duke University Medical Center (Attn: Roberta Demery), 2200 West Main St., Suite A-200, Durham, NC 27705

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Kathleen M. Zika nee Sheldon, 88 of Lyons, beloved wife of the late Frank J.; loving mother of Nicholas F. (late Patricia) and Richard (Janet); dearest grandmother of Rebecca (Jason) Boston, Nicholas, James (Pamela) and Joseph Zika; dear great-grandmother of Julian, Owen and Corinne.

Visitation Thursday, April 11, 2019, 8:00 a.m. till time of services at 10:00 a.m. at Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside to St. Hugh Church for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Community Mausoleum. Funeral info 708-447-2261 or www.moravecek.com.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7

NORMAL HIGH: 56°

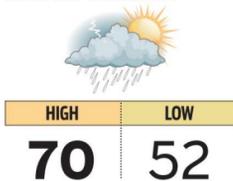
NORMAL LOW: 36°

RECORD HIGH: 84° (1893)

RECORD LOW: 7° (1982)

Warmer air spreads along with showers, storms

LOCAL FORECAST



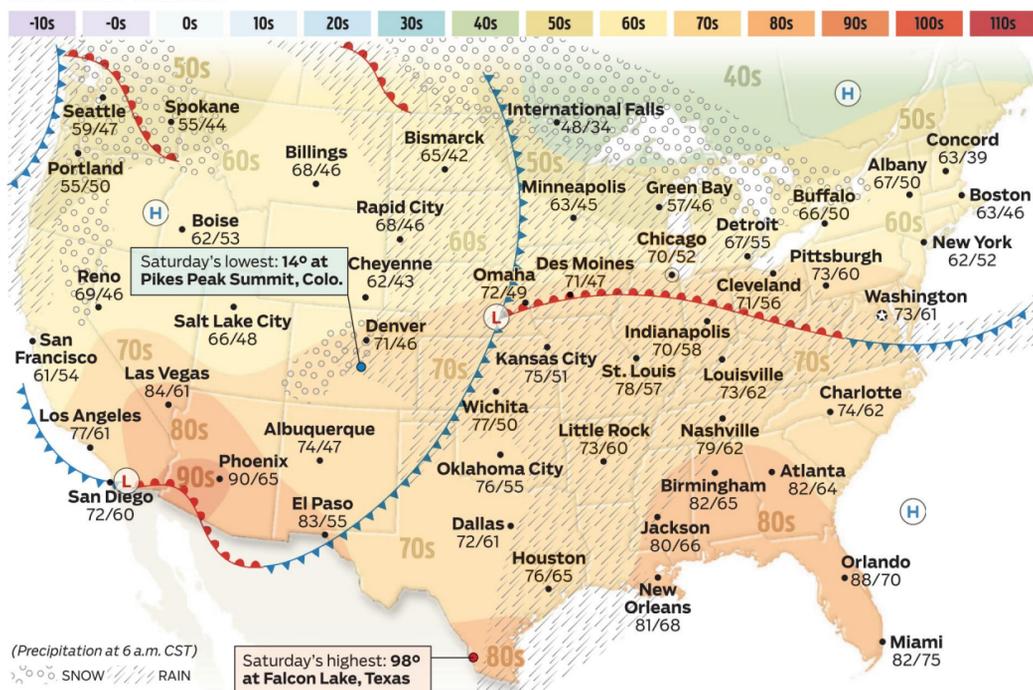
■ A center of low pressure and associated cold front will move through the Chicago area during the day Sunday preceded by periods of showers and a few t-storms—winds shift from the SE to the SW during the afternoon, gusting over 20 mph.

■ Periods of sun interrupted by scattered showers or thunderstorms—best chance of storms late morning/early afternoon and then late afternoon/early evening.

■ High temps: Upper 60s north to mid 70s far south.

■ Becoming partly cloudy overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



(Precipitation at 6 a.m. CST)
 SNOW RAIN

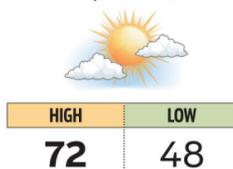
Saturday's lowest: 14° at Pikes Peak Summit, Colo.
 Saturday's highest: 98° at Falcon Lake, Texas

As high pressure drifted east and low pressure approached out of the central Plains, skies over the Chicago area were mostly sunny Saturday. Winds were light, allowing development of an easterly lake breeze during the afternoon resulting in a 20-degree spread in high temps—ranging from the mid-40s along and just inland of the lakefront to the mid- and upper 60s inland and south.

On Sunday southerly winds will continue to bring warmer air into our area, but with a low pressure passing overhead, clouds and periods of showers and thunderstorms will hold high temps close to 70 degrees.

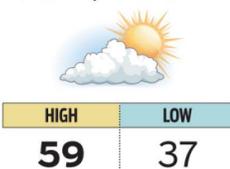
It looks like a band of showers will move through from the west in late morning/early afternoon and then in afternoon/early evening, allowing a break for the Cubs' opening day.

MONDAY, APRIL 8



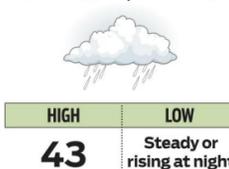
Weak high pressure overhead—not a lot of change in temperatures from Sunday. Mostly sunny and mild with afternoon highs in the lower 70s for the Cubs opener. Mostly clear skies overnight. Westerly winds.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9



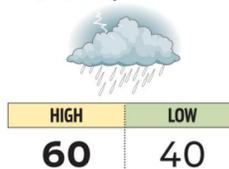
Partly cloudy. Brisk winds out of the NE keep readings in the 40s to around 50 degrees at the lakefront while well inland temperatures top out close to the 60 degree mark. Partly cloudy overnight.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10



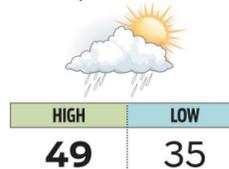
Mostly cloudy with showers spreading into the area from the west later in the morning and afternoon. Highs in the 40s north and 50s south. Clouds and showers likely overnight with slowly rising temperatures. SE winds.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11



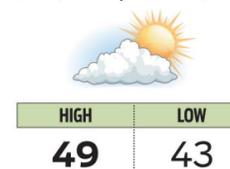
Cloudy with showers and a few embedded thunderstorms possible. Highs in the 50s north and 60s south. Clouds and a chance of showers overnight. SE winds shift to the west at night.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12



Mostly cloudy, rather damp and cool with a chance of showers. High in the mid to upper 40s north and 50s south. Becoming partly cloudy later at night. Gusty NW winds.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13



Partly sunny, continued on the cool side with afternoon highs in the upper 40s north to 50s south. Clouds increase and thicken overnight. N to NE winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 I vividly remember the Opening Day White Sox game in 1971: It was warm and sunny. What has been the best and worst weather for the Sox home openers?
 —Mike Parenti, Palatine

Dear Mike,
 Your memory is correct. The White Sox home opener in 1971 was played on April 9 and the mercury climbed to a balmy 63 degrees. Of course, April weather in Chicago is fickle, and over the years the home openers have not always fared so well. On several occasions the games were postponed, a result of cold, rain or snow. Of those that were played, one of the worst took place on April 8, 2016, when the game was played in 35-degree weather accompanied by a rain-snow mix. The warmest Sox openers both were played in 86-degree warmth, the first time on April 17, 1977, and the second on April 19, 1985.

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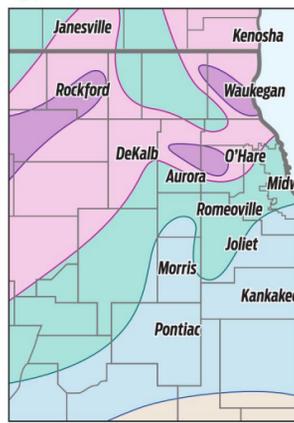
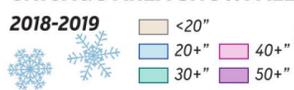
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

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Snow season drawing to a close: 2018-2019 season totals

CHICAGO AREA SNOWFALL



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives **Comm. Collaborative Rain/Snow/Hail Network (CoCoRaHS)

The 2018-19 snow season is drawing to a close. So far through the first week of April, we have already exceeded normal snowfall totals at the official O'Hare site (41.6-inches vs normal 36.3-inches) and Midway (39.1-inches vs normal 31.1-inches). Snow distribution varied due to the tracks taken by the storms that traversed our area—in general we can say totals decreased from north to south, but there were "pockets" of heavier snow (shaded areas near Rockford, St. Charles and Bull Valley-Buffalo Grove-Highwood).

HIGHEST SNOWFALL TOTALS

Location	Total snowfall (inches)
Bull Valley	54.3
Rockford (south)	52.2
Buffalo Grove	52.1
St. Charles (east)	50.6
Highwood	50.5
Rockford (east)	50.4
Riverwoods	49.5
Rockford (NW)	48.7
Chesterton, Ind.	48.5
Schaumburg	47.9
Downers Grove	47.7
Lake Villa	47.4
Gurnee	47.4
Long Lake	45.3

OFFICIAL STATIONS

O'Hare	41.6
Midway	39.1
Romeoville (NWS)	30.9

STILL A GOOD CHANCE OF SNOW IN APRIL



CHICAGO'S TOP FIVE APRIL SNOWSTORMS

Year	Total Snowfall (inches)
1970	10.7"
1982	9.4"
1938	9.0"
1961	6.5"
1920	6.4"

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHICAGO'S APRIL SNOWSTORMS
 ■ Heavy, wet "heart attack" snow
 ■ Snow/water ratio of 6:1 to 10:1
 ■ Usually accompanied by strong winds/thundersnow
 ■ Rain/snow line often lies across metropolitan Chicago area
 ■ Frequently preceded/followed by warmth; snow melts quickly

MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	75	59	sh	74	53
Carbondale	rr	71	53	pc	72	49
Champaign	sh	72	53	pc	72	49
Decatur	sh	72	53	pc	72	49
Moline	sh	73	48	pc	76	50
Peoria	sh	72	50	pc	74	51
Quincy	sh	73	50	pc	75	51
Rockford	sh	68	47	pc	73	50
Springfield	sh	73	53	pc	73	50
Sterling	sh	70	46	pc	73	47
Indiana	ts	70	58	sh	71	52
Bloomington	ts	73	60	sh	72	54
Evansville	sh	71	56	sh	70	49
Fort Wayne	sh	71	56	sh	71	52
Indianapolis	ts	69	54	sh	71	49
Lafayette	ts	69	54	sh	71	49
South Bend	sh	67	49	pc	69	44
Wisconsin	rr	57	46	cl	67	39
Green Bay	rr	57	46	cl	67	39
Kenosha	rr	62	47	pc	67	44
La Crosse	sh	63	45	pc	72	43
Madison	sh	61	45	sh	71	44
Milwaukee	rr	60	48	sh	69	44
Wausau	rr	56	42	pc	62	37
Michigan	sh	67	55	pc	68	48
Detroit	sh	67	55	pc	68	48
Grand Rapids	rr	69	48	sh	65	44
Marquette	rr	52	40	cl	52	29
St. Ste. Marie	sh	44	38	sh	45	32
Traverse City	rr	65	46	pc	60	36
Iowa	ts	70	45	pc	77	45
Ames	ts	70	45	pc	77	45
Cedar Rapids	rr	69	48	sh	74	45
Des Moines	ts	71	47	pc	77	47
Dubuque	rr	68	46	pc	74	47

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
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Albany	pc	67	50	rr	66	47
Albuquerque	su	74	47	pc	79	50
Amarillo	pc	76	47	pc	81	50
Anchorage	pc	52	35	sh	50	35
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Aspen	pc	52	32	pc	57	35
Atlanta	sh	82	64	sh	78	61
Atlantic City	pc	59	49	sh	71	53
Austin	ts	75	60	pc	85	62
Baltimore	cl	69	59	sh	79	62
Billings	sh	88	66	sh	60	43
Birmingham	sh	82	65	sh	76	61
Bismarck	pc	65	42	pc	64	36
Boise	sh	62	53	sh	64	44
Boston	pc	63	46	rr	56	46
Brownsville	sh	86	65	pc	87	62
Buffalo	sh	66	50	sh	56	43
Burlington	cl	56	43	rr	52	39
Charlotte	sh	74	62	sh	81	63
Charlottesville	sh	71	63	cl	75	64
Charlottesville WV	ts	75	61	rr	71	55
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Cheyenne	pc	62	43	pc	66	43
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Concord	pc	63	39	rr	45	37
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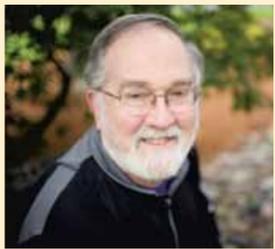
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Chicago Eco House's Quilen Blackwell works with two young participants in the group's summer program.

Building healthier communities, together

Communities big and small across the country struggle with health disparities, with some populations facing higher health risks than others. This includes the South Side of Chicago, where chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma and high blood pressure are disproportionately high.



Brenda Battle, BSN, MSN, MBA

The University of Chicago Medicine's dedication to excellence in medicine and care extends beyond the walls of its medical facilities into our surrounding communities. The Urban Health Initiative, UChicago Medicine's community health division, partners with community-based organizations on programs, research and services to address the top health priorities on the South Side, including asthma, diabetes and violence prevention and recovery. These partnerships and programs are featured in the annual Community Benefit Report.

One example is the violence prevention and recovery grant program. UChicago Medicine has awarded more than \$100,000 in grants in support of 14 community-based violence prevention and recovery summer programs across Chicago's South Side.

"These organizations are doing the important and necessary work to keep people safe," said Brenda Battle, vice president of the Urban Health Initiative and chief diversity and inclusion officer. "This is especially critical in the summer months when school is out, the risk of violence runs higher and young people can benefit from having access to reliable safe spaces, as well as activities to build their leadership and life skills."

Inside

- Getting — and staying — fit for life
- Addressing violence recovery and prevention
- How to stay active with asthma

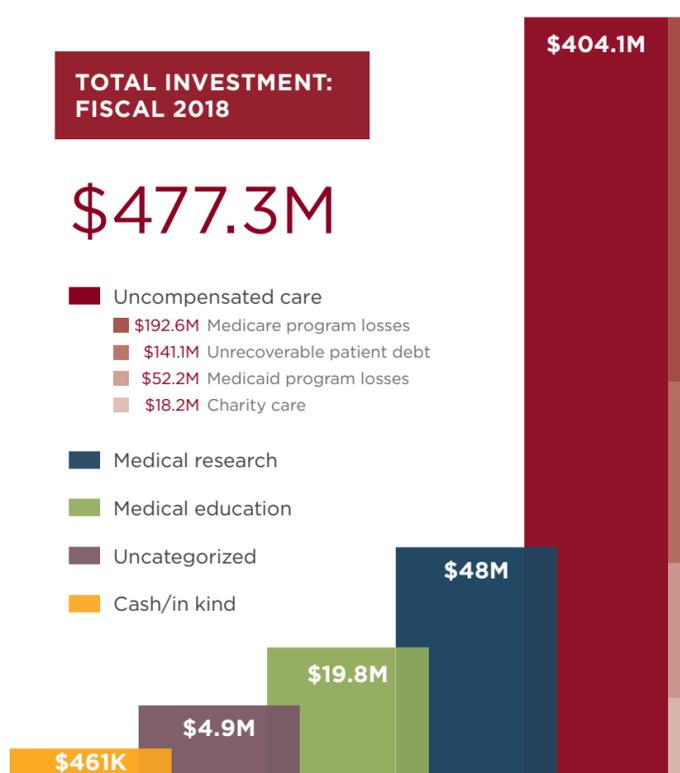
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Investing in our community

For fiscal 2018, the University of Chicago Medicine invested more than \$477 million in community benefits and services. This includes uncompensated care, charity services, unrecoverable patient debt, medical education and research and other community support.

UChicago Medicine's annual Community Benefit Report highlights initiatives and community partnerships that address the most urgent health priorities for South Side communities. These priorities are determined through the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), which UChicago Medicine conducts every three years. Current health priority areas are asthma, diabetes (including obesity) and violence prevention and recovery. The next CHNA will be published in June 2019. To learn more and view the Community Benefit Report, visit: UChicagoMedicine.org/community



Frederick Geiger (third from left) with his South Side Fit "family."

DIABETES

Fit for life

South Side Fit is a referral-based fitness program run through a partnership between the Timothy Community Corporation and UChicago Medicine. The program serves community members dealing with diabetes, heart disease, obesity and other chronic diseases.

When Frederick Geiger started with the program in 2017, he weighed 240 pounds. Through cardiovascular exercise, weight training and healthier eating, he now weighs 218 pounds. The program's workshops taught him how to prepare nutritious meals, which helped him better manage his blood pressure, acid reflux and sleep apnea.

He also found a new community of people focused on health and wellness.

"My fellow participants have become my fitness family," Geiger said. "We have built strong, healthy relationships and discuss our goals daily. That is the amazing part of this journey."



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Mary Long (center) leads a peace circle during Sacred Ground Ministries' summer program.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION & RECOVERY

Arts and crafts — and peace circles

In March 2012, gun violence claimed Mary Long's only child. Despite her pain, grief and feelings of hopelessness over her own loss, Long wanted to help others facing similar trauma.

She founded Sacred Ground Ministries, a nonprofit organization in the Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood that mentors at-risk youth who are coping with effects of community violence. In 2018, Sacred Ground Ministries received one of UChicago Medicine's violence prevention and recovery summer grants.

"Our goal is to reach the youth who are left behind and lost," Long said. "They're having academic challenges, drug challenges, gang challenges, violence challenges."

Sacred Ground Ministries' summer violence recovery program offered typical camp programming — crafts, swimming and sports. Other activities, like conflict-resolution workshops and daily peace circles, were reminders of the challenges students face outside of camp.

During the peace circles, the group gathered to discuss specific topics, like respect or kindness. After one particularly violent weekend in the city, the students addressed the subject of violence. Of 15 participants in the circle, 12 had a personal experience with violence affecting either a member of their family, a friend or someone in the community.

"That was just really stunning," Long said.

Long is motivated by witnessing the personal growth of her students and hearing their feedback. "They say, 'I feel safe. I feel comfortable. We love to come here and be here. It's a place for us to be off the streets.'"

Vacant lots to flower farms

Chicago Eco House, another grant recipient, works to create safe spaces through beautification and economic development in the Woodlawn and Englewood neighborhoods.

Last summer, the group's efforts engaged 21 children and teens, along with 125 volunteers, to convert four vacant lots in West Woodlawn into a sustainable, social enterprise flower farm, as well as a neighborhood stage and community garden.

"We started Chicago Eco House as a creative solution to address the issues in the inner city, not as problems, but as assets that could induce bottom-up economic development," said founder and president Quilen Blackwell. "At the same time, we wanted to do something that people in the community could actually see. Because, in the neighborhoods where we live, there are a lot of spaces where people don't feel comfortable walking."

While Chicago Eco House's core educational program is geared toward children and teens, Blackwell said that because of the visibility of the work, the entire community becomes involved in the effort — first, by asking questions and later, by taking part in hands-on tasks as well as community events at the garden.

"In Woodlawn, there are a lot of negative stereotypes. But people who live here want their community better, just like anyone else," said Blackwell. "Rather than leaving for other more resourced neighborhoods, the participants stay and help transform their blocks into the 'greener pasture.' And that's what we're trying to build here together."

>>>The University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital Pediatric Mobile Medical Unit delivers primary care and health education to children ages 3 to 19 on Chicago's South Side. The 38-foot-long unit features two fully equipped exam rooms and is staffed by a physician, two nurse practitioners, a licensed clinical social worker, and other medical professionals. Services provided include immunizations; physicals for school and sports; screenings for vision, hearing, lead poisoning and anemia; lab testing; and acute care for illness and minor injuries.



Learn more about UChicago Medicine's work in the community at UChicagoMedicine.org/community

ASTHMA

Staying active with asthma



B. Louise Giles, MD

Asthma, a chronic lung illness, is among the most common disorders in children, and its prevalence is rising. The University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital offers comprehensive programs to treat this chronic condition in children and teens. B. Louise Giles, MD, a specialist in pediatric pulmonary medicine, answers parents' common questions about asthma and how kids can stay active.

How do I know if my child has asthma?

The only way to know if your child has asthma is to see a doctor. The doctor can test your child's breathing and lung function to see if he or she has asthma.

What are the symptoms?

Asthma symptoms include wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath and chest tightness, as well as feeling weak during physical activity and general tiredness.

Does exercise trigger asthma?

Asthma triggers can set off asthma symptoms and may differ in patients. Exercise can be a trigger. Other common triggers include allergens like dust and dust mites, furry animals, mold, pollen from trees, grass or flowers, and cockroaches. Irritants that can trigger asthma include aerosols such as hair or bug spray, air pollution, cigarette smoke, and strong odors from perfumes, air fresheners or cleaning fluids. Asthma can also be brought on by cold air, getting a cold or the flu, and even stress.

Can a child with asthma play sports?

Children and teens with asthma can exercise and be physically active. Your doctor can provide guidelines for enjoying sports in an asthma action plan. Share this plan with teachers, coaches and adult staff at the gym or sports center. Also:

- Know the asthma triggers and avoid exposure to them.
- Exercise indoors when air pollution levels are high.
- Wear a mask to cover the nose and mouth when exercising or playing in cold weather. This helps moisten and warm the air you breathe in.
- Exercise slowly for the first 10 to 15 minutes. End exercise with a slow cooling down activity such as walking or stretching.
- Stop exercising or playing and use quick-relief medication or a rescue inhaler if asthma symptoms appear.



Community health worker Sigrid Tandy visits Lance and Nariyah in their Chicago home.

Pediatric Asthma Center: A South Side resource

Children living in the neighborhoods on Chicago's South Side face an increased risk of asthma — with nearly 20 percent diagnosed with the disease, compared with 10 percent in Illinois and 12 percent nationally. To help these children and their families effectively manage the disease, the University of Chicago Medicine's Urban Health Initiative and Comer Children's Hospital are leading the South Side Pediatric Asthma Center (SSPAC), a collaboration that also includes La Rabida Children's Hospital, Friend Health and St. Bernard Hospital.

The SSPAC conducts asthma education and outreach through its community health workers (CHWs), who make home visits to assist patients and families with managing asthma, including identifying asthma triggers. Families working with CHWs reported fewer emergency department visits, hospitalizations, missed school days and missed work days. To ask questions about asthma care, learn about community resources and get help connecting to a primary care physician, call the SSPAC's Asthma Resource Line: 1-833-3ASTHMA (1-833-327-8462).

Before an asthma attack, attack asthma.

Knowing the triggers of asthma is half the battle. For information, call the **Asthma Resource Line: 1-833-3ASTHMA (1-833-327-8462)**



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Love your job? Nominate your company as a top workplace

By Chicago Tribune staff

The Chicago Tribune is seeking nominations for our annual Top Workplaces special report, in which we explore how organizations create and sustain a positive and productive culture. We'll also compile a list of this year's top workplaces in Chicago.

This is the 10th year that the Tribune has produced this report, and every year we hear about novel ways in which companies and their managers are engaging, motivating and rewarding employees.

A lot has changed in 10 years, and the

discussion of what makes a top workplace has particular relevance today. The economy is strong, unemployment is low and more than ever, employees are looking for a better job if they don't like the one they have. Consider this: The number of people who voluntarily left their jobs has been on the upswing for years, and last year 40.1 million workers quit, according to the Labor Department. That's 2.4 million more people who quit than the year before.



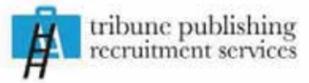
A top workplace can be described this way: It's an organization that is successful because its employees enjoy their work, embrace their mission and feel like valued teammates. Compensation and perks are factors, but the more important components include opportunities for professional growth and being treated with respect.

To qualify, a workplace must have at least 100 employees in the Chicago area. Nominations are open to all employ-

ers, including nonprofits. Nominated companies that agree to participate will distribute to employees between April and July an easy-to-complete, confidential survey developed by the Tribune's research partner, Energage, which will calculate the list of top workplaces.

Top performers will be recognized in the report, in an online directory and at a Tribune-sponsored event. There is no fee to participate. To nominate a company, go to www.chicagotribune.com/nominate or call 312-878-7356. The deadline for nominations is May 10.

Chicago Tribune BUSINESS



"The idea is to come into sites like this (Michael Reese), where it's been in desperate need of investment for a long time. This tax code has allowed it to be a more attractive target for investors."

— Scott Goodman, founding principal of Farpoint Development



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

David Pavlik, from left, Scott Goodman, Steve Glickman and Shawn Clark are seen April 1 on the former Michael Reese Hospital site in Chicago. They are planning to raise \$1 billion to invest in "opportunity zones."

LIFELINE FOR POOR NEIGHBORHOODS?

Billions could be invested in 'opportunity zones'

Aco-founder of developer Sterling Bay and a former senior economic adviser to President Barack Obama have teamed up to raise \$1 billion to invest in the poorest areas of Chicago and other cities.

Scott Goodman, the former Sterling Bay executive who's the founding principal of Farpoint Development, and Steve Glickman, the onetime presidential adviser, are part of a newly formed venture called Decennial Group that wants to raise \$1 billion for the first of several planned funds to invest in real estate in overlooked areas. Its first target in Chicago: the former Michael Reese Hospital site south of McCormick Place.

They're the latest heavy hitters jumping into a federal program, created more than a year ago, to offer big tax breaks as a way to spur ambitious real estate developments, jobs, technology and housing in areas long over-

looked by the private sector.

Founders and managing principals of Decennial are Goodman; construction firm Clayco's founder, Bob Clark, and his son Shawn Clark, president of Clayco development and investment



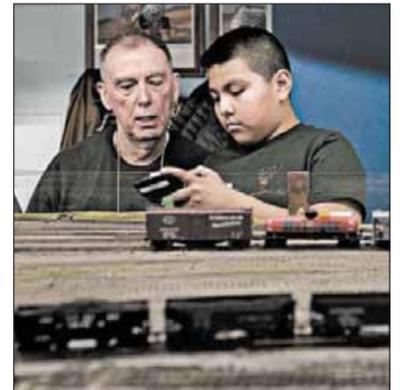
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arm CRG; and David Pavlik, co-founder of renewable energy and infrastructure firm 11 Million Acres. Glickman is a senior adviser.

Funds such as Decennial's could kick-start promising but challenging projects that have been on the drawing board for years in Chicago, which in addition to the Michael Reese site could include the 440-acre South Works steel mill site along the city's south lakefront.

Those properties fall within some of the 135 "opportunity zones" on Chicago's South and West sides. While courting investors, Decennial's leaders are lining up projects in Chicago and other cities that they previously may have avoided because of the risk.

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Frank Kehoe, vice president of the Garfield-Clarendon Model Railroad Club, assists David Hernandez of Goudy Elementary School with controls for the model trains.

Model railroad club opens students' eyes

By MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

The magic word at the Clarendon Park Community Center on a recent Saturday was "triangles." The instructions "add more triangles" could be heard all over the room.

"Triangles are really, really strong. That's why you have triangles in bridges," model railroader Dan Gould explained to 11-year-old Javier Lopez, a fifth-grader at Goudy Elementary School, as they assembled a miniature arched truss bridge out of Popsicle-style wooden sticks. "Don't spare the glue!"

Lopez and Gould were building a bridge as part of a weekend educational program run by the Garfield-Clarendon Model Railroad Club in Uptown. They were competing against other teams of young boys and club members to see which bridge could carry the most weight with the least amount of material.

For five Saturdays in March, club members taught 10 neighborhood grade school students concepts like basic electricity, coding, power sources and bridge mechanics, while having fun with one of the biggest model railroad layouts in the United States. This was the second year for the program, which is open on a first-come, first-serve basis to kids from nearby elementary schools.

The model railroad club dates to 1947 but moved from Garfield Park to the Clarendon Park Community Center in 1963. The current layout, on which every 3 millimeters of the model represents one foot on an actual railroad, is the largest in the club's history — it can take 30 minutes for a train to run through the whole thing, and up to 25 independently operated trains can run at the same time. Designed to look like a cluster of Appalachian towns in the 1960s, the layout has stores, train stations, houses, schools, farms and even a family of bears in the woods on a mountainside.

The club started the educational program last year, said club member and youth program coordinator Scott Baumgartner.

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CEOs share insights on college admissions

Does your college choice determine future success? In light of the recent college admissions scandal, the Tribune asked some Chicago-area CEOs about their undergraduate educations. Page 4



SETH WENIG /AP

Ill. Medicaid to cover sex reassignment surgery

By LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Illinois' Medicaid program intends to start covering gender reassignment surgery as early as this summer, the state announced Friday afternoon.

Medicaid members age 21 and older who are diagnosed with gender dysphoria would be eligible for genital and breast-related surgery, under proposed rules from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Medicaid is a state and federally funded health insurance program that serves many poor and disabled Illinois

residents.

About 1,400 Illinois residents on Medicaid have been diagnosed with gender dysphoria, according to the department.

"Healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and I'm committed to ensuring our LGBTQ community and all Illinoisans have access to that right," said Gov. J.B. Pritzker in a news release. "Expanding Medicaid to cover gender affirming surgeries is cost effective, helps avoid long term health consequences, and most importantly is the right thing to do."

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia also cover the surgeries as part

of their Medicaid programs, according to the department. Last month, the Iowa Supreme Court upheld a lower court's ruling saying that the state could not deny two transgender women Medicaid coverage for sex reassignment surgery.

The Illinois department has started working on administrative rules to offer the coverage, and a public comment period will be held. Coverage will be available after the adoption of the rules, which could come this summer, according to the department.

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Does where you go to college really matter?

10 Chicago CEOs have their say

Chicago Tribune staff

The national college admissions scandal that has rocked elite universities revived the discussion about whether where you go to college determines success and the role of privilege in that process. With actresses Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman and other wealthy parents appearing in court Wednesday to face charges, the conversation over college cred is particularly timely as colleges release their admission decisions and high school seniors and their families send off deposits by May 1 to secure a spot in the class of 2023.

The Tribune reached out to some Chicago-area CEOs to ask where they went to college and what they got out of it. Many went on to earn advanced degrees at other institutions, but we found they put a lot of stock in their undergraduate experiences.

Matt Maloney Founder and CEO, Grubhub Michigan State University, class of 1998 B.S., natural science

Matt Maloney has a theory: It doesn't really matter where you get an undergraduate degree. "There was no conscious decision to end up in tech. It was what excited me, what problems did I enjoy solving, what experiences did I have, what connections did I make."

Working through college — and maintaining a social life — taught him time-management skills, and studying acted as brain exercise that honed his problem-solving abilities, Maloney said. He would also routinely sneak into random lecture halls and sit in on classes he wasn't involved in.

"You're not feverishly taking notes, you're actually listening. If I could give myself advice from now to then, I would say, 'Do more of that, because those are the most fun times because there's no pressure.'"

Janice Jackson CEO, Chicago Public Schools Chicago State University, class of 1999 B.A., history

Neither of Janice Jackson's parents had a college degree — her dad didn't complete eighth grade — but they prioritized education for their five kids. Financial pressures required Jackson to stay close to home, so she chose Chicago State, with dreams of getting a doctorate and becoming a history professor.

"If my family had more money and we could navigate the college access process, it probably would have turned out to be different," Jackson said. "But I'm very proud of the steps that I've taken."

Now schools chief, Jackson wants families to open their minds to varied college options.

She is starting to have conversations about college with her two kids, who are still in elementary school. Though her son seems most focused on schools with the best basketball teams, she is discerning about other factors. "I'm going to look at the graduation rates, in particular for African-American students, the programs that they have, the wrap-around supports."

As a boss, Jackson says a job candidate's alma mater isn't what matters. She pays most attention on whether an applicant will work well on the team, whether they care about CPS and whether they respect the communities the system serves. "I don't care what school you attend," Jackson said, "if you don't have those three things, I probably won't hire you."

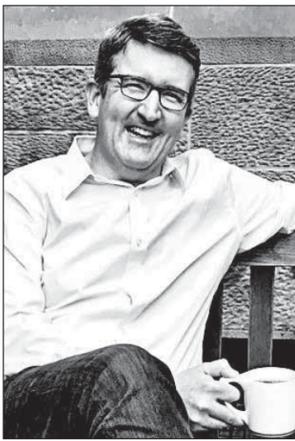
Charlie Bachtell Co-founder and CEO, Cresco Labs University of Arizona, class of 2000 B.S., business administration and finance

Charlie Bachtell met people from all over the world during his college years. But there were parts of attending a big state school that weren't so conducive to learning — like having auditorium-sized classrooms with 300 other students.

"I don't know if that's the desired teacher-to-student ratio, but it's real life," he said. "Those sorts of situations exist in your professional career as well, where it may not be the most optimal environment, but you learn to deal with it."

Those fundamentals helped him after law school, throughout his career, and now at Cresco. The marijuana company has won licenses to grow, process and sell cannabis around the country, and operate under strict regulations. "When you can prove yourself in those challenging environments, you can be incredibly successful."

Betsy Ziegler CEO, 1871 tech incubator

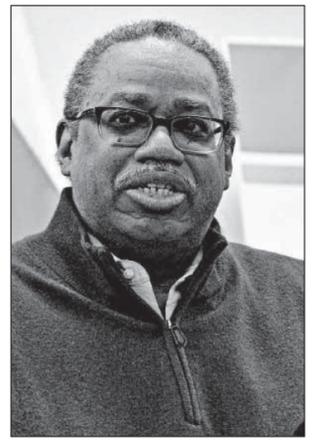


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From Left: CEO of Intelligentsia Coffee James McLaughlin, Cresco Labs CEO Charlie Bachtell, Chicago Transit Authority President Dorval R. Carter Jr.



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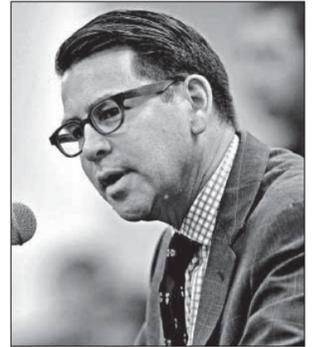


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Ohio State University, class of 1993 B.A. in economics

When Betsy Ziegler started at Ohio State University in 1989, she planned to go to law school. Instead, she took an unpredictable path toward leading Chicago's top tech hub. "I'm a total believer that where you go to school doesn't predict where you end up."

Ohio State was one of the biggest schools in the country when Ziegler was there, so she got straight to work finding circles that would make the school feel smaller. She played intramural sports, got into the honors program and joined a sorority. Eventually, a summer job made her realize business school might be a better path for her than law school. "I opened up doors, then I pushed through those doors."

Ziegler recognizes that the world and the job market have changed since she graduated with a bachelor of arts in economics, and a four-year degree isn't always the best path. But she said students can create opportunities for themselves along whatever path they choose.

"My lens on life is: Don't shut any doors," Ziegler said. "Keep meeting lots of people, keep having tons of world experiences, keep options open."

Thaddeus Wong Co-founder, @properties Loyola University Chicago, class of 1995 B.S., business administration

Long before launching a powerhouse residential brokerage, Wong embarked on an eight-year academic journey involving colleges in three states.

Wong started off at Western State College of Colorado, now Western Colorado University, "because it had the closest dorm to the top of a mountain, and the ski pass was really affordable."

"Only lasted a semester," Wong said. "I think it was too much freedom out of the gate, and I didn't handle it well."

Then it was back to his hometown of Minneapolis, for 1½ years at the University of Minnesota. Then he enrolled at Loyola University Chicago.

"I'd never been in a private school my entire life," Wong said. "It was interesting because it was Jesuit, and I didn't know much about Jesuit education or Jesuits in general until I was there. I learned to really respect the principles of the church, even though I'm not Catholic. I got a good education. Classes weren't too big, and there was a lot of interaction with the teachers."

For much of his time at Loyola, Wong worked days as a clerk in the Chicago Mercantile Exchange's chaotic open-outcry pits. He attended classes at night, and waited tables at a French bistro on weekends. "It was the perfect educational experience. It was

perfect because of the imperfections. Imperfections are critical to growth.

"By the road being a struggle and taking longer, it helped define and mold my work ethic and my perspective on what it would take to succeed. Because it wasn't handed to me on a silver platter, or layered in feathers, it created a work ethic and people skills and a whole lot of confidence."

John Hartmann President and CEO, True Value Co. Rochester Institute of Technology, class of 1985 B.S., criminal justice

As a first-generation college student, Hartmann applied to New York-area schools that were close to family and jobs that would help pay for his education. He said the experience "opened my eyes to the rest of the world."

"I'm from small-town USA, and I met kids not only from across the state but the country and the world," he said.

He also said he thinks it's where he learned how to learn — something that proved useful in a career that included a 10-year stint with the FBI before he transitioned to the corporate world. "I learned young that learning isn't something that ends in college."

Going to a college that's perceived as prestigious might help students land their first jobs, but it's far less influential once they're in the workplace, he said.

"The level of an individual's hunger and desire to advance themselves and continue to improve is far more important in the context of a full career than the name on a piece of paper," he said.

Hartmann said he's a believer in getting the best education possible, but there's no path that's best for everyone. His daughter, a licensed aesthetician and makeup artist, had career interests that made professional certifications a good fit, he said. His son, a high school sophomore, is interested in a career in business and sports management.

"What's best should be individual to them," he said.

Christine Schyvinck President and CEO, Shure University of Wisconsin at Madison, class of 1989 B.S., mechanical engineering

A high school guidance counselor encouraged Schyvinck to consider a career in accounting, given her aptitude for math. She had other ideas.

Schyvinck wanted to be an astronaut. She applied to the U.S. Air Force ROTC program, landed a scholarship to study engineering at either the University of Colorado or University of Wisconsin at Madison, and chose Wisconsin because it was closer to her Minnesota home.

But after a year of classes, she realized she wanted to pursue a

civilian career in mechanical engineering, and a series of summer jobs helped her discover an interest in manufacturing.

"As your career progresses, there are so many forks in the road, and you can always end up course-correcting," she said, adding that it makes her "a little sad" to see how stressed some students get about picking a college. "It's not as life-defining as some kids seem to think it is."

Her son attends Wisconsin while her daughter, a high school senior, is debating between a large and small school.

Schyvinck said she encouraged her daughter to make an objective list of pros and cons, but also rely on her gut. "I keep telling her, you really can't make a bad decision," she said.

Dorval R. Carter Jr. President, Chicago Transit Authority Carroll University, class of 1979 B.S., business administration and economics

CTA President Dorval Carter wanted a small school where he wouldn't get lost.

"Carroll's student-faculty ratio was really, really good," Carter said. "It was far enough away for me to be independent but not too far away to get home when I needed to."

The son of a doctor, Carter had originally tried pre-med, but found it too tough. "The faculty and the staff at Carroll really helped me figure out that new path, and put me on the path to success," Carter said.

"What Carroll did for me is instill a level of confidence in my ability to basically succeed ...," said Carter. "It really prepared me for the type of work I would need to do to be successful later in my career and it also helped to develop the social skills I needed."

He's now vice-chair of Carroll's board of trustees, and part of his role is to support recruitment efforts.

"I tell kids in terms of picking the school you want to go to, it's not so much getting caught up in the reputation as much as it is identifying a school that fits you, in terms of what you're passionate about and what you want to do, and what will create the maximum environment for you to succeed," Carter said.

John Venhuizen President and CEO of Ace Hardware Trinity Christian College, class of 1992 B.A., business administration

Palos Heights' Trinity Christian College wasn't Venhuizen's first choice. But when the aspiring college basketball player blew out his knee as a high school senior, Trinity was still willing to

give him a spot on their team.

He says he's glad he ended up there, and not just because it's where he met his wife.

"I'm proud to say I went to a place where the professor actually taught the class," Venhuizen said. "A lot of the experience is what you make of it."

Outside of highly specialized fields like medicine, a college's name and a student's degree can make a big difference in landing a first job, he said.

"But after that, it's about productivity, being a great teammate, the ability to connect the dots — things you don't learn well in class," he said. "What I learned by being a teammate in the marketplace is far superior to what I learned in the classroom."

When it comes to counseling his own kids on college, he said he tries not to offer too much advice. "There's enough pressure without their dad breathing down their neck to go to some fancy place," he said. "My advice is to pursue their passions and do something where they can have a full life by serving others. Wherever that leads them, we'll support."

James McLaughlin President and CEO, Intelligentsia Coffee University of Florida, class of 2000 B.A., philosophy

After living in Florida all his life, a college-bound James McLaughlin knew one thing: He wanted to get out of the state. But when it turned out University of Florida made the most financial sense, he enrolled in the school that had been on the bottom of his wish list. And, he says, he's better for it.

"At a huge school, you learn to be dedicated, proactive and a self-starter to interact directly with professors and stand out from a class of 300 people," McLaughlin said. "You've got to hustle."

McLaughlin, a philosophy major, went on to get his law degree from Northwestern University — which was among his top five picks for law schools — but says where he went to school has mattered far less than the experience he got out of them.

When he makes hires himself, McLaughlin said he used to care where an applicant went to undergrad, but that view has evolved.

"It's truly more about the person than where they went to school — where they've worked since graduating, their skill set, what personal experiences they've had, whether they've got a great gut," he said. "Fantastic employees can come from anywhere, whether it's a top-tier school or their state university."

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"We want to be purposeful and profitable," Goodman said.

"The idea is to come into sites like this (Michael Reese), where it's been in desperate need of investment for a long time," he said. "This tax code has allowed it to be a more attractive target for investors."

Early signs are promising, but it remains to be seen whether benefits of the program will trickle down to Chicago's most challenged areas, and what impact any slowdown in the economy would have on the flow of funds into opportunity zones.

How it works

Opportunity zones were introduced years into a bull market for real estate and the stock market, which left many investors with profits to reinvest. Chicago's opportunity zones are among more than 8,700 that were established nationally in December 2017 as part of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Zones were chosen by states, but are overseen by the federal government.

Glickman was a key author of opportunity zones legislation while he was CEO of the Economic Innovation Group, a bipartisan think tank. Glickman is now CEO of Develop, a Washington, D.C.-based firm that will consult on opportunity zone developments.

Unlike existing ways to decrease tax liabilities by reinvesting gains on real estate sales, opportunity zones provide sellers of other assets such as businesses or stocks a tax-advantaged way to plow profits into real estate.

Under the 2017 legislation, taxes on capital gains can be delayed until the end of 2026 — or eliminated entirely, depending on how long the investment is held. It's unclear whether the program will be extended beyond that date.

Profits rolled into new or redeveloped buildings in opportunity zones receive a 10 percent tax break for the first five years of an investment, and a 15 percent cut for investments up to seven years. After 10 years, all gains are tax-free.

"It may be the largest single tax benefit of the century," said Avy Stein of Chicago private equity firm Cresset Partners, which is part of group seeking to raise \$500 million to invest in opportunity zones.

Timing is a key element. Profits from a different investment must be redirected into a fund or specific project in an opportunity zone within 180 days. Funds have 2½ years from the time they buy a property to make substantial prog-



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This property near the former Michael Reese Hospital site is part of a planned multibillion-dollar development.

ress in redeveloping it.

More explanation of the program's rules is expected soon, including whether profits can be moved from one opportunity zone development to another within the 10-year horizon.

"It's kind of play at your own risk at this point," said Laura Dietzel, a Chicago-based senior manager in accounting and consulting firm RSM's real estate practice.

"Opportunity zones have certainly been the hottest words in our industry," Dietzel said. "It's really generating a lot of excitement not just in the real estate industry, but among high-net-worth investors and family offices that traditionally had not been investing in real estate."

The impact extends beyond the real estate itself. Businesses that form or expand in opportunity zones also qualify for the tax breaks.

Investors

Anyone with capital gains to defer can invest in a fund or a single property, and there is no minimum investment. Funds themselves have their own investment criteria.

But the program is likely to be dominated by sophisticated groups capable of raising large funds. Almost 300 opportunity zone funds have been created nationwide, according to CoStar Group.

"It's happening," said Mike Nardini, a CBRE broker who is advising the Illinois Medical District and other landowners on the use of opportunity zones. "It's what the city wanted and the feds intended, which is to have investors recapitalize these areas."

Cresset, co-founded by Stein and Eric Becker, is in the process of raising as much as \$500 million in a fund with Diversified Real Estate Capital, whose owners include wealthy Chicago businessman Larry Levy.

The Chicago-based fund is evaluating a potential deal in its hometown, which Stein declined to identify. The fund in February announced its first investment, teaming up with development giant Hines on a residential tower in downtown Houston. The fund also is looking at developments in other cities, including Port-

land, Ore., Stein said.

Decennial also has national ambitions, and is considering developments in several cities, including St. Louis; Atlanta; Austin, Texas; Nashville, Tenn.; and Birmingham, Ala.

Michael Reese site

Goodman plans to use hundreds of millions of dollars in Decennial funds to back the multibillion-dollar Michael Reese site redevelopment for which his Farpoint firm is a lead developer.

Farpoint and other developers including Draper and Kramer are in advanced planning for more than 100 acres on and around the site, which the developers are buying from the city.

The shuttered hospital site was once proposed as the Olympic village in Chicago's failed bid for the 2016 Summer Games.

The site, which the developers now call the Burnham Lakefront, was one of five Chicago locations Amazon visited last year as it considered locations for its planned second headquarters, or HQ2.

Since then, the plan has evolved into what Goodman now describes as "a life science and wellness community of tomorrow, with a nod to Michael Reese's past."

The multiphase development is expected to take more than a decade to complete, and include millions of square feet of medical lab space, offices, incubator and accelerator spaces for science and technology startups, data centers, apartments, senior housing and retail, Goodman said.

The developers plan to make renewable energy part of the Burnham Lakefront and its large developments, allowing them to qualify for additional tax credits. They plan to create a microgrid to power buildings developed in Bronzeville through solar, geothermal and other forms of renewable energy.

Neighborhood data centers

Englewood is the first site for a series of small data centers being planned in areas that have largely been passed over for technology infrastructure.

That initiative by MetroEdge Technologies and

ClearSky Data would bring micro data centers as small as shipping containers to opportunity zones in Chicago and other cities, including Gary.

The first one is planned on the campus of Kennedy-King College in Englewood, said Craig Huffman, a longtime Chicago developer who is managing partner of minority-owned developer MetroEdge.

The \$2 million cost will include about \$1 million in equity from opportunity zone investors, Huffman said.

Small data centers will be a booming industry as autonomous vehicles, the 5G wireless network and other new technologies gobble up data storage space, Huffman said. His venture is in talks with prospective clients for the data centers, including Fortune 1000 companies, he said.

Small facilities will fill in gaps between large ones already in place, Huffman said, comparable to the proliferation of small and large cell towers when mobile phones were widely adopted in the 1990s.

"There are gaps in the network, and data demands are only going up," Huffman said. "It's cheaper to build these in areas where land has not been invested in. Opportunity zones provide the chance for investors to put their money into areas that are underserved, like Englewood."

South Works

The tax breaks also bring hope for a massive South Side site along Lake Michigan where several previous development plans have fizzled.

The South Works site, once home to a U.S. Steel plant, runs along the lake

between 79th Street and the Calumet River.

In May 2018, Irish firm Emerald Living announced it was walking away from plans to buy the site from U.S. Steel. The developer had said it would build as many as 20,000 homes.

The steel plant closed in 1992. The land, which is in an opportunity zone, remains for sale.

Other sites

Experts emphasize that the newfound tax benefits won't help fiscally unsound investments. But the regulations could push some deals into the black, particularly for projects such as high-tech research labs and data centers that require hefty upfront investments.

Opportunity zones could help Chicago overcome an undersupply of high-end bioscience research space, according to CBRE.

That places the Illinois Medical District, west of the Loop, in the top rung of opportunity zones, said CBRE's Nardini said.

Other zones likely to see early success include areas near the already booming Fulton Market district, properties neighboring Cinespace Chicago Film Studios and Mount Sinai Hospital on the West Side, land in Woodlawn and Jackson Park near the planned Obama Presidential Center, and sites close to ongoing developments in Englewood on the South Side, experts said.

The future

Will lower-income neighborhoods spring to life because of opportunity zones?

It could take years to know the answer.

The earliest impacts are likely to be in areas that were already in the path of progress, Cresset's Stein said.

But that can lead to future rounds of development as the program matures, pushing new projects farther into economically challenged areas.

"Over time, you can start to impact those areas," Stein said. "I think there will be substantial long-term impact, but it won't start with areas that are far from where investment is currently happening."

Experts say Chicago is a city where opportunity zones could be especially effective because of the racial and economic segregation that left behind much of the South and West sides.

The goal of opportunity zones could align well with the vision of Chicago's newly elected mayor, Lori Lightfoot.

While campaigning, Lightfoot emphasized the need to spread jobs and prosperity into the depressed neighborhoods that opportunity zones are designed to lift up.

Cities that thoughtfully employ opportunity zones will see the greatest economic development impact, Glickman said. By providing a smooth zoning process and targeting specific priorities such as affordable housing and workforce training, cities will reap the greatest benefits, he said.

Smaller cities such as South Bend, Ind.; Louisville, Ky.; and Oklahoma City are on the forefront of planning economic development tied to opportunity zones, Glickman said.

"It's not just that funds and investors are mobilizing," he said. "Cities are mobilizing too."

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Should I open a no-penalty CD?

Certificates of deposit are often touted as a way to earn money on your savings with virtually no risk. In terms of your principal staying intact, that's generally true. But CDs do carry the risk of forfeiting some earnings should you cash out early. So why not invest in no-penalty CDs instead?

If you're thinking that something that sounds too good to be true probably isn't, you're on the right track. No-penalty CDs aren't a swindle, though. They're legitimate products, offered by many reputable institutions. But though they might be smart for a particular type of saver, for most of us they leave too much money on the table.

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pense of a much lower interest rate. It's as simple as this: If you want to maximize your earnings, you'll need to commit to a full term, or pay the penalty if you break the contract. But if you opt to avoid penalties, the bank will pay you less interest.

The lower rate can be significant, too, to the point that you can generally find an online savings account that pays as much or more, with almost no withdrawal restrictions. So for most, it's smarter to open a high-yield savings account if you can't commit to a full CD term.

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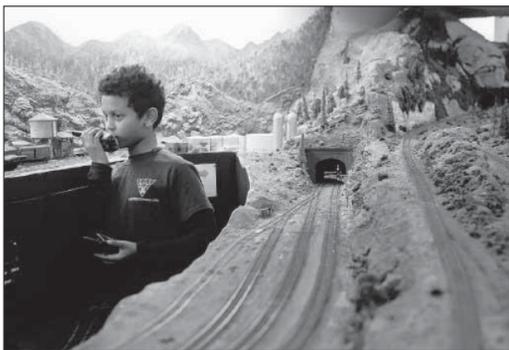
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Last year's classes included two girls, but this year, only boys expressed interest. BNSF provided \$2,000 in funding for this year's program. Every week featured a different lesson in a classroom on some railroad-related subject, then a session in the train room, where the students learn to control the model trains and heed the signals.

To test the bridges, club members placed each one across a span formed by two tables, tied a rope around the middle of the bridge and then tied the rope to a bucket. Weights were gradually added to the bucket, until the bridge broke. It was a surprise to both the boys and the adults in the room how much weight those little bridges could hold — the winning structure was just 3.5 ounces and held 50 pounds.

"I think our bridge did so well because we added a lot of support beams — we were making triangles," said Seth Walker, 11, of Goudy Elementary, who was on the winning team with classmate Ibrahim Shujaa, also 11. "We put the Super Glue in the right places."

Several boys said they were interested in going into railroading or engineering work when they grow up.



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Fidel Yigzaw, from Sacred Heart Elementary, talks to his team through a walkie-talkie.

"I liked trains since I was little," said Joseph Joplin, 15, in the middle school branch of McCutcheon Elementary School, who said he "definitely" wants a railroad career. "Just how they run and how they work and where you can go with them. I like to travel."

"My three favorite parts are we get to build stuff, we get to run trains and we get to eat doughnuts," said Fidel Yigzaw, of Sacred Heart Schools.

The model railroad club recently got some good news that will enable it to keep running trains and offering educational programs. The Chicago Park District had considered building a new community center, which would have meant disassembling the layout and displacing the club, Baumgartner said.

But late last month, the

club learned that the Park District instead wants to renovate the center, which means that both the building and the layout will be saved and the program continued, Baumgartner said.

Renovations will focus on upgrading utilities, making the entire facility ADA-compatible and better accommodating the programs already there.

Javier Lopez's mother, Lissette Lopez, said she loves that the model railroad youth program is opening her son's mind to the possibility of an engineering career. She also likes the one-on-one mentoring. "It's cute for me to see the older gentlemen giving knowledge to the younger ones," she said. "It's about building respect."

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In social media's battle against misinformation, claims about vaccines are a target.

Social media still struggling to inoculate against bad vaccine info

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Like health officials facing outbreaks of disease, internet companies are trying to contain vaccine-related misinformation they have long helped spread. So far, their efforts at quarantine are falling short.

Searches of Facebook, Pinterest and Instagram turn up all sorts of bogus warnings about vaccines, including the soundly debunked notions that they cause autism or that mercury preservatives and other substances in them can poison and even kill people.

Some experts fear that the online spread of bad information about vaccines is planting or reinforcing fears in parents, and they suspect it is contributing to the comeback in recent years of certain dangerous childhood diseases, including measles, whooping cough and mumps.

"The online world has been one that has been very much taken over by misinformation spread by concerned parents," said Richard Carpiano, a professor of public policy and sociology at the University of California, Riverside, who studies vaccine trends. "Medical doctors don't command the sort of authority they did decades ago. There is a lack of confidence in institutions people had faith in."

The effort to screen out bogus vaccine information online is one more front in the battle by social media to deal with misinformation of all sorts, including political propaganda. (Researchers have even found Russia-linked bots trying to sow discord by amplifying both sides of the vaccine debate.)

Pinterest, the digital scrapbooking and search site that has been a leading online repository of vaccine misinformation, took the drastic step in 2017 of block-

ing all searches for the term "vaccines."

But it's been a leaky quarantine. Recently, a search for "measles vaccine" still brought up, among other things, a post titled "Why We Said NO to the Measles Vaccine," along with a sinister-looking illustration of a hand holding an enormous needle titled "Vaccine-nation: poisoning the population one shot at a time."

Facebook, meanwhile, said in March that it would no longer recommend groups and pages that spread hoaxes about vaccines, and that it would reject ads that do this. This appears to have filtered out some of the most blatant sources of vaccine misinformation, such as the website Naturalnews.com.

But even after the changes, anti-vax groups were among the first results to come up on a search of "vaccine safety." A search of "vaccine," meanwhile, turns up the verified profile of Dr. Christiane Northrup, a physician who is outspoken in her misgivings about — and at times opposition to — vaccines.

On Facebook's Instagram, hashtags such as "vaccineskill" and accounts against vaccinating children are easily found with a simple search for "vaccines." The discredited ideas circulating online include the belief that the recommended number of shots for babies is too much for their bodies to handle, that vaccines infect people with the same viruses they are trying to prevent, or that the natural immunity conferred by catching a disease is better than vaccines.

Despite high-profile outbreaks, overall vaccination rates remain high in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But the percentage of children under 2 who haven't received any vaccines is growing.

Plant-based meat sales rising to meet demands

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
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From soy-based sliders to ground lentil sausages, plant-based meat substitutes are surging in popularity. And carnivores — not vegans or vegetarians — are among the biggest consumers.

Growing demand for healthier, more sustainable food is one reason people are seeking plant-based meats. That's also the reason behind rising sales of oat milk, cauliflower pizza crust and even coconut oil-based makeup.

"There's a lot of messaging that plants are powerful. It feels like something that gives you a quick fix, something (that's) really good for you," said Melanie Bartelme, a global food analyst with the consulting firm Mintel.

Better technology and marketing wizardry is also fueling sales. Newer startups like Impossible Foods and Beyond Meat — both backed by investments from Microsoft founder Bill Gates — have won over carnivores with plant-based products that look and taste like meat.

"Meat lovers don't love the fact that their meat comes from dead animals. They love it because of the sensory pleasures and the familiarity," said Impossible Foods CEO Pat Brown. "If we can provide the things

they value and make it from plants, not only will meat lovers be willing to buy it, but they will prefer to buy it."

Los Angeles-based Beyond Meat is sold alongside regular meat in the grocery store, not shuffled into freezers or natural food aisles like traditional veggie burgers. It's also served at juicy burger chains like Carl's Jr. as well as TGI Friday's.

Impossible Foods, which is based in Silicon Valley, introduced its burgers three years ago at trendy restaurants like New York's Momofuku Nishi. That led to partnerships with more than 5,000 restaurants in the U.S. and Asia, including the White Castle chain.

Earlier this week, Burger King became the first global quick-service restaurant to embrace the Impossible burger. It's testing an Impossible Whopper this spring at 59 restaurants in St. Louis.

Burger King already has a veggie burger on its menu, a MorningStar Farms patty made from carrots, mushroom, oats and other ingredients. But Chris Finazzo, president of Burger King's North American division, said that primarily appeals to vegans and vegetarians.

Burger King's research indicated that 9 percent of people buying plant-based meat are vegetarian, but 90 percent are meat eaters looking for healthier options.

INVESTING

Stocks Recap



52-WEEK		INDEX	WEEKLY PERFORMANCE		CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	YTD	1YR
HIGH	LOW		HIGH	LOW						
26951.81	21712.53	Dow Jones industrials	26487.57	26071.69	26424.99	+496.31	+1.9	+13.3	▲	+10.4
11623.58	8636.79	Dow Jones trans.	10775.45	10432.96	10734.30	+326.34	+3.1	+17.1	▲	+5.8
790.14	655.52	Dow Jones utilities	780.54	769.03	780.29	+1.57	+0.2	+9.5	▲	+12.8
13261.77	10723.66	NYSE Comp.	12927.90	12773.53	12927.72	+230.84	+1.8	+13.7	▲	+4.7
5808.52	4682.10	NYSE International	5519.47	5451.91	5513.19	+99.55	+1.8	+12.7	▲	+1.8
7700.56	5895.12	Nasdaq 100	7589.69	7422.44	7578.84	+200.07	+2.7	+19.7	▲	+17.8
8133.30	6190.17	Nasdaq Comp.	7940.45	7777.10	7938.69	+209.37	+2.7	+19.6	▲	+14.8
2940.91	2346.58	S&P 500	2893.24	2848.63	2892.74	+58.34	+2.1	+15.4	▲	+11.1
2053.00	1565.76	S&P MidCap	1949.22	1907.63	1948.91	+52.64	+2.8	+17.2	▲	+5.1
30560.54	24129.49	Wilshire 5000	29891.77	29266.91	29887.04	+620.13	+2.1	+16.1	▲	+10.5
1742.09	1266.93	Russell 2000	1582.61	1542.89	1582.56	+42.82	+2.8	+17.4	▲	+4.6
397.86	327.34	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	388.94	379.72	388.23	+9.14	+2.4	+15.0	▲	+3.6
7903.50	6536.53	FTSE 100	7461.39	7279.19	7446.87	+167.68	+2.3	+10.7	▲	+3.7

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Bank of America	29.08	+1.49	
Gen Electric	10.01	+0.02	
Chesapeake Energy	3.41	+0.31	
Ford Motor	9.25	+0.47	
AT&T Inc	32.35	+0.99	
EnCana Corp	7.16	-0.08	
Wells Fargo & Co	48.77	+4.48	
Snap Inc A	11.84	+0.82	
Rite Aid Corp	.58	-0.05	
Dow DuPont Inc	37.90	+2.42	
Aurora Cannabis Inc	9.17	+0.11	
Pfizer Inc	42.99	+0.52	
Freeport McMoRan	13.33	+0.44	

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Adv Micro Dev	28.98	+3.46	
AVEO Pharmaceuticals	1.08	+0.26	
Yangtze River Port	1.30	+0.74	
Vital Therapies	.51	+0.32	
Sirius XM Hlds Inc	5.94	+0.27	
Micron Tech	43.32	+1.99	
Apple Inc	197.00	+7.05	
Microsoft Corp	119.89	+1.95	
Caesars Entertain	9.19	+0.50	
Lyft Inc	74.45	-3.84	
Intel Corp	55.60	+1.90	
Cisco Syst	55.21	+1.57	
Facebook Inc	175.72	+9.03	

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
iShares Brazil	42.29	+1.30	
iShs China Large Cap	45.85	+1.58	
iShs Emerg Mkts	44.40	+1.48	
iShares EAFE ETF	66.25	+1.39	
Invesco QQQ Trust	184.66	+5.00	
ProShares UltraPro S&P500	9.37	-0.80	
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	288.77	+6.48	
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtN	31.81	+1.07	
SPDR Financial	26.60	+0.89	
SPDR Utility	58.10	-0.07	
US Oil Fund LP	13.15	+0.65	
VanEck Vectors Miners	22.43	+0.01	
iPath Shs Term Fut	28.00	-1.26	

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
AT&T Inc	32.35	+0.99	
Alibaba Group Hldg	185.35	+2.90	
Alphabet Inc C	1207.15	+33.84	
Alphabet Inc A	1211.45	+34.56	
Amazon.com Inc	1837.28	+56.53	
Anheuser-Busch InBev	86.32	+2.35	
Apple Inc	197.00	+7.05	
Bank of America	29.08	+1.49	
Berkshire Hath A	30776.00	+650.90	
Berkshire Hath B	205.33	+4.44	
Boeing Co	391.93	+10.51	
Chevron Corp	126.42	+3.24	
China Mobile Ltd	50.73	-0.26	
Cisco Syst	55.21	+1.57	
Citigroup	65.55	+3.33	
CocaCola Co	46.47	-0.39	
Comcast Corp A	40.42	+0.65	
Disney	115.00	+3.97	
Exxon Mobil Corp	82.49	+1.69	
Facebook Inc	175.72	+9.03	
FEMSA	95.76	+3.48	
HSBC Holdings PLC	42.48	+1.90	
HSBC Holdings prA	26.16	+0.39	
Home Depot	202.06	+10.17	
Intel Corp	55.60	+1.90	
JPMorgan Chase & Co	105.31	+4.88	
Johnson & Johnson	136.18	-3.61	
MasterCard Inc	236.63	+1.18	
Merck & Co	81.15	-2.02	
Microsoft Corp	119.89	+1.95	
Netflix Inc	365.49	+8.93	
Novartis AG	93.99	-2.15	
Oracle Corp	53.93	+0.22	
PepsiCo	121.62	-0.93	
Pfizer Inc	42.99	+0.52	
Procter & Gamble	103.65	-0.40	
Royal Dutch Shell B	65.94	+1.99	
Royal Dutch Shell A	64.52	+1.93	
Taiwan Semicon	42.23	+1.27	
Toyota Mot	122.54	+4.52	
Unilever NV	57.94	-0.35	
Unilever PLC	57.52	-0.20	
UnitedHealth Group	248.78	+1.52	
Verizon Comm	59.09	-0.04	
Visa Inc	157.65	+1.46	
Walmart Strs	98.83	+1.30	
Wells Fargo & Co	48.78	+0.46	

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets			
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Century UltraInv	48.44	+1.22	+16.0
American Funds AMCPA m	32.13	+0.69	+9.1
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	27.06	+0.29	+6.8
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	41.23	+0.56	+9.9
American Funds BfdAmrca m	12.82	-0.04	+2.0
American Funds CptlWdGrncA m	48.81	+1.00	+4.3
American Funds CptlIncBlrA m	61.03	+0.59	+4.1
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	52.08	+1.09	-3.1
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	59.65	+1.27	+6.2
American Funds GrfAmrca m	49.71	+1.06	+9.6
American Funds IncAmrca m	22.35	+0.27	+5.0
American Funds InvAmrca m	38.31	+0.69	+6.8
American Funds NewWldA m	66.47	+1.23	+1.1
American Funds NwPrsctvA m	43.83	+0.92	+6.7
American Funds SmpCpWldA m	55.18	+1.02	+4.4
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	44.56	+1.13	+6.9
American Funds WmTlnvSA m	45.98	+0.85	+9.5
Baird AggregateBondStk	10.78	-0.03	+4.7
Baird CorpBdlnst	11.11	-0.03	+4.7
BlackRock GblAlcInclnst	18.86	+0.16	+1.0
BlackRock StrIncOpIn	9.77	+0.02	+1.7
DFA EMKTCorEq	21.42	+0.54	-7.3
DFA EmkMktsValInst	29.53	+0.76	-5.4
DFA FvYrGlbFlIn	10.72	-0.01	+3.8
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.19	+0.34	-5.9
DFA IntlSmColnst	17.95	+0.44	-8.9
DFA IntlSmCpValIn	18.64	+0.55	-12.3
DFA USCoreEqInInst	23.89	+0.59	+7.2
DFA USCoreEqInInst	22.02	+0.57	+5.4
DFA USLgCpValInst	36.39	+0.96	+1.9
DFA USSmCpInst	34.47	+1.10	+1.1
DFA USSmCpValInst	34.67	+1.29	-1.0
Delaware Inv VallInst	21.80	+0.32	+8.1
Dodge & Cox Bal	99.15	+1.51	+5.6
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.64	...	+4.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.91	+1.39	-5.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	187.96	+4.49	+6.2
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.52	-0.01	+4.4
Edgewood Grlnst	34.24	+0.74	+4.1
FPA Crescent d	33.48	+0.76	+5.5
Fidelity 500dInxPrm x	100.48	+1.49	+10.8
Fidelity BCGrowth	100.28	+2.48	+16.3
Fidelity Balanced x	23.14	+0.29	+7.3
Fidelity CapIn	9.98	+1.00	+5.3
Fidelity Contrafund	12.74	+0.24	+10.0
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.75	+0.25	+10.1
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Fidelity ExMktIdInxPr	63.14	+1.54	+6.9
Fidelity Frdm 2020	16.00	+0.18	+3.6
Fidelity Frdm 2025	14.01	+0.17	+3.6
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Fidelity GroCo	19.62	+0.47	+11.6
Fidelity GroCok	19.64	+0.47	+11.7
Fidelity IntlGr	15.58	+0.39	+3.7
Fidelity IntlIdInxInstPrm	40.81	+0.82	-2.4
Fidelity IntlVal	9.56	+0.26	-6.0
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.14	+0.04	+4.9
Fidelity LowPrStk	49.16	+1.25	+1.3
Fidelity Magellan	10.42	+0.19	+7.3
Fidelity OTPPortfolio	12.01	+0.34	+12.7
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Fidelity TotalBond	10.53	-0.02	+4.5
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Career experts say the classic question is outdated and its assumptions are stale. An upgrade is obviously needed.

Your job is not your identity

Why the need for a change? This question makes your job the item of utmost importance, as well as the source of your identity — two assumptions that aren't true for everyone.

If you're stumped at what else to say, here are alternatives:

- What are you working on these days?
- What do you like to do?
- What are you building?

Since these questions are more personal and open-ended, you will allow your new friend to choose the direction they want the conversation to take — whether it be their job(s), hobbies, or passions.

Do you think "What do you do?" is outdated? Will you try out any of these alternatives at your next networking event?

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ways to overcome interview apprehension

Interviewing for a job can be pretty scary. After all, in most scenarios, you're sitting across from the person who can make or break your future. You've been dwelling on the fact that you need to impress your interviewer to get to the next round of candidates or receive that official "you're hired" handshake, and as you wait for the interview to begin, that panic begins to set in.

How can you avoid pre-interview anxiety overload? Here are 10 tips to help you overcome your fear of interviewing:

- 1. Get some sleep.** There's really no way around it: Your brain needs to be functioning at a high level to have an extra-effective interview. If your interview is in the morning, get a full night's rest. If you have an interview in the late afternoon, find a way to grab a quick nap beforehand.
- 2. Write out a script ahead of time.** Prepare yourself for questions that will be asked and questions you want to ask. There are numerous sources you can find online that highlight the typical and atypical interview questions. Be sure you are prepared for all of them. Preparedness is probably your best defense in avoiding stage fright.
- 3. Visualize it in your head.** Granted, sometimes our pre-interview visualizations are completely off base; it's still very helpful to see yourself going through the interview process before it actually begins. If you see yourself doing something ahead of time, it's more likely you will be able to overcome it during the interview.
- 4. Be comfortable.** Don't squeeze into an interview suit if you've gained a few pounds since its last appearance. Take it to a tailor so you can sit and move around in comfort. Also, wear light clothing, if possible, and find a spot to cool off if you're sweating from your commute to the office. Sweat isn't just a sign to your interviewer that you're nervous. It also can serve as an indicator for your own body that you are nervous or uncomfortable. Your body responds to sweat, and soon you may find that your personality will begin to match your appearance.
- 5. Control your eyes.** It sounds simple but many of us have eyes that dart around the room or look anywhere but into the interviewer's eyes. Shift your eyes from

your interviewer's head to his hands to his forehead to your own paperwork. Keep your eyes moving. Don't lock in on one thing. The single-vision approach can be similar to locking your knees when standing for a long period of time.

6. Smile and laugh. Tell a story about yourself that conjures up a good memory. Certainly all of us have that personal or professional anecdote that has a bit of a humorous element to it. If you lead with that, or work it into your interview at some point, you will feel better about yourself and about your chances. It will loosen you up and put you at ease.

7. Keep swinging. If you think the interview is going badly, don't give up. It's like a boxing match. Take yourself off the canvas and keep fighting. Your interviewer will remember the last five minutes of an interview if they're great instead of the first 25 minutes if they're awful. Just react and adjust.

8. Ask questions. One of the easiest ways to control your nerves is to get the interviewer to do some of the talking while you mentally regroup. If you can make a connection with something you see on his or her desk or something you read about online, go ahead and do it. They'll probably be comfortable talking about themselves, which will feed into your own comfort with yourself.

9. Find your voice. There is nothing worse than an interviewer stopping a job candidate because he simply can't hear him. People often speak softly when they're nervous, and that will only compound the situation. Instead, make sure you speak clearly and directly to the person doing the interview. It can be a struggle at first, but practice with someone until you get it right.

10. Keep it in perspective. It's not the end of the world if you have a bad interview. People have lousy interviews all the time and still get the job," says Dalton. Other people have great energy and great interviews and don't even become a finalist for the position. You never know what factors are in play when you're interviewing for a job. You just have to keep putting yourself out there. You have to believe that if you don't get this job, you'll get the next one.

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BASEBALL QUOTES THAT DESCRIBE TODAY'S EMPLOYEES

Baseball is life, if you believe the cliches. Even if you're fed up with the hackneyed metaphors of the National Pastime, it's still easy to see how some of the game's most overplayed descriptions can apply to our own lives, especially at the workplace.

Problems at work? Dare we suggest the winning run is at the plate? Of course, there's a good chance that the pitcher has good stuff so remember, there's no need to swing for the fences. Still, he is trying to get out of a jam so don't do him any favors. A swing and a miss and you'll grab some bench, no matter how scrappy a player you are. Just get your head in the game because it ain't over 'til it's over.

And yes, that was as painful to write as it was to read.

For many working Americans, baseball cliches applied out of context can help describe their current situation on the job. To celebrate the 2019 baseball season, we're going to dig a little deeper into the baseball bag of quotes and share a few recent and not-so-recent remarks about America's pastime — and their potential relationship to many of working men and women we deal every day.

"There are three types of baseball players: Those who make it happen, those who watch it happen and those who wonder what happens."

— Tommy Lasorda, legendary manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, inadvertently describing that co-worker you really hate, that co-worker you find annoying and you

"The great thing about baseball is there's a crisis every day."

— Gabe Paul, executive with the Cincinnati Reds, Houston Colt .45s, Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees, possibly explaining the mindset of today's reactive employees, who love putting out routine fires at work, especially the ones they didn't set

"Oh, to be a center fielder, a center fielder and nothing more."

— Philip Roth, author, likely explaining Jane, the longtime customer service rep who, despite the annual plea from her boss, has no intention of managing the other customer service reps because she "likes her job just fine, thank you"

"Smalls, Babe Ruth is the greatest baseball player that ever lived. People say he was less than a god but more than a man. You know, like Hercules or something."

— "Benny the Jet" Rodriguez in "The Sandlot," playing a variation on the co-worker who is highly critical of everything Apple has done since the death of Steve Jobs in 2011.

"Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is."

— Bob Feller, Hall of Fame pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, probably explaining that co-worker who is always in a better mood than you

"One of the beautiful things about baseball is that every once in a while, you come into a situation where you want to — and where you have to — reach down and prove something."

— Nolan Ryan, eight-time All-Star pitcher with 5,714 career strikeouts, who might as well be speaking about those select moments that define a career — or that time you reached down into your drawer to show your boss your broken phone, verifying why you didn't see the text he sent Sunday night

"You got yourself in the league. I got you on the train."

— Dottie Hinson to Kit Keller in "A League of their Own," who could be channeling your wife, who assures you that you would've been hired even if her father wasn't the CEO while letting you use her Venra card to get on the L

"Baseball is a simple game. If you have good players and if you keep them in the right frame of mind, then the manager is a success."

— Sparky Anderson, World Series-winning manager of the Cincinnati Reds and Detroit Tigers, who might as well be complimenting those bosses who occasionally bring bagels to the office.

"Never allow the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."

— Babe Ruth, all-time New York Yankee, possibly calling out your talented-but-apprehensive co-worker who will probably die with his million-dollar-idea left unsaid. Also, he's the same guy who never makes the coffee because "you guys make it better than me"

"Baseball is a game with a lot of waiting in it; it is a game with increasingly heightened anticipation of increasingly limited action."

— John Irving, author, unknowingly describing your typical clock-watching, soul-crushing workday

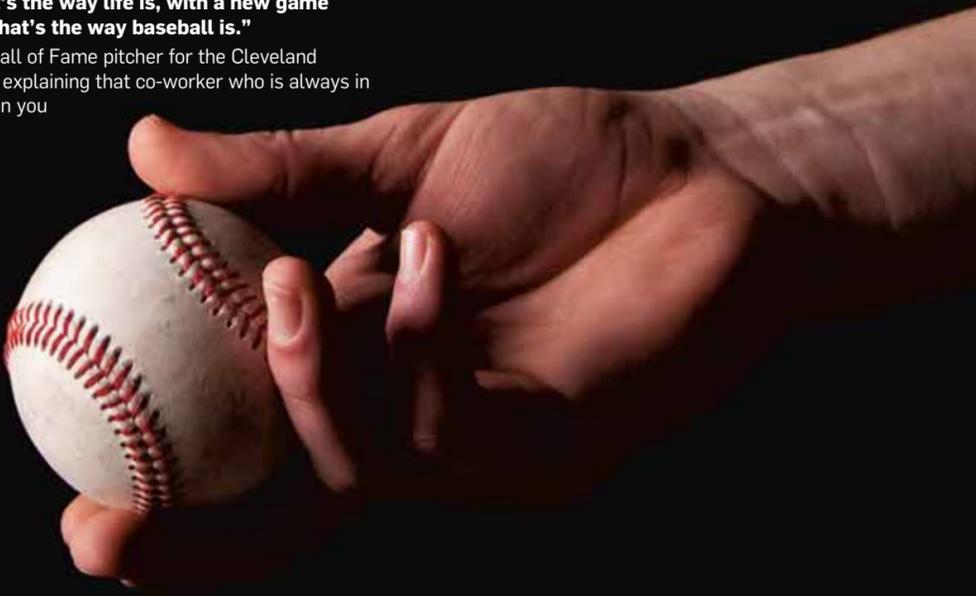
"I don't rate them, I just hit them."

— Willie Mays, 20-time All-Star outfielder for the New York and San Francisco Giants, potentially summing up the "never-say-no" workday attitude of your co-worker, who never turns down a request and has been making you look bad for the past seven years

"If a horse won't eat it, I don't want to play on it."

— Dick Allen, seven-time All-Star infielder on artificial turf (but possibly channeling Chuck from sales, who swears that he can outsell "your dang computer as long as I have soft leather on the soles of my feet, coffee in my belly, that fire in my heart and a list of addresses in my hand"

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*



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BEARS

He's just getting started

After a long road from his hometown of Memphis to the NFL, and an injury-plagued rookie season, **Anthony Miller** says his best is yet to come with Bears.

■ Plus: Brad Biggs gives his first mock NFL draft. Pages 6-7



BASEBALL



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

CUBS 14, BREWERS 8

Struggling Edwards demoted to Iowa

The Cubs send reliever Carl Edwards Jr. — and his 32.40 ERA in four outings — to Triple-A Iowa in one of a flurry of moves to shore up an ineffective bullpen. Reliever Mike Montgomery is placed on the injured list with a shoulder issue, and the Cubs promote Allen Webster and Kyle Ryan from Iowa.

Epstein takes blame for Cubs' slow start

Cubs president calls it "team issue," defends pitching coach Tommy Hottovy, owner Joe Ricketts and manager Joe Maddon.

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MARINERS 9, WHITE SOX 2

Sox duo providing hope for the future

Joan Moncada's hot start to the season, coupled with Eloy Jimenez's three-hit day Saturday, give a glimpse of what the young stars can provide offensively.

Plus: Twenty-five years ago today, Michael Jordan went 2-for-5 with two RBIs for the White Sox in the Windy City Classic, an annual exhibition game against the Cubs, at Wrigley Field.

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MEN

Cavaliers, Red Raiders reach national final

Virginia's Kyle Guy sinks three free throws in final second; Texas Tech holds off Michigan State.

Championship game
#1 Virginia (34-3)
vs. #3 Texas Tech (31-6)
8 p.m. Monday, CBS-2



JOHN RAOUX/AP

WOMEN

Irish eyeing 2nd straight national title

Notre Dame could become only fourth school to win back-to-back championships.

Championship game
#1 Notre Dame (35-3)
vs. #1 Baylor (36-1)
5 p.m. Sunday, ESPN

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Let's play a lot more than 2

Ernie Banks was far more complex than the ever-cheerful Mr. Cub persona he created for himself.

Former Chicago Sun-Times columnist Ron Rapoport has done a magnificent job lifting the veil and illuminating the shadows in "Let's Play Two: The Legend of Mr. Cub, the Life of Ernie Banks."

A definitive biography, "Let's Play Two" was born of remnants from an aborted autobiography on which Rapoport was to collaborate. The result is a far more candid and nuanced story.

It introduces us to a more human Banks than most ever knew while fully appreciating the part of his life that made him one of Chicago's most beloved figures.

Banks came to this city by way of an impoverished childhood in a Dallas home without electricity or running water and then the dying days of Negro League baseball.

Once here he was a bright light on a string of low-wattage Cubs teams, winning back-to-back National League MVP awards in 1958-59, and then there was the crushing letdown of 1969.

There are places where Banks fades into the background as Rapoport — a colleague of mine at two newspapers — tells the story of the teams and teammates with whom Banks played, some more familiar to today's Cubs fans than others. But it helps put him and his frustrations into perspective.

Then there is Mr. Cub in twilight, the challenge of what to do with his playing days behind him.

Rapoport goes at his subject with a reporter's eye, filling "Let's Play Two" with details that should be a revelation to many, though some will merely jog the memories of older die-hard Cubs fans.

Here are 10 things in the book you may not know about Mr. Cub:

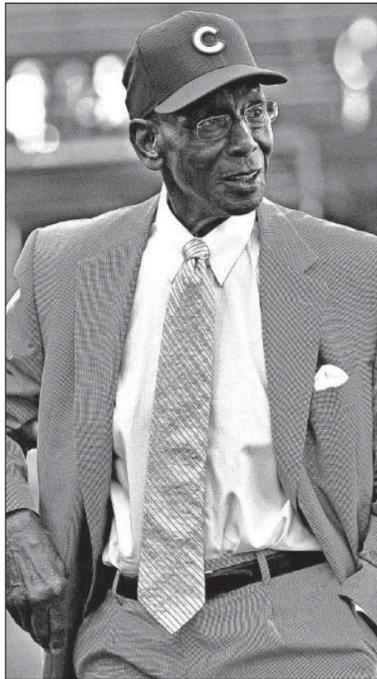
1. Banks was related to O.J. Simpson.

Banks' mother and Simpson's mother were first cousins.

2. As a teen, Banks' friends nicknamed him "Casper the Ghost."

He had a reputation for disappearing whenever there was trouble.

3. Banks played for the Harlem Globetrotters.



DAVID BANKS/GETTY

A new biography of Ernie Banks by former Chicago Sun-Times columnist Ron Rapoport illuminates parts of Mr. Cub's life that haven't been widely publicized.

He played part time with the team while in the Army.

4. Norah Jones, Erykah Badu, Edie Brickell and Roy Hargrove all graduated from the same Dallas high school as Banks.

Booker T. Washington High School is now Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

5. While still a player, Banks ran for alderman.

Rapoport writes that the Tribune endorsed Banks' 1963 run as a Republican in the 8th Ward, calling him "an intelligent public-spirited citizen." Republicans rejected Banks, backing Gerald E. Gibbons. "I don't understand this political game too well," Banks said. "They try to strike you out before you even get a time at bat."

6. Monte Irvin suggested late in the 1954 season that Banks switch to a 31-ounce bat rather than his 35-ouncer, which enabled him to unleash more power.

Banks and Irvin, then with the Giants, were at the Polo Grounds when Banks picked up one of his friend's bats, according to Rapoport. Banks said it felt good in his hands, and Irvin said he ought to use one like it.

7. Future syndicated columnist and author Georgie Anne Geyer was ghost-writer for Banks' bylined Chicago Daily News dispatches during his 1968 goodwill tour of Vietnam.

Geyer was covering the war for the paper. "What she did not understand was that Banks would tell her things to write in his name that he would not have said for himself," Rapoport writes, noting some of the topics "could only have made the Army brass wince."

8. Banks' total earnings over his 19-season career with the Cubs was just \$800,000.

The most money that Banks made in a season was \$85,000. Adjusted to 2019 dollars, he averaged about \$400,000 per season, which Rapoport notes is approximately 10 percent of the average MLB salary in 2017.

9. Before Banks got the call in 1977, only 12 players had been elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility.

While the number is more than 50 today, it was fairly rare at the time. Rapoport points out that Joe DiMaggio, Roy Campanella, Yogi Berra, Mel Ott and Jimmie Foxx were among those who did not make it on their first ballot.

10. Banks' last Chicago home was in Trump International Hotel & Tower.

The Ricketts family, owners of the Cubs, paid for his apartment as part of his deal with the team. "He needed a place to live, so we got him the apartment," Tom Ricketts told Rapoport. "You should take care of your Hall of Famers."

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LET'S PLAY 2

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Noon	Rutgers at Iowa	BTN
Noon	Purdue at Nebraska	ESPN
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6 p.m.	Suns at Rockets	NBA TV
8:30 p.m.	Jazz at Lakers	NBA TV
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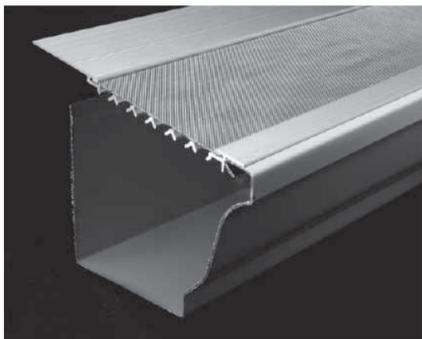


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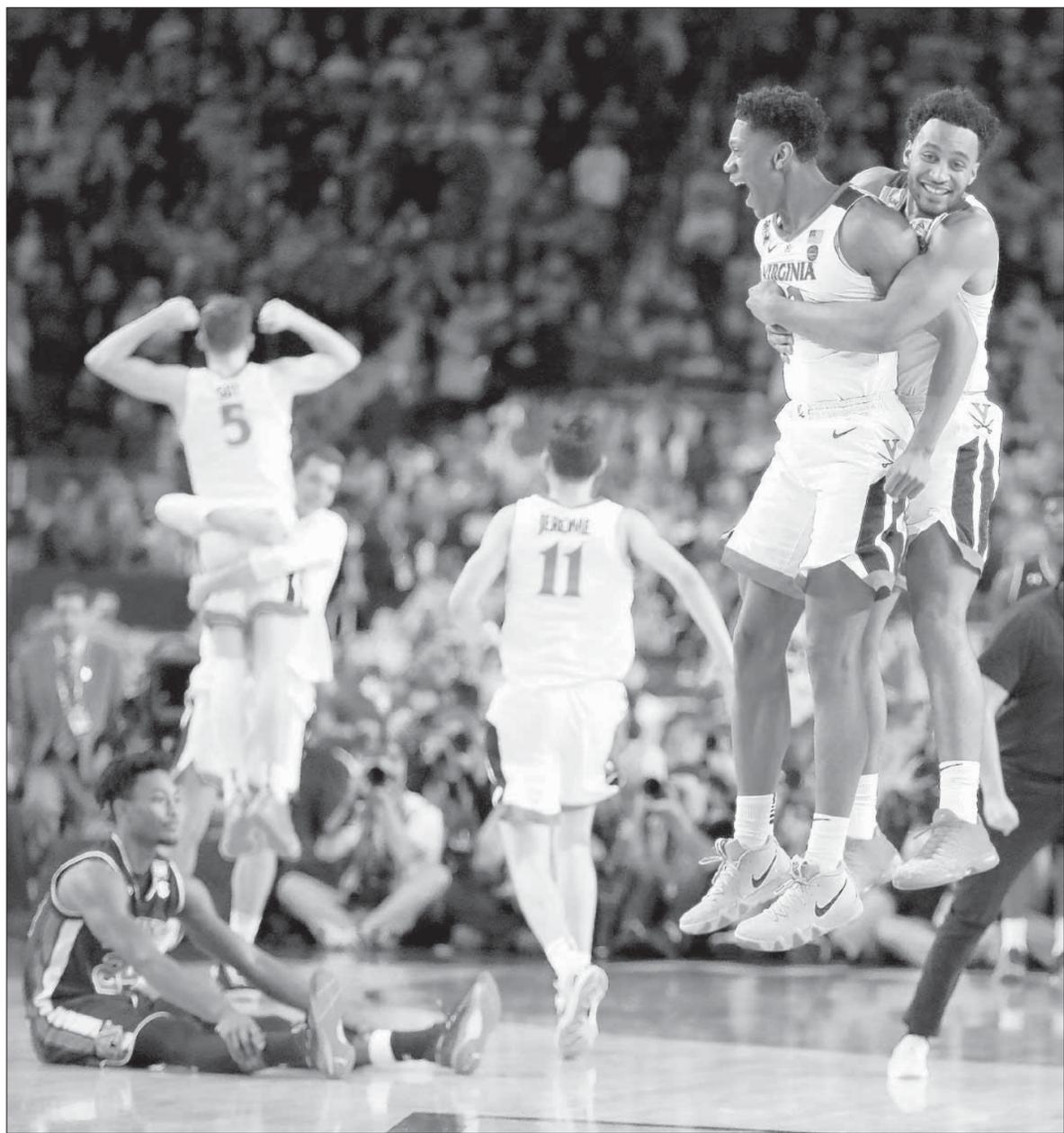


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Virginia players celebrate after their 63-62 victory over Auburn in the first of two national semifinals Saturday in Minneapolis.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla.

#1 Notre Dame vs. #1 Baylor
5 p.m. Sunday, ESPN

Irish look to join elite company

Only 3 schools have claimed back-to-back championships

By DOUG FEINBERG | Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — It's been a somewhat difficult road back to the title game for Muffet McGraw and Notre Dame.

The Fighting Irish, who face Baylor on Sunday night for the NCAA title, came into the season as the favorites to repeat as champions, with nearly everyone back from last season's team. McGraw admitted that with the lofty expectations, the Irish weren't handling the pressure well early in the year and, most importantly, weren't having any fun.

"We came into the season with all that on us, No. 1, defending champs," she said. "Sometimes defending champs aren't really because they don't have their team back. But we did. We truly were the defending champs."

"It was a burden." That changed after a meeting right before Christmas.

"We all felt like it was way too businesslike. We weren't enjoying it enough," McGraw said. "I think from then on we started to enjoy it more, they started to enjoy it a lot more. I still couldn't. It's not a celebration when you're supposed to win, and you win by 20. Then you're like, 'We didn't play well enough.' Then you start getting really picky. That was my problem most of the year."

There was a lot less expected last year when the Irish won their first title since 2001 because the team had lost four players to season-ending injuries over the course of the year.

A win over Baylor would put McGraw and the Irish in an exclusive club.

They would become the fourth school to win consecutive titles, joining Southern California, Tennessee and Connecticut.

To do it, the Irish need to beat Baylor, which is going for its first title since 2012. Kim Mulkey's team beat the Irish for that championship, 80-61, capping off a record 40-0 season.

Mulkey can appreciate how hard it is to repeat as champions. The year after the Lady Bears won their last title, she returned most of the team and they were upset by Louisville in the Sweet 16.

"It's hard. It's so hard to win championships, you can be the favorite and not win them," Mulkey said. "I've been the favorite and not won as there are no guarantees in this business. That's why you cherish the moments when you can."

Sunday's game will mark the eighth time in the last 20 years that there have been two female head coaches in the title game but only the second time since 2008. The last time was in 2012 with these same coaches.

Here are some other tidbits for Sunday night's game:

Swats: Brianna Turner has 21 blocks so far in the tournament, which is seventh all-time for a single season. She can move up to fourth with two against Baylor, moving her past Rebecca Lobo, Courtney Parris and Brittney Griner. Griner holds the top two spots on the list with 40 in 2010 and 31 in 2012.

"I thought Brianna Turner was absolutely outstanding on defense," McGraw said after Turner had five blocks against UConn. "She now has the blocked shot record at Notre Dame, beating Ruth Riley. So proud of her. She really single-handedly kept us in the game the first half. She had so many key blocked shots."

Breaking a tie: Mulkey and McGraw have two championships each. The winner of the title game will move into sole possession of third place on the all-time list behind Geno Auriemma (11) and Pat Summitt (8).

Battle of the boards: Rebounding might be the key to deciding who wins the national championship this year. Both teams have dominant inside players. Baylor's twin towers are 6-foot-7 Kalani Brown and 6-4 Lauren Cox. The Irish counter with Turner and Jessica Shepard in the post. The Irish out-rebounded UConn 54-37 in the semifinals, including a 22-11 edge on the offensive glass. The Lady Bears had only a 38-33 advantage in their win over Oregon.

"If you go back to last night's game, I thought two areas we were not very good at early: turning the ball over, just uncharacteristic turnovers for us in transition when there was no need to, and then offensive boards. They were getting more offensive boards and second-chance opportunities than we were," Mulkey said. "You know when you play Notre Dame, Shepard and Turner are capable of doing that. It's going to be a battle."

Cavaliers carry on

Late foul call, Guy's FTs send Virginia to school's 1st championship game

By RALPH D. RUSSO | Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Hard to call Virginia basketball boring after the last two games. And the Cavaliers have pretty much put the choker label to rest, too.

From one-and-done to NCAA Tournament miracle men, Virginia will play for the national title for the first time after pulling off another last-second stunner. Kyle Guy made three free throws with 0.6 seconds left, steadily swishing each one as debate immediately started over the sequence that sent him to the line, and Virginia beat Auburn 63-62 on Saturday in the Final Four.

A year after becoming the first No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 16, these top-seeded Cavaliers now look like destiny's team.

"It's a great story," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said. "It is."

The Cavaliers (34-3) will face No. 3 seed Texas Tech on Monday night.

Bennett has built a powerhouse program in 10 years in Charlottesville on a style of play that is often about as exciting as a trip to the campus library. The Cavaliers have gotten straight A's in the regular season with stingy defense and walk-it-up offense, but NCAA success has been hard to come by. Blown leads and early exits have been their story — never more than when the Cavaliers lost to UMBC, a commuter school known for chess, not hoops.

Something has gotten into these Wahoos the last two weeks, though. They reached the Final Four for the first time since 1984 with a wild buzzer-beater by Mahmadi Diakite to send their Elite Eight game against Purdue to overtime. Beating the Tigers took an even crazier finish.

No. 5 seed Auburn (30-10) erased a 10-point deficit in the final five minutes and took a 4-point lead. The Tigers led 61-60 after Guy made a tough 3 with 7.6 seconds left. The shot snapped a drought of more than five minutes by the Cavaliers, who immediately sent Jared Harper to the line.

Harper made one and Auburn, with fouls to give, did so twice. On one of them, it looked as if Ty Jerome might have double-dribbled into a decisive turnover. But there was no whistle.

MEN'S FINAL FOUR
U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis

		First semifinal	
#1 Virginia	#5 Auburn	63	62

		Second semifinal	
#3 Texas Tech	#2 Michigan State	61	51

Championship: 8 p.m. Monday, CBS-2

"We knew there was a disruption," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said of the possible missed call.

With 1.5 seconds left and in need of some magic, Virginia got the ball to Guy in the corner. He turned and fired and Samir Doughty bumped into Guy's hip. The shot was short, bouncing off the rim. Game over? Auburn started to celebrate and the PA announcer in U.S. Bank Stadium even announced the Tigers had won.

Guy pulled his jersey over his face. But not in angst. He said he exactly knew why official James Breeding had blown his whistle.

"I heard him call it right away," Guy said. "That was me focusing."

Meanwhile, Pearl lost it on the sideline, pumping his fist and screaming.

"We kind of thought we had it sealed," said Bryce Brown, who led the Auburn comeback with three 3s in the final 4:30. "It's not why we lost the game. I just didn't agree with the call."

Pearl said he didn't want the final call to define a great game, but he did say the officials seemed to be letting physical play go throughout.

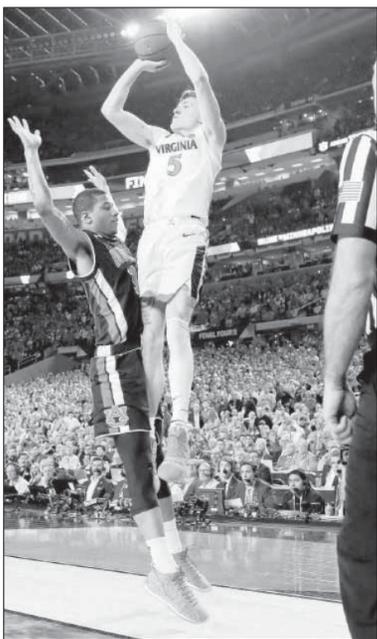
"My advice if that's a foul, call it," Pearl said. "Call it at the beginning of the game, call it in the middle, call it at the end. Don't call it any more or less at any other time."

Guy swished the first two free throws to tie it and Auburn called a timeout to ice him. Didn't work. He hit one more for the lead.

"I just literally told myself that we dream of these moments, and to be able to make one happen was special," Guy said.

Auburn threw a long inbound pass to Brown, but his desperation 3 was short.

The Cavaliers mobbed Guy on one end. Brown sat on the court, head hanging on the other. Auburn, in the Final Four for the first



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Virginia's Kyle Guy draws a foul on Auburn's Samir Doughty while attempting a 3 with 0.6 seconds left in Saturday's game.

time, had its 12-game winning streak and season end in a most painful way.

Jerome scored 21 points for Virginia and De'Andre Hunter had 10 of his 14 in a stellar second half.

Doughty led Auburn with 13 points.

But the team that made UMBC a household name — at least for a little while — in the first round of last year's tournament would not be denied. Being on the receiving end of maybe the most humbling NCAA Tournament upset ever has been Virginia's cross to bear all season. Even after beating Auburn, the Cavaliers had to recall the feeling of their offseason routine starting unexpectedly early last year.

"I feel like I get asked this question every single round, every round we advance, and every round I say the same thing almost," Jerome said, "and it feels a little bit sweeter, a little bit sweeter."

Then Guy said: "Not much to add. Just you guys can ask that question again on Monday."

Mooney, defense key Red Raiders

Guard, stingy scheme put Texas Tech in 1st title game

By EDDIE PELLIS | Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — For those who thought Texas Tech only plays defense, it's time to meet Matt Mooney.

While the Red Raiders were locking down Michigan State on one end, the graduate transfer shooting guard was rain-

ing in 3-pointers on the other to help Texas Tech advance to its first national title game with a 61-51 victory over the second-seeded Spartans on Saturday in the Final Four.

Mooney matched his season-high with 22 points, including three 3-pointers over the span of 3 minutes to give No. 3 seed Texas Tech a 13-point lead midway through the second half that, under these circumstances, was too much to overcome.

Mooney's first two shots in the stretch capped a 5-for-5 hot streak by Texas Tech

(31-6) that stood as the game's only true blast of offense.

Leading scorer Jarrett Culver was quiet for much of the night, but he scored six straight points to keep the Red Raiders in control after the Spartans had cut the 13-point deficit to 52-51 with 2:54 left.

Texas Tech shot 56 percent after half-time, while its trademark defensive edge locked down on Michigan State. The Spartans shot just 32 percent, including 8 of 24 in the second half.

WHITE SOX

For 1 day, MJ held court on diamond

Cubs, Sox fans cheered for him in exhibition at Wrigley

By PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

Imagine if Lakers superstar LeBron James got the itch to play football, convinced the Rams to invite him to training camp and then played an exhibition game against the Chargers in the Coliseum.

Just as Michael Jordan did with baseball, James showed some proficiency playing a second sport in high school. But high school's a far cry from the pros.

That makes what Jordan did April 7, 1994, remarkable. It's not just that he played for the White Sox in an exhibition game against the Cubs at Wrigley Field or that he had two hits and two RBIs.

It's that he even got the chance.

Most Bulls fans probably are familiar with the story. Jordan displayed some of his earliest athletic prowess in baseball. He threw several no-hitters in Little League and showed promise as a pitcher and outfielder at Laney High School in Wilmington, N.C., before dropping the sport to concentrate on basketball.

Jordan competed in a celebrity home-run derby, part of All-Star Game festivities in Baltimore, in July 1993, but there were few indications of serious interest in baseball. Later that month, Jordan's father, James Sr., was killed during a robbery in North Carolina. Michael Jordan formally announced his first retirement from basketball that October — a day after news leaked during the Sox's American League Championship Series opener against the Blue Jays at Comiskey Park, where Jordan threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Jordan's memory of his father played a large role in deciding what to do next.

"I chose to try to play baseball just to see if I could," Jordan said when he signed a contract with the Sox on Feb. 7, 1994. "I'm not doing it as a distraction and I'm not ... looking for media exposure from it. It's one of the wishes my father had and I had as a kid."

Jordan scuffled in spring training, going 7-for-46 (.152). Still, the Sox assigned him to Double-A Birmingham.

But first came the annual Windy City Classic against the Cubs at Wrigley Field. This was an exhibition game after the regular season had started. (Three years later the series was dropped when inter-league play began.)

Jordan wore a black No. 45 jersey, batted sixth and shared a dugout with the likes of Ozzie Guillen and Robin Ventura.

"It was something unique, something very nice," Guillen told the Tribune on Wednesday. "The great thing about all this is Michael did not want to be the diva or the guy that wanted to take anything away from anybody. He just wanted to be another guy competing and I think that made him welcome in the clubhouse."

More than 35,000 people showed up to watch Jordan, and other than a fielding error and baserunning gaffe he didn't disappoint. Sox manager Gene Lamont suggested a day before the game that Jordan might be a late substitute, but he stepped to the plate in the second inning to a standing ovation.

Cubs right-hander Lance Dickson — who in his lone big-league season in 1990 compiled a 7.24 ERA in 13 2/3 innings — brushed Jordan back, then got him to pop out on a 3-0 pitch. In the sixth, Jordan hit an RBI single off Dave Otto, a high chopper that bounced off the glove of leaping third baseman Craig Worthington.

Then in the seventh, Jordan bounced a Chuck Crim pitch down the third-base line for the tying double. The crowd rose to its feet and roared, Cubs and Sox fans alike.

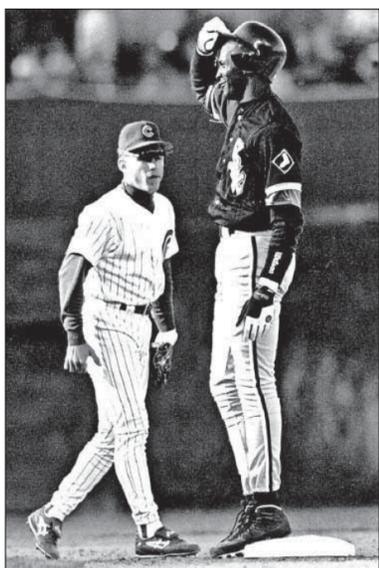
The game ended in a 4-4 tie after 10 innings.

"Who would ever think I would be out there playing in Wrigley Field?" Jordan said after his 2-for-5 day. "It was a great feeling."

The next day, Jordan made his debut with the Birmingham Barons, with whom he went on to play 127 games, batting .202 with three homers, 51 RBIs and 30 stolen bases. The next spring he returned to the Bulls — and led them to three more titles, in 1996, '97 and '98.

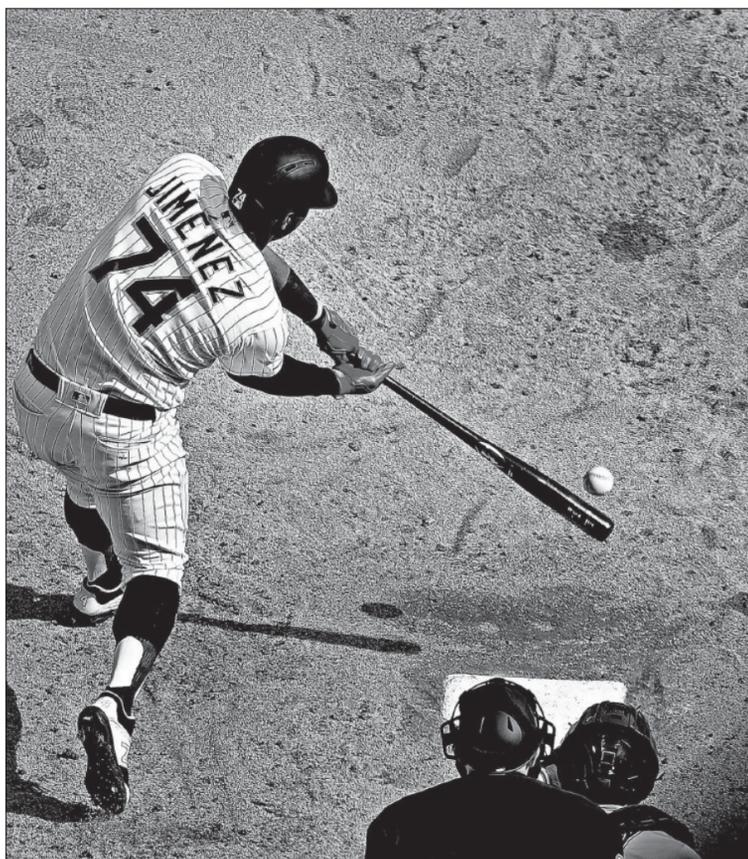
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Michael Jordan tips his helmet after hitting an RBI double in the seventh inning of the Cubs-White Sox exhibition on April 7, 1994.



Eloy Jimenez singles during the sixth inning Saturday afternoon at Guaranteed Rate Field. It was his third single of the day against the Mariners.

MARINERS 9, WHITE SOX 2

Moncada, Jimenez provide some hope

Young cornerstones giving boost to offense early in season

By PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

Yoan Moncada has had the hot bat early this season. He entered Saturday's White Sox-Mariners game at Guaranteed Rate Field leading the league in average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage and OPS and was tied for second in RBIs.

Eloy Jimenez has been the picture of feast or famine, though Saturday's game was all feast for the rookie.

But returns after just seven games are that two of the Sox's youngest hitters — and two of the keys to the rebuild — look like two of their most promising.

An otherwise miserable day for Sox, who suffered a 9-2 rout, provided a milestone for Jimenez. The rookie picked up his first hit at his home park — three, actually — in front of an announced crowd of 31,286.

"I'm feeling better at the plate, better with all the speed of the game. It was nice," Jimenez said after going 3-for-4.

In the second inning, he singled up in the middle off Mike Leake, took him to left in the fourth and then tagged him a third time in the sixth, driving a 1-1 changeup to right. Jimenez went 0-for-4 in Friday's home opener with his parents in attendance.

It was the third time this season Jimenez has singled at least twice in a game — the first came March 30, when he got his first big-league hit against the Royals. He was hitless in the other four games, though he did have a RBI on a bases-loaded hit-by-pitch in the season

opener. Expect some inconsistency from the team's youngest player at 22.

Manager Rick Renteria said Jimenez has a "really good eye" but he wants to see more patience from him.

"I think he got the ball up, he put the bat on the ball, he found some positive outcomes," Renteria said. "As long as he's not trying to do too much, once balls are in manageable zones for him, he'll be fine. Not only will he find singles, I think he'll drive the ball as well."

Jimenez raised his average to .250 (7-for-28), though all of his hits have been singles. He said he'll worry about power later.

"Yeah, I'm trying to get comfortable first," he said. "I don't worry about the home runs because I know they are going to come. I'm just worrying about taking good at-bats and get good pitches to hit."

For Moncada, it's a prove-it third season on the South Side, and so far he has been up to the challenge, though his six-game hitting streak came to an end Saturday. Entering the game, Moncada, 23, led the AL in average (.458), on-base percentage (.519), slugging percentage (.875) and OPS (1.394) and was tied for second in RBIs with 10.

His average dropped to .379 after an 0-for-5 day with two strikeouts — only his fifth and sixth whiffs of the season after leading the majors with 217 last season.

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Giolito fails to build on his strong first start

By PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

Lucas Giolito had a brilliant start in his season debut, carrying a no-hitter into the seventh inning against the Royals on March 31 in Kansas City, Mo., but his lingering battle with consistency reared its head again Saturday in a 9-2 loss to the Mariners at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Giolito lasted only 4 1/3 innings, allowing five earned runs — including a solo homer to Jay Bruce during the Mariners' three-run fourth — on six hits and four walks. He struck out four.

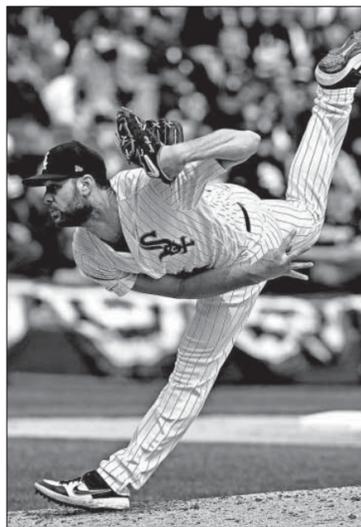
"A little bit of a mix," manager Rick Renteria said. "I know he got a little deep in some counts, had a few well-struck balls. We were trying to get him through five (innings) and trying to minimize everything with bringing the other guys in up until the fifth. Obviously, that didn't work."

"All in all, not his best and not his worst."

Giolito said he had been feeling under the weather since his first start but added he was "pretty much over it" Saturday.

"I think I started to come out of my mechanics, come out of my delivery a little bit as the game went on," he said. "Walked too many guys — can't do that."

As Renteria alluded to, Giolito (1-1, 5.73) allowed the Mariners run up deep counts or get ahead in counts. He walked two in the third inning before Mitch Haniger's double drove in the first run of the game. Giolito had looked comfortable and in control in the first two innings.



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Lucas Giolito delivers a pitch against the Mariners during the third inning Saturday at Guaranteed Rate Field. Giolito allowed five runs over 4 1/3 innings.

"I should've made the adjustment in the third inning there," Giolito said. "Starting coming out falling off to the first-base side. I'm not going to stress out over it. I know the adjustment to make. I just got to be quicker with that adjustment."

"I'll take a look at some video tomorrow, see what started to go off there and go from there."

Mariners pitcher Mike Leake frustrated the Sox for 6 1/3 innings, allowing two runs and nine hits without a walk while striking out six.

Abreu brought the Sox within 4-1 with a 434-foot blast to left-center field, his third home run of the season. Anderson took Leake yard in the seventh to make it 8-2; he has homers in back-to-back games and is 10-for-20 while hitting safely in all six games he has played.

CUBS

Wrigley Field gets another makeover

New clubs, grandstands, bleacher extension unveiled

By TIM BANNON | Chicago Tribune

At least the Cubs' construction team is getting the job done.

As the baseball crew continues its tailspin in Milwaukee, the Wrigley Field bosses Saturday unveiled the last major stage of the ballpark's five-year renovation.

Work on the "1060 project," named for the stadium's address, began soon after the 2014 season and has included bleachers expansion, new outfield video boards, an expanded grandstand concourse, the Park at Wrigley (now Gallagher Way), the 1914 club behind home plate and relocation of the bullpens from along the foul lines to under the bleachers.

Here's a sneak peek at what's new at the second-oldest ballpark in the majors. Wrigley opens to the general public Monday for the Cubs' 1:20 p.m. home opener against the Pirates.

"We're on schedule," Carl Rice, Cubs vice president in charge of the ballpark's restoration and expansion, said.

1. Expanded upper deck

The upper deck has been extended to include outdoor concourses, roughly four times the size of the old Jim Beam patio, now taken over by the Catalina Club (see below). The new left-field outdoor concourse, overlooking Gallagher Way, will be ready on Monday, Rice said. The right-field concourse (overlooking Addison and Sheffield) will open Monday, but concessions won't be ready until May 1. Rice also said they have doubled the number of restrooms and concessions.

2. Bleacher expansion

The left-field bleachers have been extended with a new deck that has portable concessions and standing-room area with full views of the field. It accommodates roughly 75 people. Rice said the area for now will be for bleacher ticket holders but could become party space or a club once they get a sense of how it is used.

3. Renovated visitor's clubhouse

Three seasons after the home team got a new clubhouse, the counterpart on the first-base side has been renovated, roughly doubling the size, Rice said. It long had been considered one of the smallest in the major leagues. There are now 40 lockers for players and a separate locker room for coaches, and the visiting manager's office now has a window overlooking Addison Street.

4. Catalina Club

The concession area under the press box and the outdoor patio directly behind that have been replaced with the Catalina Club, a new premium suite. Catalina ticket holders have access to the club, the patio and 400 padded upper-deck seats behind home plate. The club's name comes from a former spring training home of the Cubs from 1921-51 on Santa Catalina Island in California.

5. Maker's Mark Barrel Room

This is just behind the visitor's dugout down the first-base line. It will accommodate approximately 250 season ticket holders and offer views (through hidden panels) of the visiting team's batting tunnels. The bourbon-maker's imprint is everywhere, including on a chandelier made of liquor bottles. "It has a speak-easy feel," Rice said.

6. W Club

On the third-base side, this new club will accommodate 250 season ticket holders and offer views of the Cubs' batting tunnels. "We wanted this to mirror the Wrigley experience," Rice said. Those with W Club tickets also have access to seats along the left-field line. Part of this space was once the old Cubs clubhouse.

7. Upper-deck catwalk

Before this renovation, a walkway stretched from one side of the upper deck to the other, connected the two sides and passed directly under the press box. It was a busy thoroughfare. But the new Catalina Club has closed that connection. Replacing it is a narrower catwalk behind the club linking the two sides. Expect this to be an issue, as some fans stop to enjoy the view — especially until the right-field upper-deck-concourse concessions open.

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Windows frame the view from the new Catalina Club in the upper deck behind home plate Saturday at Wrigley Field. The Cubs' home opener is at Monday. For more photos from the renovations, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

CUBS

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Pause from slump



AARON GASH/AP

The Cubs' Javier Baez watches the ball after hitting a home run during the sixth inning against the Brewers at Miller Park on Saturday.

Cubs snap 6-game skid after Edwards sent down to minors

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — The Cubs' first sign of urgency arrived two days before they're scheduled to play their first home game of the season.

The smelling salts arrived with the acknowledgement of Carl Edwards Jr.'s struggles that coincided with the bullpen's 8.54 ERA in their first seven games.

A day after a 13-10 loss to the Brewers in which Edwards allowed a home run to light-hitting infielder Orlando Arcia, the Cubs on Saturday optioned the talented but embattled reliever to Triple-A Iowa and placed left-hander Mike Montgomery on the 10-day injury list because of a minor left lat strain.

The moves occurred two weeks after team President Theo Epstein declared the bullpen depth with the Cubs and at Iowa has never been this deep since he took over before the 2012 season.

That declaration will be put to the test throughout the season, especially after newcomers Kyle Ryan and Allen Webster experienced speed bumps Saturday night in the Cubs' 14-8 victory over the Brewers that snapped a six-game skid. Ryan allowed a single and walk in the seventh, and Webster subsequently surrendered a three-run home run to Ryan Braun.

Left-hander Randy Rosario also surrendered a three-run home run to Eric Thames.

Fortunately for the Cubs, Jason Heyward hit the second of his two home runs — and third in two games — to spark a seven-run rally in the eighth inning, and the Cubs held on for their first win since opening day.

Heyward and backup catcher Victor Caratini — who also hit a home run — reached base in each of their first five plate appearances. Pinch-hitter David Bote hit a

CUBS RECAP
Jason Heyward hit a pair of home runs to pace a 12-hit attack, fueling the Cubs to a 14-8 victory over the Brewers on Saturday at Miller Park to snap a six-game losing streak. Heyward and backup catcher Victor Caratini — who snapped a 2-2 tie with a home run in the fifth — each reached base safely five times. Heyward, who has three home runs in his last two games, hit a two-run shot in the second off and led off the eighth with a blast that sparked a seven-run inning to put the game out of reach. Pinch-hitter David Bote capped the rally with a three-run double as the Cubs won for the first time since the season opener against the Rangers. Javier Baez also hit a solo shot, his fourth of the season. The Cubs have scored 10 runs or more in four of their eight games. Cole Hamels (1-0) gave a weary pitching staff six innings of six-hit ball, allowing two runs.

three-run double to cap the seven-run rally.

The promotion of Webster, 29, represents a degree of urgency because he is out of options and cannot be sent to the minors without clearing waivers. But Webster was arguably the Cubs' most effective pitcher in spring training and has pitched for the Red Sox (2013-14), Diamondbacks (2015) and Cubs (2018).

Montgomery, who missed most of spring training because of left shoulder tightness, said he left side stiffened toward the end of his two-inning stint Thursday against the Braves and realized he would need more time to recover.

With Yu Darvish and Jose Quintana combining for only seven innings in consecutive starts, the need for fresh bullpen arms is just as essential as getting more rest for Montgomery and providing a setting for Edwards — who came within one out of earning the save in Game 7 of the 2016 World Series — to clear his mind and regain his confidence — and dominance.

"We felt it got to a point where we felt he would benefit from a reset," Epstein said. "He hasn't been right. He had a good

spring training but has not been right from his first appearance on."

Edwards allowed runs in three of his four appearances, and shortstop Javier Baez put his arm around Edwards while walking off the field in the sixth inning Friday when Edwards was visibly upset after allowing the homer to Arcia.

"He doesn't look like himself," Epstein said. "He's having a hard time finding the (strike) zone, and they're getting better swings off him. That's what you don't typically see from CJ when he's himself."

Manager Joe Maddon said Edwards was "very quiet" when informed of his demotion, but bullpen coach Lester Strobe reported that Edwards took the news in stride after a long discussion.

The demotion is the latest hurdle for Edwards, who walked 19 in 24 innings in the second half last season and has struggled to regain his effectiveness against left-handed hitters.

Against six left-handed batters this season, Edwards walked four and allowed the homer to Gallo — after limiting lefties to a .241 average in 2018 and a .119 mark in 2017.

Maddon hopes Edwards will find a routine that suits him rather than focus solely on mechanics. Edwards spent the offseason working on a toe tap to help keep his direction toward home plate. But he wasn't told until last week that the move was deemed illegal.

"It's about the routine — what you do between pitches, the breath before the pitch is thrown, what you do when things go badly," said, Maddon, adding that mental skills coordinator Bob Tewksbury and Strobe have emphasized this to Edwards recently.

"That's the real direction he needs to go in."

Ryan, 27, posted a 3.87 ERA in 86 games over parts of four seasons with the Tigers (2014-17). Ryan was 1-2 with a 2.86 ERA in 22 games for Iowa last season and earned the win Thursday in Iowa's season opener.

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Epstein accepts blame for Cubs' horrible start



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

MILWAUKEE — What can Tommy Hottovy do to correct the bullpen issues that have helped put the Cubs in a sizable hole before their first home game of the season? Nothing. Just let him do his job.

That was the word from Cubs President Theo Epstein, who defended his first-year pitching coach from criticism Saturday before the team's game against the Brewers at Miller Park.

"I don't put any of this on Tommy Hottovy," Epstein said. "I think he's a big part of the solution, not part of the problem. He ran a terrific spring training. There were some guys that had interrupted springs, whether it was an injury or some outside factor or an illness at the end. If that has been a factor, that's certainly beyond his control. I don't put this on Tommy. There's always a search for scapegoats when you're off to a tough start. ..."

"(Cubs Chairman) Tom Ricketts is not the problem. It's not a resource issue. He's another one who has been taken a lot of heat. It's not a resource problem. If people have a problem with the allocation of resources, then that's me. And it has been ever since I got here, with a lot of good (moves), and some bad.

"It's a team-wide issue, and we know we have to play better ball. But to sort of like search for magic bullets and scapegoats, I don't think that's really productive. I understand it, but ultimately it's all my responsibility — how we play on the field, the talent we have, the direction we're headed ... and yet I'm not in it alone, thank God. We have really talented people here. We have great players that we trust. And we're all going to be a part of pulling out of this."

That includes manager Joe Maddon, who said he doesn't feel any added pressure to get the Cubs out of this funk in the final year of his contract.

"Zero," he said. "The last four years have been pretty good. If I have to rely on a week's worth of baseball games, then that's a bad process."

The Cubs went into Saturday trailing the first-place Brewers by 5 1/2 games, one week into a season in which Maddon supposedly has to win to get an extension. Certainly a three-time manager of the year should get the benefit of the doubt.

But Maddon knows the manager is usually the one who gets the blame during tough times.

"Of course, and I'm willing to shoulder the blame," he said. "But I really have zero concern. That's the best way I can describe it."

Maddon also said Hottovy was not to blame for the bullpen, which was the worst in baseball as of Saturday.

"It's easy to criticize," he said. "When your bullpen has an 8-plus ERA, that really answers a lot of questions. Your team has played well, for the most part, (and) your bullpen has really struggled. It's not very complicated."

The first casualty of the bullpen meltdown was Carl Edwards Jr., who was demoted to Triple-A Iowa on Saturday for what Epstein called a "reset." Everyone seems to agree that Edwards has the right stuff, but there was no way to let him work out his problems at the major-league level when the season is in jeopardy of being irrelevant by mid-April.

"He doesn't look like himself," Epstein said, adding the Cubs also needed fresh arms after a week of heavy bullpen use.

Maddon said Edwards handled the demotion well, which couldn't be said of Ian Happ during his spring training demotion.

Edwards' teammates feel his pain. Javier Baez wrapped his arm around Edwards on Friday night after the reliever gave up a home run and hung his head while walking off the mound after the inning.

"We all feel for him," veteran Jon Lester said. "We're family. We all go through it. You go through a point where you struggle and you try to do too much. You're at your best in this game when you're not thinking about it, when you're executing as opposed to thinking about the outcome. It's tough to watch guys go through that, especially your teammates."

"You never want anyone to get sent down, but maybe this will give him a little of a mental break. Get away for a minute. Take a day and then get back to work. There's nothing wrong with him."

If the Cubs are a family, it's going to take a collective effort to get out of this thing before it's too late. Epstein said it has been close to "a worst-case scenario" defensively and pitching-wise and admitted they need to "dig our way back to .500" quickly.

"We need to change the script, but we also know we control that."

Some of the Cubs have been here before and seen turnarounds after an awful start.

"One year we started out 0-6," Lester said of the 2011 Red Sox, who wound up with 90 wins.

Was the reaction as bad as it has been so far in Chicago?

"Yeah," he said. "It was Boston."

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CUBS NOTES

Crew's secret: ex-Cubs coach Haines

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — The Brewers might have found the secret to solving Jose Quintana — by hiring former Cubs assistant hitting coach Andy Haines as their hitting coach.

"I think Andy is a source," manager Craig Counsell said one night after his Brewers scored eight runs and pounded eight hits in three innings against Quintana, who had held them to a 1.62 ERA in 11 previous starts.

Under the suggestion of Haines, their hitters laid off high and tight fastballs and curveballs on the outside corner. Ryan Braun, Hernan Perez and Yasmani Grandal hit home runs off Quintana.

"I'd love to give Andy all the credit, but the hitters should get some credit, too," Counsell said. "But I thought Andy came up with a good game plan. It wasn't some kind of theory he gave us on Quintana."

"He got our guys convicted on the

approach, and that's what I think we did a good approach on."

"I thought it was just good coaching." Counsell was extremely pleased that his players stuck with Haines' plan, even with two strikes.

Counsell said the Brewers hitters encountered similar struggles last week against the Reds and Derrick Johnson, who left the Brewers in the winter to become the Reds' pitching coach.

"Coaches that have good knowledge of the players they have, it's good scouting, right?" Counsell asked. "It's the best form of scouting. So I think Andy has been pretty useful so far."

No magic number: Counsell isn't looking too far ahead with the Brewers off to a 7-1 start and a 5 1/2-game lead over the Cubs (1-6), who have yet to play a home game.

"It's a stretch of the season that teams have to get through," Counsell said. "It happens early in the season, a big spotlight

gets shined on it because it's not covered up by the bulk of the season."

Counsell noted that the slow start by Brewers shortstop Orlando Arcia was forgotten after his three-hit performance Friday.

"There's going to be generally someone or a team is going to get off to a slow start, and sometimes it's a team that finishes strong," Counsell said. "(The Cubs) got some guys who are struggling, but it's a good team, and they won't struggle for long."

Tseng designated for assignment: To make room for reliever Allen Webster on the 40-man roster, the Cubs designated pitcher Jen-Ho Tseng for assignment.

Tseng, 24, signed a \$1.625 million bonus out of Taiwan in 2013. He was 1-0 with a 9.00 ERA in three games with the Cubs over the last two seasons. Last year at Triple-A Iowa he was 2-15 with a 6.27 ERA in 26 starts.

BEARS

As Anthony Miller rehabbed in Memphis, 550 miles from Halas Hall, the Bears were on his mind

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Billy J. Murphy Athletic Complex is buzzing as the Memphis football team prepares for spring practice, but Anthony Miller has no trouble navigating the commotion.

The Bears wide receiver walks into a training room filled with players on tables and in tubs and doles out handshake-hugs to everybody he sees, stopping only for a few moments to take photos with a group of recruits.

His return goes on like this, with frequent stops as his old crew greets him, often with jokes about making the big money. It's a reminder that Miller is only a year removed from his All-America senior season with the Tigers, even if the many changes in his life make him feel as if it has been longer.

"I really don't know some of the younger guys," Miller says. "That's how old I'm getting."

Until May 2018, Miller, 24, spent his entire football career playing in the Memphis area, so he has measuring sticks all around the city to show how far he has come. But at his second home at Halas Hall roughly 550 miles away, he hopes he's only beginning after a rookie season in which he had 33 catches for 423 yards and a team-leading seven touchdowns in 15 regular-season games.

That he played his first year with an injured left shoulder he says painfully dislocated "maybe five or six times" makes Miller believe there's more to come with the Bears. He had surgery to repair the torn labrum in January, and the rehab hasn't dulled the confidence the Bears coaches embraced last season.

At one point on Miller's tour, he stops at a wall featuring former Memphis players who went on to the NFL — running back DeAngelo Williams, defensive tackle Dontari Poe, kicker Stephen Gostkowski.

"I should be right here," Miller says, jabbing his finger at the wall and moving in closer. "Put my face right here. You know what I mean?"

A slowdown

Miller and his father, Tony, are standing in the Elmore Park Middle School parking lot bantering about the son's early days on defense.

It's just past noon on a late-March Thursday, and the duo and their pastor, Donald Johnson, are on the second stop of a mini-jour around Miller's Memphis roots. This site, where a couple of classes of students are outside running through lessons, confuses Miller at first, and it takes a while to find his bearings.

A football field once sat where the school stands, and the old school was where the parking lot is now.

A reconstruction project several years ago at the Bartlett, Tenn., school near where Miller grew up changed the site, but it's familiar enough for the group to reminisce about Miller's childhood football glory.

Before he settled on being a wide receiver, Miller also played running back, quarterback, cornerback and defensive end here for the Elmore Park youth team nicknamed the Packers.

"I played D-end because I was quick off the edge," Miller says. "I could get there. Size didn't matter back then."

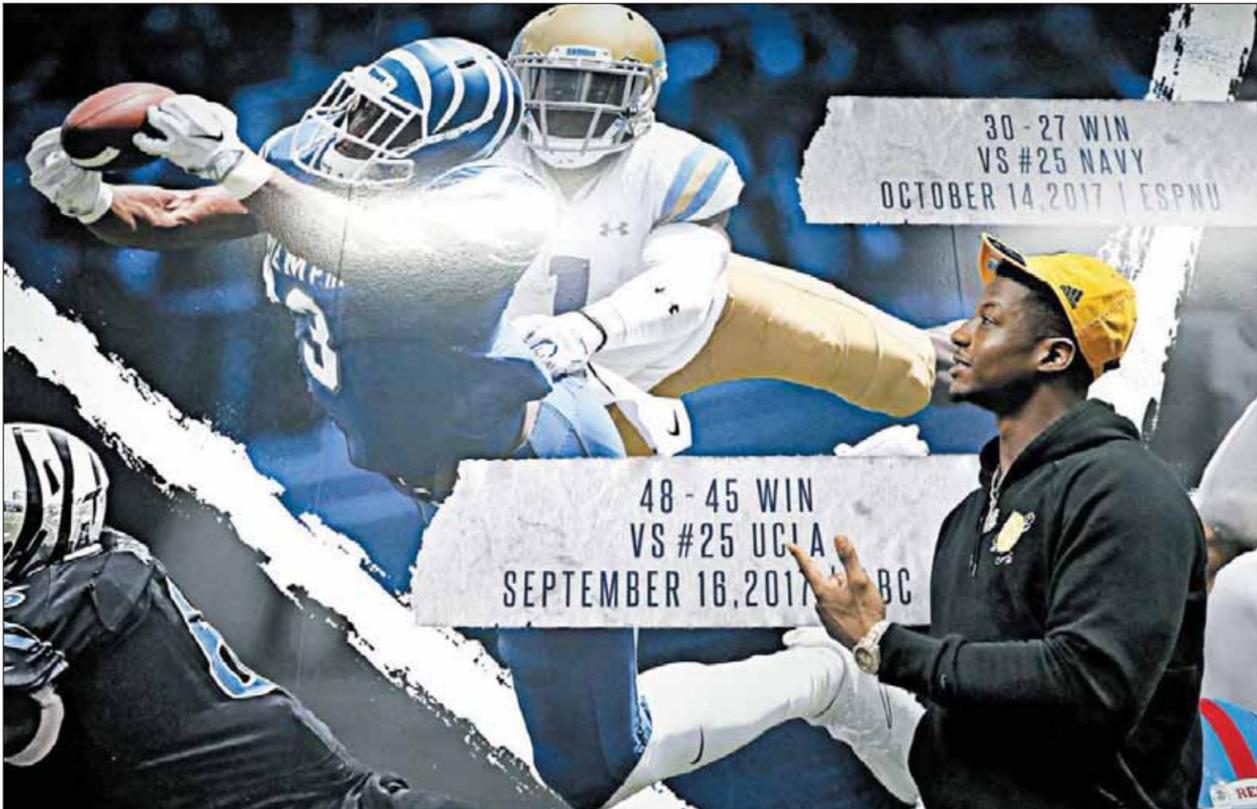
His father interjects: "The actual reason? He was the fastest thing on the team, but his first carry, they gave him the ball and he ran backward 20 yards. We said, 'Well, maybe if he's fast we'll put him at defensive end.'"

"You asked about defense — how did he get to that story?" Miller says. "He just wanted to tell that story."

Of course, Miller quickly also found his bearings on the football field, too, and became a force. Tony, a former wide receiver, coached Miller's youth track and football teams and was a tough, straightforward instructor who would run any drill to make his players better, Miller says.

Tony says his son was "non-stop."

"He wanted every rep," Tony says. "One of the coaches told him then, 'Let me allow the other players to get reps. You're good. I'm trying to get them to your level.' Once that happened, we took off as an organization. We started beating teams that historically would beat up on Elmore Park."



ABOVE: Bears wide receiver Anthony Miller shows off an image of himself as a walk-on at the University of Memphis on March 21. TOP: Miller where he started his journey in Memphis. A football field used by youth leagues used to exist here before the building of Elmore Park Middle School.

As Tony continues to talk, Miller takes a football out to a grassy patch near the school, and his father notes he should only toss it around with his right arm.

For the second time in his career, that "nonstop" kid must slow down.

Miller's first dislocation during a Bears game was in a September victory over the Cardinals. Every time his left shoulder popped out over the course of the season, he felt his body go limp with the stress and pain of the injury, until medical staff popped it back in and he could play again.

Each time, it became worse, and Miller's production tailed off in December to four catches for 25 yards, though he had three catches in the playoff loss to the Eagles. Miller is proud he got through the season while wearing a brace.

It was tough, he says, "but I've been dealing with injuries and stuff before. I can keep playing."

Before he became Memphis' all-time leader in catches, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns, Miller was a walk-on out of nearby Christian High School. He sat out his first two college seasons, first as a redshirt and then with a right shoulder injury that required surgery, similar to his current problem with his left shoulder.

He didn't realize a chance to



Anthony Miller, right, talks with Memphis running back Darrell Henderson as Miller visits his old campus.

truly prove himself until his third year.

Now he's striving for a similarly delayed NFL emergence after his January surgery. He started his rehab in Memphis but also has spent time in Chicago, and Tony says a recent follow-up visit to the doctor went "extremely well."

Miller doesn't expect to practice much in the offseason until he is fully healed, saying he "can't play around" at this level. But he

says Bears coach Matt Nagy will be "getting a beast coming back" when he is ready to return.

"Chicago hasn't seen how I can play yet," Miller says. "Every time I tried to stiff arm, it would come out, or if I ran kind of crazy, it would come out. Really I was playing games with like one arm, making it happen. This year I've got two, so watch out."

He's not afraid of the grind to get there either.

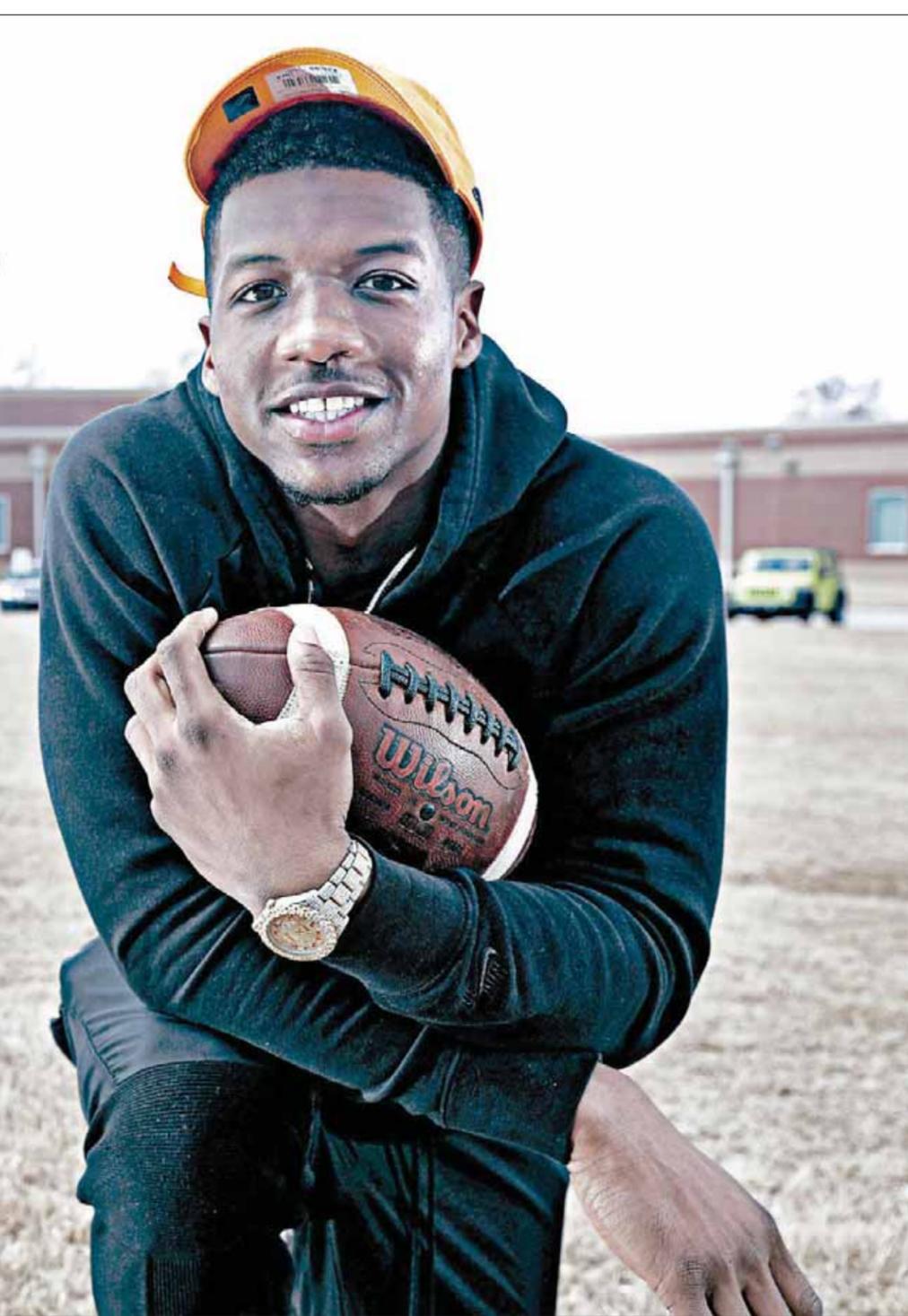
Grounded and grinding

Before Johnson departs the parking lot for church business, he calls out to Miller to ask when he's leaving town.

"After church, right?" Johnson says. "Don't play. Don't play."

Miller started the afternoon tour at Johnson's Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, a newer tan-and-brown building

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Chicago Bears wide receiver Anthony Miller (17) celebrates after scoring a touchdown against the 49ers on Dec. 23, 2018.

with a towering white steeple off a busy road near where Miller grew up in Bartlett, Tenn.

His parents, Tony and Andrea, made sure he spent plenty of time there as a kid between his sports exploits, participating in youth ministry, playing the drums and helping the church's video crew, Johnson says.

The church is proud of Miller's path, and evidence hangs in its hallway — a college graduation photo within a collage of the church's youth, a framed shot of Miller in a Bears uniform and a small photo of two vans.

One Sunday in November, when the church was celebrating its 155th anniversary, Miller's face appeared on a video screen during a service.

He donated the vans to the church, naming them after the son of an administrator who had died years earlier and the longtime church bus driver. Miller was playing for the Bears that day, so he sent a recorded message to present them to the congregation, 50 of whom had rented a bus to drive to Chicago for his first Monday night game at Soldier Field earlier in the season. Miller scored his first NFL touchdown in front of them in that game.

When Miller returns for services now, he'll often oblige for photos or autographs, Johnson says.

"One of the things we were all so proud of, he wasn't a distant guy to us that he would come by our church. He was actually a faithful member," Johnson says. "At Memphis, he played somewhere that Saturday, came back Saturday night, and Sunday morning he was at church. Of course, his parents insisted on that as well. Even when he was not staying at the house, he was staying on campus, that was

already instilled with him."

Beneath the confidence Miller radiates, those he grew up around say there's still a grounded quality inherited in part from his parents.

Tony speaks proudly about how his son vaulted from walk-on to second-round draft pick in five years after going without major college offers out of high school.

"The hardships a walk-on has to go through, it's so tough having to show your worth not only to the other players but to the coaching staff," Tony says. "He had to endure all of that, and it's incredible what he overcame. ... To go from walk-on to first team All-American, you can make a movie out of it."

Miller says the drive came from a desire not to waste an opportunity and a work ethic he has attributed to the environment in which he grew up. During his first media session after the Bears drafted him, he touted the "Memphis grind" he would bring to Chicago, a place he now believes has a similar toughness after interactions with fans.

"Nothing's given to anybody around here, so we all work to get to where we're at," Miller says.

To take a step forward this season, that work will have to continue in the training room and beyond.

'Don't doubt me'

After walking through Memphis' indoor field house where coaches "killed us" with mat drills and the row of outdoor practice fields where he reminisces about beating Ole Miss, Miller stops at the wide receivers room.

Memphis coach Mike Norvell is showing Miller the upgrades he is making, joking he will send Miller the bill.

This is where Miller started studying the intricacies of his position, but the learning curve became much larger when he advanced to the Bears. Wide receivers coach Mike Furrey said early in the 2018 season that Miller was still raw in his understanding of the game, and Miller learned the NFL way of doing things is a little different than college.

"(In the NFL), Coach really puts it on you to understand and know what you have to do," Miller says. "He's going to explain it to you the first time, so you better get it the first time. ... In here, it's more structured. Coach is looking for somebody who sleeps. He'll make you stand up if you sleep. You've got to write notes. The NFL, they put it all on you to make sure you're doing your job."

The Bears expect more from Miller this season. At the NFL owners meetings last week, Nagy said Miller physically has "all the tools in the world" but needs to take the next step mentally.

"Instead of just trying to just understand where he lines up in a play and in a formation, understand what the other three guys on the field are doing within a route," Nagy said. "Now you need to know what do the other three guys do and when am I getting the ball versus what coverage?"

In the last year, Miller says he has matured, better understands fundamentals, knows how to maintain his body and is learning to minimize outside distractions. But he is certain there is more to come as he enters another year playing with quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

"I'm satisfied, but I'm really not because there's a lot I left on the field," Miller says. "There's a lot I and Mitch may have missed. I really want to get that chemistry down this offseason because as we continue to grow, those misses are going to become real slim."

Before he heads to a rehab session for his shoulder, Miller ends his Memphis tour in the sitting room where the team celebrates its NFL stars.

Beyond seeing his name on the wall of Tigers NFL greats, he has statistical goals for this coming season — 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns. No, wait, make it 12 touchdown catches, which would have tied for fourth in the NFL in 2018.

"I just feel I can get that," Miller says. "Last year, you guys said, 'Could I get six touchdowns?' And I was telling you it was too low, and I got seven. So I'm telling you 12 this time. Hopefully I can get over that."

"Don't doubt me on that. I've got two arms now."

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NFL mock draft 1.0

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NFL draft will be held April 25-27 in Nashville, Tenn.



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1. Cardinals: Nick Bosa, DE, Ohio State
 Will general manager Steve Keim pull the trigger on Oklahoma QB Kyler Murray? Bosa projects to be better than his older brother, Joey, the Chargers defensive end.
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2. 49ers: Quinnen Williams, DT, Alabama
 The 49ers traded out of this spot two years ago. They could do it again. If not, Williams can anchor a defense that has added end Dee Ford.
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3. Jets: Josh Allen, OLB, Kentucky
 This is another prime spot for a QB-hungry team to move up. The Jets did a ton of shopping in free agency for new coach Adam Gase but need pass-rushing help.
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4. Raiders: Kyler Murray, QB, Oklahoma
 Jon Gruden has a bounty of draft picks and could be moving up for a quarterback.
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5. Buccaneers: Devin White, LB, LSU
 It's unusual to see inside linebackers go in the top 10, but Roquan Smith did last year and White is a similarly skilled athlete.
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6. Giants: Dwayne Haskins, QB, Ohio State
 After trading Odell Beckham Jr. to the Browns, GM Dave Gettleman said, "We do have a plan." It has to include taking a quarterback, right?
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7. Jaguars: T.J. Hockenson, TE, Iowa
 The Jags need to beef up the offensive line and could use some better receivers. Hockenson might be the best two-way tight end to come out of college in years.
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8. Lions: Ed Oliver, DT, Houston
 The prototype for undersized defensive tackles is Aaron Donald. Oliver isn't as polished, but he's a disruptive force.
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9. Bills: Andre Dillard, OT, Washington State
 Upgrading the offensive line is a must if the Bills want to give last year's top pick, QB Josh Allen, any chance to succeed.
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10. Broncos: Devin Bush, LB, Michigan
 Import Joe Flacco is 34, so the quarterback question hangs over the franchise, but coach Vic Fangio could use an impact player on defense for his first season.
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11. Bengals: Montez Sweat, OLB, Mississippi State
 Offensive line and inside linebacker loom as needs, but the Bengals can get a pass rusher with speed off the edge.
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12. Packers: Noah Fant, TE, Iowa
 Jimmy Graham is the latest tight end to come through Green Bay. Fant projects to be dynamic in the passing game and can bring stability to the position.
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13. Dolphins: Drew Lock, QB, Missouri
 Dwayne Haskins might be the quarterback the Dolphins covet, but they will need to trade up to get him.
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14. Falcons: Jonah Williams, OL, Alabama
 The Falcons need to upgrade on both sides of the line, and Williams can be a fixture for years to come even if he's moved inside to guard.
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15. Redskins: Daniel Jones, QB, Duke
 Jones has excellent size and athleticism, and while he doesn't have the strongest arm, he's sharp and would fill a dire need.
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16. Panthers: Jawaan Taylor, OT, Florida
 The Panthers need to do a better job of protecting Cam Newton and creating holes for Christian McCaffrey. Taylor can step in as the starting right tackle from day one.
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17. Giants (from Browns): Clelin Ferrell, DE, Clemson
 Ferrell isn't an elite pass rusher, but he's good and plays the run well and would be a strong addition to the front seven.
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18. Vikings: Cody Ford, OL, Oklahoma
 The Vikings have been retooling the offensive line for a couple of years and can plug in Ford at right tackle or guard and solve at least one area of need.
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19. Titans: Brian Burns, OLB, Florida State
 Great length and speed make Burns an edge rusher who can really excel if he gets stronger in the weight room.
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20. Steelers: Greedy Williams, CB, LSU
 The secondary was a major issue last season. Williams needs to get stronger, but he has great length and excellent ball skills.
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21. Seahawks: Byron Murphy, CB, Washington
 He doesn't have great speed but projects as a very good zone cornerback who will be aggressive in run support.
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22. Ravens: D.K. Metcalf, WR, Mississippi
 The son of former Bears guard Terrence Metcalf is massive at 6-foot-3, 228 pounds and can run. He can be a playmaker downfield and block in the running game.
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23. Texans: Josh Jacobs, RB, Alabama
 The Texans probably want help on the offensive line and at cornerback, but plug the best running back in the draft into the offense and they are suddenly more explosive.
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24. Raiders (from Bears): Rashaan Gary, DE, Michigan
 Tremendous athlete can provide the Raiders with badly needed help off the edge.
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25. Eagles: Deandre Baker, CB, Georgia
 Some believe Baker might be the most complete cornerback in the draft. He's physical and can fit into any type of coverage scheme.
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26. Colts: Dexter Lawrence, DT, Clemson
 The Colts surely will look for a wide receiver to give Andrew Luck another weapon, but Lawrence can be an anchor in the middle of a young, hungry defense.
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27. Raiders (Cowboys): Jaylon Ferguson, DE, La. Tech
 The Raiders can replace Khalil Mack by doubling down on edge rushers in the first round. They also could add a wide receiver to pair with Antonio Brown.
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28. Chargers: Christian Wilkins, DT, Clemson
 Wilkins needs to get a little stronger at the point of attack, but he's very disruptive on the interior and would help immediately.
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29. Chiefs: Johnathan Abram, S, Mississippi State
 A cornerback might make sense, but Abram is a sturdy safety who can help a secondary in need and emerge as a leader.
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30. Packers (Saints): Marquise Brown, WR, Oklahoma
 Brown is a speed merchant who can take the top off of a defense and has the ability to play in the slot. Getting another playmaker for Aaron Rodgers makes sense.
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31. Rams: Nasir Adderley, S, Delaware
 At 6 feet, 206 pounds, Adderley makes up for a lack of size with the ability to make plays on the ball. He would fit in nicely after the departure of LaMarcus Joyner.
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32. Patriots: Jeffery Simmons, DT, Mississippi State
 A torn ACL knocks his stock down, but he's a top-10 pick if healthy. The Patriots can wait for him to get healthy.

GOLF



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Kevin Na, left, and Tiger Woods shared a light moment in The Players Championship after Woods imitated Na's quick ball retrieval from the cup.

A busy quarter

With Masters on horizon, plenty of happenings in golf

Let the record show that in 2019, the angry Twitter mob replaced the polite golf clap. The name Matt Kuchar became synonymous with controversy. Phil Mickelson's calves became a sensation, "backstopping" became a thing and someone decided match-play holes were no longer "halved," they were "tied."



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On golf

That genius deserves eternal damnation (or at least a buried lie) in St. Andrews' "Hell Bunker." Here's the crazy thing: The 2019 golf season has barely begun. The first major is next week. A little-bitty course in Augusta, Ga., will do the hosting. So here's a top-10 list of all the crazy stuff that went down by April 1, no foolin':

1. Here's a tip: Don't stiff your caddie.

Kuchar ended a four-year PGA Tour drought by winning the Mayakoba Classic in November in Mexico. It all went downhill (but not downwind) from there.

With his regular caddie, John Wood, taking a breather, Kuchar hired a local named David Ortiz. Kuchar's victory earned him nearly \$1.3 million. He and Ortiz had agreed to \$4,000 for a top-10 finish, and Kuchar added a \$1,000 bonus. He deemed that fair. Ortiz and the public did not. (Tour caddies typically receive up to 10 percent for a win.) Kuchar's agent eventually offered an additional \$15,000, "and it was rejected," Kuchar said. "That's when I got stubborn."

And that's when Matt Kuchar, previously known as Mr. Nice Guy on tour, started getting cat-calls from spectators during rounds. He finally apologized in February and gave Ortiz the full \$50,000 he requested.

2. There's slow, there's slower and there's J.B. Holmes.

If there's anything worse than a slow player, it's an unrepentant slow player. Or in Holmes' case, an unrepentant slow player who doesn't care about ruining the experience for spectators, fellow competitors and TV viewers.

Sports are supposed to be entertainment, right? During the final round of the Farmers Insurance Open, Holmes took 4 minutes, 10 seconds to hit his second shot on a par-5. The kicker: He laid up. Blame should be shared by the PGA Tour, which should have

penalized Holmes for slow play. Apparently Holmes put those tour monitors to sleep with his four-corners routine.

Said Holmes: "When I first got out here (on tour), I was really slow. But I've sped up quite a bit."

I used to rob banks, your honor, but now I just break into cars!

3. Ohhhhhh, Sergio.

The birdie-making (and excuse-making) Spaniard has a green jacket and a seemingly happy marriage, but he has yet to find inner peace. He got disqualified from the Saudi International in February after what tournament officials called "serious misconduct" — causing damage to five greens by turning his putter into a weapon of brass destruction.

Garcia did apologize to his fellow competitors and the public, writing: "I am an emotional player and while I believe that's one of my biggest strengths, it's also one of my biggest flaws. I'm focused on working hard to channel that emotion the correct way and to be the best me."

4. Garcia and Kuchar collaborated on a cringe-worthy video.

The two PR disasters met in the WGC Match Play and managed to start another Twitter grease fire. Garcia missed a 7-foot par putt and then quickly and carelessly tried to backhand the tap-in. That missed too. Kuchar said he didn't have time to concede the 4-inch putt — and Garcia did not look up to ask.

After losing another hole, Garcia reportedly asked Kuchar to concede a hole after what transpired on No. 7. Kuchar declined, and both got crushed on social media.

On April Fool's Day, the two posted an edited video featuring a lot of awkward smiles. Kuchar said Garcia "handled the thing extremely well," while Garcia responded, "I made a mistake and he unfortunately didn't know how to make up for what happened ... but it's all good. We're all good."

Of course. Side note: I have an idea for a cold open of a golf version of "Saturday Night Live."

5. Galleries gone wild.

As Tiger Woods was about to hit a shot at Austin Country Club in the Match Play, caddie Joe

LaCava pulled a baseball cap off of a spectator who immediately put up his hands to apologize for whatever he did wrong. (Unlike Woods' former caddie, the goonish Steve Williams, LaCava has a great reputation.)

Also during that event, Bubba Watson hammered a tee shot and then said to a heckler: "It's funny how tough you are but then look away. ... Everyone is big behind the ropes."

Perhaps the heckler got the last laugh. Watson lost his match to Kevin Na in unusual fashion: Watson's blast from a greenside bunker rolled back into his footprint. His second attempt also did not reach the green, and as his yellow ball was rolling back toward him, he scooped up the ball, hopped onto the green and fist-pounded Na to concede.

6. They fought the law, and the law won.

The USGA and PGA Tour instituted 37 new rules. USGA CEO Mike Davis called them "by and large a huge success."

Ummm, no. While hacks like me love the new rule allowing the flagstick to remain in while putting, thus speeding things up, the players have bashed a bunch.

Rickie Fowler made fun of the new drop rule (the ball must be dropped from knee height) by squatting and reaching behind his derriere before dropping his ball.

Others slammed a new rule prohibiting players from replacing a damaged club. Another that drew ire: Adam Schenk was penalized two shots because his caddie stood behind him once he took his stance in a bunker.

After Justin Thomas called the new rules "terrible," the USGA's PR Twitter feed responded with this: "Justin, we need to talk. You've cancelled every meeting we've planned with you, but we are reaching out again. We were at the first 5 events, and tournaments last year, and your tour has had a seat at the table for 7 years. We'd love nothing more than to give you a seat. Call us."

Thomas called that "inaccurate," and the USGA backed down: "After further and more direct conversations with @JustinThomas34, we realize he did not avoid a discussion with the USGA nor cancel any meetings." D'oh!

7. Walk the walk.

Na amuses galleries by walking in his putts, strolling to the hole before the ball disappears into the

MASTERS

When: Thursday-Sunday.
Site: Augusta National Golf Club (7,475 yards, par 72).
Field: 86 (80 pros, 6 amateurs).
Cut: Top 50 and ties, and anyone within 10 shots of the lead.
Defending champ: Patrick Reed.

TV

■ **Thursday:** 2-6:30 p.m. ESPN.
■ **Friday:** 2-6:30 p.m. ESPN.
■ **Saturday:** 2-6 p.m. CBS.
■ **Sunday:** 1-6 p.m. CBS

Favorites

Rory McIlroy	8-1
Dustin Johnson	10-1
Justin Rose	12-1
Tiger Woods	14-1
Rickie Fowler	16-1
Jon Rahm	16-1
Justin Thomas	16-1
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cup. While playing with Woods on the island-green 17th at TPC Sawgrass in The Players Championship, Na practically retrieved his ball before it went halfway down.

Woods then imitated him, drawing chuckles from the NBC booth. The players fist-bumped and giggled as they walked to the 18th tee.

8. (No) practice makes perfect.

Woods hit the recovery shot of our dreams in Austin. From his knees. In the middle of a bush. Left-handed. With the club turned over. He punched it to 4 feet. And made the putt.

9. Reality bites.

Here's how we know golf isn't scripted. Woods clashed with a Danish pro named Lucas Bjerregaard in a Match Play quarter-final. And Bjerregaard won. Woods missed a 4-foot putt on No. 18 that could have extended the match, depriving a large TV audience of a playoff.

10. We lost a legend.

Dan Jenkins, who died last month at 90, once wrote that the "golf ball has no sense at all, which is why it has to be given stern lectures constantly, especially during the act of putting." And when Woods was at his peak, Jenkins opined: "Only two things can stop Tiger — injury or a bad marriage."

No one will ever do it better. Rest in peace.

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FIRE

Fire eye return to Soldier Field

Seeks to buy out lease at SeatGeek Stadium

By JEREMY MIKULA
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The Fire are looking to leave SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview and return to Soldier Field as early as next season, according to reports.

The Athletic's Paul Tenorio, citing sources, reported Friday that the Fire and Major League Soccer have been in discussions with the Village of Bridgeview for more than a year about buying out the team's lease at the 20,000 seat venue. A deal has not been completed, according to the report. The Fire in 2005 signed a lease to play at the stadium, then known as Toyota Park, through the 2036 season.

ESPN reported Fire minority owner Joe Mansueto, who acquired a 49 percent stake in the team last summer, has been a driving force behind the negotiations.

Both reports said the Fire are exploring the possibility of a rebranding effort.

Rumors of the potential buy-out were first tweeted Tuesday by attorney James Vlahakis, who formerly worked for the team as an outside counsel. Vlahakis currently is representing a Fire fan in a federal lawsuit against team officials and stadium security personnel about an arrest last year that allegedly led to an injury.

The Fire declined comment when reached by the Tribune, saying in a statement, "We don't comment on social media speculation from individuals outside the organization."

A 2012 Tribune investigation found that the Bridgeview-owned stadium saddled the village with millions of dollars in debt, while Bloomberg last year reported the village has about \$260 million in debt, largely tied to the stadium.

The Fire were among the worst-drawing teams in MLS last season, averaging just less than 15,000 per game.

The Fire played home matches at Soldier Field from 1998 to 2001 and from 2003 through parts of 2006. In 2002, they played on the campus of North Central College in Naperville while Soldier Field was being renovated.

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FIRE 2, TORONTO FC 2

Sapong, Nikolic help earn draw

Tribune news services

CJ Sapong and Nemanja Nikolic each scored a goal Saturday to help the Fire earn a 2-2 draw against host Toronto FC.

After Jose Altidore gave Toronto (3-0-1) a 1-0 lead in the 31st minute, Sapong evened the match in first-half stoppage time, chipping the ball past goalkeeper Alex Bono for his team-leading third goal of the season. Nikolic put the Fire (1-2-2) in front in the 52nd minute, converting after a pass from Aleksandar Katai for his first of the season.

Altidore connected with Jonathan Osorio, who scored Toronto's second header of the game in the 76th minute.

Elsewhere: Diego Rossi had his first career MLS hat trick to help LAFC snap D.C. United's 15-game regular-season unbeaten streak with a 4-0 win in Washington. LAFC (5-0-1) has won three in a row and has outscored its opponents 19-5 this season. D.C. United (3-1-1) played a man down after Wayne Rooney, who came in among the MLS leaders this season in goals (four) and assists (three), was shown a straight red card in the 52nd, after video review, for a dangerous tackle on Rossi. It was United's worst loss since a 4-0 decision against the Portland Timbers on Oct. 15, 2017.

PGA TOUR

Kim flirts with 2nd ace, leads by 1 at Texas Open

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Si Woo Kim narrowly missed a second hole-in-one on consecutive days and saw his four-shot lead trimmed to one over Monday qualifier Corey Connors after Saturday's third round of the Texas Open.

Kim aced the 16th hole at the TPC San Antonio on Friday, and he missed it by inches on the way to a third-round 3-under 69. He was at 15 under, and Connors, trying to become the first Monday qualifier to win on the PGA Tour

since 2010, was a stroke back after shooting a 6-under 66.

Charley Hoffman, the 2016 Texas Open winner, moved up the leaderboard with a birdie-birdie-eagle finish and the week's best round of 64. He was two back of Kim at 13 under.

Scott Brown turned in a second straight 67, and Jhonattan Vegas also shot 67. Both were at 11 under with Kyoung-Hoon Lee (69).

Rickie Fowler and Jordan Spieth started the day tied for second, four back. Both finished eight shots out of the lead after

ballooning to rounds of 73.

Kim flirted with the 16th hole on the second bounce Saturday. This time, the ball rolled past the hole to inside four feet for what looked like an easy birdie. He missed, Connors made his from inches shorter and they shared the lead again.

But Connors returned the favor on the next hole, missing a birdie from inside seven feet.

Kim, winner of The Players Championship in 2017, got out of a greenside bunker at the par-5 18th and sank a four-foot par to

get the one-stroke advantage.

"Yeah, I think about yesterday, like I can't believe it, and then it was pretty close today, too," Kim said of the near-ace. "I saw that first bounce, and then I thought it would go in for sure."

Connors is trying to become the first Monday qualifier to win on the PGA Tour since Arjun Atwal nine years ago. Before that, no one had done it in 24 years.

The 27-year-old was a finalist in the 2014 U.S. Amateur, but he hasn't won on the PGA Tour or any of its affiliate tours.

BULLS



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY-AFP

The 76ers' Joel Embiid defends Bulls center Robin Lopez on Saturday night at the United Center.

76ERS 116, BULLS 96

LaVine's vow

Guard: If Bulls are healthy next season, they'll make playoffs

By **K.C. JOHNSON**
Chicago Tribune

Zach LaVine is tired of his team's season ending in mid-April. "I haven't played in a meaningful game in five years of my career, so it's getting to the point where you really want to start looking past 'self' things and moving toward you want to win," said LaVine, who has never played in the playoffs. "We're in the right direction moving forward, but we have to make some changes individually and as a team to get to that point."

One significant step, of course, is health. LaVine sat out Saturday's 116-96 loss to the 76ers at the United Center because of patellar tendinitis in his right knee. He is one of seven regular rotation players whose season is basically done, even though the Bulls haven't officially said so about LaVine and Kris Dunn.

LaVine essentially said he is, pointing to how he came back early from a Grade 2 ankle sprain in December but now is weighing risk versus reward with two games left in a lost season. LaVine also is convinced next season won't be a lost one if that first, significant step of teamwide health is achieved.

"Yeah, automatically," LaVine said, when asked if the Bulls will be a playoff team next season if healthy. "And there's no reason you shouldn't think that. We have enough talent. There's things we have to do better. But talent-wise on paper, I don't see a lot of teams better than us in the East."

LaVine took a significant step

C BULLS RECAP
The Bulls tied a franchise record set in 2000-01 with their 31st home loss following their 116-96 defeat by the 76ers. JJ Redick's 23 points and Joel Embiid's 20 points and 10 rebounds led the 76ers, who played without Jimmy Butler. JaKarr Sampson's career-high 29 points led the Bulls.

■ For the full story from Saturday's game, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

this season individually. He posted a career-high scoring average of 23.7 points, 4.8 better than his previous best. His 4.7 rebounds and 4.5 assists were nearly one full rebound and assist higher than his previous bests. And he shot a career-best 46.7 percent, including 37.4 percent from 3-point range.

The best part of all those numbers is that LaVine knows they don't matter much when he's cleaning out his locker Thursday. "The main thing I learned is you'll have individual accolades," he said. "But a lot of everything comes from winning. I think I put together a really, really good year, especially for my position as a guard. But I didn't get the accolades I want as an All-Star or All-NBA. You're not on a winning basketball team. And those things come from that. So I think you have to put winning first."

LaVine is known for his strong offseason workout regimen. It allowed him to return this season to the athletic form he flashed before he tore the ACL in his left knee in February 2017. That injury limited him to 24 games of the more conservative variety last season.

He said this offseason will be no exception.

"You have to look at yourself in the mirror and try to improve the

faults you had," LaVine said. "I always try to improve, not just little aspects, but across the board. I'm going to take this just as serious if not more serious than last year. If you can improve yourself first, that will help the team."

"The biggest thing in the NBA is consistency. Obviously I have to look at my defense, both ends of the court. I've always felt like I've been a really good individual defender. But off the ball, I have to put a lot more effort into that and being more focused on that. I think that will help the team a lot more. I help the team offensively in a big way, so if I can do it on both ends of the floor, that elevates my game and the team's chance to win as well."

"Offensively there's a lot of things I can do better — try to get to the line more consistently, slow down a little bit more on my turnovers. I was doing pretty well in playmaking this year. In the pick-and-roll especially, I was really good with scoring and facilitating. But I can cut down on some of the turnovers where I was trying to make some tough passes."

LaVine said he liked how the Bulls "always fought."

And while that characteristic might not square with a franchise-record 56-point loss and 11 other losses by 25 points or more, LaVine is upbeat about the future.

"The main thing is just learning how to win," he said. "You've got to go through those bumps and bruises. Sometimes you've got to get beat up by a bully before you beat him up."

When the Bulls matched the Kings' four-year, \$78 million offer sheet in July to retain LaVine, some critics pounced.

"Now it's looking like I'm a pretty good deal, right?" he said.

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BLACKHAWKS

5 losses to regret for Blackhawks

Tough games that ultimately proved costly to team's run

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**
Chicago Tribune

Every point has the same value, whether it's October or April. But the magnitude of losing points when it's known how damaging that is to your season is heightened in February and March.

On Feb. 20, the Blackhawks briefly moved into a playoff spot and ended the night among six teams within four points of each other in the Western Conference standings. Only two could emerge with a wild-card spot, so every game — especially those against the other contenders — was crucial.

With the season ending Saturday night against the Predators, let's look at five games that cost the Hawks dearly as they failed to eke out a playoff spot.

1. Feb. 22:

Avalanche 5, Hawks 3

What happened: Patrick Kane had 13 shots on goal and the Hawks outshot the Avs 44-31 at the United Center. The teams traded goals for the first 50 minutes, with Alex DeBrincat's power-play tally tying the game with 10 minutes left in the third period. But Hawks defenseman Slater Koekkoek turned the puck over in the Avs zone, leading to a breakaway and the winning goal with 5:22 left. The Avs added an empty-netter in the final minute.

Why it hurt: Kane was a beast, and afterward coach Jeremy Colliton said the Hawks played even better than they did during two road wins over the Avs in December. They just happened to come up against a hot goalie in Semjon Varlamov. The outcome especially stung because, two days earlier, the Hawks had defeated the Red Wings to move into a playoff spot for about an hour. This was their first game since, and they entered tied with the Avs and Coyotes with 61 points, one behind the Wild.

The quote: "Every game we're going to lose from here on out's going to feel like (a gut punch)." — Kane

2. Feb. 24:

Stars 4, Hawks 3

What happened: The Hawks fell behind 3-0 early in the second period before roaring back to tie it on goals by Chris Kunitz, Drake Caggiula and Jonathan Toews. But just like the Avalanche did two nights earlier, the Stars got the final word when Jason Spezza scored a five-on-three power-play goal in the third period for the winner. Kane's 20-game point streak ended in the loss.

Why it hurt: The Hawks had an immediate chance to right themselves after the loss to the Avalanche with another home game against a wild-card contender, and they once again lost despite outshooting the Stars 47-29. Coming away with no points after playing two superb games and falling five points out of the final playoff spot was a crushing reminder that, despite working so hard to come back from having the league's worst record barely a month earlier, there was almost no room for error if they wanted to remain in contention.

The quote: "Tough one, big opportunities there to try and at least even the game up if not take over in the third. Sucks that we let that one slip." — Toews

3. March 2:
Kings 6, Hawks 3

What happened: The Kings scored two power-play goals in the first five minutes and led 3-0 before the first period was over. Even though the Hawks came back to tie it, getting a pair of goals from Brendan Perlini, the Kings scored three unanswered to close out the victory at the Staples Center. The Hawks fell seven points out of the wild-card race with the loss.

Why it hurt: This should have been a gimme, a layup, a meatball down the middle — whatever metaphor from another sport best describes how easy this game should have been for the Hawks. The Kings came in losers of 10 straight and would go on to lose six of their next seven after beating the Hawks with shocking ease. They had totaled nine goals in their previous five games. They would score a total of six in their next five games. Just a brutal effort from the Hawks at the worst possible time.

The quote: "I certainly don't think we're in a position where we can't respect our opponents." — Duncan Keith

4. March 18:

Canucks 3, Hawks 2 (OT)

What happened: Erik Gustafsson's shot from the blue line tied the game with 3:13 left in regulation, but Bo Horvat scored 16 seconds into overtime to deny the Hawks the extra point. The Hawks' awful penalty-killing unit gave up a goal just four seconds into the Canucks' only power play.

Why it hurt: The Hawks had won five straight and were coming off two impressive road wins against the Maple Leafs and Canadiens. What's more, they were rested and the Canucks had flown in hours earlier after playing in Dallas the night before. The Hawks played uninspiring hockey from the start and lost an opportunity to move back within three points of the Coyotes for the final wild-card spot with 10 games remaining.

The quote: "Just a bad 60 minutes. At least we got one point. But we need two now. It's not fun." — Gustafsson

5. March 23:

Avalanche 4, Hawks 2

What happened: After a scoreless first period, the Avs and Hawks traded goals early in the second. But just as the Hawks did in their Feb. 24 loss to the Stars, they committed a pair of penalties — including a careless high-sticking double minor by David Kampf — to give the Avs a five-on-three and allow them to score the go-ahead goal. Gustafsson's goal pulled the Hawks within 3-2 in the third, but the Avs added an empty-netter.

Why it hurt: Even during a middling March, the Hawks were in position to make one final playoff push. This was the first of a home-and-home series, and they not only needed two points but had to keep the Avs from getting any. The Hawks didn't play poorly, but Colliton wasn't happy with how little interest his players showed in going to the net to create offense. There was no desperation, no urgency and, 10 days later, no playoffs.

The quote: "You've got to have a way to manufacture offense in different ways. They did it and we didn't." — Colliton

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BULLS NOTES

Pippen: Kukoc 'deserves' Hall call

By **K.C. JOHNSON**
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Vlade Divac got the Hall call Saturday as the international committee's selection for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2019.

Is it only a matter of time for Toni Kukoc?

"I definitely think he deserves it," longtime teammate and Class of 2010 Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen said. "He was a huge piece for us. You look at the game today, teams have the Big Three now. Toni was a part of that puzzle for us. He was productive and deserves a lot of credit for our success."

Pippen offered this view in an interview before Saturday's news. So he's not disparaging Divac, whose decorated FIBA and NBA careers are indisputable.

Kukoc, who was elected to the FIBA Hall of Fame in 2017, has been a finalist for enshrinement in

Springfield, Mass., twice.

"I've seen some things go on in the Hall of Fame that really have been a little bit shocking," Pippen said. "I've seen some guys get in where I think Toni and Ron (Harper) definitely had a lot better career than those guys. I think they're getting a little bit of a knock-back because they were part of a team with me and Michael (Jordan). But those guys are winners."

"It was a great journey to play my career alongside Toni, even though he came over as one of the enemies. We grew together and had a lot of success and a lot of fun."

Pippen calling Kukoc "one of the enemies" references, of course, his perception that longtime general manager Jerry Krause wouldn't renegotiate his contract because he was saving money to try to entice Kukoc to leave Europe. Pippen famously took his frustrations out on Kukoc with a swarming defensive performance as part of the

Dream Team in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

"He just caught me and Michael when we were in the prime of our careers," Pippen recalled. "It was all part of having fun and showing your passion and enjoyment for the game."

Coincidentally, Krause would've been 80 on Saturday. The longtime Bulls general manager and Hall of Famer died two years ago last month.

Still monitoring: Lauri Markkanen continues to wear a heart monitor as he does daily noncontact workouts. Coach Jim Boylen said the results have been "unremarkable."

That's good news for Markkanen, whose season ended when he experienced a rapid heart rate and fatigue March 26 in Toronto. Boylen said Markkanen will be wearing the monitor to collect more information for about another week.

PREDATORS 5, BLACKHAWKS 2

Time to look ahead to draft

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**
Chicago Tribune

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Draft order be damned, the Blackhawks played to win until the season's final whistle.

The Hawks took an early two-goal lead Saturday and tried their best to give themselves a worse spot in the June draft but lost 5-2 to the Predators in a spirited season finale. The Hawks finished at 36-34-12 (84 points), the 12th-worst record in the league. Only the Wild (83 points) finished behind them in the seven-team Central Division.

Viktor Arvidsson's power-play goal snapped a 2-2 tie with 16 minutes, 27 seconds left in the third period.

The Hawks have a 2.5 percent chance of winning the top pick —

most likely to be American forward Jack Hughes — and an 8.2 percent chance of getting one of the top three picks in Tuesday night's draft lottery. It is the second consecutive season the Hawks missed the playoffs after nine straight appearances.

If the Hawks don't beat the odds and move up, they'll have the 12th pick unless the holders of one (or more) of the picks below them moves up.

After the Blues won Saturday, the Predators needed a win in regulation or overtime to claim the Central Division title. A shootout win would have resulted in the Blues finishing ahead of the Predators based on tiebreakers and provided the Jets a chance to win the division with a victory in their late game against the Coyotes.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	6	3	.667	—	—	6-3	L-1	5-2	1-1
Baltimore	4	4	.500	11/2	1	4-4	L-3	0-2	4-2
New York	4	4	.500	11/2	1	4-4	W-2	2-4	2-0
Toronto	3	7	.300	31/2	3	3-7	L-3	3-4	0-3
Boston	2	8	.200	41/2	4	2-8	L-3	0-0	2-8

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	5	2	.714	—	—	5-2	W-1	2-1	3-1
Detroit	6	3	.667	—	—	6-3	W-4	2-0	4-3
Cleveland	5	3	.625	1/2	—	5-3	W-3	4-1	1-2
Chicago	3	4	.429	2	11/2	3-4	L-1	1-1	2-3
Kansas City	2	5	.286	3	21/2	2-5	L-5	2-3	0-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	8	2	.800	—	—	8-2	W-1	5-1	3-1
Texas	5	4	.556	21/2	1/2	5-4	L-2	4-2	1-2
Oakland	6	6	.500	3	1	6-4	L-2	6-4	0-2
Houston	4	5	.444	31/2	11/2	4-5	W-2	2-0	2-5
Los Angeles	3	6	.333	41/2	21/2	3-6	W-2	2-1	1-5

Late games noted below

SUNDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Was Scherzer (R)	0-2 2.13 0-2	1-0 14.0 3.86	0-2 12.2 2.13
NY Wheeler (R)	12:10p 0-0 7.20 0-1	2-1 20.2 3.05	0-0 5.0 7.20
Mia Smith (L)	0-0 3.60 0-1	0-1 5.1 3.38	0-0 5.0 3.60
Atl Newcomb (L)	12:20p 0-0 0.00 1-0	4-0 24.0 0.75	0-0 4.0 0.00
Cin DeSclafani (R)	0-0 1.80 0-1	1-2 15.0 4.80	0-0 5.0 1.80
Pit Archer (R)	12:35p 0-0 0.00 0-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 5.0 0.00
Chi Hendricks (R)	0-1 4.15 0-1	2-1 23.0 3.91	0-1 4.1 4.15
ML Davies (R)	1:10p 0-0 3.60 1-0	0-1 16.2 2.16	0-0 5.0 3.60
SD Strahm (L)	0-1 16.87 0-1	0-0 4.0 0.00	0-1 2.2 16.87
STL Wainwright (R)	1:15p 0-0 9.00 1-0	0-1 2.1 7.71	0-0 4.0 9.00
LA Urias (L)	0-0 0.00 0-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 5.0 0.00
Col Bettis (R)	7:37p 0-1 9.53 0-1	0-0 22.2 4.76	0-1 5.2 9.53

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
NY German (R)	1-0 0.00 1-0	0-0 2.2 10.13	1-0 5.0 0.00
Bal Hess (R)	12:05p 1-0 0.00 1-0	0-0 5.0 3.60	1-0 6.1 0.00
KC Keller (R)	1-0 2.08 1-1	1-1 10.0 1.80	1-0 13.0 2.08
Det Ross (R)	12:10p 0-1 3.60 0-1	1-0 6.0 3.00	0-1 5.0 3.60
Tor Stroman (R)	0-1 1.42 0-2	0-0 5.0 7.20	0-1 12.2 1.42
Cle Clevinger (R)	12:10p 0-0 0.00 1-0	0-1 10.0 6.30	0-0 7.0 0.00
Sea LeBlanc (L)	1-0 6.75 1-0	1-0 12.0 2.25	1-0 5.1 6.75
Chi Nova (R)	1:10p 0-0 1.29 0-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 7.0 1.29
Oak Fiers (R)	2-1 3.00 2-1	0-1 6.0 4.50	2-1 15.0 3.00
Hou Peacock (R)	1:10p 1-0 1.35 1-0	0-1 6.2 6.75	1-0 6.2 1.35
Tex Miller (R)	0-0 4.91 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 3.2 4.91
LA Stratton (R)	3:07p 0-1 8.31 0-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 4.1 8.31

INTERLEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Min Berrios (R)	1-0 1.84 2-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 14.2 1.84
Phi Eflin (R)	12:05p 1-0 0.00 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 5.0 0.00
TB TBD	— — —	— — —	— — —
SF Pomeranz (L)	3:05p 0-0 3.60 1-0	0-1 9.1 5.79	0-0 5.0 3.60
Bos TBD	— — —	— — —	— — —
Ari Kelly (R)	3:10p 1-0 4.50 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 6.0 4.50

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 7, Kansas City 4
 Minnesota 6, Philadelphia 2
 Seattle 9, Chicago White Sox 2
 L.A. Angels 5, Texas 1
 Cleveland 7, Toronto 2
 San Francisco 6, Tampa Bay 4
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 4
 Houston 6, Oakland 0
 Arizona 5, Boston 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Mets 6, Washington 5
 Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5, 10 innings
 Minnesota 6, Philadelphia 2
 San Diego 6, St. Louis 4
 San Francisco 6, Tampa Bay 4
 Chicago Cubs 14, Milwaukee 8
 Miami 4, Atlanta 2
 Arizona 5, Boston 4
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 2

BOX SCORES

PADRES 6, CARDINALS 4

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kinsler 2b	3	1	0	0	0	.167
Hosmer 1b	4	2	1	0	0	.265
Machado 3b	4	1	2	2	2	.390
Renfroe rf	3	0	2	1	0	.268
Cordero cf	1	0	0	0	0	.333
a-Gonzalez ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.238
Myers if	5	0	1	0	1	.303
Tatis Jr. ss	3	1	1	0	0	.250
Hedges c	5	1	2	2	2	.278
Paddock p	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Reyes ph	0	0	0	0	0	.101
Mejia ph	1	0	0	0	0	.235
Garcia ph	1	0	0	0	0	.182
TOTALS	35	6	9	6	8	

ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Carpenter 3b	3	1	1	0	2	.212
Goldtschmidt 1b	5	0	0	0	1	.219
DeJong ss	5	1	2	0	1	.229
Ozuna if	3	1	1	2	1	.250
Martinez ph	1	0	0	0	0	.067
Gyorko ph	1	0	0	0	0	.000
a-Harris ph	1	0	0	0	0	.142
Fowler rf	4	1	2	0	1	.482
Wong 2b	2	0	1	1	1	.123
Bader cf	1	0	0	0	1	.217
Wacha p	3	0	0	0	0	.000
O'Neill if	2	0	1	0	0	.286
TOTALS	34	4	9	4	10	

San Diego 100 000 140 — 6 9 1
 St. Louis 010 020 010X — 4 9 9

E: Kinsler (1), Goldtschmidt (2), LOB: San Diego 12, St. Louis 11. 2B: Renfroe 2 (2), Tatis Jr. (2), Fowler (1), Wong (2). HR: Hosmer (1), off Gant; Hedges (1), off Miller; Machado (2), off Miller; Ozuna (1), off Stock; Hedges (2), off Machado 2 (5), Renfroe (6), Hedges 2 (3), Ozuna 2 (3), Wong (7), O'Neill (3). SB: Kinsler (1), Machado (1). SF: Wong, S. Bader.
SAN DIEGO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Paddock 3 1/3 1 0 4 4 1.04
 Stock 1 1/2 2 2 2 1 9.00
 Wisler, W, 1-0 2 2 0 0 1 0.00
 Stammen, H, 5 1 3 1 0 2 1.42
 Yates, S, 5-5 1 1 0 0 0 1.50
ST. LOUIS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Wacha 5 1/3 1 1 8 7 1.54
 Gant, H, 1 1 1 2 1 0 1 1.50
 Miller, L, 0-1, BS, 1-1 2 4 2 2 2 10.80
 O'Neill if 1/2
 Mayers 1 1/2 2 0 0 0 1.59
Inherited runners scored: Stock 2-0, Gant 2-0.
Time: 3:37. **A:** 44,492 (45,538).

TIGERS 7, ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield rf	4	1	1	0	0	.267
Mondesi ss	4	0	0	0	0	.300
Gordon lf	3	0	1	0	2	.300
Soler dh	4	0	1	1	2	.296
Schwindel 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.125
Duda 1b	1	0	0	0	1	.111
Owings 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.077
Dozier 3b	4	1	2	0	1	.148
Maldonado c	2	0	0	0	0	.210
a-Hearn ph	1	0	0	0	0	.540
Hamilton cf	3	0	1	0	0	.200
TOTALS	33	4	6	4	8	

DETROIT

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Harrison 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.129
Castellanos rf	5	2	3	1	0	.294
Cabrera 1b	4	1	3	1	0	.226
2-Beckham pr-1b	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Goodrum dh	6	1	1	0	1	.296
Candelario 3b	3	1	0	0	0	.222
Dozier 2b	3	1	2	4	0	.148
Mahtook cf	3	0	0	0	0	.003
Greiner c	3	0	0	0	1	.111
Mercer ss	3	1	1	0	1	.148
TOTALS	33	7	10	6	3	

Kansas City 000 001 300 — 4 6 1
 Detroit 010 010 50X — 7 10 1

a-struck out for Maldonado in the 9th. 1-ran for Schwindel in the 7th. 2-ran for Cabrera in the 8th. E: Schwindel (1), Moore (1). LOB: Kansas City 4, Detroit 9. 2B: Castellanos 2 (3), Stewart (2). HR: Merrifield (1), off Norris; Soler (1), off Norris; Dozier (1), off Alcántara; Stewart (2), off Peralta. RBIs: Merrifield (4), Soler (7), Dozier 2 (3), Castellanos (2), Cabrera (2), Stewart 4 (8). SB: Gore (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 2 (Merrifield 2); Detroit 6 (Harrison 2, Goodrum 2, Mercer 2). **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 4; Detroit 4 for 11.
KANSAS CITY IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Lopez 6 5/2 2 1 3 3 4.09
 McCarthy, L, 0-1, H, 3 3 3 0 0 13.50
DETROIT IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Moore 3 1 0 0 0 0 3.000
 Norris 3 3 3 3 1 2 5.06
 Alcántara, W, 2-0 1 1 1 1 1 3.38
 Jimenez, H, 2 1 0 0 0 0 5.40
 Greene, S, 6-6 1 0 0 0 0 1 0.00
 Norris pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.

MARINERS 9, WHITE SOX 2

SEATTLE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Smith cf	3	1	0	0	1	.222
Haniger rf	5	1	2	1	1	.295
Santana lf	5	0	1	1	2	.286
Bruce 1b	5	2	2	2	2	.184
Encarnacion dh	4	2	1	0	1	.240
Beckham 3b	5	2	0	1	1	.410
Healy 3b	3	0	1	2	1	.289
Murphy c	4	1	2	0	2	.500
Moore 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.091
a-Garver ph	1	0	0	0	0	.500
Rosario if	1	1	1	0	0	.192
TOTALS	38	9	14	9	11	

CHICAGO

CHICAGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia cf	5	0	1	0	0	.321
Moncada 3b	5	0	0	0	2	.379
Abreu 1b	4	1	1	2	2	.276
Alonso dh	4	0	0	0	0	.143
Jimenez lf	4	0	3	0	1	.250
Paik rf	3	0	0	0	2	.000
a-Cordell ph-pf	1	0	0	0	0	.500
Anderson ss	4	1	3	1	1	.500
McCann c	4	0	2	0	1	.313
Sanchez 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.042
TOTALS	37	2	10	2	10	

Seattle 001 331 001 — 9 14 0
 Chicago 000 100 100 — 2 10 1

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At TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks)
San AntonioPurse: \$7.5 million
Yardage: 7,435; Par: 72

Third Round

201 (-15)

Si Woo Kim 66-66-69

202 (-14)

Corey Conners 69-67-66

203 (-13)

Charley Hoffman 71-68-64

205 (-11)

Scott Brown 71-67-67

Jhonattan Vegas 67-71-67

206 (-10)

Danny Lee 68-72-66

Adam Schenk 70-66-70

207 (-9)

Matt Kuchar 69-71-67

Ryan Moore 68-70-69

208 (-8)

Lucas Glover 72-70-66

Jimmy Walker 70-69-69

Hank Lebioda 68-70-70

209 (-7)

Jose de Jesus Rodriguez 71-70-68

Brendan Steele 70-72-67

Scottie Scheffler 71-68-70

Peter Malnati 71-68-70

Rory Sabbatini 69-68-72

Rickie Fowler 68-68-73

Harold Varner III 70-66-73

Jordan Spieth 68-68-73

210 (-6)

Aaron Baddeley 71-70-69

Mackenzie Hughes 70-71-69

Kevin Streelman 72-69-69

Ollie Schniederjans 70-71-69

Fabian Gomez 73-67-70

Andrew Putnam 72-70-68

Martin Laird 74-68-68

Max Homa 68-74-68

Jim Furyk 70-72-68

Sungjae Im 73-69-68

Beau Hossler 69-70-71

Abraham Ancer 67-72-71

Graeme McDowell 69-69-72

Scott Stallings 68-69-73

Byeong Hun An 69-68-73

Joel Dahmen 70-73-67

211 (-5)

Joost Luiten 72-69-70

Zack Fischer 71-69-71

Jonas Blixt 72-70-69

Jim Knous 70-67-74

Matt Jones 69-68-74

Cameron Tringale 69-74-68

212 (-4)

Nick Taylor 69-72-71

Sam Ryder 73-66-73

Wyndham Clark 69-73-70

Richy Werenski 72-71-69

Joey Testa 69-68-75

Dylan Frittelli 71-72-69

213 (-3)

Hadong Li 70-70-73

Adam Svensson 73-69-71

Russell Henley 71-72-70

Martin Kaymer 72-71-70

Tony Finau 72-71-70

Kristoffer Ventura 71-72-70

214 (-2)

Sam Burns 72-69-73

K.J. Choi 73-69-72

Ernie Els 70-70-74

Kyle Stanley 68-71-75

Roberto Diaz 70-73-71

Sung Kang 72-71-71

Sam Saunders 73-68-81

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At Mission Hills CC (Dinah Shore Tournament Course)

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Second Round

136 (-8)

In-Kyung Kim 71-65

139 (-5)

Katherine Kirk 71-68

Jin Young Ko 69-71

Ally McDonald 68-72

141 (-3)

Danielle Kang 72-69

Charley Hull 72-69

Sung Hyun Park 71-70

Jing Yan 70-71

Lexi Thompson 69-72

142 (-2)

Jeongeun Lee6 71-71

Amy Yang 70-72

143 (-1)

Jodi Ewart Shadoff 73-70

Jenny Shin 72-71

Alison Lee 71-72

Brooke M. Henderson 71-72

Lizette Salas 70-73

Jessica Korda 70-73

Mi Hyang Lee 70-73

144 (E)

Brittany Lincicome 75-69

Georgia Hall 74-70

Anna Nordqvist 73-71

Jennifer Song 72-72

Carlota Ciganda 71-73

Mo Martin 71-73

Stacy Lewis 70-74

Lauren Stephenson 70-74

Xiyi Lin 70-74

145 (+1)

Ariya Jutanugarn 75-70

Jaye Marie Green 74-71

Kristen Gillman 74-71

Inbee Park 73-72

Nasa Hataoka 73-72

Chella Choi 72-73

Eun-Hee Ji 72-73

Gaby Lopez 71-74

Angel Yin 71-74

Hee Young Park 71-74

Lydia Ko 70-75

Hyo Joo Kim 69-76

Linea Strom 69-76

146 (+2)

Alena Sharp 76-70

Morgan Pressel 76-70

Marina Alex 75-71

Yu Liu 73-73

Beatriz Recari 72-74

Marijago Uribe 72-74

Megan Khang 71-75

147 (+3)

Amy Olson 76-71

Brittany Altomare 76-71

Ayako Uehara 75-72

a-Albane Valenzuela 75-72

Moriya Jutanugarn 74-73

Sandra Gal 74-73

Caroline Masson 73-74

Minjee Lee 73-74

Ryann O'Toole 73-74

Marissa Steen 72-75

Madeline Sagstrom 72-75

Mi Jung Hur 72-75

148 (+4)

Pornanong Phatlum 77-71

a-Patty Tavatanakit 75-73

Cristie Kerr 70-78

149 (+5)

Sakura Yokomine 76-73

Sarah Schmelzel 76-73

Mariah Stackelhouse 75-74

So Yeon Ryu 75-74

Jiyai Shin 75-74

Nanna Koerstz Madsen 74-75

Sarah Jane Smith 74-75

Nelly Korda 74-75

Jacqui Concolino 74-75

Wei-King Hsu 73-76

Ashleigh Buhai 73-76

Azahara Muñoz 72-77

Austin Ernst 71-78

Jane Park 70-79

150 (+6)

Maria Torres 76-74

Emma Talley 75-75

Lindy Duncan 73-77

Haru Nomura 73-77

151 (+7)

Jasmine Suwannapura 78-73

Gerina Pillier 77-74

Brittany Lang 76-75

Aditi Ashok 76-75

In Gee Chun 75-76

Michelle Wie 74-77

Pernilla Lindberg 73-78

152 (+8)

Angela Stanford 78-74

Celine Boutier 77-75

Juli Inkster 77-75

153 (+9)

a-Frida Kinshult 80-73

Shanshan Feng 79-74

Brittany Langer 78-75

Brente Law 78-75

Anne van Dam 77-76

Jeong Eun Lee 77-76

Peiyun Chien 74-79

Mirim Lee 72-81

154 (+10)

Annie Park 76-78

155 (+11)

Hannah Green 80-75

Sei Young Kim 78-77

Sarah Kemp 76-79

156 (+12)

Pannarat Thanapobboonyaras 84-72

a-Rachel Heck 79-77

Kim Kaufman 76-80

Laura Gonzalez Escallon 75-81

157 (+13)

Charlotte Thomas 79-78

Karrie Webb 78-79

Su Oh 77-80

158 (+14)

Yani Tseng 78-80

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at Portland 2½ Denver

at Sacramento 9 New Orleans

at LA Lakers Off Utah

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore: Assigned RHP Matt Wether-
spon outright to Norfolk (IL).Boston: Placed INF/OF Brock Holt and
LHP Brian Johnson on the 10-day IL. Re-
called INF/OF Tzu-Wei Lin and RHP Mar-
cus Walden from Pawtucket (IL).Cleveland: Sent 2B Jason Kipnis to Co-
lumbus (IL) for a rehab assignment.Detroit: Sent OF Jacoby Jones and RHP
Drew VerHagen to Lakeland (FL) for re-
hab assignments.Minnesota: Designated 1B Tyler Austin
for assignment. Selected the contract of
RHP Chase De Jong from Rochester (IL).New York: Optioned INF Thairo Estrada
to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Selected
the contract of INF Giovanni Urshela
from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Trans-
ferred SS Didi Gregorius to the 60-day IL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona: Placed 3B Jake Lamb on the 10-
day IL, retroactive to Thursday. Recalled
SS Ildemaro Vargas from Reno (PCL).Atlanta: Optioned RHP Shane Carle to
Gwinnett (IL). Reinstated RHP Kevin
Gausman from the 10-day IL.Chicago: Designated RHP Jen-Ho Tseng
for assignment. Placed LHP Mike Mont-
gomery on the 10-day IL, retroactive to
Friday. Optioned RHP Carl Edwards Jr. to
Iowa (PCL). Recalled LHP Kyle Ryan
from Iowa. Selected the contract of RHP
Allen Webster from Iowa.

TENNIS

WTA ABIERTO GNP SEGUROS

Saturday at Club Sonoma
Monterrey, Mexico; hard-outdoor

Purse: \$2.6 million (4L)

#8 Magdalena Rybarikova, 6-2, 6-3.

#2 Gabriela Muguruza, 6-2, 6-3.

WTA VOLVO CAR OPEN

Saturday at Family Circle Tennis Center
Charleston, S.C.; green clay-outdoor

Purse: \$823,000 (premier)

Singles

#5 Caroline Wozniacki d.

#16 Petra Martic, 6-3, 6-4.

#8 Madison Keys d.

Monica Puig, 6-4, 6-0.

Doubles

#4 Anna-Lena Groenefeld
and Alicja Rosolska d.Anna-Lena Freidsam and
Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-1, 6-2.

DAVIS CUP

ZONAL GROUP II

First Round

No automatic promotion or relegation
from Group II

Europe/Africa

Romania 4, Zimbabwe 1

At Sala Polivalenta Piatra Neamt

Piatra Neamt, Romania; hard-indoor

Benjamin Lock d.

Marius Copil, 6-4, 7-5.

Dragos Dima d.

Takanyi Garanganga, 6-3.

Florin Mergea and Horia Tecau d.

Benjamin and Courtney Lock, 6-1, 6-4.

Marius Copil d.

Takanyi Garanganga, 6-4, 7-5.

Filip Cristian Jianu d.

Mehuli Don Ayanda, 6-3, 7-5.

At Royal Tennis Club de Marrakech;
clay-outdoor

Ricardas Berankis d.

Adam Moundir, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

Lamine Ouahab d.

Laurynas Grigelis, 6-2, 6-0.

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HBO PHOTOS

Jon Snow (Kit Harington) and Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) in Season 7 of "Game of Thrones." Season 8 premieres April 14 on HBO.

IN THE DARK

It's 'Game of Thrones' final season. What do we know?
 Not much, deities be thanked

BY STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

In the end, the Night King will reign supreme over Westeros, and all of the humans who tried to resist him will be converted into those proto-zombies known as White Walkers, sad trombone.

Sorry, no, that's wrong. When it is all over, when the epic battle of battles has been fought, Sansa Stark will be left occupying the Iron Throne, saddened over the loss of so many friends, family members and even worthy enemies but nonetheless determined to rule what remains of humankind with compassion and resolve, moderately triumphal bugle cry.

Or, wait: It's the Clegane brothers, the Hound and the Mountain, once mortal enemies, who will emerge from the coming test of tactical mettle as survivors and co-sovereigns on this side of the Narrow Sea. Their champion at tournaments — and commercial sponsor — will, of course, be the Bud Knight, no trumpet notes necessary.

What I'm trying to say here is that A) everything sounds better with a horn section and B) almost anything



Will the Night King reign supreme over Westeros?

could happen when "Game of Thrones," HBO's sprawling epic about dragons, monarchy and the gratuitous nudity they inspire, comes back to our screens April 14 and then, five weeks and six episodes later, goes away again forever.

Put another way, I'm saying: Spoiler *not* alert, at least regarding Season 8 (Seasons 1-7 are fair game). Like Jon Snow back in the early years of "GoT," when he was but a handsome illegitimate lad on a frosty inter-tribal carnal lark, I know nothing. And I can give away nothing in these coming paragraphs that will taint your viewing of the wrap-up of this eight-year sword

opera sprawled across an imaginary Middle Ages.

But like any decent "GoT" follower, I suspect things. I hope for things. I have to, as the Tribune writer who does the "Game of Thrones" recaps each Sunday night, staying up late to offer a crystalline distillation of what just happened on screen, or at least coherent sentences. And I have followed the scant news that the "Thrones" team has allowed to dribble out of their kitchen like one-bite appetizers for a late-afternoon cocktail party. But I do not know.

And not knowing, to my way of thinking, is a good thing. You can go

deep into the corners of Reddit or winteriscoming.net to find wildly entertaining fan theories: Ned Stark is really alive thanks to a body switch engineered by the faceless men. This whole story we have witnessed is actually from the writings of Samwell Tarly, and he is, by the way, yet another secret Targaryen. Speaking of Targaryens, Daenerys is a Mad King-in-waiting.

Or you can sit back and revel in the ride, experience, perhaps for the last time, television the way television has historically been presented: one episode at a time, over time. This way, anticipation can build, characters (and actors) can grow and change, and a great number of us can afterward stand around water coolers of the thirst-quenching or metaphorical kind and enjoy this broadly shared storytelling experience, one of the few cultural commonalities that remains to us. Oh, and without the temptation to binge watch, we can all report to work the next day without telltale eye bags.

There are a few important things that we cannot help but know about this season. For one thing, the show is building toward a super-mega-battle that will make even Season 6's "Battle of the Bastards" look modest. The 11-week filming of this battle and the endurance it required of cast and crew

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Arts in Chicago: Lightfoot faces key challenges

Mayor-elect has made her mark from Day 1



CHRIS JONES

Few wise heads would choose a candidate for the mayor of the City of Chicago entirely on the basis of their arts policy — without job growth, high-quality public education, safe streets, strong mental-health programs and city services, greater racial

equity, financial stability surrounding pensions and the restoration of trust between the police and the community those officers serve, it is hard to imagine our great city thriving. And even that list omits a great swath of Lori Lightfoot's very challenging new job as mayor.

But it is still worth noting that the woman who was elected mayor on Tuesday was the only one of the 14 candidates with an explicitly articulated plan for arts and culture in Chicago, a declaration that understood not only what the arts can do for the economy and the soul, but how it can contribute, meaningfully, to solving many of the problems in the paragraph above.

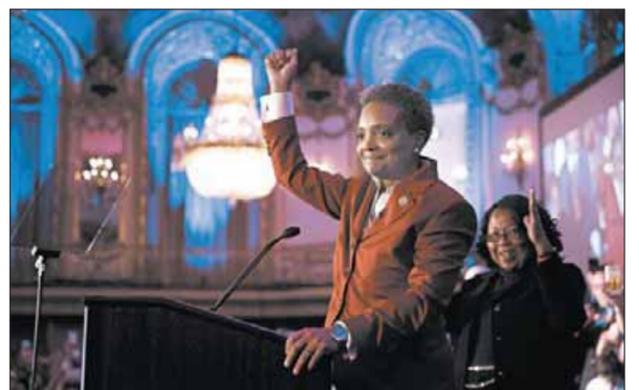
The only one.

This disparity was clear from the beginning.

Lightfoot's campaign position paper, "Advancing Arts and Culture in Chicago," begins with a quotation from the late Martha Lavey, the beloved and sorely missed former artistic director of the Steppenwolf Theatre Company:

We are fortunate to live in a city that recognizes that artists, and the institutions that support their work, are essential to the quality of life in the city, and to its future. Chicago is a city that recognizes the great human need for beauty, for story, for the respite that the

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lori Lightfoot appears at an election night party Tuesday. Lightfoot was the only mayoral candidate with a plan for arts and culture in Chicago.

Readers sound off on CSO musicians



HOWARD REICH
Tribune arts critic

My recent column (“Don’t tell me CSO musicians have it easy”) prompted an avalanche of responses, pro and con — and many points in between.

The crux of the piece, reflecting on the Chicago Symphony Orchestra musicians’ strike, was this: “Whether you side with musicians or management, can we agree on at least one thing? These musicians’ ‘privileges’ are hard won — every day, week, month and year of their professional lives (and long before and after).”

Among the responses (edited for clarity):

Music vs. surgery

I produce a professional band in Battle Creek (Michigan). I am consistently amazed at how little your average Joe knows about orchestra/band concerts. They have absolutely no idea what goes on in preparation for concerts. Neither do they understand the almost fanatical attention to detail needed to make a performance work.

In my other life I am a surgeon. Believe me, there is far more involved in pulling off a great concert than there is in performing a great surgery.

Unless you do music, you have no idea!
— Jim Gray, Marshall, Mich.

Times have changed

Nice try to get us to feel sorry for the striking CSO musicians. You conveniently left out the most important point: No one ever asked them, nor forced them, to do this job.

If they really love what they do, they should wake up and realize it’s not 1950 anymore. No one gets defined pension benefits these days. As a lifetime lover of classical music and (very) amateur pianist myself, I feel very passionately about this issue.

And while I appreciate you describing “the other side,” I think in all fairness there should be a column describing “my” side — how long-term subscribers and donors feel, especially those of us who cannot imagine living without classical music in our lives every day. We have supported these musicians with our time, attention, applause and money for years, and this is what we receive as thanks? There is something seriously wrong here.

To me, since no one asked them to make the sacrifices you so painfully enumerate, their horrors at having to feel the financial pains the rest of us living in reality deal with every day are the whinings of entitled elitists.

They are more worried about being the highest paid orchestra musicians in the country than about anything else! I foolishly thought they did what they did because they loved it and wanted to bring the joy of classical music to their audiences. Now I feel they are only in it for the money. Very disappointing.

— Andrew B. Simmons, Lake Forest

Jerry Garcia knows best

Thank you for the poignant article on the demands of a professional musician. Like mastering anything, it requires many hours, some very boring repetitious tasks. The average person has no idea. I am a professional businessman, which requires many hours of boring “stuff”: compiling and reading reports, sitting in meetings, and nonstop reading and learning. But I



NOVA SAFO/AFP/GETTY

Chicago Symphony Orchestra principal clarinet Stephen Williamson performs with fellow striking musicians during a March 25 free concert at Chicago Teachers Union Headquarters.

can take a couple of days off and go sailing or backwoods camping. These activities would create unbelievable burdens to the professional musician. Jerry Garcia is known for saying: One day with no practice, I’m a little rusty; two days, and it becomes more difficult; three days, and I am starting all over again.

— Steve Hirmer, Burr Ridge

Who pays the bills?

Thanks for the context. Always helpful. My “but” is ... just how do the musicians think their salaries and benefits will be paid? Do they have a solution or just don’t care? We seem to avoid or talk around that issue, which is, sadly, the issue: money.

— Bill Choslovsky, Chicago

Physical sacrifices

As you say, they are not toiling all day at a factory. But when I’m at my Friday (CSO) series concerts, I’m always reminded that being a musician must take a

physical toll. I get a sore neck looking at the violin and viola players, sore hips watching the cello players and sore shoulders and arms watching the various reed and horn players. I suspect many have physical ailments related to their chosen profession.

Hope the impasse ends soon.

— Frank C. Marino, Prospect Heights

Look at the facts

In today’s world, unfortunately, facts and truth generally follow myths and incorrect information. This is the case here where people have chosen sides without knowledge of the facts. Tribalism at its best, just like in politics.

— Howard Kirschner, Morton Grove

Other musicians struggle

It’s true the public has no idea about the life of a musician. While not having a clue how much money the CSO musicians are paid, I’m guessing it’s not bad, generally, given it’s the CSO. But most musicians

don’t even reach that stature and as a result can struggle financially their whole lives to pursue their passion — speaking as the mother of a musician who works two office-oriented non-music jobs in addition to his music gigs.

I am really surprised that you did not also mention the cost of instruments. There are probably several CSO musicians who have string instruments that could be centuries old. The cost to purchase, not to mention insure and maintain, must be tremendous. Most other jobs likely don’t require such a financial investment in personal “equipment” for work.

— Loryn Kogan, Wilmette

A strike against donors?

My main observation about the strike was that the musicians do not seem to be on strike against a CSO organization that is making and not sharing good “profits,” but against its donors — corporate and individual — who have no obligation to make any contributions and would be hoped to make even more

in order to fund the higher wages. I don’t know how much higher ticket prices can be raised, but I would assume that each increase will price even more people out of being able to attend.

Glad I don’t have to be the one finding a resolution to the standoff.

— Jeffrey Liss, Winnetka

Tougher than sports

Pro athletes are paid extravagantly to entertain us. Professional musicians are generally paid far less to do the same in their own realm. Sounds like sour grapes from the complainers. My uncle played in the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for many years and lived a comfortable, middle-class lifestyle but was far from wealthy. And being in a high-level symphony orchestra is highly competitive. You can lose your position if your playing declines, just like in sports, but you don’t have a long-term guaranteed contract, as in most pro sports.

— David Shapiro, Schaumburg

Learning the arts

As a lifelong amateur practitioner of both the piano and dance, I have a real appreciation for what it takes to make a truly marketable professional talent. As such this also underscores the urgency to expose everyone to music, dance, painting, or any other art form in our schools and elsewhere. Only when you attempt to master any art form yourself do you appreciate the effort and dedication of someone who has achieved success in this endeavor.

— Robin Schmidt, Naperville

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You could get lost in these portraits of farm animals



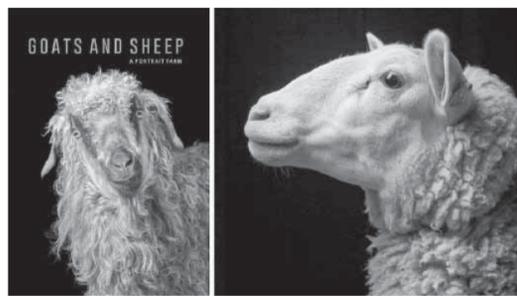
RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

When we were young and relatively carefree, photographer Kevin Horan and I went on the road with Styx for a short time. It was the late 1970s and Styx, born in the garages of Roseland on the South Side and selling millions of what we called records, was the hottest band in the country. We had a blast but there comes a time to put away rock ‘n’ roll things and that time is now.

Horan has just published a book, a strangely compelling and haunting gathering of his photos of animals. It is titled “Goats and Sheep: A Portrait Farm,” handsomely published by 5 Continents Editions in Milan, Italy, in a 128-page in hardcover package.

It begins not with a photo but with words, a wildly imaginative and powerful essay by a writer and actor named Elena Passarello.

It is her artful take on the relationship between hu-



KEVIN HORAN PHOTOS

From “Goats and Sheep: A Portrait Farm” by Kevin Horan.

mans and animals and near its end she writes, “All of this, dear reader, hopefully proves why, when we encounter an animal portrait, we see more than the surface image. After sixty-five million years of looking at ruminants, three million years of hunting goats, and eleven thousand years of shepherding, not only are these swaths of deep time present in every exchange we share with woolly beasts; said beasts also live inside every cell that makes us human.”

Horan first encountered Passarello, who teaches at Oregon State University, when he read a review of her 2012 essay collection, “Let Me Clear My Throat.” “I bought the book, read it and it really blew my

mind,” he says. “So I got up the courage to send her a note along with some of my photos and ask her to contribute a piece to this book. I was so happy she said, ‘Yes.’”

Horan also has a short essay in the book. In it, he writes about what sparked this project: “When I moved from city to country, my new neighbors greeted me. Each day, in front of my house, I was hailed by a small flock of sheep. Their voices were all so different — sopranos and baritones, shouts and murmurs, rebukes and pleas — that I thought of them as not just a flock, but a tight-knit group of individuals. They resembled aristocratic gentlemen and ladies. It occurred to me they might

deserve some nice studio portraits.”

The city from which Horan moved was Chicago, where he had fashioned a long and successful career as a photographer, first on the staff of the Chicago Sun-Times and then as a freelancer working for other newspapers and such prestigious magazines as Time, Life, Sports Illustrated and Smithsonian. He was among the grand local camera-toting talents involved in CITY 2000, that ambitious yearlong project to capture in photographs the way Chicago looked and lived in that year, funded by the late Lands’ End founder Gary Comer and resulting in 500,000-some photos and a book. He traveled the globe covering all manner of personalities and events, once riding a helicopter to shoot from above the dog sled teams competing in the Iditarod.

It was a good and creatively satisfying life. He lived in a handsome Oak Park house with his wife Nancy and their two sons, Ben and Harrison, now both adults working in the nonprofit world. Nancy was a freelance journalist and teacher before becom-

ing hailed as a gifted novelist with her bestselling “Loving Frank,” about architect Frank Lloyd Wright’s scandalous affair with the wife of one of his clients, and “Under the Wide and Starry Sky,” about Robert Louis Stevenson and his love life.

The couple moved to Whidbey Island in 2006. It is in Puget Sound, north of Seattle. It was a place Horan had often visited whenever an assignment took him nearby. He would often stay with a former classmate of his from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I’ve never been there but from internet photos it looks stunning and ruggedly rural.

“It really is beautiful,” said Horan, talking by phone from his house on the island, where the view from his windows is of the waterway called the Saratoga Passage.

“Out these windows we can see whales,” he says. Horan has often called himself a “recovering photojournalist” and now refers to himself almost exclusively as an “artist.” The label fits, as you can see in this book and at kevinhoran.com.

Whidbey Island was close enough the Seattle airport for him to continue his freelance magazine work but it also enabled him to closely observe, interact with and, frankly, become intrigued by his new neighbors: sheep and goats, and also pigs and horses.

“I was determined to take their portraits but the first time I hopped over the fence to try and take photos of them, the sheep scattered like flies,” he says.

He approached one of his human neighbors, Vicky Brown, owner of Little Brown Farm, and convinced her to allow him to set up a studio in her barn and photograph her goats. He spent two or three hours to set up and 15 minutes to shoot using a black drape

background, umbrellas on tripods, strobe lights and a digital camera.

And so it went for years, one farm leading to another, one sheep to the next goat.

The photos have previously been shown at galleries and some were featured in a 2017 wall calendar, along with such upbeat quotations as this, from Benjamin Disraeli, “Success is the child of audacity.”

In book form, the photos captivate and are prompting praise. In an article in the Wall Street International Magazine, Valentina De Pasca writes, “The goats and sheep, each with a name, are immortalized without any judgment and absolutely objectively, the photographer always taking care to place the camera level at their eyes. He eschews any implied superiority, as he does all sense of intrusion for having been forced to live side by side on the same tiny planet.”

All of the animals do have names — Curly Sue, Sherlock, Dumbledore, Bella, Xenia and Luigi among them. They have distinctive faces — floppy eared, curly-haired. In addition, each of the portraits has, Horan believes and I think he is right, a “certain dignity.”

He will be back in the Midwest to elaborate, as he talks and signs books Tuesday night at the wonderful Volumes Bookcafe at 1474 N. Milwaukee Ave., and Wednesday night at InkLink Bookstore in East Troy, Wis. He will also be talking with me on the radio Sunday (9-11 p.m. on WGN-720 AM and wgn radio.com). We are sure to mention our time with Styx but most of the conversation will be about sheep and about goats, as he puts it so intriguingly, “What’s going on inside the heads of these nonhuman persons.”

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COMMENTARY

Saving Balanchine's ballets — with missteps

BY SARAH L. KAUFMAN
The Washington Post

When a choreographer dies, the art left behind is imperiled, no matter what steps have been taken to protect it.

There's a cloud over the guardians of the legendary George Balanchine's ballets: The trustees of the Balanchine Trust, which licenses Balanchine's nearly 100 extant ballets around the world, have been accused by one of their own of mismanagement.

Balanchine, who died in 1983, was a co-founder of the New York City Ballet and its artistic director for more than 35 years. He would surely be surprised by the situation.

Divorced and childless at the end of his life, Balanchine had to be talked into writing a will, and he didn't believe his ballets would be worth anything once he was gone. He couldn't have known that his works would grow in popularity after his death, that they were destined to add refinement and sophistication to ballet programs everywhere and that they would delight audiences for decades to come.

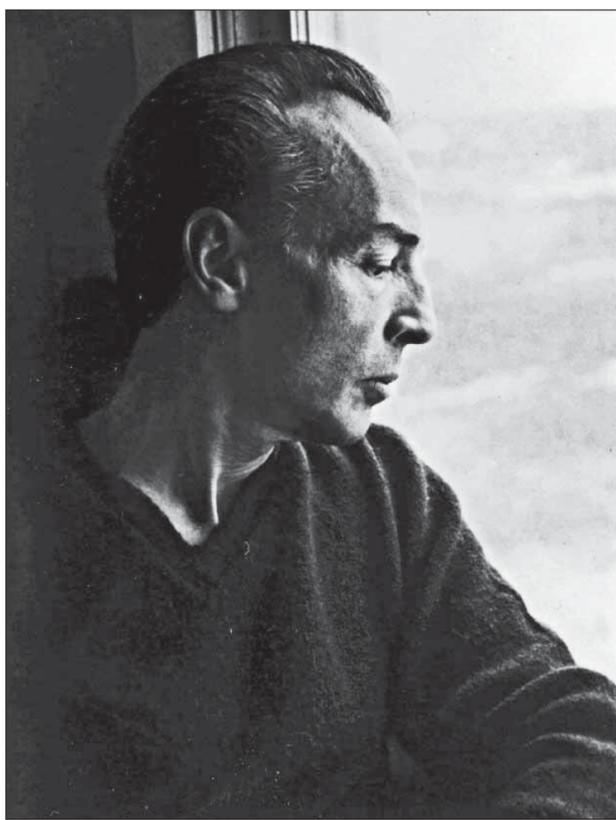
Perhaps he didn't even believe that NYCB, the company he founded with impresario Lincoln Kirstein, could continue without him. When Balanchine finally wrote his will, he left no ballets to the company or its school, the School of American Ballet.

Balanchine didn't seem to want any single power over his works. He parceled out the rights to his ballets among more than a dozen dancers and friends, including Robbins and ballerinas Karin von Aroldingen, Tanaquil Le Clercq, Patricia McBride and Suzanne Farrell. He left the bulk of his works to Von Aroldingen, Le Clercq (his last wife) and his longtime secretary, Barbara Horgan.

"It was a very messy will," said Horgan, 86.

She founded the Balanchine Trust in 1987 as a one-stop shop for companies and student groups seeking permission to dance his ballets — works such as "Symphony in C" and "Kammermusik No. 2," which are on the upcoming NYCB program in Washington, and more.

Yet according to Susan Gluck, a



TANAQUIL LE CLERCQ PHOTO

Uncertainties surround the future of George Balanchine's ballets.

Unlike a painting or the written score of a symphony, a dance is uniquely fragile because there is no foolproof way to preserve it and steps are easily forgotten.

trustee and former NYCB dancer, Horgan only made things worse.

Gluck filed a 136-page petition earlier this year in New York Surrogate's Court, seeking an accounting of how the trust manages its finances. She says she has discovered that all the rights to the Balanchine ballets have been taken out of the trust and moved into two private Delaware companies that Horgan controls as the general partner, with Paul Epstein, a lawyer who helped Horgan establish the trust, as her successor.

"My petition is focused on

financial matters," Gluck said. "I believe there are things that don't add up and I'd like to get the information to clarify the situation.

"If I told you that Beethoven's, Mozart's or Picasso's body of work was controlled by his personal assistant and then her own handpicked lawyer, and contractually could come to be controlled by that lawyer's housekeeper, you'd probably giggle. And then you'd get very scared. Yet I am telling you that ... could happen to all of Balanchine's timeless masterpieces."

Gluck says she was forced to

file the petition because she couldn't get access to "complete financials because all the rights to the ballets, both economic and artistic, were transferred to those partnerships when they were signed by Barbara and Paul in 1990."

Horgan says that the trust sends financial records to the heirs every year and that she has given the information to Gluck.

"Whatever we showed Susan, it wasn't enough," she said. "We don't do a spreadsheet."

Horgan confirmed that she is the general partner of the Delaware partnerships and that Epstein is her successor. The partnerships were put together, she says, "to save the heirs and beneficiaries from paying state and local taxes." The partnerships will dissolve, she says, as the Balanchine ballets "go into the public domain and as the heirs die."

Horgan says Balanchine's works will likely come into the public domain in 2053. Until then, her successor is a matter of key importance to the stability of an evanescent art. Unlike a painting or the written score of a symphony, a dance is uniquely fragile because there is no foolproof way to preserve it and steps are easily forgotten. Even a complete work can be changed in subtle ways so that its vivacity is flattened.

The petition raises a thorny question: Who is truly in charge of this peerless treasury of artworks for the next decades?

Dance, to paraphrase the Roman poet Catullus, is all but written in wind and running water. Much of the world's dance catalogue has vanished. Choreography from recent years can easily go the same way if it's not continuously performed, or if an inexpert person finds himself in control of it and changes it or decides to halt permission to dance it.

The Balanchine situation harks back to the greatest choreographic debacle of recent years: the shutdown of the Martha Graham Dance Company in 2000 over a dispute with Graham's heir, Ron Protas, a former photographer who befriended her in her last decades. Protas claimed he owned all the rights to her works.

Graham, like Balanchine one of the greatest artists of the 20th

century, led her pioneering modern-dance company for six decades, until her death in 1991, when Protas began overseeing rehearsals. After dancers complained about his micromanagement of artistic matters, the board of the Martha Graham Center of Contemporary Dance fired him. Protas then barred the company from performing her dances; the company had to cancel tour dates and eventually closed down.

"We empathize with the dancers' frustration over this situation, but the root cause lies with a minority group who has usurped control of the Martha Graham Center," Protas' attorney at the time, Michael Quinn, told The Washington Post. "Whatever feelings there are about (Protas) as controversial, the quality of the company was very high when he was directing it."

Two years later, a judge ruled that the overwhelming majority of Graham's works were owned by the Graham Center under the "works for hire" doctrine, which holds that she was an employee of the entity she created and so her creations belonged to it. Finally, dancers could perform them again, but the two-year hiatus had the dance world wondering whether Graham's legacy had perished along with her.

It's difficult even in a stable situation to maintain a dance repertoire without the creator's oversight. In Balanchine's case, there are a number of former dancers who, under the auspices of the Balanchine Trust, teach his ballets around the globe. But even among them questions arise about what version is best, as Balanchine updated and tweaked his works from time to time.

And even in the case of such renowned masters as Balanchine and Graham, issues of succession and inheritance can arise, and with them the risk of disaster. In Graham's case, rights issues and one person's claim of control almost snuffed out her company and erased her works from the stage.

Balanchine's work is too important for its management to be happening in the dark. The processes need to be conducted in full public view, for these are not only his works we're talking about. They are American treasures.

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BOOKS

BOOK REVIEW

New insight on Roberts' Supreme Court

BY GEOFFREY R. STONE
The Washington Post

The Supreme Court sits at the epicenter of fundamental disagreements about various crucial issues — campaign finance, affirmative action, abortion, gun control, voting rights and the constitutionality of some of President Trump's most controversial actions — and the stakes are as high as they have ever been.

At the center of it all is conservative Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.

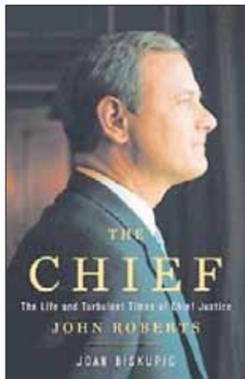
As Joan Biskupic observes in her book "The Chief: The Life and Turbulent Times of Chief Justice John Roberts," after Republicans' refusal to confirm President Barack Obama's Supreme Court choice, Merrick Garland, and Trump's appointment of two fiercely conservative justices, Neil M. Gorsuch and Brett M. Kavanaugh, the Supreme Court is "now Roberts's in name and reality."

Although Roberts consistently maintains that the court is not a political body, and although he insists publicly that "the justices do not advance political positions," Biskupic concludes that, in his decision-making in the most important and ideological cases, Roberts has all too often "engaged in the partisanship he claimed to abhor." Moreover, although Roberts' public persona seems very easygoing and congenial, Biskupic reveals that his top-down style has often "rankled" his colleagues on the court.

Like Biskupic's previous books about Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Sonia Sotomayor, "The Chief" offers an extraordinarily insightful, thoughtful and accessible analysis of Roberts' personal life, professional career, judicial experience and approach to constitutional interpretation. It is essential reading for anyone who truly wants to understand this pivotal moment in Supreme Court history.

Biskupic, who has known Roberts for more than 20 years, sat down with him for seven interviews totaling 20 hours for her book. She was therefore well-positioned to offer often-stunning insight into Roberts' life and thinking both on and off the court.

In the first half of "The Chief," Biskupic traces Roberts' upbringing, his experiences in college and law school, and his work in the Reagan administration, private practice and the



'The Chief'

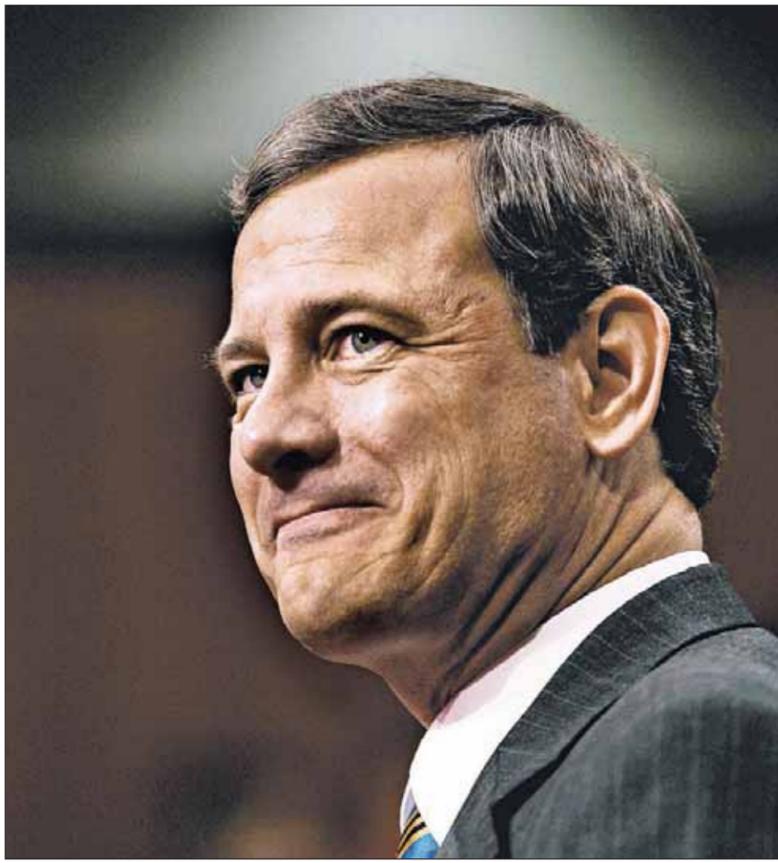
By Joan Biskupic, Basic, 421 pages, \$32

two Bush administrations. As an adolescent, Roberts attended a Catholic boarding school, at which the students were required to go to daily chapel and Sunday Mass. While there, he wrote an editorial for the school newspaper objecting to any change in the boys-only admissions policy, arguing that "the presence of the opposite sex in the classroom will be confining rather than catholicizing."

Roberts excelled at Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and he then served as a law clerk to Judge Henry Friendly, one of the most distinguished judges in the nation, and then to Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist.

Thereafter, Roberts, who was deeply enamored of President Ronald Reagan, took a position as special assistant to William French Smith, Reagan's attorney general. As Biskupic notes, with some dismay, "a straight line can be drawn from Roberts's positions on voting rights, affirmative action, religion, and abortion rights in the 1980s to his expressed views from the center chair at the Supreme Court after his appointment in 2005."

After leaving the Reagan administration, Roberts moved into a lucrative career as an appellate lawyer, but then Kenneth W. Starr, President George H.W. Bush's solicitor general, enticed Roberts to serve as his deputy, raising "Roberts' visibility among powerful conservatives." Biskupic reports that, in this role, Roberts sought to "persuade the Supreme Court to limit judicial oversight of previously segregated systems" and worked hard to urge the court "to give the states significant leeway to restrict abortion." Roberts "abhorred the fact that Roe



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As Joan Biskupic writes in "The Chief," her new biography of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, the Court is "now Roberts's in name and reality."

v. Wade allowed for the termination of fetal life," Biskupic says.

When Bush left office in 1993, Roberts returned once again to private practice. During the 2000 presidential election, though, he was enlisted to help George W. Bush by assisting in the case Bush v. Gore. Shortly thereafter, Bush nominated Roberts to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. As Biskupic notes, although Roberts "did not want to be viewed as a member of the hard right," he would not have been nominated "if he had not won" the imprimatur of the Federalist Society, with which he was "ideologically aligned."

Four years later, President Bush nominated Roberts to serve as chief justice of the United States. During his confirmation hearings, Roberts famously maintained that "judges are like umpires," their job being to only call balls and strikes, not take political positions. The Senate voted 78-22 to confirm Roberts' nomination.

The second half of "The Chief" focuses on Roberts' performance as chief justice. One of Biskupic's more surprising observations is that Roberts' relations with other justices have at times been quite difficult. Indeed, over time,

serious "personal conflicts" have emerged, and some of his associates think "he is not always acting in good faith (and) that he is not an honest broker."

In recent years, Roberts and Sotomayor, in particular, "found themselves in a disagreement that quickly became personal," especially on issues involving race. Biskupic explains that Roberts simply does "not consider racism to be as prevalent or as intractable a problem as many of his contemporaries," both on and off the court.

Although in a few cases Roberts has "set aside his ideological and political interests on behalf of his commitments to the court's institutional reputation" — most notably in his vote to uphold the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act — Biskupic concludes that in almost every case with important political and ideological implications "he did not entirely shed his partisan thinking once he donned the black robe."

As she documents, in decisions involving such issues as gerrymandering, the Voting Rights Act, the death penalty, campaign finance regulation, abortion rights, separation of church and state, and workers' rights, a five-member conservative majority, includ-

ing Roberts, has "discarded or reinterpreted long-standing precedents" to reach their desired decisions.

In Citizens United, for example, the Roberts court, in a 5-to-4 decision, "rolled back more than one hundred years of regulation designed to provide a check on the power of money in elections." As Biskupic observes, the Roberts court's decisions in the realm of campaign finance have all been "decided by 5-4 votes along ideological lines that reinforced the appearance of a nakedly political institution."

Then there is the issue of race. While in the Reagan Justice Department, Roberts "fervently argued that the 1965 Voting Rights Act should be narrowly interpreted, a view that followed from his opposition to measures that protected groups of people based on race or ethnicity." In Shelby County v. Holder, decided in 2013, Roberts' opinion for the 5-to-4 majority "marked the first time since the nineteenth century that the Supreme Court struck down a provision of civil rights law protecting people based on race."

Although President George W. Bush had signed into law the provisions of the Voting Rights Act invalidated in Shelby County,

noting "the many pernicious methods that had been used to disenfranchise blacks," Roberts insisted that the problems that "the Voting Rights Act was designed to correct no longer existed." As Biskupic observed, not only was Roberts' argument "specious," but his decision in Shelby County "sharply reduced the ability of African Americans and other minorities" to vote and "capped Roberts's decades-long effort ... to limit the reach of the Voting Rights Act."

Roberts leads the Supreme Court at a critical moment. For the first time in history, the court is divided 5-4 not only along ideological lines, but partisan lines as well — that is, all five justices in the highly conservative majority were appointed by Republican presidents, and all four justices in the more liberal minority were appointed by Democratic presidents. Thus, going forward, there is a serious danger that on all the issues that have bitterly divided the justices over the past half-century, the court will divide sharply along partisan lines.

Such a state of affairs will seriously undermine the fundamental integrity of the court itself. The whole point of relying on judges and justices to decide fundamental questions of law is that they are doing their best to apply the law in a neutral and fair-minded manner. Although they may disagree sharply about questions of constitutional interpretation, their disagreements should be on intellectual rather than partisan lines.

As we look to the future, if the five Republican-appointed justices, under Roberts' leadership, persist in interpreting the Constitution in ways that further the interests and policies of the Republican Party, they will fundamentally undermine the credibility of the Supreme Court as a central institution of American democracy. As Biskupic observes, Roberts "now sits at the exact center, the determinative center, of the law in America." He is in a position to lead the court "in his own image," she says, adding: "The law will likely be what he says it is."

Let us hope he understands the stakes and does not destroy the credibility of the Supreme Court and his own place in history.

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BOOK REVIEW

Laila Lalami's new novel considers alienation

BY RAYYAN AL-SHAWAF
The Washington Post

In Laila Lalami's Pulitzer Prize finalist, "The Moor's Account," the author, a Los Angeles-based Moroccan immigrant, centered her novel on an actual North African slave driven across the New World. Now, in "The Other Americans," she plunges into the lives of fictional yet convincingly real individuals who, despite their differences in origin and socioeconomic station, all have a whiff of the unwanted hovering about them, and a desperate wish for dignity lodged within them. These are American men and women at whom many a compatriot looks askance.

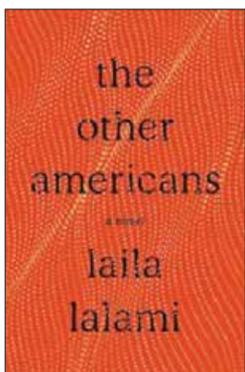
"Had he suffered? Had he called out for help?" muses Nora Guerraoui of her father, Driss, killed in a hit-and-run just outside the diner he owned. "How long had he lain on the asphalt before his breath ran out?" Nora, a struggling music composer in her late 20s who lives in Oakland,

moves back to her hometown in Southern California, where the fatal incident occurred, to try to determine what happened.

Nora's quest, it turns out, is the artifice through which Lalami embarks on a multicharacter study. The story is related by nine narrators, often with nothing in common besides the small Mojave Desert town they call home, and the varying degrees of "othering" to which they are subjected.

The narrators include Driss himself, who looks back on his life in the period leading up to his death. His chapters and those of his wife, Maryam, who immigrated with him from Morocco years earlier, reveal the extent to which he, in his daughter Nora's words, "stood out like a tall weed in a clipped hedge." Nora believes the hit-and-run was deliberate, much like the arson that destroyed the family's doughnut shop in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

Occupying a much more



'The Other Americans'

By Laila Lalami, Pantheon, 320 pages, \$25.95

tenuous position in America than the Guerraouis is Efraim, an undocumented immigrant from Mexico. Having moved to California from Arizona and secured menial work, Efraim wants nothing more than to keep his head down and toil away for pennies. Yet he witnessed the hit-and-run

and told his wife about it; now she is adamant that he report the crime to the police, despite his fear of deportation.

Meanwhile, D.C. transplant Erica Coleman, the detective tasked with investigating the incident, worries about how her apparently homophobic husband will react to his pubescent son's same-sex attraction. She also endures pointed uncooperativeness from her superior at the police station: "It was like he was testing me," she observes, "trying to see if I could close this case without help from his uniforms." Why is Coleman given the cold shoulder? Because she's a woman? Or is it because she's black?

There is an undeniable perfunctoriness to all this; it feels as though Lalami is checking off a list of groups that social justice advocates have designated — however accurately — as disadvantaged. Moreover, she will at times skimp on showing in favor of telling, as with

Nora's rueful recollection, "Growing up in this town, I had long ago learned that the savagery of a man named Mohammed was rarely questioned, but his humanity always had to be proven."

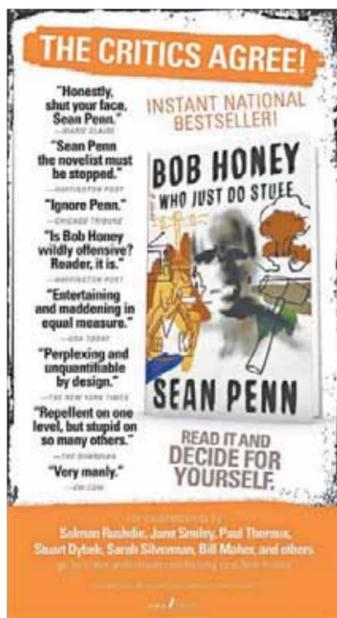
A character named Jeremy arrests the material's slouch toward predictability, in part because he's a white man who has long struggled with his own marginalization. As an adolescent (during which time he was infatuated with his classmate Nora), he had to contend with the shattering impact his mother's death had on his father; Jeremy's grades plummeted, and he grew hopelessly overweight. As an adult, though holding down a job as a sheriff's deputy (Coleman is a colleague), he is an emotionally and physically scarred Iraq War veteran.

Nora and Jeremy, despite or perhaps because of their suffering, kindle a flickering romance. Through this development, Lalami judiciously ensures that "The

Other Americans" is propelled by two stories. We want to find out why Driss was killed, but we're also keen to see how Nora will choose to live.

The tale's conclusion proves at once grim and hopeful. In a technical sense, this requires skilled calibration by the author. Crucially, however, Lalami's panoramic view is what enables her to strike such a balance at the end, and what establishes the novel's identity from the beginning. After all, "The Other Americans" might have emerged as a circumscribed account of a crime with one victim and one perpetrator. Instead, Lalami gives us a searching exploration of the lives of several individuals with whom mainstream American society has a vexed relationship.

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A cheeky ad for Sean Penn's novel, "Bob Honey Who Just Do Stuff," attributed John Warner's words to the Chicago Tribune. It's true that the blurb appeared in the Tribune, but but Warner wonders whether readers are served well by this industry convention.

BIBLIORACLE

Book blurbs need transparency

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

I don't mean to brag, but sometimes your humble Biblioracle apparently speaks for the entire Chicago Tribune, a newspaper that has been in continuous operation since 1847 when I was minus 123 years old.

Perhaps the most striking example of this was last year when Atria Books, the publisher of Sean Penn's "novel," "Bob Honey Who Just Do Stuff" took out a full-page ad touting what critics had to say about the book in a cheeky attempt to lean into what had been overwhelming scorn.

"Honestly, shut your face, Sean Penn," said Marie Claire.

HuffPost declared, "Sean Penn is a novelist who must be stopped."

And the Chicago Tribune? They said to "Ignore Penn."

Except it wasn't the Chicago Tribune who said it. It was me, John Warner, The Biblioracle, and it's advice I stand by, at least when it comes to Sean Penn the novelist and that book, which I shall never mention again.

Even worse, technically, I'm not even an employee of the paper. I know it looks like I've made a home here, but in reality, I'm a freelancer paid by the column. I've never even been inside the Chicago Tribune offices.

How can I be said to speak for the Chicago Tribune?

Framing an individual judgment as belonging to the larger, more august entity isn't unique to books. For movies, theatrical productions, restaurants, video games, blenders, the authority reflexively falls to the publication in which the review appeared.

Except there are exceptions. When Siskel and Ebert gave "two thumbs up," those opposable digits were not credited to the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times. When Stephen King publishes a review in The New York Times, you can bet the pull-quote is attached to him, not the paper.

There are a small handful of book reviewers who have earned the cache to stand alone from (or more likely alongside) their publication. Michiko Kakutani was perhaps tops among them all prior to her recent retirement from The Times. Ron Charles at The Washington Post and Laura Miller at Slate deserve the same distinction in my book. Parul Sehgal, another Times critic, will be there eventually if she isn't already.

But why not me? Why not Claire Fallon, who is the author of the quote credited to HuffPost above?

Honestly, I wasn't inclined to question the practice until Kathleen Rooney took issue with it on Twitter, and I began to

think how right she is. Rooney is both a fellow Tribune freelance colleague and the author of "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk."

It's not just about ego, but manners as well, acknowledging credit where it is due. At the same time, I believe that it's in the best interest of publishers to attach the names of all reviewers along with the publication in their ads, the pages at internet retailers, or the blurbs on the paperback versions where these things often appear.

"The Biblioracle" does not engender recognition nationwide, but in Chicago? Yeah, a little bit. Imagine a reader browsing the new paperbacks table and seeing a quote from The Biblioracle and remembering, *Oh yeah, that guy who recommends books in the Trib.* Humility aside, this is a more persuasive connection than only the name of the paper.

You just sold a book. No one will ever challenge Oprah when it comes to a stamp of approval's ability to move units, but couldn't "A Biblioracle Pick" potentially move at least a few?

Only three words — five if you include my name with it.

At least think about it, publishers.

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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. "A God in Ruins" by Kate Atkinson
2. "Anything is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout
3. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd
4. "A Fatal Grace: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel" by Louise Penny
5. "Less" by Andrew Sean Greer — Nancy A., Normal, Ill.

"Tell the Wolves I'm Home" by Carol Rifka Brunt has a propulsive and emotionally involving story that I think will appeal to Nancy.

1. "The Man Who Was Thursday" by G.K. Chesterton
2. "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik
3. "The Pillars of the Earth: Kingsbridge Book 1" by Ken Follett
4. "The Confidant" by Helene Gremillon
5. "The Modigliani Scandal" by Ken Follett — Biff G., Valparaiso, Ind.

I am jealous of Biff because he read one of the books on his list in French, and another in Spanish, which means he can read in at least three languages. I've always wondered about what it would be like to read untranslated literature in my non-native tongue, but I also wonder if it's too late for this old dog to learn a new trick. I'm recommending "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride.

1. "The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914" by David McCullough
2. "Two Eggs on My Plate" by Oluf Reed Olsen
3. "The Necessary Death of Lewis Winter: The Glasgow Trilogy" by Malcolm Mackay
4. "You Can't Win" by Jack Black
5. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe — Sam D., Lee, Ill.

If Sam isn't already a fan of John Fante, he will be after reading "The Brotherhood of the Grape."

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'Diane' role was written just for Place

Actress with long and varied career gets indie spotlight

By **SUSAN KING**
Los Angeles Times

Like many aspiring actors, Mary Kay Place arrived in Hollywood with very little money and very high hopes. She graduated from the University of Tulsa in 1969 and eventually landed in California.

But unlike most actors, she had her dreams come true. The 71-year-old actress, musician and writer has been working steadily for more than four decades, won an Emmy award, recorded a hit album and hosted "Saturday Night Live."

She's as busy as ever, including a lead role in the independent film "Diane." Place is still thrilled by what's happened to her.

"So it's all been a total surprise and definitely has made life interesting and challenging," she said in a recent interview at a private Hollywood club. "Obviously I couldn't be more grateful for it."

An early influence on her career was legendary writer and producer Norman Lear, who had her perform her own song, "If Communism Comes Knocking at Your Door (Don't Answer It)," in a 1973 episode of "All in the Family." Lear then cast her in her Emmy Award-winning role as aspiring country singer Loretta Hagers in the landmark 1976-77 comedy series "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman."

She went on to record three country western albums, scoring a top 10 hit with "Baby Boy." She's worked with such ac-

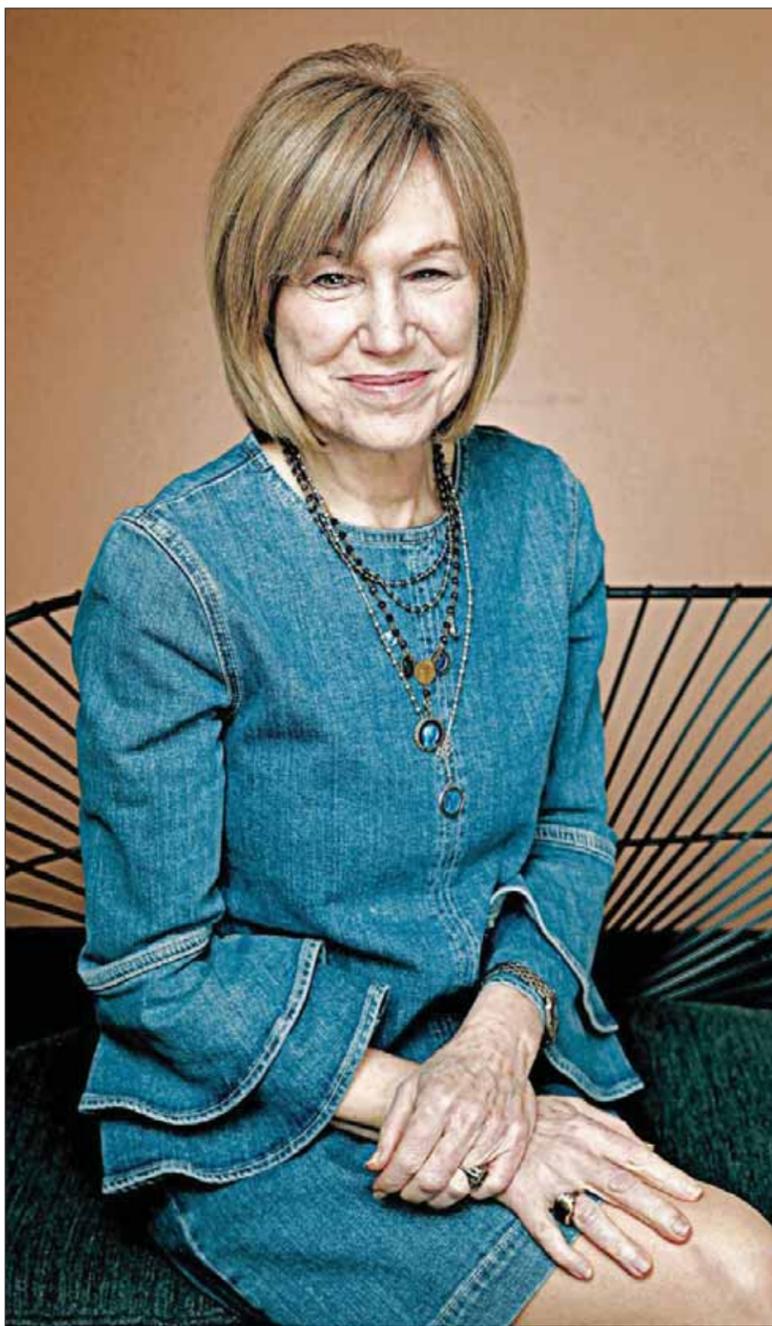
claimed film directors as Hal Ashby ("Bound for Glory"), Martin Scorsese ("New York, New York"), Lawrence Kasdan ("The Big Chill"), Francis Ford Coppola ("The Rainmaker") and Spike Jonze ("Being John Malkovich"), and was a regular on countless TV series including HBO's "Big Love" and Netflix's "Lady Dynamite."

And along the way, she also earned an Emmy nomination for co-writing the "Hot Lips and Empty Arms" episode of "M*A*S*H" and has directed episodic comedy series.

"I was hoping something like this would happen," the thoughtful Place explained. "But that this particular thing happened has been a shock each time. Like when Norman Lear said, 'Do you want to be on "All in the Family" singing your song?' That was shocking. When I got the part of Loretta, that was shocking. When I got the Columbia Records contract to make three albums that was ridiculously shocking."

Her new film is a haunting drama, the first narrative feature by documentarian Kent Jones ("Hitchcock/Truffaut"). Place stars as Diane, a 60-something woman who is generous to a fault. She helps sick friends and relatives, volunteers at the soup kitchen and desperately tries to find her drug-addled son (Jake Lacy).

But despite her Florence Nightingale ethos, Diane is tormented by mistakes she has made in her life. Andrea Martin, Estelle Parsons and Joyce Van Patten also star in the film, which won three prizes last year at the Tribeca Film Festi-



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Mary Kay Place, who stars in the new film "Diane," has worked with directors Martin Scorsese, Francis Ford Coppola, Lawrence Kasdan, Spike Jonze and Hal Ashby.

val, including best narrative feature.

"Diane," executive produced by Scorsese, is Jones' valentine to Place. He wrote the part for her based on his mother and his aunts.

"I always liked her mov-

ies," noted the soft-spoken director. "I always looked forward to seeing her." But it was her performance as the mother of a dying boy in 1997's "The Rainmaker" that always remained with him.

Jones, who grew up in a

strong matriarchal family, was taken by her performance in "Rainmaker" because "it just seemed completely in harmony with what I remember growing up. The same kind of sense of humor. The same stoicism. The same emotions

under the surface. She's not on screen for a whole lot of time in the movie. But every second counts. There's not one false note."

Place and Jones met about six years ago when they were both on the jury of the Berkshire Film Festival. He told her then that he wanted to write a screenplay for her.

"I was really kind of blown away because I knew I wasn't a bankable name, so I thought 'They'll never get the money to make this movie.' But it's really nice to have somebody that you respect say that they would write a movie with you in mind."

Jones promised he wouldn't contact her until he had finished a draft. A little more than four years later, Place discovered the script in her inbox.

"I was very nervous to read it because I thought, 'What if I don't like it or I don't relate to it or don't feel I can do it?'"

That wasn't the case. "I just whizzed through that script so quick," Place noted. "I didn't even know what hit me. What I really related to was the community, how the community interacted like in those towns of my grandparents where you took the casserole over when someone was sick."

She also connected to the addiction storyline. "I think all families have addiction issues somewhere in their family tree," Place said. "I think we've all done things that we've regretted and said things we wish we hadn't said, had shame and carry some of that with us. I think Diane is an extreme case of that, but I think we can all relate to that part of the character."

Place worked closely with costume designer Carisa Kelly on Diane's dowdy clothes and dishwasher-dull dark hairstyle.

"I was really concerned that I look nothing like any other parts I had ever played," Place explained. "I wanted that dark wig. We had to find one where we weren't going to be arrested by the wig police."

Lightfoot

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arts provide to engage our imagination. The arts permit us to shift our frame of reference, to see the world through the eyes of another, to see and hear the world anew.

The quotation is taken from Lavey's magnificent 2008 Cindy Pritzker lecture. Its main point is not that complicated, really: the arts are uniquely situated to build empathy, and the ability to walk in someone else's shoes for a moment is a skill we all need to learn. And a city without empathy is nowhere you want to live. It is too unkind.

However certain we might be of our enemies, however intense our surety of what needs to change to redress our grievances, we can and will be upended. Personal circumstances

change. Tragedy can strike. In those moments, we will need the arts to pick us up off the floor.

Lightfoot may well have to lead this city through such a circumstance and there is a dimension of parenting to the job of mayor. She will need to be everyone's leader; she will need to help us help ourselves; on occasion, she will need to inspire us with poetry and prose. "How's your heart?" she will have to ask her fellow citizens.

From that Lavey passage, Lightfoot's paper, which is brief, goes to this: "It is essential that we lift up and invest in our unparalleled Chicago artists. A robust Chicago arts community inspires us, engages us, questions the status quo and has the power to bring our diverse city together in conversation around the critical challenges of our day."

Exactly.

You might say that it is incumbent on any incoming mayor to talk about her city's "unparalleled artists," just as it would in the case of any sector of the economy — but in the case of Chicago it happens to be true. One of the staggering deficiencies evident in many of Lightfoot's rivals was a lack of awareness that the arts community in Chicago is unlike that of any other city. Other cities don't have 200 theaters, an unruly, sometimes unforgiving but deeply passionate and capable young community, working its collective fingers to the bone mostly for the benefit of Chicago's neighborhoods and a collective dedicated to equity and inclusion and that loves to take on anyone it perceives as a gatekeeper.

The ecosystem, though, is fragile. Lightfoot will need to know this.

She's right about artists constantly questioning the

status quo. Of course, it's one thing to say that as a candidate. What matters most is that Lightfoot's interest in that subversion continues once she becomes the status quo. As any mayor inevitably does.

Whether or not Lightfoot will build on the epic, intensely ambitious, something-for-everyone cultural plan formulated by the previous administration will, of course, be up to Lightfoot and her team. Either way, she has to operate in the cultural arena on three crucial, parallel tracks.

When others insist that they cross or are run by competitive railroads, she will have to remind them that the trains on all three of them need to run at full speed.

Yet the trains on those rails all have different drivers and they'll be competing for her green light.

Track one is the maintenance of the massive, mostly for-profit economic engine that the arts represent, especially in downtown Chicago. Shows like "Hamilton" (and the attendant exhibition, coming later this month) bring in tourists and, of course, provide jobs for everyone from waiters to ushers to stagehands and union musicians. Here, the pressure will be on to keep amusement taxes down, and to offer incentives to mercurial New York-based producers who can pick and choose the cities in which they want to invest. This is a highly competitive marketplace and it often has the effect of enriching the already affluent (who are unlikely to be based in Chicago), possibly angering others in the famously progressive artistic community. But there is no choice. Loop restaurants and hotels need attractions. Artists need jobs. How long a show stays matters. Whether tourists can count on seeing something they want to see next summer when they're choosing between Chicago and New York matters.

The mayor has to be willing to compete and to leverage Chicago's natural assets. There are billions of dollars at stake. It is, of course, similarly crucial that Chicago's emergence as a production center for film and television continues its growth curve.

Track two is the maintenance of Chicago's world-class non-profit institutions: The Joffrey Ballet, the Lyric Opera, the Goodman Theatre, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. (That is far from a complete list). These institutions are far from secure. At the Lyric, for example, seismic generational and cultural change has impacted the historically high demand for performances, resulting in fewer of them. That led the Lyric to strike a deal with the Joffrey Ballet, covering its vacant weeks at the Lyric Opera House beginning in 2020, which in turn puts pressure on the Auditorium Theatre, which has lost a key tenant. And, yes, gorgeous, historic venues like the Auditorium are among the great treasures of our city. It is not just producing entities that will need mayoral attention.

The Uptown Theatre will come online during the Lightfoot administration; the progress of its restoration will need to be monitored with care, ensuring that what has been promised actually occurs. Arts institutions love new buildings. Should the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, which has just announced a bold construction plan, not yet fully financed, get city money, despite its deep-pocketed board of directors? Or should such taxpayer funding be reserved for grass-roots operations? Should an arts policy be about apolitical excellence or about social justice? These are questions that will arise.

Then there's the matter of the union dispute at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and the thorny question of what can and

cannot be sustained. Lightfoot will have to get behind both fairness to the great musicians of the CSO, and a financial plan that will ensure the orchestra's ongoing longevity.

Track three is the hundreds of arts non-profits whose missions lie in Chicago's neighborhoods and that are oriented around service and systemic political change, not profit. Here, many of the arguments will revolve around whether the Loop is being helped at the expense of the parts of Chicago in greater need of investment. Many of the mission-oriented workers in that sector are no fans of subsidizing TV producers; they believe passionately in their roles as educators and community activists and their own wages bespeak of their commitment. They will argue — rightly — that they cannot do their work without resources. They will argue — rightly — that they are as crucial to the city's future as any flagship group, because they find audiences where they live. And then proceed to change their lives.

Should Lightfoot push for administrative consolidation of these organizations? Can she update building regulations while still keeping audiences safe? Can she navigate the distinction between community participation and the professional artist who needs to make a living? Can she protect the smaller organizations when the big fish will have easier access to her ear? Can she walk between business interests and mission-based artists and be an equal friend to both?

I think she can. That's not just hope. When it comes to the arts, Lightfoot made her mark from the start. And if you were to remove the words arts and artists from this discussion, you'd have an apt microcosm of the rest of the job.

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Former cop is changing the face of country music

Frank Ray's songs embody latino millennial culture

BY JEFFREY FLEISHMAN
Los Angeles Times

REPORTING FROM COLUMBUS, N.M. — The pickup raced along scrub, mesquite and creosote. A cold wind scattered dust beyond the onion factory. The cotton fields were empty, and Frank Ray, who was christened Francisco Gomez, remembered his boyhood when migrants arrived at first light, filling sacks and stripping fields from white to brown again.

He drove a few more miles and crossed into Palomas, Mexico. The air stung and the streets turned ragged. His ancestry began on this side of the border, stitched into promises of riches to the north. He ate lunch and bought a guitar for his daughter. He returned to Columbus carrying bits of history and things that may one day fit into a song like "Different Kind of Country," an anthem to undocumented and working-class Latinos he wrote to protest President Trump's anti-immigration speeches.

"Seems like every damn day they want to send us all away," Ray sings on his first EP. "But if you see it my way / Don't give a damn about white or blue collar / Worried everyday about finding good work / Trying to make a living for our sons and daughters / Do our very best before they put us in the dirt / If you think that ain't American / Let me tell you something / We are just a different kind of country."

The word country is double-edged. It speaks to the nation, but also to country music, which for generations has been a white bastion distilling Southern and heartland notions of America. Ray's music and legacy embody the fastest growing demographic in country music: young Latinos. His voice and rhythms imbue Nashville, Tenn., and San Antonio, but Ray, a bilingual former cop, is a singer-songwriter looking to stretch country music's cultural boundaries beyond the tinge of political conservatism.

"I want to be the face of country music for Hispanics," said Ray, 32, a member of the Country Music Assn. "I look back at Freddy Fender, who paved the way for me, and I want people to say that about Frank Ray. Music is universal, but the state of the nation and identity politics concerns me. No one seems to want to find common ground anymore. It's been a pretty long time since a Hispanic artist has risen to the top of country music. Why is that?"

Ray is on the ascent. In the last two years, he had a No. 1 song in Texas, competed in the USA Network's "Real Country" reality show and was named by Rolling Stone as an artist to watch. He collaborates with Nashville producers and musicians Frank Rogers and Steve Dorff — who has written hits for Dolly Parton and Dusty Springfield — and this year will release his second EP. Eight labels, including Sony, have expressed interest in signing him.

There are moments, though, like that night in Tuscaloosa, Ala., when Ray confronts the nation's acrimonious divides. A Trump supporter, who preferred his country singers white, heckled him and his bandmates when they took the stage.

"It was weird," said Ray. "It caught me off guard. I tried a joke. I said, 'Yea, I picked these guys up behind Home Depot and asked them to come play country music.' It worked and things calmed down. The guy asked to buy me a drink after the show."

Country songs, notably in the Southwest, have long been influenced by mariachi music and Mexican fiddles. Latino country stars like Fender and Johnny Rodriguez have been followed by artists



RUDY GUTIERREZ PHOTOS/FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Country music singer Frank Ray at a concert in Las Cruces, N.M., on Feb. 21. He previously worked in the city as a police officer before before changing career directions.



Dancers take to the floor at Whiskey Dicks nightclub in Las Cruces, N.M.

including the Tex-Mex inspired Last Bandoleros and Rick Trevino, a Grammy Award-winning third-generation Mexican American, who in 2017 paid tribute to his heritage with an album that featured the lyrics "she says I'm a wetback / I say it's honest sweat" in the song "I Am a Mexican."

Ray grew up in Columbus but lives in Las Cruces. The city lies about 50 miles north of El Paso, where the high plains meet the Organ Mountains and the Rio Grande runs dry in the hot months. Mercurial and boy-faced, Ray wears turned-around ball caps and hunts elk with a bow. He was a cop here for a decade, talking people out of doing things they'd regret. His wife, Emily, whose father is a Trump man, runs marketing for a truck company. She leaves Post-It notes around the house telling Ray how much she believes in him and his music.

He packed the Las Cruces country music nightclub Whiskey Dicks last month, playing past midnight as couples in cowboy hats two-stepped on the dance floor and his manager, Oscar Chavira — who after he heard Ray sing two years ago, said, "Jesus, I gotta sign this guy" — looked on from the wings, knowing that in a few days, they were heading to Nashville for record company auditions. The crowd cheered and held up smartphones as Ray sang his country hits "The Drive" and "Tequila Mockingbird," and glided through covers of Prince's "Purple Rain" and Redbone's "Come and Get Your Love."

"We come from all kinds of music," Ray's bass player, Mario Saucedo, said before the show. "We all played in Latino churches, and when you play in church, you play gospel, mariachi, pop. You improvise. I'm a '90s grunge guy with a little funk. Our drummer is more of a jazz guy. He was in a marching band for four years."

Ray's voice has quick power. It can dip deep and fly, and with the twist of a syllable, he can sound like a grown-up Backstreet Boy or Vicente Fernández, the Mexican king of *ranchera* music. He roamed the stage as if set loose at recess. The crowd swayed beneath the American and New Mexican flags. Their faces — white, Latino and Native American — were a different portrait from Trump's vision, living at the border's edge, a mix of cultures and rhythms bound and tempered by dust storms, day laborers and children fleeing violence in Honduras and Guatemala.

"Frank has the Hispanic

taste no one else has. He ties in the fields and farms with Mexican and country music all in one sound," said Stephanie Carabajal, a police officer who once rode with Ray. "What other country artists can do that? George Strait, maybe. With all this talk of Trump's wall, Frank's music is relevant to what's going on. All his songs are in my phone."

The crystal ball over the dance floor kept spinning, but Ray, whose songs were mostly about love, was done. He left the stage and walked over to the T-shirt table, posing for pictures with cops and locals who said he was going to make it. They were sure of it. They put their arms around him and smiled. He got home just before 3 a.m. Emily had left a Post-It note: "P.S. I Love You." She could do things like that; make him stand there in the dark, believing, in the quiet of a sleeping house.

Hours later, he was on the road to Columbus, where his father, Robert, director of public works, lost an eye years ago when a nail flew up while he was working at Holy Family Catholic Church. The town was a flashpoint in U.S.-Mexican history when Pancho Villa's army raided it in 1916. President Woodrow Wilson responded by dispatching troops to the border. Not a lot has happened since. The town — Robert calls it a village (population 1,600) — recently proclaimed Aug. 1 to be "Frank Ray Day."

"Francisco Gomez is my real name," said Ray, acknowledging that sometimes a man must obscure one part of himself to reveal another. "That wasn't going to fly from a marketing perspective. Ray is my middle name. It drops off the tongue a little easier."

The white pickup headed southwest. Emily was in the back with their 2-year-old daughter, Mackenzie, and Robert, who Ray was driving home after the Whiskey Dicks show. A dust storm threatened. Ray pointed to the Three Sisters mountain, and Robert told him that his great-grandfather came from Mexico with his family, settling in Oxnard and then moving to Columbus. Robert grew up on a big farm, but after years of hail and bank loans, the family quit the fields and sold the livestock. Ray has paid homage to that legacy by having the family's cattle brand tattooed on his bicep.

The wind kicked up. A border patrol helicopter flew low and cut north in the distance. Tumbleweeds danced over the blacktop, and beyond the windshield, except for cars passing, it seemed from another time; copper and

scrub for miles, an expanse where a soul would find it hard to hide. Ray mentioned that he spent some of his childhood in San Antonio with his mother, a nurse and part-time gas attendant, after she and Robert split. That's where songs by Strait and Tracy Lawrence told Ray what he was going to be.

"Country was where it was at for me," he said. "The music tells a story in the most genuine way possible. I want to tell stories of people who aren't heard. I was a cop. I know there are criminals and cartels. But most people crossing the border are trying to make a life for their families. It's wrong to demonize them."

He so far has not included Spanish lyrics in his music. His upcoming EP is drawn from the catalog of Dorff's son, Andrew, who wrote hits for Blake Shelton and Rascal Flatts, and died in 2016. Ray said his own songs about Latino culture have to be calibrated to bring the audience along, which is why his sets have a little bit for everyone, including Hank Williams fans. "I don't want to be known as 'the Mexican guy,'" he said. "I want to be a great country singer who happens to be Hispanic."

The horizon swirled gray and yellow. Emily leaned forward from the back seat. "When someone has the limelight, they should do something with it," she said. "As long as he does that — this guy from Columbus, New Mexico — no matter what happens, it's not a bad thing if you're known as that guy. You could inspire another Hispanic kid."

Ray sat with that thought for a while; it was Emily after all who told him to quit the police force and chase what he was meant to do.

She met Ray four years ago when she booked him to play at a truck expo.

"He's a terrible negotiator," she said.

"I am," he said.

"I asked what he charged. He said, '\$200.'"

They both laughed.

"Best \$200 I ever spent," she said.

That price these days can rise to \$10,000.

They drove to Columbus, and then a few miles on into Mexico. They ate lunch. Mackenzie twirled in a cowboy hat and played a small guitar. A mariachi band appeared. Ray handed over \$3 and asked them to play "Sabor a Mi." He was across the border but he was home, speaking Spanish, drinking Dos Equis and recalling when his grandfather would bring him to Palomas and let him run free while the old man went and did things men do.

Ray paid the bill, bought the guitar. The pickup headed back to Columbus and then to Las Cruces. Ray mentioned that his birthday is Jan. 8 — the same day as Elvis. He scrolled his phone and put on his new song, "American Daydream," with the lyric: "Bumper sticker telling everyone who you voted for ..."

Mackenzie sang along to her father's voice. The plains stretched cold and wet to the mountains.

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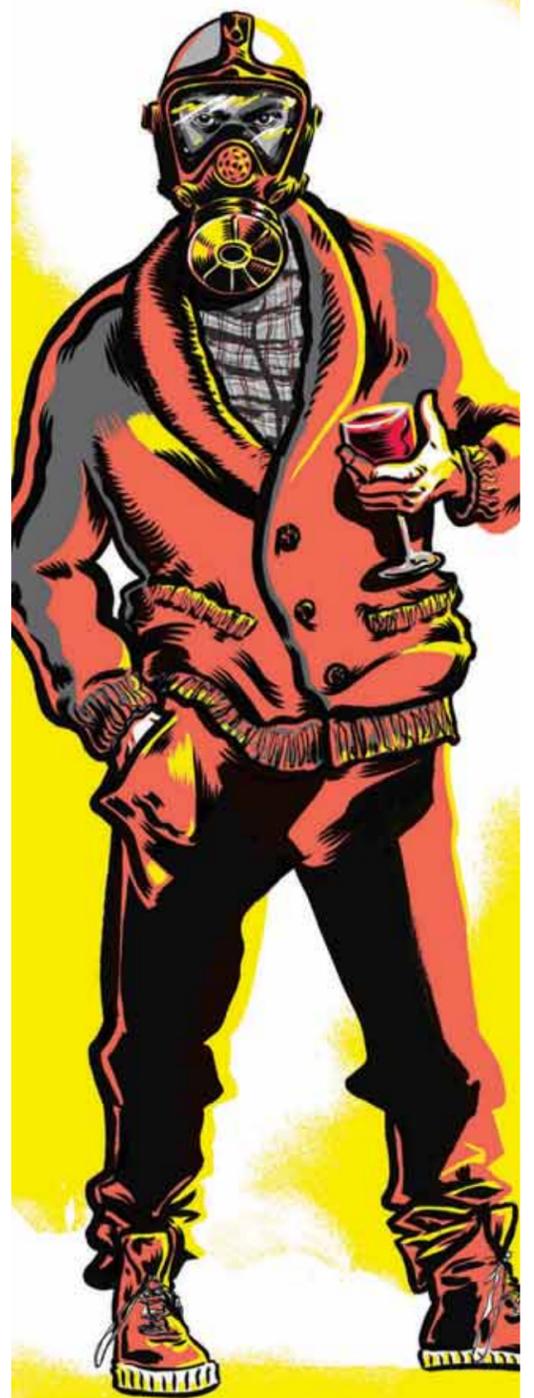
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"A Discovery of Witches" (8 p.m., 10:03 p.m., 2:36 a.m., AMC 8 p.m., 1:33 a.m., BBCA): This adaptation of Deborah Harkness' best-selling fantasy novel makes its basic cable debut on both AMC and its sister channel BBC America. Set in a modern world where witches, vampires and daemons secretly co-exist with humans, the story opens in a library at Oxford, where American historian Diana Bishop (Teresa Palmer) inadvertently calls up an ancient magical text. Unfortunately, it's one that geneticist Matthew Clairmont (Matthew Goode) wants to acquire for himself.

"Murder for Hire" (6 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m., OXY): From "Law & Order" franchise kingpin Dick Wolf comes this new unscripted series, which takes a look at the dark world of contract killings and spotlighting some fascinating murder-for-hire cases that were caught on tape. In the series premiere, "An Ex-Wife's Revenge," after a bitter divorce, an addiction therapist blackmails a patient into helping her.

"54th Academy of Country Music Awards" (7 p.m., CBS): From the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, music superstar Reba McEntire returns as host for the annual event that bills itself as "country music's party of the year." The field of nominees is led by Chris Stapleton and duo Dan + Shay, who have six each. Jason Aldean will receive the ACM Dick Clark Artist of the Decade Award. Kelly Clarkson, Miranda Lambert, George Strait, Dierks Bentley, Brooks & Dunn and Florida Georgia Line are among the scheduled performers.

"Killing Eve" (7 p.m., 9:03 p.m., AMC, BBCA): A breakout hit and awards magnet in Season 1, this offbeat, character-driven thriller returns for Season 2 (simulcast on AMC), picking up the action just seconds after Season 1 ended. Villanelle (Jodie Comer), the psychopathic assassin, has fled, leaving Eve (Sandra Oh) with no idea whether the woman she stabbed is alive or dead. Both women are in serious trouble unless they can reconnect, but others are in pursuit as well.

"Expedition Unknown" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery, TRAVEL): Explorer and adventurer Josh Gates takes viewers along as he searches for ancient artifacts at a recently uncovered Egyptian excavation site in this new two-hour live event. Gates gains access to an underground tomb complex, where a sealed sarcophagus — which will be opened for the first time during this telecast — may contain the identity of a mummy who has remained a mystery for 3,000 years.

"Madeleine McCann: An ID Murder Mystery" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., ID): The latest installment of this ongoing true-crime series looks back to the 2007 disappearance of Madeleine McCann, a 3-year-old child who disappeared from her Portugal hotel room while her parents were dining just a few yards away. Kate and Gerry McCann issued a desperate plea for their little daughter's return, but as the expanding investigation unfolded, law enforcement personnel cast doubt on everyone from strangers to loved ones.

"The Chi" (9 p.m., 10 p.m., 12:30 a.m., Showtime): Lena Waithe's gritty but critically acclaimed ensemble drama returns for a second season, which opens with a pre-ribe called "Eruptions." As the action resumes, an unlucky turn of events takes Brandon (Jason Mitchell) back to Reg (Barton Fitzpatrick). Elsewhere, Emmett (Jacob Latimore) realizes the time has come for him to grow up after Jada (Yolonda Ross) makes an important decision.

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	NBC 5	World of Dance: "The Duels 4." (N) ©				Good Girls: "Take Off Your Pants." (N) ©		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	American Idol: "210 (All-Star Duets)." (N) ©				(9:01) Shark Tank (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) *
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Wallows is a rock band worth your time

BY MIKAEL WOOD
Los Angeles Times

Dylan Minnette knew he was opening himself up to some brutal headlines.

"I mean, it's called 'Nothing Happens,'" he said of the debut album by his Los Angeles-based rock band, Wallows. "Obviously somebody's going to be like, 'You got that right.'"

Minnette makes for that easiest of targets: the actor moonlighting as a musician.

Known to millions of young viewers as the star of the hit Netflix series "13 Reasons Why," this 22-year-old singer and guitarist understands that his other job will lead many to think of Wallows as a mere hobby — or, worse, a cynical attempt to capitalize on his fans' devotion.

Wallows is especially ripe for skepticism given that the band includes a

second actor in co-frontman Braeden Lemasters, a familiar face from his work in TV shows such as "Men of a Certain Age" and "Betrayal."

Yet "Nothing Happens" turns out to be — get this — a great little record. It's full of tender and funny songs about how young romance works (or doesn't) in a world where too much communication means that nobody knows how to talk to anybody else anymore.

Which is a surprise not just because of the band's background but also because who looks for greatness from a new rock band in 2019?

But Wallows, which also includes drummer Cole Preston, is doing it the old-fashioned way, with fuzzy guitars, harmony vocals, the whole bit. Wallows made the album with producer John Congleton,

known for his work with other adventurous rock acts like St. Vincent and Sharon Van Etten.

The feeling you come away with, though, is the members' earnest belief that what the Strokes did — not to mention the Ramones and the Rolling Stones before them — is still worth doing.

And that feeling is resonating: Wallows is booked to play the Coachella festival in Indio, Calif., after which the band will head out on a North American tour with some dates already sold out.

"People around me used to say, 'Do the music thing but remember that you have a career in acting — and that's where the money is,'" Minnette said on a recent afternoon, squeezed into a booth with his bandmates at the 101 Coffee Shop. "Now I think they're

starting to see how serious we are and how well we're doing for ourselves."

The three have been playing together since they were kids; Minnette and Lemasters, both of whom moved to LA with their families to pursue acting, met Preston in a "School of Rock"-style program called Join the Band.

They cycled through various names before landing on Wallows, which Lemasters took from a famous Honolulu skateboarding spot featured in the video game "Tony Hawk's Underground."

The band played its first show at the Roxy in May 2017, followed a week later by one at the Troubadour; both drew capacity crowds, thanks at least in part to the viral success of "13 Reasons Why," which had premiered not long before. "Nothing Happens"



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Braeden Lemasters, from left, Cole Preston and Dylan Minnette are the LA-based indie rock band Wallows.

comes after a string of singles and EPs that gathered steam online. Yet the musicians say they wanted their debut album to feel special — "a complete experience," as Lemasters put it, modeled on beloved albums by the Beatles and Weezer and Arcade Fire. Do young people still

listen that way? "We do," said Preston, who described the "intimate relationship" he formed with music at the tail end of the CD era. "Buying albums when I was 13 or 14 and listening front to back — that's how I learned to love music," he said.

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is one of the few plot facts that HBO has allowed the actors to talk about, and it is “expected to be the longest consecutive battle sequence ever committed to film,” Entertainment Weekly said in its report from the set, the only one HBO allowed.

This will be, to one degree or another, the “Winter Is Coming” battle that the whole series has been pointing toward, the one where the Night King’s frozen undead armies from the North plus his newly undead zombie dragon try to take over from those petty, perpetually feuding humans situated south of them. Given their documented venality over seven seasons, many of these particular bipedal persons may not particularly deserve survival, but viewers should have a rooting interest in it, nonetheless, grounded in basic Darwinian theory and unapologetic speciesism. Also, I think we all root for the Starks, not counting Bran, who is the Dorne of the Starks.

This battle will most likely come in Episode 5 of this season’s six, partly because “GoT” has a history of doing big things in penultimate episodes, partly because we have been told that episode was directed

by Miguel Sapochnik, who was so masterful with the Battle of the Bastards (which aired in a penultimate episode). Sapochnik also directs the season’s third episode, but that just seems too soon for the show’s equivalent of the World Series, Wrestlemania and Waterloo wrapped into one. Both episodes, incidentally are about 80 minutes long, like the other two of the final four episodes. The first two of the season check in at under an hour each.

We know that a top HBO executive has said the showrunners D.B. Weiss and David Benioff delivered an ending that will be “dramatically satisfying and emotionally satisfying” to fans, as Peter Sagal, “Wait Wait ... Don’t Tell Me!” host and cohost of the podcast “Nerdette Recaps Game of Thrones with Peter Sagal” says in the video preview we recorded for chicagotribune.com. This seems to promise no “Seinfeld”-style undercutting of the main characters, no “Sopranos”-style mystery, and no “Sex and the City”-style pandering wrap-up.

“Satisfying” probably means a human being and his or her kind will emerge victorious, in one way or another, again for unabashedly speciesist reasons. But given the “Thrones” history of tinkering with main-character lifelines and

audience expectations, “satisfying” could very well mean we’ll end up with a big surprise on the throne. Rather than the expected Jon Snow and/or his lover/aunt Daenerys, it could well be a Tyrion Lannister in the big knifey chair. Perhaps his sister Cersei will be ensconced in a revolutionary co-monarchy with her perpetual glass of wine.

Or just maybe the good people who remain will get together and decide the traditional system of hereditary feudal rule is inherently unfair to the peasant classes and antithetical to the idea of a meritocracy and now is the time to give agrarian socialism a true chance. Like I said, surprise.

We do not know what to expect from some of the show’s wild cards, the figures who have receded into the background but just may return to impact the conclusion. What of Melisandre, ageless and red, off to some foreign isle, ostensibly to recruit allies? What of Brandon Stark, whose forays back into time would seem to allow him to maybe, possibly, alter current events? And what about the direwolves? I miss the direwolves.

We certainly know that this last blast of the show has been far too long in arriving, especially since this is not really the eighth season but rather the sec-

ond half of the seventh season. The first half ended after seven episodes some 20 months ago, back in August of 2017. We were different people then, curious to see what this Robert Mueller fellow would dredge up, intrigued to watch whatever interviews respected broadcasters Charlie Rose and Matt Lauer would do next, and so on. Indeed, it has been so long that in writing this I have had to double-check how to spell both “Daenerys” and “Targaryen.”

On the other hand, the evidence suggests that it has been exactly the right length of time away. When HBO put out that two-minute trailer for the coming final season in early March, it was like “Game of Thrones” had never left us. The hype immediately returned to Frazier-Ali levels. And we forgot our long abandonment — at least until it comes out in therapy — because we were all just so thrilled that Mother (of Dragons) came back to us.

You want anecdotal proof of the tenterhooks the show’s return has fans on? Just today I saw an email header saying one “David Boroff” had requested to join my network on Linked In and — true story — my mind at first read it as “David Benioff,” because of course the “Game of Thrones” showrunner

would be friending me on a vocation-based website and, yes, sure, hand to my heart, I’d probably consider a job writing on his next series. Oh, wait: “Boroff.”

The trailer did its job, too. It teased just enough information to fuel the fires, but not so much as to make viewing anticlimactic. We learned Arya Stark, for instance, has apparently continued on her assassin ways rather than, say, going off to study the classics at university. She’s seen with a big knife, and running, and with blood on her face.

We learned Jaime Lannister, last seen finally abandoning his treacherous sister/lover to join the fight for humanity up by Winterfell, has enough of a beard that he looks like an investment banker just starting in his new career at the microbrewery he funded.

We didn’t learn much about Tyrion or Sansa, except that they are, at some point, still alive in the season. Ditto for time-traveling mystic and wet blanket-to-drama Bran; the answer, he always seems to be trying to tell us, lies right where I am looking, in the middle distance.

We also learned that Dany and Jon are seemingly still an item. They hold hands together. They approach the two living dragons together. Apparently nobody has told them what

Bran and Samwell and viewers now know, that Jon is really a Targaryen and rightful heir to the throne and that Dany is really his aunt. Oh, and that Jon is not illegitimate, but rather the product of a secret marriage. Even if they had been told, it may not have mattered, because in the lore of the series, Targaryens marry Targaryens.

But, really, it’s not necessary to know any more. I came across a new promotional teaser, just out this week, showing a certain important place in the series in seeming ruins. You can look it up if you want, but it is a thing I really wish I did not know as I prepare to watch.

At its best, “Game of Thrones” has been rollicking storytelling that you can enjoy without thinking about it as a climate-change allegory, without wondering which character derives from which historical monarch, and without having or wanting to work hard to stay ahead of the plot.

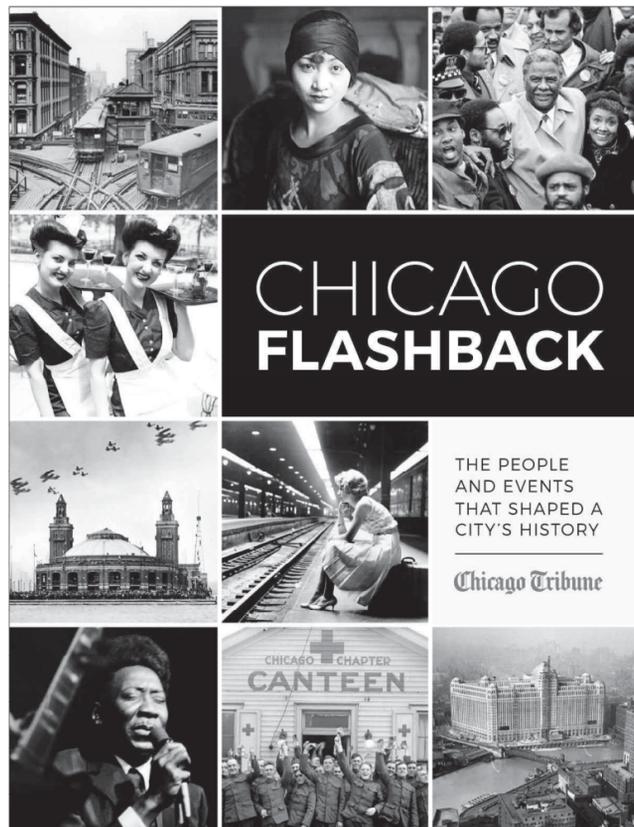
It is enough to know that winter is here, and the battle shall be joined, and maybe spring is coming?

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COMMENTARY

Media offering contrasting images

Muslims' portrayal in U.S. shows broad range of narratives

BY LORRAINE ALI
Los Angeles Times

Fifty pairs of empty shoes lined up outside a New Zealand church to commemorate 50 Muslim lives lost. Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar's hijab. A prime minister who wore a headscarf when consoling the bereaved. A world leader who downplayed white nationalism even after a gunman stormed two mosques during Friday prayer.

Never before have American viewers seen Muslims covered by the media with such a broad range of images and narratives as they have this month. From Fox News host Jeanine Pirro's shrill proclamations that Omar honors Sharia law above the U.S. Constitution to the massive outpouring of grief and support for the victims and survivors of last week's attacks, shifting politics and tragic events have forced a long overdue reckoning.

Most everything Americans thought they knew about Muslims here and abroad has been challenged, on screen, and at an unprecedented pace. Muslims are not only perpetrators of terror attacks, they are also victims.

White separatists are not just an isolated group of the disenfranchised whose vitriol against Muslims is limited to hate speech. And Muslim women who cover their heads aren't forbidden by their husbands from having something to say, as Donald Trump suggested of Gold Star mother Ghazala Khan during the 2016 Democratic convention. In fact, now he and many others on the right can't wait for Omar to shut up.

Up until now, the West's exposure to Muslims had been cultivated over decades and from afar. It arrived via news reports of Palestinian-Israeli fighting, hijackings, hostage-taking, the Iranian revolution, Moammar Kadafi, Saddam Hussein, 9/11 and dozens of action movies and TV shows where swarthy men with names like mine hold their twitchy fingers over red detonator buttons.

Then came the shady websites with names that made them appear to be deep founts of knowledge about Islam and the Middle East. I will not list them here, just as the media have largely withheld the identity of the mosque shooter, a white supremacist who subscribed to such garbage and livestreamed the killings with the hope it would go viral.

The last few weeks of rhetoric, debate and then tragedy have made it clear that irresponsible words and images have consequences, and we've been walking a dangerous road paved with fear and intolerance that inevitably leads to the type of unthinkable



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New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern hugs a mosque-goer at the Kilbirnie mosque in Wellington on March 17.



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Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.)



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Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.)

violence witnessed March 15.

The Christchurch masjid shootings, which killed 50 people, including a bubbly 3-year-old boy named Mucad, were visceral proof that terrorists and victims come in all colors and faiths. White, right-wing extremists are the latest rising threat, though one would never know it by listening to President Trump's reaction to the massacre or to the deadly attack at a 2017 Unite the Right KKK rally in which a man plowed his Dodge Challenger into a crowd of protesters in Charlottesville, Va.

Trump condemned the New Zealand killings but offered no direct words of support to Muslims here or abroad. When asked if he thought white nationalism was a growing threat, he said, "I don't really. I think it's a small group of people that have very, very serious problems."

He also told Fox News to "bring back Judge Jeanine Pirro" after the network publicly rebuked the host and pulled her show over her assertion that Omar couldn't wear a headscarf and be a patriotic American.



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Fifty pairs of white shoes were laid in front of All Souls Anglican Church to honor those who had lost their lives during the terror attacks at two New Zealand mosques.

It's one or the other in Pirro's world.

As a woman who covers, Omar is the most visible Muslim in the country right now. The freshman congresswoman's name has become shorthand for those celebrating progress and those who see her arrival as a sign of worrisome change. She's a de facto lightning rod for the right and the left, and has set off a wave of Muslim panic among Islamophobes.

A poster recently on display at a Republican-sponsored public gathering at the West Virginia statehouse featured an image of Omar superimposed over a photo of the twin towers burning. "Never forget" — you said," read a caption at the top of the poster. "I am the proof — you have forgotten," said a lower caption over the congresswoman's image.

It was taken down after House of Delegates representative Mike Pushkin tweeted his condemnation of the poster ("In 1933 in Berlin, they might have had a similar poster about somebody like me," he said) and after a heated argument in the capitol's hallway over the image, which led to the

resignation of the state's sergeant at arms. But little else in the way of an apology was heard from leaders on the right.

It's not just Republicans who are dealing with the new reality of Muslim voices and immigrant perspectives on Capitol Hill. Democrats were split after Omar's controversial comments criticizing the state of Israel and its lobbyists by using language that many felt upheld anti-Semitic stereotypes.

Omar's comments touched off a heated debate between older House Democrats, who drafted a resolution condemning anti-Semitism, and their younger, more liberal colleagues, who felt Omar was being singled out because she is Muslim. In the end, the House passed a resolution condemning anti-Semitism, as well as other forms of hatred, including Islamophobia.

Media outlets apparently didn't get the message of the resolution because they've used equally offensive tropes when covering Omar. New York magazine writer Jonathan Chait suggested the Somali-born congresswoman was using

the Palestinian cause "to smuggle in" ugly stereotypes.

Had Omar looked less Muslim and more like former Illinois Democratic Rep. Paul Findley, a frequent critic of Israel, it's doubtful we'd even be having this conversation. In fact, there was no widespread public uproar in the 1980s when Findley, who is white, regularly spoke out for Palestinian rights and against unfettered U.S. support of Israel.

But we are talking now, and awkward as it may be, we need to.

Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia are not at odds with each other. They spring from the same well of hate and fear, and neither should be used to push political agendas.

It's ironic given that it's Muslim women, the very figures who have widely been pitied in the West as silent victims of a patriarchal faith, are at the forefront of this cultural upheaval. Trump's comments disparaging the parents of slain American Muslim soldier Humayun Khan and other toxic remarks inspired an army of women to run for office —

and resulted in Congress' first female Muslim members, Omar and Michigan Rep. Rashida Tlaib.

The liberal-minded have also had to reassess how they portray Muslims.

Tlaib appeared on CNN's "State of the Nation" with Jake Tapper in the wake of New Zealand's mosque attacks. He gave his condolences to her community, then asked her about the impact of the tragedy and what she thought of the president's comments denying that Islamophobia is a national problem.

"Not only once, but twice, three times, did we in this nation say to the world, and to everyone in this country, that Muslims don't belong here," she said. "Every time we talk about a [border] wall, it's not about a structure, but about xenophobia. It's about racism."

But it's a slow learning curve, and Tapper spent the second half of the interview pressing the congresswoman to say something controversial about the fracas over Omar. Apparently, as Muslims, we all carry the burden of our brothers and sisters' foibles, and even in mourning we need to prove our patriotism and commitment to this country. Never mind that Tlaib was born in Detroit, thousands of miles from Omar's birthplace of Somalia.

"I pause and think to myself, 'Is [the blowback] because she's a black American and Muslim?' " Tlaib said. "So that's where I pause and say to myself, 'Is there an issue here?'"

The interview set off a second, or was it a third, wave of angry rebuttals and accusations of bigotry. Pundit Alan Dershowitz was quick to say on "Fox & Friends" that Tlaib's accusations claiming Islamophobia played a role in the furor over Omar's comments are "designed to stifle debate" and act as a "new justification for anti-Semitism."

Meanwhile, real change appeared to be taking place in New Zealand, where Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern wore a black headscarf when consoling the Islamic community outside a mosque and spoke eloquently of tightening gun laws.

She was doing all the things the leader of a developed, enlightened nation should do, all the things American leaders used to do.

"We represent diversity, kindness, compassion," Ardern told reporters directly after the massacre. "A home for those who share our values, refuge for those who need it."

Of the gunman, she added: "You may have chosen us, but we utterly reject and condemn you."

POTUS did not step up in the same way, but the images of 50 pairs of shoes that will never be worn again, some as small as the palm of your hand, drove that point home. And now, America is grappling with Islam and Muslims like it never has before.

CELEBRITIES

Thurman options: Dancing, fighting

BY JAMIE LANG
Variety

LILLE, France — People were lined up around the block for hours at Lille's Le Nouveau Siecle theater on a recent Tuesday night, hoping to get into a keynote speech given by Uma Thurman.

She was joined onstage by French journalist Olivier Joyard, and the two discussed highlights from the actress' blockbuster career as well as her new Netflix series "Chambers," which bowed later that evening in the festival's main International Competition.

"When Terry Gilliam cast me in his movie ("The Adventures of Baron Munchausen"), albeit in an ingenue role," she recalled, "I think that was the pivot

that made me realize it was real, that I would dedicate my life to the dramatic arts and work like an animal until I got good at it.

"Flying to Chichen Itza at 17 and seeing it transformed by his imagination, a true auteur, I realized I wasn't just cheating out of school, but this was a real art form, and I could be part of it," she added.

It wasn't long before Thurman's turn as Mia Wallace in Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction" came up, and even she had to admit that some of her scenes will go down as "pure cinema."

Two such scenes were screened for the audience, her character's first, where the viewer sees nothing more than her lips and fingers as she navigates a

confused John Travolta through her stylish LA home, and the classic 1950s diner dance scene, again with Travolta.

The two colorful passages were immediately juxtaposed with one of Thurman, buried alive, as The Bride in "Kill Bill: Vol. 1."

"I think it is always about dancing or fighting for your life," she said. The words were literal when Joyard used them to describe the scenes but a bit more philosophical as she repeated them. "I got 12 shades of PTSD watching that. Those were epic experiences."

Between dancing and fighting, Thurman admitted that dancing was the far more frightening prospect to a young actress. As a child she idolized Doris

Day and imagined herself as a song-and-dance actress, but her early growth spurt and discomfort with her body made that tough.

"I was more afraid of the dancing than almost anything," she recalled. "Being big and awkward and still quite young then. But once I started dancing, I didn't wanna stop, so it was a dream come true."

Thurman is now producing and acting in "Chambers." The series is a fantastic tale of a teenage girl who suffers a heart attack but is saved when a donor heart comes from another young woman who died in an accident. Thurman plays the mother of the deceased girl.

"Chambers" can be streamed worldwide on April 26.



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— Uma Thurman

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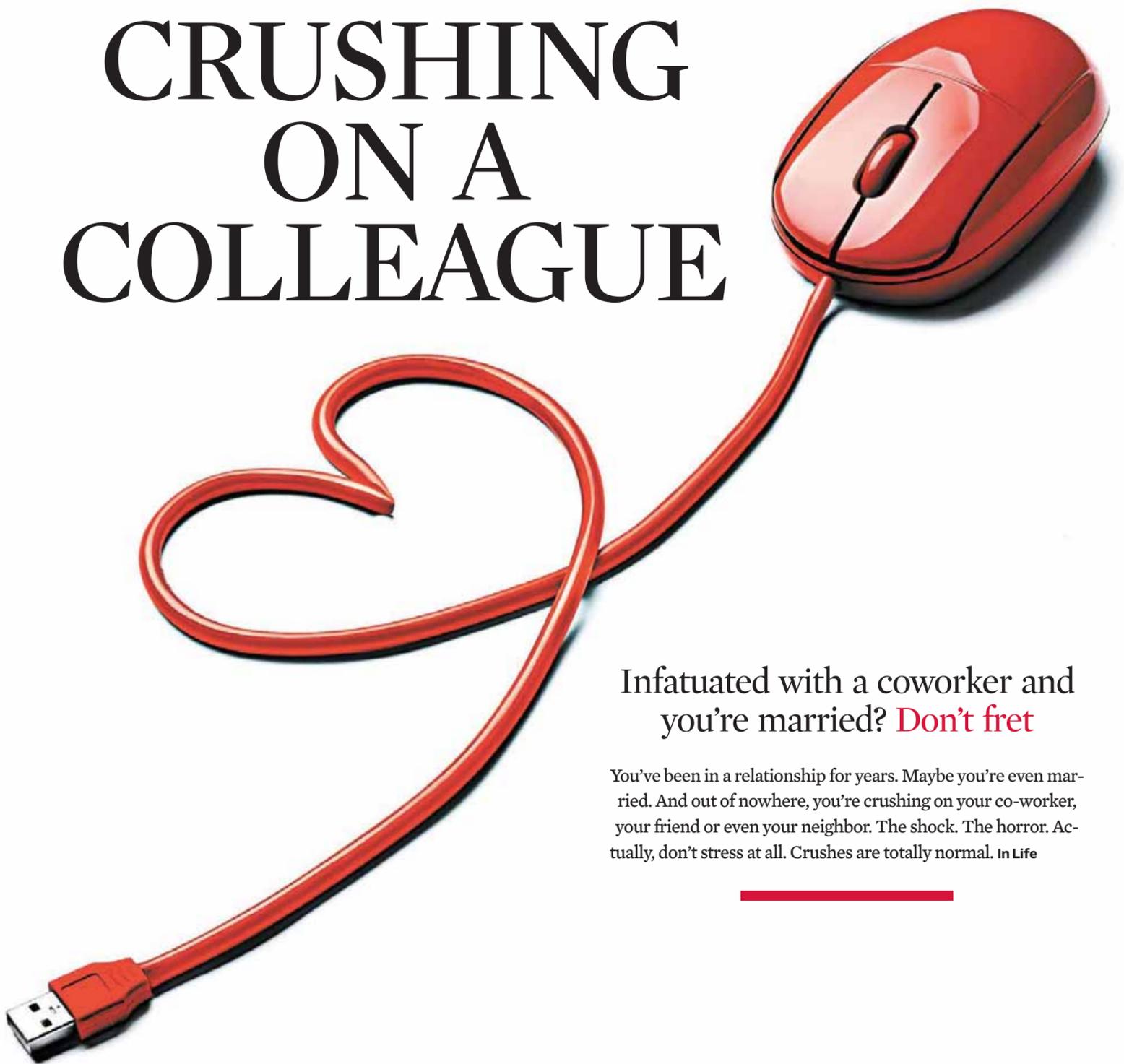
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ASK AMY

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Girlfriend's control raises red flags

Dear Amy: I think my girlfriend is in touch with her ex quite a bit, via text, phone and social media. She does not want me to have an Instagram account, so I deleted the one I had. She blocked me on Twitter and said she would unblock me, but she never did. She is very secretive and protective of her phone and makes sure to hide it from me if I come in the room.

She recently attended an event that her ex was at. When I asked her in advance if he was going to be there, she said no. When she returned, I asked her about the event, and she got very angry and defensive. When she talks to him, she sometimes tells me about it but most often gets defensive and somewhat hostile. She claims I am just trying to catch her doing something wrong. I know she is talking to him with somewhat regular frequency, but I do not want to bring it up. She is going to another event in about a month and again will be seeing him there.

I completely understand if she is happy being with her ex or if they are rekindling that old flame. I just don't want to be a safety net while they light that fire again. Any input and/or advice will be greatly appreciated.

— *Whipping Boi*

Dear Amy: I agree with you that you and your wife should live together in order to start your life as a married couple with privacy and intimacy. However, you haven't been around during much of the duration of your marriage. During your absence, I'm assuming that your wife has done what smart people do: She has found a tribe. She has found a surrogate family. My instinct is that she is a little afraid. She knows that the presence of this other family and this crowded household will provide a buffer for her.

You have to communicate about this. When you talk to her, ask her to outline her reasoning, and listen carefully to what she tells you. A reasonable compromise might be for you two to rent a furnished apartment for three months or so while you sort out the particulars of your marriage, as well as your living situation.

Dear Amy: "Coffee Shop Patron" was sitting next to some loud girls. I was glad you pointed out that interjecting is typically a useless act and can also cause blowback. It's best to move out of earshot or leave.

Personally, I have a naturally loud voice and can be quite animated when I am at restaurants, and so occasionally I get a person complaining to me directly. I feel I am more distracting than disruptive.

Last time, a fellow complained to me that he and his table couldn't have a conversation because I was so animated and so I just looked at him and said, "Wow. That's the first time I've been blamed for someone else being boring!"

He should have taken a page from your book.

— *Animated*

Dear Animated: I guess you can add rudeness to your list of attributes.

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BALANCING ACT

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Can men have friendships and ties to their kids?

Adult male friendships are the laboratory mice of our time.

They're poked and prodded and researched, analyzed within an inch of their lives, held up to the light and studied, pinned to the table and studied some more.

Heterosexual white men have the fewest friends of anyone in America, according to a 2006 analysis of data published in the American Sociological Review.

In 2017, The Boston Globe famously declared, "The biggest threat facing middle-age men isn't smoking or obesity. It's loneliness," based on research from Brigham Young University.

Slate once called friendship "American men's hidden crisis."

But are we doing much to help?

We talk a fair bit, as we should, about keeping boys and young men from feeling isolated and at odds with the world around them. Psychologist Michael C. Reichert's upcoming book, "How to Raise a Boy: The Power of Connection to Build Good Men" (Tarcher-Perigee) is fantastic.

But once they reach adulthood, men are largely on their own to figure out when and how to squeeze friendship into their lives, now that the teams and clubs and free time of their youth have largely dissipated.

Add in the fact that modern dads spend triple the time raising kids as dads in previous generations, according to Pew Research Center data, and the "hidden crisis" doesn't seem so hidden.

But what about women? We also spend more time



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with our children than moms of previous generations, according to Pew Research Center data. We've also watched the teams and clubs and free time of our youth dissipate. And yet, we are, on average, finding more time than men for friendships.

I have a theory. When women become parents, our friendships are woven into our parenting and our parenting is woven into our friendships.

We become friends with the parents of our kids' friends. We encourage (force?) our kids to become friends with our friends' kids. We email other moms about our kids' team sign-ups and after-school clubs. We group-text playground meetups, and later, when our kids stop playing at playgrounds, we still group-

text one another, but to meet for coffee or wine.

It has been this way historically. It remains this way today. (In many cases. Of course there are exceptions.)

Male friendships, on the other hand, have historically been built around time away from the kids. Poker night. Beers after work. Softball leagues. (In many cases. Of course there are exceptions.)

Weaving parenting into their friendships, friendships into their parenting wasn't typically modeled to them by their dads. I know men who weave them together beautifully, but they are the exception, not the norm.

So men who want the richness and intimacy of a close, time-intensive relationship with their own

kids can find that it comes at the expense of the richness and intimacy of close friendships.

I ran my theory by family therapist John Duffy. We do a weekly podcast together, "On Purpose: The Heidi Stevens and Dr. John Duffy Podcast," and male friendships sometimes come up.

He called my theory "really sound." He has a doctorate, so I'm sticking with it.

But what, I asked him, can we do about it?

"I suspect there is a balance that men can strike here," he said, "One that allows for plenty of time to connect with and parent their children, while also saving some time, here and there, to connect with adult male friends."

The first step is acknowledging it's important.

"Fostering male friendships tends to bring out the best in us men," he said. "We are more connected,

available, playful and emotionally present in our relationships. Second, we are modeling positive, mutually beneficial adult relationships for our children. No downside there."

Duffy suggests his fellow guys schedule friend time the same way they would commitments for work or parenting.

"I think protecting this guy time on a family calendar, as sacred as any other family-related time, could only prove helpful here," he said. "Men I know make this time superfluous and negotiable, instead of setting it in stone. As a result, months can pass between connecting with pals."

My suggestion, to my

fellow moms, is to recognize the value in these friendships and encourage their cultivation.

"I find that we men, myself included, need the support of our friends just as the women in our lives need the support of theirs," Duffy told me. "But we are often too stingy with our time and energy to offer it to each other. There is a stoicism we bring to these relationships that is wholly unnecessary. The more emotionally available we are to each other, the richer our lives."

Strikes me as a winning formula.

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Dealing with a crush

BY DANIELLE BRAFF
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You've been in a relationship for years. Maybe you're even married. And out of nowhere, you're crushing on your co-worker, your friend or even your neighbor. The shock. The horror.

Actually, don't stress at all. Just because you're not a teenager anymore doesn't mean you're not entitled to a crush or three. Crushes are totally normal.

"People are appealing, and attraction is never limited to the person we are with," said Sherrie Campbell, Los Angeles-based psychologist and author of "But It's Your Family." But, she added, "we can all look at the menu and not order: It is only bad if we are unhappy in our relationship and we veer from it with a crush and lose our integrity."

It happens to the best of us (the crush, not the loss of integrity).

Caroline Wilkerson, 36, an acupuncturist who lives in River Forest, Ill., said she's always had crushes, with one in particular that affected her marriage. He was a co-worker, and they joked around, chatted and connected on many levels.

But, Wilkerson knew

that she needed to keep this on crush level.

"What you feed grows," she said.

So she told her husband about her workplace crush, they talked about it, and her feelings toward her co-worker dissipated.

"What you do about it is what's important," Wilkerson said. "If you continue to try to be around that person and to feed your fantasies, it has way more potential to become a real thing. But especially if the feeling is obviously mutual, there's nothing wrong with harmless flirting here and there as long as you're mature about it and you address it."

Even science says so. A study in the Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy found that 70 percent of women who are married or who are in relationships have crushes. And those are the women who admitted it. The researchers said that this is fine and normal. After all, how can you turn off your attraction meter to everyone just because you commit to one person?

What if you're in a relationship? What if you're married? Relax, it's normal. Just don't take it too far.

"As we see in social media usage, someone else's highlight reel always seems better than our real life. The reality is, if you were to pursue your crush outside of your relationship, they would have flaws up close, as well."

Christie Tcharkhoutian, matchmaker with Three Day Rule

Women aren't the only gender that is crushing.

A study published in the journal Archives of Sexual Behavior found that men are visually stimulated by faces they've never seen before, and are aroused by the idea of someone new. See that woman again, and they're not as attracted to her, the study found.

There are a few factors at play.

People get involved in relationships for a variety of reasons, including geographical proximity, stability, emotional connection and other factors beyond strong attraction, said

David Bennett, counselor, author and relationship expert in Ohio.

A crush, however, is a strong attraction to someone.

"So just because you have a strong crush on someone doesn't mean you would choose to be with that person," Bennett said. "It also means that you could be content in a relationship with someone who isn't your crush."

Sometimes, however, a crush isn't healthy.

If it's so intense that it disrupts your relationship, then it's obviously a problem. But there are also

more subtle signs.

These include constantly comparing your current partner with your crush or being on the edge of cheating — such as constantly flirting or emotionally cheating, Bennett said.

Though attraction to another person is natural and somewhat uncontrollable, what you do about it is totally within your control, said Holly LaBarbera, a licensed marriage and family therapist in California.

If you do have a crush, she suggests letting your partner know. It could be fun and even lead to role playing or fantasy sex, LaBarbera said.

Sharing that information can also build trust and intimacy, as can sharing any vulnerable thought or feeling.

Alternatively, keeping the crush a secret is just as problematic as any secret.

"For one thing, it can cause you to feel shame about it, when the feelings are mostly out of your control," LaBarbera said. "For another, secrets be-

come titillating and may make you more likely to think more about your crush and possibly even take action you'll regret."

If telling your partner about your crush isn't an option, LaBarbera suggests talking about it with a trusted friend. This serves the same purpose of normalizing it and helping you to not act on your feelings, she said.

In the future, it's advisable to recognize the value of the relationship you're in, said Christie Tcharkhoutian, senior matchmaker with Three Day Rule. Crushes often come with a "grass is greener" mentality, and you may begin thinking that because that other person is representing something you feel is lacking in your current relationship, he or she seems to be a better choice.

"As we see in social media usage, someone else's highlight reel always seems better than our real life," Tcharkhoutian said. "The reality is, if you were to pursue your crush outside of your relationship, they would have flaws up close, as well."

Turns out, nobody's perfect. Not even your crush.

Danielle Braff is a freelancer.

SOCIAL GRACES

Is it OK to ask about friend's relationship?

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Q: You suspect one of your friends might be separated. How do you ask without being presumptuous?

A: It's simple: Don't ask. You don't want to inflame a possibly delicate situation, so just assume the friend is still in the relationship. Talk about what's going on in your life until you can open the discussion to your friend about what's going on in his life.

Say, "Hey, so what's going on with you since I saw you in January? You OK? And, how's John? I haven't seen him at the pub lately."

If the friend is open and honest, he may divulge the info you're looking to confirm. If he's not, you will still likely get a variety of information that will lead to an answer about his relationship: Either it's still alive and well, or it's not. You'll be able to discern this from the clues in your friend's response or from an outright proclamation of, "Oh, we're not together anymore."

In either event, you'll get an answer that you can act on, one way or the other.

— Dennis Work, founder and editor at Guyvorce.com

A: If you're like family with your friend, then it's perfectly OK to cut to the chase and ask, "Hey, what's up with you and Matt? Is something wrong?"

On the other hand, blurted out, "Are you and Matt separated?" probably crosses a line. Being direct is fine — being insensitive is not.

If you and your friend

aren't that tight, being too direct can be rude. Ask simple questions like "How's everything going?" This may not get you the answer you want, but it opens the door for a bigger conversation.

Focus your concern on your friend, rather than on her relationship status. Saying, "You seem a little down. Is everything OK?" shows you care without being nosy.

— Karen Covy, Chicago divorce attorney and coach

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THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

The rock wall of Easter eggs

By WEB BEHRENS
Chicago Tribune

Monday

'HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE'

Studio Ghibli Fest returns for a third year, kicking off with the 2004 fantasy "Howl's Moving Castle," directed by animation legend Hayao Miyazaki. After a curse turns a young girl into an old woman, she seeks out the dashing mysterious wizard. Catch it subtitled Monday or dubbed into English on Wednesday. See site for Chicago-area locations and prices. tinyurl.com/k7pux85

Tuesday

'WIRED TO WEAR'

Take a seat, "Project Runway." The Museum of Science and Industry's new exhibit is packed with cutting-edge fashion, but it's all about technology, not the color and cut of clothes. Check out the wearable tech, including an iridescent collar that reacts to the human gaze, a "spider-sense" vest, an actual jet suit and more. Daily at MSI, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive. \$34, \$22 for kids 3-11 (includes general admission); discounts for online advance purchase and for Chicago residents. tinyurl.com/y3w6xseu

Wednesday

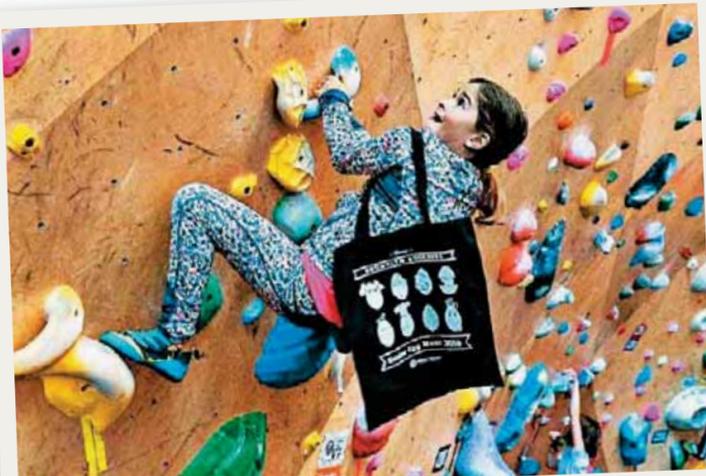
MEET AUTHOR KWAME ALEXANDER

Award-winning author and poet Kwame Alexander comes to Downers Grove to meet fans and talk about his books. He has two new paperback releases — Newbery Medal winner "The Crossover" and its follow-up, "Booked"; both novels are about athletic youth told in verse — plus a brand-new hardcover ode to African-American achievement, "The Undeclared." Meet him at 7 p.m. at Anderson's Bookshop, 5112 Main St., Downers Grove. Free to attend; \$9 for the paperbacks; \$18 for "The Undeclared." tinyurl.com/yy-cuhu7g

Thursday

'WHIPPED CREAM'

American Ballet Theatre grand jetes into town with a perfect show for kids. Bursting with fantastic set pieces and whimsical costumes, "Whipped Cream" follows



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TOP PICKS

Brooklyn Boulders' egg hunt is set for Saturday.

The American Ballet Theatre's "Whipped Cream" opens Thursday.

the adventures of an over-sugared lad who hallucinates a world full of strange and sometimes dangerous creatures — and his savior, the lovely Princess Praline. Five performances only: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, plus 2 p.m. matinees Saturday and Sunday at Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway. \$44-\$150; \$15 student rush tickets available with valid ID. tinyurl.com/y2bg-wwd7

Saturday

BROOKLYN BOULDERS' VERTICAL EGG HUNT

Here's another fun twist to egg hunts: climbing! The staff of West Loop's Brook-

lyn Boulders tucks hundreds of plastic eggs into the climbing wall for kids ages 5-12. The event is open to all (no membership required); parents must be present to help supervise. First-time visitors? The whole family must complete waivers, which you can download and fill out ahead of time. 9 a.m. to noon at Brooklyn Boulders, 100 S. Morgan St. \$20 per kid, free for parents. brooklynboulders.com/chicago/youth/

'BEING BILINGUAL ROCKS' BOOK FAIR AND CONCERT

Local musician Mi Amigo Hamlet, the founder of Being Bilingual Rocks, comes to Winnetka for a Saturday full of music and art. First, he hosts a special concert

edition of the Book Stall's regular Saturday Storytime at 10:30 a.m. After a lunchtime break, Hamlet then leads a 12:30 p.m. family craft project. Viva el arte! The Book Stall, 811 Elm St., Winnetka. Free to attend. tinyurl.com/y66y4aca

JUNIOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Families come together to tour this Hyde Park museum and learn about the science of archaeology — and kids get busy digging during a simulated excavation! Advance registration is required for this popular two-hour program. 1 p.m. at the Oriental Institute, 1155 E. 58th St. \$14 for one adult-child pair; \$7 for each additional registrant. tinyurl.com/y2cbs33m

Sunday

PLEASE TOUCH! REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

At this drop-in program from the Forest Preserves of Cook County, families are invited to get hands-on with animals. Touch a turtle shell or a snake skin, and learn about the creatures that left them behind. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 S. Paxton Ave., South Holland. Free. tinyurl.com/y57rukvo8

'THE TIME WARP TRIO'

Writer Jon Scieszka and illustrator Lane Smith have collaborated on a long list of awesome children's books, including their "Time Warp Trio" series, about three kids who traverse time thanks to a magical book. That's the source material for the latest show in Lifeline Theatre's excellent KidSeries. It runs at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekends through April 20, with an additional autism-friendly 3 p.m. performance Sunday. Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. \$15. tinyurl.com/y49zfv6u

EASTER KINDERFEST

The Rosemont branch of Munich-based Hofbrauhaus celebrates Easter season with new spring beers, Lent-friendly seafood specials and, one week prior to Easter, a party just for families. 1-4 p.m. at Hofbrauhaus Chicago, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont. \$5 kids meals. tinyurl.com/y2kbb68n

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How to decline a friend's hospitality

By KERI WIGINTON
Chicago Tribune

You love visiting your friends. But there's one problem: You don't love their guest room. Perhaps the mattress is lumpy or the walls are too thin. Maybe you're a sensitive sleeper who needs control over the thermostat. Either way, getting out of an overnight invite can be tricky.

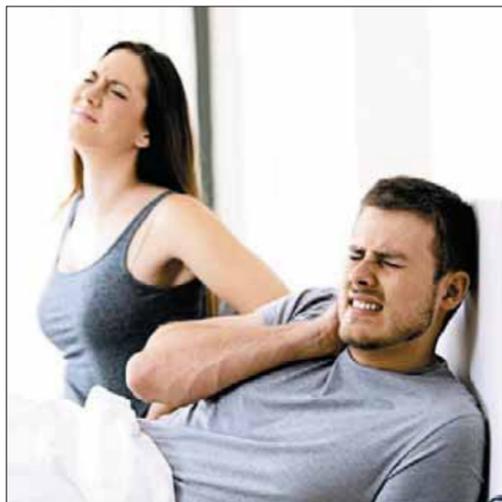
If hosts are insistent — and their accommodations aren't great — that can put a reluctant houseguest in an awkward etiquette position, said Lizzie Post, co-host of the "Awesome Etiquette" podcast and co-president of the Emily Post Institute. But you don't have to insult your hosts' home to turn down their offer. Blame yourself instead.

"There's no reason to judge other people's hospitality when we have something on our own to point to: 'I've realized it's best if I have my own space and a little bit of breathing room,'" said Post.

And there's no reason to lie. You can keep it vague while emphasizing how much you're looking forward to dinner or a night filled with board games, Post suggested.

Use privacy as an excuse if you're traveling as a couple. Tell the hosts that you and your partner just want some alone time, and you're using the trip as "a nice little getaway," said etiquette expert Elaine Swann, founder of the Swann School of Protocol. Hopefully, they'll get the picture. If you're traveling solo, Swann said, "wave that flag of me time."

"You almost want to mention the fact that you're not staying there as



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Turning down an offer of hospitality can come across as judgmental, even if you point to your bad back.

an afterthought," said Swann. "Focus more on the wonderful things that you'll do together."

Be prepared for hurt feelings. Turning down an offer of hospitality can come across as judgmental, even if you point to your bad back or your love of hotel soaps. Your hosts might get offended because it can seem as if you're telling them their space isn't good enough.

"It's their home, and it's their invitation they've issued that somehow seems less than to you," said Post. "It's really hard to hear that."

Swann agreed that the simple act of turning down the offer — no matter the reason — can seem like an affront. But you shouldn't make yourself uncomfortable just because your host might be slighted. "People try too hard to avoid hurting people's feelings," said Swann. "Just recognize that they may be hurt, they may be offended. But hope that, in the end, the friendship can weather that storm."

Should you try to fix the problem? Maybe. If room temperature is the issue, Post thinks self-adjustments are better than asking your host to modify the thermostat: If

it's too hot, put an ice pack under your pillow or grab some water to cool off; if you're shivering, bring plenty of socks or layer up with blankets.

If you're only shying away from the guest room because of a fixable issue, it could be worth addressing. But Swann thinks guests should offer to help in the process. If scratchy sheets are the problem, give your friends a set of comfy bedding. If the pillow is too flat, leave a firm one for your next visit. However, if you have no intention of staying, it's best to keep quiet. "If you tell them what's wrong and they fix it and you still don't want to stay there, you might as well not even tell them," said Swann.

Don't judge. When you break the news that you're going to stay elsewhere, just be mindful that you're turning down the place where your friends live.

"People don't like being judged in a space that's supposed to be their private space and they're choosing to welcome you into it," said Post. "Our homes become a very vulnerable place for us when we let other people in."

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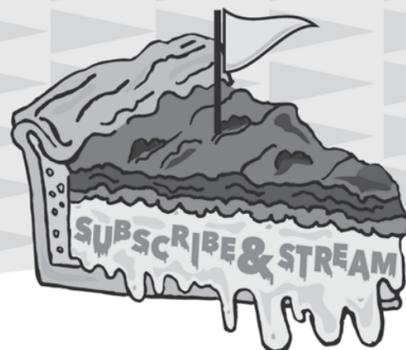
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On the other side of the blue line

For those shocked by Smollett's dropped charges, we in the black community says: Welcome

By **DARCEL ROCKETT**

Chicago Tribune

Aghast. That's one way to describe the feelings Mayor Rahm Emanuel and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson expressed after hearing that prosecutors had abruptly dropped all charges against Jussie Smollett.

The "Empire" actor claimed to be the victim of a racist, homophobic Streeterville attack Jan. 29. Following a police investigation, a grand jury indicted him on 16 counts of disorderly conduct for staging the attack and lying to police.

Sixteen. It's a number the city's criminal justice system is familiar with (see the 16 shots officer Jason Van Dyke fired at Laquan McDonald in 2014). The case left Chicago's black community enraged about Van Dyke's lenient, not-quite-seven-year jail sentence.

To Emanuel and Eddie Johnson and citizens who are now enraged, surprised, flabbergasted, confused — who have lost faith in a justice system they thought they understood — I say, welcome.

Welcome to the world of Chicagoans on the other side of the blue line — in other words, those not in power. A world that watches time and time again as officers serve no jail time for shooting unarmed people of color. Or, if they are convicted, receive a slap on the wrist when it comes to sentencing.

It doesn't feel good, does it? Feels as if you're out of the loop? In Bizarro World? As if everyone can see something is amiss, but still nothing is done?

Emanuel called the Smollett decision a "whitewash of justice." I call it a Tuesday.

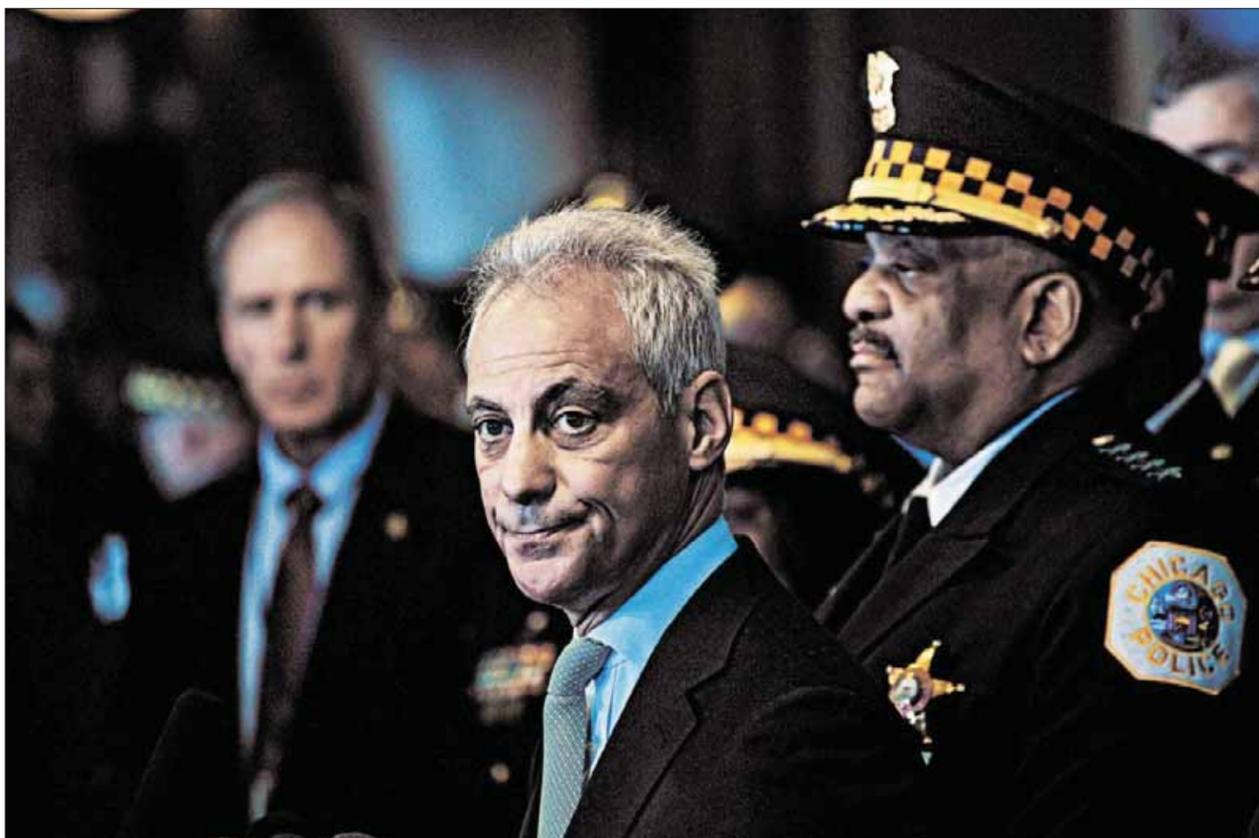
His comments sound like a song on a continuous loop:

"Where is the accountability in the system?"

"You cannot have, because of a person's position, one set of rules apply to them and another set of rules apply to everybody else."

"From top to bottom, this is not on the level."

Trump weighed in, tweeting that the FBI and Department of Justice will review the case, calling it "outrageous" and "an embarrassment to our Nation!"



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Mayor Rahm Emanuel and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson talk about prosecutors' decision to drop charges against Jussie Smollett.

Prosecutors claimed to have overwhelming evidence against Smollett, yet the court proceeding was over within minutes. He agreed to forfeit the \$10,000 he'd posted for bond and perform community service (which he completed in two days' time), but was not required to admit wrongdoing. The entire court file has been sealed at the defense's request.

Anyone can now view the 61-page police investigation file, which includes details about the alleged attack and witness interviews. It may spark strong feelings (dumbfounded?) akin to reading detail after detail about investigations of police shootings of unarmed black people: Conclusions are reached, but is justice served?

Family and friends of victims are left to wonder how "I feared

for my life" becomes reason enough for a mistrial or acquittal.

As when Cleveland police officer Timothy Loehmann fatally shot 12-year-old Tamir Rice (who was holding an Airsoft gun) in 2014 but was never charged.

Or when a jury acquitted neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman in the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin in 2012.

Or in 2014, when John Crawford III was killed by officer Sean Williams in an Ohio Walmart, and a U.S. attorney and the Department of Justice found insufficient evidence to pursue charges.

Or when a judge ended the trial of Chicago police detective Dante Servin, saying he was wrongly charged by the state's attorney's office, after he killed Rekia Boyd as she stood in an alley with a group of friends in

2012. Or when Eric Garner was choked to death by New York police officer Daniel Pantaleo in 2014 and a grand jury declined to indict him.

Or when Stephon Clark was shot to death last year by two officers in Sacramento, Calif., who also aren't facing charges.

And when detective David March, patrolman Joseph Walsh and officer Thomas Gaffney were acquitted of conspiracy, official misconduct and obstruction of justice in the Laquan McDonald case.

The list goes on and on. The names are many, the tears are even more.

Some will argue that comparing these cases to Smollett's is apples to oranges. That his case left no one hurt (if you don't count the city's wallet and Smol-

lett's career prospects), and police-involved shootings yield death tallies.

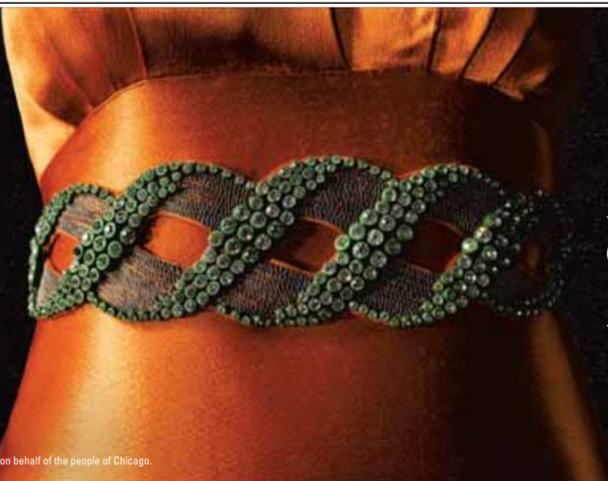
But at least now those in power, and Chicagoans who are peeved that Smollett's case didn't go further, feel one iota of what the black community feels every day. Anger that won't abate. Disbelief. Any number of emotions that take up space in the dark area of the psyche.

For Smollett, there will be no trial or verdict. The dropping of charges provided an ending. And endings aren't always happy, fair or just.

We, in the black community, are all too familiar with that scenario. To that, we say to the newly incensed: "Welcome to the table. Have a seat."

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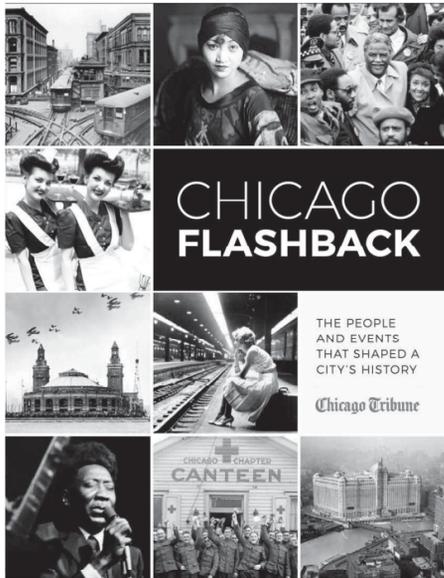
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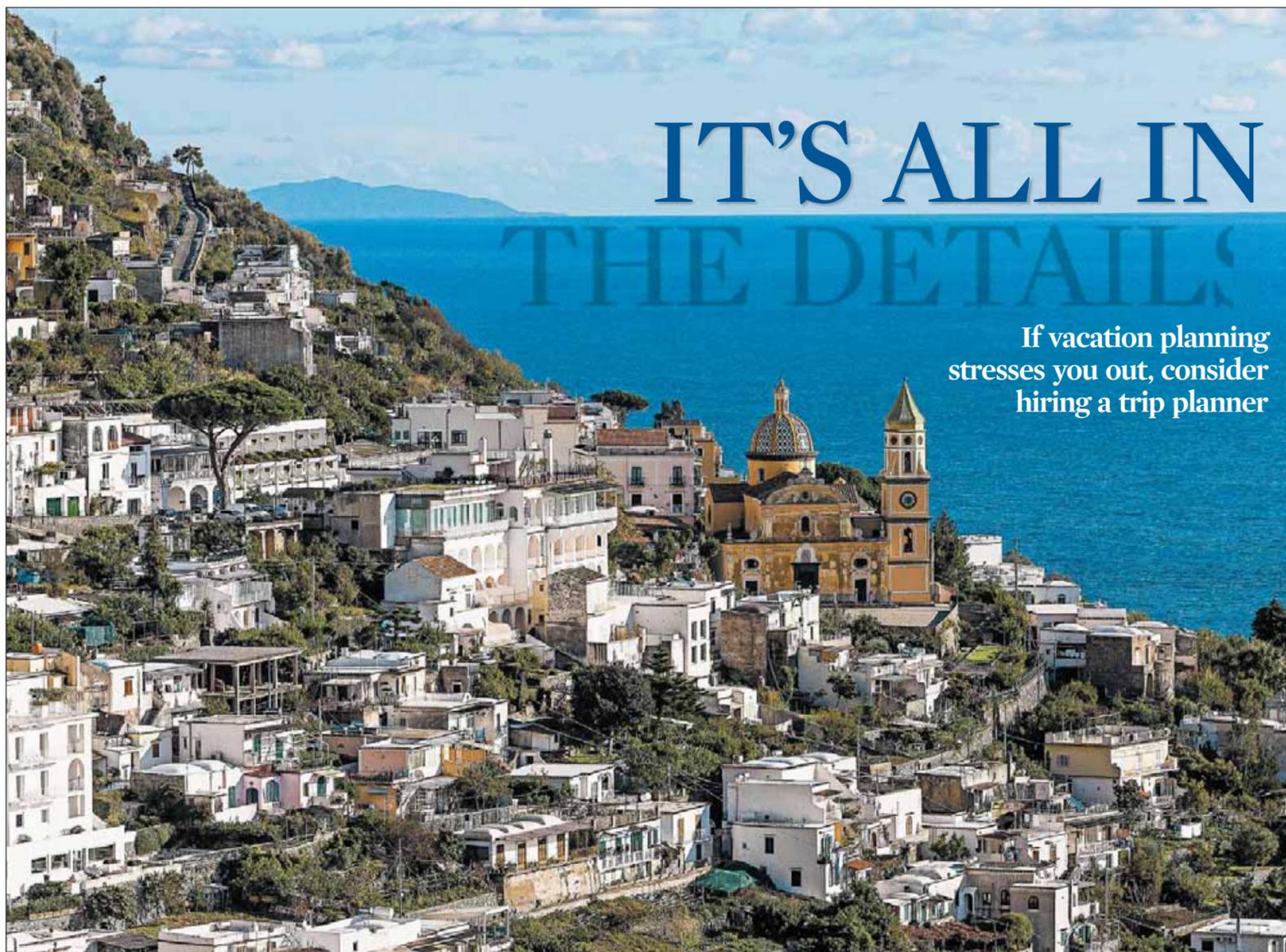
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IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS

If vacation planning stresses you out, consider hiring a trip planner

The Amalfi Coast in Praiano, a seaside Italian village that's a bit less crowded and expensive than some of the better-known towns in the area.

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BY HILARY SHENFELD
Chicago Tribune

ROME — Do you enjoy travel planning? Are you exhilarated by spending weeks or months scrutinizing every possible hotel, restaurant, tour, train schedule and other specifics of your vacation?

If so, this story is not for you.

For me, the endless options and litany of tasks are stressful, exhausting and overwhelming. But at least it all pays off with a dream vacation. LOL. Even after extensive research, I still manage to usually end up with so-so (or worse) meals, in just OK accommodations, getting lost on the way to some humdrum tour.

Scolds tell me those unexpected scenarios are part of the fun and adventure of travel. To them I say: hard pass.

When my husband, Ron, and I decided to visit Italy last spring to meet up with our daughter Samantha, a college junior on a semester-long study abroad program, I thought it might be time to try a different approach. Instead of agonizing over the particulars or turning over planning duties to my mate, who is the type to insist the hotel room he once booked is JUST FINE STOP BEING SO FINICKY despite the sputtering, moldy air conditioner and deflated, ratty mattress that someone had recently been murdered on (probably), I called on The Roman Guy, a group- and private-tour operator in Italy. The company had recently added trip-planning services to its offerings.

The Roman Guy charged 99 euros a day (about \$112; minimum fee 495 euros) to plot an entire holiday, everything from suggesting destinations and sights to booking transportation, hotel rooms, restaurant reservations, tours and activities. The company will take care of other tasks, too, like getting you an Italian SIM card for your phone. The daily fee covers the planning; vacationers still foot the bill for their expenses. (Since my trip, the travel-planning part of the company operates under the name Finelli & Shaw, but the services and fees remain the same. Plans



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The main campo (square) of the Venice Ghetto, where Jews were forced to live during the Venetian Republic. Today, five synagogues remain in this area that's a fascinating place to visit.



HILARY SHENFELD/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Shenfelds' itinerary called for a cooking class at Locanda Demetra, where they made eggplant Parmesan.

are in the works to expand to Paris as well.)

"We take care of everything, so you don't have to worry about anything," co-owner Brandon Shaw says.

The first step was a

phone call with our Rome-based guide, Filippo, who asked what cities were on our must-see list (Rome), whether we preferred tours of famous sites or off-the-beaten-path activities (both), if we might like

museums and food and wine tours (yes, yes and yes) and how we'd like to get around (private drivers, trains, vans with small groups, buses, water taxis and gondolas all got the green light).

We had just a few requirements: We needed to meet Samantha on a specific date, and we requested hotel rooms with two separate sleeping areas, so we could enjoy some privacy. We booked the flights ourselves and left almost everything else in their hands.

Filippo suggested starting in the north of the country, spending three days in Venice before heading south for two days each in Florence and Montalcino, a small Tuscan hill town where the renowned Brunello di Montalcino wine is produced. Next would be four days in Rome, with the final three on the Amalfi Coast in Praiano, a seaside village he said was a bit less crowded and expensive than the towns it sits between, Positano and Amalfi.

A few days after our call, a 17-page personalized document landed in my inbox with a tentative itinerary accompanied by descriptions and photos of recommended sites, hotels, transfers between cities, tours and eateries with times already booked.

Much of what he proposed sounded wonderful — but not everything. A couple of his hotel choices were too expensive for us or otherwise unappealing. A few of the restaurants didn't look appetizing, and a tour or two weren't to our liking.

I felt like I was driving Filippo nuts with my numerous emailed questions and revisions, but he remained genuinely patient and helpful as he cheerfully made alternative arrangements to accommodate my tweaks.

Our final itinerary encompassed many major highlights, including St. Mark's Basilica and a tour along the waterways of Venice; the iconic David statue and famous pieces in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence; the ancient Colosseum in Rome where gladiators once battled; Michelangelo's ceiling and other masterpieces in the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City; and a boat ride to Capri, where we browsed the ritzy shops and hopped a ride on the funicular, the cable car/railway that runs up and down a hill.

The company sent along detailed instructions with maps and photos of our meeting spots — directions so complete, they included how many stops to go on the bus, plus a private con-

cierge phone number in case we ran into problems.

We followed The Roman Guy's dining advice and sampled assorted versions of prosecco spritz, the ubiquitous fizzy, boozy drink; different types of cicchetti, little bites of snack food (loved the pesto spread accompanied by roasted tomato, hated the baccala mantecato, a pureed cod mousse topped with anchovy); pasta dishes galore; and, of course, gelato.

Filippo and the rest of the team we worked with sent us to places I likely wouldn't have found on my own, places that were new to Samantha, as well, despite her extensive travels throughout the country.

Many of them turned out to be favorites, like the cooking class we took at Locanda Demetra in Montalcino, where we scarfed down eggplant Parmesan and pasta we'd made from scratch. Another highlight was our visit to the Venetian Ghetto, the 1500s-era quarters where Venice's Jewish population was forced to live and where five synagogues from the period still stand.

Without their guidance, we wouldn't have visited Civita di Bagnoregio, a tiny village we could only access via a lengthy walk up a steep bridge, or Orvieto, a hidden gem in Umbria where we stumbled upon a lesser-known but still stunning cathedral.

Having a trip planner was a relief; we could focus on the moment without worrying about every upcoming detail. But we also could be spontaneous because we knew they would handle rearranging plans when we made last-minute changes, like ditching dinner reservations in favor of fried artichokes at Samantha's favorite place in Rome's Trastevere neighborhood or canceling a scheduled day trip to Pompeii when we knew we were too pooped to enjoy it.

Ron and I still can — and will — plan future trips on our own, but the process won't be as easy and stress-free as using a planner.

Worse yet, we'll have no one else to blame when we find ourselves sleeping on a murder mattress.

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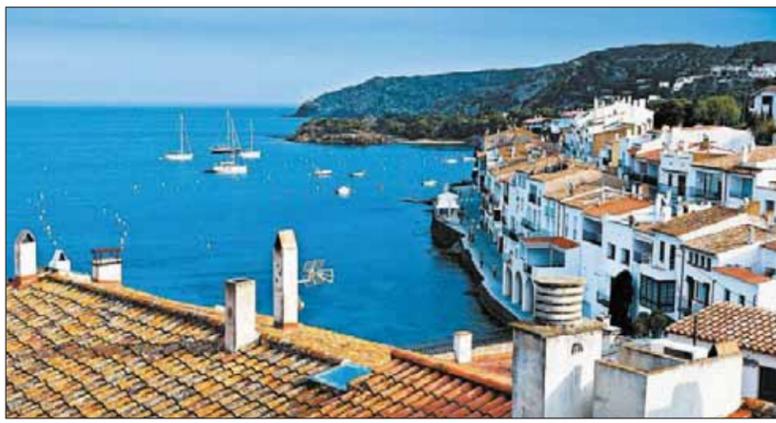
Along the western Mediterranean coast, two easy-going — and easy-to-enjoy — beach towns stand like sister cities on each side of the border between France and Spain. Both Collioure, in France, and Cadaques, in Spain, are off the grid when it comes to glitzy resorts. And each has a delightful ambiance, with welcoming beaches, quaint back streets and scenery that inspired many notable 20th century artists.

On the French side, Collioure is where I like to unwind and regroup. When I'm here, I enjoy a slow coffee on la Med, lose myself in the old town's streets, compare the gelato shops on Rue Vauban, relax on a pebble-sand beach and take a hike. The hills above Collioure deliver fantastic views of its bay and the sun-bleached, terracotta-roofed village below. Most of Collioure's shopping, sights and hotels cluster in the old town — most romantic in the evening, when yellow lamps reflect warm pastels and deep blues. By Mediterranean standards, this seaside village should be slammed with tourists; it has everything. But, outside of peak times, it is remarkably quiet.

Collioure is blessed with a privileged climate and an enviable setting. For more than 2,500 years, empires have battled to control its position on the Mediterranean at the foot of the Pyrenees. The mountains rising behind Collioure provided a natural defense, and its sheltered port gave it a commercial edge. Today, it's a pastel treat with six petite and pebbly beaches, leafy squares under a once-



Collioure's sand-and-pebble beach ends at the Notre-Dame des Anges church, a view that has inspired many artists.



Spain's port town of Cadaques is an idyllic alternative to the glitzy Mediterranean resorts.

mighty castle and a lighthouse to mark where the Pyrenees meet the sea. It's no wonder that artists such as Henri Matisse, Andre Derain, Pablo Picasso, Georges Braque, Raoul Dufy and Marc Chagall all painted here at one time or another.

Just 15 miles from the border, Collioure shares a common history and inde-

pendent attitude with its rebellious siblings across the border in the Spanish province of Catalonia. Undeniably French yet with a proud strain of Catalan culture, it flies the yellow and red flag of Catalonia, displays street names in French and Catalan, and sports a few business names with el and els, rather than le and les. Less

than a century ago, most locals here spoke Catalan; today that language is enjoying a resurgence as Collioure rediscovers its roots.

About an hour and a half drive away, Cadaques is a seaside gem at the easternmost tip of Spain. With whitewashed buildings, a gentle ocean breeze and dreamy bay views,

Cadaques is idyllic and remote. It has no train service and only a tiny access road that dead-ends. If you want a peaceful beach escape near Barcelona, this is it.

Since the late 1800s, Cadaques has served as a haven for intellectuals and artists. The fishing village's craggy coastline, sun-drenched colors and laid-back lifestyle inspired fauvists such as Matisse and surrealists including Rene Magritte, Marcel Duchamp and Federico Garcia Lorca. Even Picasso painted some of his cubist works here.

Most travelers in Cadaques are here to see the home of surrealist artist Salvador Dali. I consider it the most interesting home of a deceased personality in all of Europe. (It's very popular and only allows eight visitors at a time for escorted tours, so you must get reservations online in advance.) Dali was raised in nearby Figueres and brought international fame to this sleepy Catalan port

in the 1920s. As a kid, Dali spent summers here in the family cabin, where he was fascinated by the rocky landscape that would later be the backdrop for many surrealist canvases. He and his wife (and muse), Gala, converted a fisherman's home — about a 20-minute walk from the city center — into their semipermanent residence, dividing their time among New York, Paris and Cadaques. It was here that Dali did his best work.

Beyond the Dali House, Cadaques offers little in the way of sights, but the old town is remarkably characteristic. I like to stroll along the water from the Dali statue on the beach, past the casino where time stands still, and admire the "elephant trees" imported from Cuba (many Catalans moved to Cuba in the 19th century and came back home when Spanish rule ended). Uphill, the Jewish Quarter is still rich with vestiges of the strong Jewish community that thrived in Spain until 1492. That's when Christian fanaticism (gone wild with the final victory over the Moors) led to the expulsion of Jews and Muslims from Catholic Spain. At the top of town, the Church of Santa Maria offers commanding views of Cadaques. Inside, an opulent baroque altar features 365 carved figures covered in gold from the Americas.

In spite of its fame, Cadaques is mellow and feels off the beaten path, much like its French counterpart, Collioure. In these two sister towns, time seems to move a little slower, and that's exactly what makes them so enjoyable.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

I canceled my hotel room — so where is my refund?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

On a recent visit to Porto, Portugal, I had an upper respiratory infection and canceled a planned stay in Segovia, Spain. Fortunately, I was within the 48-hour cancellation window, so when I contacted the Hotel Infanta Isabel, I was sure I would get my money back from Expedia.

Now the hotel is claiming that it didn't receive my email and has refused to refund my stay. Expedia says it's unable to help me. Apparently, Expedia believes the hotel over me.

I would like Expedia or the hotel to refund \$174, the charge for two nights that I didn't use. Can you help me?

— Carol McLaughlin,
San Francisco

A: Expedia should refund your hotel stay. I'm looking at an email from you to the Hotel Infanta Isabel that asked for a refund, sent within the 48-hour cancellation window. It appears the hotel claimed it never heard from you, even though you had evidence to the contrary — evidence that you shared with Expedia.

I'm not surprised that an online travel agency like Expedia would believe the hotel. After all, it's getting far more money from the hotel than it is from you. But I am a little troubled that it continued to believe the Hotel Infanta Isabel even after you showed it your email.

Good thing you emailed

the hotel rather than calling. Can you imagine what would happen if Expedia or the Hotel Infanta Isabel only had your word? That's why I recommend always putting a request like this or any grievance in writing. It starts a paper trail, which is critical to getting a case resolved. You can forward your email correspondence to an online agency, a supervisor — or a consumer advocate.

If you ever need to cancel a hotel room again, make sure you get a response from the hotel or online travel agency. Most important, get a cancellation number. That's the evidence of your cancellation. If you don't have a cancellation number, you

don't have a cancellation.

I think if you'd presented your email to one of the Expedia executive contacts listed on my consumer-advocacy site, it might have changed its tune. A brief, polite email might have done the trick.

I contacted Expedia on your behalf. It reviewed the correspondence between you and the Hotel Infanta Isabel. Expedia has issued you a full refund.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Music transcends boundaries for star

BY JAE-HA KIM
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Grammy Award-winning musician Stephen Marley has many memories of performing with his family. But one of his favorites was when he traveled to Zimbabwe with his father, the late reggae icon Bob Marley.

"It was really eye-opening," says Marley, whose latest EP is "One Take: Acoustic Jams." "I was probably about 9 years old. My brother, Ziggy, and I performed with him to honor the nation's independence at the time. This was the moment I realized music is way more than just music."

Proceeds from his latest tour benefited the Ghetto Youths Foundation, which aids communities in need.

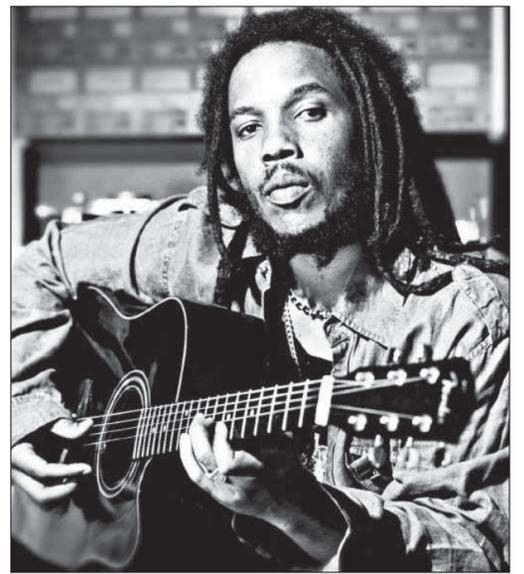
Marley, who was born in Delaware and raised in Kingston, Jamaica, talked to us about some of his favorite travel memories.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: It would be Jamaica, of course. There is so much beauty, culture and life on this island. Explore the rivers and beaches. Reach Falls near Port Antonio is really majestic and there are not a ton of tourists. Around the North Coast of Jamaica — where Ocho Rios and Port Antonio are located — it is more rustic and untapped, while Negril is famous for its seven-mile stretch of white sand beaches and blue waters. There really is something for everyone in Jamaica.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: The world is very



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diverse, but yet everything is similar. We have all these different customs, culture and traditions that make each society unique, but if you have a chance to connect on a human level, you realize there is more that bonds us than separates us. In my travels, I fortunately have been able to see how the power of music can interconnect us all and transcend boundaries.

Q: If you could pick only one place to eat, would you choose a meal at a street cart or fine dining at a nice restaurant?

A: Definitely more casual. I would eat at Cutties, which is a little food spot in Trench Town, Jamaica. The food is simple and fresh. You won't find this spot online though. You just have to go to town and ask around.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend get-aways?

A: In the countryside of Saint Ann in Jamaica. My father was born in Nine Mile, a district in the Saint Ann parish, so it holds a special place in my heart and in my childhood memories. The countryside is calming and filled with rivers and falls and is lush with a variety of plant life,

(like) wisdom trees, fruit trees and flowers.

Q: If you've ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?

A: My trip to Ethiopia was best. As a Rasta, there is a connection you feel the moment you hit the ground. This is the Land of Zion. The people, energy and country are so vibrant.

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A: Africa. It is the Motherland, the foundation of life. Everything about Africa flows through the human race.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

A: India. Like Jamaica, the people seem to have a lot of hope, vibrancy and rich colorful culture, despite any turmoil that they may have faced. I would love to visit.

Q: What is your guilty pleasure when you're on the road?

A: Because I am moving around a lot on tour, sometimes I just want to decompress and just go to the movies.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.



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The Hoxton's so-called "Apartment" area overlooks the airy lobby, where staff members are seen here in a training session a few days before the hotel's opening.

Hoxton has a new home here

London-based hotel brings its 'open house' concept to West Loop

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

When you first walk into The Hoxton, a new hotel in the West Loop's Fulton Market district, it's not immediately obvious where to check in. That's by design. (Spoiler alert: The reception desk sits discreetly off to the right, past a small coffee bar.)

The idea is to make the lobby of this "open house hotel" feel more like a giant living room than a portal to the 182-room boutique property at 200 N. Green St., which welcomed its first overnight guests Monday.

Pots of leafy plants, lots of lamps and midcentury modern chairs populate the soaring ground-floor space, where 23-foot-tall concrete ceilings and exposed pipes add a dollop of industrial chic to an otherwise home-sweet-home aesthetic.

"If you want to come in with your laptop and a cup of coffee you bought somewhere else and just sit here and work, no problem," brand manager David Gallagher said.

Gallagher, who oversees cultural programming events at the hotel, also makes sure this Hoxton — the first Midwest outpost of the British-born brand — is long on local touches, from whimsical keycards celebrating (and warning about) the acquired taste of Malort to stocking a "Best of Chicago" gift area with ceramics, candles and other souvenirs custom-made by area artisans.

The Hoxton got its start in 2006 some 4,000 miles away in London, where it cultivated its communal, hyper-local approach to lodging. Each property — Chicago is No. 7, with Los Angeles not far behind — has a distinct sense of place. The hotels aim to be welcoming to residents and travelers alike, "open door" spaces that encourage lounging and socializing without a whiff of stuffiness or velvet-rope exclusivity.

Every Hoxton has what's called "The Apartment," an area that can be rented for meetings, private dining and other events but is otherwise open to the public. In Chicago, The Apartment is on the mezzanine, overlooking the airy lobby. It's another spot to mix and mingle amid shelves of vinyl records and an open kitchen sporting a mint-green, retro Smeg refrigerator.

The Apartment is the backdrop for an ever-changing schedule of cultural programming: book-release parties, performances, pop-up shops, food tastings and

sessions such as "The Basics of Cannabis: A Panel Discussion With Miss Grass and Guests" (7-10 p.m. on April 20, if you're interested). Expect about six to eight programs a month. You can register to attend on the hotel's website; most events are free, but others charge admission.

The majority of Hoxtons have been retrofitted into existing buildings. Not so in Chicago. The 12-story hotel is new construction, although it's hard to tell at street level. The red brick base with warehouselike windows was designed by GREC Architects to blend in with the neighbors in this rapidly transitioning area, where the meatpacking industry once reigned supreme.

The Chicago location is the site of a few Hoxton firsts, including a wellness studio and co-working space slated to open later this year. Another novelty for Hoxton: a rooftop pool. The small swimming area, open seasonally, shares space with an outdoor bar and terrace.

This top floor also is home to the newest restaurant by Stephanie Izard (Girl & the Goat). Cabra, the Spanish word for goat, is a festive, Peruvian-inspired eatery with a brightly tiled ceviche bar. It's one of the hotel's trio of dining-and-drinking concepts by Chicago's well-known Boka Restaurant Group; all three opened last week.

Chef Chris Pandel (Swift & Sons) oversees the breakfast, lunch and dinner restaurant, Cira. The 150-seat venue flows seamlessly into the lobby, where you can kick back with small plates of Mediterranean-influenced food. For a close-up look at the culinary action, long communal tables front Cira's open kitchen.

Downstairs is the speakeasy-style cocktail lounge, Lazy Bird. A grand piano anchors the low-lit, sexy space, offering occasional live music and a menu of 52 classic cocktails — one for each week of the year.

The hotel's guest rooms, starting at \$129 a night, come in three sizes: Snug (the smallest), Cosy (that's how the Brits spell it) and Roomy. None is particularly spacious — again, by design. The hotel's credo is "everything you need and nothing you don't."

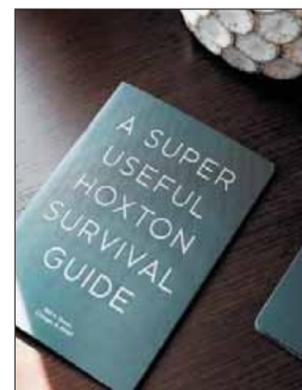
Minibars have free water and tea for in-room coffee and tea. Typical minibar snacks can be purchased at the front desk at supermarket prices — as opposed to super marked-up prices. Guests can order a complimentary light breakfast that arrives in a paper bag hung on a hook outside



Hotel rooms come in three sizes: Snug, Cosy, pictured here, and Roomy. The bedspreads are custom-designed by Chicago artist Cody Hudson.



The bottom portion of the 12-story Hoxton hotel is designed to fit in with neighboring buildings in the West Loop's Fulton Market district.



Each room has a survival guide with tips about the hotel and city.



The rooftop pool is a first for Hoxton hotels. Chicago marks the seventh Hoxton for the London-based brand.

their door. Room service is available, but don't expect fancy white tablecloths and plates topped with silver domes.

What rooms lack in square footage, they make up for in character. Each comes with a curated selection of books picked by 182 locals (aka Boks Friends), who share personal sightseeing and restaurant tips on bookmarks tucked between the pages.

These types of tips — "Go to Delilah's. It's a dark cave filled with whiskey. Nuff said." — are a hallmark of The Hoxton, which

doesn't have a traditional concierge. The insider drops of knowledge are peppered throughout the hotel, on postcards depicting the "Best of Chicago" artisans and in a handy pocket map of the West Loop and surrounding neighborhoods.

If you want to explore the city on two wheels, The Hoxton has four bicycles at the ready.

In the rooms, bedspreads and most artwork are custom-designed by Chicago-area artists. The contemporary decor weaves in some whimsical nods to the

past in the form of old-fashioned radios and phones. (An hour's worth of calls are free; same for unlimited Wi-Fi.)

Some of the guest rooms face the L tracks on Lake Street, but the windows are thick enough to blunt most of the racket. You're left hearing a more-or-less gentle rumble as Pink and Green line trains pass by — another reminder, among many, that you're in Chicago.

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NEWS TO USE

Celebrate Chinese culture in St. Louis

BY PHIL MARTY
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ A Grand Parade featuring a 70-foot dancing dragon is one of the highlights of Chinese Culture Days, April 27-28 at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. The activities lineup includes acrobatics, cooking demonstrations, dancing and traditional Chinese artwork displays. tinyurl.com/cetem4g

■ Amtrak is offering special Saturday service from Chicago and Hammond, Ind., to Holland, Mich., during the town's popular annual Tulip Time Festival. On May 4 and 11, representatives of the Holland Area Visitors Bureau will be on the train to provide information. Amtrak also offers daily service to Holland. The festival runs May 4-12. When viewing the Amtrak schedules, remember that Michigan is on Eastern time. tinyurl.com/y3sy-tjtg

■ Tickets are on sale now for four culinary events that will be held this summer at Taliesin, the Frank Lloyd Wright estate in Spring Green, Wis. The events are a Cooking Demonstration & Wine Tasting on May 17, a Farm Dinner

on July 28 or Aug. 25 and a Taste of Taliesin on Sept. 29. Early ticket purchase is recommended. tinyurl.com/y5crq7w4

■ Two Michigan film festivals are scheduled during April. The Freep Film Festival runs April 10-14 in the Detroit metro area and showcases movies related to the Detroit area and Michigan as a whole. The Capital City Film Festival will be April 11-21 in Lansing. It features films and live music.

■ Thousands of butterflies from around the world are the focus of Butterflies in Bloom in the Dow Gardens' tropical environment in its conservatory in Midland, Mich. Advance ticket purchase is recommended for the event, which runs through April 21. tinyurl.com/y3gbquah

■ Fort Wayne, Ind., has its 2019 Visitors Guide available online or you can order a copy at tinyurl.com/yyhy8kgz.

■ If you're planning a trip to historic Galena, Ill., the tourism folks there have lots of info on road trips throughout the area at tinyurl.com/yy9k3kfd.

■ Hundreds of quilts will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 27 during the Madison County Airing of the Quilts in Winterset, Iowa. Tickets may be purchased at the Iowa Quilt Museum to view the displays in many locations around town. tinyurl.com/y44oqy7f



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

Chinese Culture Days takes place April 27-28 at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis.

■ Spring Indian Market Days will be held April 26-28 at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville, Ill. More than 30 Native American artists and vendors will be on hand to sell jewelry, paintings, clothing and other artwork. tinyurl.com/yxolxslj

■ The Crossroads Acoustic Music Festival will be held April 26-27 in Seymour, Ind. Regional and national artists will perform at multiple venues, and there will be food vendors, wine and beer. Advance ticket purchase is recommended as there is a limited number. www.crossroadsacousticfest.com

■ RodCon 2019 is a mini comic book convention that will be held April 13 at the Rod Library on the University of Northern Iowa campus in Cedar Falls. Expect to see people of all ages in costume as they share their love of all things pop culture. There will be guest speakers, artists, vendors, trivia competitions, video gaming, live-action role-playing and more. tinyurl.com/y384srud

■ The 2019 Pure Michigan Spring/Summer Travel Guide can be ordered or viewed online at www.michigan.org/travel-guide.

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTrib-Travel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea. It also is partially in Eastern Europe and partially in Western Asia.

400th Pilgrim anniversary in 2020

Associated Press

BOSTON — Native American leaders are teaming up with groups in the U.S., Britain and the Netherlands to ensure next year's commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing showcases the harsh legacy of colonization.

Events are planned in all three countries in 2020 to reflect on the Pilgrims' arrival in 1620 in what is now Massachusetts.

Organizers recently gathered at the New England Historical Genealogical Society to firm up plans for yearlong remembrances of the

Mayflower's voyage — and the disease, racism and oppression native people suffered after the European settlers arrived.

Wampanoag activist Paula Peters said the tribal perspective is getting "a lot of support."

Past commemorations have glossed over the suffering.

"We've been marginalized and sanitized," Peters said. "This isn't about restorative justice. We're not going to get that. But I feel like we're being given an ample platform to tell our story."

Commemorations also are planned in Britain and the Netherlands, where the Pilgrims

spent more than a decade before sailing to the New World.

"This project explores centuries of shared history between Britain, Holland and America," said Charles Hackett, CEO of Mayflower 400, which is organizing events in Britain. British organizers hope to draw visitors there and "increase awareness of this pivotal event," Hackett said.

Michele Pecoraro, executive director of nonprofit Plymouth 400, said the 2020 commemoration will differ markedly from the 350th anniversary in 1970, when the Native American voice was largely a footnote.



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Spectators watch as the Mayflower II, the 1957 replica of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to Massachusetts in 1620, arrives in Plymouth, Mass.

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Bastian Heuser, co-owner of German whiskey maker Spreewood Distillery, pours samples of rye whiskey. The distillery is in a small town about an hour's drive from Berlin.

From grain to glass

German whiskey booming as micro distilleries keep popping up

By DAVID RISING
Associated Press

SCHLEPZIG, Germany — Bastian Heuser swirls the snifter of deep amber whiskey before taking a sip, noting its sweet caramel flavor that soon opens up with hints of spices, nuts and dried fruits.

It's not a single malt from a verdant Scottish glen, nor a sour mash from the hills of Tennessee. This is an award-winning German rye whiskey produced by the tiny Spreewood Distillery, nestled in a small town among the fields and forests of Brandenburg about an hour's drive from Berlin.

German whiskey is little known outside the country, and the industry is still tiny compared with others. That doesn't make it immune from major international issues, with distillers seeing both opportunities and dangers with Britain's decision to leave the European Union and Europe's trade spat with the U.S. over new tariffs.

Both issues may seem far away from the Spreewood Distillery, or Spreewald Distillerie, as the Germans call it. Refurbished farm buildings house this distillery in the town of Schlepzig, home to about 600 people. The emphasis is on a small, craft product created from locally sourced ingredients.

"From grain to glass, we do it all here," Heuser says at the distillery he has run with his two partners since 2016. "The only thing we don't have is our own field of rye, but maybe that will come."

More and more micro operations like Spreewood have been opening up in recent years, focusing on small batches of quality whiskey. Nobody quite knows when it happened, but today, distilleries producing whiskey in Germany outnumber those in Scotland, about 180 to 130.

"It's crazy how many German whiskey distilleries there are these days," German Whiskey Distillers' Association president Michaela Habel says. "Of course the fact still is that German whiskey only accounts for 0.4 percent of the world market."

German whiskey is mostly sold on the domestic market. But that doesn't mean that distillers aren't watching international politics, with whiskey featuring prominently in two major current issues — Brexit and U.S. President Donald Trump's protectionist tariffs.

With 90 percent of Scotch whiskey exported, accounting for 20 percent



An illustration showing whiskey production is drawn on the wall of a storage room of the German whiskey maker Spreewood Distillery in Schlepzig, Germany.



Bastian Heuser, co-owner of Spreewood Distillery, in the main distillery room of the German whiskey maker.



Spreewood is Germany's first distillery to concentrate solely on rye whiskey.



A stream flows behind Spreewood Distillery through the village of Schlepzig.

of all British food and beverage exports, the Scotch Whiskey Association is increasingly concerned about Britain's looming Brexit exit from the European Union, especially if there is no deal on future trade relations.

"Brexit represents a seismic shift for our industry and one which our members are working hard to plan and adjust for," the association says, noting that the EU is the single most valuable market for Scotch.

Across the Atlantic, when Trump imposed tariffs on European steel and aluminum, the EU retaliated last year targeting "typically American" products, including Harley-Davidson motorcycles and bourbon whiskey.

With duties looming for Scotch and already on bourbon, Habel sees opportunity for German distillers.

"Maybe the consumer who has always drunk Scotch will look over to the

distillery next door and turn to the German product," she says.

But if the whiskey tariffs turn into a long-term issue, Heuser says it would be to nobody's benefit.

Right now, Spreewood only exports small quantities of whiskey to Britain. But it's hoping to increase that, and is eyeing possible exports to the U.S. down the road.

"The U.K. is a very important whiskey market, especially to launch brands,

because they're just very open toward it," says Heuser, who worked as a bartender in London in a previous life. "And the U.S. is a huge market, especially for whiskey."

Despite being sold mostly domestically, German whiskeys are gaining international recognition. In 2017, a single malt from Habel's Hillock Park Distillery won double gold and was named the best whiskey in the world by the "World Spirits Award."

Hillock Park is one of the oldest German distilleries producing whiskey today. The business grew out of the distillery's production of "korn" liquor — basically moonshine — to provide the daily 200-milliliter (about 7-ounce) ration for coal miners in the industrial Ruhr region.

"There used to be a really crazy korn culture in Germany years ago," she says. "And korn is nothing more than an un-aged whiskey with somewhat less alcohol."

Whiskey can be made from many different grains, and has to be aged at least three years in either oak

casks that have previously been used to mature other liquor, or virgin oak casks.

Malt whiskey is made from malted barley and can only be called Scotch if produced in Scotland, according to EU regulations, and is predominantly matured in used oak casks. The German product is known as single malt. Bourbon must contain at least 51 percent corn, and rye whiskey predominantly rye grain. Both are typically aged in virgin oak barrels.

Whiskey has been growing slowly in market share as Germans move away from more traditional liquors like korn and fruit brandy, and now makes up about 10 percent of the market, according to the Association of the German Spirit Industry and Importers.

German distillers tend to focus on using the raw ingredients readily available in the area, making whiskey from rye, wheat, spelt and other grains, Habel says.

"I don't think there's such thing as a 'German whiskey,'" she said. "The distillers are particularly proud that in Germany there is tons of diversity."

When Heuser took over Spreewood in 2016 with his partners, it was producing brandy and other liquors as well as small batches of whiskey.

The three decided to become Germany's first distillery to concentrate solely on rye whiskey.

"If you focus on one thing you can be really good at it," Heuser said.

Heuser says part of the distillery's appeal is its serene setting and natural approach. In addition to using grain from the nearby fields, it draws water from the river that flows through the tiny town, which attracts about 40,000 ecotourists each year. Its brand name — Stork Club — refers to large birds that can often be seen flying overhead.

The whiskey is aged in three different types of oak barrels, which are mixed together at the end of the aging process for a unique flavor that garnered it several awards and a recent "brilliant" ranking in Jim Murray's authoritative Whisky Bible.

With 500 barrels currently aging and plans to double that this year, Spreewood is growing — but Heuser says Scotland's got nothing to worry about just yet, Brexit or no Brexit.

"We're just a little fly on the back of an elephant," he says.

Daniel Niemann contributed to this report from Sprockhoevel.

HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

Creating 'vacation' at home

Couple have turned property into a whimsical landscape

BY JACKIE CROSBY
Tribune News Service

EAST BETHEL, Minn. — Loved ones rarely have trouble figuring out what to get Diane Harvey for special occasions. “One year my husband asked me what I’d like for my birthday,” she said. “I told him, ‘A big rock.’” “You mean a ring?” he asked. “No,” she told him. “Like a giant boulder.”

Another birthday, her husband, John, got her a two-wheeler for hauling plants.

That big rock sits near the driveway of the couple’s home in East Bethel, Minn., about 30 miles north of Minneapolis, where Harvey has hauled around hundreds of hostas, coneflowers, day lilies, elephant ears and zinnias. Her colorful garden is one of six chosen by a panel of judges from more than 175 submissions in this year’s Beautiful Gardens contest.

Bit by bit, over the years, Harvey and her husband have turned their 3/4-acre property on Coon Lake into a verdant playground. The lawn and gardens are tough enough to handle the golden retrievers that the couple have rescued and adopted, and also provide ample space for their children and grandchildren to throw balls, play in the dirt and splash in the water.

“Some people take vacations and travel,” Harvey said. “We don’t go on trips. Our trips are right here.”

Art abounds. A large green dinosaur from a gas station, acquired from an auctioneer friend, holds court in one garden. Ceramic fish adorn the banks of the fish ponds, and a collection of frog statues is nestled in the mulch. At the lakeshore, a life-size blue heron made of steel is ready to take flight.

The Harveys bought the Anoka



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The expansive gardens created by Diane and John Harvey at their home in East Bethel, Minn., include a 3,000-gallon koi pond.

County property in 1993. It had an 800-square-foot rambler, built in 1985, and great views of the lake. With four daughters under age 6, Harvey hardly had time to garden.

“I didn’t get anything done until the youngest was about 5,” she said. “I had them help dig.”

As the footprint of their home expanded, so did Harvey’s yearnings to plant. And her ambitions grew along with her daughters, now in their 20s and 30s, who all live within 10 miles of their family home.

“My mother has put so much hard work into her beautiful

gardens and koi ponds,” said Harvey’s oldest daughter, Rachel Bokelmann, 33, who nominated the garden. “My mom and dad have created this paradise on their own.”

The couple’s second-oldest, Lauren Downie, 31, held her wedding on the lawn — a rainswept affair that set her mother’s gardening perfectionism on edge yet resolved with rainbows over the lake during the marriage vows.

“There was so much rain, people were pushing the koi fish back into the ponds,” Bokelmann said. “It was a spongy, soggy

mess.”

The Harveys are business partners in John’s HVAC business.

He makes the house calls; she keeps the books. Those clear lines of responsibility hold true with yard work, as well.

John, 57, handles much of the hard-scaping, and leaves the vision to his wife, 61. After 34 years of marriage, she has figured out the art of gaining cooperation.

“I always have these big ideas,” Harvey said. “I have to catch him after he’s had some coffee.”

Many of the big projects have been group activities. After a pine

tree died, a retired neighbor brought in his tractor to get the hard work started on the 3,000-gallon koi pond.

The daughters and sons-in-law worked in the rain to complete the rest.

Each year for Mother’s Day, Bokelmann plans an outing to “go greenhousing” with her mom. They return with every inch of her mother’s SUV filled with plants.

Sometimes Harvey feels a bit sheepish about it, she said.

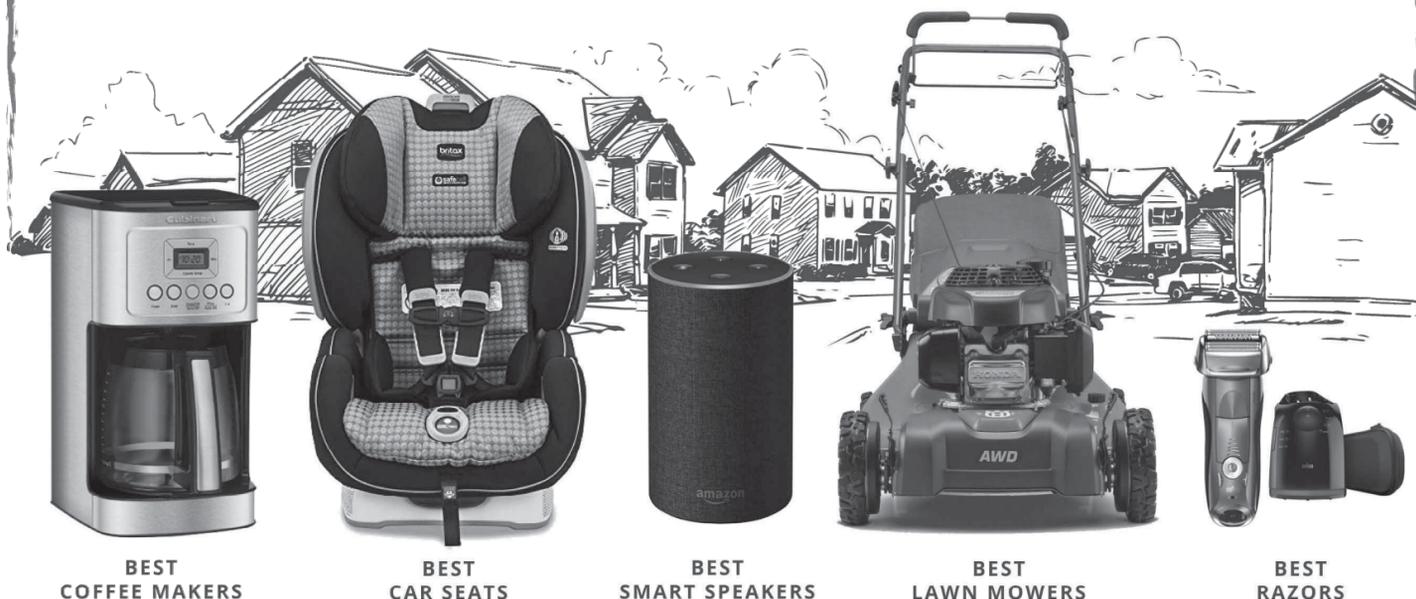
“I try to sneak them in so my husband doesn’t know how much money I’ve spent.”

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A tattoo that can control your phone?

'Wired to Wear' shows future of fashion is here

BY KASONDRA VAN TREECK
Chicago Tribune

If you thought we had a few years before the world turns into a real-life "Black Mirror" episode, think again. Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry's latest exhibit, "Wired to Wear," makes it very clear that the future of fashion goes well beyond a smart-watch that can pay for your coffee. With more than 100 innovations from 15 countries — and featuring brands like Google, Nike and Intel — the exhibit is dedicated to the future of wearable technology. Some of the items in the exhibit are in production, some are near completion and others were constructed to showcase the possibilities of new technology in need of a mind-blowing application. Looking for something to make a statement at one of this summer's music festivals? How about a tattoo you can play like a keyboard?

"Wired to Wear" runs through May 2020. Here are five of our

favorite things from the exhibition.

Microsoft Smart Tattoo

Microsoft's temporary Smart Tattoo by Asta Roseway and Paul Johns transforms a gold leaf skin embellishment into an interface. A Smart Tattoo can be added to an existing tattoo or can be used on its own, and it allows you to control your mobile devices, become a living keyboard or store information on your skin — all while making a major style statement.

Is your mind blown yet?

Levi's Commuter Jacket X Jaquard by Google

Ok, Levi's is always in style, especially its denim jackets. But now through a collab with Google, Levi's has updated the iconic jacket to have touch screen functionality.

Just imagine tapping your cuff to change a song or turn on the lights or feel a vibration when your Uber is arriving.

Micro-thin Jaquard threads are sewn into the fabric, allowing sensor grids throughout the jacket to function as a touch



The collar of the Iridescence dress has a tiny camera and 200 quills.

Iridescence dress

Commissioned by the Museum of Science and Industry, designer and technologist Behnaz Farahi created the Iridescence dress to highlight vision-activated technology.

The collar of the dress is constructed with a tiny camera and 200 quills that follow and react with lifelike behavior to a viewer's facial expressions and movements. For example, when the collar detects an angry face looking at it, the iridescent quills express anxiety with jittery movements. As the viewer moves around the dress, the quills shift to follow the viewer, creating a new pattern and shape in the collar of the dress.

This takes the mood ring to an entirely different level.

Seismic Powered Clothing

Feeling tired? Can't get off the couch? No biggie. Seismic Powered Clothing literally has your back. The lightweight undergarment, which fuses apparel and robotics, provides extra strength for standing and sitting.

"It essentially has the equivalent of a pulley system in it. They call it electronic muscles," said Kathleen McCarthy, director of collections and head curator at

the Museum of Science and Industry.

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Toss the Game Boy, because now you can play old-school video games on the LED illuminated PIX Backpack, which can be customized from your mobile device. You can also fulfill your inner artist and embellish the flexible, programmable screen with designs from a library, or created from scratch using your smartphone and sent via Bluetooth. PIX also allows you to display the time, weather and your mobile notifications through PIX's widgets.

Applications that are in the works include designs for biking, so you can, for instance, connect the backpack to a device on your handlebars that will allow you to signal (on the back of your backpack) with a digital arrow when you are turning left or right, or display a stop sign to indicate that you are about to stop.

Fresh out of campaigns on Kickstarter and Indiegogo, the backpack was created by a group of young inventors from Ukraine and is available now.

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Lowdown on unibrow, other eye looks



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: What in the name of all that's good and holy is going on with eyebrows? The rule used to be that they start at the inner edge of your eye. Now it looks as if they're edging close to meeting in the middle. Yikes!!!

— Judith L.F.

Dear Judith: I am happy to say that the unibrow that really *does* meet in the middle (think Frida Kahlo) is not catching on. Eyebrow styles have changed dramatically over the decades. But the "fuller" brow, more natural, less plucked is enjoying huge popularity right now. Compare that with the skinny, arched brows of Greta Garbo in the '30s. She would have looked entirely different with the caterpillar look of today's fashion icons.

So, what to do if you've plucked the heck out of your brows since you were a teenager and now they're skimpy? Head to the drugstore, and you'll see an enormous selection of moderately priced brow makeup to amplify what you have left. Just take it slowly. You're going for a fuller, natural look, not a perfectly painted brow that looks as if you labored too long in front of a mirror.

Most of us will not feel comfortable with the totally untamed look of, say, the Olsens (Ashley and Mary Kate), but there's a middle ground that you can achieve with some practice.

Another eye-catching question ...



ALBERTO PIZZOLI/GETTY-AFP 2013

The fuller eyebrow — less plucked, more natural — is enjoying huge popularity.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I was reading In-Style magazine on a plane recently and was surprised to see models in really colorful eye makeup. Fuchsia, minty green and bright aqua. The story said that this "happy" makeup is having a moment. Is that true, or is it just for models and movie stars?

— Sandi J.

Dear Sandi: Proceed with caution! A little eye color goes a long way, and before you know it, you've ventured into Clown College. What looks intriguing or even beautiful in the pages of a magazine often is an extreme look that won't work in the normal lives we're leading. That doesn't mean you shouldn't experi-

ment with new eye colors. Applying turquoise shadow up to your eyebrows probably isn't a great plan, but try some colorful mascara, and see what you think of that.

Maybelline has color in its new Snapscara line, and I bought some NYX purple mascara at Ulta that I treat like a neutral; it's kind of fun but not crazy.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

My 16-year-old son thinks sweatpants are actual attire for public events, such as a play or dinner out. Is this correct and I'm too fussy and old? These are gray Champion sweats.

— D's Mom

Dear Mom: You're right that standard gray sweats from Target are not ideal for

more formal public events like a play or dinner — unless you're talking about a chain restaurant where super casual is the norm. But, don't expect your son to stop rolling his eyes at you when you tell him this. That's what teenage boys do. Now, if he got the same information from a teenage girl? That might turn things around.

I'm sure you know you have to pick your battles, and I'd put sweatpants in the lowest quadrant of worth-fighting-about. How's this for a compromise: Tell D. that not all sweats are created equal. In fact, some have a lean line and are made of tech fabric that hangs handsomely. Show him some photos online, and tell him you'll

even pay for a pair. Let me know how it goes.

Angelic readers

Lots of you came through with recommendations for Lou Marie, who was searching for a treatment for her under-eye puffiness. Cherie M. likes Origins' Ginzing ("refreshing eye cream to brighten and de-puff on-the-go") (origins.com, \$25). From Dorothy M.: "For just over a year, I've been using Clinique All About Eyes ("reduces circles, puffs")" (clinique.com, \$32.50). It's been effective for me, and I no longer feel the need for under-eye concealer in my makeup routine."

J.H. says, "I have used Sudden Change Under-Eye

Firming Serum for years now (walmart.com, \$8.97). The stuff is great, and the effect lasts for hours. Follow the directions and their hints." Stacy D. writes, "I've been using Olay Regenerist Advanced Anti-Aging Roller for years and love it (amazon.com, \$36.99). It also keeps your under-eye skin moist all day, amazing. There's also Olay Eyes Depuffing Eye Roller (amazon.com, \$17.72), which I have not tried yet."

Lynn K. says, "I have been using Plexaderm on my under-eye bags for about two years. It absolutely works the way the TV commercial says it does. It's less effective under or over makeup, but it still works. I don't think it's very effective on laugh lines or the lower face because when you first apply it, you can't move until it's dry, and then as soon as it dries, it will crack when you move your skin. But if you're worried about under your eyes, I would absolutely try it" (plexaderm.com, \$59.95).

Joan G. likes Olay Age Defying Classic Eye Gel (riteaid.com, \$8.39): "I agree nothing works 100%, but for years I have been using this Olay gel. In the morning, before applying makeup, I dab this on, and before too long, those puffs have gone down significantly." Marjorie N. recommends Boiron's Arnicare Bruise Relief or Arnicare Bruise Cream (amazon.com, \$6.57 and \$10.92).

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@chicagotribune.com.

Ellen Warren is a freelance writer.

THE GOODS

YOUR HUNT IS OVER

Best rain boots for April showers

By DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

Make a splash — and stay dry — with spring's new crop of luxe rain boots. Valentino has added its iconic Rockstud design to shiny black rubber boots, and Moncler has given a cool graffiti touch to its version. Just remember, every storm cloud has a silver lining.

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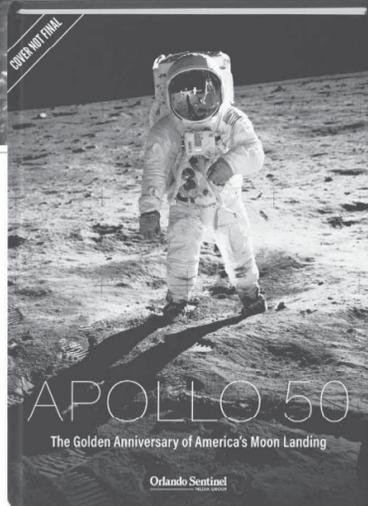
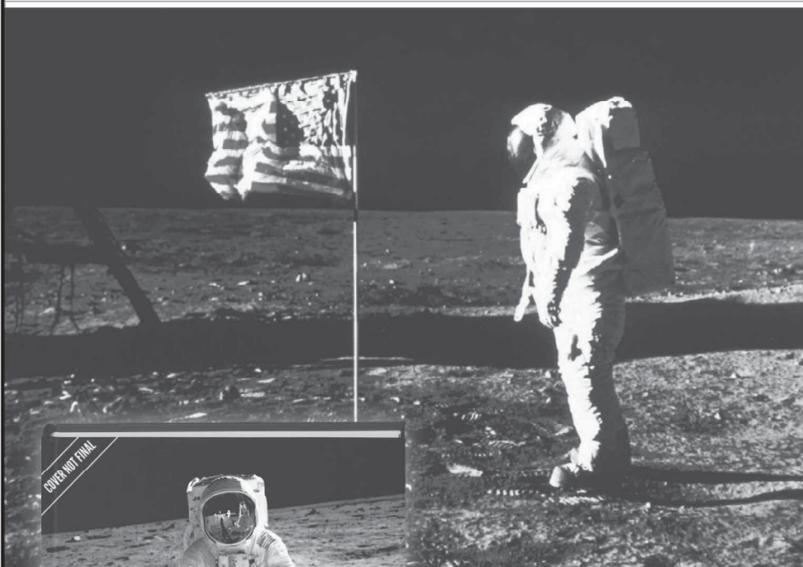
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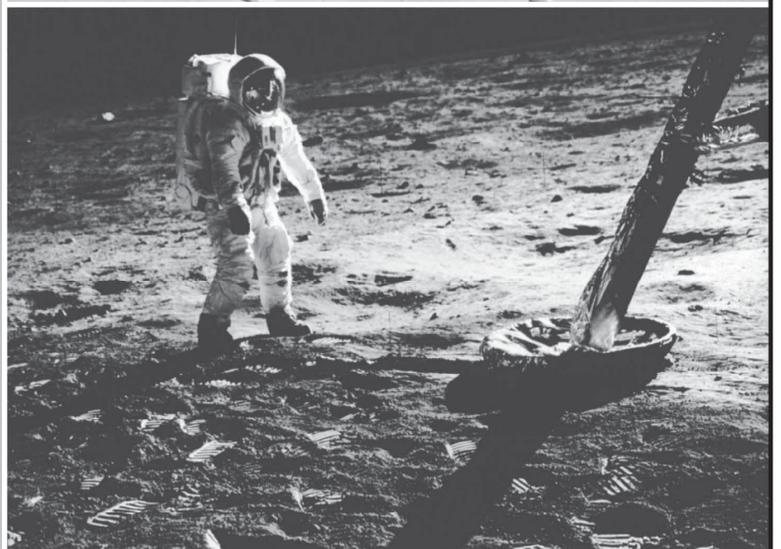
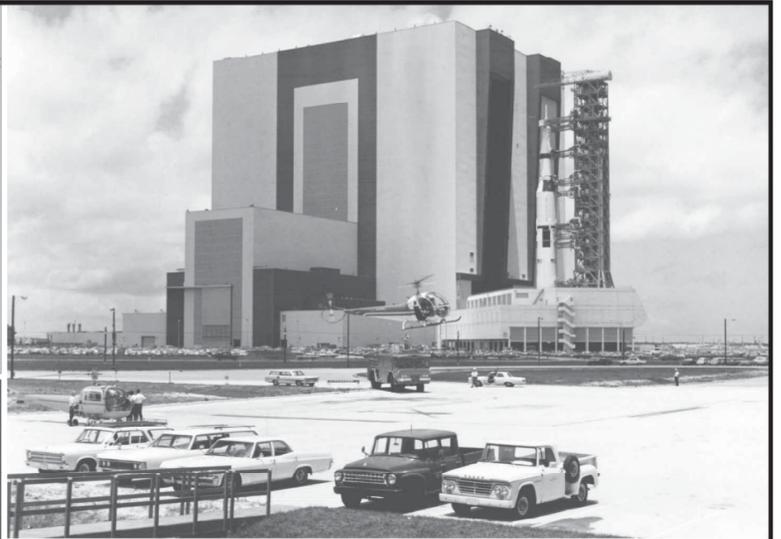
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Fritzie Fritzhall, Holocaust survivor and museum president, with former President Bill Clinton



Marianne Shure, Edith Adlam and Marty Zak



Joshua Ruff, left; Margot, John, and Christine Ettelson; and Luis Lanz-Tienda

CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



Clinton attends event for Holocaust museum

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center celebrated its 10th anniversary Humanitarian Awards Dinner on March 13 at the Hyatt Regency before a sellout crowd of 2,035 business, civic and community leaders that included over 200 Holocaust survivors. Former President Bill Clinton joined Gov. J.B. Pritzker onstage for a Q&A following an evening of music, dinner, moving videos and emotional tributes.

The Chicago Sinfonietta's Project Inclusion Quartet set the tone for the evening, playing soulful music from the film "Schindler's List" as a video honored survivors and those who supported them during the Holocaust. The Chicago Children's Choir then filled the stage with interpretations of "One Day" (by Matisyahu) and "Hallelujah" (by Leonard Cohen).

Emcee Bill Kurtis recognized the late Barbara Steiner and Aaron Elster, Holocaust survivors and museum co-founders. Remarks were delivered by Sam Harris (Holocaust survivor and museum president emeritus), John Rowe (chair, board of trustees), Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Jeffrey Pfeffer (chair, board of directors), David Golder (museum board member and former board chair) and museum CEO Susan Abrams.

Fritzie Fritzhall, museum president and Holocaust survivor, described her fears about anti-Semitism and the sad fact that it's still with us today.

John Ettelson, president and CEO of William Blair, was the recipient of the Humanitarian Award. He spoke about the museum's mission to "remember the past and transform the future" and extolled its virtues.

The event raised approximately \$3 million for the museum, which honors the memory of those who were killed during the Holocaust through educational events, in-depth exhibitions and public programs, using the latest technology and survivors' personal stories.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

MORE ONLINE: Find more photos and video of this event at www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace

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Handling a 'casual' wedding gesture that goes unthanked



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My niece got married a couple of years ago for the second time. Her husband-to-be had never been married. They chose to have a casual wedding, but they invited at least 100 guests, primarily their friends on both sides of the family and a few chosen family members.

Prior to the wedding, I sent a wrapped gift from their wedding registry and a large bottle of wine per the invitation as a contribution to the bar. I included a card with the gift attached to the package.

We felt completely ignored at the wedding and were never introduced to the new husband. No effort was made by the bride and her new husband to walk around speaking to guests. In addition, I never received a thank-you either orally or in writing from my niece and her new husband.

I've been steamed over this ever since. I've remained silent now for years. What do you suggest someone should do, if anything, when this sort of thing happens, other than grin and bear it?

Gentle reader: When Miss Manners hears the word "casual," she shudders. It no longer means "informal," which is a legitimate style. Rather, it has come to mean "not bothering to perform even the most common courtesies."

But your experience was two years ago. By now you should have put in practice the only sensible response, which is to

decline any invitations to their birthday parties, re-enactment ceremonies, baby showers or whatever else they may have devised for assembling people they will then ignore.

Dear Miss Manners: My husband was a lawyer and is now retired. Several times a year, people ask him to talk to their children who are considering applying to law school.

Miss Manners, my husband hated every minute of his law career.

My concern is that there are perfectly bright, perfectly capable young people who would make perfectly good lawyers but, because they ran across my husband, went into some other field that they ended up hating even more than they would have hated law.

Should I try to get him to moderate his position? If so, how?

Gentle reader: Why do you think it necessary to protect possible future lawyers from hearing about difficulties that may be associated with the profession? Those who ask your husband probably ask others, and the wider the view they get, the better.

Besides, Miss Manners recalls asking an excellent drama teacher why she was advising her most talented student not to seek a career as an actress. "Because if that discourages her, she doesn't belong in the theater," was the reply.

Dear Miss Manners: Over the past few years, I have noticed that two of my dear friends never check their mail. Their mailboxes are often so full that mail gets returned to sender as "unclaimed." I receive back over half the mail I send them.

In the past, I have re-

sent formal thank-you notes, but these have been returned often enough that I am irritated and don't want to waste another envelope and stamp on the hope that they will have managed to check their mail.

Is there any sort of two-strikes-and-you're-out rule regarding thank-you cards? Should I just send them e-cards instead? Or try to deliver in person?

I feel like I shouldn't have to bear the onus of their failure to check their own mailboxes, but if that is the most polite course of action, I can grin and bear it a few times a year.

Gentle reader: As you are diligent enough to write letters of thanks — you may be shocked to hear that not everyone does — it does seem unfair that you should also be responsible for retrieving them as well.

But it has become a factor of modern life that not everyone uses the standard forms of communication. Some do not answer their telephones. Some rarely check their email. Some do not text. And your friends do not empty their mailboxes.

Miss Manners does understand that all of these venues may be so choked with junk that people have come to ignore them.

Still, it is a nuisance. As you have only two such friends, you should just ask what is the best way to reach them. But soon we will all have to keep records of who actually checks what.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.

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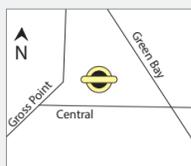
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Viridiana Rodriguez, 30, moved into her new home in the West Lawn neighborhood with her 8-year-old daughter in November.

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No, you don't need 20 percent

How Chicago millennials are buying first homes with down payment programs

BY JOANNE CLEAVER | Chicago Tribune

Now settled in her career as a teacher, Viridiana Rodriguez needed to fit just one more piece of adult life into place: finding a permanent home for herself and her 8-year-old daughter.

The more she explored her options, the more out of reach homeownership appeared to the 30-year-old lifelong Chicagoan. Even as she tidied up a few dings to her credit report and dutifully pursued pre-qualification for a mortgage, her minuscule savings and \$56,000 in student loans blocked the way.

"I had great credit and income, but I couldn't move forward because of my student loans. I felt stuck. I thought, this will never happen," Rodriguez said.

After two failed attempts to qualify for a purchase, she started working with The Resurrection Project's coaching program for hopeful first-time homebuyers and hit the sweet spot. By combining down payment grants from several sources and qualifying for a mortgage, she bought a \$130,000, two-bedroom ranch.

"You have to establish a relationship

with first-time homeowner programs, so you can jump on it," said Rodriguez, explaining that she acted quickly to get in line for down payment assistance. The little family moved in to its new home in November 2018.

"My daughter loves that she finally has a yard," she said.

For cash-strapped millennials, homeownership can feel like a mirage. As Rodriguez's experience illustrates, assembling the down payment while also paying off consumer and student debt is a high hurdle. Rising rents make it difficult to save, and stagnant wages stifle the ability to take on a mortgage along with the monthly utilities, insurance and home maintenance. A new study by the Federal Reserve Board confirmed millennials' predicament. It found that about 20 percent of the drop in homeownership of 20- and 30-somethings stems from their educational debt load.

Long-standing Chicago homeownership programs are rising to the challenge by adapting ongoing programs to

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3 financial tools can offer boost to credit ratings



KENNETH R. HARNEY
The Nation's Housing

Here's some good news for anyone whose credit scores aren't quite as high as they'd like them to be: Three new financial tools

have come to market — or soon will be available — that could give your scores a shot of adrenalin when you need it most.

These aren't "credit repair" rip-offs, where you shell out hundreds or thousands of dollars to sleazeball companies. Far from it. All three tools come from well-established players: FICO, developer of the ubiquitous FICO score; Experian, one of the national credit bureaus; and CreditXpert, a financial technology

company whose products are used extensively in the mortgage arena.

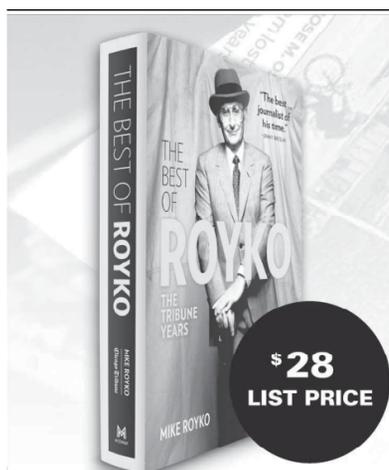
Now completing its pilot-test phase, FICO's "Ultra" score is expected to be widely available from lenders this summer. It raises scores by importing data from your checking, banking, savings and money-market accounts into your credit report when calculating your score. If you have some savings, maintain your bank accounts over time,

and avoid negative balances, it's likely you'll get a higher score. Seven out of 10 consumers who exhibit good banking and savings behavior should see increased scores using Ultra, according to FICO. (FICO scores range from 300 to 850; the lower the score, the greater the risk of future default.)

Experian's new "Boost" option, introduced in March and now becoming available nationwide, offers another score-enhance-

ment approach. It imports your on-time utilities and telecom payments and includes positive data into your score calculations, raising scores in the majority of cases. The lower your starting score, the bigger the improvement. According to Experian, three-quarters of consumers with scores below 680 saw an increase in their scores from Boost. Jeff Softley, chief marketing and reve-

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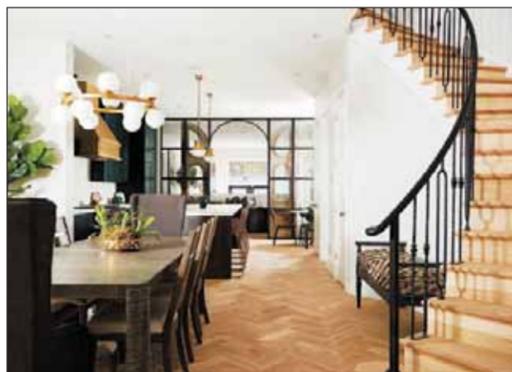
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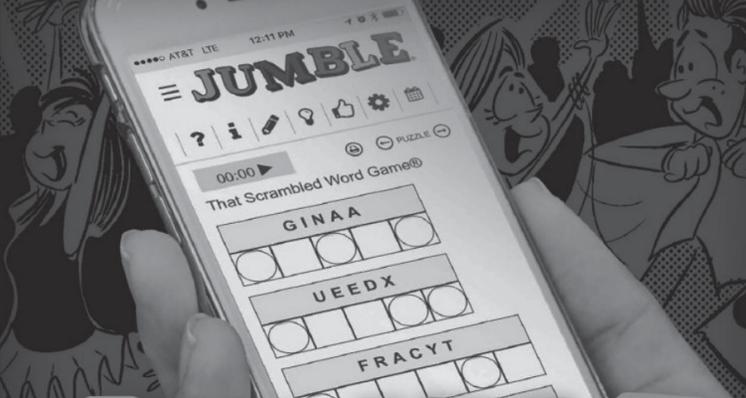
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If you've pay off your home debt, the lender owes you a document showing that it's paid.

You paid off your mortgage — so what happens next?

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
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Q: I recently paid off my mortgage and received a certificate of satisfaction from my lender that was recorded with the District of Columbia recorder of deeds. This certificate stated that the lien had been released. Is this the same thing as a recorded deed of trust?

Other than this certificate, do I need some other document proving I actually own my house so I can legally sell it? The certificate mentions the loan was secured by a deed of trust, but I don't think I ever saw such a document labeled "deed of trust."

A: This question comes up frequently, so it's worthwhile unpacking it. When you take out a loan, your lender will require you to put up the home as collateral for the loan. When you pledge the home as collateral, you sign a mortgage or deed of trust for the benefit of the lender. In some parts of the country, mortgages are more prevalent than deed of trusts. But for purposes of buying your home and pledging it as an asset against the loan, both will encumber your home. A mortgage is a lien on a

home that gives the lender the right to foreclose on the home to satisfy any delinquent debt owed by the homeowner to the lender. A deed of trust does basically the same thing, but this document conditionally transfers ownership of the home to the lender to secure the debt. The homeowner is still the owner of the home, but the lender has the right to the title in case the borrower fails to pay the debt as required.

At the loan closing or settlement, you will sign a mortgage or a deed of trust along with the dozens of other documents as part of the financing or refinancing of the home. After the loan closing or settlement, the lender will have the mortgage or the deed of trust recorded or filed with the office that handles the recording or filing of the document. Once filed, the mortgage or deed of trust will show up on the title to the home and give notice to anyone looking at the records for the home that the lender has a lien on that home.

In any case, once you pay off the debt owed to the lender, the lender owes you a document that would tell anyone looking at the title to your home that the mortgage or deed of trust had been released. Usually a lender will send that

document to the office that handles recordings or filings, and once recorded or filed anybody looking at the title to the home will see that the lien and interest of that lender in the home has been released.

The bottom line is that you should be all set with your lender. We also would add that we generally like to see that lender return to you the original note and original deed of trust marked "canceled." The lender would release the lien and give you back the documents you signed giving them the lien to your home.

On a separate note, now that this lender is no longer in the picture, you should call your insurance company and tell them to remove your lender from being named on your homeowner's insurance policy. If you have a claim on your policy, you don't want the lender named and then have to go get their approval to get paid on the policy. Once the lender's lien is released, that lender should no longer have anything to do with your homeowners insurance policy.

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Community and transit focus are keys when condo hunting

By ELLEN JAMES MARTIN
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A 29-year-old man from Bosnia has lived in America nearly half his life. Recently he gained citizenship and a solid government job. But he itches to complete his American Dream with one more accomplishment: homeownership.

Yet the man has his own version of the ideal property. Rather than seeking the classic detached house on a suburban cul-de-sac, he hankers for the ease and convenience of a condo in a vibrant, walkable city with a strong public transportation system.

Stacy Berman, a long-time realty company manager, doesn't know the homebuyer in this true story. But from the future resale standpoint, she says he's wise to focus on a community with excellent public transit.

As with all real estate purchases, she says it's best to buy a condo you could hold for multiple years — the longer the better.

"Look for a place you could easily rent out if you plan to live there for only a few short years. There's a strong demand for rental housing in vital city neighborhoods," Berman says.

Here are a few other pointers for urban condo buyers:

Trust your gut when it comes to location.

Resale data can tell you a lot about the desirability of a condo building. But your emotional response to a building is also telling, says Fred Meyer, a real estate appraiser and broker.

"If you love it wholeheartedly, chances are good others will love it, too," Meyer says.

Look for a community with a strong job base.

It's no secret that the



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Researching the area, the building and the status of the condo association is helpful in finding a new home.

vitality of a local real estate market is tied closely to the employment strength of the area. But Meyer says buyers shouldn't count on a single employer to keep the local economy afloat. "You don't want to buy in a one-factory town that would be badly hurt if that single employer closes. Look for multiple employers," he says.

Consult statistics for the right condo building.

As Meyer says, your emotional reaction to a condo building can be helpful in the selection process. But you, along with your real estate agent, will also want to search out data that help you analyze the pros and cons of buying in a particular building.

"Look at the resale history for the building going back for as long as four years. The more days it typically takes to go from list to sell, the less liquid the building," Meyer says.

Also, he says you should check the "reserves" of the building — the amount of money owners have set aside for repairs and renovations.

"If the building needs a new roof and there's no money available for this, all the owners could be hit

with a big special assessment," Meyer says.

Question rock-bottom condo fees.

Nearly all buildings impose "condo fees." Among other expenses, these monthly charges cover upkeep on a building and its grounds, along with support services.

John Rygiol, a real estate broker, advises buyers that seeking a building with rock-bottom fees could be a mistake.

"In my experience, you get what you pay for in condo fees. A building with very low fees might actually decline in value, due to poor maintenance," he says.

Avoid a building with many renters.

Homebuyer advocates are wary of buildings in which a large percentage of units have been rented out by owners.

What percentage of owner-occupants is sufficient? That depends on the location. In most cases, Meyer says you'll want to see more than half the units occupied by owners.

Meyer says it's also important to avoid a building that prohibits owners from renting out their units should they wish to do so.

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Does the first-time homebuyer credit still exist?

One of the consumer benefits that emerged from the Great Recession was the first-time homebuyer credit. Enacted by the Bush administration in 2008, the program provided a tax credit to Americans buying their first home.

Part of the Housing & Economic Recovery Act, the tax credit was available to first-time buyers who purchased their home in 2008, 2009 or 2010. Although the credit has since been retired, you may still be in luck if you qualified with a home purchase during those years and neglected to file the credit, or you became a first-time buyer later.

If you closed on your first home between April 9, 2008, and September 30, 2010, you could still qualify. A number of variables come into play, so the best way to determine your eligibility is to consult a tax accountant.

You'll want to consider a few things before going

down that path, however. For instance, on first homes purchased during the eligible 2008 dates, the credit is not in fact a true credit, as it requires repaying it with your annual tax return for 15 years after the home's purchase. So someone claiming the maximum \$7,500 credit would repay \$500 per year over 15 tax returns.

In 2009, the Obama administration revised the program slightly, upping the credit to an \$8,000 maximum and forgiving its repayment for those living in the home as their primary residence for at least 3 years after taking the credit. So if you bought during 2009 or 2010, but sold or moved within 3 years, you're out of luck.

For first-timers who bought after the program's 2010 sunset date, you may still have options. Many state and local governments offer their own programs for first-time buyers, so researching what's available in your area could turn up other financial benefits.



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nue officer for Experian Consumer Services, told me he got a 28-point bump to his own scores.

"Wayfinder" from CreditXpert is different. Working with their loan officer, borrowers select a target credit score they'd like to achieve to qualify for a loan or get the best interest rate and terms possible. The Wayfinder software then runs dozens of scenarios to get the borrower that score within a designated time period by taking steps to modify accounts in their credit reports. Say you have a 640 score but need at least a 680 to get an interest rate lower than you've been quoted. Your loan officer plugs your 680 target into the software and the program delivers specific steps you can take to achieve that score within days or weeks. Plans might call for a partial payoff of one or more accounts that are needlessly depressing your current score. But since you may not want to spend the money, Wayfinder offers alternatives that won't cost as much but might take a month or more to complete. Score improvements average around 27 to 30 points, but have ranged as high as 179 points, according to CreditXpert's managing director, David Chung.

All three of these tools could be of practical use to you if you find yourself in a score pinch. You simply need to ask your loan officer about them. But

UltraFICO and Boost come with a crucial handicap for anyone seeking a home mortgage: Under current regulatory restrictions, the two biggest sources of mortgage money cannot accept the FICO scores they produce. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac both confirmed to me that at least for the time being, their underwriting systems don't permit either UltraFICO or Boost. Both can be used for most other credit purposes using Experian credit reports, such as applying for credit cards or auto loans, but not for mortgages destined for purchase by Fannie or Freddie.

Wayfinder, by contrast, is designed for the mortgage market. The higher scores it leads to are acceptable because they reflect credit report changes that can be incorporated into scoring models that Fannie and Freddie have used for years. So if you're shopping for a mortgage and need a higher score, Wayfinder is worth checking out with your loan officer.

Another fact you should know about Wayfinder: It's not free. It costs around \$15 to \$18 if you want to run it on your files at each of the big three credit bureaus. Plus it typically involves "rapid rescoring" of your credit reports by a vendor working with your loan officer, and that can cost another \$75 to \$150. But if the process lands you a loan that costs thousands of dollars less over the years, the small upfront expense should be worth it.

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ELITE STREET

Former Bull Jabari Parker lists townhouse

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Former Chicago Bulls forward Jabari Parker on March 15 listed his three-bedroom, 4,000-square-foot townhouse in the Kinzie Park development in the Fulton River District for \$2.55 million.



Parker

A South Side native, Parker, 24, starred at Simeon Career Academy. He reached the summit of his high school career by leading Simeon to four straight state championships, which prompted both Gatorade and McDonald's to name him their national high school basketball player of the year.

Parker began his NBA career with the Milwaukee Bucks before signing a two-year, \$40 million contract with the Bulls last July. The Bulls traded Parker to the Washington Wizards in February.

Through his Cement 4 Chicago limited liability company, Parker paid \$2.2 million in September for the townhouse. The four-story end unit has a kitchen with an island, a master suite with a fireplace and a two-car garage. Listing photos show some of Parker's framed jerseys on one wall, and a master closet full of dozens of pairs of basketball shoes.

Listing agent Paul Gorney of Coldwell Banker declined to comment on the listing.

Kinzie Park has been a popular neighborhood for Chicago athletes over the years. Former Blackhawks defenseman Niklas Hjal-

marsson owned a four-bedroom, 4,000-square-foot townhouse there from 2010 until 2015, while retired NBA star Shawn Marion has owned a four-story, 3,447-square-foot townhouse in Kinzie Park since 2004. And Chicago native and former Bulls guard Dwyane Wade owned a townhouse in Kinzie Park from 2009 until 2013.

While he was with the Bulls, Parker was one of the team's few players to own Chicago-area real estate. With Parker gone from the team, guard Zach LaVine is the only property owner. As Elite Street reported in September, LaVine paid \$3.25 million last year for an 8,000-square-foot mansion in Lakeview.

7,000-square-foot, Queen Anne-style home in Ravenswood sells for \$1.75 million: A 7,000-square-foot, Queen Anne-style house in the Ravenswood neighborhood that was built by Abbott Laboratories founder Wallace Abbott sold March 20 for \$1.75 million.

Built in 1891, the three-story home sits on a parcel whose size is equivalent to five city lots. It has six baths, a wraparound porch, hardwood floors, period and recessed lighting, a full-floor master suite, solar panels and an attached two-car garage. Outside on the property is a two-story, two-bedroom coach house.

Abbott founded Abbott Laboratories in the house's basement and lived there until his death in 1921. Abbott Labs bought the



VHT STUDIOS

Jabari Parker, who was traded from the Bulls to Washington, has put his Fulton River District townhouse on the market.

house through a land trust in 2004 for \$1.5 million to ensure its preservation, and the company eventually constructed a replica of the home on its corporate headquarters campus in North Chicago. Abbott ultimately sold the Ravenswood home in 2006 for \$1.95 million.

Sellers Robert and Kathryn Craig paid \$1.606 million in 2011 for the home. They renovated and modernized the house, including constructing the attached two-car garage, installing new energy-efficient systems including solar panels, renovating the carriage house and modernizing the master suite, kitchen, dining room and basement.

The Craigs first listed the mansion in early 2016 for \$3.449 million. Shortly afterward they reduced their asking price to \$2.895 million. Later price cuts followed, including to \$2.699 million, \$2.49 million, \$2.485 million, \$2.249 million, \$1.999 million and \$1.845 million.

"It was an incredible, one-of-a-kind landmark home and estate with a revenue-generating income coach house on a multi-city-lot-sized property," listing agent Sara McCarthy told Elite Street. "The historical significance of being Dr. Wallace Abbott's home



VHT STUDIOS

A Queen Anne-style house in Ravenswood that was built by Abbott Laboratories founder Wallace Abbott in the 19th century recently sold for \$1.75 million.

is remarkable."

Public records do not yet identify the buyers.

115-year-old Lakeview mansion sells for \$2.025 million: A 115-year-old, 7,338-square-foot American foursquare-style mansion in east Lakeview sold March 15 for \$2.025 million.

Built in 1904, the six-bedroom mansion was designed by architect B.J. Hotton, who probably is best known for designing St. Pascal Catholic Church on Chicago's Northwest Side. The east Lakeview mansion has 4 1/2 baths, stained glass windows, an original grand staircase, a library, five fireplaces, an updated kitchen with a built-in breakfast nook, a

top-floor family room and a two-bedroom lower-level apartment with a kitchen that can be incorporated into the home.

The sellers, attorney and historic preservationist John M. Rafkin — who is the chairman of the board of the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust — and his wife, Anita Levin, purchased the mansion for \$950,000 in 1997. Rafkin told Elite Street that the couple was drawn to the mansion's "fantastic vintage design, its family-friendly layout and its backyard, which was rare in east Lakeview."

"The house had been divided up into five apartments in the past and had been partially reassembled in the 1970s," he said. "It still needed a lot of work,

both mechanical and cosmetic. We wanted to bring it back to a more original condition, while still modernizing it in a sensitive way. The work was done in four phases over the past 20 years."

The couple set about removing some "inauthentic renovations" in the past, Rafkin said, and they also replaced most of the mechanical systems, tuck-pointed the entire building, modernized the kitchen and baths and replaced the roof.

"We invested a lot of energy and resources into the house, but it was definitely worth it. Our kids are now grown, so we wanted to downsize," Rafkin said. "The family that bought it is very excited to carry the house into the next generation."

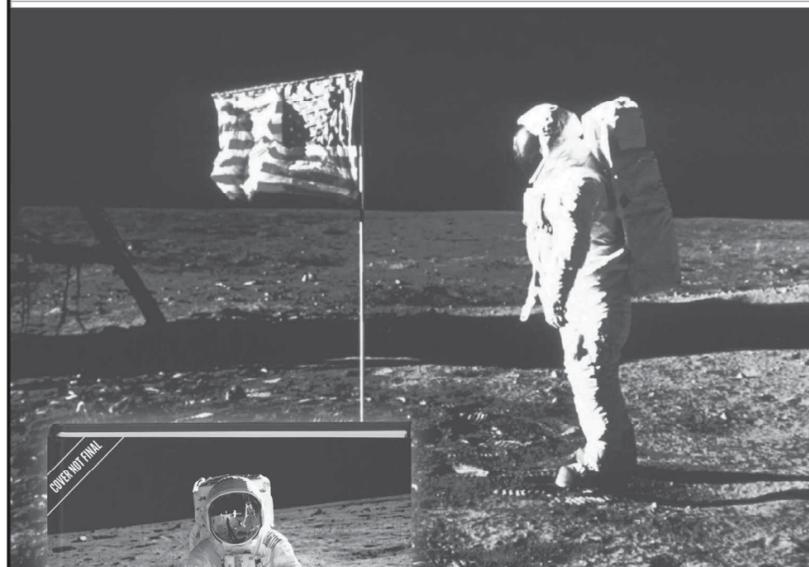
"They truly appreciate its history and character, so we feel like we are leaving it in very good hands."

Rafkin and Levin first listed the mansion in February 2018 for \$2.5 million. They cut their asking price to \$2.25 million in May and to \$1.995 million in October. As a result, the mansion sold for slightly above its final asking price.

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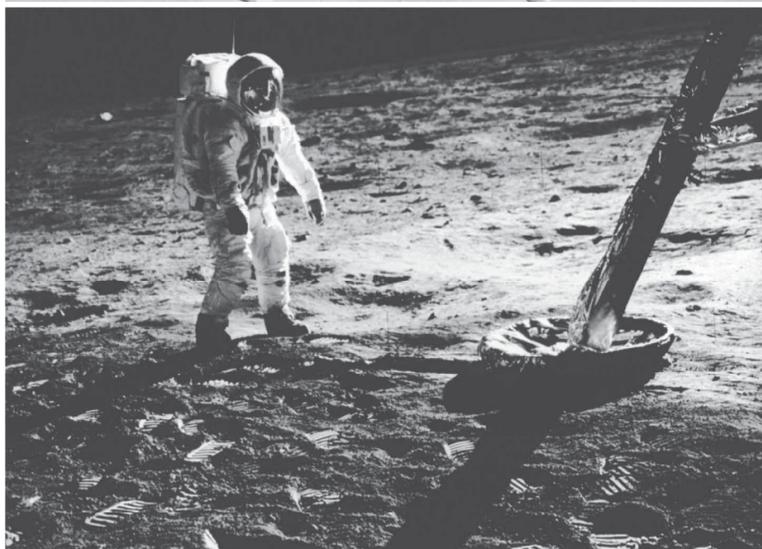
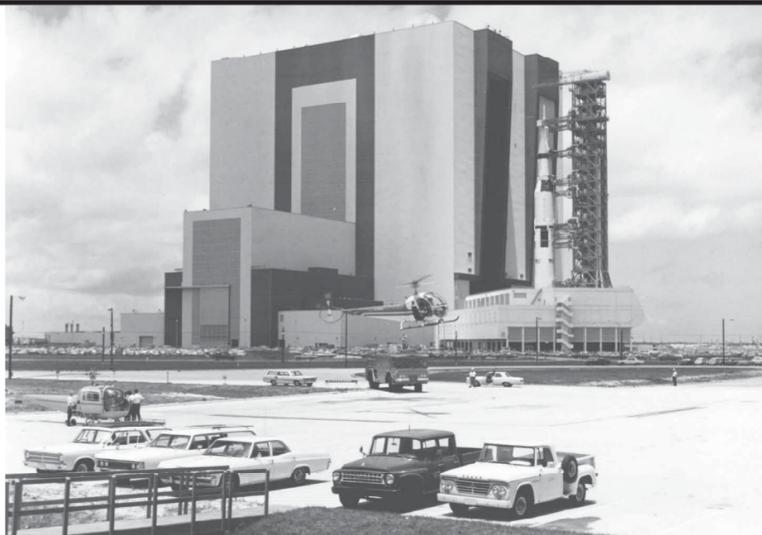
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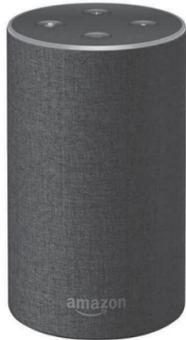
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address the gaps faced by this generation of aspiring homeowners. As well, lenders are tweaking some of their rules to better reflect the daily responsibilities and accomplishments of a credit-burdened, hardworking generation.

"Millennials tend to overestimate what's needed. They tend to anchor on the traditional 20 percent down payment. You don't actually need that much," said Sean Hundtofte, chief economist and head of credit risk for Better.com, a New York-based lender that aims to streamline the mortgage process. Several federal government programs offer low-down-payment options; typically, information about them is available through mortgage lenders and nonprofits that run programs offering on-ramps to homeownership.

Hundtofte added that lenders are becoming more conversant with the factors that complicate young would-be buyers' credentials. A perfect credit score is not a requirement — "If you have a credit score of 600 or more, you're a candidate," said Hundtofte — and lenders are impressed by a steadily rising score that illustrates increasing trustworthiness.

Relentless comparison shopping for mortgages and lending programs is the best way to construct a winning strategy, said Hundtofte. People with lower credit scores just need to shop differently, looking for programs that can help them improve their credit standing while accelerating their progress toward a purchase, he said.

Kristen Komara, vice president of community wealth building with The Resurrection Project, a community service agency that serves aspiring homeowners across the Chicago region, agreed that the best first step is to strengthen



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Viridiana Rodriguez's road to home ownership was initially blocked by her minuscule savings and \$56,000 in student loans.

credit history.

Nontraditional lenders, such as nonprofits that collaborate with lenders and government programs, are often more open to nonstandard credit validation, such as a reliable rent history with an individual landlord. And it's smart, she added, to use the credit-building stage to become conversant in programs and requirements, especially because terms and terminology can be confusing.

"How much do you need to have for a down payment, and how much should you put down? Those are two different questions," said Komara. "How does buying a house fit with your other financial goals? How will you build an emergency fund for the house? How will homeownership build your finances? A lot of this (process) is building confidence." A grant from a commu-

nity group (which often receive funding from lenders) is not the only way to pad a thin down payment.

San Francisco-based Unison offers to "co-invest" with a buyer by matching up to half of the down payment in exchange for owning a slice of the property, explained CEO Thomas Sponholtz. The company becomes a "silent investor" in the property until it is sold, when Unison claims its share, plus appreciation, at closing. The program is best suited for those who expect to stay in their house for at least several years, so that equity grows enough to provide both the owner and the company a decent return, he explained. Meanwhile, the matching investment can ease the notorious cash crunch at closing and potentially free up money for moving costs and an emergency fund.

Aja Johnson, a teacher at a Chicago charter school, found a community of like-minded first-time buyers through The Key Resource, an online community for aspiring and first-time property owners.

At first, the 34-year-old Chicago native wanted no more than to redirect her rent payments to equity. She worked with a realty agent who was conversant in Federal Housing Administration loans and who recommended an FHA loan that required only a 3.5 percent down payment, plus a different program that covered many of the closing costs. After buying a two-flat with only \$4,000 out-of-pocket, Johnson now collects rent instead of paying it: She lives in one unit and rents the other. "My rental income covers a little over 90 percent of my monthly mortgage payment," she said.

The Key Resource was

launched by Kendra Barnes, a 32-year-old former economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Her own travails navigating the fragmented path to property ownership convinced her that there was a market for providing a go-to source for programs, information and advice to equip first-timers with an action plan for buying.

While many states, counties, nonprofits and lenders offer variations on low-cost loans, help with closing costs and down payment grants, each program has its own rules; And a healthy credit score is a prerequisite for moving ahead with any form of help, she said. Piecing together the programs is a job in itself.

"Just because you qualify for down payment assistance doesn't mean you qualify for a mortgage," said Barnes. "You

still have to adhere to the lending qualifications."

And first-timers are sometimes more confident shopping for assistance programs than they are for mortgages, Barnes observed.

"There are so many variations on the terms and fees," said Barnes. It's worthwhile to look beyond the daily rate monitor to additional programs offered by lenders, especially because help for first-timers isn't usually advertised and may be available mainly through nonprofit partners. Some programs are geared to moderate-income buyers, but many are open to all first-time buyers, she said.

"People tend to talk themselves out of pursuing assistance," she said. "They think they don't have enough money to even start. I'm hoping to help people avoid the mistakes I made when I first started."

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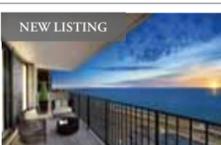
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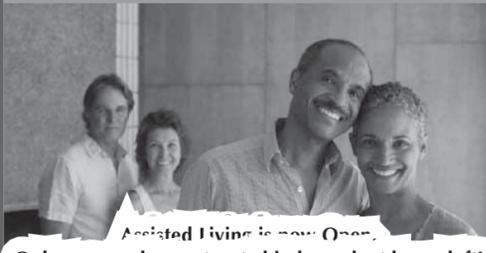
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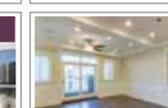
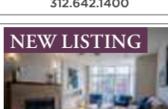
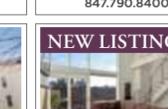
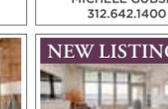
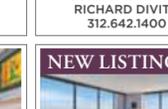


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Chicago Tribune RIDES

Cadillac prizes its new engine

Built-by-hand Blackwing going in Platinum CT6 sedans, never the Corvette

BY JAMIE L. LAREAU
Detroit Free Press

Cadillac's most exclusive and expensive engine, the Blackwing, is such a prized piece of engineering that Cadillac refuses to share it with other General Motors brands, despite speculation that it could go in the Chevrolet Corvette.

"Over my dead body," Cadillac President Steve Carlisle told reporters recently when asked if the luxury brand would share the Blackwing engine with Buick, GMC or Chevrolet.

Cadillac put the 4.2-liter twin-turbo V-8 in the CT6-V sedan for a limited run. The 10-speed automatic transmission engine generates 550 horsepower and 627 pound-feet of torque. The 275 Cadillac cars that had the famed engine sold out in less than two hours in January.

Carlisle said Cadillac held a few back. That means more will be available for purchase, but Cadillac has not decided how many or when they will go on sale.

The engine will also be in the top-trim Platinum CT6 sedans. The CT6 Platinum with the Blackwing will cost \$8,000 more than the CT6-V version, bringing it to \$96,790, GM confirmed.

GM builds the Blackwing engine at its facility in Bowling Green, Ky.

Each engine is built by hand and signed by its architect, much as an artist signs his or her artworks. Car enthusiast publications report Cadillac is expected to offer the Blackwing in top trim levels of the next-generation Escalade full-size SUV next year as a 2021 model. But there will be no Blackwing badging on the exterior of the vehicles it powers.

Cadillac introduced the Blackwing engine at the 2018 New York Auto Show. But Cadillac didn't have a name for it until September. That's when it dubbed it the Blackwing, a Cadillac spokeswoman said.

The name comes from "the original crest of the merlette, the so-called black duck," said Carlisle. "That's the coat of arms of the original founder of Detroit, Antoine De La Mothe Cadillac."

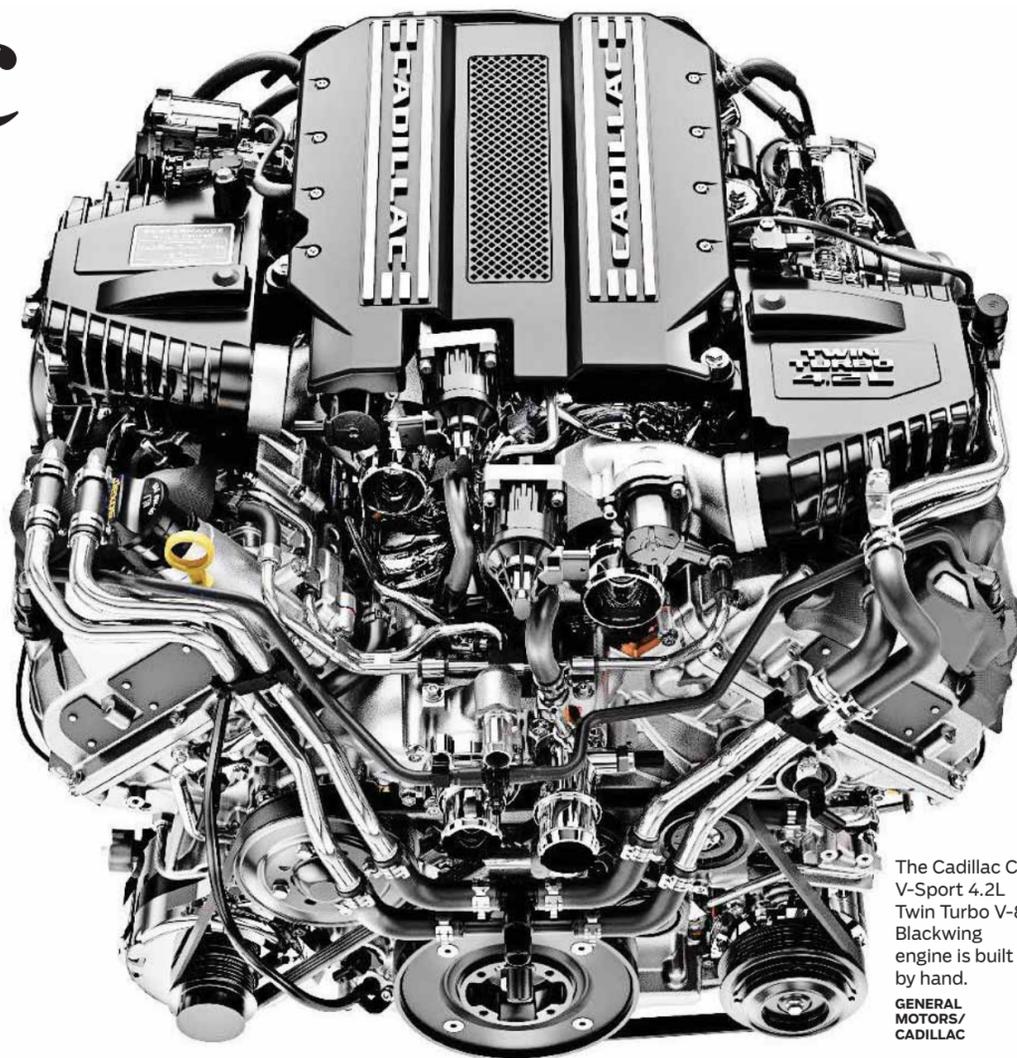
In July 1701, 43-year-old French explorer Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac landed on the banks of the Detroit River. He established an outpost he called Fort Pontchartrain du Detroit: Fort Pontchartrain of the Strait. But the name wouldn't stick. After 1751, the post was known simply as Fort Detroit.

Cadillac, the car company, was founded in 1902. It took Cadillac's name because it wanted the company to reflect "the courage, enterprise and ability that the French explorer displayed," according to company historical documents.

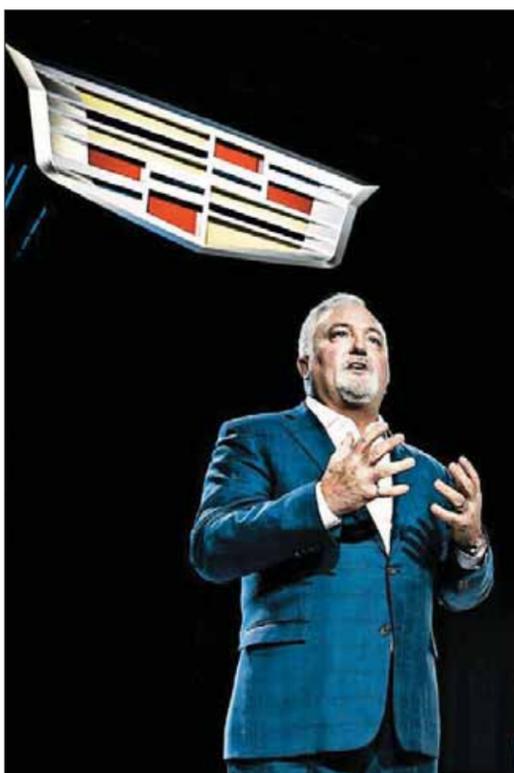
The company adopted the Cadillac family coat of arms as its trademark in 1905 and has tweaked it many times over the years. The first and fourth quarters of the coat of arms show birds, called merlettes without legs or beaks.

According to the ancient historian Guillaume, the merlettes were "given for a difference, to younger brothers to put them in mind that in order to raise themselves they are to look to the wings of virtue and merit, and not to the legs, having but little land to set their feet on."

The merlettes were also a symbol of knightly participation in the Crusades, GM said. Carlisle said that



The Cadillac CT6 V-Sport 4.2L Twin Turbo V-8 Blackwing engine is built by hand.
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BILL PUGLIANO/GETTY

Cadillac President Steve Carlisle, shown in Detroit in January, was asked if Cadillac would share the Blackwing with Buick, GMC or Chevrolet. "Over my dead body," he replied.

because Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac was a second son in his family, he had no land to inherit, so the legless bird held special meaning.

Also, in some later versions of the Cadillac crest, the birds have a wing formation. The Blackwing engine has a "hot V" con-

figuration resembling a bird in flight, and the original merlettes are black, hence, "blackwing," Carlisle said.

"Cadillac has a long, rich history, and there have been many important symbols throughout that history, and at times, we reach back and repurpose those symbols," Carlisle said.

Committed to sedans

Cadillac is committed to sedans despite the growing consumer preference for SUVs and pickups. To prove it, the General Motors luxury brand is bringing two new sedans to market and recently revealed one, the CT5, through a social media campaign.

The other, a smaller sport sedan called the CT4, will be revealed this year and land in Cadillac showrooms in 2020.

"We're committed to sedans. If you look at who buys a sedan today, they're SUV and crossover rejecters," Cadillac President Steve Carlisle said at a recent media lunch. The demand for sedans is growing at "a considerable rate" among customers in China, which is the world's largest market and a strong driver of Cadillac's global sales, Carlisle said. "So we have to look at that too," he said. "We

glow market share last year in four out of six sedan models."

Cadillac will show the CT5 at the New York International Auto Show, April 19-28. The CT5 in effect replaces the CTS sedan, which is reported to end production at Lansing Grand River Assembly in June. GM has invested \$211 million at the Lansing plant to build the CT5 there.

A Cadillac top designer called the CT5 sedan "a car lover's dream" with all-wheel drive, 10-speed automatic transmission and a standard 2.0-liter turbo-charged engine. It is also available in a 3.0-liter Twin-Turbo engine. Cadillac is not yet releasing pricing or a date for when the car will go on sale. The 2019 CTS started at \$46,995. Last year, Cadillac sold 382,184 cars globally, a record figure not seen since 1978, Carlisle said.



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Cadillac revealed the 2020 CT5 sport sedan online.

Keep your cool when driving in a storm

BY MARCO BUSCAGLIA
Tribune News Service

A sudden, torrential downpour can be unnerving to drivers. Here are a few things to keep in mind if you are caught in a storm:

Make your car as visible as possible: Even if your vehicle is equipped with day lights, be sure to turn your headlights on so that your taillights also are on. Turning your hazards on helps, too. The idea is to improve your own line of

vision and to be sure that other drivers can see all four corners of your vehicle.

Keep your brights off. High beams don't do much to improve visibility when it's raining and can impair your own vision and the vision of others because high, intense rays will bounce off wet surfaces and into drivers' eyes.

Keep your distance: Following closely is never a good idea, but it's especially important to maintain a

safe distance when it is raining. The car in front may have to stop or swerve.

Be especially cautious when in another driver's blind spot. A quick swerve to avoid another car is much more dangerous when the road conditions aren't conducive to sudden adjustments.

Pay attention: Driving can sometimes be a go-through-the-motions activity, especially during long-distance trips. Actions such as adjusting the radio and

digging into a bag of Cheetos can seem harmless, but it's important not to get too comfortable when the weather is nasty.

Turn off your cruise control, too. Not only is it ineffective and potentially dangerous if your car begins to hydroplane, it can also make you less reliant on your own instincts in case something happens.

Handle hydroplaning: You might have learned in driver's ed that a vehicle going 35 mph through as



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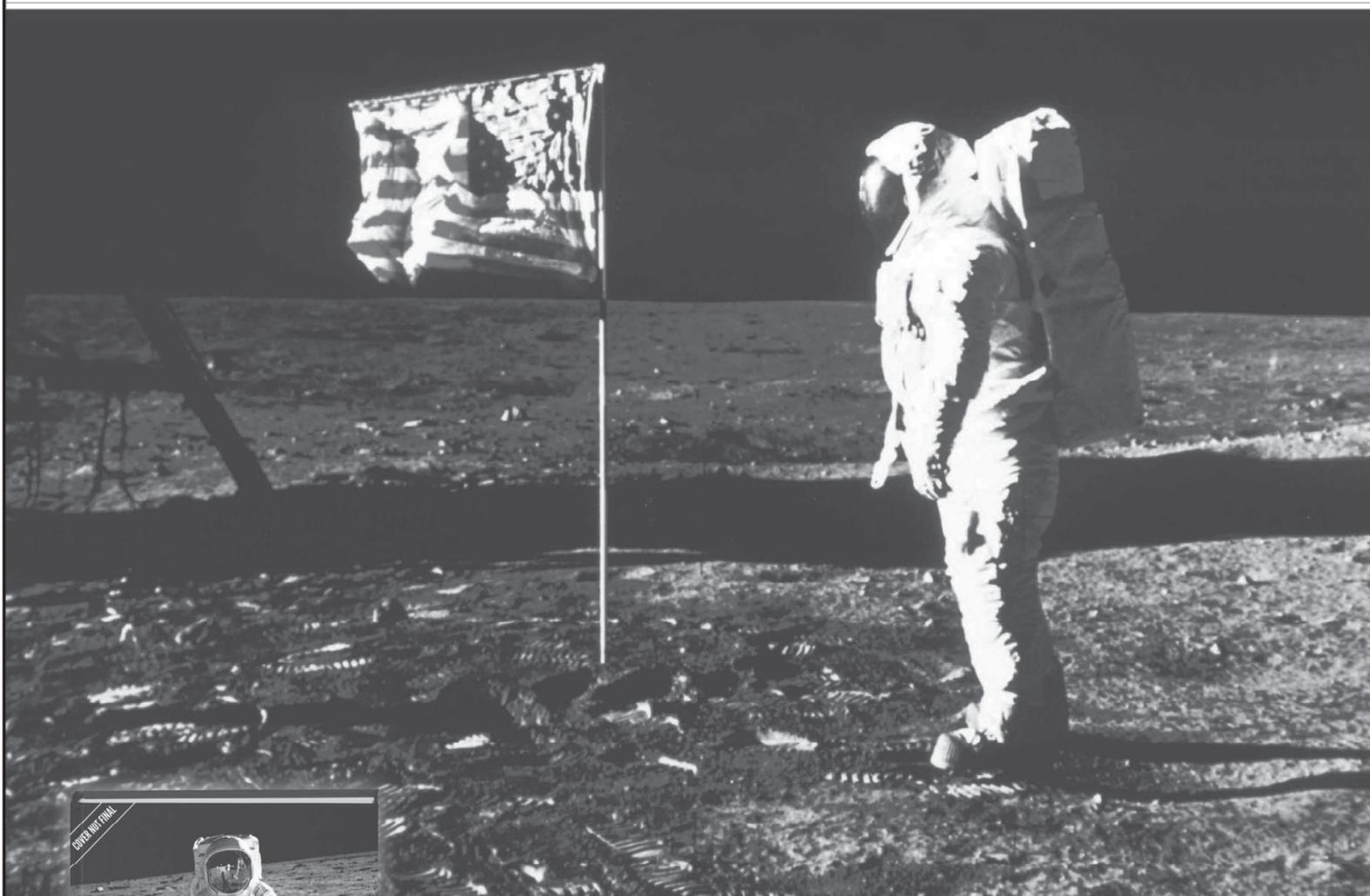
little as one-twelfth of an inch of water is susceptible to hydroplaning, which occurs when a vehicle's tires lose traction.

If you begin to hydroplane, the American Automobile Association recommends taking your foot off

the accelerator slowly and steering gently in the direction you want to go. If the vehicle begins to spin, you should slowly turn the wheel in the direction of the spin.

Jerking the wheel can cause your car to flip.

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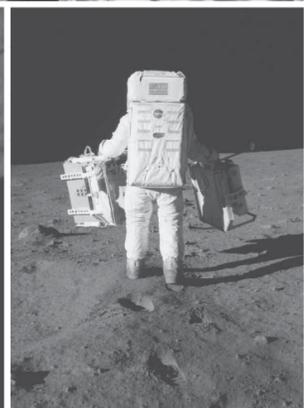
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CHEVROLET

The five-seat Blazer is based on a shortened Chevy Traverse platform.

Efficient crossover with spunk

BY CASEY WILLIAMS
Chicago Tribune

The original Chevrolet Blazer, introduced for 1969, is a legendary hard-core off-roader that was built on a tough truck frame and could bound over rough trails and snowdrifts.

Impressive, but the all-new 2019 Blazer is not that kind of ride. And nobody should care.

Based on a shortened Chevy Traverse platform, the five-seat Blazer fits neatly between that full-size crossover and the compact Equinox, a formidable competitor for the Ford Edge, Honda Passport and Nissan Murano. It's offered in three personalities: Blazer, which is dignified and affordable, Premiere, which is elegant, and the sporty RS, which channels a fit athlete in running gear.

The designers aimed for tight proportions without compromising interior space. Thin-set LED driving lamps over big headlamps accent a face fit for a Transformers Camaro. Chevy's twin-port grille looks best in black mesh on RS; Premiere wears more chrome with less aggressive ground effects. Beyond the grille, Blazer's calling card is its upturned split D-pillar.

Not everybody will love the style, but it's good to see Chevrolet taking risks that mostly pay off.

Interiors are less special than the swooping bodywork, but are still quite nice. The dash is domi-

2019 CHEVROLET BLAZER

Midsized crossover

As tested:

\$49,700

Base price: \$28,800

Mpg: 20 city, 26 highway

Engine: 305 horsepower 3.6-liter V6

Towing: 4,500 lbs.

nated by a large touchscreen placed above circular air vents whose bezels (rendered red in RS) double as temperature adjusters for climate control. Designer touches include stitched dash and door coverings, carbon-look trim and suede cushion stripes on both leather and cloth seats. Fancy.

Click all of the boxes and you can load the Blazer with heated and ventilated front seats, heated rear seats and heated steering wheel. Bose audio, navigation, wireless phone charging and 4G Wi-Fi are also available.

A power tilt/telescoping steering wheel on upper trims adds convenience. And, there's a full suite of safety gear available: Adaptive cruise, blind zone alert, lane keep assist and forward auto brake.

While interiors look stylish, tap fingers beyond the veneer and, typical in Chevs, there are swaths of hard plastic. I'm a fan of the new generation

Chevrolet infotainment systems with their intuitive touchscreens, but I'd praise the return of actual tuning knobs. Tap into Spotify, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto to rock yourself happy.

Blazer comes in front- or all-wheel-drive and with the four cylinder or V6.

Premiere models have a softer ride than the sport-tuned RS, but neither is harsh. Still, the RS was the more spirited as we carved up mountain roads and freeways. Both upper models enjoy torque-vectoring all-wheel-drive that over-rotates the outside rear wheel to sharpen cornering.

Pile on options and you can push a Blazer RS or Premiere to about \$50,000. That's a steep sticker for any non-luxury midsize crossover, but Blazer starts at just \$28,800, including the four-cylinder engine, front-drive and chic cloth seats. Add a V6 from \$34,495.

Critics should quit whining about Chevrolet not building a "real Blazer." You can still buy one. It's called the Tahoe, and Chevrolet will be happy to sell you one with the Z71 off-road package. But, most people today want an efficient crossover that stands out in a sea of blobs.

They want a hard-core on-roader, and that's what they'll get with the latest Blazer.

Casey Williams is a freelance automotive journalist.

No, you aren't required to use automaker's parts



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: You recently wrote that it's against the law for carmakers or dealers to require you to use their oil filters. Can you explain that more? I have a Subaru and have been purchasing Subaru oil filters for my Forester.

— R.S., Chicago

A: Enacted in 1975, the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act prohibits manufacturers from requiring consumers to use only their parts to prevent losing their warranties. Some service facilities mislead customers into believing that the dealer service departments must install only original equipment replacements.

The Federal Trade Commission is responsible for enforcing the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.

Q: In a recent column, you answered a question regarding oil usage in a Subaru Forester. Your answer said that one quart of oil every thousand miles is considered normal usage, with some engines doing better than others. My question: Is the thousand-mile rule true for blended oil? Synthetic oil?

— A.P., Apple Valley, Minn.

A: If both oils are the same viscosity, there should be no difference in oil consumption.

Q: For the reader who complained about excessive oil consumption, Subaru issued TSB 02-157-14R, titled Surface Treatment Change To Oil Control Piston Rings,



DREAMSTIME

Federal law prohibits manufacturers from requiring consumers to use only their parts to remain under warranty.

which indicates a course of action for correcting the oil consumption issue in several models with the 2.0-liter and 2.5-liter engines. Subaru's fix was to change the surface treatment of the oil control piston rings.

On affected vehicles, Subaru will replace the piston rings at no charge under the provisions of the car's warranty. On vehicles out of warranty, customers will have to pay for their vehicle's repairs, a major out-of-pocket expense, since the engine has to be disassembled, piston rings installed and the engine reassembled.

— S.W., Chicago

A: I am so grateful when our readers report something that I missed. Gracias.

Q: I am curious about something I read long ago and wonder if it still applies. When filling your tank with gas, I read it is a waste of gas to continue to pump the handle once the auto shutoff has stopped the gas flow. I see people do it all the time to round up. Does that extra you add just evaporate or is it actually going in the tank?

— K.L., Bath, Pa

A: Many of us used to

top off the tank, sometimes to get to the nearest dollar. Many of us also used to use cash and this simplified paying.

But it is not a good idea any more.

Adding more fuel after the nozzle has clicked off may cause the emissions control evaporate canister to become saturated, leading to an expensive repair.

Q: It's that time of the year again. Please print the recipe for cleaning car windows.

— G.A., Orland Park, Ill.

A: At the risk of sounding like Heloise, the ingredients are one cup of distilled water, two tablespoons of distilled white vinegar and one cup of isopropyl alcohol.

Mix them up in a spray bottle. You could even use an old Windex bottle, appropriately relabeled. Do not use ammonia, especially if you have tinted windows, as damage is likely.

I also suggest using a microfiber cloth. This recipe also works for the windows in your home.

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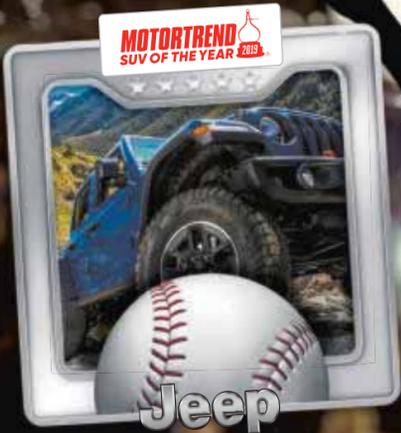
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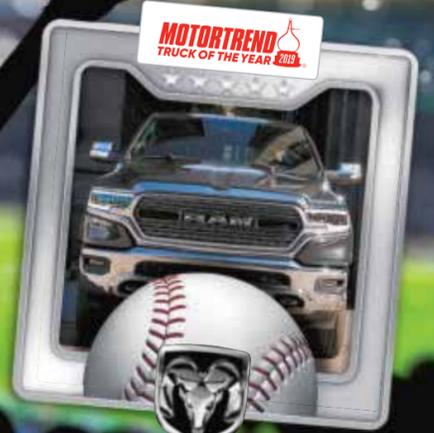


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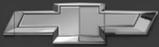
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New 2019 Chevrolet **TRAVERSE**

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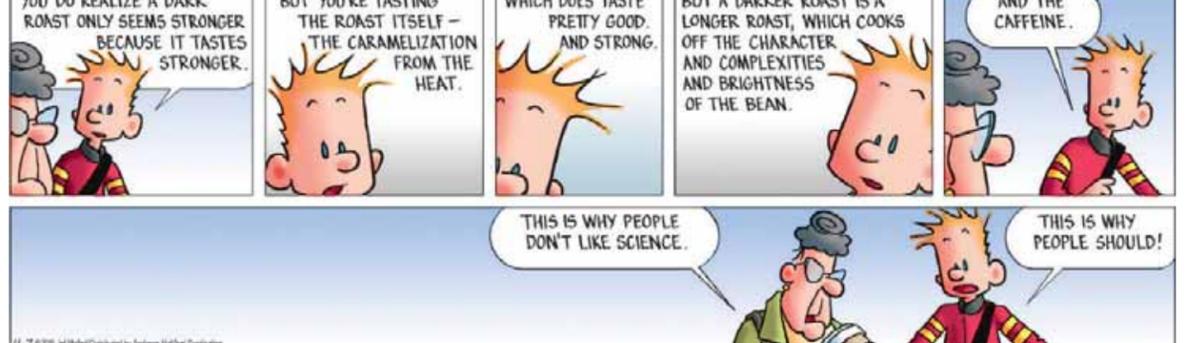
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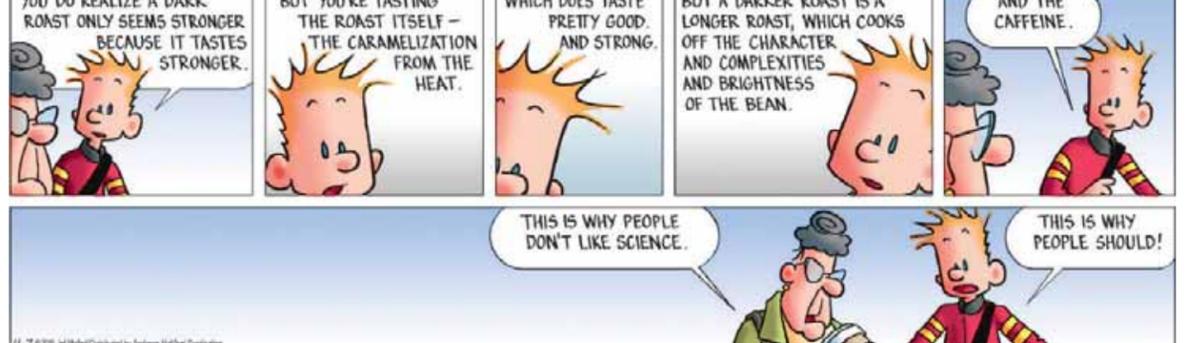


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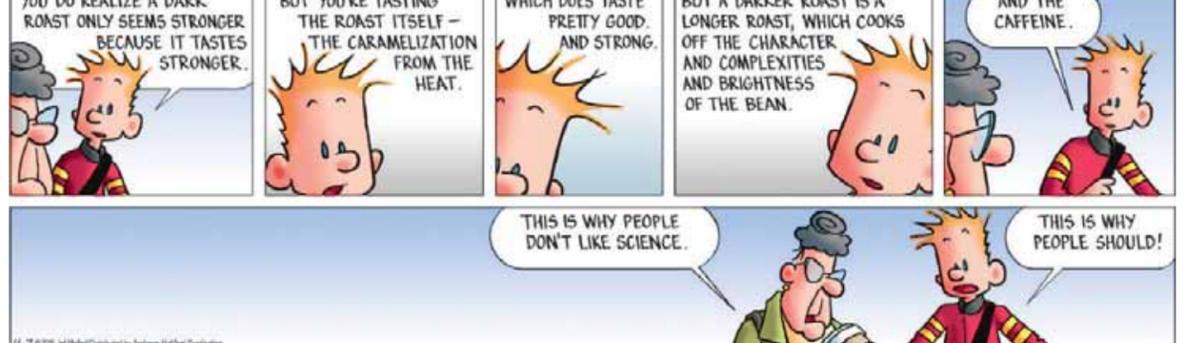
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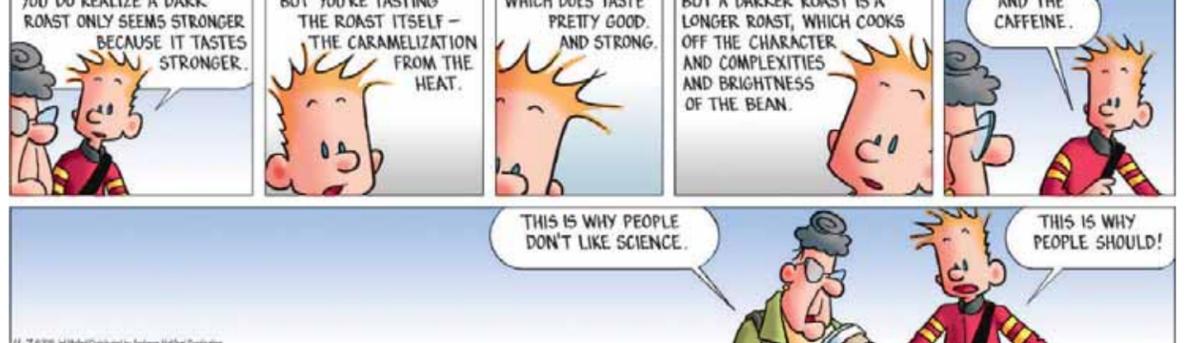
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MISTER BOFFO

"AND THE FLIES PROBABLY THINK WE ALL LOOK ALIKE."
-ANDY ANT-

AND HIS 'WONDER-DOG' WEEZEMAN
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THE GIVING PLANET

THIS BOOK IS CALLED "THE GIVING PLANET."

"THERE WAS A PLANET THAT LOVED A MAN VERY MUCH."

THE MAN SAID: "HEY, PLANET, I NEED FOOD."

THE PLANET SAID: "YOU CAN EAT MY PLANTS, FRUITS AND ANIMALS."

THE MAN SAID: "I NEED SHELTER."

THE PLANET SAID: "YOU CAN CUT DOWN MY TREES TO BUILD IT."

THE MAN SAID: "I NEED MACHINES."

THE PLANET SAID: "YOU CAN MINE MY ORE FOR THE METALS TO BUILD THEM."

THE MAN SAID: "I NEED ENERGY TO RUN THE MACHINES."

THE PLANET SAID: "YOU CAN BURN MY CARBON FOR FUEL."

I'M REALLY CURIOUS HOW THIS ENDS.

THE MAN SAID: "IS IT GETTING WARMER IN HERE?"

Half Full

4/7 by Maria Scrivan

Take It From the Tinkersons

By Bill Bettwy

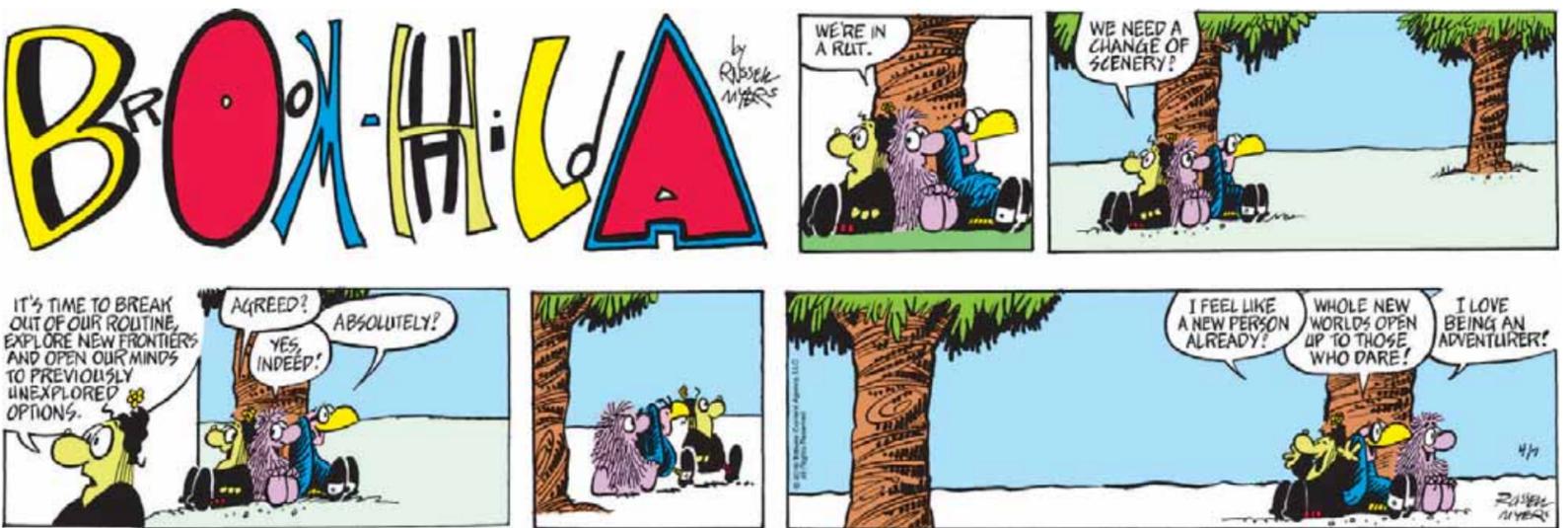
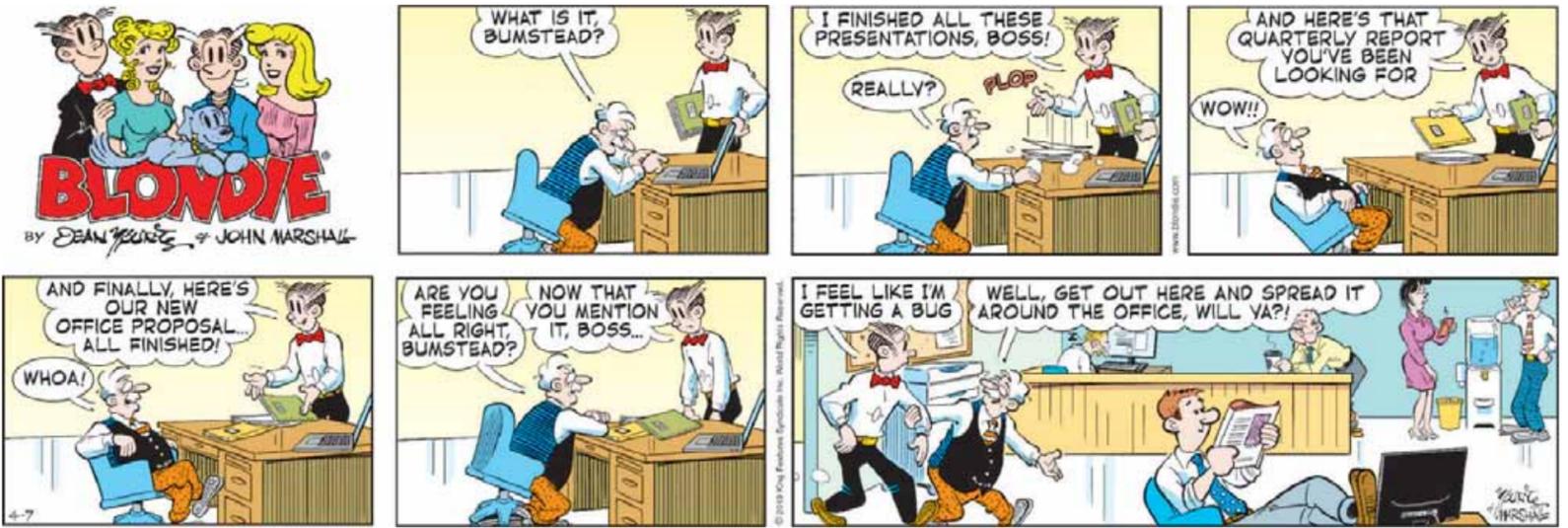
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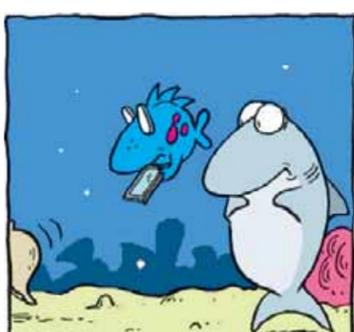
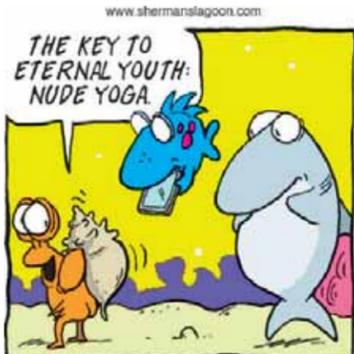
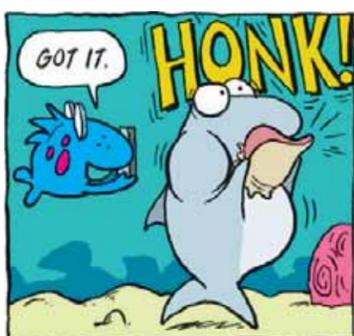
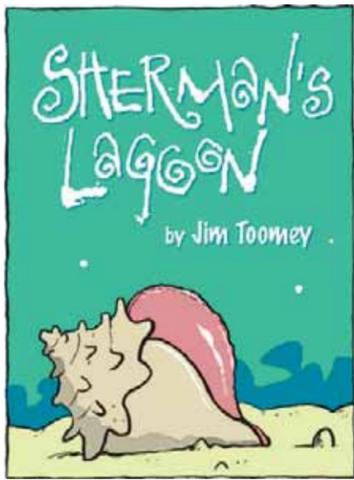


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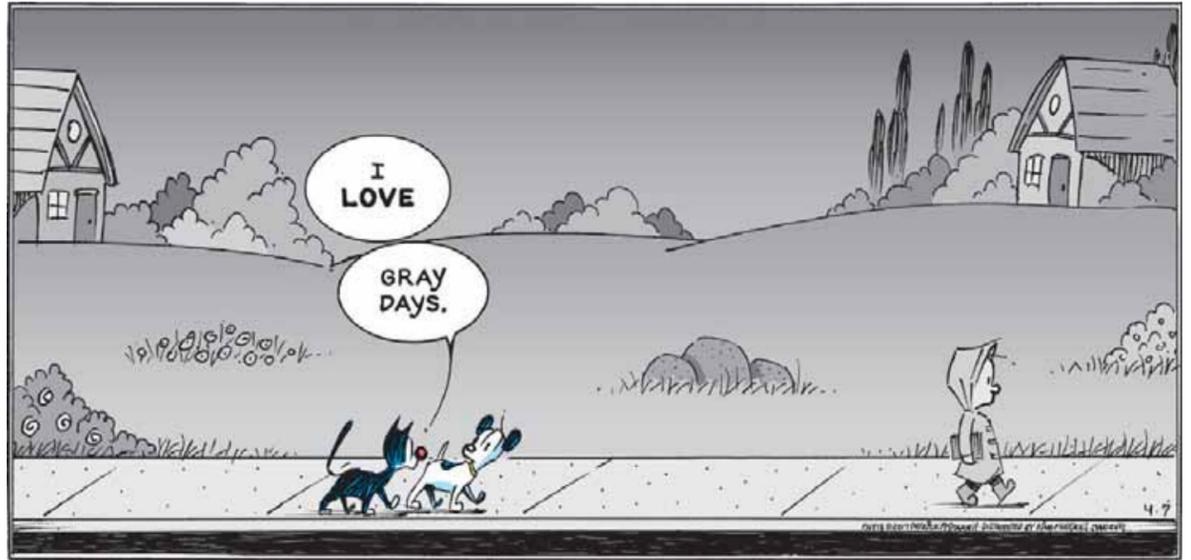


The Lockhorns By Bunny Hoest and John Reiner





Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



The Middletons By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



FIRST RESPONDERS ROLL OF HONOR

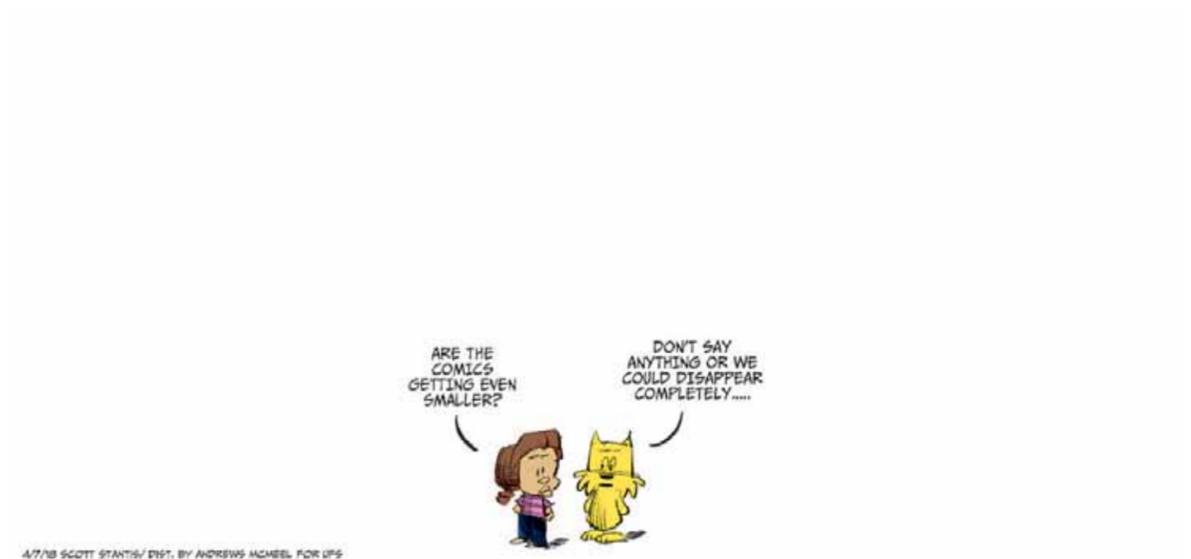
- MARY RICARD**
A CONVICTED CHILD RAPIST ARMED WITH A KNIFE ATTACKED SERGEANT RICARD AND ANOTHER SERGEANT AT THE ARKANSAS VALLEY (CO) CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. SER. RICARD HAD SERVED WITH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR NINE YEARS. SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER HUSBAND AND FOUR CHILDREN.
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SCHOOL DAY: Of the college kind

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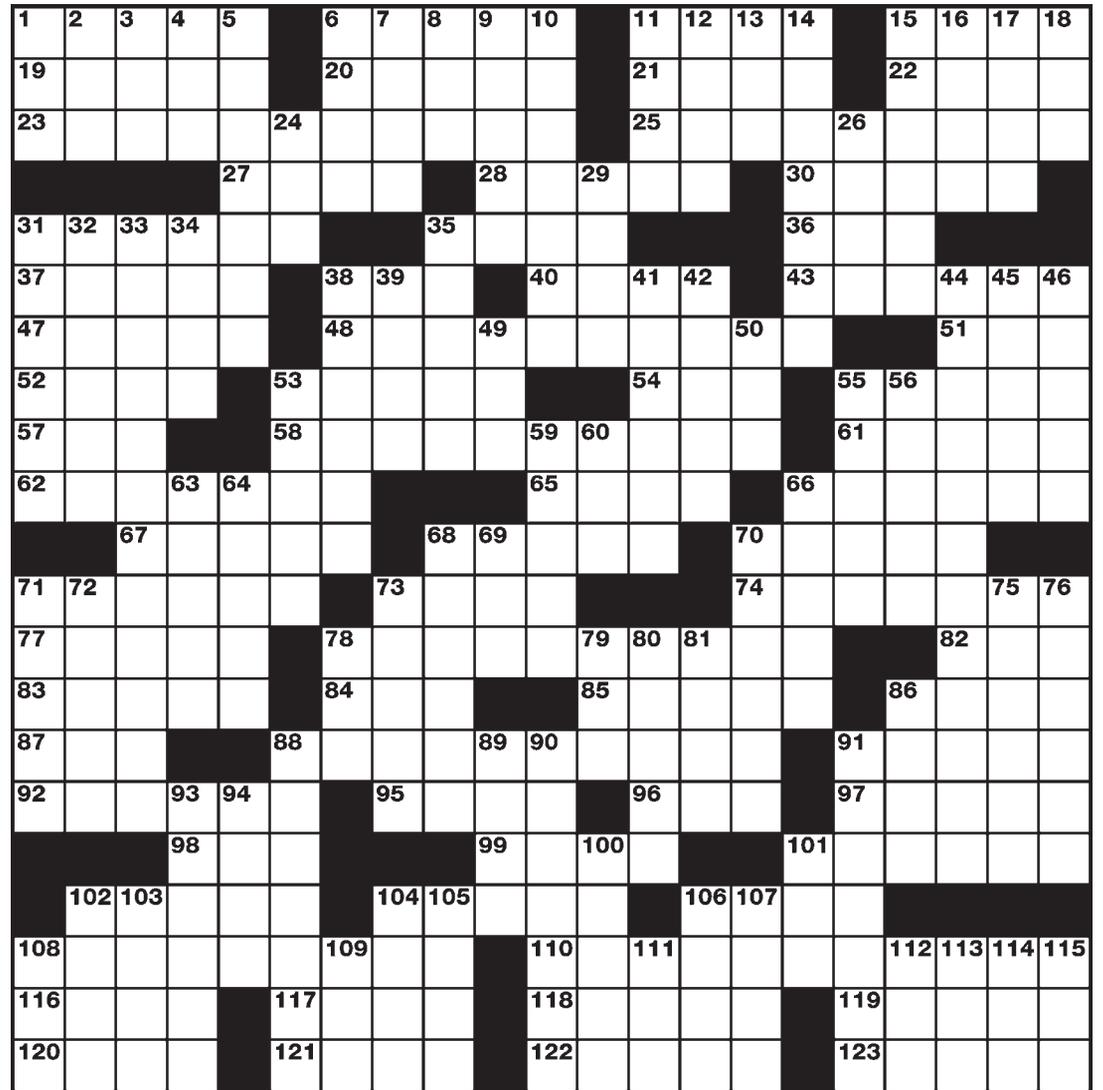
- 1 Zero-calorie drink
6 Shortened wds.
11 Rapidly
15 Newspaper essay
19 "It matters to me"
20 Proofreader's mark
21 Tennis great
22 In __ straits
23 Intense interrogation
25 *Rebel Without a Cause* star
27 Sound of displeasure
28 Beau
30 Ark group
31 Turn tenants into owners
35 Farina, for instance
36 FBI operative
37 Unsuitable
38 "The light dawns!"
40 Touchdown callers
43 Place for pampering
47 Citrus peels
48 Top-notch
51 Female lobster
52 Hardness scale creator
53 Title role for Caine and Law
54 Hardwood tree
55 *Ivanhoe* novelist
57 Lord's Prayer opening
58 Appetizer follower
61 Reads closely (over)
62 Clavicle neighbor
65 Hunter's quarry
66 Military guard
67 False appearance
68 Casual pants
70 Storage structures
71 Fit for food

Down

- 73 Zodiac beast
74 "For sure!"
77 Supermarket lane
78 Constellation near Gemini
82 __-ray Disc
83 Beach 7 Down
84 Set a price of
85 Be very fond of
86 *Iliad* warrior
87 Suffix for block or stock
88 Mountain-road warning sign
91 Glove leather
92 Nun who won a Peace Prize
95 Big to-do
96 Pronoun for earth in "Joy to the World"
97 Curved like a rainbow
98 Prescription, for short
99 Tropical tuber
101 "Oh, yeah?"
102 Worry about, slangily
104 Ending for land or sea
106 __ butter (moisturizer)
108 Thatcher successor
110 Instagram attribution
116 Desertlike
117 Scavenger hunt handout
118 Fills with cargo
119 Make amends
120 Sales staff, for short
121 Easily bruised things
122 Film reviewer
123 Twangy-sounding

Down

- 1 Clever one
2 Austrian "Alas!"
3 __ chi (martial art)
4 Miscalculate
5 Franks
6 Sails through
7 Carryalls
8 "Turn up the heat!"
9 Oscar actress
10 Former *Daily Show* host
11 Pacific island nation
12 Economist
13 Computer trial, for short
14 Miniature golf starting points
15 Quirk
16 Harbor strolling spot
17 Notable periods
18 Family room
24 Salsa, for instance
26 Elaborate tale
29 Sir __ Guinness
31 Gadgets
32 A third of a half-inning
33 Business machine
34 Chooses, with "for"
35 County at the Golden Gate's north end
38 On fire
39 LP player
41 Roadside emergency signals
42 Full of attitude
44 Feature film preceder of yore
45 Max of pop art
46 Unable to sit still
49 "Hold on a __!"



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- 50 Pronoun for battleships
53 Entertain
55 Radar reading
56 Type of high-rise dwelling
59 Gems from Australia
60 Footed vase
63 Russian money
64 *Frasier* brother
66 Reinforce, with "up"
68 Pleasure trip
69 Quarterback Manning
70 Noisy napper
71 Bother much
72 Part of LED
73 Air Force installations
75 Razor inserts
76 Formal attire
78 Scratching post user
79 Scratch up
80 State with just two area codes
81 Connection point
86 Mystical glow
88 Tearjerker
89 Gyro holder
90 Struggle (with)
91 Desert-like
93 Makes corrections to
94 Tailor's line
100 Get-better regimen
101 Gumshoe
102 Ticked off
103 Kitchen mixer setting
104 Just okay
105 Early PC screens
106 Ending like -arian
107 Party thrower
108 Cookie container
109 Traditional Irish dance
111 Laudatory verse
112 Frat letter
113 Requirements
114 Once __ blue moon
115 Business card no.

Quote-Acrossic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

Words

- A. Recognize 34 109 79 145 120 128 16 60 72 89 156
- B. Hidden:
2 wds. 102 113 5 33 47 19 85 130 92 69
- C. Monetary
compensation 68 1 87 46 27 124 38
- D. Come forth 14 73 140 64 49 99
- E. Fairly good:
3 wds. 37 50 18 150 88 118 43 131 66 2
- F. Arrive in
abundance:
2 wds. 6 96 119 151 21 134
- G. Direct
relevance 84 136 65 158 100 148 112 22 4
- H. Joining
material 61 44 56 132 80 122
- I. Work
continuously:
2 wds. 82 110 53 40 133 157 26 147 8 76
- J. Pavarotti's
range 81 28 71 97 52

K. Rodgers and
Hammerstein
musical 62 98 142 15 162 42 125 78

L. Morally
harmful 63 138 121 123 104 155 94 29 39 9 83

M. Achilles'
mother 103 20 32 106 160 45

N. Something
neglected 127 13 10 91 57 24 101 111

O. Thwarted 105 58 137 159 48 114

P. Fine length
of material 35 23 93 108 74 126

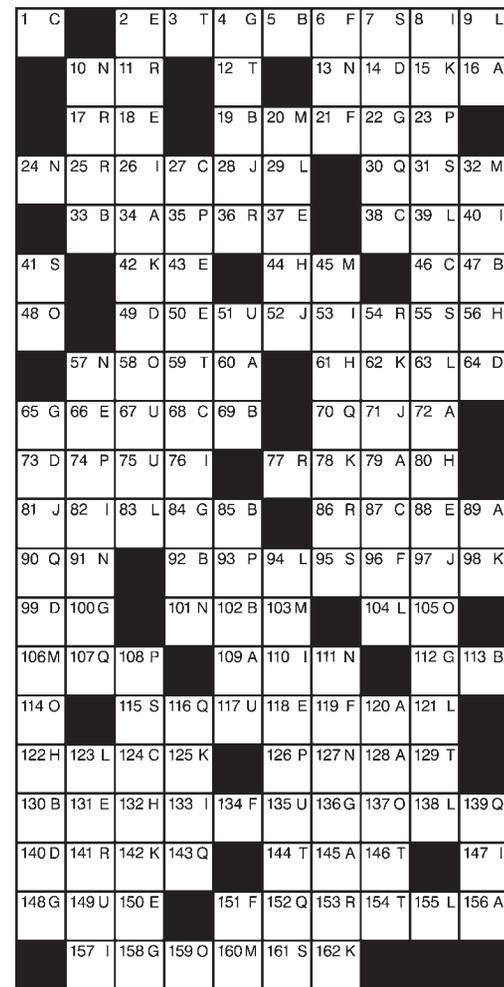
Q. Secluded
place 107 152 139 90 70 116 30 143

R. Appraised 36 11 153 86 25 17 77 54 141

S. Metal lantern 95 31 41 115 161 7 55

T. Inflexible 144 146 12 59 3 129 154

U. Drooping 67 51 135 117 75 149



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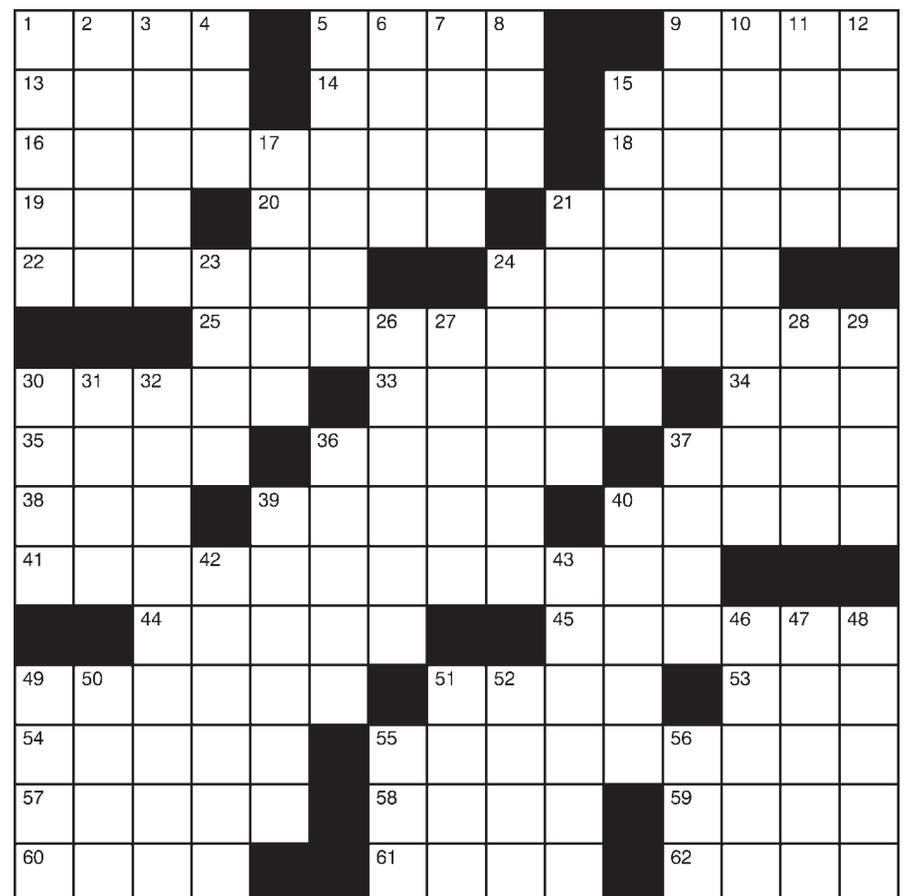
- 1 Husband: Fr.
5 Concluding musical
passage
9 Inviting letters
13 Jewish month
14 *Exodus* author
15 Needle wielder
16 Western CO town
18 Flat: prefix
19 Honest president
20 Misfortunes
21 Pulverizes
22 Household
24 Divan
25 Ontario town
30 Almost perpendicular
33 Capacious
34 Fabrication
35 Grist, for gardeners
36 Daddies
37 Too
38 HS subject
39 Passover feast
40 Demolishes, in Dover
41 Stream near Fergus
Falls, MN
44 Poetic muse
45 Builds

- 49 No more or less
51 David Copperfield's
child-wife
53 Altercation
54 Make amends
55 Southern MN town
57 Sped
58 Zest
59 Knife
60 Fraternal order
61 1492 vessel
62 Circus overhead

Down

- 1 Sir's mate
2 Building block
3 Northern VA
community
4 Anger
5 Shore bird
6 City on the Oka
7 Loses vitality
8 Inquire
9 Survivor
10 Alberta, Canada area
11 Sell
12 Those in favor
15 Dapper
17 Panatela

- 21 Clanging instruments
23 Prefatory sound
24 Muscle-relaxant
substance
26 City of northwest
Czechoslovakia
27 Mocker
28 French river
29 Modernists
30 Rebuff
31 Watson's target
32 Town near Roanoke, VA
36 Like some bogs
37 Swiss river
39 Climbed
40 Played the tape again
42 Dunne and Papas
43 Home of Shakespeare's
Two Gentlemen
46 Mountain of southern
OR
47 Subway necessity
48 Saccharine
49 Moon's dark area
50 And others: abbr.
51 Supermarket sec.
52 Algerian city
55 Layer
56 WWII craft



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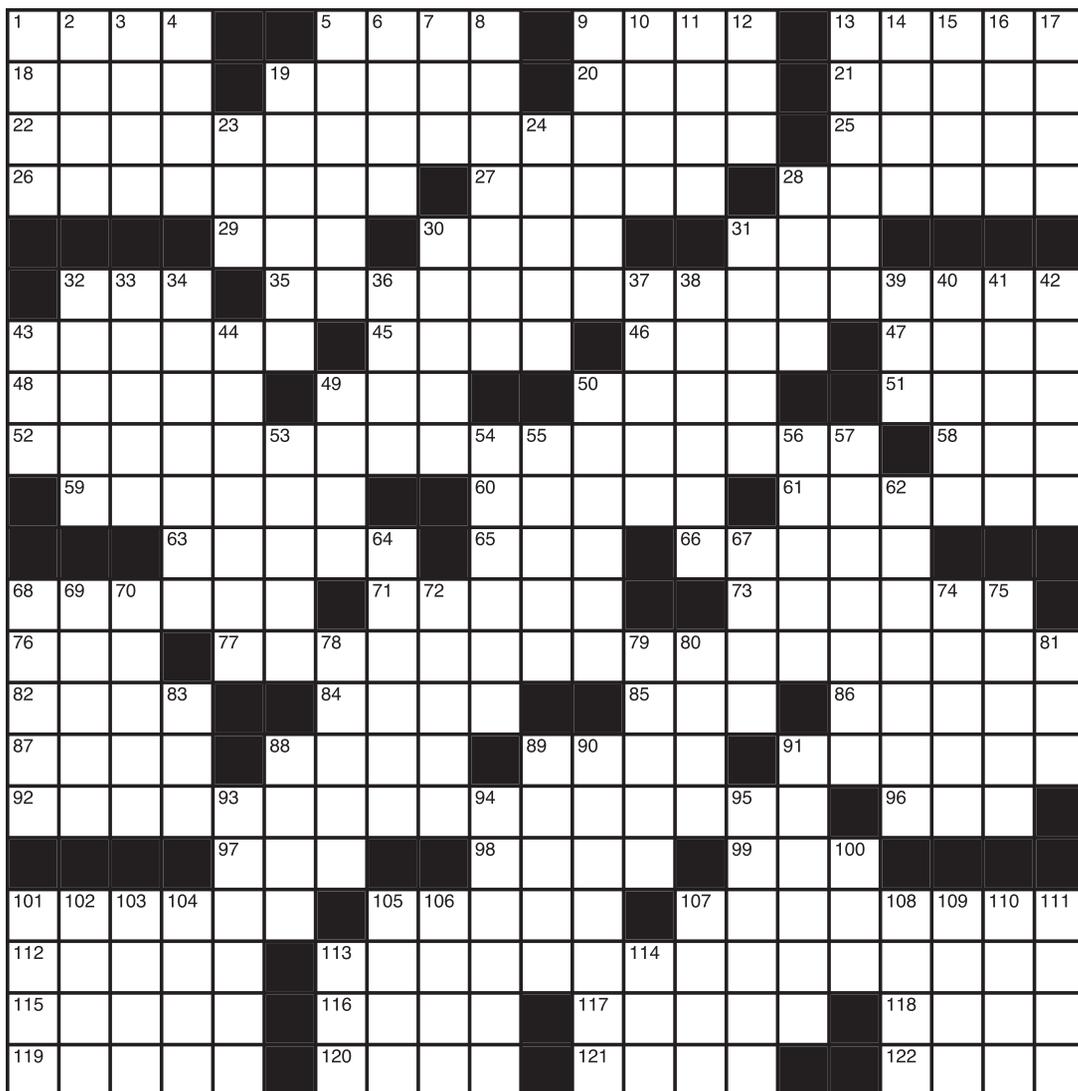
- 1 "Beat it!"
 5 Rubberneck
 9 Preserve, in a way
 13 Grammar topic
 18 "East of Eden" director Kazan
 19 Only part of Egypt in Asia
 20 Brio
 21 Bedouin, e.g.
 22 Sure sign that Spot got into today's dessert?
 25 Doubtful story
 26 Cause of a stir?
 27 Nutritious beans
 28 Metaphorical fate of a hatchet?
 29 HuffPost owner
 30 Prefix with phobia
 31 Damage
 32 APO mail recipients
 35 Krispy Kreme rep's agenda?
 43 Medicinal plants
 45 Beams
 46 Give birth to
 47 Boris Godunov, for one
 48 Broadcast sign
 49 NFL six-pointers
 50 Kopf, across the border
 51 Agitate
 52 Ice cream order toppings?
 58 Prof's aides
 59 Appear that way
 60 Record holder
 61 Rose garden pests
 63 Run out, as a subscription
 65 NYSE debut
 66 Request before a shot
 68 Remain at home
 71 Coil of yarn
 73 Passes
 76 Campaign trail pro
 77 Final roadside stop for an eggy treat?
 82 Ness, for example
 84 Soviet news acronym
 85 Double curve
 86 One washing off the driveway
 87 Langston Hughes poem
 88 Light-seeking flier
 89 Slew
 91 — Beach: South Carolina resort
 92 "You've made the Heath bar perfectly!"?

- 96 One of two in seven: Abbr.
 97 Exist
 98 Blows it
 99 Bygone Ford
 101 Tropical lizard
 105 "The ___ Witch Project"
 107 Italian almond biscuits
 112 Boy with a bow
 113 "Nice apple tart, Christopher?"
 115 Chip away at
 116 It's sometimes enough
 117 They're not idlers
 118 "Buddenbrooks" author
 119 One tweaking pitches
 120 Style
 121 "As I Lay Dying" father
 122 Q.E.D. part

Down

- 1 Half of quatorze
 2 Whodunit game
 3 "O patria mia" singer
 4 Young boys
 5 Paid male escort
 6 Like some quotes: Abbr.
 7 Pale
 8 Like plastic pink flamingos
 9 "Later"
 10 "The West Wing" actor
 11 Golden Triangle country
 12 Sci-fi spin-off before "DS9"
 13 Roll out
 14 Enjoy a view from on high
 15 Both: Pref.
 16 Big party
 17 Henry James biographer Leon
 19 Hair holders
 23 Draft pick
 24 They're heard in jams
 28 Barn bundle
 30 Dumbfounded
 31 Expert
 32 Classification between family and species
 33 Absurd
 34 Dudley's toon foe
 36 Hindustani language
 37 English assignment

- 38 Does a reception job
 39 Env. enclosure
 40 Query in Matthew
 41 Food at a bar
 42 Head lock
 43 "Help!"
 44 Biblical language
 49 Chinese menu possessive
 50 Mortise inserts
 53 "College Football Live" channel
 54 Grasping tool
 55 Fat, e.g.
 56 Corrupt
 57 Ostentatious
 62 Bullies
 64 Focus of an heir war?
 67 Clutter
 68 Small Champagne bottle
 69 Zipper part
 70 Big name in kitchen foil
 72 Buckwheat porridge
 74 "Yum!"
 75 Fishhook fastener
 78 Supply
 79 Flips (through)
 80 Typist's left hand home keys
 81 "___ Day": 1993 rap hit
 83 All the rage
 88 Kate of "The Martian"
 89 Bacon portion
 90 Contest with picadors
 91 Iron and zinc
 93 Carpenter's need
 94 Dull gray, as winter skies
 95 "Get Shorty" novelist — Leonard
 100 R&B group — Hill
 101 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
 102 Expert
 103 Informed about
 104 Right hand
 105 Cram, with "up"
 106 Centers of activity
 107 First-rate
 108 Plus-size supermodel
 109 Alpine transport
 110 Toon Charlie, memorably
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 113 Statehouse VIP
 114 Long, long time

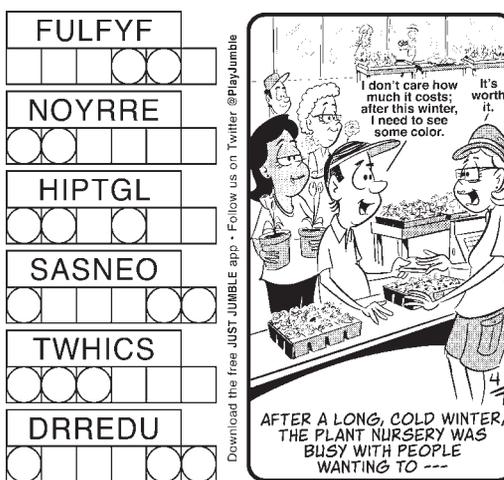


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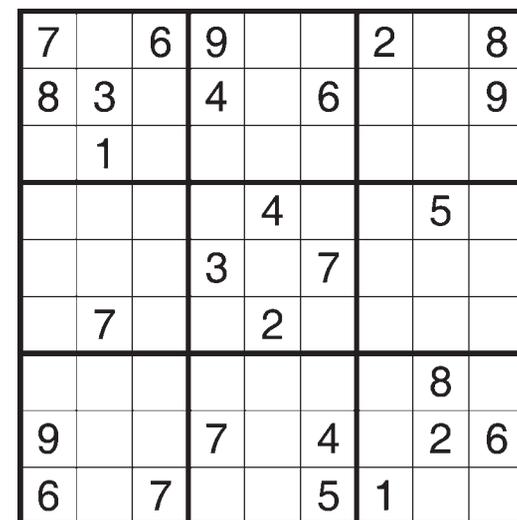
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Level: **1 2 3 4**



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WHAT IS THE RIGHT
LENGTH FOR PANTS?



THE GOODS

BRING OUT SPRING
WITH YELLOW

**'THE CROWN'
STAR MATT
SMITH TAKES
ON A MAJOR
STUDIO FILM**

A BIG LEAP

Matt Smith relinquishing 'The Crown'

BY EMILY ZEMLER
Los Angeles Times

"I'm sorry I'm in my gym clothes" is the first thing Matt Smith says when he arrives to an empty coffee shop in his neighborhood of North London, a location he later regrets due to its preference for blaring experimental jazz. But the casual sensibility is a compelling juxtaposition to Smith's on-screen work, where he typically plays edgy, live-wire characters, often drawn from real life. In other words, the actor, 36, isn't usually seen in sweat pants, casually hunched over a table drinking milky tea.

Today is a day off from filming "Morbius," Sony's next Spider-Man villain spin-off, which stars Jared Leto as the blood-sucking comic book nemesis. The actor's not at liberty to say who he's playing — a type of secrecy Smith's familiar with after years of playing the Doctor on "Doctor Who."

"That's no big deal," he confirms. "You just keep your mouth shut." But he will say that his former "Doctor Who" co-star Karen Gillan — who recently broke box office records with both "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" and "Avengers: Infinity War" — encouraged him to finally make the leap into superhero blockbusters.

"I really like the director, Daniel Espinosa, on ('Morbius'). I've kind of waited (comic book movies) out a bit. I nearly did one last year and then I didn't. This one felt right because of him."

Spending 12 weeks mak-

ing a major studio film is a drastic shift from Smith's recent projects, which include the Robert Mapplethorpe biopic "Mapplethorpe," out now, and Mary Harron's re-examination of the Manson girls in "Charlie Says," which arrives in theaters May 10. The actor took on both after the end of his stint on the acclaimed Netflix drama "The Crown," in which he played another real person, Prince Philip. He was purposeful in the selection of the projects, which went lightning fast in comparison to the endless production schedule of the first two seasons of "The Crown."

Once he had transitioned the role of Prince Philip over to Tobias Menzies, who will play the royal in Seasons 3 and 4 opposite recent Oscar winner Olivia Colman, Smith jumped ship for New York City, where "Mapplethorpe" was shot in only 19 days in summer 2017. The movie, directed by documentary filmmaker Ondi Timoner, was an immensely intense experience Smith describes as "fraught," because he had to achieve so much in so little time.

By that point, the project had been in the works for more than 12 years, heralded by producers Eliza and Nate Dushku, with James Franco originally attached to play the title role. Timoner became interested in Smith in 2012 after Franco dropped off, mostly because her son was a massive fan of "Doctor Who." (Smith's tenure on the beloved British sci-fi series came to an end in 2013.)



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It took Smith two auditions (the first one he calls "really terrible") to land "Mapplethorpe" in 2012.

"He has a certain charisma that lights up a room, but in a dark way," Timoner recalls. "He has a gravitas that I needed to find in that character. His (second) audition was jaw dropping. I'd been looking for my Mapplethorpe for so long, but aside from James, I really hadn't found anybody who could embody that role. And then, all of a sudden, there was Matt."

Timoner shot the film primarily in reverse sequence, re-creating Mapplethorpe's death — which marked its 30th anniversary on March 9 — on the

sixth day. She says she was surprised that Smith, who lost more than 20 pounds for the role, didn't walk off the film after being faced with the extreme pace of the production.

"It wasn't easy," Smith admits of stepping into the photographer's shoes, which follows Mapplethorpe over his career. "That shoot was taxing, for a number of reasons, but that's OK. I don't think it should be easy, the artistic experience."

Instead of finding something less intense, Smith followed "Mapplethorpe" by embodying Manson in Harron's film, which shot last year in California (Smith's scenes were done

in two weeks). Harron met the actor at an Emmys afterparty, introducing herself because she knew he'd played Patrick Bateman in the musical stage production of her cult favorite 2000 film "American Psycho" in London. She was looking for an actor to play Manson who could be believable to this specific story, which deals with the psychological states of three of his female followers after they were imprisoned for the Manson killings.

"I know it must seem like a strange idea initially, because physically, he is so absolutely unlike Manson, who was very small and weedy," says Harron, who

describes Smith as "kinetic."

Smith, who stands more than 6 feet tall, is equally aware that he's not the most obvious choice to play Manson. "I'm too tall," he says, shrugging. "I'm not American. I don't look like him. I mean, it's terrible casting in many respects. But I did it because I sort of had to. I really like Mary, but I did it because of the real people that I've played, like Robert Mapplethorpe or Prince Philip or Christopher Isherwood. I've come away from those people having a sense of who they are. But with Charlie Manson, I have no idea where the truth begins and the bull ends."

What's the best length to wear your pants?



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I am confused about pants length. Models in ads for Ferragamo, Armani and many other designers wear pants that completely cover their shoes and sometimes drag on the ground. Yet, in a recent Burberry ad, the model is wearing pants that just hit at the ankle. And I've also noticed wide-legged pants that hit midcalf or a few inches above the ankle. So what is the right length to wear pants?

— Lizzie G.

Dear Lizzie: Of course you're confused! Who wouldn't be? Let's start with the pants that drag on the ground. That length is suitable only for people with paid staff who carry them around in a sedan chair, a few feet off the ground. Know anybody like that? This length is ridiculous for the rest of us who encounter snow, rain, mud and everyday dirty sidewalks (and floors). If you opt for the cover-the-shoe look, the best approach is hemming the pants long but not long enough to touch the floor. And if you must wear them floor-touching length, don't wear light-colored pants. You're just asking for trouble.

Slim-leg pants look fine hitting at the anklebone. Crop pants, especially wide-leg ones that end at midcalf or a couple of inches above the ankle are just not flattering. They make your legs look stumpy and they make me want to ask, "Where's the rest of your pants?"

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: You've called attention to women who wear yoga pants so stretched out and worn that they're see-through in all the wrong places. You said to check yourself in the mirror to make sure that you're getting full coverage from your exercise tights. I do that. But how can I tell the woman doing a down dog in front of me that her



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Pants that cover the shoes can be chic if you avoid light-colored hues. Hem them long, but not long enough to graze the floor.

behind is showing?

— Sandra L.

Dear Sandra: I certainly would want to know if I were the person in those see-through tights and would be grateful if you told me (after class so I don't go through the whole hour being embarrassed). But your yoga classmate — unless you know her very well — might not appreciate the direct approach. If you think that is the case, ask your teacher to deliver the bad news in private to her student.

A yoga instructor I know told me she *always* wears underwear beneath her yoga pants, even the very expensive ones, no exceptions — having seen too many nearly bare backsides in her years of teaching.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Someone proudly shows you his or her tattoo and asks you your

opinion point-blank, and you honestly think it is hideous. How to respond?

— J.C.W.

Dear J.C.W.: Honesty is not the best policy in this case. You definitely don't want to say, "That's hideous," or anything that conveys your true distaste. Rather, try something like, "Whoa! That is one heck of a tattoo!" Or, "The colors are so vibrant," or "That is such a realistic depiction of a (fill in the blank: dog turd, Elvis pompadour, bloody knife, etc.)." And for the tattooed, this is a reminder not to ask others for their candid opinion of your tats. They're permanent, but your friendship might not be if you get honest criticism of your body art.

Angelic readers 1

For the parents who are helping a son furnish his first apart-

ment, Karen S. writes, "As a former designer and bargain seeker, I'd highly recommend Craigslist (craigslist.org) for excellent bargains in furniture if you are diligent! My friends all think I got my furnishings brand new and are designer brands, but most are Craigslist bargains." John G. says, "When my wife and I were 'courting' and even after our marriage, we largely furnished our first apartment with items (some of which we still use) from basements, garages and, yes, the curb on garbage days. To be humorously chic, we referred to our furniture source as Curbstone Distributors."

Angelic readers 2

From Adriell C.: "I have had dry skin for years, and one day, my daughter turned me on to Malibu Tan Hemp Moisturizer for Dry Skin. A nongreasy-feeling \$5-\$6

for 18 ounces lotion that is available at Walmart. You don't need a lot of lotion to completely cover both your arms and legs. I use it when I come out of the shower and before bed, and have noticed a huge difference in my skin in just two days."

And this DIY from Stuart I.: "I've long struggled with rashy skin and cracked and bleeding hands. I have tried every commercial product and numerous prescriptions with little success. I recently discovered homemade lotion bars (like lip balm, except for your skin), and my skin has never been better. Lotion bars take just minutes and cents to make. Melt 1/3 cup beeswax, 1/3 cup shea butter, 1/3 cup coconut oil. Add a few drops of essential oil, and pour into silicone muffin tins or bakeware. It's been a miracle cure for this guy."

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Yellow can help bring out spring

BY DAVID SYREK
Chicago Tribune

The fastest way to banish winter's blues? Add yellow. The spring runways were beaming with sunny shades, from Sacai's flowing tops and dresses to bold hits of yellow paired with charcoal gray in Hermes' men's collection. Home designers are also embracing cheery yellow in furniture and tableware. CB2's chic Drift tableware is the perfect way to brighten up your table as you say goodbye to blah.

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Zara's pale-yellow wineglass and tumbler bring a little sunshine to your table. \$7.90 and \$4.90, zara.com



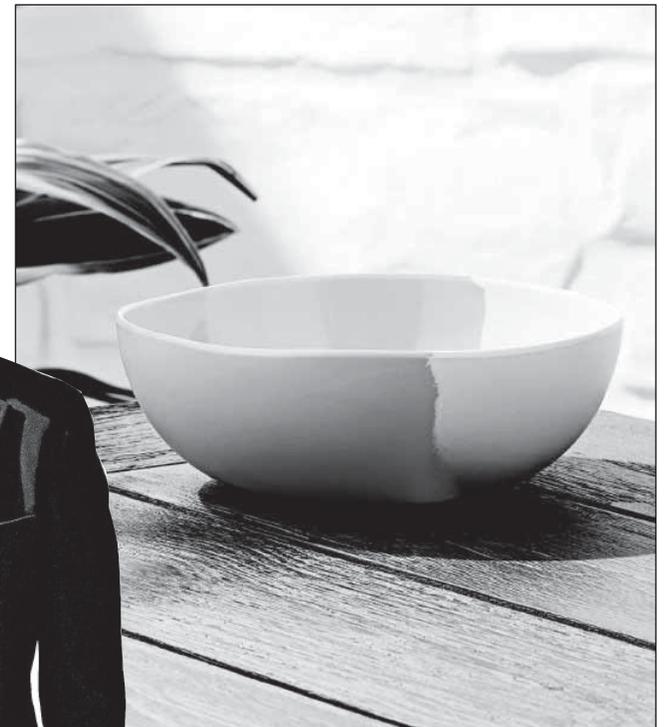
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Sacai's flowing layers of yellow, left, and a blast of yellow in Hermes' men's collection for spring.



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Crate & Barrel's yellow and white melamine Dua bowl has a wash of color and a natural seam where the two hues meet. \$4.95, crateandbarrel.com



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Crate & Barrel's weather-resistant Vista side table in lemon is made of recycled plastic bottles in Indiana. \$199, crateandbarrel.com

BY VERN YIP
The Washington Post

With increasingly stressful lives filled with a growing influx of emails, text messages and content crammed into a 24-hour day that refuses to expand, our homes need to be refuges that rejuvenate, relax and revitalize us. After all, they're likely where we spend the most important moments of our lives with the most important people in our lives.

But for many, home is just another source of stress. Coming home to an obstacle course of shoes in the entryway, coats strewn on the banister and a mountain of mail on the counter-top fails to hit the reset button for most of us. So, instead, we trudge through, mark the days until vacation and self-soothe with dreams of a luxury getaway where visual pollution is virtually unheard of.

The best vacation properties in the world, after all, have perfected their interiors to instantly soothe. It's their goal to take care of you from the minute you enter the lobby to the minute you depart, with every design decision deliberately made to ensure that you're rejuvenated, relaxed and revitalized just as your own home should be doing but likely isn't.

On a recent trip to Amsterdam, I had the opportunity to stay at the Conservatorium, an early 20th-century bank turned music conservatory before it became one of Europe's most renowned hotels for putting guests at ease.

While there, I paid particular attention to the design decisions that made my stay so restorative. And I concluded that many of these choices can be easily transposed into almost any home environment. It's hard for brows to stay furrowed and shoulders to remain tense when you walk into an environment that is organized and well-conceived to warmly wel-



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Hotels know that when we enter our room and see spotless white sheets and towels, the message we receive is of cleanliness and attention. White bed and bath linens at home can help us relax.

Make your home a relaxing refuge

come you. From the lobby to the rooms, I took away the deliberate design choices that ultimately became my most valuable souvenir from the trip.

Here's what I learned:

First impressions count: Top hoteliers know that the lobby is one of the most important parts of a luxury property because it sets the tone for your stay. Not dissimilar to what you see when you first go through your own home's door, being greeted calmly by a space void of chaos and disorganization takes your temperature down and initiates the process of relaxing the mind.

No matter how small

your space, consider creating some kind of "foyer" replete with storage for mail, keys and the dog leash, even if it's just an attractive box with a hinged lid. Removing these everyday necessities from your immediate sight, but putting them somewhere easily accessible, will provide you with a more pleasant introduction to your home by reducing the visual clutter.

Implement symmetry:

Symmetry is a powerful force in our world and inherently comforting because it often works as a visual organizing device. Through visual balance, symmetry helps to create

organization and order, and top properties like the Conservatorium know this. By employing design choices such as matching table lamps atop identical nightstands and double sinks mirrored about the centerline of a vanity top, structure and a message of order is built in, creating a soothing environment to facilitate relaxation.

Reset your space:

Whether we realize it or not, everything in our environment sends us messages and we have control of those messages. When you come home to shoes randomly sitting on the floor, those shoes send you the message that someone

(perhaps you) should have put those tripping hazards back where they belong.

Instead, they are an immediate reminder that a list of things to address continues to grow exponentially. Though top properties have dedicated staff to keep your environment pleasantly organized, most of us are the staff in our own homes. With so much to tackle in any given day, it can seem arduous to maintain visual order in our spaces. Even making the bed in the morning can be an effort.

But if we take the time to reset each room after we've finished using it, we are rewarded with a soothing space the next time we see

it. The otherwise monumental task of keeping an entire home orderly and pleasant-looking suddenly becomes attainable.

And turning maintenance into a habit means that resetting can become second-nature. Who wouldn't find it more enjoyable to enter a tidy kitchen, replete with a clean and empty sink, rather than one overflowing with dirty dishes?

Employ white bed linens and bath towels:

Almost without fail, the properties that often relax us the most employ white bed and bath linens. Hotels such as the Conservatorium know that when we enter our room and see spotless white sheets and towels, the message we receive is of cleanliness and attention, because even the smallest smudge will be noticeable.

Our guard goes down knowing that our space has been properly attended to. The same trick can be used in our own homes. Though it may be tempting to utilize colored sheets and towels that more easily hide dirt or express our aesthetic preferences, reserve color use for more decorative items such as shams, throw pillows, duvet covers and bathroom accessories.

The next time you come home, close your eyes as soon as you're through the front door. Imagine what the perfect, soothing interior environment looks like and then open your eyes to take in your space.

If what you're seeing isn't as good as or better than what you are imagining, it may be time to start working toward it.

After all, most of us spend the most important moments of our lives, with the most important people in our lives, at home. Shouldn't it be the ultimate relaxation destination?

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Wedding-planning wisdom

Experts reveal the must-knows before the 'I do's'

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BY DARCEL ROCKETT | Chicago Tribune

Weddings don't necessarily require whining. Planners exist for a reason; but even if a third party is not in the cards for organizing your event, your mind may be going a mile a minute trying to connect the dots in an orderly fashion.

Don't stress. We talked with wedding planners for advice, tips and things to keep in mind to ensure the unique event you envisioned will be a happy, memorable one. So read on, and take notes.

Setting the mood

"Most important considerations when planning a wedding: flattering lighting and good wine. You can go on and on with decor, but it is all lost if the lights are bright and there is no mood. Candlelight is the best vehicle to make guests feel beautiful and dance like animals without worrying about jiggling arms. Cutting corners with cheap wine can ruin the evening. There are plenty of delicious wines in a 'party price range.' Ask a local wine shop for ideas, and taste everything. Cheap wine, cheap wedding." — *Rebecca Gardner, founder and creative director of Houses & Parties, an event and interiors design collective in Savannah, Ga., and New York City*

Budget for tax and gratuity

"With wedding planning, couples oftentimes haven't factored in tax/gratuity when creating their budget. I recommend that couples plan for at least 30 percent tax/gratuity/service fees in their wedding budget. Sounds pricey, but if you take catering as an example, you typically have approximately 18 percent gratuity plus 11.5 percent sales tax (varies by municipality/state). So, if your budget is \$20K, think about if that's 'all-in' or if you are prepared to pay an extra \$6K in taxes/gratuity/fees. In addition, there might be additional staff that you want to tip day-of, such as delivery crews. If you want to stay on budget and not have surprise fees once you tally things up, definitely factor all of these things into your initial budget." — *Erica Jones, owner/creative director of Chicago-based Elevated Occasions*

If you write your own vows

"It is imperative that you have a neutral third party read both of your vows before you recite them at the altar. There is nothing more awkward than when one person reads a dissertation on love and the other says simply, 'I'm so glad I swiped right.'" — *Lindsay Landman, creative director of Lindsay Landman Events, based in New York*

Photo strategies

Don't let others steal your wedding thunder. "After the nuptials are sealed, ask the officiant to kindly step all the way aside (close to the middle bridal party member) so when you kiss your sweetheart, they are clear of the picture! Trust me, you will have a lot of pictures, and it's always best if it is just the two of you. Ask your guests to put down their cameras/phones during the ceremony. The absolute worst thing is to have 30 hands in the air trying to capture the perfect moment. What a buzzkill! Put their phones away for 15 minutes, and be in the moment" — *Renny Pedersen, proprietor and creative director of Chicago-based Bliss Weddings & Events*

Consider the guest experience

"No one really wants beef Wellington and bananas Foster circa 1982, nor do they want a votive with your newlywed monogram on it. Eschew fussy moments for new traditional customs like food truck rodeo food, craft cocktails and offbeat musical performances (strolling electrified violinists anyone?); they add a lot of levity to the night." — *Calder Clark, owner and creative director of the Charleston, S.C.-based consulting and design firm Calder Clark*

Planning for the long term

Wedding should-dos include creating a shot list of the photos you want back from your photographer and spending time to register well. "Important family and friend combinations, detail shots, etc. ... Make sure the photographer reviews and there is a point person to confirm all important photographs have been taken. It's one night only, so no second chances. You will receive thousands of dollars in presents. Two years after the wedding, most couples have nothing to show for it. A huge waste (regis-

try remorse). Think long-term, and use the funds to fill your beautiful new home together." — *Jung Lee, owner of Fete, an event planning and design production firm based in New York City*

Words to create vision

"Create a vision statement for your wedding — a sentence or two that you can come up with together that will define not only your wedding day but will also help you make decisions in your wedding planning process. Talk about your hopes, dreams, and choose some words together that describe your wedding experience. Words like 'rooftop' or 'fun' are great descriptors to start. Then, decide on the words you both like that describe your wedding vision, and turn them into a vision statement. This will be the statement you'll use to make any wedding decision. If it doesn't fit the statement, it doesn't make it into your wedding planning process." — *Sharokina Pazand, founder, event director and experience visionary of Citygirl Events in Chicago*

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A wake-up call for mattress retailers

BY JOHN EWOLDT
Minneapolis Star Tribune

The number of Americans who shop online for mattresses — one of the most personal and expensive possessions in a home — continues to grow and reshape the business of selling them.

In the past three years, sales of mattresses purchased online bounced from virtually nothing to nearly 20 percent of the U.S. market. Consumer Reports is marking the shift with its March issue, in which most of the mattresses reviewed are brands chiefly sold online. The fortunes of two retailers illustrate the change.

Ben Trapskin three years ago opened Sleep Sherpa in Edina, Minn., as a showroom for mattress brands that are mainly sold online. Last year, he opened a second store in Chicago, and he's considering a new one on the east side of the Twin Cities.

Meanwhile, Dave Smittkamp of Mattress Liquidators has decided to quit the retail mattress business after 30 years. "The internet has made our job a lot tougher," he said. "With free delivery and free returns for 100 days for online mattresses, what does a customer have to lose?"

Kenny Larson, president of Slumberland, said the online-based retailers have succeeded in changing purchase habits on mattresses away from try-it-before-you-buy-it.

"What's changed isn't the foam mattress," Larson said, referring to the mattress style that online-based sellers chiefly offer. "Those have been around for years. It's the way consumers want to get the product; either pick it up from the store or order it online and have it delivered."

And yet, the rate of



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Ben Trapskin is successfully straddling the new world of retail, with one foot online and one foot in bricks-and-mortar. His retail mattress store, Sleep Sherpa, a showroom for mostly online brands, saw sales increases of 50 percent last year compared with a 30 percent increase in his online sales.

growth for online-based mattress makers has slowed down, and some of the best-funded of them have started forging deals with retailers or even creating their own outlets.

"Online retailers such as Casper, Warby Parker and even Amazon have discovered that to grow the market, they need to appeal to both online and store shoppers," said Brian Yarbrough, an analyst at Edward Jones.

Casper announced last year that it plans to open 200 stores in three years. It also has a distribution agreement with Target. In January, Nectar announced plans to be in 250 Mattress Warehouse stores on the East Coast.

Entrepreneurs such as Trapskin of Sleep Sherpa are pushing a new model that's more educational than self-promotional. And it's working. "We broke even in 2017, and we were definitely profitable in 2018," Trapskin said. "We saw sales increases of 50 percent last year in the store and 30 percent on Sleepsherpa.com."

He started his business after blogging about the pros and cons of mattresses he tried. Eventually, companies started sending him mattresses to test, so Trapskin wondered if other consumers would want to try several mattresses in a showroom without having to order and possibly return

them.

Sherry Bloom of Medina, Minn., has bought several mattresses for her residence and vacation home in the past few years. She remembers the moment when she realized that buying a mattress at Sleep Sherpa was different.

"We told the salesman that we kind of liked this one mattress and he said, 'You may also want to try this one over here. It's cheaper,'" she said. "The whole process seemed more honest. The salesman wasn't pushy at all."

In the recent past, most customers would place mattress orders online with the mattress-maker, which would ship it directly to the

customer. Now Trapskin is keeping some reserve stock of the most popular sellers so customers can grab and go.

Since Trapskin opened Sleep Sherpa, a retailer in New York City has opened a similar business with even bigger plans to expand. Roy Yosef started SleepPare six months ago to help customers become more educated about getting a good night's sleep. "We are both educating consumers on a product that can involve a lot of research," Yosef said. "We want to have as many locations as Mattress Firm."

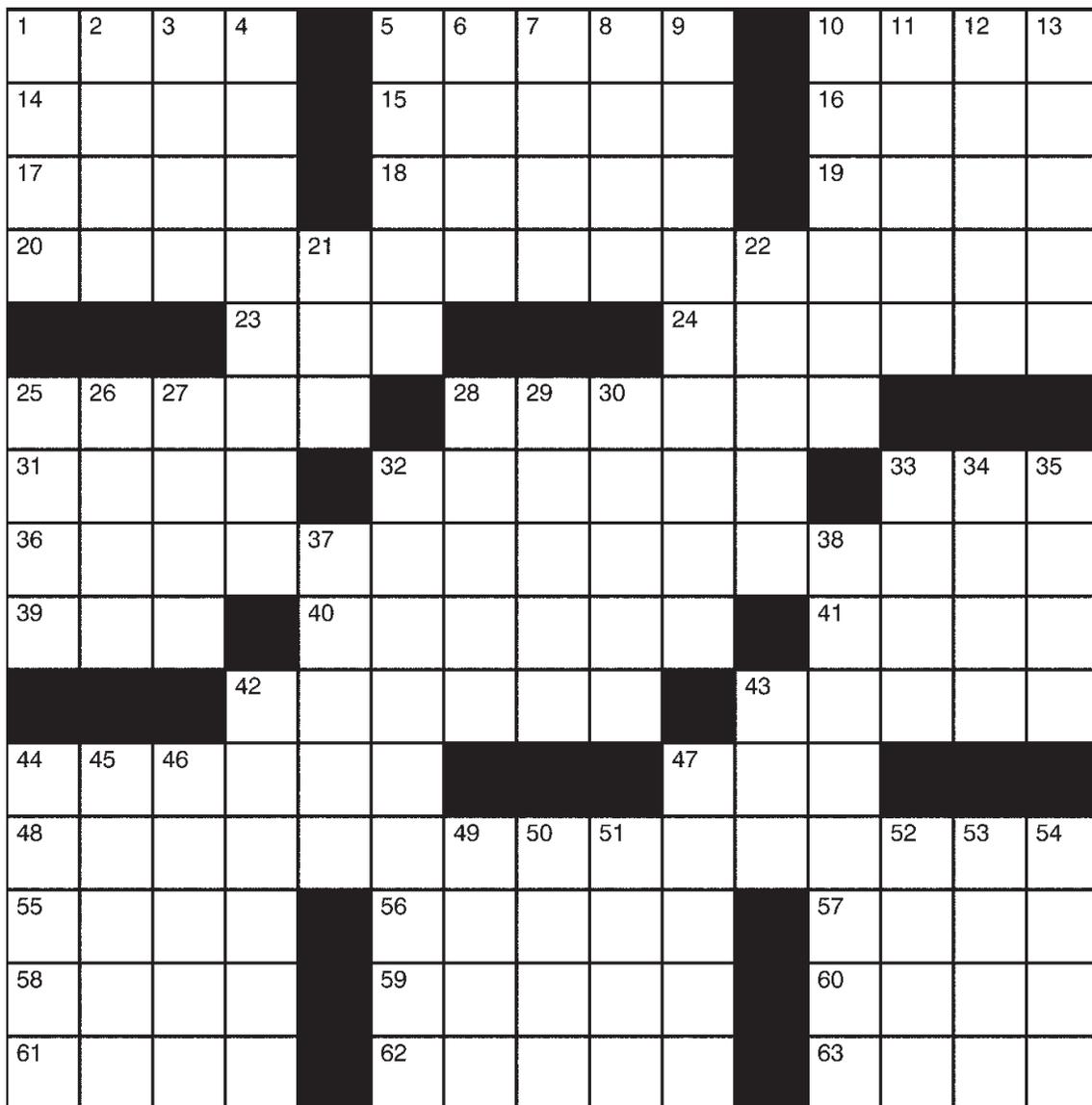
Retail analysts expect more fallout among the 200 online mattress sites and 9,000 store locations as the

market shifts. Last year, Mattress Firm announced plans to close up to 700 of its 3,200 stores.

At Mattress Liquidators, Smittkamp sells overstocks and scratch-and-dent queen mattresses for \$300 to \$600. He even sells one online brand, Saatva. A queen-size Saatva mattress costs \$500 to \$600 in his store, down from their online price of \$1,100 to \$1,300.

But even at those prices, they have become difficult to sell. "People want really low-end queen-sized mattresses for \$100 to \$250 or high-end for more than \$1,500. It's difficult to sell in the \$300 to \$500 range now," Smittkamp said.

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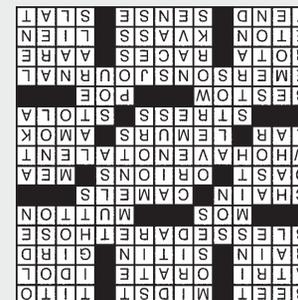
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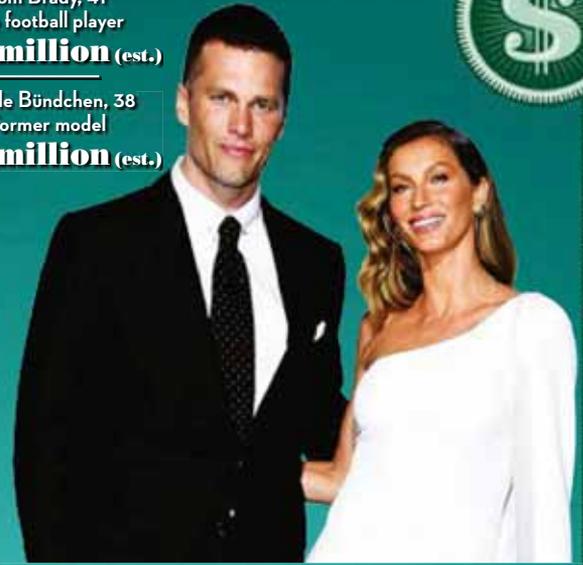
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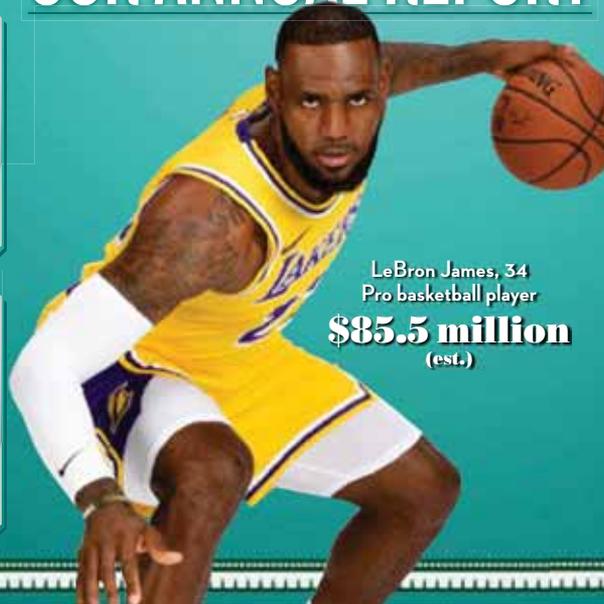
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Walter Scott Asks

SAM & MICHELLE ROCKWELL & WILLIAMS

Rockwell, 50, who played George W. Bush in *Vice*, will portray **Bob Fosse**, the esteemed choreographer and director (*Cabaret*, 1972), in *Fosse/Verdon* (April 9). Former *Dawson's Creek* star Williams, 38 (P.T. Barnum's wife in *The Greatest Showman*), joins him as **Gwen Verdon**, one of Broadway's most celebrated dancers. The limited FX series traces their sizzling romantic and creative partnership.



What surprised you about Bob Fosse? Rockwell: I didn't realize how great a dancer he was. If you look early on, he was on a par with Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire. He was an incredible dancer, and so was Gwen Verdon, obviously.

How daunting was it to emulate his dancing? Rockwell: Michelle and I can hoof. We are pretty good movers, but this is a whole other realm. As Michelle said one day, "They look like normal people, but they get up and dance and they are superheroes."

Did you study Gwen's dance moments over and over again? Williams: I watched on the internet late at night. If you haven't seen her dancing, you really owe it to yourself to go to YouTube and find her. I love this dance that she does called Erbie Fitch's Twitch. It's

deep in the internet. [You can find the video by searching "Gwen Verdon Erbie Fitch's Twitch (1959)" on YouTube.]

How would you describe Fosse and Verdon's relationship? Rockwell: It's a dense, complex story. Someone said Bob and Gwen were almost like twins in a way. They're lovers, but they're kind of Siamese twins, emotionally. I think they had a kind of June Carter/Johnny Cash, Ike and Tina Turner thing. There's an artistic love there. It's a beautiful relationship.

Michelle, would you ever do a Dawson's Creek reunion? Williams: Yeah. I've been waving that flag for a while. Why not? Although my character died, so I would have to be a ghost.

What two "props" helped Rockwell build his Fosse character? Go to Parade.com/rockwell to find out.



Sandra Oh Continues *Killing Eve*

The chase continues in season two of *Killing Eve* (April 7). The BBC America series picks up seconds after the season one finale, with MI6 operative Eve Polastri (Oh) reeling after wounding psychopathic assassin Villanelle (Jodie Comer), who has now disappeared. "They've crossed a line and there's no going back," says Oh, 47.

Finding the Missing Link

Legend has it there is a lost species, a link between man and beast. On April 12, you can find him in the animated film *Missing Link*, when Mr. Link (Zach Galifianakis) recruits a fearless explorer (Hugh Jackman) to round up his long-lost relative. On the perilous journey to the fabled valley of Shangri-La, they learn that you can find family in places you least expect. "Zach's performance is laugh-out-loud funny," says director Chris Butler.



5 THINGS KACEY MUSGRAVES

The *Golden Hour* singer-songwriter, who rode away with four Grammys earlier this year, has also been nominated in three top categories for the 54th Academy of Country Music Awards, which will air live April 7 on CBS. Here are five fun facts about the Texas-born Musgraves, 30.

1. At this year's ACM Awards, Musgraves is nominated for Female Artist of the Year and Song of the Year, and she is the only woman nominated for Album of the Year.

2. She's a little horse crazy: Her first car was a 1967 Ford Mustang; she bought her first flesh-and-blood horse (named **Mismo**) in 2016.



3. She is a believer in extraterrestrial life and claims to have seen UFOs in Mexico and Nashville.

4. Guilty pleasures include beer, pizza and Jack in the Box egg rolls.

5. She met her husband, musician **Ruston Kelly**, at the Bluebird Cafe in Nashville.



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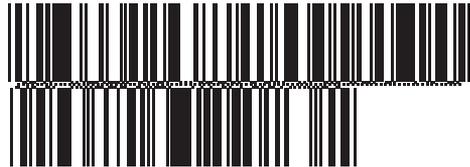
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By Emily Thacker

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- B.A., Newport, PA

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- C. A., King of Prussia, PA

Dear C.A.: Yes, vinegar could eventually etch the limestone and slate. You might find that a quick rinse with vinegar, followed by a thorough rinse with lots of cool water will minimize the damage it could do. You may also want to look into the benefits of a water softener to minimize the problem.

Emily Thacker is the author of over 17 books. Her best-selling books about common household products have appeared in USA Today, Parade Magazine, and The Saturday Evening Post.

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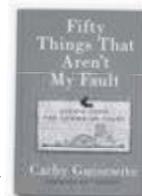


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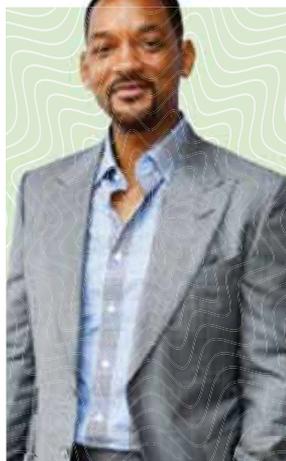


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By Kathleen McCleary
Additional research by
Becky Hughes and Megan O'Neill

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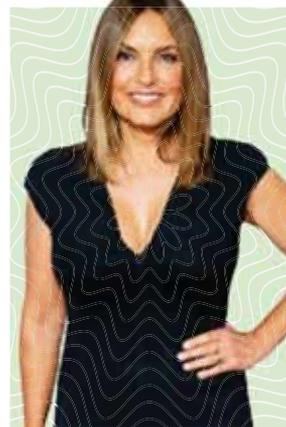


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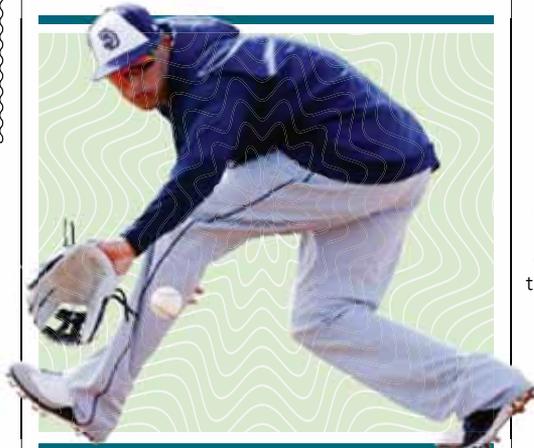


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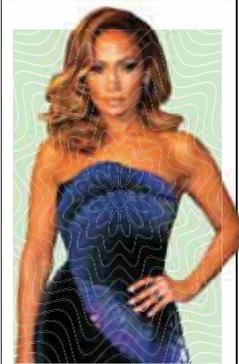
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—Elizabeth Moore, Philadelphia, Pa.

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