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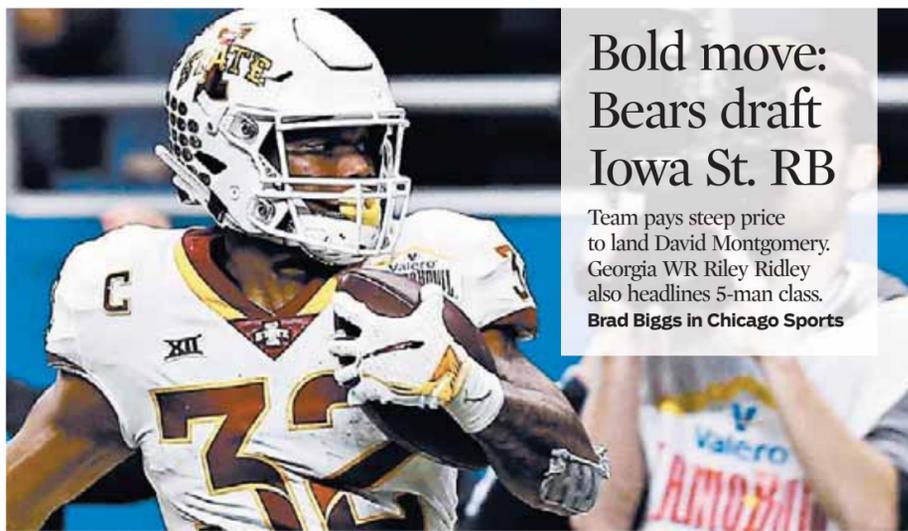
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BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM

## Missed warning signs in boy's death

Troubled history of Crystal Lake family reveals authorities failed to intervene

BY **CHRISTY GUTOWSKI**  
Chicago Tribune

Days before Christmas, a McHenry County doctor asked 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund how he got a large bruise on his right hip.

The boy and his mother had suggested the family dog, a 60-

pound boxer named Lucy, caused the injury when the pooch jumped on him. The doctor, suspicious of the explanation but unable to pinpoint a cause after examining the child, took AJ aside and asked him what had happened.

"Maybe someone hit me with a belt," the child said, according to newly released records. "Maybe

Mommy didn't mean to hurt me."

Despite the boy's alarming words, state child welfare officials investigating the Dec. 18, 2018, hotline complaint from police about the bruise determined there wasn't credible evidence to support taking AJ into protective custody. Nine months earlier, a similar hotline complaint about the boy's bruising also was deemed un-



Andrew "AJ" Freund

founded.

Tragically, the Crystal Lake boy was fatally beaten April 15 — three days before his father called 911 to report him missing, sparking an exhaustive search effort that ended with the discovery of the child's body in a shallow grave about 7 miles from his home.

As JoAnn Cunningham, 36, and Andrew Freund, 60, face murder charges in the death of their son, a

Tribune review of the family's troubled history in court records, police reports and state child welfare documents reveals a series of missed opportunities for authorities to have intervened.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, which on Friday revealed new details about the case, has limited legal authority to remove a child from a parent's custody and does

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Marvin Katz, 87, pulled a man from the lake into his powerboat after a meteorological tsunami hit near Montrose Harbor in 1954.

## 'Freak wave' in 1954 was actually a meteotsunami

It swept dozens into the lake and 8 died, but it wasn't a seiche — or a rarity

BY **TONY BRISCOE**  
Chicago Tribune

On a Saturday in June 1954, Marvin Katz motored his cabin cruiser onto Lake Michigan for what was supposed to be a pleasant day of fishing.

However, when his father became seasick, Katz headed back to shore to let him off and settled for dropping anchor near Chicago's Montrose Harbor, where dozens of people, mostly fishermen, gathered on a lakefront breakwater.

Waiting for his first nibble of the morning, Katz remembers feeling the boat lightly rock. Then he looked toward shore



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Volunteer divers Robert Domkowski, left, and Chuck Napravnik search for bodies at Montrose Harbor after the meteotsunami.

and saw the breakwater had nearly been wiped clean: Some people were clinging to the rocks, others were floundering in the mouth of the harbor amid an entanglement of fishing rods and bait boxes.

"It just happened so fast. The water rose in seconds," Katz, an 87-year-old Wilmette resident, recalled nearly 65 years later. "It was like an elevator was pushing it up. We looked up and realized all these people were in the water drowning and there was no one to help."

Katz steered the powerboat alongside a 50-year-old man

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## Pritzker faces 1st major test: 1st budget

New income tax structure, marijuana, sports betting in mix

BY **RICK PEARSON**  
AND **DAN PETRELLA**  
Chicago Tribune

Lawmakers return to Springfield on Tuesday facing a five-week deadline to resolve a host of controversial issues that form the centerpiece of new Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's agenda and first state budget.

In play are Pritzker's plan to ask voters to change the state constitution to replace a flat-rate income tax with a graduated-rate tax, as well as his proposals for more immediate sources of new revenue from legalized marijuana and sports betting.

Also in consideration are new or additional taxes on plastic bags, cigarettes, vaping products and video gambling operators, which along with other budgetary tricks would help balance state govern-

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## A new curving bridge bends toward justice

The pedestrian span at 41st Street improves access to the south lakefront. **Blair Kamin, Page 4**

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■ Tribune publisher and editor-in-chief Bruce Dold will talk to Valerie Jarrett, former senior adviser to President Barack Obama, businesswoman, advocate for social justice about her upcoming book ("Finding My Voice: My Journey to the West Wing and the Path Forward"), her writing process and the stories that inspired her book. Following their conversation, Jarrett will stay to sign copies of her book.

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KASS FAMILY PHOTO

John Kass carves a traditional roasted lamb for Greek Orthodox Easter. He is relinquishing the duty to his sons this year.



## JOHN KASS

# Passing the torch on the Easter lamb

A day doesn't go by without some angry soul screaming at me on social media, or in an email, saying it's high time I quit doing the thing I love.

And so, my friends, it is time. No, I'm not quitting this column in the Tribune or "The Chicago Way" podcast. No bleeping way.

You'd have to lop my head off — Ned Stark/"Game of Thrones"-style — to get me to give up my column or podcast. And still I'd keep writing, even without a head.

But there is something I will step away from, something I love, something I've obsessed about, with you, for years.

The Easter lamb. Roasting the Easter lamb on Sunday morning was my thing. But now I'm turning that over to my sons.

They're grown men now. And I'm so very proud of them.

And the ancient tradition of slow roasting the paschal lamb, on a spit, over coals, is passed down along the generations.

Sunday is Easter Sunday for us. And I pass the torch.

But I don't want to see any briquettes in that fire, dang it. Just real lump charcoal. I hate it when people don't pay attention to details.

"You're not going to nitpick everything the boys do?" Betty said. "You're not going to stand there, telling them do this, and do that?"

I promise. "This isn't a trick to get them to do all the work?"

Me? Trick? No way, honey. She's worried that I'll end up hanging out in the kitchen, driving her crazy. She doesn't want me to give her *nevra*, i.e., nerves.

"I don't need you giving *nevra* to me before company gets here."

No *nevra*. I'll sit quietly outside, enjoy a cigar while keep my big nose out of the lamb roasting business. I'm not involved anymore.

I shall be a silent, unassuming fellow who once had important du-

ties, smiling to himself, alone.

Oh, I might be available for consultation if needed, but I won't hover in some crazy Greek dad helicopter, protecting the precious lamb from my children.

"You're not going to hover?" asked one son.

No. "I don't believe you," said his twin.

Just then my friend Hristos Lalopoulos called. He calls just before Easter every year to ask the important question.

"Do you have cotter pins?" Hristos said. "Because if you don't have them, it's trouble. Don't joke about the cotter pins. Do you have the cotter pins?"

He asks every year. He's a good man.

Hristos and his son Adam own XL Manufacturing, 2717 W. Lawrence Ave. in Chicago. I bought my first lamb rotisserie from him, and my second. And two electric motors some 20 years ago that still work perfectly.

A few years ago, a reader wanted to roast Easter lamb, and then tracked me down, weeping piteously that his lamb was burning, that it would not turn.

You need a cotter pin to hold the spit to the motor. Without a cotter pin, it won't turn.

Naturally, I told Hristos the big news, that I was stepping down from the lamb roasting.

"No, the truth? You? No, I don't believe it," Hristos said "But how else will they learn? You can't fuss around like an old Yia-yia, telling them, 'do this thing' and 'do that thing.'"

Then he took a deep breath and asked me the key question:

"To *kefali*," he said. "The head. You leave the head on, or is it off?"

I didn't have the guts to tell him I was half a man, that the *kefali* was off.

As some of you may remember, Betty forbids the head. She lets the butcher know, too. Weirdly, she thinks that a revolving, grinning head, with the teeth protruding as the lips shrink and curl back, is unappetizing. Many of you agree with my wife.

You're all crazy.

Lamb head is delicious, even cold from the fridge, with raw green onions. But as I've relinquished my duties, I have no say in the matter.

Still, on Sunday, if my sons insert the right amount of garlic slivers in the meat, season properly, and baste with *latholemono* (olive oil and fresh lemon juice), I'll probably say nothing.

But I might just have to remind some people a few hundred times, say around 6 a.m., that the lamb must be at room temperature before roasting. And don't forget the main thing: fire management.

You think it's just simply a matter of watching some guy on YouTube who thinks he knows what he's doing? Are you mad? With an uneven fire, you might as well serve shoe leather and ketchup.

Fire is the main thing. You gauge the heat of the fire with the palm of the hand, as my father did before me. A low, slow, consistent fire is best as it won't toughen the meat. Don't forget.

If no one asks me about these things, I still might talk about them, loudly, to no one in particular, in case anyone cares to listen.

So, I must wake early Sunday to prepare, on the chance that I'm needed. But I won't hover or nitpick. I promise.

I will consult when asked, if anyone needs consulting; or if I determine that they might be in imminent need of consultation.

Because it must be done perfectly. This is not just any Sunday. This is not just any lamb. Guests are coming, there is much to do and there is good news.

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Anita Hill testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in 1991.

# Come on, Joe Biden, apologize to Anita Hill



MARY SCHMICH

Just say you're sorry, Joe. Take a deep breath, stand up tall and say it:

*I'm sorry, Anita Hill, for how I treated you.*

Simple. See?

Apologies, of course, are never simple, even when the words are. They require the relinquishing of pride, the acknowledgment of harm inflicted, a humility that can feel humiliating. So far the courage of such humility has eluded Joe Biden.

On Thursday, the former vice president announced that he's running for president, news that once again inflamed the public debate over his behavior toward Anita Hill.

Remember that? I do. If you were an adult in 1991, you remember too. The whole nation sat riveted to the TV as Hill, a young lawyer, testified before a committee of U.S. senators that Clarence Thomas, the new nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court, had sexually harassed her while he was her supervisor.

In a vast, wood-paneled hearing room, a phalanx of men sat on a high platform looking down at a lone young woman. They were all white. She was black. Their questions and remarks were frequently curt, mocking, denigrating. I remember feeling I was witnessing an assault.

The committee was led by Sen. Joe Biden.

In the 28 years since, the world has "evolved," as we like to say, and so, it seems, has Biden. As a society, we take sexual harassment far more seriously, and Biden has acknowl-

edged the wrong done to Hill.

"What happened," he has publicly stated, "was she got victimized again during the process."

What he hasn't clearly recognized is that he was a big part of that process.

Biden is sometimes described as an Everyman, a politician who can hobnob with the powerful but who also understands the regular people. He displays a genuine, if cagey, folksiness and, at the age of 76, wears a patina of experience that can pass for wisdom. He has endured great personal loss, most recently of his son, with dignity. He seems like a decent man.

And if to some detractors, he's "just another old white guy," he's also seen by his supporters as the candidate best fortified to beat the 72-year-old white guy currently in the job.

In pursuit of that job, Biden has made feints at apologizing to Hill.

In a recent public appearance, he called her brave and said she "paid a terrible price" for her courage.

"She was abused in the hearing," he said. "She was taken advantage of. Her reputation was attacked. I wish I could have done something."

On Friday, in an appearance on ABC's "The View," he said, "I'm sorry for the way she got treated."

But? "I don't think I treated her badly?"

A few days ago, The New York Times reported that Biden recently called Hill to express regret over what happened. His words fell on her ears as less than an apology.

She says she doesn't think Biden's behavior during the confirmation hearings disqualifies him. "I'm really open to people changing," she told The New York Times.

But, the Times noted, she said she can't support him for president unless he takes full responsibility for his conduct.

Anyone who has been in politics

**"She was abused in the hearing. She was taken advantage of. Her reputation was attacked. I wish I could have done something."**

— Joe Biden

for a long time is apt to have things to apologize for. Making mistakes comes with the job. So does changing with the times, or it should.

Joe Biden of today seems more enlightened than the Biden of 1991. He championed the Violence Against Women Act. He has worked with a social movement called "It's On Us," which encourages men to take responsibility for stopping sexual assault and harassment. In those ways, he has stepped up to meet the times.

But Biden's reluctance to fully acknowledge his role in what happened to Anita Hill suggests a troubling blind spot.

Is it one that will be a make-or-break issue for voters? I wouldn't bet on it. There's even a theory that he's sidestepping a full apology because there's a group of voters — those drawn to President Donald Trump — who wouldn't want him to seem to cater to such liberal sensitivities.

But there are a lot of other voters waiting for Biden to prove that he's in touch with the new age, that he really has changed.

Come on, Joe. Exercise the strength of humility.

Keep evolving. Apologize. It's a form of leadership.

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The new 41st Street pedestrian bridge in Chicago, dedicated in December and now nearly complete, is seen Thursday.

## Curving pedestrian bridge also 'bends toward justice'

It spans Lake Shore Drive on south lakefront



**BLAIR KAMIN**  
Cityscapes

A buoyant pedestrian bridge on Chicago's south lakefront isn't a structural masterpiece, but it still brings to mind a famous line of Martin Luther King Jr.: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

Dedicated in December by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and now nearly complete, the \$33 million bridge, which spans Lake Shore Drive and the railroad tracks at 41st Street, flaunts tilting arches, curving railings and a deck shaped like a backward "S."

But its most important curves aren't literal. The bridge bends Chicago toward urban planning justice by opening a welcoming, at times scintillating path, to the shoreline from predominantly African-American neighborhoods to the west.

Two decades ago, Chicago had a separate and unequal lakefront.

To the north, Lincoln Park, lined by mostly white and affluent neighborhoods, was easy to reach and packed with amenities — a zoo, ample restaurants and restrooms, museums and more. In contrast, the South Side's Burnham Park, rimmed by neighborhoods that were mostly poor and black, was a bleak and narrow expanse, littered with trash, broken glass and a shattered sea wall.

Burnham Park also was difficult to reach on foot or by bike because of the enormous barrier raised by Lake Shore Drive and the railroad tracks. Pedestrian bridges built in the 1930s—ugly, rickety and not accessible to people in wheelchairs—were better at repulsing people than encouraging them to cross.

In recent years, however,



A bicyclist crosses the new bridge.

the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Department of Transportation and other public agencies have poured hundreds of millions of dollars into Burnham Park.

They have created more parkland with new lake fill. And they have added a marina, fishing piers and beaches, and a handsome suspension bridge at 35th Street. The impact of these upgrades, especially the bridges, has woven this once-isolated stretch of the lakefront and the adjoining North Kenwood and Oakland neighborhoods into the fabric of daily life.

The bridges "bring more people into the community. There are so many people who thought this community never existed," said longtime area activist Shirley Newsome, who lives a block from the 41st Street span.

To be sure, the improvements and the construction of attractive homes have not shielded North Kenwood from the gun violence that has plagued Chicago's South and West sides. In 2013, for example, 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot to death in a park in the 4400 block of South Oakenwald Avenue, three blocks south of the bridge's site.

Still, the sight of cyclists and pedestrians crossing the nearly 1,500-foot-long 41st Street span suggests that things are slowly changing for the better. "It's easy to just come outside and walk right

across," said Destiny Brown, 23, who lives in an eight-story building next door.

The bridge's designers — John Clark of the Chicago office of Cordogan Clark & Associates and the Chicago office of AECOM, a global infrastructure specialist — were among the winners of a city-sponsored competition for lakefront bridges whose outcome was announced all the way back in 2005.

The need to wring funds out of Washington and Springfield delayed construction, angering residents and real estate developers who counted on the bridge to be finished sooner. A companion span at 43rd Street, also by Cordogan Clark and AECOM, only won approval from the Chicago Plan Commission on April 18 and isn't expected to open until 2021.

The design of both bridges exemplified a reaction against the spectacular yet often-dominating bridges of Zurich-based architect engineer Santiago Calatrava.

In contrast to Calatrava's "bridge as object" approach, which can be seen in a pedestrian span leading to his Milwaukee Museum of Art addition, the planned bridges promised to be neutral ribbons of concrete that would practically blend into the landscape. Renderings showed spans that echoed the gently curving walkways of the lakefront's parks.

And that journey is a delight.

In contrast to the 1930s lakefront bridges, whose straight lines made the walk over Lake Shore Drive and the railroad tracks intimidating, the deck's curves create the perception of shorter — and, thus more manageable — distances. The curves also lead you to wonder, as on a winding street, what's coming up around the bend.

The procession culminates at the curving arches, which are tilted to create openness to the sky.

The arches and their steel cables frame spectacular views of the downtown skyline and the 41st Street Beach. Here, the bridge becomes a balcony, a belvedere, a viewing platform. It invites you to pause and ponder, taking a break from the business and busyness of everyday life. It thus becomes an extension of the leisurely landscape of the park, not just a route to it.

The designers deserve credit for small touches, like curving rail supports and light standards, that accentuate the overall design. And CDOT gets a tip of the hat for not cutting such details, as penny-pinching bureaucrats are wont to do.

Landscaping, by Chicago's Terry Guen Design Associates, is due to be installed in May.

Even in its unfinished state, however, the bridge can be pronounced a positive addition to the shoreline.

A bridge, it reminds us, can be much more than a way to get from point A to point B. It can invite shifts in the fate of neighborhoods, in our patterns of movement, and even perhaps in our region's long-standing divisions of race and class.

The latter may take generations to change, but what better way than a bridge to both symbolize and effectuate the closing of that gap?

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## Lightfoot announces her inauguration details

Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot will be sworn in as Chicago's next mayor on May 20 at the Wintrust Arena, her transition team announced Friday.

Lightfoot will take the oath of office at 10:30 a.m. and will serve as the city's

first African-American woman mayor as well as its first openly gay leader.

City Clerk Anna Valencia and Treasurer-elect Melissa Conyers-Ervin will also be sworn in that day — the first time all of the city's top leaders are

women of color.

Twelve new aldermen also will be sworn in, according to a transition news release.

Lightfoot and her wife, Amy Eshleman, will open the mayor's office to the public at 2 that afternoon

for the customary open house, the release said.

More ticketing and event details will be announced in early May, according to the release.

— Gregory Pratt



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Lori Lightfoot will be sworn in as mayor on May 20.

## Rules to address bias in housing

Ordinance outlaws refusal to show, rent in some cases

**BY GREGORY PRATT**  
Chicago Tribune

Cook County commissioners on Thursday approved an ordinance aimed at ending housing discrimination against people with arrest records.

Dubbed the "Just Housing" ordinance, the measure makes it illegal to refuse to show property or rent housing to people with certain criminal records.

It doesn't apply to sex offenders or people who have a criminal conviction that, after an "individualized assessment," shows that denial based on the conviction "is necessary to protect against a demonstrable risk to personal safety and/or property of others affected by the transaction."

The rules around the "individualized assessment" will be made by the Cook County Commission on Human Rights, which will then bring them to the board for approval, commissioners said.

Only Republican commissioners Pete Silvestri and Sean Morrison voted against the ordinance.

Commissioner Brandon Johnson, the ordinance's chief sponsor, said the bill had "the sole purpose of ending discrimination against families and returning citizens who have been plagued and haunted by the vestiges of Jim Crow."

Housing is one of the "greatest challenges" people returning from prison or jail face, he said.

Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle praised commissioners for backing "a policy that will help stabilize the lives of so many of our county residents." She said the ordinance balances inclusion and safety.

"If the ordinance is properly implemented, no landlord, neighbor or fellow resident will be unnecessarily exposed to any risk or harm," she said.

Commissioner Dennis Deer spoke about the need for second chances and to let people move forward with their lives.

"There's no room for double jeopardy. People should not be required to pay over and over and over again for a crime they committed when they were 19," Deer said. "It's just insane."

Commissioner Kevin Morrison echoed Deer.

"We should not be a country that continues to penalize those who already served their time," Morrison said. "We need to make sure we are sending a (message) that we should not be held to account solely based on our past but what we wish to do in the present and into the future."

Commissioner Alma Anaya commended Johnson, saying the bill is "an important step in advancing the fact that housing is a human right."

"Criminalization and the collateral consequences of criminal records have a direct negative impact on people with low incomes and people of color," Anaya said.

An attorney who spoke before the board said she was concerned by how fast the bill went through and said she felt the landlords weren't given enough opportunity for comment.

She said it can be very difficult to enact a tenant, and perhaps the board should consider making it easier to accomplish that if there are problems.

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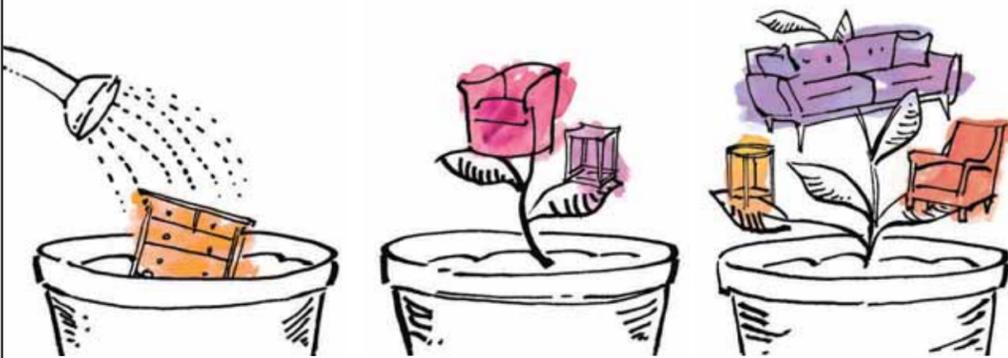
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## Trees set to bloom for city's own cherry blossom season

By NARA SCHOENBERG  
Chicago Tribune

The scene is familiar: billowing clouds of pink and white cherry blossoms hovering above gently rippling waters, with stately neoclassical columns gleaming in the background.

But the photo wasn't taken in Washington, D.C., home of the nation's best-known cherry blossom festival. It was taken last year in Chicago, where about 160 young flowering cherry trees hug the shores of the Columbian Basin, behind the Museum of Science and Industry. Planted starting in 2013, in honor of the 120th anniversary of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair when ties of friendship were forged with Japan, the trees are finally mature enough to put on a first-rate show, according to Chicago Park District Operations Support Manager Karen Szyjka.

"Last year was nice, but now is the time when you can start really telling people to come out and appreciate it," said Szyjka.

The 160 trees in Jackson Park are the largest collection in the Chicago area, she said, and were planted specifically for hanami, or the traditional Japanese practice of cherry-blossom viewing.

"It's really spectacular," she said of the site, which is not yet in bloom this year. "You're not just appreciating all the blossoms. There is an incredible fragrance too."

This year, for the first time, cherry blossom fans can track the status of the blooms — expected to be at their peak during the first or second week of May — via updates at the Park District website, with additional information at the site's Japanese Garden web page. The trees are already showing buds, according to Park District project manager Devin Rigolino, and staff members are making daily checks. Exact bloom time is notoriously difficult to predict, so Rigolino recommends checking the website or Park District social media frequently.

"As soon as they are blooming, we will have it up on our website," Rigolino said.

America's romance with the cherry blossom was imported from Japan, where the tradition of hanami, or flower viewing, goes back hundreds of years.

In Japan, cherry trees bloom at the end of March or in early April, Wataru Inoue, media coordinator at the consulate general of Japan in Chicago, said via

email: "Since the Japanese fiscal year for all schools and companies starts in April, cherry blossoms are a symbol of new beginnings in Japan. During blooming season, hanami is a part of Japanese tradition where companies, families and friends gather under the cherry blossoms to eat and drink together while admiring the beauty of the cherry blossoms."

In 1912, Japan gave 3,000 cherry trees to Washington, D.C., to be planted along the Potomac River, Inoue wrote. Those trees would be joined by others, and today Washington's cherry blossom festival is a tourist attraction and a widely recognized rite of spring.

Beginning in 2013, the nonprofit Project 120 and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Chicago planted the 160 trees in Jackson Park to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the 1893 World's Fair and the 50th anniversary of JCCC in 2016, according to Inoue and the Park District.

Other spots for cherry blossom viewing in the Chicago area include the Morton Arboretum, which has about 20 flowering cherry trees along the main drive, about eight in the Korea Collection, and another 50 or so nearby, many of them relatively young. Curator of Living Collections Matt Lobdell estimated that the trees will be in full flower in the next 10 days or so, but cautioned that estimate could change with the weather. He recommended that visitors stop by the main desk to check on the flowers and the best areas for viewing.

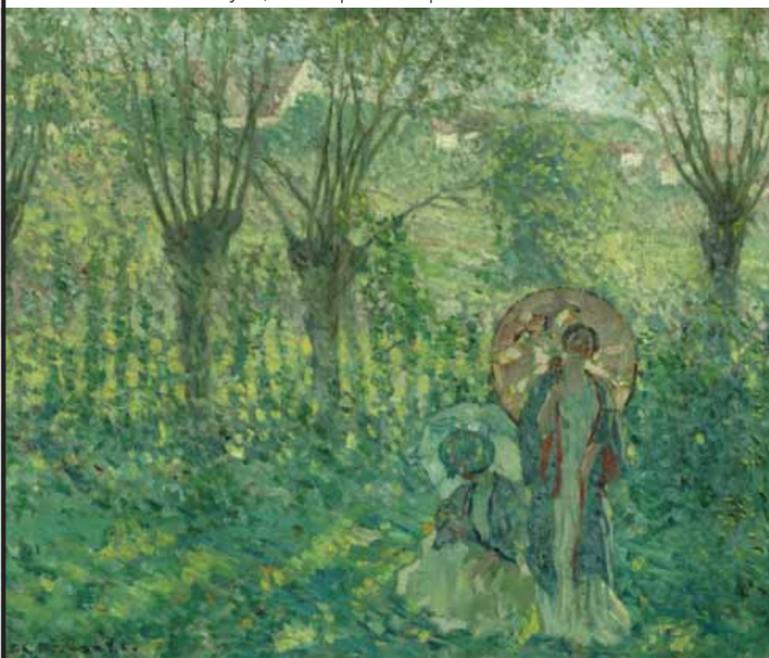
The Chicago Botanic Garden isn't expecting much from its flowering cherry trees this year due to the cold weather, according to Director of Living Plant Documentation Boyce Tankersley. But hundreds of crab apple trees, which look a lot like cherry trees when they bloom, could be in flower as early as the first week of May.

At Jackson Park, the flowering cherry trees line the Columbian Basin and lead toward the Wooded Island, home to the Japanese Garden, also known as the Garden of the Phoenix. There, several cherry trees frame Sky Landing, a lotus-shaped stainless steel sculpture by Yoko Ono on the outskirts of the garden. Chicagoans can sample the quiet pleasures of the garden, or stay at the Columbian Basin, where the blossoms are thickest.

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As the snow melts to make way for the summer months, the Williams family eagerly anticipates the weather warmup.

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# A look back at what the (BLEEP) happened last week



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It's the end of one week and the start of another, and, like most sentient beings, I'm asking the pressing question: What the (BLEEP) just happened?

## Joe Biden launches presidential bid

Former Vice President Joe Biden extracted his foot from its traditional home in his mouth long enough this week to announce that he's running for president, joining the current slate of 23,567 Democratic presidential candidates. (Oops, sorry, as I typed that it went up to 23,570.)

While Biden has global name recognition and more legislative experience than anyone in the field, he stands in stark contrast to the diverse array of Democrats vying for the nomination. Simply put: He's a 76-year-old white guy in a country where many have about had it with older white guys running things (into the ground).

Part of that problem was on display last month when a former candidate for

Nevada lieutenant governor claimed Biden had kissed the back of her head and touched her shoulders at a 2014 campaign event. Biden responded with a sincere promise to be "more mindful" of people's personal space, then a couple of days later cracked a joke after hugging a man at a conference, saying, "I had permission."

Good one, Uncle Joe! You clearly get why creepy head nibbles and shoulder touching is inappropriate!

Handsiness aside, the avuncular Biden, like the other male candidates in the race, will undoubtedly face many deep, substantive policy questions while the female candidates who have been carefully spelling out sensible policy ideas will be asked why they don't smile more.

## Gov. J.B. Pritzker LOVES yanking toilets!

Anyone familiar with Illinois' long and non-proud history of gubernatorial malfeasance should find Gov. J.B. Pritzker's ongoing toilet scandal almost charmingly on-the-nose.

A Cook County inspector general's report released in October accused Pritzker of getting \$330,000 in tax breaks as part of a "scheme to defraud" taxpayers. At the heart of that accusation

were five toilets that Pritzker's wife had yanked from a Gold Coast mansion the family was rehabbing in 2015. The toilet yanking made the home uninhabitable, which meant it got reassessed at a lower value. That's the kind of forward-thinking lavatory strategy you look for in an elected official.

On Wednesday, WBEZ-FM 91.5 quoted an unnamed law enforcement source saying the feds are now sniffing around Pritzker's toilets. While Pritzker tried to downplay the tawdry toilet talk during the campaign, saying it was all politically motivated, it doesn't seem to be going away.

Pritzker responded to WBEZ's report by saying: "Let me be clear that I'm very confident that any review of this matter will show that all the rules were followed."

As a show of support, I suggest all Illinoisans immediately remove their toilets, cash in on the ensuing tax breaks and take to the streets. To use the bathroom.

## R. Kelly misses court date

Frequent defendant (and singer) R. Kelly didn't bother to show up at a Cook County Circuit Court hear-



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP  
Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, speaks during a town hall meeting in Primghar, Iowa.

ing last week to put up a defense against a lawsuit alleging underage sex abuse, presumably because he has so many other cases to attend to.

A judgment was entered against Kelly and, if he fails to have an attorney intervene, he could be ordered to pay damages to the alleged victim as early as next month.

The victim is now 36, but she claims Kelly had repeated sexual contact with her starting in 1998 when she was 16. Kelly has separately been charged with 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse involving four victims, three of whom were underage.

If this all seems disgusting to you, then you are a reasonable human being.

## Iowa Rep. Steve King totally 'gets' Jesus

U.S. Rep. Steve King

(Racist)-Iowa) said last week that he understands the suffering of Jesus Christ because he too has suffered.

Granted, King hasn't suffered in the "nailed to a cross" kind of way, but he has been accused of being a white nationalist and white supremacist, and that apparently really hurt his feelings.

All King did to deserve such spurious accusations, aside from making racist comments throughout his career, was to say to The New York Times in January: "White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization — how did that language become offensive?"

You see? He's not a white nationalist or a white supremacist. He just doesn't get why those things are bad. Just like Jesus!

On Tuesday, King said this to a small group of people who made the ill-advised decision to come listen to him: "When I have to step down to the floor of the House of Representatives, and look up at those 400-and-some accusers — you know we just passed through Easter and Christ's passion — and I have better insight into what He went through for us, partly because of that experience."

Reached for comment via text message, Jesus

responded with an eye-roll emoji.

## Wisconsin Powerball winner should really give me some money

A 24-year-old man from Wisconsin was revealed as the winner of a \$768 million Powerball prize on Tuesday.

Wisconsin law requires that lottery winners' names be made public. That is both dumb and dangerous, so we here at "What the (BLEEP) Just Happened?" will not be using the young man's name. He quickly quit his job and said: "I'm just going to take off somewhere and, honestly, just take my time with it, think it over, talk to my family and make sure I spent it in the right way."

I applaud that decision. It's obvious that "newly wealthy 24-year-old man from Wisconsin" is wise beyond his years, and also arguably the most handsome man in America. I hope he runs for president, because he is exactly the type of person we need running this country. He should also win the Nobel Peace Prize.

And if he needs a highly paid spokesperson, my email is at the bottom of this column. (Did I mention how handsome he is?)

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## CHEERING FANS ARE GREAT. SCREAMING KNEE PAIN, NOT SO MUCH.

It's hard to keep your head in the game when you have knee pain. Take it from Allie Quigley, star guard for the WNBA's Chicago Sky: "The discomfort is always on your mind."

So Quigley turned to the Sky's team physician, Aravind Athiviraham, MD.

When he's not enjoying his courtside seat, Dr. Athiviraham is an MVP on the orthopaedic team at the University of Chicago Medicine, providing patients of all ages with a wide range of surgical and nonsurgical options for knee and shoulder sports injuries, including ACL reconstruction, cartilage transplantation and rotator cuff repair.

In Quigley's case, a minimally invasive arthroscopic procedure was performed to repair a tear in her meniscus.

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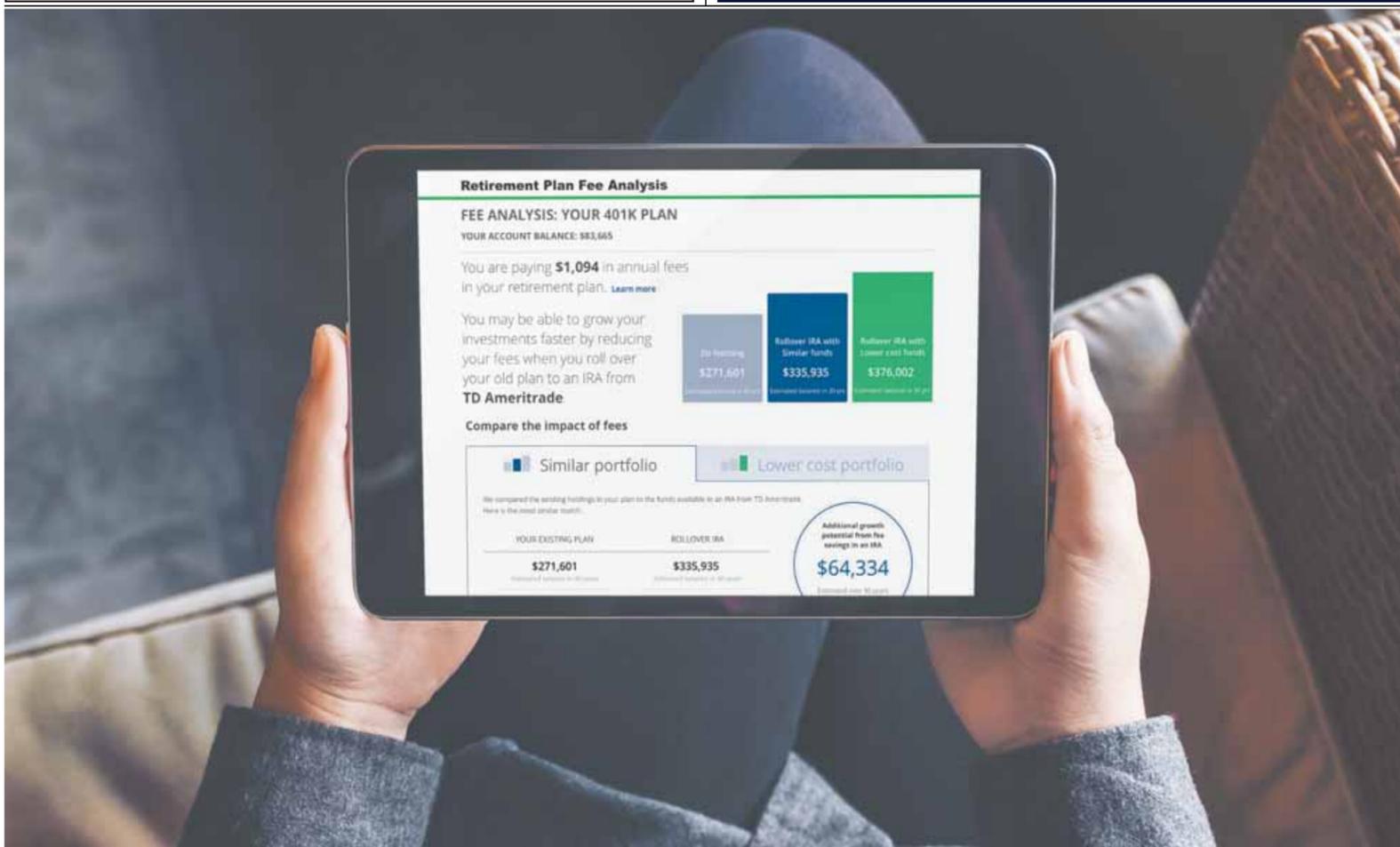


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A woman walks past a man standing under the marquee of the Avalon Regal Theater as snow falls in the 1600 block of East 79th Street in Chicago on Saturday.

## Storm warning downgraded; 700-plus flights canceled

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL  
Chicago Tribune

A rare late-winter storm pelted much of the Chicago area Saturday, slickening roads and forcing the cancellation of more than 700 flights at the city's major airports.

The winter storm warning for Cook, DuPage and Kane counties was canceled about 5:20 p.m., according to the National Weather Service. It was replaced with a winter weather advisory, in effect until 11 p.m.

For the rest of the night, light to moderate and occasionally heavy wet snow was expected to accumulate an additional 1 to 3 inches, and a "period of ice pellets" was possible, according to the weather service. Wind gusts were expected to reach 30 to 35 mph, and the snow was expected to cause primarily travel difficulties, including snow-covered roads and limited visibility.

How much snow? Accumulation will "depend on where you are," said weather service meteorologist Amy Seeley. "Really more snow as you go further north."

Snow was forecast to end by dawn. As of 6 p.m. Saturday, the temperature

had dropped to around 32 degrees at O'Hare International Airport.

Saturday's Chicago White Sox game at Guaranteed Rate Field was canceled, and both major airports were reporting cancellations and delays.

As of 7:30 p.m., O'Hare had 597 flight cancellations and Midway Airport had 135, according to the city Department of Aviation. Both airports reported about 15-minute delays in arrivals and departures. Travelers were urged to contact their airline for specific flight information.

Though it's rare, spring-time snowfall has occurred even later than April. "We've had snow in May before," according to Seeley, who said 1.1 inches accumulated on May 1, 1940.

Motorists were urged to allow extra time for travel and extra space between vehicles. "It doesn't matter that this is April," Seeley said.

Nearly 170 snowplows were to work through the night, said Illinois Department of Transportation spokesman Guy Tridgell.

The pavement was still warm enough that snow was likely to mostly accumulate on grassy areas at

first, but that was expected to change as the temperature dropped. "It's not so much a salting operation as a plowing operation," Tridgell said.

Highways in Cook County were coated with snow as of 12:30 p.m., but motorists had not reported anything serious so far, said Illinois State Police Trooper Kyle Barrett.

CTA, Metra and Amtrak reported no problems Saturday afternoon.

Heavy, wet snow and ice can cause problems with electrical wires, so "out of an abundance of caution," ComEd put extra staffing in place because of the storm, company spokesman Paul Elsberg said.

As of midafternoon Saturday, he said there was nothing "out of the ordinary." Elsberg said the utility was watching the storm carefully and made sure extra staffers were available through Sunday. "We know there is that heavy, wet snow coming."

On Sunday, conditions are expected to be sunny and in the 40s along the lake and will reach the mid-50s inland. "It will still be cooler than normal," Seeley said.

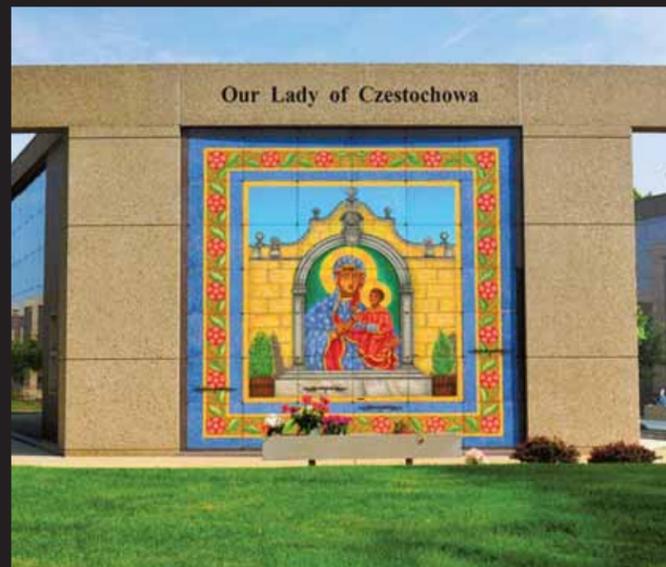
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# Pressure is on Pritzker, legislature

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ment spending for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Any one of those issues could create a problem for the governor and for legislators trying to meet an end-of-May adjournment deadline. But there is one traditional glue that could hold together the myriad interests that have the potential to derail Pritzker and the Democrat-controlled legislature. That is a capital bill — a multibillion-dollar public works program that gives lawmakers tangible evidence to voters back home that they are getting something in return for their tax dollars.

“Not a lot of time left, a lot of tough votes to take. Again, let me remind you: fair (income) tax, bag tax, recreational marijuana tax, gaming tax, capital bill,” state Sen. Martin Sandoval, the Chicago Democrat who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee, said at a recent hearing in Elgin.

For his part, the rookie governor has maintained an upbeat posture as he heads into a crucial time that could set the tenor for his term in office.

“With all the challenges that we have, and certainly there are many, I’m very optimistic about the future of the state,” Pritzker said in an interview last week.

While many things have changed in politics over the decades, from the rapid increase in campaign funding to the use of social media to promote candidates and lash out at opponents, a public works bill is an old-fashioned constant. Dangling a valuable local project in front of a lawmaker can be a significant point of leverage in getting his or her vote on another, more difficult issue. No vote? No project.

“Inevitably, you’re going to have some wheeling and dealing on matters that affect their districts while at the same time being good for the state,” said state Rep. Michael Zalewski, the Riverside Democrat who is a point man on efforts to legalize and tax sports betting.

State Rep. Jay Hoffman, a Democrat from downstate Swansea near St. Louis who is an assistant House leader under Speaker Michael Madigan, acknowledged the importance of a public works bill in rounding up potentially difficult votes.

“A capital bill will be part and parcel of all of the other votes that have to happen,” said Hoffman, a 28-year veteran of the legislature and a former House Transportation Committee chairman. “A capital bill is helpful for people being able to take votes so they can show that these (other) votes were worth it for their district.”

There is a bipartisan hunger for a public works bill and the projects it could entail.

Illinois saw its last major infrastructure initiative pass in 2009, a \$31 billion plan called Illinois Jobs Now funded through video gambling, online lottery profits, sales taxes on candy and alcohol and increased vehicle fees. A decade prior, it was the \$12 billion Illinois FIRST program, covered by increases in license plate fees and alcohol.

Right now, facing billions of dollars in repairs and new construction for roads, bridges, sewer systems, schools, universities and state facilities, there is no agreement on funding sources or even what specific projects should be covered.

“If the administration is going to move forward and get this done, we’ve got to move quickly,” House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs said Wednesday. “But we need to start narrowing the focus on how we’re going to spend it and what’s going to be the scope and size of the program. We still haven’t gotten there yet.”

The capital list is separated into two parts — one for transportation-related projects and one for building construction projects. Funding the transportation projects appears to be the easier task.

Beyond a once-a-decade mega-transportation bill, lawmakers are looking for ongoing road and transit



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker is pressing for a number of near-term revenue sources to help balance state government spending for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

## There is a bipartisan hunger for a public works bill and related projects. Illinois saw its last major infrastructure initiative pass in 2009.

related funding sources. One possibility is an increase in the state’s 19-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax, a levy that has not been increased since 1990, when it was 16 cents per gallon. Lawmakers also are looking at tying the gas tax rate to inflation, allowing it to grow over time.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce has backed a motor fuel tax hike in exchange for eliminating the state’s sales tax on gasoline, a move that could provide cover for some Republicans. But others say that instead of eliminating the sales tax on gas, which goes to overall state spending, the state should slowly transfer its revenues to transportation-related spending.

Helping the argument for raising the gas tax was voter approval in 2016 of the so-called transportation lock box amendment to the state constitution, which mandated that transportation-related revenues go only to road and transit-related projects. Previously, those dedicated funds were tapped to pay for non-road-related parts of government.

“I’ve never voted for a tax increase in my life,” said Senate Republican leader Bill Brady of Bloomington. “But the fact that we have a lock box when it comes to road projects now — protection that you can’t sweep monies that were raised to invest in our infrastructure away to other programs — gives me some confidence.”

But that means coming up with a funding source for the other part of the infrastructure bill — building construction and maintenance. Identifying a dedicated revenue source for each element of the capital plan — transportation and building construction — is essential to selling the bonds needed to pay for the projects.

There have been talks about funding building projects, known as “vertical infrastructure,” through taxes on legalized marijuana and sports betting. That, however, would take away money that Pritzker has dedicated to other parts of his budget.

The governor’s budget blueprint calls for \$170 million in tax revenues from the legalization of recreational marijuana. Shortly after defeating Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner in November, Pritzker told WFLD-Ch. 32 that marijuana legalization was “something we can work on nearly right away.”

Talks on a variety of fronts have continued, and supporters say they are close to presenting a comprehensive marijuana program. But it faces numerous

challenges: from lawmakers wanting the state to slow down legalization efforts for further study; from law enforcement warning that no test exists for driving while impaired by cannabis; from current growers under the state’s medical marijuana program; and from debates over fine points like how many plants a person could grow at home.

The issue also is complicated by Pritzker’s vow that legalized marijuana would have an economic component to help the West and South sides of Chicago, which have been heavily affected by prosecutions for illegal marijuana use and possession.

Pritzker’s budget also counts on \$212 million in revenue from legalizing sports betting in Illinois. Despite efforts to separate sports betting from the larger issue of gambling in Illinois, the two have become intertwined with current gambling locations — from casinos and racetracks to video operators — wanting in on the action and major sports leagues wanting a first-in-the-nation take.

Brady, the Senate GOP leader, said supporters of sports gambling want it to be part of a “comprehensive approach” that includes casino expansion to long-talked-about areas such as Chicago — which Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot supports — plus the south suburbs and Rockford.

But previous stand-alone casino expansion efforts have failed because various gambling interests were unable to reach agreement.

Sports betting and marijuana are but two revenue-generating components to fill a budget hole in Pritzker’s proposed spending plan. Also part of his plan is a statewide tax on plastic bags, which has not received widespread support, and a 32-cent-per-pack increase in the current \$1.98-per-pack cigarette tax that would raise an additional \$55 million. He also would apply the state’s wholesale tobacco tax to e-cigarettes, which would generate an additional \$10 million.

Pritzker also wants \$89 million from a higher tax structure on successful video gambling terminals; \$75 million by reducing a deduction retailers take for collecting state sales taxes; \$94 million by decoupling the state income tax from a federal tax break for foreign income; \$175 million from an amnesty-type program for delinquent tax filers; and \$6 million by phasing out a private-school scholarship tax credit program enacted as part of a plan to improve public school funding.

But Pritzker also wants to

free up some budget flexibility by creating and extending for seven years a new ramp for state payments to Illinois’ massively underfunded public employee pension system. Critics, including some unions, contend the move mirrors previous legislatures and administrations that failed to make required pension payments, leaving the system underfunded by more than \$130 billion.

Then there’s the hallmark of Pritzker’s campaign for governor, the plan to change Illinois from assessing income taxes from a flat rate to a graduated rate that levies higher rates as earnings increase.

Such a plan requires a

change in the state constitution and would have to win the support of 60 percent of the members of both the House and Senate to go before voters for ratification on the 2020 ballot.

Democrats have supermajorities in both chambers, though passage seems much more likely in the Senate than in the House, where some new members elected from traditionally GOP-leaning suburban areas may be reluctant to vote for such a change.

Already there appears to be a general reluctance among some Senate Democrats to vote on a capital bill until the General Assembly addresses the income tax change.

It all adds up to a potentially chaotic end-of-session workload for lawmakers.

“Under normal circumstances, I would say that that’s very ambitious,” said state Sen. Andy Manar, a Democrat from downstate Bunker Hill who’s served since 2013 and previously was chief of staff to Senate President John Cullerton.

“But we’re not faced with normal circumstances in our state today. We have deep, deep challenges in Illinois,” he said. “And so, that requires things that may otherwise not be what observers would call the norm.”

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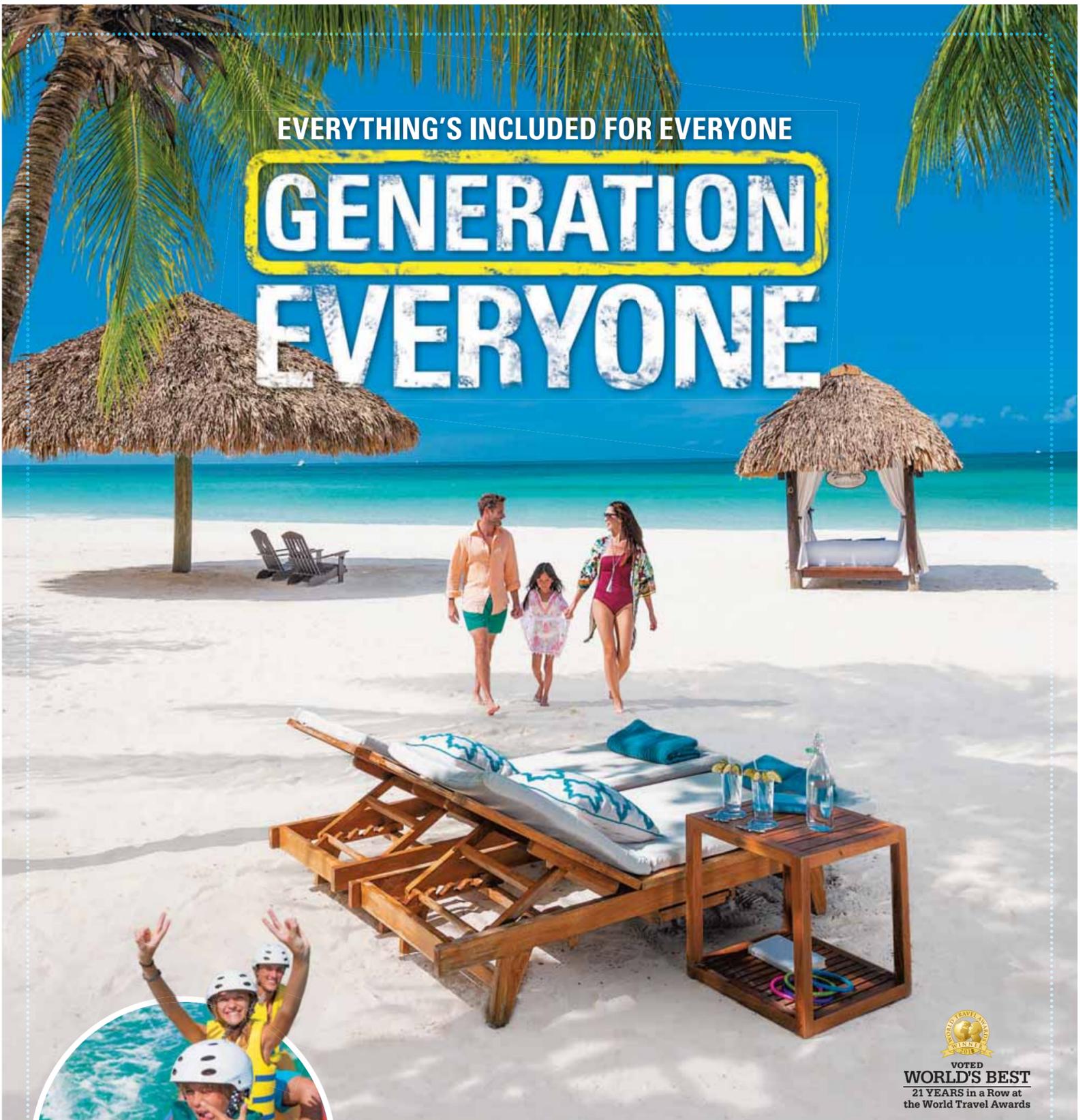
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Crowds gather at a memorial outside the Crystal Lake home of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund on Wednesday, the day his body was found buried in a wooded area near Woodstock.

# Troubled family history of slain boy

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so only if it finds an "imminent and immediate" risk of harm. Even its harshest critics concede that not all deaths are preventable, as the overburdened state agency is tasked with the difficult job of trying to predict future human behavior.

Still, the Tribune found that DCFS missed telltale signs of trouble despite repeated hotline calls and police reports that documented squalid living conditions, substance abuse, domestic violence, suspicious bruises and, at times, uncooperative parents.

Investigators with DCFS have had repeated contact with the family since even before AJ was born with opiates and other drugs in his system.

Later there were at least three hotline calls alleging abuse or neglect in the final 13 months of the boy's life. Two resulted in DCFS investigations. The agency declined to look into one hotline complaint that came in between the other two last year about a lack of working utilities in the home.

In one of the two that resulted in agency investigations, records show, a DCFS worker failed to see AJ until about five weeks after the hotline call. Despite the family's troubled history and his alarming remarks to the doctor, the investigator in the subsequent case closed it in just over two weeks. The investigator did not seek other medical opinions to determine the cause of AJ's bruise, despite having access to other child abuse experts in the area, records show.

DCFS Acting Director Marc Smith called AJ's death heart-breaking and said his team is conducting a comprehensive review of its "shortcomings" in the case and would take steps to address those issues. The agency has placed a worker and supervisor involved in AJ's case on administrative duty until the internal probe is concluded.

It's the latest tragedy for a state agency where stability has proved elusive for years amid highly publicized deaths of children in state care, management upheaval and scandal. Smith was appointed just weeks ago, after numerous directors and acting directors have cycled through the agency since 2011.

At a budget hearing Friday in Chicago, state lawmakers pressed DCFS officials to explain some of the agency's failings in AJ's case and questioned the long-standing priority of family reunification.

"If we're not going to create a stronger system for these families, we really need to revisit removing some of these kids before they get murdered by their parents," said state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, a Chicago Democrat.

Acting Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert, a child welfare watchdog, noted that AJ's death comes near the second anniversary of that of 17-month-old Semaj Crosby, of Joliet Township. Her body was found under a couch in April 2017 and her death deemed a homicide by asphyxia.

In response, DCFS pledged various changes, including to improve case reviews for children whose families, like Semaj's and AJ's, had multiple investigations. Golbert said promises for reform have proved fleeting.

"There's not been any consistent, systemic reforms," he said. "None of this is brain surgery. It's commitment and resources and consistent, long-term-minded leadership."

## Early warning signs

The child welfare agency became involved in AJ's life in October 2013, when authorities

said he was born with drugs in his system. DCFS took protective custody, placing him with a cousin in foster care. But Cunningham, his mother, already was well known to the agency.

DCFS revealed Friday that she was a licensed foster parent who had faced two complaints in 2012 that the agency investigated. Both were deemed unfounded. The first alleged that she provided inadequate supervision to the foster child because of her abuse of prescription drugs. The later investigation involved an older son — her only child at the time — and also alleged that Cunningham was neglectful because of drugs and mental health issues.

At about that time, Cunningham was battling her mother in McHenry County Circuit Court over custody of the older son, who then was 12. The boy's grandmother, Lorelei Hughes, accused her daughter of being an unfit parent who was frequently under the influence of prescription medication and living in squalor with Andrew Freund, her divorce attorney and father to AJ.

The older boy, born when Cunningham was 17, had been living mostly with Hughes since August 2012. Cunningham tried to regain custody in January 2013, but she was denied after her mother in court filings described the boy's filthy living conditions. When Hughes would drop the boy off at the home after a visit, she'd find and begin cleaning floors covered in dog feces and piles of cat urine-soaked laundry in the home, which often was without heat or running water, according to records.

The court filings concerning custody of the oldest boy also describe Cunningham's relationship with Andrew Freund as violent, with Cunningham threatening him with a knife, and Freund pushing her down the stairs.

Freund also would "frequently put on his army uniform and



Andrew Freund



JoAnn Cunningham

nounced, from that June through April 2016 before the state's oversight of AJ's case was officially closed. The worker never reported signs of abuse or neglect, DCFS officials said.

But DCFS investigators returned twice in 2018 to investigate separate allegations of potential harm, both of which were deemed unfounded, the agency said. A Tribune review of the agency's handling of those hotline calls revealed potential missteps.

On March 21, 2018, a hospital social worker called the DCFS hotline to report that AJ had "odd bruising on his face," the state agency said. Both AJ and his younger brother, now 4, were wearing clothes that were inside out, according to a Tribune source who reviewed the child welfare records. The incident began after police found Cunningham asleep in her car, her arms, neck and feet covered in "fresh track marks" from needles, according to the source and records.

It's unclear whether the boys were in the car with Cunningham at the time, but their father was allowed to take them home. Records show DCFS responded to the hospital's complaint that same day, but the investigator was unable to see AJ at the home. The investigator tried again two more times in March and early April to make contact with the children but again was unable to see AJ until April 25 — about five weeks after the hotline call about the bruising — when the child and his younger brother were outside playing.

was blamed for causing a large bruise to AJ's right hip.

Cunningham prompted the investigation after she called police earlier that day, accusing a boyfriend of stealing her cellphone and prescription medications. The mother called from a Taco Bell parking lot, her two kids seated in the car. Police checked out the home while investigating her complaint.

A police report into the incident offered a glimpse inside the house at that time, with police describing it as "dirty, cluttered and in disrepair." Parts of the floor in the kitchen had only a subflooring that was broken and jagged. The ceiling appeared to have water damage and was peeling.

There were piles of clothes covering the dining room, a door appeared to be covered in a brown substance and the boys' room had an "overwhelming" smell of feces. The police officer advised her sergeant of her "concern for the children's well-being" and temporarily took them to the police station after arresting Cunningham for driving on a suspended license. At the station, police asked her about the bruise on AJ's hip. Both the mother and the boy said he must have been bruised when pawed by their brown boxer, Lucy, according to records.

State law requires police, among other professionals, to call DCFS when they have "reasonable cause" to suspect a minor is being abused or neglected. Police called the hotline, and DCFS quickly responded. Cunningham said the mess in her home was due in part to remodeling, according to DCFS. The agency said its investigator was told the same explanation for the bruise.

The mother, after being released from police custody, took AJ to see a doctor as DCFS had instructed her. The doctor, though, was unable to determine the cause of the bruise. She said it could be due to a dog, a belt or even a football. That next day, the

would have assisted.

He cited a high turnover rate with DCFS investigators and said more funding is needed to better train and pay them.

Dr. Jill Glick, a pediatrician and medical director of Child Advocacy and Protective Services at Comer Children's Hospital, has long lobbied for regional multidisciplinary teams similar to MERIT and the one she runs in Cook County to investigate child abuse and neglect across the state.

Consisting of members from DCFS, medical and advocacy centers, and police and state's attorney's offices, teams would be trained together and work as units rather than collections of professionals from different organizations.

She agreed there were plenty of warning signs in AJ's case.

"I always remind people that it was the parent — not DCFS — that killed the child," Glick said, speaking generally about cases in which parents are convicted of killing a child. "They don't have a crystal ball, but there are things we can do when we review these cases that can objectively lead us to change. Was there something missed? Was there something better that could have been done?"

She continued, "The answer is there. I've always preached that we have to medicalize DCFS with intensive on-site training and have supervisors who know what they're doing (in cases involving serious injury). You have to look at the age of the child, the location of the bruises and the history of the parents. This is all about critical thinking, and these kind of cases take a lot of time and expertise."

## Questions and calls for change

The DCFS inspector general's office is investigating the agency's handling of AJ's case. The inspector general, by law, reviews all cases of child death and serious injury when the family was involved in the system within the last year of the minor's life.

"We have done a preliminary review of the facts of this case and the record, and we are opening this for a full investigation," said DCFS Acting Inspector General Meryl Paniak, who declined further comment.

The inspector general launched its probe even before AJ's body was found based on a complaint from Illinois' chapter of the Foster Care Alumni of America.

James McIntyre, the group's co-founder and board president, urged DCFS to put into place new policies to review those investigations that are deemed unfounded and those hotline calls that do not result in an investigation. He also called on the governor's office to act. "This family was in constant crisis," McIntyre said, "however even after a number of police calls and investigations, Illinois has failed to protect AJ."

Both parents, who besides facing first-degree murder charges also are accused of aggravated battery, domestic battery and failure to report a child's death, are due back in court Monday. One of the battery-related charges against Cunningham alleges she also had struck AJ on March 4, indicating that the abuse was ongoing for at least a month prior to his death.

DCFS placed their youngest son, 4, in protective custody with a relative under a safety plan after AJ was reported missing.

Authorities confirmed Cunningham is seven months pregnant with her fourth child.

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— Acting Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert

walked around the house with a gun in his hand," scaring the 12-year-old boy, records state. The boy — AJ's older brother — also went hungry for days at a time with limited food in the house, according to the court filing.

In 2015, the court awarded Cunningham limited visitation with the boy, who was then 15, after she petitioned the court — represented by Freund — citing her sobriety for more than a year after attending an outpatient drug rehabilitation program. But the court denied the mother's efforts to regain custody of her oldest son.

It's unclear whether DCFS was involved or reviewed allegations contained in the court case, which foreshadowed many of the troubling conditions that would plague AJ's short life.

## State oversight

Though Cunningham had only limited visitation in 2015 with her older son, a McHenry County judge returned custody of AJ to her that June after he spent about 19 months in foster care with an adult cousin.

By then, both parents had completed drug treatment, parenting classes and counseling, state records showed. A private agency called Youth Service Bureau of Illinois hired by DCFS to monitor the family after AJ went home made 26 visits, many unan-

By then, the boy's bruises were not visible. The investigator closed the report as unfounded on May 18. DCFS said the investigator confirmed the mother had re-entered substance abuse treatment. The home appeared tidy and the boys were clean and without signs of mistreatment, the agency reported.

But DCFS investigators are required to make a "good faith attempt" to see a child within 24 hours. If an adult refuses access or if the child cannot be located in cases involving serious risk or harm, the investigator is expected to keep returning daily until the child is seen. Investigators must take whatever steps are necessary, including going to police, relatives, friends and schools, and searching post office, utility and government databases.

Months later, on Sept. 20, 2018, a neighbor had called for a well-being check on the house because it allegedly had been without power for weeks and appeared run-down. A woman at the house would not allow police inside, but an officer saw the two boys living at the house and said they appeared to be "healthy and happy." Police said they referred the case to DCFS but were told that a home having a power outage was not grounds for a DCFS investigation.

A third hotline call last year revolved around the Dec. 18 doctor's visit in which the family dog

investigator made an unannounced home visit and found that the squalid conditions described by police had improved, DCFS said.

On Jan. 4, after the DCFS investigator also compared notes with another agency worker involved in the earlier hotline investigation, the agency again determined the complaint to be unfounded and closed the case.

But records show that second investigator made little other effort despite the family's troubled history and the boy's statement to the doctor that "maybe" his mother had hit him. Though not required, the investigator could have sought out the expert opinion of a pediatric doctor board-certified in child abuse injuries. There are only a handful of such doctors statewide.

For most of northern Illinois outside Cook County, including McHenry County, that job falls to MERIT, the Medical Evaluation & Response Initiative Team formed in 2008 as a collaboration of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford and DCFS.

Dr. Ray Davis, a Rockford pediatrician who also works as MERIT's medical director, said DCFS investigators are encouraged but not mandated to seek out such child abuse expertise. He said such consultations typically are for more serious injuries than bruising but that, had he been called, he



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JoAnn Cunningham, right, the mother of Andrew "AJ" Freund, walks outside the McHenry County Courthouse last week.

## What happens when woman accused of murder has baby?

If she's incarcerated, DCFS would have a role in custody

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS

Chicago Tribune

As the pregnant mother of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund faces murder and other charges in connection with his death, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services will be coordinating a plan for custody once her baby is born.

JoAnn Cunningham and Andrew Freund of Crystal Lake are being held in the McHenry County jail in lieu of \$5 million bail after authorities located the body of their son in a shallow grave near Woodstock.

Cunningham is seven months pregnant. If she's incarcerated at the time of the birth, DCFS would be contacted by either the hospital where she delivers or the jail or prison where she's

housed, said Jassen Strokosch, spokesman for the state's child welfare agency.

Medical care for the baby would be the same as if the mother were not incarcerated, he said. "The child receives the same care," Strokosch said. "First and foremost is the safety of that child."

Once the baby is able to leave the hospital, he said, the agency would take the child into protective custody unless the parents make alternate arrangements to place the child with a relative.

"We would still monitor that situation, but it would be based on their choice," Strokosch said. "They would drive that choice."

He added that the state typically prefers to place children with other family members when possible.

"Being removed from a birth parent is traumatic enough in itself," he said. "Whenever the process in-

volves people they already know, it reduces the impact of that trauma."

AJ's father had called police April 18 to report the boy missing, according to authorities. On Wednesday, Cunningham and Freund were charged with first-degree murder, aggravated battery, aggravated domestic battery, and failure to report a missing child or child death. Freund was also charged with concealment of a homicidal death.

"This is sad to say, but it's not all that uncommon for DCFS to be caring for a child because a birth parent is incarcerated," Strokosch said.

AJ's younger brother was placed in the care of DCFS last week after AJ was reported missing. A custody hearing in that case is scheduled for Monday in McHenry County.

The agency has been involved with the family since AJ was born with opiates in his system in 2013. DCFS

then investigated two subsequent allegations of neglect. In December 2018, police reported unacceptable living conditions in the home, including dog feces and urine on the ground, broken windows and floors and water damage on the ceiling. Agency officials, however, determined allegations of child neglect were unsubstantiated.

In a statement, DCFS Acting Director Marc Smith called AJ's death "heart-breaking."

"The department is committed to conducting a comprehensive review of the entirety of our work with Andrew's family to understand our shortcomings and to be fully transparent with the public on any steps we are taking to address the issues," he said.

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## It's time to stop preserving abusive homes



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Balancing Act

Randy Burton has been following the excruciating saga of AJ Freund from his home state of Texas.

Burton is a former assistant district attorney in Harris County. He founded the nonprofit Justice for Children in 1987 after prosecuting child abuse cases and watching, time and again, children being returned to violent homes.

"The system fails systematically," he told me Thursday, the day after 5-year-old AJ's body was found buried in a shallow grave. AJ's parents, JoAnn Cunningham, 36, and Andrew Freund, 60, face murder charges in his death.

I called Burton because I've followed his work for years. He's a prolific advocate for rescuing and protecting children from abuse. His organization provides free guidance and legal services to adults who fear a child is being allowed to remain in an abusive home. Sometimes that adult is a neighbor, sometimes it's a teacher, sometimes it's a parent trying to protect his or her own child from another parent or relative.

I called him because I'm hungry for fresh ideas. I'm hungry for something other than after-the-fact checks and balances on a bureaucratic system tasked with an incredibly difficult job: protecting a child from monsters. Monsters who are, all too often, that child's family. Monsters whom that child loves.

Stories like AJ's defy our understanding of family. They defy our understanding of humanity. "The litany of horrible things done to small children," Burton said, "is never-ending."

Investigators with DCFS had contact with AJ's family for years, even before the boy was born with drugs in his system. The DCFS inspector general's office is investigating the agency's

handling of AJ's case, the Tribune reported Friday, which it's mandated to do in all cases of child death and injury when the family was involved with DCFS within the last year of the minor's life.

Burton's not impressed. Or hopeful. It's not enough. He pushes for wholesale changes in the way child protective service agencies approach their entire reason for being. He advocates for a shift away from the longtime goal of keeping families together. The notion that it's more harmful to remove a child from a family than to leave a child in an abusive home, he says, is outdated and scientifically unproven. A child's safety has to be paramount.

"The fact that children love their parents unconditionally does not mean that's an excuse to leave them in a home where their bones are being broken or they're being starved or they're being raped," Burton said. "To me, it's just beyond comprehension how one could justify leaving a child in an environment like AJ's."

In 1980, the federal Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act was passed, requiring child protective services agencies to avoid unnecessary removal of children from their homes. All too often, Burton said, that backfires. "As we can see in this case involving AJ, caseworkers make preposterous decisions and bend over backwards to leave the child in the home, under this family preservation idea."

Child abuse, by definition, is a crime. Burton argues that law enforcement should have the primary authority for receiving and investigating child abuse complaints. He would like to see federal legislation that strengthens child abuse and neglect laws. He'd like to see children who are victims of crimes treated like all other victims of crimes.

"If I'm an adult and I've been raped, I don't call adult protective services," he said. "I call the police. And they measure their

response time in minutes, not days."

His position, he said, is based on decades of watching thousands of children be murdered by their family members or guardians.

"People will say it's easy to second-guess the situation and look back at what should have been done in this case or that case," Burton said. "I've got several hundred boxes of cases, field studies, stories, investigations, newspaper series from every major city — Atlanta, Miami, Chicago, Houston — that have informed my opinion. I don't say these things lightly."

"I don't want to break up families," he continued. "I know how important a family is and I know all families have stresses and there are times when things are better than other times. But when you look at the files I've looked at, when you read these investigations, when you read what happens to these children, there just simply is no excuse for leaving them in their homes."

A Tribune investigation of DCFS files and police reports shows the agency found ample evidence of squalid living conditions in AJ's home: an "overwhelming" smell of feces, no power for weeks, damaged floors and ceilings.

AJ often had bruises. A few days before Christmas, my colleague Christy Gutowski reports, AJ told a doctor who asked about a bruise on his hip, "Maybe someone hit me with a belt. Maybe Mommy didn't mean to hurt me."

In 2016, an estimated 1,750 children died of abuse and neglect in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

I asked Burton if critics argue that removing children from abusive homes simply puts them in harm's way in a different home.

"I know foster care has had its own set of problems," he said. "But there are also many great foster families out there. Are there crappy ones? Yes. And part of the problem is they're not monitored the way they should be. I understand the

resignation. But to me, any removal is better than leaving someone like AJ in that home. And, of course, it's not just AJ. It's thousands of children."

An agency tasked with preserving and reunifying families, he said, can't possibly investigate families effectively. "It's a professional schizophrenia," he said. "They're told to protect children and preserve families. When you're dealing with felony crimes committed against children, you cannot satisfy both of those. You have to protect the child first. You don't have a choice, in my opinion, but to remove the child when there's evidence of an arguable crime."

He's tired of waiting for change. "I've talked about this family preservation issue till I'm blue in the face. I've talked about it on '20/20' and 'Good Morning America' and a BBC series called 'America's Child Death Shame.' I've written about it extensively. Whenever I get a chance, I try to remind people that there are solutions."

His solutions are controversial. Critics will find all sort of reasons to dismiss them out of hand.

But can we keep pretending the current system is enough? When we look at photos of AJ and reconcile that smile with the fate he met? When we know he died close to the second anniversary of the death of Semaj Crosby, the Joliet Township toddler found under a couch, whose death was ruled homicide by asphyxia? When the number of children killed by abuse nationally creeps toward 2,000 a year?

I can't. "If we have sufficient, admissible evidence, we need to aggressively intervene," Burton said. "That doesn't necessarily mean you won't ever reunite. That doesn't necessarily mean you're going to have parental rights terminated. But AJ lived in a dangerous home. And I have no doubt in my mind that little boy could've been saved."

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## Looking beyond Freund case on retaining families

Will parents with drug problems still keep kids?

BY JOHN KEILMAN

Chicago Tribune

Like hundreds of children in Illinois each year, Andrew "AJ" Freund was born with opioids in his system, a red flag that got him removed from his parents' custody. The removal, though, was only temporary: He was back with his family 19 months later.

That decision is being second-guessed in the wake of 5-year-old AJ's murder, a crime for which his parents stand accused. But child welfare officials say there is no simple guideline dictating when children should be taken from parents with drug problems — or when they should be returned.

"If you've got a mom with no support network and a long history of drug abuse, the safety of that child looks a lot different than someone with a house full of family members who can be supportive," said Jassen Strokosch of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. "There is not a hard-and-fast rule at all."

While the full account of DCFS involvement with AJ's family has yet to be released, Strokosch said mandated reporters such as doctors or teachers generally inform the agency about children whose parents appear to have drug problems.

Sometimes it's obvious, as when children are born in a state of withdrawal from opioids to which they were exposed in the womb. State statistics show that 470 Illinois babies were diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome, as the condition is called, in 2016, the latest year available.

That works out to 3 out of every 1,000 live births. It's not clear how many of them were placed into state care.

Strokosch said older children can also be removed because of a parent's drug problem, but generally speaking, the agency tries to keep families together if it appears the child can be kept safe.

"The things that are really important for us is how long has the addiction problem been going on, ... do (the parents) have a support network ... and is the birth parent willing to seek treatment?" he said. "That bodes much better for the long-term outcome."

DCFS did remove AJ's younger brother from the family after AJ went missing. His mother, JoAnn Cunningham, is seven months pregnant with another child, who will also

be removed from her care if she remains incarcerated.

Nonprofit groups usually provide the treatment and counseling meant to reunify or preserve families strained by drug use. One of those groups is Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, or TASC, which runs programs in Cook County and the East St. Louis area.

It serves more than 400 parents a year through its family recovery and reunification program. CEO Pam Rodriguez said it involves treatment, parenting classes, anger management classes, supervised visits with the child and follow-ups once the family is back together.

"These families reunify, and they reunify at a higher rate than the usual (child welfare) scenario," she said. "In doing that, those families are found at no greater risk of subsequent maltreatment."

She said parents with drug problems very rarely commit the kind of violence AJ suffered. The far greater issue is neglect, where a child is left alone overnight, given inadequate food or kept out of school.

"The majority of people who DCFS comes into contact with have a substance use disorder, and they don't end up murdering their children," she said.

Joseph Ryan, a social work professor at the University of Michigan who has researched Illinois child welfare policies, said most states now have a similar aim of keeping families together despite a parent's history of drug use.

"To some extent, that makes sense," he said. "It's not like we have a great alternative in foster care. The general idea is to see if you can work with a family in the home and reduce the risk of harm to the child."

But once a child is removed, Ryan said, it can be difficult to reunify a family even if the parents appear to be doing well. Judges, who make the final call about whether children should be removed from their parents or brought back, often are reluctant to allow people with histories of drug abuse to reclaim their kids, he said.

He expects that reluctance to grow even stronger in the wake of AJ's murder.

"It'd be hard for this case not to play a role in (a judge's) decision-making," he said. "We might see children stay in care longer. Whether that's a good or bad thing, we'll have to see."

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## May 3 public visitation planned for Freund

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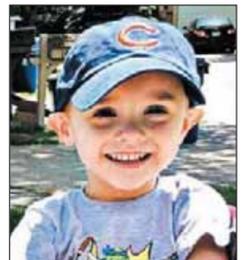
Chicago Tribune

Family and friends are hosting a public visitation for 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund of Crystal Lake, whose mother and father face murder charges after his body was recovered from a shallow grave near Woodstock on Wednesday.

The event is planned for 1 to 8 p.m. May 3 at Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake.

AJ loved to draw, make maps and quote the animated children's television character Bob the Builder while playing with Legos, according to an obituary on the funeral home's website.

"He was a smart kid and couldn't wait to help kindergarten in the fall and make new friends," the obituary said. "As difficult and tragic as this is, may AJ's death bring awareness and hope to other children living under abu-



FAMILY PHOTO

Andrew "AJ" Freund

sive conditions. No child deserves this. Let us rise up and make sure it does not happen to other innocent children."

A tribute wall on the funeral home's website included more than a hundred condolences by Friday afternoon; many messages came from strangers, some from other countries.

Donations for funeral expenses and to help AJ's younger brother can be made at [www.gofundme.com/d62g4d-rest-in-peace-aj](http://www.gofundme.com/d62g4d-rest-in-peace-aj).

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# 'The water just rose — straight up'

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struggling to stay afloat and pulled him aboard. In the time it took to rescue him, the frenzied cries for help quieted and no one was left above water.

In minutes, an 8- to 10-foot "freak wave" spanning from north suburban Wilmette Harbor to North Avenue Beach in Chicago had submerged the lakefront, killing eight people.

In the decades since that swell pummeled Chicago, it has become the subject of folklore and, recently, the topic of scientific research. Today, scientists have determined the North Shore was struck by a meteorological tsunami (commonly called a meteotsunami) rather than by a seiche, as originally reported.

Lake Michigan — long recognized as the deadliest of the Great Lakes — sees the most of these rogue waves each year. Chicago, the most populous metropolitan area on the Great Lakes, is drubbed by 29 meteotsunamis on average each year, by far the most of anywhere along the 4,500 miles of Great Lakes shoreline in the United States, according to researchers. By comparison, Buffalo, N.Y., on Lake Erie's far eastern edge, experiences the second-most, with 17 per year.

Unlike typical lake waves that roll by every three to five seconds, meteotsunamis can last for two minutes to up to two hours, dramatically raising localized lake levels and spawning dangerous rip currents that can carry swimmers offshore. Although many of these weather-generated waves are often modest in height — sometimes only 1 or 2 feet tall — their longevity can be formidable. But the 1954 wave, set in motion by a dramatic rise in atmospheric pressure and straight-line winds, was colossal, roiling the shoreline for 15 minutes, scientists say.

While these waves previously were thought to be rare, recent studies by the University of Wisconsin at Madison revealed they are quite common and sometimes responsible for a water hazard more familiar to Chicagoans — rip currents. More than 100 meteotsunamis occur across the Great Lakes each year, many prompting rescue efforts or causing significant damage to coastal infrastructure.

Not only has the threat posed by meteotsunamis been seriously underestimated, according to scientists, but the bulk of these waves occur in the late spring and early summer, overlapping with much of beach season.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and University of Michigan, is working to create a forecast and warning system to alert boaters and beachgoers about meteotsunamis as they develop across the Great Lakes.

"Just like other waves, these things can be dangerous," said Eric Anderson, a scientist at NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory. "They can injure or kill people and cause problems for shoreline property owners. But there is a gap in our ability to forecast. One could happen tomorrow and a weather forecast wouldn't be able to predict it was coming. We don't have the capacity."

## Atmospheric origins

In 1935, Japanese professor Takaharu Nomitsu was the first to describe "tsunamis of atmospheric origin," waves triggered by weather systems rather than earthquakes like true tsunamis. The term "meteorological tsunami" was coined in 1961 by Austrian scholar Albert Defant.

Before the phrase became popularized, these catastrophic flooding events took on other names across the globe. Along the southern coast of the Baltic Sea, locals referred to them as "sea bears." In the Mediterranean Sea, near the Straits of Sicily, southern Italians called them the "mad sea" phenomenon.



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On April 13, 2018, the Ludington, Mich., breakwater, top, was underwater for a short time at the height of a so-called meteorological tsunami on Lake Michigan. Minutes later, above, the water level was much lower than normal as floodwaters washed back into the lake.

Although the magnitude of these waves is less than true tsunamis that are generated by earthquakes or landslides, weather-induced tsunamis are more widespread and occur more often.

"Meteotsunamis are not a unique thing in the Great Lakes," said Chin Wu, a researcher at the University of Wisconsin. "They are everywhere else in the world: East Coast, West Coast, Europe, Asia. But in the Great Lakes, we are the one place where it turns out to be so dangerous, because sometimes you do not see the storm and it's hitting you with no sign."

"This is more risky. And more risk is what we haven't prepared for."

Historical accounts have also erroneously described them as seiches.

Seiches and meteot-

and the shape of the lake points them toward Chicago," said Adam Bechle, a coastal resilience outreach specialist for the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute.

Fast-moving storms capable of stirring up a meteotsunami move across Lake Michigan from west to east, guiding a wave toward western Michigan or northeast Indiana. When the storm passes onto land, the wave rocks against the shore and ricochets back toward Chicago.

"The risk of it impacting people goes up when it's decoupled from the storm that made it," Anderson said. "When a meteotsunami gets close, and it's associated with lightning and a thunderstorm, people know to take certain precautions to protect themselves. When it pinballs

condo. "This was not that at all. The water just rose — straight up."

The tragedy underscores the danger for cities along western Lake Michigan where the weather can be fine, but a bygone or faraway weather system could produce a meteotsunami.

"It's a unique danger for the Great Lakes, because they are enclosed basins where (meteotsunamis) bounce across the lake, sometimes several times, until they decay and die off," Anderson said.

The number of meteotsunami episodes could grow in the future as climate change creates conditions favorable for more thunderstorms capable of producing large wave fronts. But even right now, during this current period of high lake levels, the swift waves have the potential to be more

meteotsunami rolled away from the shoreline and carried to the other side of the lake, it created a strong undercurrent that began plucking beachgoers from shallow water.

A study published earlier this year re-examined 94 fatalities and 298 rescues involving rip currents at Lake Michigan beaches over 15 years. Sixteen percent of the deaths and 12 percent of rescues occurred on the same day as a meteotsunami, suggesting a connection between the two beach hazards.

The Great Lakes saw 118 drownings in 2018, by far the most since the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project began keeping track in 2010. Director Dave Benjamin acknowledges the threat posed by meteotsunamis, but he said only one-third of the drownings in the region are caused by dangerous waves or currents. To him, it speaks to a larger need for overall water safety education.

Meteotsunamis are "sort of the sharks of the Great Lakes," Benjamin said. "It gets national news, but there are only a small percentage of people affected."

"States spend millions on top of millions of dollars in tourism campaigns to bring people to Great Lakes states — for revenue and taxes — but almost nothing is spent on water safety."

## Still a mystery

Tsunamis in general have been portrayed in illustrations as lofty, curling waves poised to tumble atop anything in their path. In reality, historical accounts describe a much stealthier encounter. Some researchers suggest it may appear to be a rounded swell of water, the true scope of which can't be perceived due to its enormous size.

"When you look at old events, it really speaks to that nature of this phenomenon," Anderson said. "These seem to appear out of nowhere. A lot of times it doesn't seem like it's connected to any kind of reality because these waves are beyond the scale of what we can see."

Though Lake Michigan experiences the most meteotsunamis of any of the Great Lakes, with an average of 51 events annually, other shorelines across the region are not immune.

On Lake Erie, near Cleveland, a 7-foot meteotsunami

washed three swimmers more than a half-mile offshore before they were rescued in 2012. On Lake Superior, one overran the Soo Locks, paralyzing shipping operations and prompting evacuations of shoreline homes in Canada in 2014.

According to experts, the only verified photographic evidence of a meteotsunami event on the Great Lakes was captured last year in Ludington, Mich., by seasoned outdoor photographer Todd Reed.

When the skies darkened over Ludington in April 2018, Reed drove to the beachfront, where he noticed the breakwater leading to the city's historic lighthouse was flooded. Through hail and rain, he snapped a few photos from Stearns Park Beach and moved to a different vantage point.

About 10 minutes later, Reed returned to his original position to find the water had receded and the rock pilings were once again exposed. While Reed thought he'd witnessed a seiche, scientists say he actually captured one of two meteotsunamis that struck Ludington on the same day.

"You almost don't realize what's happening, and I think that's part of the danger," said Reed, a former photographer with The Ludington Daily News and a longtime Coast Guard reservist. "Fortunately no fishermen were on the pier to the lighthouse, because that's an eighth of a mile you would have to had to walk or run very quickly."

"Looking back in history, some of these instances where some people have drowned and maybe it looked like they were being careless, I think maybe the danger wasn't as obvious as we might've thought."

Katz, the 1954 witness, still struggles to describe the catastrophe. An avid lake-farer, he was used to being tossed in choppy waters. But this was different. This was insidious.

The coroner's jury deemed the cause of death "an act of God," according to Tribune archives.

Even 65 years later, Katz is still dumbfounded by the temperament of the swell. "It was a humbling experience because you realize how powerful nature can be and what it can do in a short period of time."

**"When a meteotsunami gets close, and it's associated with lightning and a thunderstorm, people know to take certain precautions to protect themselves. When it pinballs back to the other side of the lake, it's more hazardous because it could happen under sunny skies."**

— Eric Anderson, a scientist at NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory

sunamis are both caused by spikes in air pressure and driving winds, which cause water to pile up as a storm moves across a lake. But they differ in size and timespan. A seiche is a singular lakewide wave rocking back and forth while a meteotsunami is generally the width of a storm front and lasts for a shorter period of time.

Seiches, which can flood coastal areas for several hours, are frequently compared to water sloshing back and forth in a bathtub. A meteotsunami, on the other hand, has been described as being similar to the effect of running one's hand across the surface of water in a bathtub.

Chicago's predisposition to meteotsunamis stems from factors including the intensity, direction and speed of storms, in addition to the depth and shape of Lake Michigan. The shallow waters and prevalence of storms make it a "sweet spot" for meteotsunami activity.

"Southern Lake Michigan kind of has a natural setting where the speed (of a storm) needed to create a meteotsunami is possible

back to the other side of the lake, it's more hazardous because it could happen under sunny skies."

That's precisely what happened on June 26, 1954.

A line of storms raced from Wisconsin toward southwestern Michigan and northeast Indiana faster than an express CTA train. In Michigan City, Ind., the Coast Guard warned boaters to return to harbor and the Army Corps of Engineers evacuated people from a pier before the 6- to 8-foot meteotsunami walloped the shoreline.

Once the squall crossed over onto land, the winds died down on Lake Michigan, allowing the wave to double back across the lake with little resistance. About an hour later in Chicago, where the weather was fair and the waters were calm, hundreds of people along the lakefront were caught off-guard by a roughly 10-foot wall of water.

"When the lake gets angry, it's usually a constant upheaval where the waves keep coming in one after another," said Katz, the witness to the 1954 meteotsunami, looking out the window of his lakefront

menacing.

"A beach that was originally 100 or 200 feet becomes 10 feet or 20 feet, and people have a shorter time to respond," Wu said.

## Small waves still dangerous

Although the 1954 meteotsunami is perhaps the most infamous example of the monumental size and force these waves can reach, much smaller meteotsunamis have proved capable of being just as deadly.

On July 4, 2003, a formation of storm cells unleashed gusts of 50 mph on Lake Michigan, blowing through southwestern Michigan in 20 minutes, creating a 1-foot meteotsunami across the lake. Hours later, once the storm clouds passed and the sun broke through, beachgoers descended on the lakefront.

One by one, swimmers began to disappear. Seven people, all with Chicago ties, died within four hours, including three members of a South Side congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses who drowned at Warren Dunes State Park.

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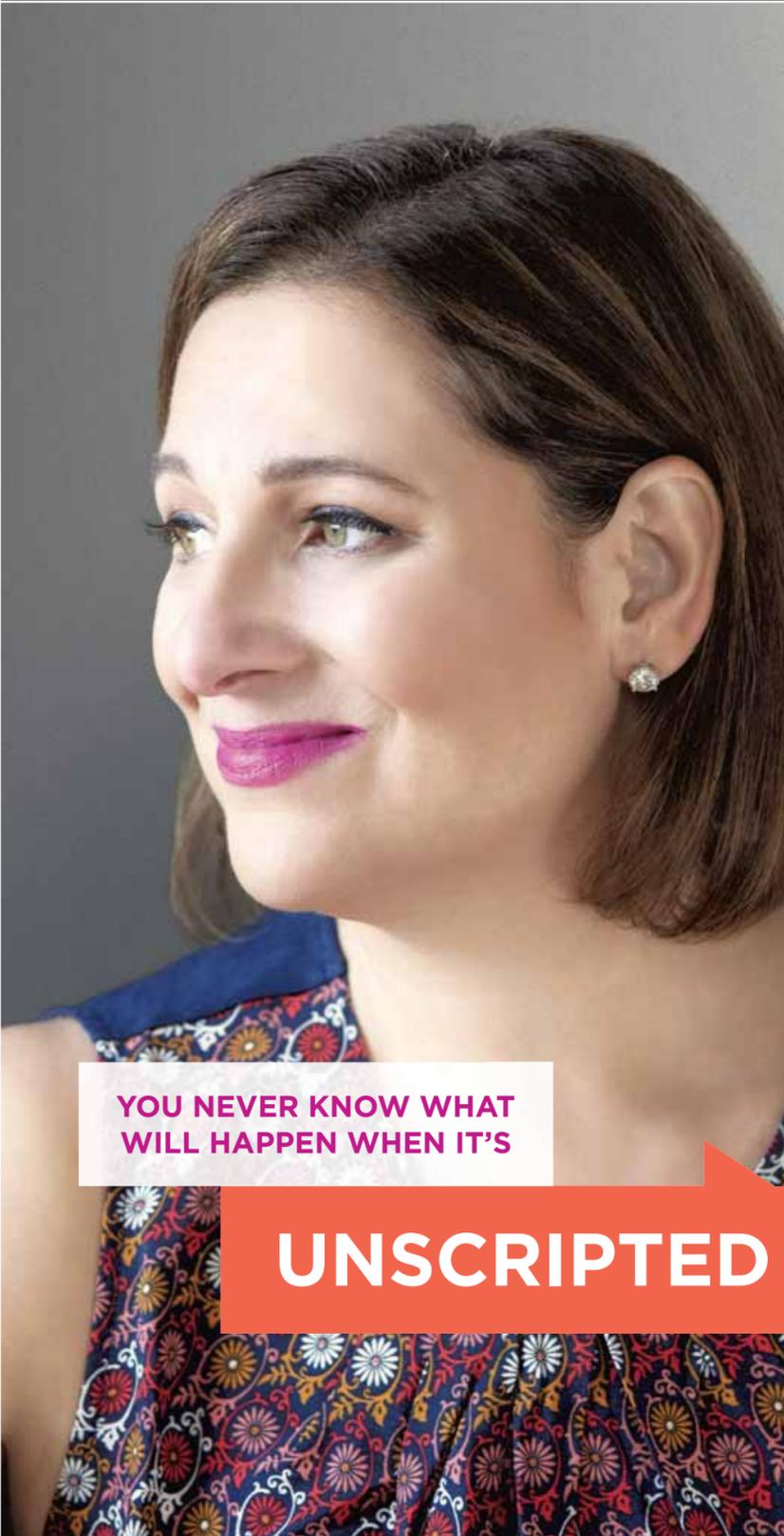
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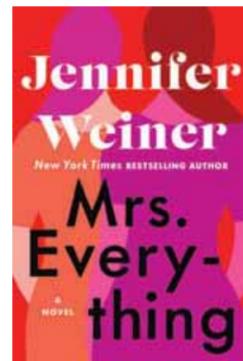
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## CSO strike over as musicians, board ratify new contract

BY HOWARD REICH  
Chicago Tribune

For the past seven weeks, the musicians of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra had been on strike over two issues above all: salary and pension.

The musicians voted unanimously Saturday afternoon to ratify a contract settling those matters, following negotiations Friday with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association in Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office. The CSOA board, which manages the institution, voted Saturday evening to approve the new five-year contract agreement.

Regarding salary, the contract calls for an increase of 2% during the first two years of the contract, 2.5% the third year, 3.25% the fourth year and 3.5% the fifth, "reaching an annual minimum base salary of \$181,272 in the final year of the contract," according to a CSOA statement.

The contract would be retroactive to September 2018.

Throughout the negotiations that have been underway since that date, the musicians have argued that their pay should be at least equal to that of orchestras in Los Angeles and San Francisco, which are the highest-paid in the country.

Though the new contract will not achieve that goal, "Let's put it this way — we are not falling further behind," said CSO bassist Stephen Lester, chair of the musicians' negotiating committee.

"We understood that the fairly large gulf between those two orchestras and us wasn't going to be made up in the term of one contract. But we were successful in changing the direction, the trend. In other words, we're keeping pace now, and possibly even gaining a little."

CSOA President Jeff Alexander said: "We are pleased that we came to an agreement on a five-year contract. ... We are also

pleased to come to an agreement on the increase in wages."

Regarding pension, the musicians objected to management's proposal to shift from a traditional defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan.

The new contract makes that transition, freezing the musicians' accrued funds in the defined benefit plan; the musicians will have two options on when to make the switch to the new plan and freeze the old one, Alexander said: July 1, 2020, or July 1, 2023.

"That will be a fundamental change," said Lester. "The plan that is frozen will continue to provide the benefits that people had earned."

"The association has agreed to use a benchmark that increases annually by 1% from the current pension benefit ... so that if anyone's direct contribution plan performs poorly, the association will make up the difference with an annuity at the point of retirement."

Meaning that the association provides a kind of base-level assurance for the musicians' pensions.

"It's a way of providing a guaranteed benefit, which is not in the current defined benefit plan," Lester added.

Alexander said: "We introduced, at their request, a way in which the current musicians can be guaranteed that, when they retire — whether five years from now or 35 years from now — they will be able to receive in their retirement the same amount that they would have received if the defined benefit plan had remained open," based on a particular numerical calculation.

"That would be a combination of the frozen defined benefit and the new defined contribution plan."

New hires to the CSO will be placed in the new defined contribution plan, leaving veteran players and newcomers in differing pension plans. Both sides have agreed to meet during the next year "to figure out a

plan that would somehow deal with the question of equitability," Lester said. "So that we wouldn't have a two-tier system, so that new hires would have significantly different benefits than old hires."

Said Alexander: "We agreed that over the course of the coming year we would put together a joint committee to analyze if there's a way for the two parties — to use (musicians') wording — to provide retirement security for the new hires."

In another facet of the contract, the musicians will face no increase in the cost of their health benefits.

Overall, "What we got was a significant bump in our salary, and we maintained significant working conditions and our health insurance without any additional changes," Lester said.

"What we didn't get is the accommodation to new hires," meaning winning retirement benefits for them that are similar to what the veterans have had.

"That is absolutely essential to the quality of the orchestra," Lester added.

"We have a year to explain to our trustees why that is so important. And explain it in an atmosphere that isn't charged with a strike."

Emanuel said in a statement, "I want to thank the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association and the world-class musicians who make up the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for coming to the table and negotiating in good faith toward an agreement to end the strike. Today, the CSO musicians unanimously ratified a five-year contract negotiated at City Hall. This is a fair deal for the symphony and its musicians, and a great deal for the future of one of our city's greatest cultural institutions."

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## United Airlines feels your pain. I don't.



STEVE CHAPMAN

United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz has heard the complaints from air travelers, and he truly regrets the suffering they endure.

"It's become so stressful, from when you leave, wherever you live, to get into traffic, to find a parking spot, to get through security," he told ABC News recently. He also acknowledged that seating is too tight to be shrunk further, and that his airline's Wi-Fi is unsatisfactory.

Confronted by unhappy air travelers, Munoz feels, or least feigns, great sympathy. I, by contrast, find myself entirely unmoved by their grievances. Perfect bliss is a rare if not impossible attainment in this world. But for passengers on major carriers to gripe about what they have to put up with is like New Englanders complaining about the Red Sox.

I fly something on the order of a couple of dozen times a year, which means I've experienced modern commercial aviation at its least enjoyable. Postponed and canceled flights have forced me to scrub plans, miss important events, rent cars and spend the night in airports. I've sat next to passengers with sharp elbows, loose ton-

gues, bare feet and incontinent infants.

Like any air traveler, I often feel frustrated by endless delays, cramped accommodations and general helplessness. When it all starts to ruin my day, though, I can usually restore my equilibrium by remembering a few important things:

I'm warm, dry, safe and fed, with ready access to caffeine and alcohol. I'm able to visit any decent-sized city in America in a matter of hours and anywhere in the world in a few more hours. I can zoom across huge distances, for a fare that is not onerous, and return at my convenience.

Some of our ancestors came across a perilous ocean on rickety ships, some of them in steerage and some of them in chains, with the added attractions of rats, scurvy and stale hardtack. Our forebears crossed the continent in covered wagons, on horseback, in canoes or on poorly shod foot. Many of them risked their lives; all of them sacrificed their comforts, if they had any. (For a lot of people in the world, of course, things haven't changed much since then.)

Were Lewis and Clark outraged when bad weather forced adjustments in their schedule? Did African-Americans fleeing slavery worry about spotty Wi-Fi service? Did the pioneers who migrated westward complain about the amount of legroom in their open-air, wooden-wheeled, horse-drawn buckboards?

When my father was attending college at the University of South



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz expressed, or perhaps feigned, sympathy for unhappy air travelers to ABC News recently.

Carolina in the 1940s, he didn't fly home to see his family in West Texas. He spent long days hitchhiking — 1,100 miles each way. Today, thanks to the airlines, I could have breakfast in Chicago, lunch in South Carolina and dinner in West Texas.

If air travel has become unbearable, why are the airports and flights packed with people? In the past 30 years, the number of passengers flying in the United States has nearly doubled. That's why the parking lots are so full, the security lines are so long, the lounges are so crowded and the seat next to you is always occupied.

A major reason for the surge is that flying is much cheaper than it used to be. As Robert Poole noted in Reason magazine last year, the average domes-

tic airfare today is \$344. In 1979, it was the equivalent of \$616 in today's dollars.

Tight seating, baggage fees and minimal amenities are not an airline plot to make you miserable. They're an airline plot to keep fares low, because most travelers are loath to pay more for a cushier trip. They want to get where they're going as inexpensively as they can.

Let's not forget the matter of safety. There hasn't been a fatal airline crash in the United States in more than a decade. If you survive the drive to the airport, your biggest risk is choking on a Starbucks scone.

Big carriers do make mistakes. United gained infamy for having a passenger dragged off an overbooked flight. American Airlines admitted it was wrong to remove a woman and her child because they had a rare skin condition. Delta apologized to a man whose seat was smeared with dog feces.

Human error, however, is an inherent feature of every facet of life, not a trait distinctive to airlines. What most people put up with when they fly is not hardship but inconvenience. Such is the luxury of modern life that we sometimes forget the difference.

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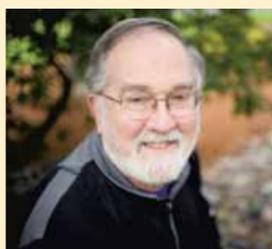
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# CHANGE OF SUBJECT

By ERIC ZORN



## The case for impeaching President Trump

For more than a week now I've carefully considered all the reasons put forth why congressional Democrats shouldn't begin impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

**1. They will lose in the end.** Even if the Democratic House approves articles of impeachment, there's no way at least 20 Senate Republicans will ever join the Democrats in providing the two-thirds majority vote needed to convict and remove Trump from office.

**2. Most people don't want it.** A Politico/Morning Consult poll taken the weekend after the April 18 release of a redacted version of the report of special counsel Robert Mueller shows just 34 percent of voters favor the commencement of impeachment proceedings.

**3. It might backfire on the Democrats.** More investigations and hearings will look like petulant zealotry and distract from the positive message that Democrats must offer if they're going to oust Trump in the conventional way by winning the White House in 2020. The drama and acrimony will also harden and energize Trump supporters.

Together they constitute one elemental argument:

**Impeachment is bad politics.** And maybe that's true. Certainly it's futile if the goal is removing Trump from office before the end of his first term in January 2021.

But while the public doesn't seem to have the stomach for all the drama and recrimination of impeachment hearings, the public also doesn't seem to have much of a stomach for Trump: His historically low job approval ratings are mired in the low 40s (39 percent in that Politico/Morning Consult poll).

Didn't Republicans pay a political price for impeaching Bill Clinton in 1998? Not really. Even though Clinton was far more popular than Trump is now — his job approval numbers held fairly steady in the mid-60s before, during and after the failed effort to oust him, and his transgression, lying under oath about sex, was minor compared with the bill of particulars against Trump — the GOP won the presidency and maintained control of both the House and Senate in the subsequent election.

Impeaching Trump risks galvanizing the staunch Republican base that supports him seemingly no matter what he says or does.



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This president's historically low job approval ratings are mired in the low 40s.

But not impeaching Trump risks deflating Democrats, 59 percent of whom tell pollsters they want the process to go forward.

Can we dispense with the pearl-clutching about impeachment increasing partisan rancor and polarization? This nation could hardly get *more* polarized and rancorous, and it's beyond absurd to contend that Congress would be able to take action on the so-called kitchen-table economic issues that interest most Americans if Democrats failed to act on the damning evidence in the Mueller report that Trump repeatedly obstructed justice.

Yes, it's possible the voting public would punish the Democrats for taking a strong stand against all the ways Trump has disregarded and trampled on the law.

It's possible a significant number of voters will say, "Sure, there's massive proof that Trump is a lying, narcissistic con man and aspiring tyrant, and if the Democrats would just let it go, I'd gladly support them."

I doubt it. But either way, the Democrats should risk it. Because another elemental argument should carry the day:

**Impeachment is good government.** The framers provided for it with just this sort of situation in mind — a president exhibiting little regard for the rule of law and separation of powers whose self-inter-

ested maneuverings pose a growing existential threat to the republic.

Checking such behavior is the duty of Congress. Outsourcing that job to voters is cowardly, particularly when voters won't be able to have their say on the matter for more than 18 months.

And shying from that duty today will leave a frightening question for history: How low are we willing to set the bar? If these allegations and this evidence against Trump are insufficient to justify beginning formal impeachment proceedings, then what will ever justify it?

Even an unsuccessful and unpopular impeachment will send a signal that principle must outweigh practicality in the face of certain threats. It will protect us against the next president who is tempted by autocracy and disdainful of democratic institutions.

If the feckless Democrats stand down in hopes of winning the hearts of swing-state voters who are just sick of all the political rancor, they deserve to lose next year.

### A compromise voting rule for prisoners

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders sparked a national debate Monday when he told a questioner at a televised town hall event that he believed imprisoned convicts should be allowed to

vote, as they can in his home state of Vermont.

What about Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the naturalized American citizen now on death row for setting off the explosive devices that killed three and wounded hundreds in 2013?

Yes, he said. "Because once you start chipping away and you say that person committed a terrible crime, not gonna let him vote, or that person did that, not gonna let that person vote — you're running down a slippery slope."

Sanders contrasted his view with that of Republican governors and legislators around the country who are actively attempting to suppress voting rights in ways that disproportionately affect racial minorities. And he makes a good point, though the idea of Tsarnaev or anyone else who committed a heinous crime having a voice in the governance of a society in which he has been ruled forever unfit to live does stick in many crawls, including mine.

So how about this: Let's allow an incarcerated prisoner to vote only when his or her prison term will expire before the terms of office expire for the candidates for whom they are voting. In other words, prisoners with a scheduled release date prior to Jan. 20, 2025, would be allowed to vote in all elections related to the 2020 presidential election, and so on.

But condemned prisoners, lifers and those with sentences that will extend beyond the term of the president we elect next year would not be allowed to vote.

It's a variation on the principle of allowing 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections if they will be 18 on the date of the general election, and it reflects the reality that the vast majority of those now in prison will be released someday and deserve a role in shaping the government under which they will live.

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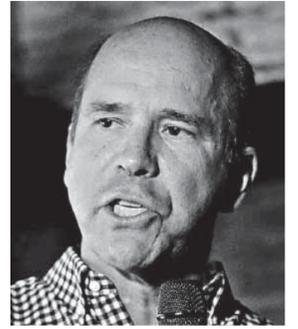
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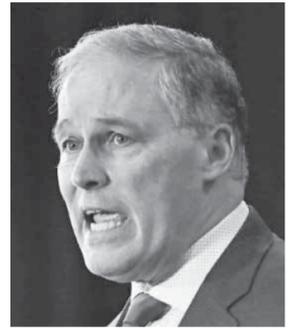
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You have to think about electability

BY ALEXANDRA PETRI

Let me begin by stating that I, personally, have no problems with any of the candidates. I am excited by all of them. So excited. Super excited and not even a tiny bit uncomfortable. Gosh, I would vote for these candidates as many times as I saw "Get Out," as well as once for every mug or tote bag I own that says "The Future is Female" or "Love is Love" on it. (Imagine a lot of mugs and tote bags.) Were only that legal!

But you have to think about electability. I just think people — again, not me, I'm on board, just ... people — might not vote for this candidate. Because the candidate is a little, well, you know.

I mean, it doesn't bother me. But think of people, other people, people maybe with trucks or something, people who aren't as well, enlightened as you and, of course, me. These backward

people might not be ready to vote for ... someone like this.

Look at the candidate and ask yourself this question. (You, of course, will vote for them, and so will I!) But would an average voter, whom I am picturing in suspenders, maybe, with a hat that makes a statement with which you and I might not wholeheartedly agree, and maybe even a T-shirt that says "FBI: Female Body Inspector" on it — is this average voter going to vote for them?

He might be economically anxious, this voter, if you know what I mean. Let's just say that if this were a movie, Sam Rockwell would play him.

This is all I'm asking, electability-wise: Think of the average voter, who loves, probably, to sit at a diner and say things that personally I frown on. I am picturing some of the language he is using, and I am just cringing, like someone who has accidentally bitten

into a piece of burrito with the aluminum foil still on it. If this voter were at my Thanksgiving, we would have words, definitely. Almost definitely.

I think sexism, racism and homophobia are just about the worst things going. I don't have a single relevant bone, organ or cartilaginous area in my body. But, of course, some people, you know, do, and it pains me as much as I am sure it pains you when I tell you that the average voter I am picturing is very much invested in all these terrible phenomena.

A shame. But that is just how it is, at least in this specific scenario I have decided to picture.

I think we can safely state that this voter wants a certain kind of person. Someone with that *je ne sais quoi*, that reassuring quality some candidates possess, where he would be welcome at a Starbucks even if he just used the restroom and left without pur-

chasing anything, could display a picture of his spouse at work and you would high-five him, could talk for as long as he wished without being interrupted or could walk into the room and say, "I'm your doctor!" and you would not consider it a surprising twist. Just that ineffable thingness.

Me, I don't require any of that. I just ask you to imagine a person who does and vote based on the preferences of this person whom, yes, I might say, is a little bit sexist, just the tiniest bit racist and, well, not unhomophobic, with little slivers of other phobias grated over the top, like truffles.

I am just trying to imagine what this voter wants. You and I are not like him! (I am, of course, picturing a him.) Most of America, even, is not like him! Take heart in the majority of voters nationwide who were fine with a woman last time and a black man the time before.

But the Electoral College —

which, by the way, I completely agree we should abolish — compels us to heed the preferences of (ugh!) these people.

I am very excited about all the candidates. I am not talking about me! I just want you to think about the democratically engaged monstrous cretin given to making sexist remarks in business settings who has spilled some red sauce on his shirtfront and is not wiping it, this troll, this baby, this jerk of whom I completely disapprove, whose hateful ideas chip away at my spirit a little more each day I contemplate them!

We should let him decide who the nominee is, that is all I am saying.

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## EDITORIALS



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**WHEN TAXPAYERS TRUST SPRINGFIELD ... PART 1**

# The 'College Illinois' debacle

Gov. J.B. Pritzker and many Democratic legislators want to impose a graduated-rate income tax on flat-rate Illinois. One goal is to extract more billions of dollars from the body politic. Another goal is "fair" taxation, with those billions coming exclusively from the very rich; the other 97 percent of us are told we would get a teensy tax break.

But if Pritzker's dream becomes reality, the teensy tax breaks would only be a loss leader: Once a constitutional amendment lets lawmakers set different rates for different income cohorts, they can impose rates — as high as they wish — on middle-class households, too. Remember Goal One? This is about raising more billions to spend.

The 3-percenters wouldn't produce nearly enough revenue to buy Illinois out of the financial disaster lawmakers have created. Those lawmakers will yearn to squeeze the middle class for the same reason robbers patronize banks: That's where the money is.

No Republicans are likely to support Pritzker's plan; they want to curb spending. Pritzker wants more spending. Which puts suburban Democratic legislators in the awkward position of telling taxpayers that Pritzker only has eyes for the wealthy: *If you aren't in the targeted 3 percent, what could possibly go wrong for you?*

Note that the Democrats' marketing pitch — *We'll only soak the swells* — doesn't confess, let alone guarantee, for how long. When do the rest of us get soaked? Year two? Year three? Years two, three and five?

Ask yourself, how has believing Illinois lawmakers' assurances worked for you in the past? Today we'll take the first of several looks at that sorry record: When taxpayers trust Springfield ... here's what happens.

### Madigan's pander to parents

Recall lawmakers' glowing assurances two decades ago that their College Illinois prepaid tuition program would be self-sustaining — with no risk to taxpayers. Except the unfunded liability of this dead-bang loser is now a bracing \$501 million. Letting Springfield gamble on tuition futures was madness. Now those supposedly risk-free taxpayers are likely to get gouged for the bailout.

College Illinois was all about lawmakers pandering to parents. Then-state Rep. Dan Burke, a Chicago Democrat, was a prime mover, and Gov. Jim Edgar, a Republican, signed it into law. But meaningful mojo came from House

Speaker Michael Madigan. A February 1997 Tribune story explained that Edgar previously had vetoed a similar proposal floated by then-Treasurer Pat Quinn. This time, though, Madigan's commitment was crucial to passing prepaid tuition: "It is a legitimate purpose of the state to help people go to college," Madigan proclaimed.

To which Madigan might have added: No matter how recklessly we go about it, or what surprise mega-debts we impose on taxpayers.

College Illinois isn't Springfield's biggest financial debacle. But it's an example of what can happen when Illinois taxpayers trust their lawmakers' soothing assurances.

### All hail Judy Baar Topinka

This is the deal College Illinois offered: A family would pay a lump sum or installments, with earnings exempt from state and federal taxes. If you bought a contract, College Illinois eventually would pay your child's tuition at an Illinois state university. Or the investment could help cover tuition at private or out-of-state public schools.

The calculus was that government could shrewdly estimate future tuition costs, as well as the program's return on investments. Families then would buy contracts priced high enough to make that long-term math work. In other words, lots of variables for state officials to get wrong.

College Illinois has sold more than 73,000 contracts, and for many students, the program has performed well. But nearly half of those contracts, some 35,000, are still outstanding — and College Illinois isn't on track to pay all the tuition money it will owe.

From the get-go, many Illinoisans believed what they were told: The program would be self-sustaining. Then-Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka was skeptical. Tuition costs were rising fast. Topinka warned that keeping up with that growth might tempt money managers toward risky, potentially high-growth investments — only to have the investments flop. Topinka worried that taxpayers would be stuck making College Illinois whole.

Sure enough, Illinois priced its contracts too low. Illinois didn't achieve the overly ambitious market returns it expected. Illinois turned to riskier investments. Each of those mistakes played out because lawmakers hadn't built sufficient guardrails to keep the program safe from unexpected twists and turns.

This year, Illinois lawmakers are mulling whether to commit future legislatures to cover the very shortfall Topinka feared. Think about that: Lawmakers who support a constitutional amendment allowing a graduated-rate income tax may also hand Illinois taxpayers that \$501 million unfunded liability. Surprise.

### Anybody paying attention? Anybody?

Springfield's chronic tendency to let its debacles get worse rather than demand midcourse corrections is especially troubling. In this case, lawmakers didn't properly monitor the misleading sales pitches from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, which runs College Illinois.

In April 2011 we watched a College Illinois marketing team hand out slick brochures that didn't mention a state auditor general's report on the program the previous week — a report headlined "Sound Business Practices Not Followed." Instead, College Illinois invited families to "lock in future college tuition and fee costs." Rest assured, the program claimed, "The cost of college will be limited to a single, reliable and consistent number." Those purchasing prepaid contracts, it said, would obtain "the peace of mind that comes with knowing that tuition inflation is no longer a problem."

In truth, the state didn't guarantee that these contracts would cover the full cost of college. The investment fund backing them had fallen far short of the amount needed to make good on contracts already sold. And anyone buying new contracts would be charged an inflated price to help pay down the obligations to others who had invested at a discount in prior years.

The bottom line here: Illinois lawmakers created a program to help families survive rising tuition costs. Yet the program they designed couldn't do that one job — absorb rising tuition costs. Then, as College Illinois slipped underwater, Springfield didn't engineer fixes. The unfunded liability mushroomed. Guess who's likely to pay for these years of statehouse incompetence.

So, taxpayers, do you trust Illinois lawmakers to deploy a graduated-rate income tax only against those other people, the rich ones?

Or before you can say, "Fool me once," would Springfield come for you, too?

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

One reason college is so costly and so little real learning occurs is that collegiate resources are vastly underused. Students don't study much, professors teach little, few people read most of the obscure papers the professors write, and even the buildings are empty most of the time. ...

Surveys of student work habits find that the average amount of time spent in class and otherwise studying is about 27 hours a week. The typical student takes classes only 32 weeks a year, so he spends fewer than 900 hours

annually on academics — less time than a typical eighth-grader, and perhaps half the time their parents work to help finance college. ...

I'm part of the problem: I've been teaching for 55 years, and I assign far less reading, demand less writing, and give higher grades than I did two generations ago. Learning takes time, so the diminution of effort surely means students are learning less. ...

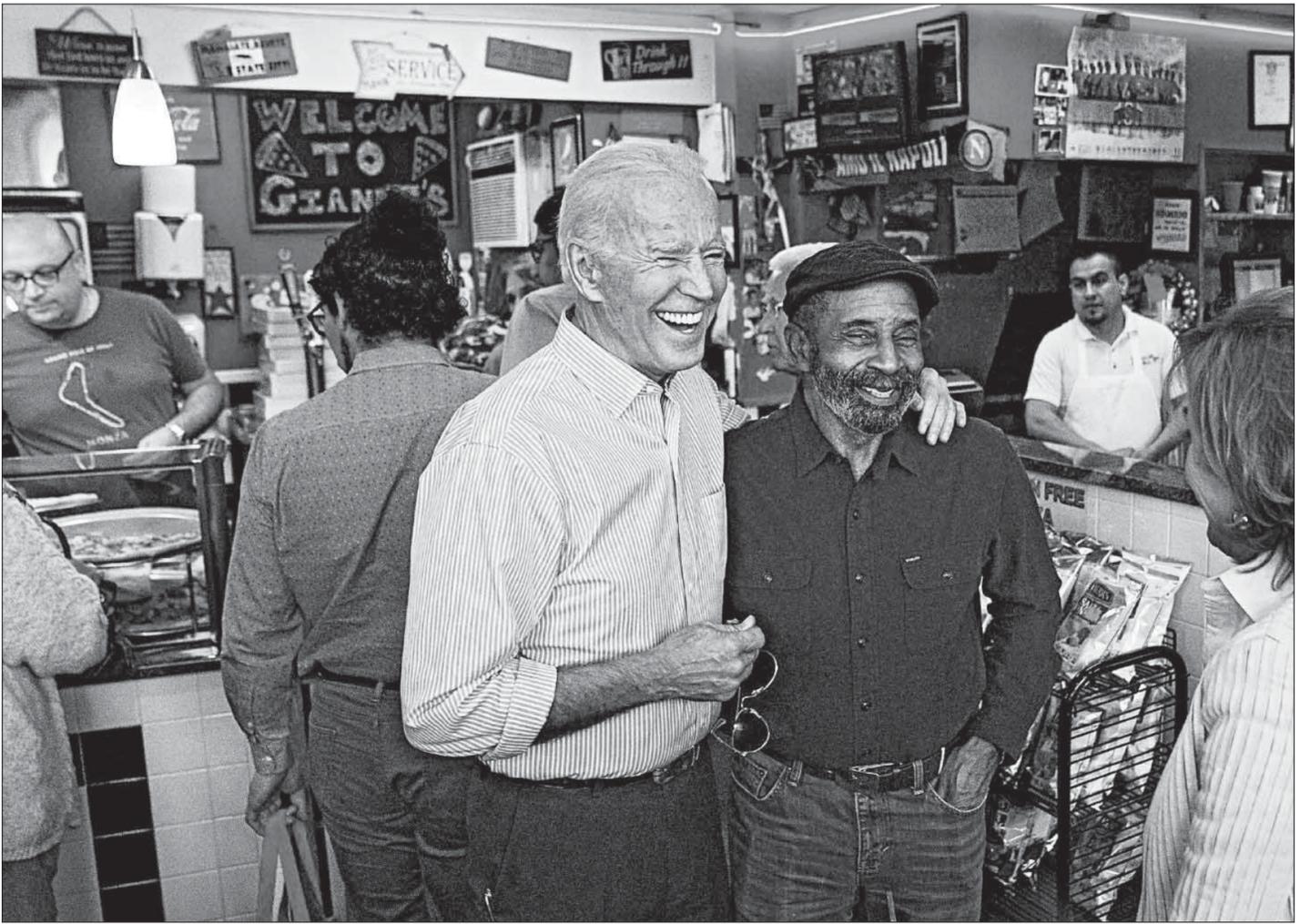
As for the faculty, the Education Department doesn't publish annual data on teaching loads, but some hard data

plus considerable anecdotal evidence suggests the typical professor is in class around one-third fewer hours than his 1965 counterpart. At my mid-quality state university (Ohio University), I taught three courses a week for nine hours in 1965; my colleagues today teach only two courses for six hours. ...

Why can't students and faculty show the same work ethic that made our market-disciplined nation the wealthiest place in history?

**Richard Vedder**, *The Wall Street Journal*

# PERSPECTIVE



JESSICA GRIFFIN/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Former Vice President Joe Biden mingles at a restaurant in Wilmington, Del., last week. He joined a crowded field for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination.

## Is Biden 'woke' enough to woo the left?



CLARENCE PAGE

With his Twitter blast at former Vice President Joe Biden's entry into the 2020 presidential race, President Donald Trump paid him the high compliment of an insult tweet.

"Welcome to the race Sleepy Joe," Trump tweeted after Biden's Thursday morning announcement. "I only hope you have the intelligence, long in doubt, to wage a successful primary campaign."

Actually, it is Trump himself whose rude and crude bully-boy approach to politics and governance has given the biggest boost to Biden's viability at age 76 and after failed attempts to win the nomination in 1988 and 2008.

Yet whether he intended it or not, Trump's "Sleepy Joe" nickname alludes to one of the biggest questions facing Biden's aspirations in today's Democratic Party: In the language of today's young progressives — which makes my millennial son roll his eyes every time he hears me try to use it — is Biden "woke" enough to deserve their vote?

Biden's biggest political strength has not been in wokeness. It has been

in his political roots and popularity among working-class and middle-class moderates, particularly those in the industrial Upper Midwest who voted for Barack Obama, then switched to Trump.

But after two other centrist Democratic presidents, Obama and Bill Clinton, the party's progressives are rising with new vigor in far-left lanes, and pushing for youth, gender diversity and wokeness to the left-progressive agenda.

For example, Biden's announcement was decidedly dissed by the Justice Democrats, a 2-year-old progressive group that grew out of Sen. Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign and is best known for backing Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez when she looked like a long shot.

"While we're going to support the Democratic nominee," the Justice Democrats tweeted Thursday after Biden's announcement, "we can't let a so-called 'centrist' like Joe Biden divide the Democratic Party and turn it into the party of 'No, we can't.'"

At least they still say, "we're going to support the Democratic nominee." But how enthusiastically? Hillary Clinton lost partly because she failed to hold on to enough Sanders supporters after he lost the nomination.

But even Sanders, who helped turn "Medicare for All" from a fringe slogan to a mainstream issue, has run into questions of wokeness, particularly in

regard to women and voters of color. On the day before Biden's announcement, the Vermont independent was booed at a presidential candidates forum sponsored by She the People, a group that aims to boost voter participation among women of color.

The booing arose after he was asked what he would do about "white supremacists" and he responded with nostalgic recollections of his marching with various civil rights leaders. "Come on," a woman shouted from the back, according to news accounts, and the booing began.

Biden was smart, then, to center his 3 1/2-minute announcement video around 2017 images of torch-carrying white supremacists in Charlottesville, Va., where a woman protesting the racists was killed. Biden then quoted Trump's view, twice, that there were "some very fine people on both sides," playing the anti-Trump card for all its worth — and it's worth a lot to the otherwise largely divided Dems.

But Biden's centrism has advantages. In different versions, it brought victories to Presidents Obama and Clinton. Each focused less on ideology than on the bread-and-butter kitchen-table issues that Democrats are trying to promote now, as they are trying to show they are committed to more issues than simply opposing Trump.

A recent report by the Hidden Tribes of America project, which aimed to measure and reduce political

polarization, is being touted by moderates as showing Democratic voters to be more centrist than the flood of tweets and sound bites by activists suggests.

In short, the October report finds the outspoken tribe of "Twitter Democrats," Democratic-leaning voters on social media, is outnumbered, roughly 2-to-1, by the more moderate, diverse and less-educated group of Democrats who usually do not post a lot of political content online.

Biden may seem out of touch to activists but well in touch with the party's mainstream voters. He's also capable of change. He has moved toward the left gradually over the years, sometimes coming out as more progressive than Obama on such issues as same-sex marriage.

As someone who has covered him on various occasions since the 1980s, I think Biden's biggest strength is his image of authenticity. Even when it leads to gaffes, as he said in the 2012 campaign, "I always tell the truth." We'll see about that. Voters will forgive a lot, if they think a candidate is sincere and willing to correct mistakes. We've had enough phoniness in politics already.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Bad cops hurt good cops

The Tribune story ("Off-duty cop gets involved after fatal shooting on Lower Wacker," April 22) that reports on an off-duty Chicago police sergeant being led away forcibly from a serious crime scene by responding officers tells the tale of a cop's life. He could be overheard yelling at the officers, "You're gonna cuff me?" After 33 years as a Chicago cop, my answer would have been "hell yes." An overwhelming number of Chicago police officers are just worn out by those few who are destroying the profession and overshadowing the thousands of good deeds performed every day. This story overtook the story of officers delivering a baby in a private car that was unable to make it to the hospital. As well as the restraint and professionalism in the way Chicago cops handled hundreds of teens acting out April 17 and Easter Sunday.

One thing is certain: We simply cannot keep blaming the news media for their coverage of bad behavior by cops. The blame has to go where it belongs, as much as it hurts. Cops are not above the law. It's time to realize that if you want respect, it has to be earned. Bad cops need to be identified and weeded out. It's not a war on cops because the press points them out; it's a reality, and it comes with the oath of office.

— Bob Angone, retired lieutenant, Chicago Police Department, Miramar Beach, Fla.

#### A blow to cronyism?

To read that Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is waffling on giving back all of the campaign contributions she received from Ald. Edward Burke shows that her defeat at the hands of newcomer Lori Lightfoot was the right step toward rooting out the dyed-in-the-wool cronyism that all Chicagoans can hope is

finally on its last legs.

— Ephraim Lee, Chicago

#### Convenience feeds isolation

What's the most overused word in the English language? Lately, my guess would be "problem." Everyone has their favorite. Taxes, guns, immigration, racism. But a funny thing happened on the way to the solutions. We may have missed the biggest problem of them all. And here's why. It has elegantly disguised itself as a "solution."

I'm talking about how society is rapidly becoming a 24/7 bring-the-world-to-your-door culture. Food? Appliances? Drugs? Clothes? With the internet, which already lets us reach out anywhere on the planet, we can now function in the perfect parasitic state of self-indulgent existence. No lines, no traffic, no hassles. At last you and I can have it all without ever walking out the front door.

But here's the twist. Since we first climbed out of the primeval oceans, we have been hardwired to be social, not singular, beings. That, my fellow social beings, is

the next big problem.

— Jack Spatafora, Park Ridge

#### Bipartisan action for nature

It was super-exciting to read that our U.S. House and Senate and president cooperated together to protect more beautiful lands for all of us Americans! ("A superb conservation law and your summer vacation," April 20.) We almost never hear anymore of our government folk cooperating together for the benefit of America.

— Douglas Peterson, Naperville

#### Help Boundary Waters

I enjoyed reading your editorial regarding the "superb new conservation law." As an avid canoe-tripper for many years, I have enjoyed the BWCAW — Boundary Waters Area — of northern Minnesota and its concerned residents currently have a large, expensive and difficult battle going on with the same federal government that passed this "superb" law. Last year, President Donald Trump

overrode an agreement that had been reached to prevent mining operations from pursuing toxic sulfide-ore mining operations near the BWCAW and Lake Superior watersheds, whose waste product could leach into the watershed and ruin the entire ecosystem for millennia.

The area is a national treasure and a pristine wilderness. Give the BWCAW equal time. It is well known to thousands of people in the Midwest and beyond. Our neighbors need all the help they can get with this fight.

— Bob Snediker, Northfield

#### Bring more green to state

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— Brien Comerford, Glenview

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## NATION & WORLD

# Synagogue gunman kills 1 in Calif.

3 people injured as 19-year-old held in Passover attack

BY KRISTINA DAVIS AND SARAH PARVINI  
Los Angeles Times

POWAY, Calif. — A 19-year-old gunman armed with a semiautomatic rifle walked into a suburban San Diego synagogue and opened fire on the congregation Saturday, killing one person and injuring three others in an attack that authorities believe was motivated by hate.

The suspect was arrested in connection with the shooting, authorities said. The gunman entered the Chabad of Poway about 11:20 a.m. local time and started firing.

A large group of congregants had gathered following the shooting, said sheriff's Sgt. Aaron Meleen. It was not clear how many people were attending services.

Some children were initially reported missing, he said, but they have been found. "As you can imagine, it was an extremely chaotic scene with people running everywhere when we got here," Meleen said.

The attack came exactly six months after 11 people were killed by a gunman at a Pittsburgh synagogue in October.

The suspect fled in a car and called 911 shortly afterward to say he was involved in the shooting at Chabad of Poway, San Diego Police Chief David Nisleit told reporters.

When an officer reached the man on a roadway, "the suspect pulled over, jumped out of his car with his hands



DENIS POROY/AP

Synagogue member Minoo Anvari, left, receives a hug after the shooting in Poway, Calif. "You can't break us," she said.

up and was immediately taken into custody," Nisleit said.

The suspect was later identified as John T. Earnest, a Rancho Penasquitos resident. He is being questioned by homicide detectives.

Earnest appears to have written a letter posted on the internet filled with anti-Semitic screeds. In the letter, he also talked about planning the attack.

"How long did it take you to plan the attack? Four weeks. Four weeks ago, I decided I was doing this. Four weeks later, I did it."

He wrote he was willing to sacrifice his future "for the sake of my people."

Poway Mayor Steve Vaus

called the attack a "hate crime," based on statements the shooter was heard making as he entered the synagogue.

Witnesses said Rabbi Yisorel Goldstein was among the injured, reportedly shot in the hand. He apparently continued with his sermon after being shot, telling people to stay strong.

"The rabbi and two other people were injured," said synagogue member Minoo Anvari, whose husband was inside when the shooting broke out. "One guy was shooting at everybody and cursing."

"One message from all of us in our congregation is that we are standing together, we are getting

stronger," Anvari said. "Never again. You can't break us. We are strong."

"Why? The question is, why? People are praying."

President Donald Trump offered condolences from the White House lawn Saturday.

"At this moment it looks like a hate crime," he said. "My deepest sympathies to all of those affected. And we'll get to the bottom of it."

Poway is about 25 miles northeast of San Diego.

Several neighbors reported hearing the gunshots, and some were evacuated from nearby homes to the school temporarily as a precaution.

Cantor Caitlin Bromberg of Ner Tamid Synagogue,

which is down the street from Chabad of Poway, said her congregation learned of the shooting at the end of their Passover services. Saturday marked the eighth and final day of Passover, a holiday that marks the Jewish people's exodus from Egypt and freedom from slavery.

Bromberg said her congregants were en route to Chabad of Poway to show support and help in any way that they can.

"We are horrified and upset and we want them to know we are thinking of them," she said. "The message of the final day of Passover is to be looking forward to ... the time when all the world will be at

peace."

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum said it was "shocked and alarmed" at the second armed attack on a synagogue in the U.S. in six months, this time on the last day of Passover, which is one of the most sacred holidays in the Jewish faith.

The eight-day festival is typically observed with a number of rituals, including Seder meals, the removal of leavened products from the home and the sharing of the exodus story.

Saturday's attack comes six months after a man with a history of posting anti-Semitic and anti-immigrant social media messages opened fire at a temple in Pittsburgh, killing 11 people and wounding six more.

"This must stop. It was only six months ago to the day that we became members of that tragic club of community-based shootings to which no one wants to belong. We know firsthand the fear, anguish and healing process such an atrocity causes, and our hearts are with the afflicted San Diego families and their congregation. ... We send our love and prayers to the Chabad families. These senseless acts of violence and prejudice must end," Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue, site of the October shooting that killed 11, in a statement.

The Anti-Defamation League called that incident "the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the history of the United States" and it underscored growing hate against Jews.

Associated Press and The San Diego Union-Tribune contributed.

## North to leave NRA as move on CEO backfires

He'll be a 1-term leader after failing to unseat LaPierre

BY LISA MARIE PANE  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Retired Lt. Col. Oliver North, who sought to push out the National Rifle Association's longtime CEO in a burgeoning divide over the group's finances and media operations, announced to a hushed crowd Saturday that he would not serve a second term as the gun lobby's president after he lost the support of its leadership.

North's announcement came after his failed attempt to force out Wayne LaPierre, who has been the public face of the group for decades. In a statement read to NRA members at the group's annual convention, North made it clear that the NRA's board of directors pushed him out.

"Please know I hoped to be with you today as NRA president endorsed for reelection. I'm now informed that will not happen," North said in a statement read by Richard Childress, the NRA's first vice president. North, who is nearing

the end of his first one-year term, did not show up for the meeting, and his spot on the stage was left empty, his nameplate still in its place.

It was a stunning conclusion to a battle between two conservative and Second Amendment titans — North, the retired Marine with a ramrod demeanor who was at the center of the Iran-Contra scandal of the 1980s, and LaPierre, who has been battle-tested in the decades since he took up the mantle of gun rights. He has fought back challenges that have arisen over the decades, seemingly emerging unscathed each time. In this latest effort, he pushed back against North, telling board members that North had threatened to release "damaging" information about him to them and saying it amounted to an "extortion" attempt.

Hundreds of the NRA's estimated 5 million members packed into the convention center in Indianapolis for the group's annual meetings. While they gave LaPierre two standing ovations, North's statement was largely met with silence. Still, near the end of the two-hour meeting, some members challenged efforts to adjourn and

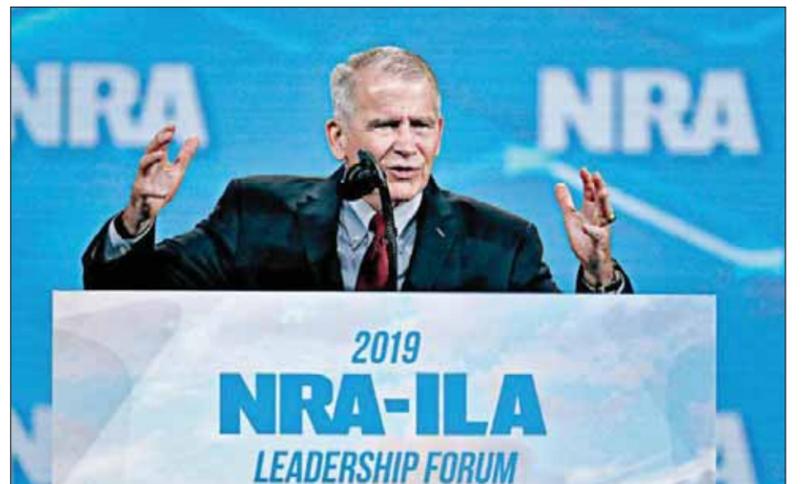
pushed to question the board about controversies involving its financial management, the relationship with its longtime public relations firm and details of what North sought to raise about alleged misspending, sexual harassment and other mismanagement.

But those cries were drowned out as some board members urged such conversations not to be held at such a large public forum, even if the media were eventually discharged from the room.

"We don't want to give the other side any more information than they already have," said Tom King, a board member from New York for more than a decade.

The internal dispute first spilled out in public after the NRA in recent weeks filed a lawsuit against Ackerman McQueen, the Oklahoma-based public relations firm that has earned tens of millions of dollars in the decades since it began shaping the gun lobby's fierce talking points. The NRA's lawsuit accuses Ackerman McQueen of refusing to hand over financial records to account for its billings.

North has a \$1 million



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National Rifle Association President Lt. Col. Oliver North said Saturday he will not serve a second one-year term. North said he was pushed out by the group's board of directors.

contract with Ackerman McQueen, raising alarm bells among some in the NRA about conflicts of interest. He has a show called "American Heroes," on NRATV, the online TV station created and operated by Ackerman McQueen. NRATV and Ackerman McQueen's billings are at the center of the turmoil, with some members and board members questioning whether they were getting any value for the money devoted to that part of the operation. In 2017 alone, the NRA paid the firm \$40 million.

The NRA also has faced some financial and regulator struggles in recent

years, and there remain concerns that New York authorities in particular — the state where the NRA created its charter — are looking to strip it of its nonprofit status.

In his statement, North said a committee should be set up to review the NRA's finances and operations.

"There is a clear crisis and it needs to be dealt with" if the NRA is to survive, he said.

In his speech later Saturday, LaPierre stuck to standard NRA talking points, going after the mainstream media and lawmakers who seek to restrict gun rights. He told the crowd that efforts to strip

away gun rights will fail. "We won't accept it. We will resist it. We won't give an inch," he said.

North, 75, was a military aide to the National Security Council during the Reagan administration when he entered the spotlight for his role in arranging the secret sale of weapons to Iran and the diversion of the proceeds to the anti-communist Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

He was convicted in 1989 of obstructing Congress during its investigation, destroying government documents and accepting an illegal gratuity. Those convictions were overturned in 1991.



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A plane takes off from the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. Iranian media says a drone shot footage of the carrier.

## Iran drone monitors U.S. carrier, report says

BY AMIR VAHDAT  
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard successfully managed a surveillance flight over a U.S. aircraft carrier, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported Saturday.

The report included footage apparently from a drone that flew over the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and another U.S. warship in the Persian Gulf. The images show fighter planes

parked on the carrier deck.

Tasnim did not say when the footage was shot.

The development comes after the U.S. government designated the Guard as a terrorist group to increase pressure on Iran and further isolate the country. Iran responded by labeling all U.S. forces as terrorists.

Lt. Chloe J. Morgan, a U.S. Naval Forces Central Command spokesperson, said in an email that the Eisenhower has not been in the Persian Gulf since 2016. She

said the U.S. and its allies are committed to freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz.

The strait, which sees nearly a third of all oil traded by sea pass through it, has been the scene of past confrontations between the U.S. and Iran, including a one-day naval battle in 1988.

In recent years, the U.S. Navy has accused Iranian patrol boats of harassing American warships in the waterway.

The drone that took the footage is an Ababil-3 with

an eight-hour flight capability at 12,000 feet and a 155-mile range.

The Trump administration said Monday it will no longer exempt any countries from U.S. sanctions if they continue to buy Iranian oil, stepping up pressure in a move that primarily affects the five remaining major importers: China, India, Japan, South Korea and Turkey.

Iran reiterated its threat to close the Strait of Hormuz if prevented from using the waterway.

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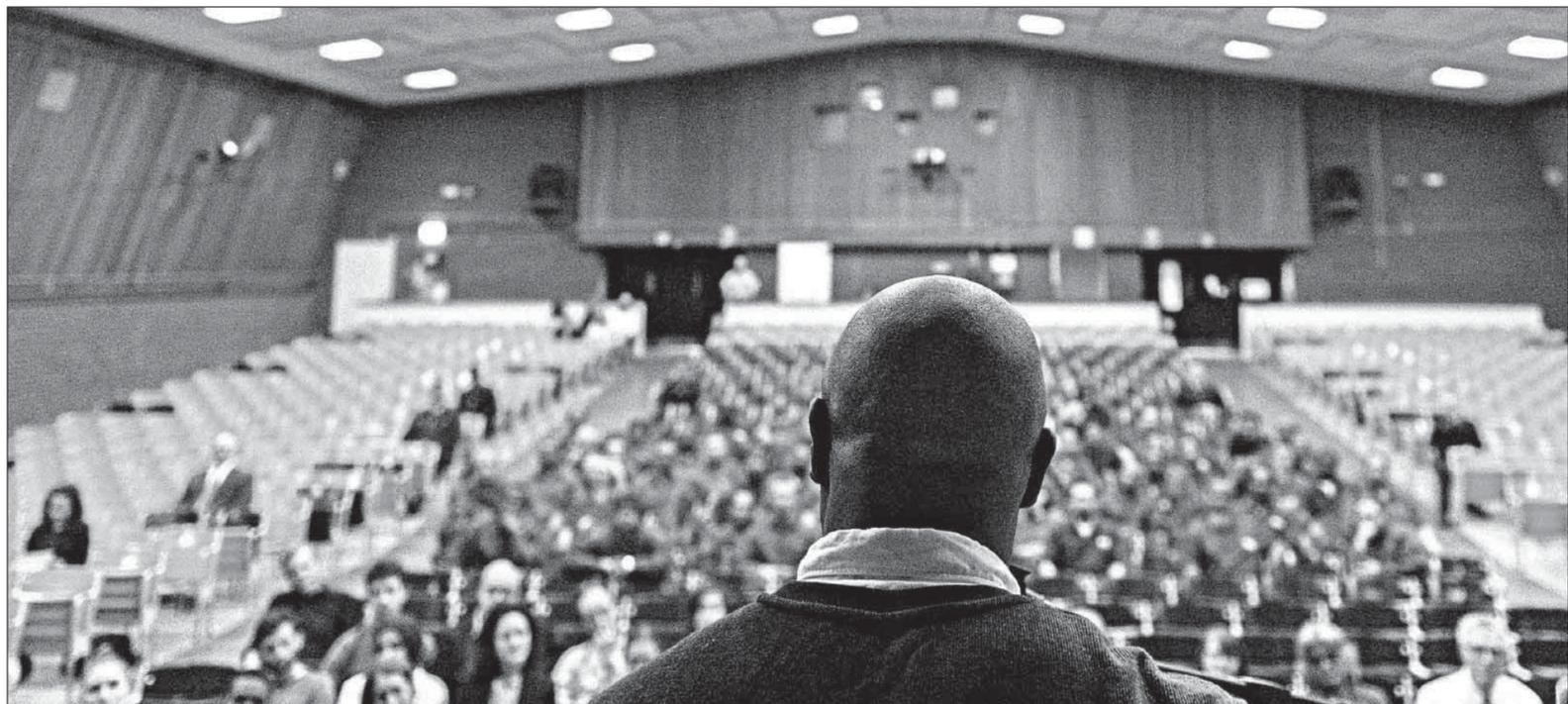
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Reggie Chatman, 39, an inmate at the Eastern New York Correctional Facility, makes a point during a debate competition with students from the University of Cambridge.

# Bar raised behind bars

N.Y. prison debate team beat Harvard. Could inmates do it again vs. Cambridge?

BY SAMANTHA SCHMIDT  
The Washington Post

The three students from the University of Cambridge, wearing black suits and clutching sheaves of papers, stepped onto the wooden auditorium stage under the warm yellow lights. As members of a storied debate team, they had competed the world over but never in a place like this — a stripped-down hall in a maximum-security prison in Upstate New York that looms among the Catskill Mountains like a medieval castle.

In the center of the stage, three men wearing state-issued green pants and bow ties they had borrowed from their fellow prisoners, stood ready to greet their privileged opponents. Only one of the inmates had finished high school before entering prison.

Reggie Chatman, a round-faced, fast-talking 39-year-old who has been imprisoned for murder since he was barely 18, grinned as he reached to shake hands with his Cambridge competitors. Once again, he and his teammates were about to attempt what, to an outsider, might seem impossible.

Yet it was here in 2015, at Eastern New York Correctional Facility in Napanoch, N.Y., that the prison's debate team competed against Harvard — and won.

The inmates' underdog victory against the Ivy League school made international headlines, drawing attention to the need for inmate education programs like the one that produced the Eastern team, the Bard Prison Initiative through Bard College.

The debate team, which will be featured in a Ken Burns PBS documentary in the fall, has since become a powerful symbol of personal redemption and penal reform. The April 19 debate came amid growing momentum for prison education; earlier this month, a group of bipartisan senators reintroduced a bill that would restore Pell Grant eligibility to incarcerated students.

But this time, the inmates were going up against one of the oldest and arguably the most prestigious debate teams not just in the nation but the world — a 200-year-old institution that has hosted speakers the likes of Winston Churchill, Ronald Reagan, Stephen Hawking and the Dalai Lama.

Could the three incarcerated men, from a 6-year-old debate team with no access to the internet or to the world beyond their prison walls outsmart the Cambridge team, ranked among the top teams at this year's world debating championship?

The topic of the day's debate: "This house believes that all states have a right to nuclear weapons."

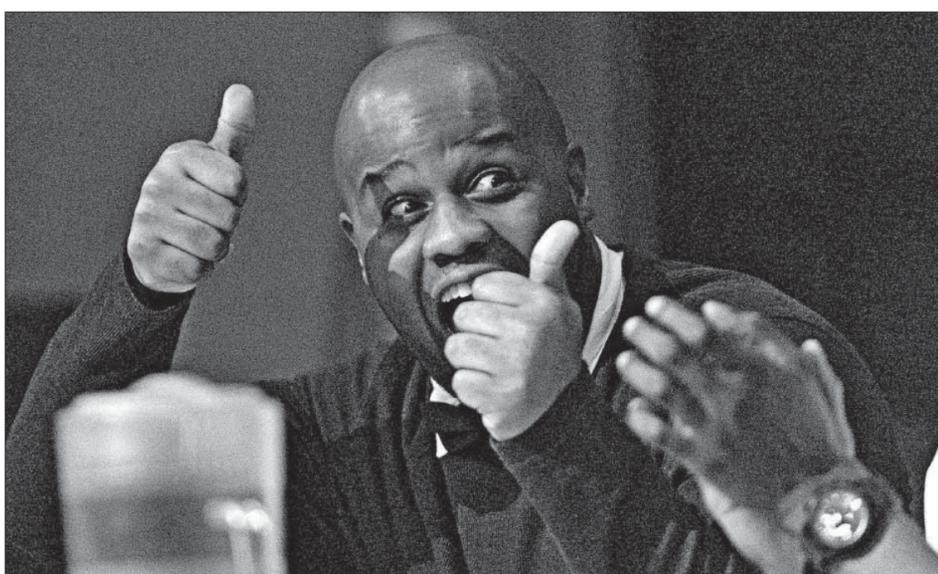
Given first pick of sides, Cambridge would argue in opposition, while the Bard students would attempt to defend the proposition.

Chatman tried to play it cool as he thanked the Cambridge students for coming to debate his team and "for taking us seriously," he said.

"People keep telling us, 'Listen, these guys are really good. They start debating at 4 years old,'" Chatman said, laughing. "All the guys out there, they ask me about you guys. They're like, 'Are they going to be like James Bond?'"

Julia Wiener, 21, Christoph Marshall, 20, and Andrew Tang, 19, laughed with him.

"He's wearing the waistcoat," Wiener said, pointing at Marshall. "He fits the stereotype."



Chatman, imprisoned for murder, gives a thumbs up to Cambridge. His prison's team beat Harvard in 2015.

Then the debaters walked to opposite sides of the stage and sat down. Chatman looked down at his stack of notes, two inches thick. Then he looked out over the audience — eight rows of his fellow inmates in matching green jump suits watching him, waiting to hear him speak.

**Reggie Chatman was made for debate.** Even as a young boy, he'd always loved to talk — at a galloping clip. He adored science and had competed furiously in football and basketball.

His favorite debate topic before debate became his sport: the NBA, with Chatman deftly arguing in favor of the New York Knicks and why Carmelo Anthony is "not as bad as they say he is."

But education took a back seat as Chatman grew up in poverty in the Bronx and Rochester. His father was killed when he was 10. He was put into a home for boys when he was 14. He had believed that a young black man could only become successful as an athlete, an actor or a "tough guy."

Then, just months shy of his 18th birthday, Chatman fatally shot a 24-year-old man in Rochester whom he didn't know, for reasons he would not discuss. He was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for second-degree murder.

Upon his incarceration, older inmates encouraged him as he earned his GED, discovered a passion for biology and started volunteering as an HIV educator. He is now on his way to earning a bachelor's degree.

In the summer of 2015, Chatman was watching a debate at Eastern about whether to nationalize the pharmaceutical industry. While the judges deliberated, Chatman asked a question that prompted a drawn-out debate between him and the opposing school. Later that day, one of the Eastern debaters urged him to join the team. Two years later, Chatman would become one of the team's star speakers.

He loves the rush he gets from performing before a live audience, from backing up a teammate on a key argument to seeking to understand the heart of a complex problem.

But the team has given him something deeper, he said: the belief that he is as worthy as anyone.

"Listen, with limited resources, human beings who have been counted out, who may have done some bad things, can do some great things," he said.

That's also the message the Bard Prison Initiative hopes to send through its debate team, which has become one of the most visible success stories for prison education.

The program was founded in 1999 by undergraduate students at Bard College as a response to the 1994 law passed under President Bill Clinton that banned federal Pell Grant funding for prison education, causing many programs for incarcerated students to shutter. The Bard initiative now serves six prisons across New York, granting more than 540 associate and bachelor's degrees and graduating alumni that have gone on to pursue advanced degrees at Yale and Columbia.

The debate team got its start about six years ago when David Register was teaching a public speaking class in the prison program. After listening to him tell stories about coaching the Bard debate team, the inmates began asking for a team of their own.

So in 2013, Register began meeting weekly with the students. The following year, he decided to invite the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to visit the prison for a debate.

To prepare, the Bard Prison Initiative students had access to only a few photocopied articles provided by Register — and whatever else they could find in the prison library.

The inmates were tasked with arguing that the federal government should not invest heavily in high speed rail.

They won.

"I was shocked," Register said. "This was something special."

Two years later, the news of the inmates' 2015 win against Harvard went viral. Inmates from other prisons clamored to transfer to Eastern, motivated by a new vision of what was possible. For those on the team that year, the moment was transformative.

"I had broken unimaginable promises, the promise of my own future, the promise of what I could be," said Elias Beltran, a recently released inmate who was on the debate team when it beat Harvard. "To be part of the team ... it's a way of proving that these promises weren't completely lost."

The prison debate team has only lost two of 10 debates, but beating the storied Cambridge team mattered to Chatman. It would be a big step toward "repaying my debt to society. It would say that I'm getting there," he said.

**The Wednesday night before** the debate, Chatman sat at the center of the classroom next to the two other speakers. Facing the men were three fellow teammates who would argue against them for practice. When his turn came, Chatman grinned as he approached the lectern. Register asked him to pause before his speech to take stock of the opposition.

As the third speaker, Chatman is tasked with driving home all of his team's arguments.

"What's their main argument?" Register asked.

"Their main argument is they have a path to Nuclear Zero," or a world without nuclear weapons, Chatman said. Register asked him what the debate's two main clashing principles were. "The ideas of morality and realism," he responded as Register nodded.

Then Chatman launched into his speech, his voice getting louder and faster as his coach held up time cards each minute. As he sat down, the men around him pounded their knuckles on their desks — a team tradition.

After the practice debate had ended, one student in the back raised his hand, asking Register if he could look up a statistic about the number of deaths over 70 years of nuclear sanctions.

"I'll run that in Friday morning," Register responded.

Most debate teams would be able to Google that number on the spot, but the inmates have access only to the books in the prison's library, to digital encyclopedias in the prison's computer lab and to each other.

"I think we're on track," Register told the group. But inside he was nervous.

"This is actually the mystery," Register said. "I go in the Wednesday before and I'm like, 'We're going to lose, we have no chance.' And then Friday they show up and ... they've thought through all the inevitable lines of argument."

The inmates use their limits to their advantage, Register said. Unable to research online, they pore over the limited materials at their disposal, parsing every last word down to the footnotes.

Most importantly though, he said, the entire prison supports the debate team as though it were their version of a football team, with the 20-member debate team and other Bard students engaging in impromptu practice sessions while lifting weights in the gym, playing basketball, eating lunch in the mess hall as the rest of the

inmates cheer them on.

That night in his cell, Chatman stayed up past 1 a.m. running through the arguments in his head. At the top of the latest draft of his speech, the inmate, whose friends call him "Reggie Mack," decided to type a word in all caps for motivation: "MACK-NIFI-CENT."

**Sitting at the far left of the stage** Friday, Chatman rocked back and forth slightly, taking notes as Cambridge presented its arguments.

So far, everything had gone according to plan. The first two speakers for Bard had argued that giving a handful of powerful states access to nuclear weapons, while denying these weapons to states deemed "irrational" or "unstable," is elitist and promotes imperialism.

Cambridge then argued that these weapons can easily land in the hands of terrorist groups and rogue states and have the capacity to destroy the lives of unprecedented numbers of people. That the solution would be a world with no nuclear weapons.

"Nuclear Zero," Chatman thought to himself, raising his eyebrows and smiling slightly, as he heard the Cambridge team make the argument. This was what he had hoped, the moment for which he had prepared. Inside, he counted to 10, then breathed deeply.

But when he got to the microphone, the words tumbled out as he fired off a list of rebutting points.

"Let's say we accept their argument that there is a path to nuclear zero," Chatman said. Since these technologies are already accessible, he argued, we cannot ensure that state actors will not take advantage of them.

"And so," Chatman said, "in denying 'othered' sovereign states the right to acquire nuclear weapons, the elitist nuclear apartheid advocates for the true axis of evil, which is imperialism and the proliferation of global inequalities."

He spit out the last words, unable to finish his last few sentences because the clock ran out. Still, he felt confident.

After the last speakers finished, the judges left the auditorium to deliberate. About 20 minutes later, the lead judge, Camara Hudson, stepped up to the microphone to announce the winner.

Chatman's eyes widened in his chair.

"At the end of the day," Hudson said, "... we gave the win to the proposition team, Bard College."

The inmates sprang from their chairs in a standing ovation. Chatman and his teammates embraced.

"You're world class," Wiener said.

"I'm what?" Chatman asked her.

"You're world class," Wiener said again.

Chatman looked at his opponent and smiled. He asked what her team would do next. Wiener said they were going to spend the night in New York City. A few minutes later, she and her teammates waved goodbye to Chatman as they stepped off the stage, the inmates applauding the Cambridge team.

On the stage, Chatman waited with the rest of the team for the guards to strip search them. Then he and the others would put their jumpsuits back on and make the trip back to their cells.

# Disorder can follow evacuation order

Disaster managers honing tactics to get people to flee

By JENNIFER KAY AND PAUL ELIAS  
Associated Press

MIAMI — With Hurricane Michael strengthening as it took aim at Florida's Panhandle, Mark Bowen and his employees watched the live footage through tears.

They weren't looking at increasingly dire storm forecasts last October. They were watching cameras trained on rural Bay County's three main evacuation routes leading away from sugar-white beaches.

Traffic was flowing smoothly when there should have been gridlock.

Bowen, the county's emergency management chief, had ordered about 120,000 coastal residents to evacuate but only about 20,000 actually left, according to preliminary estimates by county engineers.

"There was this period where we were just beside ourselves," Bowen said. "We couldn't move our population to act."

It's a problem Florida officials face before every big storm, though they usually have far more time than their counterparts in California, who need to evacuate residents threatened by fast-moving wildfires.

Zachary Byrd said he got "not a word" to evacuate a wildfire closing in on the California town of Paradise.

He had signed up for every warning system and previously got evacuation orders on his cellphone. But on the morning of Nov. 8, it took screams from his girlfriend to wake him up to the smell of Paradise on fire. One look out the window and Byrd knew they had to flee.

On the one main road out of town, gridlock was so bad people abandoned their vehicles and ran as flames crackled closer on both



Camp Fire survivor Zachary Byrd poses where his home was located before it was destroyed by last year's wildfire.

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sides. It took Byrd almost three hours to get 15 miles to safety.

"There came a point where I thought I might die," he said of the Camp Fire that would kill 85, many of them elderly people trapped in their homes. He says until recently, he had weekly nightmares of the traffic jam and the sound of exploding propane tanks.

"It sounded like we were getting bombed," he said.

Warning Californians to flee wildfires has been left solely to local officials for decades, and the alerts often came too late and failed to reach a large number of residents.

The evacuation failures in Paradise and elsewhere have state authorities taking lessons from Florida and other states where hurricanes require a unified strategy to potentially get millions out of harm's way.

The efforts still run up against an entrenched problem: Some people just won't leave, no matter the number of the warnings or how dire they are.

California launched its first guidelines in March for local officials to follow during evacuations. The Florida Division of Emergency Management has used similar guidelines for years.

Florida stresses regional coordination and allowing time to evacuate large communities, with county governments deciding when to tell people to flee.

California's new guidance urges communities to rely on a federal warning system, which ensures alerts reach the greatest number of people quickly, usually through cellphones.

One of the biggest lessons in the new California guidelines: "Incomplete or imperfect information is not a valid reason to delay or

avoid issuing a warning. Time is of the essence."

Researchers have found that only about half of people in mandatory evacuation zones leave before hurricanes.

The percentage is higher for wildfires, but many still ignore the orders.

People stay because of health problems, the cost and skepticism of the danger, as well as pets and animals that can be hard to accommodate.

That's why Cathy Fallon, her husband and adult son decided to ride out California's most destructive wildfire as it churned across their modest Paradise ranch.

"My horses," Fallon said of her decision to stay even as the wildfire roared over a hillside.

It's difficult to devise evacuation plans for wildfires because they offer so little warning and can

quickly shift direction, said Ron Anderson of Florida Disaster Consulting, who helped coordinate evacuations for hurricanes and wildfires for nearly 30 years with Florida's Department of Transportation.

"How are you going to evacuate for a wildfire when the wind could change and shut the road down with smoke?" he said. "With a hurricane, we know the road isn't going to shut down for a few more days."

The best way to save lives is to plan ahead, Anderson said, by educating homeowners to clear properties of vegetation and debris that can burn and giving them a destination to go in a disaster.

"Set up something in the community away from any wildfire or smoke damage that you could use as a shelter, so you're not just telling people to leave and then leaving them to go

their own direction," Anderson said.

To speed up evacuations, Florida transportation officials in January 2018 advised opening emergency shoulders to highway traffic, adding more lanes and emergency roadside services to major evacuation routes, adjusting traffic signals, and adding more cameras and message signs to alert drivers to problems.

Many California communities have similar plans, but rural and remote towns with fewer resources and roads face special challenges. In Paradise, for instance, the main evacuation route was a narrow, two-lane road that couldn't handle the sudden influx of traffic on Nov. 8 when 14,000 needed to flee at once.

Residents need one unambiguous message from local officials when disaster looms, said Marty Senterfitt, director of emergency management and fire deputy chief in the Florida Keys. Offering options can confuse people and lead them to pick the most appealing option, instead of the safest.

"Whatever your message is, you have to be definitive, and you have to be precise," Senterfitt said. "You can't in any way allow people's minds to take the path of least resistance."

Two months before the chaotic evacuation of Paradise, the California governor signed a bill introduced by state Sen. Mike McGuire that led to the publication of the state's unifying guidelines last month. McGuire, a Democrat, represents much of the state's wine country hit hard by wildfire in 2017. Many residents complained they didn't receive warnings.

"Bottom line, this legislation will save lives," McGuire said. "The size and scope of wildland fires in California has grown exponentially over the past decade and a universal emergency alert system can't come soon enough."

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# Climate change activists court courts

Many worldwide using legal pressure to force progress

BY RICK NOACK AND A. ODYSSEUS PATRICK  
The Washington Post

FOROS DE VALE FIGUEIRA, Portugal — Alfredo Sendim was just 8 years old when his family was forced off their 1,100-acre farm in central Portugal amid a wave of nationalizations in the 1970s.

The hard-left policies introduced during Portugal's tumultuous path to democracy were later reversed, and the Sendim family has since returned to their land an hour's drive from Lisbon. But in recent years, Sendim, now 52, has increasingly worried he might have to leave again, perhaps for good.

This time, it is not a government's action he fears, but inaction — over climate change.

Last May, Sendim and other plaintiffs from eight countries filed suit against European Union institutions, arguing that the bloc's emissions cuts were inadequate and had exposed them to the ill effects of climate change. Evidence cited in the case includes devastating fires, record droughts and recurrent flooding.

It is still unclear how far the lawsuit will proceed, but the likelihood of success has never been higher, according to experts and activists.

"Legal obstacles once considered insurmountable by many are now coming down one after the other," said Christoph Bals, policy director with Germanwatch, one of several non-governmental organizations supporting Sendim's lawsuit.

Until recently, action on climate change was widely seen as a political issue. But according to Mark Clarke, a partner with the international law firm White &



RICK NOACK/WASHINGTON POST

Portuguese farmer Alfredo Sendim hopes his lawsuit will force the European Union to abide by its emissions targets.

Case, Sendim's case is part of "a global trend" — a development that adds a legal dimension.

More than 1,300 climate change-related lawsuits, many targeting governments or corporations, have been filed around the world since the 1980s, with a surge in recent years, according to research by Columbia University's Law School and the Arnold & Porter law firm. While judicial systems differ, the various rulings suggest the potential for climate change litigation to expand and evolve across borders.

If the trend continues, Clarke said, "the volume of such cases alone may drive governments and corporations to take action."

Most cases citing climate change have been brought in the United States. But courts elsewhere have shown more willingness in recent years to take on the

kind of broad lawsuits that would force defendants to adjust emissions targets rather than merely pay compensation.

In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court indicated its opposition to such challenges when it declined to hear a lawsuit brought by Alaskans against several major U.S. energy firms over climate change attributable to emissions. The justices said it was a political rather than a legal matter.

While courts in Europe have similarly rejected such claims in the past, that changed in 2015 when a Dutch court ruled that the government had breached the European Convention on Human Rights by reducing its emissions requirements more slowly than scientists have deemed necessary. An appeals court upheld the decision last year.

The ripple effects quickly

reached as far as the U.S.

One suit filed in 2015, Juliana v. United States, is still on track, albeit bumpily, after a judge in Oregon ordered the case to trial in a potentially landmark ruling a year later. The 21 young plaintiffs argue that they have a constitutional right to a clean environment.

The Supreme Court might yet doom their case, but that would not necessarily end large-scale climate change litigation in the United States. Activists have also turned to state courts, particularly in California, with its tough public nuisance law. So far, judges have differed on whether state courts are appropriate venues for lawsuits with global implications.

Some recent U.S. lawsuits have also focused on planned projects rather than past liability, paralleling efforts in Australia, where in February a judge

blocked a proposed midsize coal mine in the state of New South Wales on the grounds that it would contribute to global warming — a legal first in the world's largest coal exporter.

In a ruling that was front-page news in Australia, the chief judge of the state's planning court, Brian Preston, agreed with the residents of Gloucester, a town about 150 miles north of Sydney, that the Rocky Hill mine's potential harm to the climate and the environment outweighed its likely economic benefit.

"What is now urgently needed, in order to meet generally agreed climate targets, is a rapid and deep decrease in greenhouse gas emissions," Preston wrote.

Legal experts predicted the ruling would produce copycat appeals across the country.

While foreign rulings are generally not accepted as

precedent by U.S. courts, the parallel rulings in Australia and other countries could still set standards for how to measure a country's contribution to global warming — a consensus that may then also be followed by U.S. judges.

In 2011, at a legal conference in Hong Kong, Preston became one of the first jurists to advocate using lawsuits to generate political pressure on governments contributing to global warming.

The following year, former Irish president Mary Robinson urged an international meeting of lawyers in Dublin to lead a global effort that would become known as the climate change justice movement.

Preston was among 19 experts who responded. Their 2014 report, "Achieving Justice and Human Rights in an Era of Climate Disruption," was a detailed plan for using legal systems to combat global warming.

One key suggestion was to extend well-established human rights laws to cover the harm to individuals from the effects of a hotter climate, including damage to crops, spreading deserts and rising sea levels.

Acknowledging the difficulty of connecting harm done to any individual to a greenhouse-gas emitter, the report proposed a wave of new laws around the world giving people the right to sue governments and companies simply for contributing to climate change. It also recommended the creation of a global judicial body, the International Court on the Environment, to enforce climate treaties.

So far, those bold proposals have not become reality.

Standing on a Portuguese hilltop overlooking his tree-covered farmland, Alfredo Sendim agreed that global action — along with cross-border legal proceedings — is needed.

"We have only one nation. It's our planet," he said.



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Valery Diaz, who dreams of becoming Miss Venezuela one day, holds the hair she had cut to earn \$100 in Caracas, the capital. "You don't notice it," says her mother, Yeny Gomez.

## In Venezuela, women sell their hair as way to get by

BY FABIOLA SANCHEZ  
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Valery Diaz covered her eyes and held her breath before looking in a hair salon mirror to see herself without much of the long dark hair that used to frame her face.

The 16-year-old student was paid \$100 for the shorn hair, money she'll use to help her family and buy a cellphone at a time when Venezuela's economic decline has led to shortages of food and medicine, and hyperinflation has made salaries nearly worthless.

Increasing numbers of women in poor neighborhoods are selling their hair for use in wigs and extensions as the demands of daily survival force them to abandon the kind of self-care long an obsession with a country known globally for its success in beauty pageants. Seven Miss Universe winners have been Venezuelans, as have six Miss Worlds.

Some women are washing their hair with dishwashing liquid because they can't afford to buy

shampoo that costs more than the minimum monthly salary, now equivalent to just a few dollars. Many have to adapt to make personal care products last longer, with no sign of an end to a crisis that has pushed more than 3 million Venezuelans — one-tenth of the population — to leave the country in recent years.

Diaz gazed at the mirror and attempted a positive spin on the loss of locks that she had worn since she was a child.

"There are times when you go two or three weeks without washing your hair," she said, alluding to frequent water shortages in past weeks, caused by nationwide blackouts that shut off water pumps.

Her mother, Yeny Gomez, laughed nervously and tried to buoy her daughter's spirits.

"You don't notice it," Gomez, a 43-year-old teacher, said of the haircut.

Despite sacrificing her hair, Diaz said she still tries to buy cosmetics, using money she earns from making and selling bracelets.

But Gomez said she

hasn't bought lipstick or any other cosmetics for more than a year because she's saving whatever money she earns to get food for her and her two daughters. Beauty care has become secondary for most Venezuelans, she said.

Carmen Merchani, 49, a hairdresser, knows that well. After decades of cutting and styling hair, she said things have never been worse and she's had to adapt to maintain her salon on one of the steep hills of Catia, a Caracas district. About a year ago, Merchani said, she started to do barter deals with clients, getting food in exchange for hair stylings, manicures and pedicures.

Local shops that sell beauty products are also reinventing themselves to stay afloat. International cosmetics brands have disappeared from storefronts, replaced by cheaper goods from China as well as locally made products that use honey and other ingredients.

Diaz dreams of becoming Miss Venezuela someday, when "my hair grows again."

## Border Patrol fingerprints younger migrant children

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — U.S. border authorities say they've started to increase the biometric data they take from children 13 years old and younger, including fingerprints, despite privacy concerns and government policy intended to restrict what can be collected from migrant youths.

A Border Patrol official said last week that the agency had begun a pilot program to collect the biometrics of children with the permission of the adults accompanying them, though he did not specify where along the border it has been implemented.

The Border Patrol also has a "rapid DNA pilot program" in the works, said Anthony Porvaznik, the chief patrol agent in Yuma, Ariz., in a video interview published by the Epoch Times newspaper.

Spokesmen for the Border Patrol and the Department of Homeland Security did not return several messages from The Associated Press seeking comment on both programs.

The Border Patrol says that in the last year, it's stopped roughly 3,100 adults and children fraudulently posing as families so they can be released into the U.S. quickly rather than face detention or rapid deportation.

The Department of Homeland Security has also warned of "child recycling" cases where they say children allowed into the U.S. were smuggled back into Central America to be paired up again with other adults in fake families — something they say is impossible to catch without fingerprints or other biometric data.

"Those are kids that are being rented, for lack of a better word," Porvaznik said.

But the Border Patrol



ERIC GAY/AP

Families who crossed the nearby U.S.-Mexico border near McAllen, Texas, are placed in a Border Patrol vehicle.

has not publicly identified anyone arrested in a "child recycling" scheme or released data on how many such schemes have been uncovered. Advocates say they're worried that in the name of stopping fraud, agents might take personal information from children that could be used against them later.

"Of course child trafficking exists," said Karla Vargas, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project. But she warned against implementing "a catchall" policy that could reduce the rights of people who are legally seeking asylum.

At a round table with President Donald Trump broadcast in February, one Border Patrol official described a case he said led to eight indictments in South Carolina, including of a Guatemalan woman who said she had "recycled" children 13 times for payments of \$1,500 a child. The U.S. attorney's office in South Carolina told the AP last week that case was sealed and declined to comment on it.

The numbers of unauthorized border crossings are surging this year, with records being set monthly for the number of families entering the U.S. outside legal points of en-

try. Most are from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, and many adults and children who cross seek asylum under U.S. law.

Facing pressure from Trump to reduce illegal crossings, Homeland Security officials have blamed the high numbers partly on adults posing as parents to avoid detention.

In one case filed in federal court in El Paso this month, authorities accused a Guatemalan man of having a fake birth certificate printed that claimed he was the father of a 15-year-old who crossed the border illegally with him. Authorities say the teen agreed to go with the man because he wanted to leave Guatemala. But advocates say the Border Patrol regularly cites fraud when it separates a child from an adult relative who isn't a parent, even if the relative is the child's effective guardian.

The Texas Civil Rights Project published a study in February that counted 272 separated families at a single Texas courthouse since June, after the official end of the zero-tolerance policy that led to thousands of family separations earlier in 2018. Of those, 234 involved adult siblings, aunts and uncles, or other relatives of the children.

# 2-state solution may be losing support

Election may have dimmed hopes for Israeli-Palestinian conflict resolution

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Is the two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict dead?

After Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu coasted to another victory in this month's Israeli election, it sure seems that way.

On the campaign trail, Netanyahu ruled out Palestinian statehood and for the first time, pledged to begin annexing Jewish settlements in the West Bank. His expected coalition partners, a collection of religious and nationalist parties, also reject Palestinian independence.

Even his chief rivals, led by a trio of respected former military chiefs and a charismatic former TV anchorman, barely mentioned the Palestinian issue on the campaign trail and presented a vision of "separation" that falls far short of Palestinian territorial demands.

The two Jewish parties that dared to talk openly about peace with the Palestinians captured just 10 seats in the 120-seat parliament, and opinion polls indicate dwindling support for a two-state solution among Jewish Israelis.

"The majority of the people in the state of Israel no longer see a two-state solution as an option," said Oded Revivi, the chief foreign envoy for the Yesha settler council, himself an opponent of Palestinian independence. "If we are looking for peace in this region, we will have to look for a different plan from the two-state solution."

For the past 25 years, the international community has supported the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank, east



MAJDI MOHAMMED/AP 2015

Israel's election this month may have dimmed hopes for a two-state solution with the Palestinians.

Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip — lands captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war — as the best way to ensure peace in the region.

The logic is clear. With the number of Arabs living on lands controlled by Israel roughly equal to Jews, and the Arab population growing faster, two-state proponents say a partition of the land is the only way to guarantee Israel's future as a democracy with a strong Jewish majority. The alternative, they say, is either a binational state in which a democratic Israel loses its Jewish character or an apartheid-like entity in which Jews have more rights than Arabs.

After decades of fruitless negotiations, each side blames the other for failure.

Israel says the Palestinians have rejected generous peace offers and promoted violence and incitement. The Palestinians say the Israeli offers have not been serious and point to Israel's ever-expanding settle-

ments in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, now home to nearly 700,000 Israelis.

The ground further shifted after the Hamas militant group took over the Gaza Strip in 2007 and left the Palestinians divided between two governments, with one side — Hamas — opposed to peace with Israel. This ongoing rift is a major obstacle to negotiations with Israel, and has also left many Palestinians disillusioned with their leaders.

Since taking office a decade ago, Netanyahu has largely ignored the Palestinian issue, managing the conflict without offering a solution for how two peoples will live together in the future.

After clashing with the international community for most of that time, he has found a welcome friend in President Donald Trump, whose Mideast team has shown no indication of supporting Palestinian independence.

Tamar Hermann, an expert on Israeli public opinion at the Israel Democracy Institute, said the election results do not necessarily mean that Israelis have given up on peace. Instead, she said the issue just isn't on people's minds.

"Most Israelis would say the status quo is preferable to all other options, because Israelis do not pay any price for it," she said. "They don't feel the outcome of the occupation. ... Why change it?"

While the two-state prospects seem dim, its proponents still cling to the belief that the sides will ultimately come around, simply because there is no better choice.

"Either Israel decides to be an apartheid state with a minority that is governing a majority of Palestinians, or Israel has to realize that there is no other solution but two states," Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh told The Associated Press. "Unfortu-

nately the Israeli prime minister is politically blind about these two facts."

Shtayyeh noted the two-state solution continues to enjoy wide international backing. Peace, he insisted, is just a matter of "will" by Israel's leaders.

Dan Shapiro, who served as President Barack Obama's ambassador to Israel, said the two-state solution "is certainly getting harder" after the Israeli election but is not dead.

Getting there would require leadership changes on both sides, he said, pointing to the historic peace agreement between Israel and Egypt 40 years ago, reached by two leaders who were sworn enemies just two years earlier.

"We know what's possible when the right leadership is in place," he said. "So that puts us supporters of it in a mode of trying to keep it alive and viable for the future."

That may be a tall task as the Israeli election results

appear to reflect a deeper shift in public opinion.

According to the Israel Democracy Institute, which conducts monthly surveys of public opinion, support for the two-state solution among Jewish Israelis has plummeted from 69% in 2008, the year before Netanyahu took office, to 47% last year. Just 32% of Israelis between the ages of 18-34 supported a two-state solution in 2018. The institute typically surveys 600 people, with a margin of error of just over 4 percentage points.

Attitudes are changing on the Palestinian side as well. Khalil Shikaki, a prominent Palestinian pollster, said 31% of Palestinians seek a single binational state with full equality, a slight increase from a decade ago. His poll surveyed 1,200 people and had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Although there was no breakdown by age group, Shikaki said the young are "clinging less to the two-state solution because they lost faith in the Palestinian Authority's ability to provide a democratic state" and because the expanding settlements have created a new reality on the ground.

Amr Marouf, a 27-year-old restaurant manager in the city of Ramallah, said he maintains his official residence in a village located in the 60% of the West Bank that Israel controls, just in case Israel annexes the territory. That way, he believes, he can gain Israeli citizenship.

"I think the one state solution is the only viable solution," he said. "We can be in Israel and ask for equal rights. Otherwise, we will live under military occupation forever."

Netanyahu is expected to form his new coalition government by the end of May, and he will come under heavy pressure from his partners to keep his promise to annex Israel's West Bank settlements.

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### Construction crane collapses, killing 4, injuring 3 in Seattle

SEATTLE — Four people were killed and three injured when a construction crane collapsed Saturday in downtown Seattle, crushing six cars underneath, Seattle's fire chief said.

Fire Chief Harold Scogins said the crane fell around 3:30 p.m. local time. The dead included two crane operators and two motorists. He said three people, including a mother and her child, were injured and taken to

a hospital.

The crane collapsed near the intersection of Mercer Street and Fairview Avenue near Interstate 5.

"It was terrifying," Esther Nelson, a biotech researcher who was working in a building nearby, told The Seattle Times. "The wind was blowing really strong."

The crane was atop an office building under construction in a densely populated area.

### Putin raises the possibility of meeting new Ukraine leader

BEIJING — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday raised the possibility of meeting Ukraine's president-elect in a sign Moscow might want to improve relations that soured after its 2014 annexation of Crimea.

Putin said if they meet, he and Volodymyr Zelenskyy should discuss how to end Ukraine's conflict with Russian-backed separatists in its southeast.

The Russian leader

talked to reporters while in Beijing for a forum on China's Belt and Road Moscow's relations with Ukraine soured after the 2014 annexation of Crimea and the war Russia-backed separatists.

Putin also said Moscow is considering whether to offer citizenship to all Ukrainians following his decree this week to expedite applications by residents of the rebel-held parts of eastern Ukraine.

### Pakistan suspends anti-polio drive after attacks on workers

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani health officials say the country has suspended an anti-polio campaign after a health worker and two policemen escorting vaccination teams were killed in separate attacks in less than a week.

Pakistan is one of three countries in the world where polio is still endemic. The other two are Afghanistan and Nigeria.

But militant threats and

superstition have spurred many parents to refuse to vaccinate their children.

Officials say gunmen targeted polio workers and police assigned to protect them in three separate attacks in regions bordering Afghanistan.

Saturday's decision to halt the campaign against the crippling disease comes after two new polio cases were reported in the northwestern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP

Luci Baines Johnson, left, and her sister, Lynda Johnson Robb, smash champagne bottles to christen the Lyndon B. Johnson, a Zumwalt-class destroyer, Saturday in Bath, Maine.

## LBJ's daughters christen Navy ship bearing his name in Maine

BATH, Maine — Former President Lyndon B. Johnson's daughters christened a stealthy warship bearing his name Saturday, smacking Champagne bottles against a metal star symbolizing Texas as a crowd roared in approval.

Champagne sprayed into the air when Lynda Bird Johnson Robb and Luci Baines Johnson smashed their bottles as they stood on the ship's bow.

"Daddy would be proud to have a stealthy ship that's looking forward, not backward at past things that have happened, but forward for the great things" to come, Robb said before Saturday's ceremony.

The warship's namesake

was praised for his efforts to help the poor and to fight for equality in the civil rights era. The Texas-born Johnson signed the landmark Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act and designed "Great Society" domestic programs that included federally sponsored social welfare programs. But his presidency was dogged by a stalemate in the Vietnam war.

The nation's 36th president died in 1973.

Outside the shipyard, police made several arrests when activists calling on the federal government to spend money to fight climate change instead of building warships blocked a public road.

The 610-foot warship is the last in a class of three ships that are the largest and most technologically sophisticated destroyers built for the Navy. The destroyers feature wave-piercing hulls, an angular shape that reduces their radar signature, and electric propulsion. Automation has halved the crew size compared with other destroyers.

Unlike its sister ships, the USS Zumwalt and USS Monsoon, the LBJ will have a deckhouse that's made of steel, not composite materials, to save money.

The Lyndon B. Johnson will undergo further outfitting and sea trials before it's commissioned into service.

## More floods feared in Mozambique after cyclone

PEMBA, Mozambique — Mozambique's government urged many people to seek higher ground Saturday in the wake of Cyclone Kenneth, fearing flooding and mudslides in the days ahead as heavy rain lashed the region.

At least five people were killed, the government said.

Mozambique's disaster management agency said one person had died in Pemba city and another in hard-hit Macomia district, while residents on Ibo island said two people died there. Details on the fifth death were not available.

Aerial photos showed some communities nearly

flattened by the storm. Nearly 700,000 people could be at risk, many left exposed and hungry as waters rise.

Cyclone Kenneth arrived late Thursday, just six weeks after Cyclone Idai ripped into central Mozambique and killed more than 600 people.

## Crash kills 16 migrants, injures 17 in Morocco

RABAT, Morocco — Moroccan authorities say 16 people from countries in Sub-Saharan Africa have died in a vehicle accident between the coastal cities of Saidia and Nador.

Police said 17 other migrants were injured when the vehicle crashed into an irrigation canal Saturday. They were taken to Berkane Provincial Hospital.

Officers are searching for the driver, who fled after the accident.

The public prosecutor's office opened an investigation of what caused the crash and the circumstances under which so many passengers were traveling.

Morocco is one of the main transit points for African migrants hoping to reach Europe.

Police did not provide the nationalities and destinations of the people involved in the crash.

**In South Africa:** Calls for more jobs for South Africa's black majority and respect for the rights of the LGBTI community marked Freedom Day celebrations Saturday commemorating the 25th anniversary of the end of apartheid. Singing and dancing punctuated one gathering on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

A quarter-century ago South Africa's blacks were able to vote, bringing democracy to the country. Long after the apartheid system of racial bias, speakers said many struggle to find a decent life.

"What is the meaning of freedom if many people in a township are unemployed?" asked David Makhura, premier of Gauteng province, which includes Johannesburg and Pretoria.

# Blasts set by Sri Lanka militants amid raid kill 15

Police discover 6 children among bodies in house

BY JON GAMBRELL AND BHARATHA MALLAWARACHI  
Associated Press

AMPARA, Sri Lanka — Militants linked to Easter suicide bombings opened fire and set off explosives during a raid by Sri Lankan security forces on a house, leaving behind a grisly discovery Saturday: 15 bodies, including six children.

The gunbattle that began Friday night and the carnage that followed came amid widespread fear of more attacks as officials hunt for militants with explosives believed to still be at large after the coordinated bombings of churches and luxury hotels that killed more than 250 people earlier this month.

Raids and police curfews have shut down areas of eastern Sri Lanka, and Catholic leaders have canceled Sunday Masses indefinitely. Officials also urged Muslims to stay home for prayers in an extraordinary call by the clergy to curtail worship.

The government on Saturday also formally banned two extremist groups purportedly linked to the attacks, allowing officials to confiscate their property, presidential spokesman Dharmasri Ekanayake said.

The U.S. State Department, citing terror groups plotting more possible attacks, urged Americans to reconsider travel to Sri Lanka and ordered school-age children of government workers to leave the country. The U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka has previously warned the public to stay away from places of worship over the weekend, a stark alert underlining that authorities believe some attackers remain at large.

The gunfight came after police tipped off soldiers about a suspected safe



ACHALA UPENDRA/AP

Police and soldiers are seen after militants set off bombs and a gunfight ensued Saturday in Kalmunai, Sri Lanka.

house near the town of Sammanthurai in Sri Lanka's Ampara District, where authorities said the militants set off three explosions and opened fire.

Police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekara said some of the dead likely were militants who blew themselves up in suicide bombings. Earlier, the military said at least one civilian had been killed in the attack.

Photographs taken by The Associated Press show the charred remains of one child and the body of another wearing a green T-shirt with the words "good boy" written on the back. The bodies of an adult woman and man were found after the explosion with their clothes burned off.

Meanwhile, the military said security forces had recovered explosives, detonators, "suicide kits," military uniforms and Islamic State group flags in the ongoing raids.

Gunasekara said officers acting on information from intelligence officials also found 150 sticks of blasting gelatin and 100,000 small metal balls, as well as a van and clothing suspected of being used by those involved in the Easter attacks. Suicide bomb vests often are packed with such balls to increase the shrapnel in

the explosion, making them even deadlier.

Fear of more attacks has led to increased security at churches, shrines, temples and mosques across the multiethnic island nation of 21 million.

Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, the archbishop of Colombo, told reporters Friday that church officials had seen a leaked security document describing Roman Catholic churches and other denominations as a major target. He asked the faithful across Sri Lanka to stay home for their own safety.

"We don't want repetitions," Ranjith said.

It was an extraordinary request for a Catholic clergyman to make, as churches often remain a refuge. Giovanni Maria Vian, a church historian and emeritus editor of the Vatican newspaper, said he believed it was the first time the church had canceled Masses across a country for security reasons.

Sri Lanka's government, crippled from a long political crisis between the president and prime minister last year, promised swift action to capture militants still at large. President Maithripala Sirisena said about 140 people had been identified as having links to the Islamic State group.

## OBITUARIES

EUGENE STUNARD 1933-2019

# Real estate appraiser had role in condo conversions in 1970s

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH  
Chicago Tribune

Real estate appraiser Eugene W. Stunard thrived during the condominium conversion craze of the 1970s and more recently witnessed Chicago's wave of condo deconversions.

Stunard, 86, died March 23 of post-appendectomy respiratory failure at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, said his son-in-law, Jim Kutill. He had been a New East Side resident.

Born on the South Side, Stunard grew up in the Douglas Park neighborhood and graduated from Harrison High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1955 in urban land economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

After graduating from college, Stunard served in the Army in Korea for a year and a half as a second lieutenant. Upon his return in 1957, he briefly worked several small jobs before joining Prudential Insurance Co. as a regional appraiser.

In 1967, Stunard left Prudential to partner with two colleagues in a short-lived appraisal firm. Then, in 1968, from the basement of his Oak Park building, Stunard and his wife, Joan, started Appraisal Research Counselors, which grew to become a large independent property appraisal firm.

Appraisal Research Counselors flourished during the first wave of large Chicago condo conversions in the 1970s, with the firm providing appraisals for those conversions as well as consulting to building managements. Among the buildings whose conversions Stunard worked on were Lake Point Tower, Outer Drive East, 1150 N. Lake Shore Drive, 2800 N. Lake Shore Drive, 2020 Lincoln Park West, 1960 Lincoln Park West and the American Furniture Mart.

"The American Furniture Mart probably was the most complex redevelopment project we were ever involved with," said Kutill,



APPRAISAL RESEARCH COUNSELORS

Eugene Stunard was a supporter of Chicago's New East Side neighborhood.

who is a vice president at Appraisal Research Counselors. Stunard also consulted for the developers of the Harbor Point condominium building on the New East Side, and he and his wife bought two units and moved into that building upon its completion in the 1970s.

Even at their apex of activity, however, condo conversions never made up more than half of the broad-based firm's billings, Kutill said.

"He loved Chicago, and he was drawn to real estate when he was a kid," Kutill said. "He wanted to be an appraiser when he was in high school. He just found it fascinating. He's one of those rare individuals who was able to do exactly what he wanted to do all his life."

Developer Eugene Golub called Stunard "the go-to guy for appraisals."

"They were very, very helpful to us in the 1970s with the condo conversions. We always used them," Golub said. "He created a very good organization, and he started databases that no one else had."

CBRE Executive Vice President and broker John Jaeger, whose specialty is multifamily housing, previously had worked for Stunard's firm for 13 years.

"I'll forever be grateful to have joined Appraisal Research Counselors in 1992 and having Gene mentor me with his knowledge, relationships and passion for Chicago," Jaeger said.

Stunard was philosophical about Chicago's re-

cent wave of condo deconversions, Kutill said.

"Now, deconversion is a current market trend because the investment market for apartments is so hot, and his reaction was, 'That's the market today. That's the highest and best use,'" Kutill said. "As an appraiser, everything is driven by the highest and best use (of a property), and what maximizes value on the date of appraisal."

Stunard had been a longtime proponent of the New East Side neighborhood, and in recent years he watched a flurry of development there.

"He was thrilled to see it happen, but frankly, he was frustrated with the slow pace of it in the early years," Kutill said. "He was thrilled that this became a neighborhood that supported a school, parks, a grocery store, all those things."

Although Stunard pulled back some from his work, he never fully retired, Kutill said. In 2017, Stunard and his wife entered into an alliance with Denver-based Integra Realty Resources, a franchise platform of independent appraisal companies. With that, Appraisal Research Counselors became Integra's Chicago office, and Stunard remained the firm's president.

Stunard taught at the Chicago-based Appraisal Institute, where he served for a time as president of its Chicago chapter. He also was elected into the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame in 2006.

Stunard enjoyed sailing and had been a member of the Chicago Yacht Club and the Columbia Yacht Club. He also had been a member of the Oak Park Plan Commission in the early 1970s, and he served on the advisory boards for Triton College and John Marshall Law School.

Stunard also survived by a daughter, Laura Kutill; a son, Walter; a brother, Arthur; and six grandchildren.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

# Harry and Meghan: Royal baby could be a Yank

BY GREGORY KATZ  
Associated Press

LONDON — What would the Founding Fathers think? Almost 250 years after the United States launched a revolution to rid itself of the British royal family, the next royal baby could be an American.

The idea that a scion of the former colonies would be seventh in line to succeed Queen Elizabeth II to the throne could change the royal family from within — and help extend a surge in popularity for the monarchy.

The child of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex — Meghan Markle became a duchess when she wed Prince Harry a year ago — is due very soon.

Baby Sussex, as the child is known ahead of its birth, will be a product of two cultures: its father a prince who is a symbol of Britain; its mother quintessentially American — a self-made TV star with a white father and an African-American mother.

The child is unlikely to ever become king or queen, but the presence of a half-American child who may choose to hold dual nationality could shake up the royal family, just as the arrival of Meghan has had a modernizing effect on the House of Windsor.

"It's quite possible the child will have a lot of American influence," royal commentator Hugo Vickers said. "The royal family is not totally unused to that kind of thing. Children have been born with Greek mothers or German mothers in the past, obviously, but Meghan is the first American mother so close in the royal family."

Certainly, Meghan isn't following any of the royal scripts when it comes to childbirth preparations.

Unlike Harry's brother Prince William and his wife



FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP PHOTOS

Britain's Prince Harry and his then-fiancee Meghan Markle arrive at Nottingham Academy in December 2017.



A badge showing Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Kate, Harry and Meghan have chosen to keep the details about their baby planning private, despite — or perhaps because of — intense media interest in the baby's arrival, expected in the next few weeks.

The couple haven't revealed where Meghan intends to give birth, so there isn't likely to be a 24/7 media stakeout outside the hospital as was the case for the births of William and Kate's three children, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis.

Don't expect a photo of the happy family walking out of the hospital looking picture perfect hours after the birth either — Harry and Meghan have said they want to celebrate privately with their extended family before telling the world a baby has been born.

Palace officials accustomed to having a role in choreographing the cov-

erage of major royal events are concerned that Harry and Meghan may announce the birth on their brand new Instagram account — and give the public its first glimpse of the baby via Instagram as well.

Harry faces less pressure to conform to royal protocol than William because of William's role as a likely future king — he will follow his 70-year-old father Prince Charles to the throne.

That also makes the baby's American parentage less of a pressing issue, since it would take a series of tragedies to hit William's children for Baby Sussex to become monarch.

That hasn't kept the British media from speculating that Meghan will choose an American as a nanny — Mary Poppins be damned! — and possibly even put a man, or many, in that crucial role. Some believe Meghan will insist on dual citizenship for the child, a status that is allowed by both countries.

Joe Little, the managing editor of Majesty magazine, says many people have no issues with evolving traditions in the monarchy.

"Our royal family, like all the other European royal families, are no longer marrying within royal families, so this is inevitable, and many would say a good thing," he said.

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ON APRIL 28 ...

**In 1758** James Monroe, the fifth U.S. President, was born in Monroe Hall, Va.

**In 1788** Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

**In 1789** there was a mutiny on the HMS Bounty as the crew of the British ship set Capt. William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in a launch in the South Pacific.

**In 1947** anthropologist Thor Heyerdahl and five other men left Peru on what would be a 101-day expedition to Polynesia aboard the balsa wood Kon-Tiki to prove his theory that early Polynesians could have arrived from Peru in primitive boats.

**In 1952** war with Japan officially ended as a treaty that had been signed by the

United States and 47 other nations took effect.

**In 1967** heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army, the same day Gen. William Westmoreland told Congress the U.S. "would prevail in Vietnam."

**In 1969** French President Charles de Gaulle resigned.

**In 1988** a flight attendant was killed and 61 people were injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 peeled back during a flight from Hilo to Honolulu.

**In 1990** the musical "A Chorus Line" closed after 6,137 performances on Broadway.

**In 1992** the Agriculture Department unveiled its pyramid-shaped recommended-diet chart that had

cost nearly \$1 million to develop.

**In 1993** the first "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" was held in an attempt to boost the self-esteem of girls by having them visit a parent's place of work.

**In 1995** in Taegu, South Korea, a gas line exploded in the middle of an intersection crowded with morning traffic, killing 101 people.

**In 1999** in a sharp repudiation of President Bill Clinton's policies, the House rejected, on a tie vote of 213-213, a measure expressing support for NATO's five-week-old air campaign against Yugoslavia; the House also voted 249-180 to limit the president's authority to use ground forces in Yugoslavia.

**In 2001** California businessman Dennis Tito became the first space tourist when he joined a Russian crew aboard a craft launched by Russia, to which he had paid \$20 million to be part of the mission to the orbiting International Space Station.

**In 2004** first photos of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal were shown on CBS' "60 Minutes II."

**In 2005** a military jury at Fort Bragg, N.C., sentenced Sgt. Hasan Akbar to death for the 2003 murders of two officers in Kuwait.

**In 2006** lawyers for Rush Limbaugh, who had been accused by Florida prosecutors of "doctor shopping" for painkillers, announced a deal under which a single prescription fraud charge against the talk show host would be dismissed after 18 months.

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
April 27	Powerball jackpot: \$166M
Lottery	2 29 41 45 62 / 6
Lottery	09 17 18 34 40 42 / 20
Lottery	jackpot: \$3.5M
Pick 3 midday	491 / 1
Pick 4 midday	9475 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto midday	06 09 12 34 45
Pick 3 evening	897 / 8
Pick 4 evening	2560 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening	11 15 26 29 43
April 26	Mega Millions
Mega Millions	09 17 23 30 46 / 10
Mega Millions	jackpot: \$212M
Pick 3 midday	665 / 0
Pick 4 midday	2747 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto midday	02 09 16 26 44
Pick 3 evening	384 / 3
Pick 4 evening	1899 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto evening	02 04 20 21 43
April 30	Mega Millions: \$229M

INDIANA	
April 27	Lotto
Lotto	2 5 21 24 36 45
Daily 3 midday	740 / 0
Daily 4 midday	8728 / 0
Daily 3 evening	818 / 4
Daily 4 evening	0597 / 4
Cash 5	11 14 30 32 45
MICHIGAN	
April 27	Lotto
Lotto	21 27 28 35 39 46
Daily 3 midday	537
Daily 4 midday	8626
Daily 3 evening	221
Daily 4 evening	8148
Fantasy 5	03 05 08 12 35
Keno	02 03 06 08 13 17
	19 21 36 38 42 47 50 51
	53 60 62 64 69 71 74 75
WISCONSIN	
April 27	Megabucks
Megabucks	08 09 15 17 33 40
Pick 3	595
Pick 4	5957
Badger 5	04 05 14 17 30
SuperCash	01 09 15 24 33 36

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**John J. Mokrzycki**  
05/15/1913-04/23/1984. Loving father, husband, brother, son and uncle. Thank you for the care and dedication you gave to family, home and yard, church, and work at Western Felt Works. You are still greatly missed.  
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**John 'Ron' Rager**  
4/25/1937 - 2/5/2018  
We did not know that day last year that God would call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing is the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.  
  
Sadly missed by wife Barbara and the Schmid family and son Sean and the Rager family.  
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## Death Notices

**Besbekos, Georgia**  
Georgia Besbekos (nee Margas) age 91; Beloved wife of the late Andrew Besbekos; Loving mother of the late Angelo (Linda), Mark (Phyllis) and Anthony (Laura); Proud Yia Yia of Alexia, Andrew (Kerry), Deanna, Andrew, Rebecca and Georgiana; Great Yia Yia of Donald, Elliana, Monica Jayne "MJ", Angelo and Georgia "GiGi"; Dear sister of Adriane (the late Paul) Adams, the late John and the late James; Fond aunt to many nieces and nephews and a friend to many; Visitation Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. until time of service at 12 noon at St. Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church, 12307 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60463. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Long-time member of St. Nicholas Philochochos and Ladies Auxiliary. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Walter Quinlan Funeral Directors**. Funeral info 708-425-3700 or www.walterquinlanfuneraldirectors.com  
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**Bishop, Kathryn**  
Kathryn "Kitty" Bishop (nee Mc Namara). Beloved wife of the late Gerald N. Bishop for 51 years. Loving mother of Colleen (Thomas) Wronski, Brian (Tammy Eich) and Patrick (Danielle) Bishop. Loving Nonnie and Grandma of James, Michael, Vincent and Elizabeth Wronski, Brooklyn and London Bishop. Dear Sister of the late Michael and John Mc Namara and Mary Perry. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 a.m. at **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. to St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. for Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Private. Visitation Monday 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.  
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**Boudreau, Sally**  
Sally Ann Boudreau née Mazurski; beloved wife of Daniel; loving mother of Michael (Jessica), Steve (Franco), Kim (Tom) Sklena, Maureen (Matt) and Kevin (Richie); fond sister to Mary Pat and the late John; adored grandmother of Robert, Ashley, Sarah, Vincent, Declan, Hayden, Broden, Morgan, Mackenzie, Ethan and Logan; "second mom" to countless friends; cherished "Club sister" to The Immaculata gals. Sally was born in Chicago where she lived a beautiful and fulfilled life, spreading joy wherever she went. Visitation Sunday 3-8 PM and Monday 9:00 AM until time of prayer 10:30 AM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin). Mass 11 AM at St. Pascal Church. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Mary of Providence. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com  
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**Brockstein, Sylvia**  
Sylvia Brockstein, nee Drucker, 88, beloved wife of the late Irving; loving mother of Sharon (David) Reba, Helene (Martin) Shabelman and Bruce (Heidi) Brockstein; loving grandmother of Samantha (David) Hexdall, Matthew Shabelman and Hannah, Danielle, Reed, Elliot and the late Jason Brockstein; devoted daughter of the late Dora and Chaim Drucker; dear sister of Arthur (Phyllis) Drucker and Eileen (the late Robert) Mormalstein; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Sunday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia Research Foundation at www.allbloodcancers.org. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com  
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**Brueck, Jr, Laurence J. 'Larry'**  
Laurence J. "Larry" Brueck, Jr.; formerly of Chicago, IL; Retired after 39 years of service with CFD (Engineer of E117); passed away at his home in Weirton, WV, at the age of 73; beloved son of the late Laurence J. Brueck, Sr. and late Patricia, nee Buda; Larry was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Linda Lee, nee Vincent; loving father of Jim (Jen) of Weirton, WV, Larry (Carolina) of Chicago, IL; cherished grandfather of Jordan, Justin, Devin, and the late Landon; fond brother-in-law of Sharon (Alan) Oliver, Diane (Ron) Reuppert, Terri (Robert) Krigers, Gary (Carol) Vincent, and the late Steven Vincent; also, dear cousin and uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday, April 29, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home**, 6250 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago. Funeral services Tuesday, April 30, starting with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Thecla Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. Info (773) 774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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**Butler, Ellen Lieb**  
Ellen Lieb Butler age 85 of Schaumburg IL passed away Monday March 25th 2019. Ellen was a registered nurse for 35 years. She dedicated her life to helping others. She was the daughter of Alwine Frieda Lieb & Gustov Lieb. She was the adoring wife of 54 years to Bruce Butler. Ellen is survived by two children Michelle Butler, Barclay Butler and wife Judith. She is also survived by two grandchildren Malea Butler and Colton Butler. She will be missed by all those lives she touched. A Celebration of life party will be held at The Seville 700 S Barrington Rd, Streamwood, IL 60107 on May 3rd 2019. The party will be from 12:00pm until 3:00pm. Please come and celebrate her life.  
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**Calhoun, Peggy Leese**  
On Good Friday, April 19, 2019, Peggy Leese Calhoun passed into the light after a courageous battle with cancer. Peggy was born June 24, 1946 to Charles and Verna Leese of DeKalb, Illinois. At DeKalb Township High School, Peggy was an active member of the Girls' Athletic Association and excelled in both softball and bowling. She studied interior design at the College of Lake County. Peggy was energetic and outgoing with an entrepreneurial spirit which she expressed throughout a variety of careers. These include Sales Consultant at Pitney Bowes, Head of Catering and Event Sales at the Georgia World Congress Center, Co-owner of Designs on the Half Shell and Showroom Sales Consultant at Sellers. She loved a good party and was a great entertainer and host. Her love for the beach ultimately took her to St. George Island in the Florida panhandle where she resided for the last seventeen years with her partner Ron Valentine. Peggy was an avid speed walker and often logged six miles a day. Peggy loved her family dearly, especially her five grandchildren that affectionately called her Nana. All adored her playful nature and quick smile. Peggy is survived by her three children, Michelle Ferris Gramza (Scott) of Naperville, Illinois, Eric William Ferris (Jennifer) of Littleton, Colorado and Courtney Calhoun Blackmon (Dan) of Columbia, South Carolina; five grandchildren, Jack William Meadow, Emily Michelle Meadow, Grace Elease Meadow, Charles John Meadow, and William Dandridge Blackmon Jr.; brother Charles Edward Leese Jr. (Linda) and niece Morgan Rae Leese of Kirkland, Illinois. She is preceded by her parents and sister Pamela Sue Creighton. A private burial will be held at Fairview Park Cemetery, DeKalb, Illinois. In keeping with Peggy's beautiful heart and concern for others, the family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to The Ovarian Cancer Institute, https://ovariancancerinstitute.org/donations/.

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**Caron, Marilyn Jane**  
Marilyn Jane Caron, 90 years, passed away peacefully Easter Sunday morning, April 21st 2019, beloved wife of Coleman Caron, deceased; loving mother of 9: Jane Ann, Susie, Kevin, Sheila, Maureen, Michele, Ann, Brian and Mark. Cherished grandmother of 7, fond sister of the late Raymond and Gerald McCarthy. Memorial Mass Sat, June 8 at 11am, St. John of the Cross, 5005 S. Wolf Rd, Western Springs. For memorial contributions, the family has designated the charity of Off the Street Club, https://offthestreetclub.com/give-casual-joy  
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**Chlebos, Dennis D.**  
Dennis D. Chlebos, age 78, United States Army Veteran and devoted family man, passed away on April 23, 2019. Beloved husband of Patricia Ann Chlebos (nee Jackowiak). Loving father of Kenneth (Barbara) Chlebos. Cherished grandfather of Jack and Brock Chlebos. Dennis was a retired Police Chief and 25 year member of the Oak Forest Police Department; a founding member of the Oak Forest Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow; also a member of High School District 230 Security Team. Funeral Friday, May 3, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. from the **McKenzie Funeral Home**, 15618 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest to St. Damian Church, Mass 11:15 a.m. Entombment and Military Honors at Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For information: 708-687-2990  
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**Cholewczynski, Dolores**  
Dolores Cholewczynski (nee Twardzik), age 88. Beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of Patricia (Mark) Hofer and Michael (Raquel) Cholewczynski; cherished grandmother of 7; and great-grandmother of 3. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 a.m. from **Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 5725 S. Pulaski Rd. to St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. (773)767-4730 or www.rjmodellfh.com  
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**Cimino, Salvatore Joseph**  
Salvatore Joseph Cimino 65, of Arlington Heights was born on November 17, 1953 to the late Liborio and late Concetta Cimino and passed away April 24, 2019. Salvatore was the beloved husband of Gina Graci; loving father of Salvatore (June) Cimino Jr., Lora Cimino and Lisa (David) Schult; devoted grandfather of Luca, Nico, Asher, Declan and Noah; dear brother of Roseann Brankin; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Visitation Wednesday from 3-8pm at **Oehler Funeral Home** 2099 Miner St. Des Plaines, IL. Lying in state Thursday from 11am until time of mass 12:15pm at Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii 1224 W. Lexington St. Chicago, IL. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or oehlerfuneralhome.com  
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**Cole, Joel W.**  
Joel Cole. Beloved husband of the late Sharon Cole nee Roman. Loving father of Brian (Ari) Cole and Tracy Raben. Cherished grandfather of Samantha and Caitlin Cole. Fond uncle of Andrew Cole and Debbie Verson. Dear brother of the late Sidney (the late Lois) Cole. Devoted cousin and friend to many. Services Monday 11AM at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, remembrances to Congregation BJBE or your preferred charity would be appreciated. Arrangement by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824) or www.MitzvahFunerals.com  
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**Condon, James W.**  
James W. Condon, age 88, passed away on April 18, 2019. Forty year resident of the village of Golf, IL. Beloved husband of the late Leona, nee Grove. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1930, raised in Connecticut and graduated from Trinity College of Hartford, CT in 1950 as a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. Longtime employee of Stepan Co. in Northfield, IL retiring in 1994. He was a grantee of several patents. Proud owner of Molly and a fixture at the Glenview Bark West Dog Park where they are missed. Interment held privately.  
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**Conway, Norah Christine**  
(nee Lydon)—Beloved wife of the late James P.; loving mother of Mary Jo Conway, Thomas (Devil), and Frank Conway; proud and cherished grandmother of Cathlyn Joy Conway and Grace Christine Cali; dear sister of Helen "Nellie" Craig. Preceded in death by 11 brothers and sister. Native of Castlebar Co., Mayo Ireland. Visitation will be held Sunday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, prayers at 9:15 a.m. to St. Robert Bellarmine Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donation to AFA Alzheimer's Foundation of America would be greatly appreciated. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com  
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**Cork, William H**  
William H. Cork, 59, passed away on April 14, 2019. He was born in Chicago, IL on October 30, 1959 to Herbert and Patricia (nee Olson) Cork. William is survived by his loving wife Patricia (nee McKiel); his loving children William H. (Samantha nee Rowan) Cork III and Peter H. Cork; loving father Herbert Cork; loving sister Christina (Stephen) Mitchell; loving nephew Clancy Mitchell; and many other family and friends. William was preceded in death by his mother Patricia Cork. He was the Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President of Research and Development for Immucor. William was a man of many talents: an inventor, photographer, member of the SAR, and Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. He graduated from Northwestern University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and was awarded an American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering Fellowship at the National Academy of Science. Memorials may be expressed to World Wildlife Fund, 1250 Twenty-Fourth Street, N.W. P.O. Box 97180, Washington, DC 20090 or Nature Conservancy, 8 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603 in loving memory of William H. Cork. A private service will be held for family. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022.  
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**Curtis, Madeline M.**  
Madeline M. Curtis, age 95 of Glen Ellyn for 50 years. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Loving mother of Carol (Philippe) Daux, Greg (Mary), Mike (Susan Spengler), Paul (Deirdre Tannen) and the late Mark. Dear grandmother of Ashley, Nathalie, Derek, and Rachael. Fond sister of the late Margaret. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Madeline enjoyed traveling, reading and shopping. Visitation Sunday, May 5, 4 PM to 8 PM at Leonard Memorial Home, 565 Duane St. Glen Ellyn. Funeral Mass Monday, May 6, 10 AM at St. Petronille Catholic Church, 420 Glenwood Ave., Glen Ellyn. Interment, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Donations to American Cancer Society, 1801 S. Meyers Road, Suite 100, Oak Brook Terrace IL 60181.  
*Leonard Memorial Home*  
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**Davis, William**  
Major General William John Davis passed away on March 14, 2019, at the age of eighty-five years old while being hospitalized not far from his farm in Wadsworth, Illinois. William Davis was a lifelong Chicagoan, born August 4, 1933. He was a native of the north side, raised a family in the western suburb of St. Charles, and retired to his farm in Wadsworth, just north of Gurnee. After graduating high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1953, and began his flying career as a navigator for reconnaissance missions. He then returned to Chicago, joined the reserves, and attended school at Northwestern University where he graduated in 1959 with a degree in Political Science. After briefly attending law school at the University of Miami, he decided to pursue a flying career full time and took a job with American Airlines. In 1971, he married Sandra Marie Richter of Hopkins, Minnesota, and they started a family raising two children, Kristen Marie and Michael William. William Davis served 35 years with the United States military before retiring as the Commander of the Illinois Air National Guard in 1989. After 30 years of service with American Airlines, he retired as a Captain in 1993. He became a widow when his wife Sandra Davis died of cancer in 2000. He was a curious, compassionate, and scholarly individual. He was a car and motorcycle enthusiast, a philanthropist, and a public servant, but he'll be remembered most as a wonderful father and a loving husband. He is survived by his two children, Kristen and Michael.  
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**DeJoris, Chris**  
Chris DeJoris, age 53. Devoted Son of Michael and Sharon DeJoris; loving brother of Nicole DeJoris; dear nephew of Daniel DeJarlis and the late Thomas DeJarlis; also survived by many cousins; longtime friend of Bryan, Todd, Alisa, Muhammad, Balli, and Jeff. Visitation Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Michalik Funeral Home**, 1056 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60642, Service at 7:00 p.m. For further information 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.  
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**Delahunty, Thomas**  
Delahunty, G. Thomas of Chicago, Illinois passed away on April 9, 2019. He was the loving husband of the late Mildred (Millie) B. (Schlosser) Delahunty for 63 years and the son of the late Gilbert T. and Clara (Bourscheidt) Delahunty. Tom was preceded by his infant son Michael and is survived by his children Patricia (Dr. Steven) Bookless of New Hampshire, Teresa Delahunty (Chris Alders) of the United Kingdom, Eileen (Steven) Frolo of New York, Margaret (John) Farrell of New York, Susan (Kenneth) Crowley of North Carolina, James (Joanne) Delahunty of North Carolina. He is also survived by his sisters, Kathleen Young and Diane Clarke both of Illinois, and many loving nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his thirteen grandchildren Kimberly Bookless (Ross) Thibodeau, Michelle and Megan Bookless, Alexis and Zoë Alders, Matthew and Stefanie Frolo, John (Sarah) and Caitlin Farrell, Ryan, Erin and Dillon Crowley, and Cameron Delahunty. A Memorial Mass with military honors will be celebrated on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 11:00 am at Saint Ita Church, 1220 W. Catalpa Avenue, Chicago followed by a reception at The Admiral at the Lake, 929 W. Foster Avenue, Chicago. Relatives and friends are welcome. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Ita Church. Info visit www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com  
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**Deptolla, Gerald**  
Gerald "Jerry" Deptolla, age 76 at rest April 24th; loving father of Karl (Jean) and Erich; cherished grandfather of Erik, Aidan, Gwyneth & Sean Osterby and Charles Deptolla; fond brother of the late Joanne. Family and friends with gather on Tuesday, April 30th at the United Methodist Church of New Lenox, 339 W. Haven Ave, New Lenox for visitation at 9:30 am with service to follow at 12 noon. Inurnment at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the American Heart Association or the United Methodist Church, preferred and appreciated. **KUBINA-TYBOR DIRECTORS**, 773-523-2191.  
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**Diamond, Susan Z**  
Susan Z Diamond died on April 25, 2019 after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer. Susan will be greatly missed by her husband, Allan Devitt, niece Virginia Diamond (Neeraj Moondra and Aman Moondra), nephews James A. Diamond (Kate, Julia, and Caroline) and Kevin Platt (Michele and Emma), her in-laws Daniel and Ruth Devitt and family, as well as many other family and friends. Susan had her own consulting firm, Diamond Associates, Ltd. for over 40 years and taught seminars on finance for non-financial managers for Deere and Company, Archer Daniels Midland, American Management Association, and many other organizations. Susan held the investiture of The Great Mogul in the Baker Street Irregulars (BSI) and The Lone Star in the Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes (ASH). She was extremely active in a number of Sherlockian scion societies, including the Criterion Bar Association. As president of the Watsonians, she was responsible for the annual running of the Chicago Silver Blaze, the oldest still active Sherlockian horse race in the world. She was president of the Board of Trustees of the Bensenville Community Library. Community service was very important to her, and she served on the boards of the Bensenville Community Foundation, the White Pines Civic Association, the Bensenville Lions Club and other local organizations. Memorials can be made to The Beacon Society, BeaconSociety.Com; The Bensenville Community Public Library; The Diamond-Devitt Literacy Fund of The Bensenville Community Foundation, P.O. Box 371, Bensenville IL 60106; the West Suburban Humane Society.  
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**Dorgan, Thomas**  
Thomas Gerard Dorgan, 50; loving husband to Anamari nee Golf; devoted and loving father to Michael and Eliana; precious son to Eugene and the late Eleanor; cherished brother of Steven (Pat), Liz and the late Mary (the late Michael) Komanecki; dear son-in-law to Lillian Golf and brother-in-law to Christine Kielbasa; proud uncle of Peter (Maggie), Greg (Emily) and Vince (Keisha); great uncle to Molly, Madeleine, Nate and Luke; fond cousin and lifetime friend to many; He will be greatly missed and our hearts are breaking with his passing. Visitation Monday 3-9 PM and Tuesday 9:00 AM until time of prayers 10:15 AM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin) to St. Pascal Church for Mass, 11 AM. In lieu of flowers donation may be made to The Dorgan Children Educational Fund. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com  
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**Doyle, William M.**  
William M. Doyle, age 94, passed away on Saturday April 20, 2019; he is survived by his wife of 67 years Betty; his son Kevin (Michelle) and daughter Leslie (Michael Shanaman); his grandchildren Chiara, Liam and Ryan; his sister Mary; his nephews James, Stephen, Michael and William; and his nieces Beth and Catherine. Arrangements for a Memorial services will be made at a later date.  
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### Edlis, Estelle

loving mother of Susan and Joan Edlis; cherished daughter of the late Isadore "Sam" and Ida Schneider, dear sister of the late Helen Simonson. Her lifelong passion for music gave her over 50 years of joy, attending Chicago Symphony Orchestra concerts and Lyric Opera of Chicago performances. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made

to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra or Lyric Opera of Chicago. A celebration of her life will be held Tuesday, May 7, 2019 from 2 to 8pm with a service at 3pm in the Skyline Room 37th floor of Brookdale Senior Living, 2960 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60657 Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621



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### Fawcett, Anne

Anne Langfitt 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. Anne is predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Dwight Winter Fawcett. Survivors include their three children: Dwight (Christina) Fawcett, Jane (Robert) Dearborn, and Donald (Adrienne) Fawcett; 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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### Feugel, Irene

Irene Feugel nee Armato. Beloved wife of the late Howard; Loving mother of Kathy (Sam) Parrilli; Cherished grandmother of Kim and Sammy; Caring sister of Ann (the late Robert) Goldsmith, the late Lucille (the late Ernie) Bellack and the late Albert; Dear sister in law and aunt of many; In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to your favorite charity. Visitation Sunday 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS 6938 W. North Ave. Funeral service Monday morning 10:30 a.m. at funeral home. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Information 773.637.4441 or [www.petersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersonfuneralhome.com)



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### Goodrich, Nancy Day Murphy

Nancy Day Murphy Goodrich, age 89, of Glenview, formerly of Winnetka, passed away peacefully on April 19, 2019, surrounded by loving family members. She was predeceased by her husband Richard E. Murphy Jr. in 1986, daughter, Deirdre (William) Herwig, who passed away in 2007 from complications from Multiple Sclerosis, brother James Day, sister Mary Carol Hamill, and her second husband, Rollie Goodrich, who died in 2012. She is survived by her sons Thomas F. (Christy) Murphy of Rye, NY, Kevin (Meg) Murphy of Glencoe, IL, her brother Tom (Barbara) Day of Henderson, NV, and sister Laurie (Brian) Fitzpatrick of Glenview, IL. Proud grandmother of William and Lucas Herwig; Bridget Murphy, Meredith (Dane) Evans, and Meaghan Murphy; Liam, Thomas, and Charlie Murphy. Visitation Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 11:00 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL. Interment at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials made to: National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, 525 W Monroe Street, Ste 1510, Chicago, IL 60661. info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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### Hanson, Jr., John Allen

John Allen Hanson, Jr., 74, of Niles IL., at rest March 15, 2019. He is survived by his sisters Pamela Hanson (Eli Stipanovich), Cynthia Buettgen (Thomas), and nieces and nephews David Brott, Emily Brott (Christopher Martin), Carl Buettgen (Cecilia), Christine Moolo (Tresor) and Douglas Buettgen. He was preceded in death by his parents John Allen Hanson, Sr., and Merle Isaacson Hanson, sister Kathleen Hanson Zavatsky (Michael) and step-mother Harriet H. Hanson. Memorial Service 2pm on Saturday May 11 at Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hubbard Rd., Wilmette IL 60091. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Eden Reformation Projects or Winnetka Covenant Church. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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### Hardwick, Douglas Andrew

Douglas Andrew Hardwick, age 65, a resident of Plainfield, IL, passed away peacefully at his home on April 19, 2019, surrounded by the love of his family. He was a Chicagoland JOAD archery coach and an avid gardener. He retired from John Crane in March 2019. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, May 4, 1:00-2:00 PM at the **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 15219 S. Joliet Rd., Plainfield. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 PM. Interment will be private. For more information, call (815) 436-9221 or please visit [www.overman-jones.com](http://www.overman-jones.com)

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### Harkensee, Gary R.

Gary R. Harkensee, 65, passed away peacefully at home on April 20, 2019. Loving father of Anna and David (Shawna); beloved son of Carolyn and the late Henry; fond brother of Gale (John) Kearney, Jim, Dan, and Carrie; uncle to many nieces and nephews. Services will be private.



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### Haywood, Gerald 'Jerry'

Gerald Haywood (Jerry) passed away peacefully at home on April 25th after a long and courageous battle with a debilitating muscle disease. Blessed with both a sharp tongue and a kind heart, Jerry will be remembered by those who knew him for his steadfast love of family, loyalty to friends, and concern for his country.

He was born in Chicago to Kathryn and Orville Haywood. Jerry attended St. George High School in Evanston, Illinois and Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. Following college, he married the love of his life, Mary, started a family, and began a long and successful career in business. This journey started at the Alberto Culver Company in Chicago, where he worked for 7 years as a district manager, followed by stints at Bristol, Myers in New York as Director of Sales Training and a return to Chicago with the Roycemore Company. In 1970, he purchased the Prestidge Southeast Sales and Marketing Company and moved the family to Atlanta, Ga. He ran and grew the personal care appliance and proprietary drug company for thirteen years, before selling the company to five employees in 1983.

After a short stint in Destin, Florida, Jerry and Mary settled in Hammock Dunes in Palm Coast, Florida. He spent his post business career, managing family assets, playing golf, swimming, and enjoying family. In his later years, Jerry could be found at his desk following the markets and the news of the day, staying in touch with old friends and colleagues, and providing guidance and advice to any who asked.

Jerry was pre-deceased by his parents, Orville and Kathryn, his older brother Thomas Haywood, sister Jo-Ann Hanson, and granddaughter Jacqueline Kulzer. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary; his daughters, Cathleen Kulzer, Patricia Lamb, and Pamela Norton; grandchildren Matthew Bailey and wife Maggie, Michael Hovanetz, Alexandra Norton; great grandchildren Carter and Madison Bailey; sister Ila Joyce; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a mass at Cathedral of Christ the King 2699 Peachtree Rd. NE Atlanta at 9:30am on Tuesday April 30th.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, Chicago, Ill or the Wounded Warrior Project.

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### Heath, Carole

Carole Heath of Chicago, formerly of Oyster Bay, NY, age 50. Beloved bride of Steve Power; loving mother of Amelia; cherished daughter of William and Evelyn Heath; dear sister of Bill (Kathy) Heath and Laurie (Carl) Graf; proud aunt of Liam, James, Sarah, Andrew and Kelly. Tenured Professor at Malcom X City College. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Unity Church On the North Shore, 3434 Central St. Evanston. There will also be a memorial visitation in Oyster Bay, NY on Saturday May 11, 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to [www.gofundme.com/amelia039s-college-fund-in-memory-of-carole](http://www.gofundme.com/amelia039s-college-fund-in-memory-of-carole). Arrangements entrusted to Peter M. Martino, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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### Inger, Robert F. 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" F. Inger, PhD, of Chicago, 98, died on Friday, April 12, 2019. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Tan Fui Lian, his brother and his wife, Morton and Sharon, of Wellfleet, MA, and his nephew and nieces, Daniel, Rachel, and Miriam. He was predeceased by his first wife Mary and his parents, Jacob and Anna. He was born in St. Louis and came to Chicago to attend the University of Chicago, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1942. After serving in WWII as a ground-map maker, he returned to the University of Chicago to complete his PhD. His long association with the Field Museum of Natural History (FMNH) began as a volunteer when he was an undergraduate. After completing his doctorate, he was hired at the Field Museum where he shortly become the Assistant Curator of Fishes and then Curator of Amphibians and Reptiles. After serving as Assistant Director from 1971-1978, he returned to the Division of Amphibians and Reptiles as Curator from 1979 until retirement in 1995. As Curator Emeritus, he continued his research on the systematics and ecology of reptiles and amphibians of Southeast Asia and associated field studies in some parts of Asia with emphasis on Sabah and Sarawak, Malaysian states in the Island of Borneo. He was well known for his work among biologists, naturalists and friends who were interested in those faunas. He was honored with the title "Dato" by the Government of Malaysia in the state of Sarawak where he conducted reptile and amphibian monitoring from 1950 to 2007. He collaborated with local researchers and students in several institutions in Sabah and Sarawak throughout his career. These institutions include the Museums in Sabah and Sarawak, Universiti Malaysia (Sabah); Universiti Malaysia (Sarawak), Forestry Departments, Fishery Departments, State Parks in Sabah, Plantation and Conservation organizations. Their collaborations helped to substantially increase the scientific knowledge of the respective areas. This resulted in raising the number of specimens at both the local institutions and FMNH that are available for study by students and scientists interested in this fauna. Several scientific publications were published from their collaborations. He maintained his relationship with those who had worked with him throughout his life. He was also Honorary Curator of Amphibians and Reptiles at Sarawak Museum, Sarawak, Malaysia. For decades after retirement, he was in his museum lab almost every weekday. Over the course of his long career, Dato Dr. Inger authored 11 books, frequently with co-authors, and over 130 peer-reviewed papers. He described over 75 species new to science and over 40 new species have been named after him by other scientists. At various times in his career, he served as president of the Society of Systematic Zoology, the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, and the Herpetologists' League. Dato Dr. Inger was also an active board member of the Nature Conservancy (TNC) of the Illinois Chapter. He served on the Illinois Board of Trustees of the Nature Conservancy (TNC) from 1990-2010. In 1991 when the Science Advisory Committee (SAC) of TNC, Illinois Chapter was formed, Dato Dr. Inger was appointed first Chair of the SAC and remained a member of the committee until 2015.

In lieu of flowers and wreaths, the family asks that contributions be made to the organization or institution of your choice. A celebration of his life will be held by family and friends later.

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## Johnston, Katherine Ann

Katherine Ann Johnston died peacefully on Thursday, April 25th. Born on August 28, 1944, to Mary Jane and Tom Reardon, Kathy grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She graduated from Mount Marty High School in 1962 and went on to attend Duschene College of the Sacred Heart in Omaha, NE, Class of 1966. For the next year she continued her studies at the University of Sioux Falls and remained an enthusiastic participant in adult education for the rest of her life.

In 1967, Kathy married Jay B. Johnston of Esterville, Iowa, and moved with him to Chicago where they gave birth to their four children: Kiki, Betsy, JT, and Brinker. Eventually the Johnstons packed their bags and moved with their children to Frankfurt, Germany, where the family continued to flourish under Kathy's home front direction, and Jay began his work as Head of Marketing for Abbott Labs in Western Europe. Kathy still meets every other year with her German Frauleins.

In 1986, the Johnstons were asked to pack their bags again and move to Tokyo, Japan. Jay admits to scheduling the family flight to Tokyo on a Super Bowl Sunday as the Chicago Bears kicked off to the New England Patriots. Jay recalls that Kathy and the children were not pleased with his scheduling. Kathy flourished in Japan as she had in Germany. Jay maintains that she was the consummate ex-pat, appreciating everything foreign, grateful for the adventure, and supporting her children in their challenges and endeavors.

In 1992, Kathy and family returned to the US where Kathy again assumed the role of "Endearing General", as coined by her patient sons-in-laws. She took up golf in Naples, resumed her volunteering activities and continued to harass her Sons-in-laws. She played golf with friends in Chicago and Naples. She shared her laughter and was content playing nine holes if lunch could follow afterwards. She and Jay enjoyed their travel with many friends who have remained important and close to them over the years.

Kathy's gratitude for life never deserted her. Her need to laugh and have those around her laugh remained intact until the end. "The General" organized, ordered, dictated and ruled as long as she lived, bringing laughter to her husband, her children, grandchildren, siblings and her multitude of wonderful friends. May she be forever at peace.

Kathy is survived by her husband of 52 years, Jay Johnston. She is survived also by Kiki and Brad Hoener and Kailey and Max of Dallas, TX; by Betsy and Brett Olson and Brooks and Clay of London, England; by JT and Julie Johnston and Jack, Tommy and Reece of St. Paul, MN; and by Brinker and Michelle Johnston and Paige, Brier and Grace of Wilmette, IL.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, May 3rd at 4:00PM at Saints Faith Hope & Charity Church: 191 Linden Street; Winnetka, IL 60093 with a reception to follow at Westmoreland Country Club: 2601 Old Glenview Road; Wilmette, IL 60091.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Avow Hospice Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105 or Journey Care Center, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025.

Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com



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## Julian, Mildred C.

Mildred C. Julian, nee Taccio; beloved wife of the late Harold Julian; loving daughter of the late Rocco Sr. and Carmine, nee Falcone; dearest sister of the late Ben, Maria (William) Di Pidova, Frank, Nick (Betty), Angelina (Jerry) Mazzoni, Rocco Jr. and Margaret Ann; cherished friend of Agnes Snita and Louis Toledo. Visitation, Wednesday, 9 a.m. until time of service, 10 a.m. at **The Elms Funeral Home** 7600 W. Grand Ave., Elmwood Park. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Please omit flowers. For information 708-453-1234 or [www.elmsfh.com](http://www.elmsfh.com)



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## Kaiser, Bonnie

(Bell)  
Age 83, a resident of Indianapolis, IN., formerly of Frankfort, and Park Forest, IL., passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth W. Kaiser Sr.; loving mother of Kenneth W. Kaiser Jr.; cherished grandmother of William Joseph and Kelly Marie; dear sister of Marie Jane Speck. A Memorial service will be held at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423 on May 4, 2019 at 1:30 PM. Inurnment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Info [www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com](http://www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com) or 815-806-2225.

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## Karamas, Joyce

Joyce E. Karamas of Douglas MI, passed away on April 26, 2019 at AppleDorn Assisted Living. She was preceded in death by her parents Nicholas & Anastasia Karamas and brother, Ernest who passed away on January 8, 2019. She was also preceded in death by her lifelong companion Marjorie Waldschmidt. Joyce is survived by her sister Shirley Kappos (Gus) and several nieces and nephews.

She was born in Chicago IL on July 27, 1926 and then attended Farragut High School. She had a masters in Library Science and worked as the Art Curriculum Director with the Chicago Public Schools. A visitation will be held at Dykstra Funeral Home in Saugatuck, MI on Wednesday May 1, 2019 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm with a graveside service following at the Douglas Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation. For more information, or to sign an online register book, please visit [dykstrafuneralhome.com](http://dykstrafuneralhome.com)

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## Karras, Marina Andonia 'Maren'

Body CopyMaren (Marina) Andonia Karras of Chicago, fell asleep unto the Lord after a valiant and vigilant battle with cancer. Born on Feb. 7, 1953 in Evanston, Illinois, she was the devoted daughter of the late Antoinette Thimmenos Karras. She is survived by siblings, Robert, Kimberly, Thomas & Demetra. She was the beloved aunt of Carina Andonia Karras; Koumbara, Joanne Rimkus; beloved niece and namesake of Maren Swindell; loving cousin to Georgia Milosovic, Kiki, Lina and Alex Panos; Godmother to Vincent & Peter Rimkus. She also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Olson Burke Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center, at 6471 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, from the hours of 4pm until 8pm. Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church at 733 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, at 10:30am, followed by interment at Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to **Vergos & Associates Funeral Services** under the direction of Olson Burke Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center. Maren's full obituary can be found at [obsfuneralandcremation.com](http://obsfuneralandcremation.com)

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## Karzen, Judith H.

Judith H. Karzen, nee Hanelin. Loving wife of Michael Karzen. Devoted mother of Harriet (Jeffrey) Nemetz, Rachel Karzen and Aviva (Doni) Cohen. Proud grandmother of Ari, Zoe, Gabriel, Micah, Joey and Dolly. Dear sister of Nancy (Sigmund) Steinfink. Beloved aunt to Jacob (Melissa), Debbie and Marci (Bat). Service Monday 10 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Memorials in her memory to the JDRF, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004, [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org) and to Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 W. Touhy Avenue, Suite 302, Skokie, IL 60077, [www.lesturnerals.org](http://www.lesturnerals.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, [www.cjfnfo.com](http://www.cjfnfo.com)



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## Kirby, James

James Kirby, of Chicago, passed suddenly on April 24. James is survived by his wife, Mary Helen nee Burns; son, Daniel C. (Kelsey) Kirby; mother Carolyn; sisters Kathleen Nowlin, and Julie (Hugh) Donohue; brother Robert S. (Gerrit) Kirby II; brothers-in-law Michael (Margaret) Burns, John (Gail) Burns, Patrick (Kathleen) Burns, James Burns, and Christopher Burns; sisters-in-law Catherine (Jim) Tunney, and Margaret Gill; as well as many nieces and nephews. James is predeceased by his father Robert S. Kirby Sr.; brother Thomas C. Kirby; and his brother-in-law Daniel Burns. Visitation at **Lakeview Funeral Home**, 1458 W. Belmont, on Monday, April 29 from 4pm-9pm. Funeral Mass St. Clement Catholic Church Tuesday, April 30 11am. For information 773.472.6300 or [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com)



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## Klepek, Ralla D.

Ralla Klepek, 82, died April 25, 2019 after a brief illness. Ralla, a legendary attorney, whose career accomplishments spanned many areas of the law, was well-known for her precedent-establishing struggles on behalf of the LGBTQ community and her tireless efforts in family law. Ralla, who attended Northwestern University for her undergraduate and post-graduate degrees, and John Marshall Law School for her J.D., received in 1964, began her professional legal career working with her father, Jack Klepek (now deceased), who introduced her to the non-text book practice of law, instilling in her the love for her profession which she never abandoned. For decades Klepek defended owners and employees of gay bars, as well as their patrons, against police raids and harassment for, starting in the 1960's when legal services for the LGBTQ community were almost non-existent. She also took on individual civil and criminal cases for people whom she believed were being ill-treated by the legal system, often stating that one of her chief concerns was to try and make sure the "system worked for everyone" or everyone "at least had the opportunity to have the best representation she could mount." Ralla's interests in social justice led to the development of a strong bond with Sister Margaret Traxler. She campaigned with Traxler, advocating for women's rights, freedom of choice and better treatment for women in prison throughout the United States. She championed same-sex-partner adoptions and helped make possible for surviving partners to inherit estates in the years before the legalization of gay marriage. Klepek offered her legal services in changing birth certificates and legal names for numerous transgender-clients. She defended gay servicemen in court martial cases and provided estate planning for those dying of complications stemming from AIDS. In 2017 Klepek was very proud to be inducted into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame for her service commitments to that community. She was member of various legal organizations throughout her career, taught law at IIT Kent College of Law and was a tireless advocate for the rights of children in contentious family law matters, working up to the time of her death. She left no immediate survivors, but a legacy that will last as long as those who knew her walk this earth. Services will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 1:30 p.m. at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Illinois, with interment following at Shalom Memorial Park in Arlington Heights, Illinois. In lieu of flowers please send contributions to the Ralla Klepek Foundation for the Performing Arts, c/o Miriam Solo, Attorney at Law, 6538 N. Sacramento Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645.

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## Koenig, Harry J.

Harry J. Koenig, age 61, of Lincolnwood, IL passed away Friday, April 26, 2019. He grew up in Palatine, IL and attended Palatine High School. President of Advanced Plastic Corporation in Lincolnwood, IL founded in 1980. His dynamic spirit drove him to develop materials that exceeded supposition. He implemented his vision through design innovation. Reinforcing his position with the outstanding support of his Advanced Plastic team. He previously served on the Lincolnwood Park & Recreational Board and supported many other charitable endeavors. Beloved ex-husband of Sandra Kovacic. Devoted father of Krista. Loving son of Joseph Koenig Sr., Anna (Nickel), and step-mom Penny Koenig. Dearest brother of Evelyn (Remedi), Joe Jr., and Linda (Slaten). Kind uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday May 3, from 2-9 PM with a service at 8 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL 60646. Interment private. Info 773-736-3833 or [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)



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## Koepke, Ralph

Ralph Koepke, age 67 of Highland, IN, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019. He is survived by beloved mother, Lina Koepke; sister, Carol (George) Marx; and many close friends, including his devoted dog, Mocha. Ralph retired from Arcelor Mittal with 40 years of service. He was a graduate from Chicago Vocational School, class of 1970. Memorial to be announced at a later date. Memorials preferred to the Hospice of the Calumet. Pruzin & Little Funeral Service, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements.

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## Kosek, Sr., James G.



James George Kosek, Sr., Vietnam War, Army Veteran, beloved husband of the late Shirlee, nee Smith; loving father of Ashley and James George, Jr.; Cherished grandfather of Morgan Denise Foxglove; dear brother-in-law of Gaye Smith and Mike Ortiz; fond uncle of Kaley Smith; Caring companion of Miriam Blair. Friend to countless others through his travels near and far. Visitation Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service 11:30 a.m. at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 South Cass Avenue, Darien, Int. Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the NRA Foundation, [www.nrafoundation.org](http://www.nrafoundation.org). For info. 630-852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

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## Llewellyn, Bernadine 'Bernie'

Bernadine (Bernie) Llewellyn passed away peacefully on April 23, 2019, while the birds were chirping and talking about fat Robins, bluebells and wild flowers at The Springs of Vernon Hills with her daughter close by. Bernie was born in Rudd Iowa to Justus and Amalia Brandau, the youngest of five siblings. Bernie was fiercely independent, driving from Chicago to Iowa alone in the 1950's. Refusing Jim (her future husband) a second date for 6 months after he stood her up the first time. She graduated from Finley Nursing School and took care of polio children in Iron Lungs then became Dr. Mark Cannmann's office nurse. Bernie was a member of The Order of Eastern Star for over 50 years and later joined White Shrine. She has many life-long friends from these organizations. Bernie taught girl scouts how to do embroidery, adopted little old ladies to take care of, made homemade donuts for Halloween treats, made the best potato salad, and shared her beloved cottage with family and friends cooking for 25 people on Labor Day weekends. She was the family rock when her son John passed away suddenly at the age of 34 and became Tom's Coffee buddy every morning in the last 4 years. Bernie is remembered as always smiling, grabbing your hand and kissing it then holding it to her cheek. She brought joy and comfort to anyone she met. Bernie is preceded in death by her husband Jim, her son John and all of her siblings. She is survived by her children Mary (Mark) Dettl of Grand Rapids, Dottie (Tom) Conway of Vernon Hills, James Llewellyn of Wisconsin, and Willie (Maddie) Llewellyn of Seattle. Her grandchildren Matthew and Michael (Jaime) Dettl, Suzie, Alex (Caitlin) and Molly Gross and her sister-in-law Maureen Llewellyn. She will forever remain in our hearts with her famous princess wave, blowing kisses and the memory of she was not spoiled but entitled to all the love we could shower her with. Special thanks to the staff of The Springs of Vernon Hills and Transitions Hospice for taking the time to care and love Bernie. A memorial service is planned in September in Iowa per Bernie's wishes. Until we see you again, God Speed and all our love.

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## Martini, Mary Meehan

Mary Meehan Martini, 93 of Grayslake. Beloved wife of the late John N.; loving mother of Jay (Debbie), Rick (Michele), Phil (Mike) and Steve (Daisy); proud grandmother of Annie, Madeline, Andrew & Nicole (Jordan); proud great-grandma of Lila; dear sister of the late Margaret (George) Goldstein. Visitation from 10:00 am until time of funeral service at 11:00 am, Monday, at the **Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd.**, 1520 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Interment Ft. Sheridan Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Tree House Humane Society, 7225 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60645 [www.treehouseanimals.org](http://www.treehouseanimals.org). Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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## Martinucci, Sergio

Sergio Martinucci, age 84. Devoted husband of Piera nee Marcheschi; beloved father of Carla (Timothy) Casey; loving grandfather of Siena; fond cousin of Giuseppe Iacopetti in Italy. Visitation Wednesday May 1, 2019 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services begin Thursday 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Eugene Church in Chicago for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum. Lifetime resident of the Chicagoland area, an Educator and Realtor and longtime member of Mazzini Verdi and Lucchesi, nel Mondo Clubs. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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## Miller, Harvey D.

Dr. Harvey D. Miller, 82, of Skokie, passed away unexpectedly on March 30, 2019. Harvey was born on March 7, 1937 to the late Donald S. Miller MD and the late Anne Ghingold. Loving father to Susan Miller, Barbara (Ted) Delis, and the late Mousey (Diane) Miller. Harvey leaves behind 2 sisters; Roli Anne Miller Grayson and Dr. Alice Miller Breakstone (Robert), and friend, Joyce Prosser. He was the proud uncle of 3 nieces and 3 nephews, and the great uncle of 3 nieces and 8 nephews.

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## Moore, Doris "Skipper"

Doris Moore, age 92, of Evanston, formerly of Winnetka, died peacefully on April 14, 2019. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband William. Doris was born on June 3, 1926, in Akron, Ohio to parents James Patrick and Ann (Wagner) Kiernan. She attended Northwestern University where she met the love of her life for 67 years Bill Moore, whom she would lovingly call "Billy Boy." They lived for more than 50 years at their family home on Meadow Road in Winnetka where she loved to host Christmas and other parties for her family and close friends.



Doris was a fun and generous mother and grandmother who loved to spend time with her 5 children and 9 grandchildren. She planned many vacations and family gatherings both in Winnetka and their winter home in Jupiter, Florida where she designed a special room for her grandkids. She was never happier than when she could have the family together for a festive birthday or holiday meal. She took great effort to make these occasions special with games, gifts and delicious meals. She had an incredible sweet tooth, loved to bake, and always kept chocolate candy and gourmet ice cream on hand.

Doris loved to play all kinds of games and sports. She took up golf after she met Bill, and they enjoyed many golf weekends and vacations together. She was a great competitor, had nerves of steel under pressure and won 9 golf club championships at Indian Hill club. She also was an outstanding curler who lead her team as the skip to win the U.S. National Championship in 1977.

Doris was dedicated and energetic in many volunteer positions. She served on the women's board of the Lighthouse for the Blind, was involved with Meals on Wheels, taught religious education classes and was a tutor for adult literacy classes. She also generously provided Catholic education for families that could not afford it.

Doris was an avid Chicago Cubs fan - a passion she passed on to her children. Not one to sit in front of the television, she made an exception to watch her Cubs. She was devastated after their defeat in the 1984 playoffs vowing to never get her hopes up again. Unfortunately, she did not understand that they redeemed themselves with their 2016 world championship.

Doris adored her golden retrievers who were an important part of her life for over 30 years. "Love me, love my dog" were favorite words of hers. She doted on these dogs giving them long walks, trips to the beach, and special dog bones from the butcher. When Doris and Bill moved to a retirement home, Amy, their last golden, came with them providing many years of companionship and comfort.

Most important to Doris was her faith. She was a devout Catholic her entire life, strong in her faith, obedient in following the Catholic precepts and confident in an afterlife in heaven.

Doris resided the last 10 years of her life at Three Crowns Park retirement home where she needed constant care because of her dementia. The family is grateful to all the people who touched her life especially Minnie Mae Lenoir and those who provided care during her last years including Janie Stachura, Carmen Frias and the staff at Three Crowns Park.

Doris Beloved wife of 67 years of the late William J. Moore; loving mother of W. John (Andrea) Moore, Susan (Robert) Klawitter, David Moore, Stephen (Anne) Moore and Kathryn (Robert) Dodd; proud grandmother of Natalie and Rebecca Moore, Eric and Jenna Klawitter, Justin, William and David Moore, Cameron and Stacy Dodd; dear sister of the late Robert (Mary), Thomas and Byron (Marge) Kiernan.

A Celebration of Doris's Life will take place on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Indian Hill Club, 1 N. Indian Hill Road, Winnetka, IL 60093.

Visitation Monday, April 29, 2019, 9:00 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at Saints Faith Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street Winnetka, IL 60093.

Interment Private, All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Three Crowns Employee Scholarship Fund, 2323 McDaniel Ave. Evanston, IL 60201.

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## Moore, Mary Louise

Mary Louise Moore, 75, of Chicago, died Saturday, March 23, 2019. She was born January 27, 1944 in Memphis, Tennessee to Eddie Lee Polk and Rosie Lee McNeil. She was married to James Moore for fifty-one years and had one son, Justin and one daughter, Melanie. Mary graduated from Hamilton High School, Memphis and Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee. She was an active member of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and a retiree of the Illinois Health Care and Family Service. To view the full obituary, please visit [www.brookinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.brookinsfuneralhome.com)



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## Morrissey, Dennis James

Dennis James Morrissey, Ret. Cook County Circuit Court Judge. Cherished husband and best friend of Cheryl Kolomay. Long fought battle of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension. Loving father of James (Emily), Kevin, Bridget (Colin) Tracey, Sean and the late Patrick. Mother of his children Mary Morrissey. Devoted grandfather of Jack and Erin. Beloved

son of the late John and Jewel Morrissey. Dearest brother of Anne (John) Neuman. Dear brother-in-law of John (Connie) Kolomay. Son-in-law to Richard (Ret. C.F.D.) and the late Patricia Kolomay. Uncle to Louise, Michelle, and Michael. Best friend and protector Seamus. Special thank you to Dr. Lev-Weissberg and to APN Michael Fressola. Funeral Wednesday 10:00 am from **Malec & Sons Funeral Home**, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave. to Our Lady of Victory Church. Mass 11:00 am. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3:00 - 9:00 pm. Please omit flowers. In lieu of flowers donation to the Garrido Stray Rescue Foundation, or the Pulmonary Hypertension Association appreciated. (773) 774-4100. [MalecandSonsFH.com](http://MalecandSonsFH.com).

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## Neville, Brian A.

Brian A. Neville, age 54, beloved husband of Janean Marie (Snooks); devoted son of Kathleen and the late John Neville; loving brother of Elizabeth Neville, Mary (Louis) Suffern, Catherine (Jack) Kennedy, Patrick (Nita) Neville, Rita (Carl) McDermott, James Neville, Teresa Neville, the late John (Marcia) Neville and Eileen Neville; adored uncle to 26 nieces and nephews; cherished friend to many. Proud St. Rita Alumni, Class of '83. Visitation Monday 2-9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Francis of Assisi Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral info 708-429-3200.

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## Patterson, James R.

James R. Patterson, of Palatine, passed away on April 15th, 2019. Beloved husband of Myrna, nee Bierman for 54 wonderful years. Adored father of William, Michael and Kevin (Shannon) Patterson. Dear grandfather of Alisia, Kale and Kira. Loving brother of William and Charles Patterson. Visitation 10 AM, May 7th, 2019, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Highway, Palatine, until time of memorial service at 11 AM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Info 847-359-8020 or visit James' memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## Presti, Barbara Joan

Barbara Joan Presti our beloved free spirit passed away peacefully February 12 2019. Always ready for adventure. Barbara loved singing, dancing, art, and traveling. Generous with her family, friends and strangers she is loved for her joyous spark. Preceded in death by her husband John A. Presti survived by her sister Betty Jane Hamill also by her children Carolyn Becker, Cybelle Presti, Robert Presti, Barbara Frances Presti, grandchildren Jaclyn Becker, Danielle Becker and much loved son in law Mike Becker. A celebration of life of Barbara's life will be held May 18th 2019 at Chicago Botanic Garden 1000 Lake Cook rd. Glencoe IL 60022 at McGinley Pavilion 11 am - 2 pm please RSVP by May 7 th if you plan to attend at [barbcelebrate@yahoo.com](mailto:barbcelebrate@yahoo.com) if you wish to make a donation make it to Alzheimer's Foundation [www.alzdn.org/](http://www.alzdn.org/) or to Chicago Botanic Garden thank you. We request no flowers be sent to the Garden.

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## Quinn, Betty Ann

Betty Ann Quinn nee Westman, devoted daughter of the late O.S. and Selma Westman, beloved wife of the late Edward T. Quinn, loving mother of Edward J. (Ted) Quinn, Retired Chicago Public School Teacher. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien where a 7:00 p.m. chapel service will be held. Interment private. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

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## Rippinger, Helen

Helen Margaret Rippinger, 97, of Aurora, entered eternal life Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Presence Fox Knoll. She was born October 23, 1921 in Tiffin, Ohio, the daughter of John and Margaret (Desch) Wilhelm. Helen graduated from Calvert High School in Tiffin, Ohio in 1939 and from St. Agnes School of Nursing (now Marian University) in Fond

du Lac, Wisconsin in 1943. She served three years as a 1st Lieutenant Army Air Corps nurse in World War II. She married Lt. Joseph Rippinger January 2, 1946 at March Field, in Riverside, California. Helen and Joseph returned to Aurora to raise their family of five sons and one daughter. She was a very active member of Annunciation Church, where she served in several capacities for over fifty years. She was employed as a Registered Nurse in the Obstetrics department of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Provena Mercy Hospital for thirty three years and assisted in the delivery of countless infants. She retired from her position in 1984. She then began work as a volunteer in the surgical waiting area of Provena Mercy Hospital. She did this work for twenty three years. She was a member of the Provena Mercy Auxiliary, the Serra Club, and the Ladies of Columbus, a life member of the Abbot Marmion Society of Marmion Abbey, the Veritas Society of Rosary High School, and the Einsiedeln Society of St. Meinrad Archabbey. She was also a member of the Oblate of Marmion Abbey and of the Fox Valley Garden Club. She was a recipient of the Marmion Academy Saint Scholastica Award in 2015. She was a Eucharistic Minister at Provena Mercy and at Annunciation Church; Helen loved to cook and bake and was known for her homemade pies and desserts. She is survived by her husband, Joseph; five sons, John (Susan) Rippinger, Fr. Joel Rippinger, O.S.B., Daniel (Adrienne) Rippinger, Tim (Georgette) Rippinger, her daughter, Mary Jo (Michael) DiRe; a daughter-in-law, Janet Rippinger; twelve grandchildren; six great grandchildren; her sister, Dorothy (Emmitt) Droll; three brothers, Don (Mary Ellen) Wilhelm, Gene (Pat) Wilhelm, Karl (Rosalie) Wilhelm; two sisters-in-law Marge Wilhelm, and Dody Wilhelm; many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; her son, Lt. Thomas Rippinger; four brothers, Paul Wilhelm, Ray Wilhelm, Bill Wilhelm, and John Wilhelm; two sisters, Sr. Mary Beth Wilhelm, C.S.A., and Alice (late James) Rippinger. Visitation will be held Friday, May 3, 2019 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM, with a Liturgical Wake Service at 4:00 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. (630) 631-5500. An additional viewing will be held Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:30 AM until the funeral hour at 10:30 AM at Marmion Abbey Church 850 Butterfield Rd, Aurora, IL 60502. Her son Fr. Joel Rippinger will officiate with interment at Marmion Abbey Cemetery. Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Helen's family. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Lt. Thomas Rippinger Memorial Scholarship Fund at Marmion Academy, Aurora, Illinois.

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## Schimmel, Samuel

Dr. Samuel Schimmel, age, 98, beloved husband of the late Chaja Haline Schimmel; loving father of Dr. David (Alison) Schimmel and Susan (Wayne) Schnapp; cherished Grandpa of Bryan (Jacqueline), Adam (Valerie), Andrew (Jacqueline) Schimmel, Michael (Caroline) Schnapp and Meryl (David) Weiss. Chapel service Monday, April 29, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Congregation Kol Emeth in Skokie. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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## Schutz, John E.

John E. Schutz, 83, of River Forest; beloved husband of Jeannine, nee Paris; cherished father of Lisa Schutz, Timothy (Rosanne) Schutz, Paris Schutz, Tyson (Sarah Plovovich) Schutz, Autumn (Christopher Bleck) Schutz, and John R. (Aimee) Pacente; dear grandfather of Michael, Brandon, and J.J.; loving brother of Thomas (the late Pamela) Schutz and Carole Evans; fond uncle, loyal friend and mentor of many. John was a revered toy industry executive and a graduate of his beloved Michigan State University. He was also a lifelong devotee of the Chicago Bears. Visitation Wednesday, May 1st, 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Drechsler, Brown, & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Service Thursday, May 2nd, 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Private. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.com)

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## Shack, Robert A. "Bob"

Robert A. Shack, 91, longtime resident of Norwood Park. U.S. Army veteran. Beloved husband of Mary Clifford Shack and the late Ann Shack. Loving father of John, Steve (Laura), Michael, Kevin Shack and Joe Clifford. Proud grandfather of Jessica, Jordan, Sam, Will, Brandon, Vanessa, Amanda and April. Dear brother of John (Charlaine) and the late Jim

(Helen) and Thomas (Dee) Shack. Fond brother in law of Donald (Mary) Schmid and Joan (Joseph) Sebastian. Bob devoted his life to liturgical music and St. Thecla Parish where he was music director for over 65 years. Visitation Monday, April 29, 2019 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 9:30 am until time of prayers 10:30am. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am at Saint Thecla Church. Memorials appreciated to Kreider Alliance, 500 Anchor Road, Dixon, IL 61021 or the charity of your choice. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For further information 773-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).

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## Sheehy, Michael

Michael F. Sheehy, age 66, suddenly, U.S. Army veteran. Beloved husband of Cathy (nee Daly). Cherished son of the late Dolly and John Sheehy. Loving brother of John R. (Kathleen "Cookie") Sheehy, James (Susan) Sheehy, Deborah (Gerald) Novac and the late Gloria (the late Marty) McPhee. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Member of Heavy Equipment and Elevator Operators Local #150-City of Chicago. Visitation Monday 3-8 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral service Monday evening 7 PM at the funeral home. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at [www.palosgaidasfn.com](http://www.palosgaidasfn.com) (708) 974 4410

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## Sierak, Dianne Elizabeth

Dianne Elizabeth Sierak, 74, passed away surrounded by her sons on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. She was the loving mother of Ted, Chris, and Tim Sierak; beloved daughter of the late Arthur and Madeleine Maitland; grandmother of Alexander Sierak; dear sister of the late Arthur Lowell Maitland and sister-in-law of Lorna; cherished aunt of Jeff and Ken. A memorial mass will be held at 10:45am on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at St. Isidore Church, 427 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Catholic Charities of Joliet, <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/general-donation/>. Visit Dianne's memorial @ [dupagecremations.com](http://dupagecremations.com)

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## Smith, Patricia Marie

Patricia Marie Smith, (nee Gleason), beloved wife of Donald E. Smith for 52 years. Cherished daughter of the late Leo and Helen Gleason and daughter-in-law of the late Donald and Lorraine Smith. Loving mother of Francine (Dan) Rainey, Heidi (Gerry) Lange, Tricia (Robert) Schaller, Joedy (Heather). Devoted Grandmother of 12, Genevieve & Charlie Otte; Meghann, Tim, Jason, Nicholas & Quiten Lange; Daniel & Gavin Schaller; Matthew Baker, Ashley Baker and Jack Smith. Fond sister of Mary Pisano (late Patrick), the late Tom Gleason, and Terry Walsh (late James). Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday, 8:45 am from **Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home**, 10727 S. Pulaski Rd. to St. Christina Church. Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 am. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3:00 - 9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to Emilie's Fund via Smith Crossings or Shady Oaks Camp for people with disabilities would be appreciated. (773)783-7700.

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## Solski, Jr., Richard J. 'Rick'

Richard J. "Rick" Solski, Jr., age 68, loving father of Jonathan Solski. Beloved son of Richard Sr. and the late Elaine Solski, nee Nagle. Dear brother of Bert (Penny), Michael (Dee), Cathy (Richard) Murphy, James (Lisa) and Shawn (Kevin) Dahm. Dearest uncle of many nieces and nephews. Retired insurance executive at Resolute Management Inc. Visitation Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 3-8 p.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Family and friends are invited to meet directly at St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, IL on Thursday, May 2, 2019 for Mass at 10:45 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The V Foundation for Cancer Research, 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513 are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at [colonialchapel.com](http://colonialchapel.com) 708-532-5400

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## Mouloupoulos, Pearl

Pearl Mouloupoulos, nee Grevenites, age 95, passed away on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Christ and loving mother of Debbie (Luigi) Riggio, the late John and the late Harry (Diana) Mouloupoulos. Proud Grandmother of Mia and Nicholas; dear sister of the late Carnation (the late Harry) Kouvas, the late Mary (the late Gus) Lamos, the late Peter (Judy) Grevenites and the late John (the late Mary) Grevenites; sister-in-law of the late Harry (the late Helen, who was also Pearl's best friend for 65-years) Moulos, the late Gus Mouloupoulos; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and their families. Family and friends will meet Monday morning, April 29, 2019, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 6041 W. Diversey Ave., Chicago, IL 60639 for Visitation at 11:00 a.m. until the Funeral Service begins at 12:00 p.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove. Kindly omit flowers. Arrangements made by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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## Russo, Donald C.

Donald C. Russo. Age 97. Beloved husband of the late Lois, nee Geisler. Dear father of Craig (Sharon), Brian (Rita), and Keith Russo. Loving grandfather of Dana (Tony) Russo Harder, Dr. Carla (Jason) Almqvist Russo, Eric and Aaron Russo. Great-grandfather of Bennett and Drew Almqvist, Alec and Ian Harder. Memorial Visitation Thursday, May 2, 3 p.m. until time of memorial service, 7:30 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Arbor Day Foundation, [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org). Info. [www.ryan-parke.com](http://www.ryan-parke.com).

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## Schaeffer, Theresa Elizabeth

Theresa, 87, of Gurnee, IL, passed away on April 24, 2019. She was born in Waukegan, IL on June 2, 1931 to Elizabeth and Adam Klein. Growing up in Chicago, Theresa attended St. Hilary Catholic Grammar School and St. Scholastica High School for Women, where she formed lifelong friendships. Theresa studied classical piano at the Chicago

Conservatory of Music until her heart was captured by her future husband, Joseph Schaeffer, from Yugoslavia. Theresa was the business partner for her husband's construction business, in 1968, with the founding of Schaeffer Construction Company. Joseph died in March of 2017. Their 67 year marriage was a model for their five children: Robert (Kristine), Anne (David), Michael (Mary), Kathryn, Mary (deceased), and Joseph (Jorie). She is survived by 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Richard Klein. Visitation (12 noon to 1:30 pm) and Funeral Service (1:30 pm) will be held on Friday, May 3 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 6401 Gages Lake Road, Gurnee, IL (847) 918-0600. Graveside will follow at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

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## Schappert, Robert C. 'Bob'

Robert C. Schappert, 93, of Oak Park; beloved husband of the late Ruth Lamie Schappert, nee Buchanan; loving father of Kevin (Betsy), James, Mary Anne (Tom) Daniels, Jenny (the late Joseph) Macino, Ruthie Schappert, and David (Jolene) Schappert; cherished grandfather of Katie (Sean) Fuller, Jennifer Morris, Jessica, John, and Joe Daniels, Lindsay and

Julie Macino, Sarah Schappert, and Nina Schappert; great-grandfather of Hayden, Natalie, and McKenna; dear brother of the late Joe (the late Mary) Schappert; fond uncle of many. Bob started the track team and the Newman Club at East Tennessee State University, as his Catholic faith was very important to him. He loved fishing, reading, writing, and most of all, telling jokes and making people laugh. Visitation Saturday, May 4th, 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass, 10:30 a.m., at St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Heart Association are appreciated. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.com)

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### Stankovich, Bogoljub

Bogoljub Stankovich, 93, dearly beloved husband of the late Leonila (nee Alvarez); Loving father of Nada (Milorad) Adamovic, Peter (Caroline) Stankovich and Helen (Carlos) Torres, proud grandfather of Natasha, Natalia, Anna, Marina, John, Angelina, Julia and Victor, loving great-grandfather of Miomir, dearest brother of Premil, Rade and Ljubenko and the late Momir, Dragoljub and Nada. May Bogoljub's memory be eternal.

Visitation Monday April 29, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at **Sveta Gora, Serbian Orthodox Funeral Home**, 3517 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60641. Pomen (Prayers), 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Opelo (Serbian Orthodox Funeral Service) Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 1 p.m. at the New Gracanica Monastery, 35240 N Grant Street, Third Lake, IL 60046. Interment Most Holy Mother of God Cemetery. Any donations to St. Steven of Decani Serbian Orthodox Church in Chicago appreciated.

For info, please contact Sveta Gora, phone 773-588-2200 or visit [www.svetagora.com](http://www.svetagora.com)



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### Steffen, Ellen Lynn

Ellen Lynn Steffen, 54; Vice-President, BMO Bank; graduate of Boardman H.S. in Youngstown, OH; B.S., Miami University; M.B.A., University of Chicago; passed away April 18, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. Preceded in death by parents Carl Daehn Steffen and Jacqueline Ann Steffen (nee Drushal). Ellen is survived by beloved family: brother and sister-in-law Daehn and Christina Steffen, niece Jennifer Burgoyne (Travis), nephew Daehn (Katie) and adored great-nephews Wyatt and Cole Burgoyne and Jackson Steffen and great-niece Harper Steffen. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, donations to [www.standuptocancer.org](http://www.standuptocancer.org) or [www.anticruelty.org](http://www.anticruelty.org) would be most appreciated. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or [www.cremation-society.com](http://www.cremation-society.com).



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### Szwed, Theresa Marie 'Tree'

Theresa (Tree) Marie Szwed age 68, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2019. Theresa will be lovingly remembered by her siblings Edward (Cindy) Szwed, Michael (Jill) Szwed, Marilyn (Howard) Lange. She was preceded in death by her sister Helene (Alex) Lockhart. Theresa will be forever remembered by her many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. She was a long-time resident of Gurnee and Plainfield. After working 30+ years for IL Bell/AT&T she looked forward to her retirement. Her many loves included her cats, "Missy" being her latest, traveling with her family and friends and the bright lights of any casino which drew her in. She happily looked forward to spending time visiting her family and friends and keeping up on the latest news. A memorial service will be held in June at a date and location to be determined. In lieu of flowers or donations, please think of Theresa next time you travel or purchase a lottery ticket.

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### Thomson, Eugene 'Scott'

Eugene 'Scott' Thomson was born on February 8, 1956 and passed away peacefully on March 9, 2019 from heart disease. One of four children, Scott was a spirited, handsome and athletic child. He was adored by his family, especially for his ability to add so much fun, love, and laughter to their lives. He attended grammar, middle and high school in Evanston before going to Culver Military Academy. He graduated from The University of Colorado and, throughout his life, spoke often of his happy days in Boulder. His professional life was spent at the Chicago Board of Trade and as a day trader. He was a devoted son, brother, uncle and friend to many. He was known to stay in close touch with those he loved, in particular his nieces and nephew, and he was happiest when he was in a position to help others. He loved his friends dearly and always enjoyed sharing good times with them. Everyone was happy to be in Scott's company as he was a vibrant presence, a gifted story teller and a wonderful soul. Throughout his adult life, it gave him great joy to support a number of wonderful organizations: The Evanston Wilmette Community Golf Course/Canal Shores, The Night Ministry, Misericordia, Chicago Hope Academy and Camp Trident, all of which had a connection to family or close friends. He is predeceased by his grandparents, Esther and Harry Yockey, Andrew and Sarah Thomson, and his parents, Andrew and Peggy Thomson, whom he worshipped and adored. He will be dearly missed by his siblings David, Mary (Peter Renner), Rob (Lucy Hodder) and his nieces and nephews: Andrew and Rebecca Thomson, Madeline, Maggie and Lindsey Renner. Memorial Services: Friday, July 12, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at Church of the Holy Comforter, 222 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, IL 60043. Interment: private. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.

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### Tilkin, Addie

Addie Tilkin, nee Meyerhoff, age 94, beloved wife and best friend of the late Aaron Tilkin; loving mother of Steve (Lori) Tilkin and Gail (Phil) Walsh; adored Nonny of Jenna and Halley Walsh. Addie loved and appreciated her extended family and friends. The world is a better place because of her generosity of spirit. Service Monday, 12 Noon at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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### Vrtis, Kenneth Edward

Kenneth Edward Vrtis, Sr., 82, Springbrook, WI (formerly Palos Hills and Brookfield, IL). Survived by his partner, Sheila Ganz; children: Joan (Diane Brown), Ken Jr. (Jeannette), Sandi (Rich) Chudoba, Theresa Gannon, Betty (Chuck) Gawle and Frank (Claudia); siblings Don and Carol; grandchildren: Brittany, Lindsey, Billy, Kenny, Shelby, Charles, Matt, Jennifer, Joe, Rachel, Eddie, Danny, Jimmy; great-granddaughter, Raena. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 49 years, Harriette, parents Ed and Erline Vrtis, great-grandson, Braxton. Visitation will be Friday, May 3, 4 to 6 PM, at **Bratley-Nelson Funeral Home**, Hayward, WI. Mass will be Saturday, May 4, 11 AM, at St. Francis Solanus Mission. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery in Stone Lake, WI.

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### Wallburg, Rosemarie A.

Rosemarie A. Wallburg, 81, of North Granby, CT, formerly of Naperville, beloved wife of the late Charles Wallburg, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Parkway Pavilion in Enfield, CT. Born in Chicago to the late Frank and Anna (Czerwiec) Kizior, she lived most of her life in the various suburbs of Chicago before moving to CT in 2015.

Rosemarie was a member of St. Joseph Church in Addison and was an avid Elvis fan. She attended many of his concerts and even took her son to see him. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her son Michael Wallburg and his girlfriend Leesa Contreras; her grandchildren Clint, Taylor and Grant Wallburg, a special friend Owen Contreras; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband she was predeceased by her brothers, Stanley (Jean) and Jerry (Rosemary) Kizior, and her sisters, Sophie (Joe) Salavitch and Elizabeth (Clarence) Marek. A memorial mass will be held at St. Joseph Church in Addison, IL followed by Christian burial in Queen of Heaven Cemetery on June 29. For online condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).

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### Wolfson, Maribelle

Maribelle Wolfson died peacefully in Lincolnshire, Illinois on April 19, 2019 at age 92. A lifelong Chicagoan, she had four children with her husband Jack, who passed away in 1999. Youthful in both outlook and appearance (the photo above is from her 90th birthday), she remained active in the labor force well past normal retirement age, prompting her children to

joke whether they might retire before she did. Nothing was more important to her than her family and her friends. Warm and caring, vibrant and engaged, she was a loving mother and a loyal friend. Having majored in journalism at Northwestern University, she loved literature and the arts and was an avid reader. She was also active in Hadassah, an organization committed to empowering girls and women to improve their health and well-being as well as to promote Jewish culture and values. She is survived by four children and their spouses as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cherished mother of Barry (Sveta), Cheryl (Ty), Mark (Sheila) and Ross (Jody); proud grandmother of Laura, Charlie, Jeff, Harwood and Wolf. Family and friends are welcome to attend services, which will be held 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 22, 2019, at Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Rd., Northfield, IL 60093. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be sent to Chicago Botanic Garden <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/> or to your favorite charity. For funeral information 847-256-5700.



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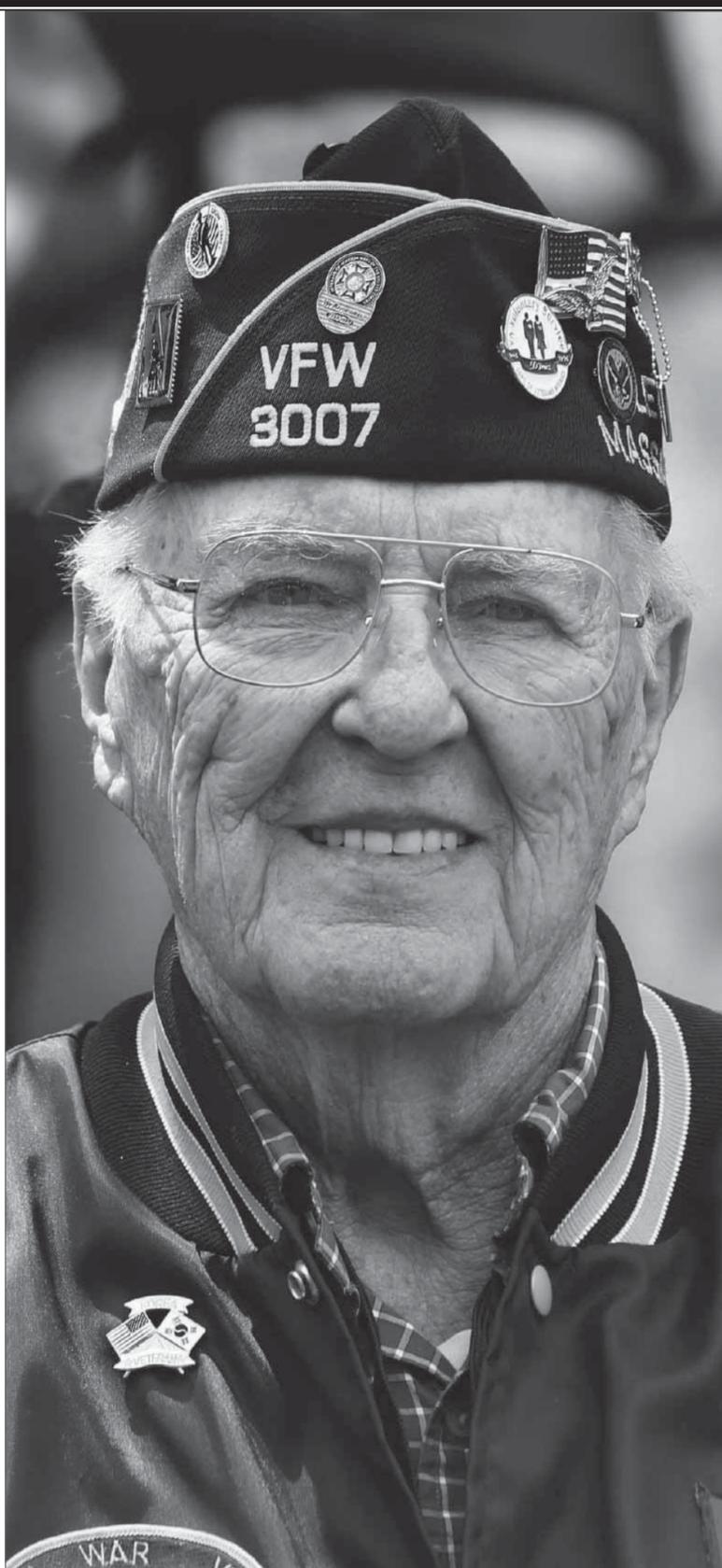


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## Sears closing store just months after its remodel

What went wrong at Oakbrook Center?

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

Sears' return to Oakbrook Center last fall was a rare spark of good news for a company teetering on the edge of bankruptcy.

Though the store was significantly smaller than the three-

story space it had occupied since the mall opened in the early 1960s, customers at the grand reopening in October praised the brighter, more modern look. Some said they had questioned whether it would reopen at all as the store's remodeling stretched on for more than a year.

When the end came, it came fast: A liquidation sale began Monday and the store is scheduled to close Sunday.

Even with the fresh look and smaller size, the store wasn't profitable, according to Sears. When Sears' former CEO Edward Lampert formed a new company to buy the retailer's assets in a bankruptcy auction earlier this year, it decided not to acquire the Oakbrook Center store's lease.

On Wednesday caution tape cordoned off swaths of the store filled with appliances that had already been sold. Some shelves

that usually held tools and lawn equipment were bare. Apparel and shoes were relatively plentiful, but shoppers clearly had been rummaging through the usually orderly racks.

Sears never said it planned to bring the changes at Oakbrook Center to other stores. But its decision to pull the plug on a newly renovated store in a popular mall suggests that even with healthier finances after bank-

ruptcy, figuring out how to bring customers back won't be easy.

What went wrong?

**Sears hasn't cracked the code on smaller stores.**

The Oakbrook Center store reopened with an "odd hodge-podge" of items — appliances, hardware, exercise equipment and women's apparel, said Neil

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Co-owner Pete Dallas unloads broccoli at Edgewater Produce in Chicago on Thursday. The store faces mounting competition.

## Stanley's closure leaves loyalists perplexed about buying produce

'Seriously, what am I going to do?' wonders customer

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

Hiroimi Sogo couldn't quite believe it when she learned Stanley's Fresh Fruits & Vegetables had closed.

A regular for more than 10 years, Sogo arrived Monday afternoon to do her usual shopping and instead was handed a plastic bag that she could fill for free as the store cleared its inventory. Stunned and more than a little peeved, Sogo grimaced at the notion that she might have to buy pricier produce elsewhere.

"Seriously, what am I going to do?" said Sogo, 48, who lives in the Lincoln

Park area.

Stanley's abrupt closure last Sunday left many regulars mourning the loss of the 52-year-old Chicago institution, which drew shoppers from across the city to the busy corner of North and Elston avenues with its low prices, wide variety and family feel.

It also signaled that specialty grocers like Stanley's, with its throwback hand-

printed signs in the windows announcing Red Delicious apples for 49 cents per pound, are becoming an endangered species in Chicago as deep-pocketed chains proliferate in a city known as a stronghold for independents.

Stanley's has struggled since a second Mariano's, a subsidiary of Kroger,

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## 3 workers in hot tech roles offer insight on breaking into area market

BY ALLY MAROTTI  
Chicago Tribune

With graduations fast approaching, a new crop of technology job candidates is preparing to enter the market. Their prospects look good.

Tech-related employment grew in the Chicago area by almost 6,000 jobs last year. And if employment postings are any indication, there is also optimism around future growth. Job postings related to emerging technologies, like 5G and artificial intelligence, increased 73 percent, according to data from Downers Grove-based trade association CompTIA.

The top three tech occupations in the Chicago area in 2018 were software and web developer; computer system and cybersecurity analyst; and network architect, administrator and support specialist. Companies in nearly every industry are expanding their tech teams, focusing on cybersecurity and eyeing new capabilities, meaning the role those workers play can vary greatly.

The median wage for all Chicago-area tech occupations was more than \$82,000 in 2018, according to the data. That's 80 percent higher than the median wage for all occupations in the state.

The Tribune asked an employee in each of the top three tech occupations to talk about their jobs, what excites them about their work, and the professional paths they've taken. Their responses have been edited for length and clarity.

### No. 1: Software and web developer

**Sumedha Gupta, 27, of the West Loop**

**Title:** Entry-level software engineer at Vivid Seats, a Chicago-based online ticket marketplace

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Vivid Seats software engineer Sumedha Gupta works on the Android app for the company in downtown Chicago on April 16.

## LOVE YOUR JOB? NOMINATE IT AS A TOP WORKPLACE

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 employers, including nonprofits. Nominated companies that agree to

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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](http://www.chicagotribune.com/nominate) or call 312-878-7356. The deadline is May 10.

# Vista Tower's construction tops out at floor 101

Will be Chicago's third-tallest



**RYAN ORI**  
On Real Estate

Vista Tower reached its final height on Friday, when construction workers poured concrete to form the Chicago skyscraper's 101st and final floor.

That marked the highest point of construction in Chicago in more than a decade, and it brought Chicago's Magellan Development Group closer to its planned spring 2020 completion of what will become the city's third-tallest skyscraper.

Topping out the 1,191-foot-tall Vista Tower came more than a decade after Trump International Hotel & Tower reached its full height in August 2008, in the throes of a real estate crash. Trump's 1,389-foot-tall condo and hotel tower, Chicago's second-tallest building, was completed in 2009.

The 1,451-foot-tall Sears Tower, now called Willis Tower, topped out in May 1973 and was completed the next year. It was the world's tallest building for 24 years, but has since been surpassed by 16 skyscrapers — all but one of which are

outside the United States. Magellan and its Chinese investment partner, Dalian Wanda Group, broke ground in September 2016 on the \$1 billion Vista project. The Jeanne Gang-designed condominium and hotel tower is near the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, at 303 E. Wacker Drive.

Here is a look at Vista Tower by the numbers.

## How the tower was built

**115,000** Cubic yards of concrete used to build the skyscraper — the equivalent of 12,800 full concrete mixer trucks.

**12,600** Tons of reinforcing steel — which the developers say is the equivalent of 16,800 cars or 4,200 elephants.

**775,000** Square feet of exterior glass — enough to cover about 13 1/2 football fields.

## How big is it?

Vista Tower will be the third-tallest skyscraper in Chicago. Here's how it compares:

- 1,451 feet: Willis Tower
- 1,389 feet: Trump International Hotel & Tower
- 1,191 feet: Vista Tower**
- 1,136 feet: Aon Center
- 1,126 feet: 875 N. Michigan Ave. (Formerly John Hancock Center)



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Workers pour concrete on the 101st floor of the Vista Tower, on its way to becoming Chicago's third-tallest skyscraper.



David Carlins, president of Magellan Development Group, and Kevin Morley, concrete superintendent of McHugh Construction, mark the occasion Friday.



Construction continues as concrete is poured on the 101st floor, topping out the Vista Tower.

## Inside the tower

**396** Number of condominium units, nearly half of which are under contract. The condo count has decreased from an originally announced 410, because some buyers have com-

binced multiple units. **192** Number of hotel rooms planned in the low-rise portion of the skyscraper.

**\$840,000** The lowest price among pre-sold condos. **\$18.5M** The highest

price of a pre-sold unit.

## When will it be finished?

The tower is estimated to be completed in 2020. **September 2016:** Groundbreaking

**June 2018:** Halfway point reached  
**April:** Construction tops out  
**Spring 2020:** Expected completion of building

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## Stanley's

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opened less than a mile away in 2015 and started pulling away customers, said Peter Panagiotaros, son of the founder. Though

Stanley's offered low prices, consumers won't take the time to make a second stop for fresh fruits and veggies, he said.

"Shoppers have a whole different mindset these days," Panagiotaros said. "They're looking for time." Irena Gioia acknowl-

edges that time — not enough of it — caused her to stop frequenting Stanley's as much as she had when she worked at Home Depot across the street. After her family moved to the Mayfair neighborhood on the Far Northwest Side, she bought produce from far-

mers markets or at whatever supermarket happened to be in her line of travel.

"There are only so many hours in the day," said Gioia, 47, as she filled her bag with Stanley's free going-out-of-business produce.

Competitors also are saddened by the loss. Stanley's demise concerns Vanessa Dremonas, executive officer at Pete's Fresh Market, which started in the 1970s as a produce stand on Chicago's South Side. Now a chain with 14 full-service grocery locations and growing, Pete's is part of a close-knit community of independent grocery stores in Chicago that keep each other on their toes.

"We're not fighting against the big conglomerates, we are competing among independents who typically have stronger game plans," Dremonas said. "It's kept us all at our best."

But the business model of independent grocers has been pressured by a slew of factors including rising labor costs and, for specialty grocers, lifestyle shifts that favor shopping efficiency. The growth of grocery delivery is also hurting sales at small stores that count on neighborhood foot traffic for business.

Pete Dallas, co-owner of Edgewater Produce in the Andersonville neighborhood, recalls seeing a Jewel-Osco truck pull up to the apartment next door to his shop to deliver groceries to the residents who live there, even though Jewel-Osco has a store literally across the street.

"It blew my mind," said Dallas, who founded the produce shop 30 years ago with his brothers. "It says to me that convenience has trumped everything."

Edgewater Produce, where 80 percent of the products are produce, has been pinched from all directions since a large Target opened to its west, a Whole Foods to the east and two Mariano's to its south — all within about a mile of the shop.

While Dallas says the shop prides itself on the quality of its produce, which comes straight from the market or farm to the shelves, the big chains have gotten close on price.

After co-existing peacefully with the neighboring Jewel-Osco for years, Dallas has noticed that the supermarket, owned by Albertsons, dropped its prices significantly as competitors elbowed in.

"Some grocery items, I can't buy them as cheap as they're selling them," Dallas

said. Edgewater's workforce has shrunk by half, from 30 employees five years ago to 16 now, as business has declined. Dallas has shifted the grocery selection to more premium products, like higher-end cheese and vegan fare, to be more profitable.

Dallas credits the store's survival to the neighborhood's support of small businesses, but he worries that the challenging climate will squeeze out entrepreneurs and erase "any flavor to the neighborhood."

"It's going to become a copy — a Starbucks, a Dunkin' Donuts, a Jewel," said Dallas, whose shop is the kind where neighbors come in to chat about the Bears and the Bulls. "I feel sorry for the younger generation because there's so much lost when the independent businesses don't exist."

Some produce stores are thriving despite the pressures.

Jerry's Fruit and Garden, a 30,000-square-foot produce emporium in northwest suburban Niles, has seen business grow since new grocers have opened nearby because more shoppers are coming to the area, said president Richard Rieger, whose father and uncle founded Jerry's 47 years ago.

Rieger worried he would lose his Asian customers when H Mart, a Korean grocer, opened less than a mile away, but instead his Asian business has tripled as people see his lit-up billboard or ads in immigrant newspapers and stop in to buy items like bitter melon, long beans and okra.

"We change with the times," said Rieger, whose store draws people from as far as Milwaukee and DeKalb by offering a wide variety of ingredients useful in Polish, Middle Eastern, Indian, Chinese, Mexican and other ethnic cuisine. "You have to give the customers what they're looking for, which is nice stuff at a reasonable price, and consistency."

But Rieger believes Jerry's, which is five times larger than Stanley's, is bucking a worrisome trend that is likely to shutter other specialty stores.

"Stanley's is just the start of it happening to lots of these smaller independents," he said.

Competition wasn't the only factor that led to the closure of Stanley's. Founder Stelios Panagiotaros, also known as Stanley Peters, is 83, unwell, and undergoing kidney dialysis, said his son. "Yesterday he walked into

the store and he was crying," Peter Panagiotaros said Wednesday.

In addition, the neighborhood is on the brink of massive change as developer Sterling Bay moves forward with plans to redevelop 55 acres into an office, residential, entertainment and retail community called Lincoln Yards.

The family put the property up for sale in July, and it is being actively marketed to real estate investors, though no deal has been made.

Employees knew Stanley's future was limited when the building went up for sale, and in recent weeks they noticed less merchandise coming in and the closure of the deli department, said a cashier who asked that her name not be used. But they were still surprised that it closed when it did.

Stanley's, which kept its prices low by keeping margins low, tried to borrow more money to keep it afloat but was unsuccessful, Panagiotaros said. The family has been sustaining the business for the past two-and-a-half years, he said.

Stanley's, which employed about 38 people, gave workers their last checks Wednesday. There was no money for severance, Panagiotaros said.

He said he isn't sure what will be the fate of the quirky sign that looms over the property, of Stanley smoking a pipe while seated atop a watermelon propeller plane, but "we'll probably keep it in the family," he said.

Shoppers flocked to the store in the days after its closure was announced, lamenting the loss of a staple of the community.

"It's one of a kind," said Karen Ferrantella, 62, who lives in the Old Town neighborhood and had been coming to Stanley's for more than 30 years. She particularly liked when the shop would display slightly older produce on tables outside the store at steep discounts, allowing customers to take a box of berries for under a dollar.

Chris Mosier, 38, traveled to Stanley's every other week from his home in the Rogers Park neighborhood for its prices. The shop was perfect for stocking up for his vegan lifestyle, but there was also something special about supporting the small business.

"I loved seeing the hand-painted signs in the window," Mosier said. "There are not many places like this anymore."

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# 5 key things about the Boeing 737 Max grounding

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Boeing won't say when it expects its 737 Max to fly again, after two deadly crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia killed 346 people.

But the toll on passengers and the nation's air travel system — with the summer travel season around the corner — is becoming more evident as airlines report their earnings.

Here's where things stand:

**Thousands of flights continue to be canceled.** Southwest Airlines said Thursday it canceled more than 10,000 flights during the first three months of the year because of wintry weather, unscheduled maintenance issues and the Max's grounding. That's the

highest level of flights grounded at the airline since the third quarter of 2001, when flights were canceled because of 9/11. Flights are canceled through Aug. 5.

United Airlines, which has 14 Max aircraft — with more deliveries later this year — hasn't decided whether it will need to cancel service beyond July, CEO Oscar Munoz said Wednesday while at an event unveiling the airline's new paint scheme. "We're all guessing," he said. On Friday, United said it expected to cancel about 900 flights in May and 1,120 in June, or about 35 to 40 a day. American Airlines, the only other U.S. commercial carrier flying the Max, earlier this month extended its Max cancellations through

Aug. 19, saying it was confident the aircraft will be recertified to fly before then.

Until then, it means about 115 flights a day are getting canceled and the airline has had to re-book almost 700,000 passengers, American President Robert Isom said during a call with investors Friday.

That affects workers too — crew members have had to deal with last-minute schedule changes and other employees have worked overtime to handle rebookings, he said.

**Where are the planes?** Southwest has 33 of its 34 planes parked in Victorville, Calif. The other one will go there in the next week. Southwest said Thursday that getting all 34 aircraft relaunched and back in

service would take about a month.

Other carriers have noted it's not just the Federal Aviation Administration but other countries that have to OK the aircraft for flight.

**Summer schedules and travelers are affected.** The airlines are trying to deal with the disruption, not lose customers and minimize the lost revenue. That will get more difficult over the next few months as vacation season kicks in. Airlines are trying to re-book passengers on other flights in their own fleet, but are using other airlines if needed. Delta Air Lines has said it is seeing a small number of passengers from other airlines.

Airlines also are moving around planes within their

fleet, to substitute another plane for the Max. For instance, United said it's used Boeing 777s or 787s on flights from San Francisco to Maui and Houston to Los Angeles but the airline said adjustments get harder to make as the busy summer travel season gets underway.

The flip side of all that maneuvering? Passengers who weren't even supposed to fly on a Max may see their own flights canceled.

**What the plane switches mean for airlines.** Some voluntary maintenance work has had to be delayed because airlines need their other aircraft to pick up the slack. United Airlines, for instance, said Wi-Fi installations are one example of maintenance work that has had to be deferred.

**The issue is hitting the bottom line.** The airlines that rely on the Max are seeing its grounding hit their bottom line. Empty seats that airlines typically hold back to sell at higher, last-minute fares are instead being used to rebook travelers on canceled flights.

Some airlines are also seeing the effects of flying aircraft that are less fuel-efficient on routes typically covered by the Max.

While those issues affected first-quarter earnings, the airlines have noted that the brunt of the hit will come in the three months ended in June, because it will be the first quarter without any Max in operation.

The FAA grounded the aircraft in mid-March.

## Tech

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**Start date:** July 2018  
**Pay range:** Declined to disclose. The median salary range for Chicago-area web and software developers in 2018 was \$72,000 to \$109,000, according to data from CompTIA.

**Education:** Illinois Institute of Technology, master's in computer science, Kurukshetra University, India, bachelor's in computer science.

**Hometown:** Delhi, India  
I work on the Android side of the mobile team. We decide what features to incorporate into the app.

Every morning we have a stand-up meeting where everyone can talk about what they're working on. Recently, we incorporated a refer program into the app (that gives users a discount if they refer a friend). That's an app-specific feature, so that's really exciting for us.

We are redesigning the app, all of the screens. That's really exciting to see new colors coming into the app and the whole design. We have a user interface team that works on designs. We can give feedback to them.

I really love the concept of developing apps. I've been to various hackathons and developed my own (apps). Here, you're working on an app that's available to 1 million users. They have a huge user base. That's what I like the most.

It's like an eight-hour job. We don't have an exact time to come in. If you're doing your work right, you're moving tasks along, there's nobody hanging over your shoulder. It's very transparent what you're working on. I moved to the U.S. in 2016 for my master's. I worked in India for almost 3 years. The job I was doing was not exactly development, it was maintenance of an application. There were a lot of new technologies coming — machine learning, artificial intelligence. There were not many good courses in India at that time, so that (encouraged) me to go pursue a degree where they provide coaching on machine learning and AI.

When I came to Vivid



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Calvin Gruhlke, a security analyst at Walgreens, works in the company's Deerfield offices on Wednesday. Three days a week, he works from home.

Seats, I knew only Java. Most of our Android application base is moving to another programming language I didn't have any experience in, so I learned that. It's been a great learning curve for me. I've learned a lot of things since I came here.

I got to know about Vivid Seats through a coding meetup. This is the first formal experience I have in building Android applications, that's why I joined as an entry-level programmer for Android. If I keep learning, I hope I'll move on to the next level.

### No. 2: Computer system and cybersecurity analysts

**Calvin Gruhlke, age 27, of Hoffman Estates**  
**Title:** Security analyst at Walgreens, based in Deerfield

**Start date:** October 2017  
**Pay range:** \$90,000 to \$110,000

**Education:** DePaul University, bachelor's in information assurance and security engineering  
**Hometown:** Arlington Heights

At Walgreens, we have a bunch of smaller teams that all work under our security department. The specific team I'm on is called the instant response team. My role is kind of being the first responder whenever there is any type of security inci-



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Damian Zavala, an IT systems administrator, helps Lindsay Brown with her email at Jellyvision in Chicago.

dent. A lot of times, that's going to be something that's related to malware or viruses. The other one would be account takeovers, like compromised accounts.

Almost all of my time is spent monitoring for when those instances are going to happen. It's really just about looking through all the different data sources that we have and trying to pinpoint when something looks suspicious.

(We monitor) anything that is a Walgreens business account, so like an email account. That also includes customer accounts on the Walgreens.com website.

There's a huge focus on security when it comes to retailers wanting to protect consumer data and customer payment data.

My high school had a computer repair class and a

networking class, both skills that help build up knowledge to going into cybersecurity. After I took those classes, I decided to go into security.

I started out (after college) doing help desk, then I started doing some security work. The Department of Veterans Affairs was my first security-only job. After that was Walgreens. (A recruiter I worked with previously helped me find this job.)

I work out of the Deerfield office. Typically it's 9 to 5, except we are a 24/7 team so there is stuff that happens after hours. I get to work from home three days a week, which I think makes it attractive.

I like my job a lot. I'm free to research on my own and find malware proactively. I'm free to investigate on my own and monitor the network in whatever way I think is going to be effective.

### No. 3: Network architects, administrators and support specialists

**Damian Zavala, age 30, of Portage Park**

**Title:** IT systems administrator at Jellyvision, a Chicago-based software company

**Start date:** October 2018  
**Pay range:** \$60,000 to \$80,000

**Education:** Currently pursuing a bachelor's in system and cloud administration online with Western Governors University.

**Hometown:** Chicago  
I'm responsible for all the systems working from day to day. If we have internet problems, it falls under my responsibility to team up with the rest of the IT team and help desk to troubleshoot why it's breaking down. Then we fix it.

I make sure all the servers are online, make sure everything's backing up the way it should be backing up, making sure things are communicating correctly. If something crashes or goes offline, we get an alarm sent to us, a phone call or an SMS (text) message or email. That's when we look at it and say, "OK, let's bring it back up."

We also make sure all our servers and computers stay up to date. Every day there's

new updates. I have got to figure out a good schedule to automate to push the updates when they (the employees) are not at work.

There are times when I have to work off hours and it's just based off the problem. Those are times when we work remotely, or we come in and work at night.

The biggest situation that I can remember is when it got really, really cold in January. Myself and the help desk manager, we came into work. Everyone else was at home. We just had to make sure everything that was running stayed running. You have to make sure our systems were able to support all the people working remotely that day.

I've been working IT or in the technical field since '05. Back when I was in high school, I had a class that shows you how a computer works and the operating system and how to troubleshoot basic things. I felt like, "You know what, this is something I could do."

Later that year I applied to become a Geek Squad agent. I got that job and I did that for nine years. I was still in high school. That taught me a lot. Once I completed that, I got an opportunity to work at Apple (at an in-store Genius Bar).

At Apple I built great relationships with my managers. My manager moved over to Jellyvision, so that's where I first heard of Jellyvision. Later, he reached out about (coming to work here).

I took some college courses at the City Colleges (of Chicago) but I never finished. This year, I signed back up to online courses.

What's helped me a lot is that I have so much experience. I want to make sure I have job security by getting that college degree.

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The first question is whether CDs are an allowable retirement investment, and the answer is yes. When you open an Individual Retirement Account, or IRA, that account is simply a container, which can hold most types of investments, from bank deposits like CDs to stocks and bonds.

Opening an IRA CD is hardly different than opening a regular CD. At most banks and credit unions, all the CDs in their regular menu are equally available in an IRA. The difference isn't usually in the CD itself, but simply in the account where you hold it.

Occasionally, however, an institution will promote a specific IRA CD offer. These are often longer-term certificates, which typically come with a more favorable rate.

But are retirement CDs a good idea? It's true that CDs are extremely safe and entirely predictable, so they're well-suited well to savers who have almost no risk tolerance or a strong aversion to investing in stocks and bonds.

But since a CD's fixed rate of return generally lags these other investments over the long term — and usually significantly — investing your IRA funds in a CD will earn you far less over time. And in order to grow your nest egg sufficiently to fund your retirement years, the more substantial gains earned in the stock market are likely to be necessary.

That said, for savers who are very close to retirement, or who wish to hold a portion of their retirement savings outside the stock market, IRA CDs are indeed safe and reliable.

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HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG	
26951.81	21712.53	Dow Jones industrials	26695.96	26310.28	26543.33	-16.21	-0.1	+13.8	+9.2		
11623.58	8636.79	Dow Jones trans.	11148.36	10802.42	10881.77	-106.45	-1.0	+18.7	+3.2		
790.14	655.52	Dow Jones utilities	789.36	766.83	782.52	+10.39	+1.4	+9.8	+10.4		
13261.77	10723.66	NYSE Comp.	13010.99	12850.12	12991.21	+68.50	+0.5	+14.2	+3.2		
5808.52	4682.10	NYSE International	5547.06	5470.19	5517.48	-24.43	-0.4	+12.8	-3.0		
7851.98	5895.12	Nasdaq 100	7851.98	7653.89	7826.68	+136.96	+1.8	+23.6	+17.6		
8151.85	6190.17	Nasdaq Comp.	8151.85	7965.91	8146.40	+148.34	+1.9	+22.8	+14.4		
2940.91	2346.58	S&P 500	2939.88	2896.35	2939.88	+34.85	+1.2	+17.3	+10.1		
2053.00	1565.76	S&P MidCap	1984.73	1940.24	1973.92	+20.49	+1.1	+18.7	+4.3		
30560.54	24129.49	Wilshire 5000	30371.28	29896.16	30371.12	+389.99	+1.3	+18.0	+9.5		
1742.09	1266.93	Russell 2000	1594.03	1554.46	1591.82	+26.07	+1.7	+18.0	+2.3		
397.86	327.34	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	392.22	388.85	391.01	+0.55	+0.1	+15.8	+1.7		
7903.50	6536.53	FTSE 100	7528.93	7415.02	7428.19	-31.69	-0.4	+10.4	-1.0		

**Gold** **+13.00**  
\$1,284.90

**Silver** **+0.06**  
\$15.00

**Crude Oil** **-0.70**  
\$63.30

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\$2.53

**10-year T-note** **-0.05**  
2.50%

**Euro** **+0.0074**  
to .8966/\$1

**Yen** **-0.32**  
to 111.61/\$1

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**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Ford Motor	10.41	+1.01
Gen Electric	9.57	+0.22
Snap Inc A	10.91	-0.76
AT&T Inc	30.68	-1.35
Bank of America	30.35	+0.32
Twitter Inc	36.67	+4.27
Chesapeake Energy	2.97	+0.01
Freeport McMoran	12.50	-1.50
EnCana Corp	7.14	-0.09
Pfizer Inc	39.97	+0.59
Sthwnst Energy	4.14	-0.01
Anadarko Petrol	72.80	+8.62
Sprint Corp	5.54	-0.23

**NASDAQ STOCK MARKET**

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	27.88	+0.20
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.78	-0.26
Moleculin Biotech	1.42	+0.31
Qualcomm Inc	86.64	+6.75
Microsoft Corp	129.89	+6.52
Intel Corp	52.43	-6.06
Facebook Inc	191.49	+13.21
Micron Tech	42.10	-1.30
Apple Inc	204.30	+4.44
Precipio Inc	.32	-0.16
Comcast Corp A	43.08	+0.65
Cisco Syst	55.88	-0.52
Zynga Inc	5.51	+0.07

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
iShares Brazil	41.25	+0.79
iShares China Large Cap	44.60	-1.13
iShares Emerg Mkts	43.88	-0.68
iShares EAFE ETF	66.45	-0.22
iShares Rus 2000	158.27	+2.63
Invesco QQQ Trust	190.65	+3.26
ProShares UltraPro QQQ	9.55	+0.12
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	293.41	+3.39
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtm	31.28	-0.53
SPDR Financial	27.70	+0.36
US Oil Fund LP	13.09	-0.23
VanEck Vectors Gold Miners	21.30	-0.04
iPath Sh Term Fut	25.29	-0.19

## Largest Companies

*Based on market capitalization*

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	30.68	-1.35
Alibaba Group Hldg	187.09	+0.15
Alphabet Inc C	1272.42	+35.81
Alphabet Inc A	1277.42	+35.95
Amazon.com Inc	1950.63	+88.94
Amheuser-Busch InBev	87.58	-2.38
Apple Inc	204.30	+4.44
Bank of America	30.35	+0.32
Berkshire Hath A	321,000.00	+5669.98
Berkshire Hath B	214.22	+4.23
Boeing Co	380.79	+0.72
Chevron Corp	117.10	-2.76
China Mobile Ltd	47.64	-0.57
Cisco Syst	55.88	-0.52
Citigroup	69.51	-1.16
CocaCola Co	48.26	+0.78
Comcast Corp A	43.08	+0.65
Disney	139.92	+7.47
Dixon Mobil Corp	80.49	-0.64
Facebook Inc	191.49	+13.21
FEMSA	95.55	-0.49
HSBC Holdings PLC	43.07	-0.18
HSBC Holdings prA	25.88	-0.12
Home Depot	203.61	-2.05
Intel Corp	52.43	-6.06
JPMorgan Chase & Co	114.47	+1.01
Johnson & Johnson	140.39	+2.87
MasterCard Inc	246.68	+5.79
Merck & Co	76.63	+3.44
Microsoft Corp	129.89	+6.52
Netflix Inc	374.85	+14.50
Novartis AG	81.29	+4.88
Oracle Corp	55.41	+0.89
PepsiCo	126.40	-0.69
Pfizer Inc	39.97	+0.59
Procter & Gamble	105.86	-0.19
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.25	-1.36
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.06	-1.14
Toyota Mot	123.62	-1.54
Unilever NV	59.26	+0.40
Unilever PLC	59.42	+0.61
Union Pacific Corp	177.22	+5.66
Unitedhealth Group	237.00	+15.25
Verizon Comm	56.58	-1.46
Visa Inc	162.93	+2.77
Walmart Strs	101.53	-1.65
Wells Fargo & Co	47.96	+0.38

## How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and north-west Indiana as of Friday, April 26, 2019

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	214,949	380.79	▲ +0.72	+13.2
2 McDonalds Corp	150,728	197.42	▲ +2.51	+27.0
3 Abbott Labs	137,988	78.56	▲ +4.64	+34.1
4 AbbVie Inc	117,564	79.70	▲ +2.13	-14.0
5 Caterpillar Inc	80,017	139.03	▼ -4.33	-2.6
6 Mondelez Intl	72,627	50.29	▲ +0.20	+29.0
7 CME Group	64,056	179.01	▲ +2.65	+15.2
8 Deere Co	52,554	165.01	▼ -4.04	+23.2
9 ITW	50,211	153.59	▼ -4.74	+11.3
10 Exelon Corp	48,953	50.47	▲ +1.07	+31.3
11 Walgreen Boots Alli	48,320	52.85	▼ -1.78	-18.2
12 Kraft Heinz Co	40,314	33.06	▲ +1.10	-38.4
13 Baxter Intl	38,936	76.18	▲ +1.85	+9.9
14 Allstate Corp	32,430	97.41	▲ +0.69	+1.8
15 Equity Residential	28,188	76.20	▲ +1.13	+28.2
16 Discover Fin Svcs	26,661	81.19	▲ +4.04	+14.3
17 Motorola Solutions	23,967	146.26	▲ +2.90	+35.2
18 United Contd Hldgs	23,239	87.94	▼ -3.4	+32.0
19 Arch Dan Mid	22,913	40.91	▼ -1.85	-7.8
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# Uber looks to raise up to \$9B in its IPO

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ride-sharing giant Uber is aiming to raise \$9 billion in its mammoth initial public stock offering that, while smaller than initially expected, still dwarfs most stock market debuts.

The San Francisco-based company expects to be valued at \$80.5 billion to \$91.5 billion, falling well below prior estimates that rose as high as \$120 billion, in a sign that investors may be taking a more cautious approach to ride-sharing after the stock performance of Uber's rival, Lyft.

Even so, Uber is on track for one of the larger IPOs in history. The company plans to sell 180 million shares for \$44 to \$50 each.

Lyft went public last month and its stock price fell 21% from its initial offering price of \$72, and closed at \$57.24 Friday.

"With Lyft's IPO being down more than 20% in a market that's hitting new highs every day, that's a dynamic that probably has been factored in as well," said Daniel Ives, managing director of equity research at Wedbush Securities.

Uber is part of a wave of technology companies that are going public, and Pinterest and Zoom both saw their stock prices climb substantially after their IPOs this month. Slack and Postmates are also waiting for their turn.

Over the coming weeks Uber is likely to revise those figures as it launches its so-called road show, where it pitches the com-

pany and gets feedback from potential investors. It is expected to begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange next month.

Uber also disclosed that PayPal plans to buy \$500 million in stock at the IPO price, and that the companies will explore future commercial payment collaborations, including the development of Uber's digital wallet.

Uber gave potential investors a first look at its finances this month, revealing nearly \$8 billion in losses over a decade. That mirrors Lyft's challenges.

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# Don't sweat the salary question

When discussing salary during an interview, you don't want to come across as money hungry, but you also don't want to be saddled by a low offer. Here are tips to handle the money moment some general rules.

**All about the timing.** The problem with bringing up the salary topic too early in the hiring process is that it can take the focus away from the case you're trying to build for why you should be hired.

That's why most career experts will tell you to wait until you have an offer, or at least have strong signs of an offer, before broaching the subject.

**Let employer take the lead.** If you're unsure about when or how to ask about money, it's often best to let the employer take the lead. However, this doesn't mean that you should be totally passive on the topic.

Even before a phone screener, you'll likely get a question or two on the job application about your current salary and desired range. So, the employer will already know whether or not you're in their ballpark going into the interview.

**Range rover.** When the topic does arise, answer questions about desired salary by providing a range. That way, you don't back yourself into a corner by throwing out a specific number that's either too high for them to consider or lower than what they had in mind. You can determine that range by doing research on average pay for the occupation via sites such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**What's your worth?** Regardless of who brings up salary, or when it happens, you should know what you're worth so you can be prepared to defend your desired salary going into negotiations. Understanding your value will help you enter negotiations with a realistic outlook.

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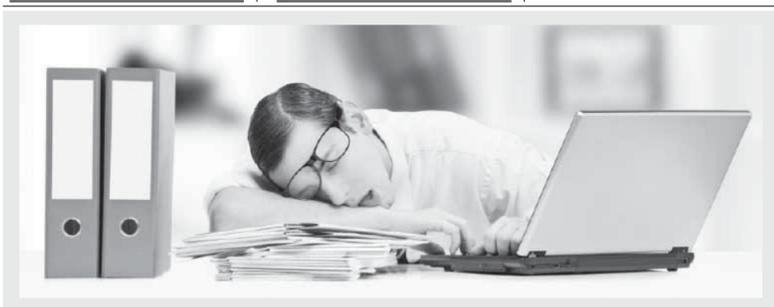
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# Sitting around and being unproductive, aren't you?

According to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, workers who take a few minutes each hour to engage in some form of physical activity can lower their risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke, some cancers and depression. It may be time to take a new approach to the workday.

"You have to move. It's a no-brainer," says Eileen Barrett, a personal trainer.

"When you sit in the same position for several hours a day, your body reacts in a negative way. Your muscles tense up and your heart rate slows down."

Chicagoan Gerald Daniels says he feels the effects of sitting too long much more than before. "I used to be able to jump out of my chair and run to the elevator but now, it's a little more of a process," he says. "My legs hurt a little when I start walking and my wrists and arms feel like dead weight because I'm typing all day long."

### Lifestyle change

Daniels realizes that small lifestyle changes have had a huge impact on his physical nature. "I used to walk to the Green Line in Oak Park every day to take the train downtown," he says. "I used to walk about two or three miles a day as part of my daily routine but now, I hardly walk at all."

Robert Vick, a physical therapist, says Daniels' story is shared by many of his current clients. "I work with a lot of people who have been injured in falls or other accidents and one of the common themes is that they use their bodies much less than they used to," Vick says.

"People are going to get injured but the more active you are, the more likely you'll be able to bounce back. I have a client who swims for an hour every day. She was hit by a car while riding her bike and did severe damage to her legs and lower back, but she was able to recover so much faster than other people who've had similar injuries. Her body was loose and fluid and primed for recovery. It makes a huge difference."

### Take a stand

Walk into certain offices these days and you're likely to see employees standing at their desks, part of a newer trend that gives workers the freedom to remain in an upright position at work while answering the phone, writing emails and completing other daily tasks.

"It's been a godsend for me," says Natalie Greco, who purchased an adjustable standing desk for her home office. "I feel like I'm working as soon as I stand at that desk. I have no real desire to screw around on Pinterest or waste time on the Internet. It just puts me in a different mindset."

And it's taken away some of the routine pain in her back as well. "I don't feel that tightness anymore," she says. "It's been a huge positive for me."

### On the job

For Daniels and others, the workplace may seem like a ridiculous place for exercise but Barrett says most people don't think about the small things they can do to make large changes in their well-being. "Park in the corner of the lot, take the stairs instead of the elevator, take a walk to the other side of your office or a different floor instead of sending an email," she says. "Those are things that can become second nature if you try a new routine beginning this week."

The CDC has workplace recommendations as well, most of which require less than five minutes of activity. **Some suggestions include:**

- Taking a short walk away from your workstation.
- Standing up and stretching or walking in place at your desk without looking at your computer monitor.
- Getting out of your chair whenever you take phone calls at your desk.
- Changing positions at your workstation.
- Taking a walk while you have a drink of water or a light snack.

# 7 ways to replace bad habits at work

- 1. Get to work early:** It's not a big deal if you walk into the office every day on time or even five or 10 minutes late. It certainly doesn't impact your day or affect your relationship with co-workers. But getting to work a half an hour or so ahead of time, when the office is still empty, could greatly improve your at-work experience. You'll get the chance to go through e-mails, check your voice messages, grab a cup of coffee, take a look at some of your personal communications, create or update your to-do list and then ease into the day. It is much easier to get work done beginning at 9 a.m. if you already have a bit of momentum pushing you forward.
- 2. Get up and walk around:** Sure, the merits of leaving your desk for an occasional stroll around the cubicles is good for you physically and mentally, but it is also good for your replication at the office. While it is certainly one way to get to know your co-workers, it also makes you a visible participant in the company's business. No longer confined to the corner cubicle, your co-workers and managers will see you as an active participant in the day-to-day activities of your business.
- 3. Know when to go:** While taking the above advice into account, don't be the person who overstays his or her welcome. Learn to read the signs of a co-worker who has work to do or is simply finished talking about last weekend's game. If you see someone typing at her keyboard or looking at his phone while you're chatting away, it's a pretty good sign that it's time for you to get back to your desk.
- 4. Eat better:** In addition to munching on healthy snacks throughout the day, maintain a simple breakfast and lunch to keep your energy level consistent throughout the day. Those post-meal peaks and valleys can be incredibly disruptive to the workday. Everyone jokes about the 3 p.m. crash but if you take a serious look at your productivity, you'll probably find that the days you chow down on that Italian beef and fries are the days you don't get much done in the afternoon.
- 5. Prioritize your work:** You can find numerous strategies online and in your local bookstore that outline how to maximize your productivity during the workday. One simple rule of thumb is to tackle the small tasks before moving on to the large ones. Answer e-mails that require less than five minutes of your time and you'll find yourself putting out small flames before they turn into unmanageable fires. Most importantly, find a workday rhythm that works for your average workday and workweek. When do you do your best work? In the morning? Toward the end of the week? Pick up on those clues and come up with a plan.
- 6. Keep learning:** Complacency can be a career killer. While you may be comfortable in your current position, you may not be fully aware of all the forces at work outside your cubicle. Whether it's a pending buyout, upcoming layoff or potential department reorganization, the only thing you can be sure of is your own work, so keep learning. Take seminars and classes when you can and be sure to attach yourself to key projects as well as the people who are doing the company's important work.
- 7. Work well with others:** While most employees enjoy working alone, it is important to put extra effort into team projects. Don't worry so much about individual attention. If things go well, the entire group will benefit from the accomplishments. One way to keep co-workers on your side it is to be a productive and friendly member of any working team.

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## IT TAKES A KONDO ATTITUDE TO ESCAPE OFFICE CLUTTER

“I can’t stand the clutter,” says Jennifer Curran, a 24-year-old marketing assistant who lives and works in Oakland, California. “It reminds me of college — just stuff stacked everywhere and no real flow.”

Curran says she and her co-workers try to keep their workspace clean and organized but that it’s difficult because of the amount of material they have coming in each day. And by material, she means paper. “You would think with email and the internet, there wouldn’t be much paper in our office, but it’s the opposite,” she says. “Everyone prints out everything and we still get press kits with these huge folders of information. I don’t think we even look at most of the packets we receive in the mail because we also get them online. It’s just redundant.”

Earlier this month, Curran and others in their office embarked on a two-day spring-cleaning endeavor to help get rid of the “piles of paper and boxes of crap” that covered most of the desktops in her work area.

But even with two days of cleaning, Curran feels like they’re barely scratched the surface. “People would go through every packet, every piece of paper, every printout, and then keep some and throw out the rest,” she says. “It reminded me of my dad and his garage at home. It’s like a museum to his life but like my mom says, it’s a museum of garbage. He’ll keep a pair of shoes that he’s never worn but feel like he made some progress when we ask him to clean because he threw out the shoebox.”

With the continued success of Marie Kondo’s book “The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing (Ten Speed Press, \$16.99) and her Netflix show “Tidying Up with Marie Kondo,” many potential cleaners use Kondo’s “does it bring you joy” methodology when it comes to cleaning out their home. But what about their desk at work?

“That’s a tougher sell because we try to talk ourselves into things that have sentimental value at home but at work? Not so much,” says Curran.

### Ditch and detach

Gerald Kaplan, an organization expert in Toronto, agrees that not everyone is looking for an introspective approach to cleaning their office, but that doesn’t mean objects at work — including something as basic as a report or proposal — don’t have sentimental value to people. “I’ve been asked to help organize offices that have years of old files and demos, and I’m always amazed at the attachment people have to a prototype or

an original project,” Kaplan says. “I understand that people are emotionally attached to their work but in some cases, it’s a little much. They have to learn to throw it out and get it out of their lives.”

Kaplan cites a recent experience with a catering business. “They had an office that was separate from their food-preparation space. It was a corner of a shared workspace suite and it was a disaster,” he says. “I was called in to help them clean up because they were actually going to be kicked out of the space because some of the other business who leased space there thought they were too messy. No one wanted to lease the desks next to theirs.”

### Animated effort

After a quick discussion with the three employees, Kaplan went into “cartoon-mode,” which he calls his initial cleaning approach. “It’s like the ‘SpongeBob’ cartoons when SpongeBob and Patrick are working on something and things are just flying above their heads in constant motion,” he says. “I’d grab a pile, ask for a quick yes or no and then throw it into the recycling bin.”

The process was going relatively smoothly until Kaplan began attacking two file cabinets of old proposals. “Now, not even actual work orders — those were all saved electronically. I’m talking about hard copies of proposals. And most of those were online, too.”

Kaplan says the catering staff “loudly objected” to his plan to throw out the old proposals, claiming they often referred to them when putting together new ones. “Of course, that made no sense,” he says. “What’s the point of a proposal with pricing for 12 cases of wine and 10 pounds of pecorino cheese from 2005? The prices aren’t relative anymore.”

After some tense back-and-forth with his clients, Kaplan realized they were all original employees and had what he calls “emotional ownership” in the business. “They didn’t want to give up that part of their past — the proposals, the funny notes they wrote in the margins, the clients that got away — so I made them a deal. I told them they had one day to scan in the proposals that meant the most to them and then we’d throw away everything.”

Kaplan says he could have predicted what came next. “They scanned in two or three and were like ‘this is dumb,’ and they just chucked everything out,” he says.

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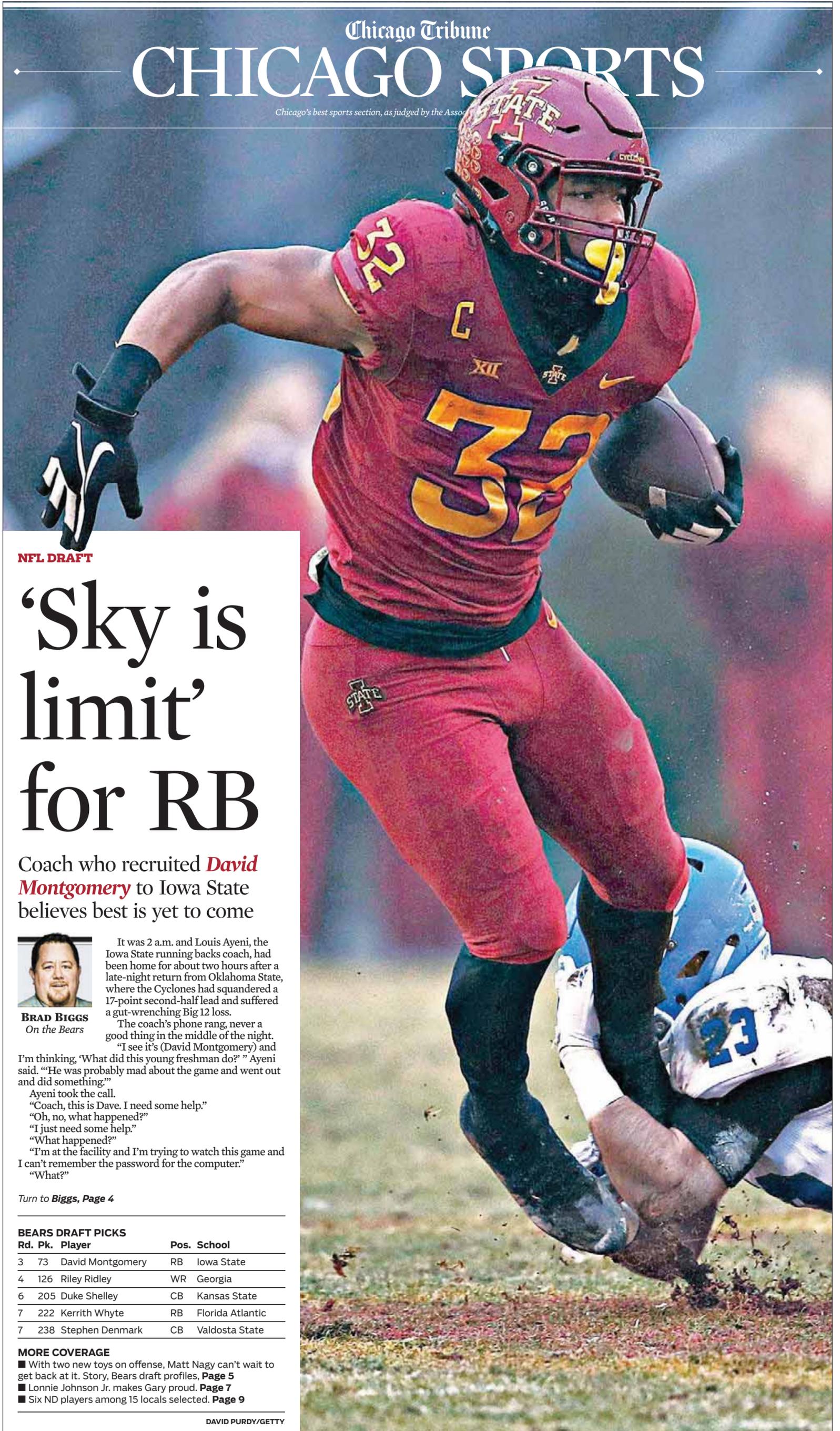
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# 'Sky is limit' for RB

Coach who recruited **David Montgomery** to Iowa State believes best is yet to come



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*On the Bears*

It was 2 a.m. and Louis Ayeni, the Iowa State running backs coach, had been home for about two hours after a late-night return from Oklahoma State, where the Cyclones had squandered a 17-point second-half lead and suffered a gut-wrenching Big 12 loss.

The coach's phone rang, never a good thing in the middle of the night.

"I see it's (David Montgomery) and I'm thinking, 'What did this young freshman do?'" Ayeni said. "He was probably mad about the game and went out and did something."

Ayeni took the call.

"Coach, this is Dave. I need some help."

"Oh, no, what happened?"

"I just need some help."

"What happened?"

"I'm at the facility and I'm trying to watch this game and I can't remember the password for the computer."

"What?"

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## Sox taking good with bad

A rare late-April snowstorm Saturday led to the postponement of the White Sox-Tigers game, which was rescheduled as part of a day-night doubleheader July 3 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

With a brief pause in the action, let's take a look at some of the more newsworthy events of the first month of the season in our "Good Sox/Bad Sox" update:

### Tim Anderson's bat tossing

**Good Sox:** Anderson doubled down with another memorable bat flip — technically a bat toss — Friday after hitting a walk-off home run against the Tigers. Despite all the controversy ignited by his original bat flip and subsequent plunking by Royals starter Brad Keller on April 17, which led to a one-game suspension for reportedly using inappropriate language, Anderson obviously isn't going to let anyone tell him how to have fun. Moreover, his attitude seems to be fueling his performance.

**Bad Sox:** Aside from the 12-11 comeback win Friday, the Sox generally aren't taking advantage of Anderson's hot hitting — he leads the American League with a .402 average — or doing a good job of promoting their most entertaining player.

### Eloy Jimenez's ankle injury

**Good Sox:** It could've been worse. When Jimenez's right foot twisted awkwardly during its meeting with the outfield padding Friday night, it conjured up fears of torn ligaments and months of rehab. The Sox diagnosed it as a sprained ankle with no fracture. They did not reveal the MRI results Saturday. Jimenez said it was "really painful" and was wearing a walking boot after the game. If it's just a sprain, the Sox will be very fortunate. If it's worse, it will be another gut punch akin to the elbow injury in September that will sideline Michael Kopech until 2020.

**Bad Sox:** More bad luck for the Sox after the season-ending Tommy John surgeries to Kopech and Dane Dunning and various injuries to other prospects. Jimenez has had a difficult time staying healthy.

### Sub-.500 record

**Good Sox:** Though the Sox weren't expected to contend, they were only 4 1/2 games out of first Saturday despite a 10-14 record. General manager Rick Hahn was not satisfied. "When you look strictly at the record, it's not where we want to be, it's not what we expected," he told reporters before Friday's game. Hahn then added a caveat: "But when you look at the progress made by some young, important players, there are a lot of positives so far."

**Bad Sox:** The Sox have not capitalized on a stress-free schedule, going 6-7 against three other rebuilding teams: the Royals, Orioles and Tigers. The starting pitching has been particularly awful, negating the potential impact of the late-inning tandem of Kelvin Herrera and Alex Colome. They should at least be one of the more advanced rebuilds in Year 3.

### Jose Abreu's baserunning blunder

**Good Sox:** Abreu passed Anderson while rounding first base after hitting a go-ahead, three-run home run Friday but was ruled out after the Tigers challenged, leaving him with a two-run single. Abreu admitted it was his mistake for not paying attention to Anderson, who was heading back to tag up in case the fly ball was caught. Anderson said Abreu "kind of shocked me" by being that far. "I felt bad, but we won the game and that's what matters," Abreu said. OK, no harm, no foul.

**Bad Sox:** There is a reason why you've never seen that happen before. It's inexcusable baserunning that could've cost the Sox the game. Paying attention is part of the job.

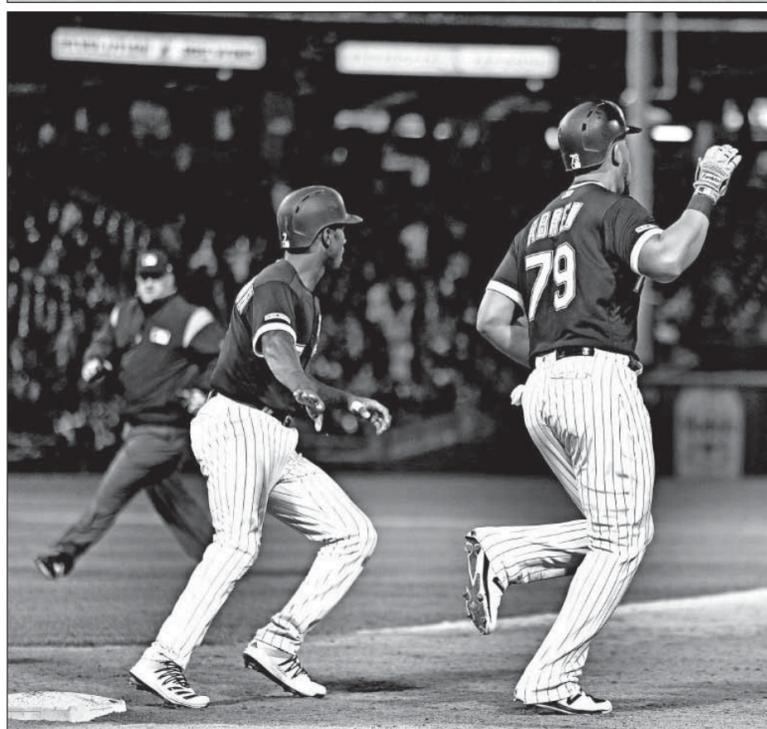
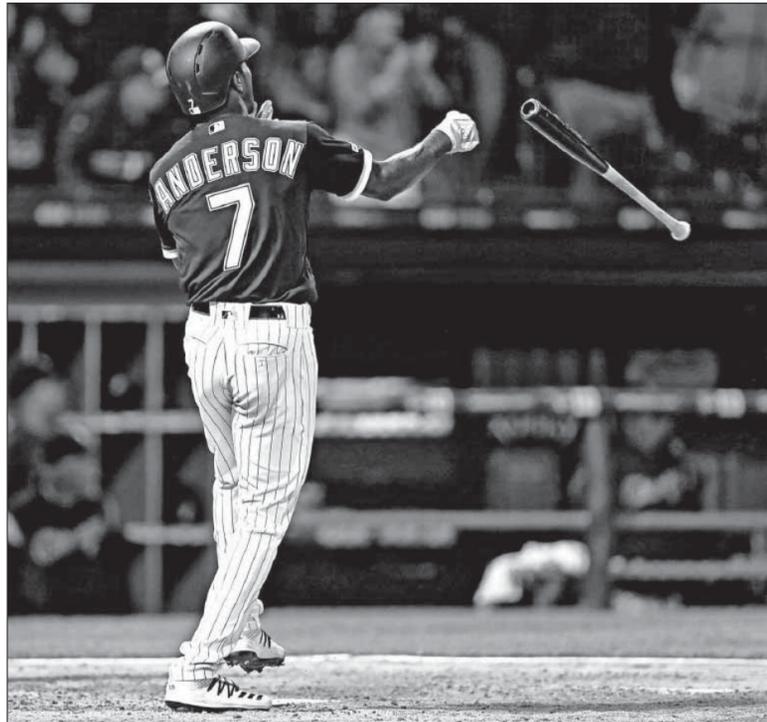
### Ervin Santana is designated for assignment

**Good Sox:** At least they pulled the plug on Santana after three bad starts, admitting the mistake. Someone in management was paying attention.

**Bad Sox:** Santana threw only 24 2/3 innings in 2018, hadn't pitched since Aug. 16, underwent finger surgery, signed during spring training and wasn't sent to the minors to build arm strength before his first Sox start in April. Trying to rust-proof the 36-year-old Santana might have been a low-risk move on a rebuilding team, and the Sox had money to burn after Manny Machado rejected them. But guaranteeing Santana \$4.3 million if he made the team was crazy. Whom were the Sox bidding against?

### Dylan Cease's call-up

**Good Sox:** The team's top pitching prospect is on his way ... pretty soon. "He's still developing," Hahn said. "But he's got the arsenal that's going to force his way here, probably, at some point over the course of the summer."



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Tim Anderson's offense and flair from the dramatic, top, has been a bright spot for the Sox while Eloy Jimenez, middle, brought on some concern after injury his ankle Friday night and Jose Abreu, bottom, nearly cost the Sox with a baserunning blunder.

**Bad Sox:** The decision to bounce Santana apparently won't speed up Cease's much-anticipated arrival, or will it? "We'll see," Hahn said. "It could be early or it could be late." That cleared things up.

### Luis Robert's sore thumb

**Good Sox:** Robert returned to the Class A Winston-Salem lineup Friday, five days after experiencing left thumb soreness. He's hitting .444 with an .857 slugging percentage in 16 games but could soon be on the move. "You're seeing what Luis Robert is doing in High A right now that may necessitate a change here in the not-too-distant future to add more challenges for him," Hahn said. Robert hit .385 with eight RBIs in 13 spring training at-bats before tearing up Class A pitching. He looks like the real deal.

**Bad Sox:** That promotion won't be to the Sox, where he would be a welcome presence in center field. Robert played only 45 Class A games last year, thanks in part to two thumb injuries, slowing his progression.

### Ozzie and Frank Show

**Good Sox:** Former Sox teammates Ozzie Guillen and Frank Thomas were hired as analysts for the team's pregame show on NBC Sports Chicago. Their candor has been refreshing, whether it's Thomas suggesting Leury Garcia is better off as a fourth outfielder or Guillen pointing out the fallacy of the "Ricky's boys don't quit" mantra. They seem to bring out the best in each other and aren't afraid to speak their minds — even if it doesn't fit into the team's rebuild narrative.

**Bad Sox:** They might be a little too honest for the Sox, a la Jimmy Piersall in the 1970s.

### Don Cooper's status

**Good Sox:** Status quo. The veteran Sox pitching coach was not responsible for the Santana signing, the Ivan Nova trade or the Sox being in the middle of a rebuild.

**Bad Sox:** Status quo. He's also not accountable for the staff's 5.68 ERA or the rotation's major-league-worst 6.64 ERA.

### LET'S PLAY 2

	<b>Sunday</b> @D'backs 3:10 p.m. WGN-9	<b>Tuesday</b> @Mariners 9:10 p.m. NBCSCH
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### SUNDAY TV/RADIO

<b>MLB</b>	<b>Noon</b> Rays at Red Sox	MLBN
	<b>1 p.m.</b> Tigers at White Sox	NBCSCH
		WGN-AM 720
	<b>3 p.m.</b> Cubs at Diamondbacks	WGN-9
		WSCR-AM 670
	<b>6 p.m.</b> Indians at Astros	ESPN

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

<b>11 a.m.</b> Kentucky at Florida	ESPN2
<b>11 a.m.</b> Minnesota at Indiana	ESPNU
<b>1 p.m.</b> Northwestern at Michigan St.	BTN

### NBA

<b>Noon</b> Celtics at Bucks	ABC-7
<b>2:30 p.m.</b> Rockets at Warriors	ABC-7

### GOLF

<b>6:30 a.m.</b> Trophee Hassan II	Golf
<b>Noon</b> Zurich Classic	Golf
<b>2 p.m.</b> Zurich Classic	CBS-2
<b>2 p.m.</b> Legends of Golf	Golf
<b>5 p.m.</b> LA Open	Golf

### NHL

<b>2 p.m.</b> Hurricanes at Islanders	NBC-5
<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Avalanche at Sharks	NBCSN

### AHL

<b>3 p.m.</b> Griffins at Wolves	WCIU-26.2
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### COLLEGE LACROSSE

<b>9 a.m.</b> Darien vs. St. Anthony's	ESPNU
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### MOTOR SPORTS

<b>7:05 a.m.</b> Azerbaijan Grand Prix	ESPN2
<b>1 p.m.</b> Geico 500	FOX-32

### SOCCER

<b>8 a.m.</b> Burnley vs. Man City	NBCSN
<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Hoffenheim vs. Wolfsburg	FS1
<b>10:25 a.m.</b> Man United vs. Chelsea	NBCSN
<b>11 a.m.</b> Nuremberg vs. Bayern Munich	FS2
<b>12:30 p.m.</b> D.C. United at Min. United	FS1
<b>2:30 p.m.</b> LAFC at Sounders	ESPN

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

<b>11 a.m.</b> Maryland at Nebraska	BTN
<b>Noon</b> Florida at Auburn	ESPN
<b>2 p.m.</b> Georgia at South Carolina	ESPN2
<b>2 p.m.</b> Tennessee at Mississippi	ESPNU

### ASK THE REPORTER

K.C. JOHNSON

**What is the ideal offseason for the Bulls if they don't somehow land a top-three pick? What types of moves in the draft and free agency can they make to truly indicate that this rebuild is progressing at an acceptable clip?**

Adam, Naperville

To me, those are separate issues. For the rebuild to progress at an acceptable clip, you need health and progression from players already on the roster. Specifically, Lauri Markkanen and Zach LaVine have to take another step toward stardom. Wendell Carter Jr. has to progress. Porter needs to show he can be more than a very talented glue guy. The draft will add another nice developmental piece. Free agency is to make the Bulls more competitive in the short term and, as John Paxson said, make the Bulls relevant again. But in order to open a championship window, at least two of LaVine, Markkanen, Carter and Porter need to play at an All-Star level.

**If the Bulls remain at No. 4 after the draft lottery next month, should they take the best player available or look to move down?**

Tyler, Normal, Ill.

First, you obviously have to explore moving up. I don't see Kris Dunn with much trade value these days, but you'd at least have to make an offer of No. 4 and Dunn to see what you can get. Assuming they stay at No. 4, I'd probably try to move down as long as you got a valid enough sweetener to do so. Most scouts and draft observers are calling this a three-player draft. And while the Bulls pride themselves on their strong drafting and ability to find value at any pick, adding an asset and finding a contributor with a lower pick sounds more valuable overall.

**If the Bulls don't jump up and draft Ja Morant, who might be an option for them to pursue at point guard this offseason? It seems hard to imagine attracting a half-decent free agent with how unpopular their coaching staff and front office are around the league.**

Sean S., Buffalo Grove

For the type of free agents the Bulls will be pursuing, money and opportunity will play as big if not a bigger factor than any perception about the front office and coaching staff. Free agents also look at potential teammates, and the Bulls do offer some intriguing young pieces. The point guard possibilities are well-documented. I'd guess Patrick Beverley is the most obtainable of the so-called veteran options that include Darren Collison, Ricky Rubio and Derrick Rose. There also are solid contributors such as Cory Joseph, Tyus Jones (who is restricted) and Ish Smith. The Bulls will be adding a point guard. It's just a matter of which one.

## CUBS

# Nine innings? Complete relics

Starters not going distance is norm nowadays

Kyle Hendricks faced the Diamondbacks on Friday night at Chase Field knowing that throwing a complete game was unlikely.

In the first four weeks of the season heading into Friday's games, only four starters had thrown one: Derek Holland, Mike Minor, Jameson Taillon and German Marquez. Hendricks has only three complete games in his career and none since 2016.

"I think it's dying off," Hendricks said Thursday at Wrigley Field. "You're definitely not seeing a lot of them. I would love to throw one if I'm in that situation and my pitch count is low and I can go out for the ninth. But when I go into a game, it's not a goal of mine necessarily."

"We go into the game and it's just trying to make the first good pitch and go from there, try to get as many outs as you can with that. It's not our job to make the move. It's definitely dying off and for good reason. There are so many good arms in the back of the bullpen now that you'd rather have a fresh guy coming out than a guy that's tiring."

Hendricks was coming off his best outing of the season, throwing seven shutout innings and striking out 11 in a win over the Diamondbacks on April 19 at Wrigley. He threw 100 pitches for the first time in his four starts.

On Friday, he took a step back, allowing seven earned runs on 10 hits in five innings against the Diamondbacks in an 8-3 loss.

Jose Quintana, who is scheduled to start Sunday, also is coming off his highest pitch count — 114 in seven innings Monday against the Dodgers — while Cole Hamels was allowed to throw a season-high 112 pitches the next day in a 5 1/3-inning outing that included six walks.

With an inconsistent bullpen and a dominating rotation the last two weeks, manager Joe Maddon has put more trust in his starters.

"Definitely, we've talked about how we want to carry the load and we like to put that on our shoulders," Hendricks said. "Joe knows that too. He has a real good eye, and he knows us all so well by this point, he can see when a guy is rolling and when a guy is not. With 'Q' the other night, he's been so locked in, and when he's like that and staying in his mechanics, Joe knows he can roll him out there for 100-plus (pitches)."

"We know we have to prove it and make the pitches to get his trust to do that, but if we execute and do what we need to do, then he'll let us roll. We know it's kind of under our control and in our power, so it's one of our goals when we go out there."

The obituary for the complete game was written years ago, so no need to send condolence cards. The high price of starting pitching, the proliferation of relievers with 95-plus mph fastballs and analytics showing exactly when a starter's



PAUL SULLIVAN  
On the Cubs

effectiveness has peaked were all contributing factors to its demise.

None of these factors was under consideration 99 years ago Monday, when Brooklyn Robins starter Leon Cadore and Boston Braves starter

Joe Oeschger dueled for 26 innings in Boston in a game that ended in a 1-1 tie. Cadore allowed one run on 15 hits with five walks and seven strikeouts. Oeschger allowed one run on nine hits with four walks and seven strikeouts.

Pitch counts weren't recorded, though the game lasted 3 hours, 50 minutes, much like a modern-day, nine-inning Yankees-Red Sox game.

What were the effects of throwing nearly three complete games in one afternoon? Former Tribune baseball writer Jerome Holtzman wrote Cadore a letter in 1956 asking about the game and later published parts of Cadore's response:

"You ask, do I think the long game had any effect on my arm, etc.? Well, all I can say, first, it surely was a good alibi; second, all I know, while this was comparatively young in the season — May 1 was the first day of Daylight Saving Time, which made it possible to get the 26-inning route — I felt I had to press a little harder to get the same stuff on the ball that I could do effortlessly, so to speak, before the long game."

"I couldn't raise my right arm for a couple of days after the big one, and as far as sleeping for a couple days, well, that is for the birds. Sure, I was tired and did do a little sleeping, which reminds me that Wilbert Robinson, our manager then, in the 20th inning asked if I was getting tired."

"I remember saying, 'Sure, but I can go one more,' figuring something just had to happen one way or the other, and that is the way it went to the 26th. The umpires huddled and decided it would be a shame had either pitcher lost a game like this and called it. True, maybe a couple of more innings could have been played. But what a crime it would have been to have a loss marked up against either pitcher."

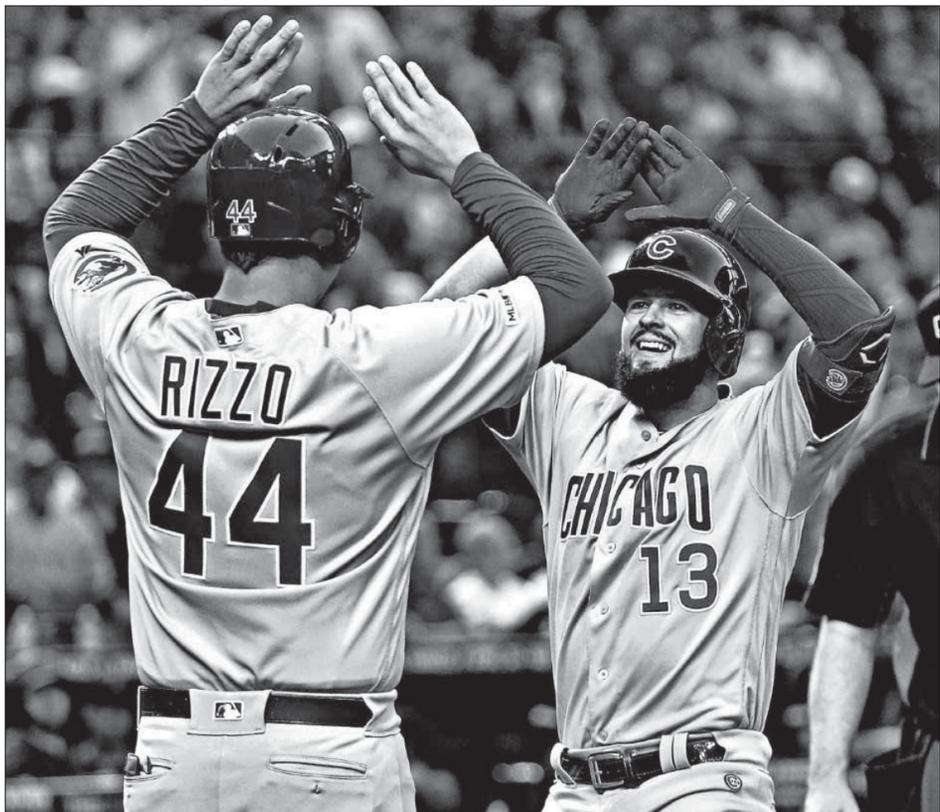
Sleeping still is for the birds 99 years later, but letting a pitcher stay in a game so long he couldn't raise his arm for a couple of days would amount to managerial malpractice, even if it's 120 pitches instead of 26 innings. But if you came of age when Fergie Jenkins and Bob Gibson frequently were locked in pitching duels that both refused to leave, you feel a little sad there's little chance of seeing one starter go all nine innings, much less both.

As much as it makes sense to lift starters for fresher arms, I still miss watching complete games.

"So do I," Hendricks said. "I loved watching them as a fan growing up. I loved the pitching duels. But there's not too many of them anymore."

On those rare occasions they do occur, you appreciate them a lot more.

## CUBS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 1



RALPH FRESO/AP

## CUBS RECAP

David Bote (13) hit two home runs and drove in five in the Cubs' 9-1 win against the Diamondbacks on Saturday night at Chase Field in Phoenix. Yu Darvish (2-3) allowed two hits and one run in six innings to help the Cubs snap a two-game losing streak. It was Bote's first career multi-homer game and Darvish's first six-inning start of the season.

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## More of Maddon

### Bryant appreciative of greater input from manager

BY MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

PHOENIX — Kris Bryant sighed late Friday night when a perky reporter observed that the exit velocity on his balls hit in play had increased.

"Yeah, exit velos," Bryant replied sarcastically. "I feel like I've been hitting the ball harder."

"In the last one to 1 1/2 weeks, I think everything has been there. My swing thoughts were there. Yeah, exit velo going up — sweet."

Bryant has tried to defuse the scrutiny, but the fact that his home run against the Diamondbacks on Friday night was his first homer since the March 28 season opener — a span of 95 plate appearances — had put him under the microscope again. His home run had some significance — he hit it off Robbie Ray to snap an 0-for-13 slump against the left-hander — and it traveled at 111 mph.

"(Exit-velocity readings) are on the scoreboard now," Bryant lamented. "It's in every stadium, so you can't get away from it."

"I just laugh at it. But if that's the way we're using it, they're going up, which means I'm hitting it harder."

"The harder you hit it, they probably won't catch it as much. That's a good thing. Got to love it."

Bryant's blazin 8-3 loss to the Diamondbacks snapped a streak of 21 games without hitting a home run, his longest stretch since going 24 straight without one from May 15 to June 14, 2018.

But a large chunk of that career-high drought occurred while Bryant dealt with a bone bruise in his left shoulder.

If Bryant needs any constant messages, he welcomes them from a usually quiet source: manager Joe Maddon.

"I made a point to tell him I want him to do that," Bryant said. "It's nice to have the leader talking to you and letting you know what he sees, and he's got your back 100 percent."

Maddon said he's merely making a more concerted effort to communicate more frequently with his players, especially Bryant. "I'm talking texts, talking emails, talking constantly," Maddon said. "I'm like a pain in the butt right now."

In the past, Maddon said he preferred to stay out of the way of his hitting and pitching coaches, but "this year I'm interfering a little more than I usually do conversationally."

And it's not just with the millennials.

"Everybody," Maddon said. "I'm having a good time."

And so is Bryant, at least from the standpoint of hearing from his manager.

"It's just good," Bryant said. "Joe is kind of a hands-off manager. He let's you do your thing and just makes sure you're ready to play. "It's nice to hear what he sees or the reassurance from him, like, 'Hey your swing is right there. Your takes are great. You're doing great in the field and your baserunning.'"

"It's not like you're searching for compliments, but it's nice when your manager lets you know that. He's watching you."

Bryant has taken Maddon's messages of support to heart

"because when I was first coming up in the minors it was, 'Look at all these home runs. He's done this.'"

"I don't want to be known for just doing that," Bryant said. "I want to be known for being able to do stuff on the field to help the team win. I haven't been playing the way I want to, but I've felt I've done stuff that ultimately helped the team win. That's what I'm here for."

Bryant was one of several Cubs players who watched the bally-hooded debut of Vladimir Guerrero Jr., who hit a double in the ninth inning to lead the Blue Jays to a victory in his first major-league game.

"I had a moment where (I was thinking), 'Was this going on when I was in my first at-bat?'" said Bryant, who went hitless in his debut in 2015. "But that kid is going to be a good player."

But observers and analysts are wondering when Bryant — hitting .235 with 10 RBIs entering Saturday night's game against the Diamondbacks — will embark on one of his patented power surges and distance himself from the fact he has only two home runs following his injury-plagued 2018 season.

"Nothing surprises me nowadays," Bryant said. "I learned that in the first 20 days. You've got to go with it and smile."

"I can control my attitude, my effort and the work I put in. At the end of the day when I do that, I'm satisfied because I did everything I can to put myself in a position to succeed."

"I might not succeed, but I'm trying, and that's all you can ask for."

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## CUBS NOTES

## Davis' 1st start is catching for Darvish

BY MARK GONZALES  
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PHOENIX — Taylor Davis waited more than two weeks for his first start at catcher for the Cubs, and he had the challenging assignment Saturday night of handling right-hander Yu Darvish.

But manager Joe Maddon, who indicated Thursday that starter Willson Contreras would get a rest during the Diamondbacks series, stressed his faith in Davis — who hadn't started a major-league game at catcher since 2017 and had caught only two innings since taking the roster spot of injured backup Victor Caratini on April 12.

"Actually he's a very good receiver," Maddon said of Davis, 29, who had caught only eight major-league innings before Saturday.

"He's got a great hand and studies well, so he knows exactly what he wants to do. Obviously offensively it's going to be more difficult. He hasn't had as many at-bats, but we have a lot confidence in him back there."

Davis entered with a lifetime .263 average (5-for-19).

**Center of attention:** Jason Heyward made his 12th start of the season in center field despite minimal work at the position in spring training.

"I don't even try to be surprised," said Heyward, who played center for much of his youth. "I've just got to be ready and do what I can each night."

Heyward made 20 starts in center last season, but Maddon is finding more ways to keep Heyward's bat in the lineup, even against left-handed pitchers.

Heyward is the Cubs' most vocal outfielder, so the switch from right is seamless.

"You've got to be in tune with what's going on and pay attention with each pitch," Heyward said. "I always talk anyway. In center field, I'm between (outfielders), but we're always communicating."

**Gone but not forgotten:** Daniel Descalso remains popular among his former Diamondbacks teammates, especially for his clutch hitting, which he has displayed in his first four weeks with the Cubs. "That's the way he's always

been," said right-hander Zack Godley, who started against the Cubs on Saturday night.

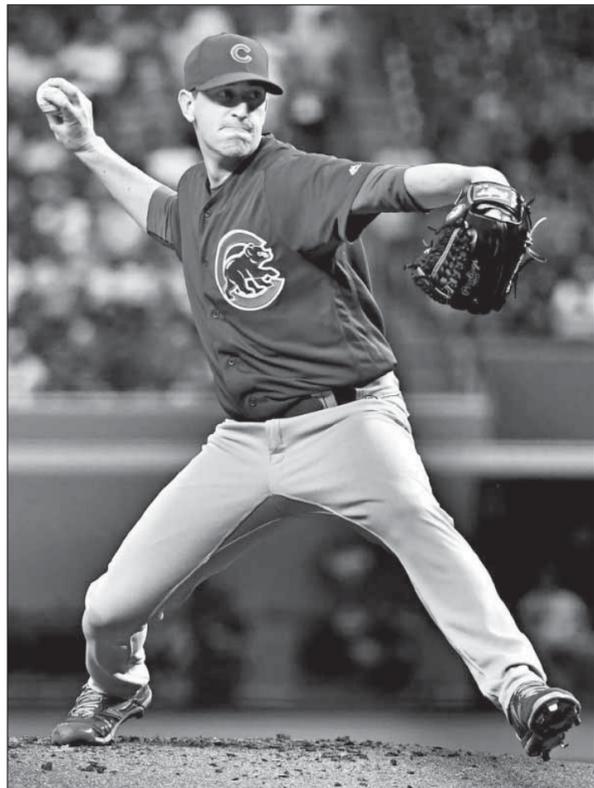
"He does an unreal job coming off the bench and getting big hits, and if you need him to start a game, he plays good defense. He's cool to watch."

Godley vividly remembered Descalso hitting a three-run homer off Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen in the ninth inning of a 4-3 loss at Dodger Stadium on July 14, 2017.

"Those types of things are what he does well," Godley said. "I hate that he's not with us, but it's awesome to see him doing well."

**Injury update:** Left-hander Mike Montgomery's rehab start at Triple-A Iowa was postponed because of inclement weather and was rescheduled for Sunday as part of a doubleheader.

Double-A Tennessee infielder Nico Hoerner, one of the organization's top prospects, was placed on the seven-day injured list, retroactive to Wednesday. Hoerner was hit on the left wrist by a pitch against Chattanooga.



NORM HALL/GETTY-AFF

Kyle Hendricks delivers a first-inning pitch Friday night against the Diamondbacks. He has three complete games in his career.

## NFL DRAFT



TIM WARNER/GETTY

At Iowa State, David Montgomery led the nation in forced missed tackles in each of the last two seasons, according to Pro Football Focus, with 211 over that span.

## 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT DAVID MONTGOMERY

# Running back: Human pinball with giant heart

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

The Bears drafted Iowa State running back David Montgomery with the 73rd pick after trading up in the third round with the Patriots on Friday. Here are five things to know about Montgomery, who will compete to start as a rookie.

## 1. He's a human pinball.

Montgomery led the nation in forced missed tackles in each of the last two seasons, according to Pro Football Focus, a football data tracking and analysis site. In fact, Montgomery's 109 forced missed tackles in 2017 and 102 last season are the two highest totals since PFF began tracking the stat in 2014.

Bears general manager Ryan Pace believes Montgomery's ability to break tackles in the Big 12 will transfer to the NFL.

"When you play at the level he played at, and you see some full-out blunt-contact hits on him and his ability to bounce off those and keep his feet, that's just low center of gravity, strong lower body, really good balance," Pace said Friday night.

"He has that. So when you think about his ability to break tackles, his ball security, very good in short-yardage situations, there's just a lot of things that check off with him."

## 2. His friendship with Hunter Erb exemplifies his giant heart.

Erb was 6 years old and facing death when his mother emailed the Iowa State football program in November 2017. Erb's greatest wish was to score a touchdown for the Cyclones. But with complications from a congenital heart defect threatening his life, his mother, Stephanie, reached out to fast-forward his football fantasy.

As Hunter ran into the end zone one day at practice not long after, Montgomery served as his lead blocker. They

developed a deep friendship that continues to this day, thanks to effective treatment, Hunter's spirit and Stephanie's determination. Many media outlets have profiled the relationship, including ESPN earlier this week.

"Once he scored, I got a thought in my head that God was pulling me toward him, and I needed to extend myself to talk to him more," Montgomery told ESPN.

Besides that, as a youth, Montgomery achieved the level of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. His big project to reach Eagle status was collecting toiletries for homeless people, according to the Des Moines Register.

## 3. Montgomery has overcome major difficulties in his personal life.

The 21-year-old has described growing up in impoverished conditions in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Cincinnati with his mother, Roberta Feltha-Mitchell, and siblings.

"If the electricity got turned off, we'd always open the oven and stay warm," Montgomery told Cincinnati.com for a pre-draft profile. "If the water got turned off, we'd get gallons of water from Speedway and boil water on the oven and put it in the tub."

Montgomery eventually moved out of his mom's house to live with his best friend. Football was partly an escape from reality and partly an outlet to channel his determination.

He and his mom shared their story before the draft in a five-minute video sponsored by Hyundai. It's worth every second of your time.

Worst of all, Montgomery's brother, Maceo Feltha, is serving 15 years-to-life for murder after what authorities described as a drug deal gone bad in July 2015. Montgomery never has visited his brother in jail. In the Hyundai video, his mother says

Maceo's crime and incarceration both hurt and motivate David.

## 4. There's a good chance Montgomery will open the season as the Bears' starting running back.

He'll compete with free-agent signee Mike Davis. Pace indicated Friday that regardless of who starts, both backs will contribute. That fits Matt Nagy's preference for a rotation or committee of backs.

Montgomery "is just a well-rounded back," Pace said. "It's everything you look for in a running back, starting with his instincts, his vision, his ability to make people miss. Good hands. He fits the offense very well."

## 5. Montgomery was available in the third round because he lacks top-end speed.

He ran the 40-yard dash in 4.63 seconds at the NFL scouting combine in late February, a disappointing time that isn't quite an accurate reflection of his play speed.

By comparison, the two running backs drafted before him Friday — Penn State's Miles Sanders and Memphis' Darrell Henderson — each ran the 40 in 4.49 seconds.

"The combine numbers, I think when you watch this guy play, you can see the burst and acceleration that he plays with," Pace said. "That was a non-issue for us."

Said Montgomery: "The combine testing was definitely not the way I wanted to perform, but it was a long week. Just trying to make sure I got my head, my mental (state) right. But it didn't go the way I wanted it to. But that was OK because I was able to go back the next weekend and get ready for my pro day, and I'm happy it ended up going the way it did."

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## Report: Bears to add another kicker to mix

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

The Bears didn't use one of their five draft picks on a kicker over the weekend, but they still took steps to advance the competition at a position that has been unstable since they cut Robbie Gould in 2016.

Not long after the seventh round concluded Saturday, San Diego State kicker John Baron II tweeted a photo of himself wearing a Bears hat, and Kohl's Kicking Camps confirmed on Twitter that Baron was signing with the Bears as an undrafted free agent.

The Bears also reportedly are bringing in Minnesota kicker Emmitt Carpenter and McNeese State kicker/punter Alex Kjellsten to next weekend's

rookie minicamp, according to the St. Paul Pioneer Press and the McNeese athletic department.

Bears general manager Ryan Pace didn't confirm the moves at his post-draft news conference but acknowledged they were augmenting the competition to replace recently cut Cody Parkey.

They previously signed kickers Redford Jones, Chris Blewitt and Elliott Fry this offseason. None of the three has NFL game experience, though Fry kicked in the short-lived Alliance of American Football this spring.

"Maybe it's a little unorthodox to have four kickers out there," Pace said. "We don't care. Let's increase the competition and let's let the whole thing battle

out. We're unbiased on it. Our eyes are wide open. If we need to add a veteran, we're going to do whatever we can to get that situation right. We know the importance of it, and that's why we're attacking it in such an aggressive manner."

Only two kickers were drafted Saturday. Utah's Matt Gay went in the fifth round to the Buccaneers, and Oklahoma's Austin Seibert went in the fifth round to the Browns.

Pace said the Bears had considered using one of their picks on the position, but their draft board fell toward other players.

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## 'Sky is the limit' for newest Bear Montgomery

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"I'm at the facility and I need to watch this game. I can't sleep."

After the Bears traded up 14 spots in the third round of the NFL draft Friday night to select Montgomery at No. 73, general manager Ryan Pace said there were numerous stories coming out of the Ames campus detailing Montgomery's work ethic. Ayeni, now the running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Northwestern, is the best man to tell those stories about a player he considers a son.

Montgomery FaceTimed Ayeni immediately after he got off the phone Friday night. They spent a half-hour on the phone after lunch Saturday. Ayeni believes the Bears nailed it by adding Montgomery to the defending NFC North champion's improving offense. He has no doubt Montgomery, in time, will emerge as a leader at Halas Hall.

"We're doing a recruiting function after David's freshman year and we got done at like 10:30, 11 o'clock at night," Ayeni recalled. "We were going back to the facility to get our cars and we noticed the lights were on in the indoor facility. I walked over there with Coach (Matt) Campbell to see what was going on. The lights are on and music is blaring."

"It's David in there and he's going through running back drills by himself. He's in there just perfecting his craft."

"The crazy thing is you go back at night a couple weeks later, and it's David and all the running backs. A few weeks after that it's David and all the skill guys on offense. Then you get to the summer, and it's offense and the defense. He captured that whole team with his work ethic and character, and they followed him."

It was Montgomery, a quarterback at Mt. Healthy High School in Cincinnati, that led the revival of the Cyclones program, from a 3-9 season his freshman season to an 8-5 record and a victory in the Liberty Bowl the next year.

How things shake out in the Bears backfield with free-agent signing Mike Davis will be determined on the practice field and through the preseason, but Montgomery is accustomed to competition. When he arrived at Iowa State, Mike Warren was coming off winning Big 12 Freshman of the Year honors after he rushed for 1,339 yards in 2015, one of the best seasons in Iowa State history and one of the best for a freshman in the history of the conference. By the middle of Montgomery's freshman season, he overtook Warren.

"We envision a scenario where they're all contributing in different areas," Pace said. "We feel good about that room now. They all bring different things to the table. Matt (Nagy) and I were just talking about it — the different things we can do with all the backs in that room."

Scouts have compared Montgomery to Browns running back Kareem Hunt, who won the rushing title as a rookie with the Chiefs in 2017. Ayeni is the man who recruited both backs to college, bringing Hunt to Toledo and then landing Montgomery at Iowa State. He's careful in drawing comparisons between them as players and chuckles when describing how the Cyclones got Montgomery.

Ayeni was already in Ames when Campbell was hired and was retained because he had worked with the staff previously at Toledo. Iowa State did not recruit the state of Ohio before Campbell arrived but began immediately because the coaches had ties to the area.

"Our receivers coach, Bryan Gasser, showed me his video, and I was like, 'Where is this kid going? Ohio State?'" Ayeni said.

But Montgomery had no offers at the time. "His film was really good," Ayeni said. "Now David was playing quarterback in high school. He was a dual-threat quarterback, and when you watched him run the ball I thought it was something special. He was 220 pounds, he had those thick legs, he looked like a running back. He just had the traits and qualities you would want in a guy, and we were fortunate enough to have enough time to recruit him and get him."

Once Montgomery got on the field at Iowa State, it was clear he was the program's best offensive player.

"The similarities between David and Kareem are their contact balance," Ayeni said. "They can make people miss and break tackles. It's ridiculous. In 2017, Kareem was a rookie with the Chiefs, David led college football in forced missed tackles and Kareem led the NFL in forced missed tackles."

"They both can catch the ball out of the backfield, short and down the field. They both are willing pass blockers and can protect the quarterback and they both run with a chip on their shoulders. Those guys both compete and don't want ever want to go down. You know when you watch a running back and it's like, 'Whoa! It can be a business decision to tackle the guy. You have to gang-tackle them. Both have that desire to never let one guy bring them down."

"I know Kareem was a third-round pick and he kind of came out of nowhere when he burst on the scene. I am just telling you Kareem looked the same way in high school that he looked in the NFL on Sundays and the same he was at Toledo. Whereas Dave, his make-you-miss ability was the same in high school as it was in college, and I'm looking forward to it staying the same in the pros because it's special what he's got."

Montgomery has more natural hands as a receiver than Hunt and he is more refined as a route runner, according to Ayeni. They are areas of his game that can continue to be developed because he has been a running back for only three seasons.

"The sky is the limit for the kid," Ayeni said. "I told him he is living in the basement."

Ayeni is confident too that if Montgomery calls again in the middle of the night, it won't be because he's in trouble.

Ayeni has since pushed to get iPads for players so they can watch game film at any time without needing to call for a password.

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## NFL DRAFT



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Georgia wide receiver Riley Ridley, who was pick No. 126 in the fourth round on Saturday, will give Matt Nagy and the Bears offense another weapon.

## BEARS

## New weapons

## Montgomery, Ridley give Nagy more options

BY DAN WIEDERER  
Chicago Tribune

For Cortez Hankton, it was a moment in late-September that fully validated Riley Ridley's competitive edge. Georgia was protecting a fourth-quarter lead on the road at Missouri. Less than five minutes remained. And the Bulldogs were backed into third-and-11 at the Tigers' 42.

"Really, it was, 'Do we take a shot here to end the game? Or do we play it safe?'" the Georgia receivers coach said Saturday afternoon. "And I just remember talking to our offensive staff and I said, 'Look, give him a chance and he's going to make a play.'"

Request granted. Green light. Ridley launched into his stop-and-go route. Double move.

Quarterback Jacob Fromm fired up the right sideline. Ridley leaped over the top of cornerback DeMarkus Ayco, plucked the ball out of the air and somehow managed to get the toes of both his feet down in bounds. Twenty-seven yard gain. First down.

Four plays later, Georgia added an insurance score to seal its 43-29 victory.

"You're talking clutch. Big. That was a moment right there," Hankton said. "You knew that guy was going to be a dude for us last year. ... In a moment like that you need your playmakers to make plays. And he made a play."

In his final season at Georgia, Ridley had several such flashes, showcasing a combination of burst, physicality and competitive tenacity that made him attractive to the Bears. Now he is coming to Chicago as one of the new, fun toys for Bears coach Matt Nagy and quarterback Mitch Trubisky to play with.

A day after drafting running back David Montgomery in Round 3, the Bears picked Ridley with pick No. 126 in the fourth round, beginning a day on which they also added Kansas State

cornerback Duke Shelley in Round 6 plus Florida Atlantic running back Kerrith Whyte and Valdosta State cornerback Stephen Denmark in the seventh round.

Naturally, general manager Ryan Pace expressed satisfaction in his weekend draft haul. With Ridley specifically, he sees a talented receiver with good size, reliable hands and terrific route-running ability.

Ridley's confidence is a nice plus, too, evident during a pre-draft visit to Halas Hall when he spoke about his ability to make contested catches.

Said Pace: "One of his quotes was, 'I'm not a 50-50 guy. I win all of them.' That's kind of his mindset."

To be clear, this draft was very different for Pace and the Bears. Unlike Pace's best draft to date — the 2017 bonanza that landed Trubisky, Eddie Jackson and Tarik Cohen — this year's came with much greater restrictions.

Trubisky, of course, was the No. 2 pick two years ago. Jackson and Cohen were drafted 19 minutes apart early in the fourth round that weekend.

This year? The Bears made their first pick at No. 73 and selected only two players in the top 200. From there, they went to work to see just how accomplished their talent evaluation staff truly is in identifying diamonds in the rough.

Who knows? Perhaps Shelley emerges as a future starter, using his quickness and ball skills to earn a significant role as a slot cornerback on an already fierce defense. But with the Bears roster stocked the way it is, his greatest value may be on special teams. It also would not be a shock if Whyte and Denmark — both seventh-round dice rolls — became little more than practice-squad pieces for the foreseeable future.

That's why this five-man Bears draft class will be appropriately greeted throughout Chicago with a casual nod or even a shrug but no fist pumps or howls of celebration.

Pace still has plenty of roster molding to do, a process that intensified Saturday night as the

Bears charged into the undrafted free-agent flea market. The Bears will begin organized team activities in a few weeks with serious questions about their kicker competition and an unsettling lack of depth at positions such as tight end and safety.

Still, with Montgomery and Ridley coming to energize the offense, Nagy expressed his excitement for getting back on the field soon.

The head coach's praise for Montgomery was heartfelt Saturday night. Nagy called his new running back "the whole package." And after lauding Montgomery's reliable hands, ability to make defenders miss and toughness, Nagy spent twice as much time highlighting the genuineness of his work ethic and ambition.

"He's about as real a person as there is," Nagy said. "Very authentic, very passionate."

Ridley, meanwhile, didn't put up huge numbers at Georgia, totaling 43 catches, 559 yards and nine touchdowns in his final season. But he has shown impressive ability to create separation as a route runner.

Said Hankton: "He just has a suddenness about himself that's really special."

Added Pace: "He has a savviness to him to know how to set guys up. For as big as he is, he knows how to drop his weight and quickly get out of break points. When you're watching him, you consistently see him separating from man coverage. ... That's one of the first things that jumps out is just how defined his routes are, how crisp his routes are."

Ridley will join former Georgia standouts Leonard Floyd, Roquan Smith and Javon Wims with the Bears. The young receiver made it clear Saturday that he enjoyed his pre-draft visit to Halas Hall.

"It felt like home," he said. "And for them to select me today is amazing."

Now comes the next step, with the Bears aiming to take their new offensive pieces to help fuel a potential-filled 2019.

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## BEARS DRAFT PICKS

## RB David Montgomery, Iowa State

## No. 73 (third round)

Montgomery is a well-rounded back who will contribute immediately and might even start the season opener.

The Bears traded up 14 spots to draft him. They gave up Nos. 87 (third round), 162 (fifth) and a fourth-rounder next year to the Patriots in exchange for Nos. 73 and 205 (sixth).

**Why the Bears like him:** Where to begin? On the field, Montgomery has great instincts, vision, balance and lateral agility. He's a human pinball. He led the nation in forced missed tackles in each of the last two seasons, according to Pro Football Focus.

The Bears also believe he has untapped upside as a contributor in the passing game.

"We feel he can be a good route runner," general manager Ryan Pace said. "I think that can be expanded. He has very natural hands."

Off the field, Montgomery was famous at Iowa State for late-night workouts and video sessions. He was a galvanizing leader for that program.

"He has unbelievable makeup and character," Pace said.

**Why he wasn't drafted sooner:** Montgomery doesn't have top-end speed. He's not a home-run hitter. He ran the 40-yard dash at the combine in 4.63 seconds. By comparison, the two backs taken before him Friday — Penn State's Miles Sanders and Memphis' Darrell Henderson — each ran it in 4.49.

**In his own words:** "My strength is my ability and my motor, being able to make people miss and being able to catch the ball."

## WR Riley Ridley, Georgia

## No. 126 (fourth round)

Ridley led Georgia with 44 catches for 570 yards and nine touchdowns in his junior season. Ridley, the younger brother of Falcons wide receiver Calvin Ridley, was named one of the Bulldogs' most improved offensive players by the team after the 2018 season.

**Why the Bears drafted him:** A physical 6-foot-1, 199-pound receiver, Ridley is known for strong route running, which he said he developed with the help of his brother. NFL.com prospect analysis says he has strong hands, a wide catch radius and excellent body control.

**Why he wasn't drafted sooner:** Not known for his blazing speed, he ran an unofficial 40-yard dash time of 4.58 seconds. His production was limited over his first two seasons to 26 catches for 456 yards.

**In his own words:** "I had a meeting with the receiving coach (Mike Furrey). I sat down with him and I realized this is one of the coolest coaches I've ever met in my life at this level of football. He wasn't just blocking out certain things; he was letting me know I could be on this team and I can be all-in and be able to find a chance to fight for a spot." — Ridley on his visit with the Bears.

**Analyst's take:** "I know he didn't test well. I know he doesn't have a ton of production. But that dude knows how to run routes, and he generates separation." — NFL Network analyst Daniel Jeremiah

**You should know:** Ridley is the third Georgia player Pace has selected in the last two drafts and the fourth since 2016. First-round pick Roquan Smith and seventh-round pick Javon Wims both played at Georgia and were drafted in 2018. Pace picked Georgia outside linebacker Leonard Floyd in the first round in 2016.

## CB Duke Shelley, Kansas State

## No. 205 (sixth round)

Shelley earned second-team All-Big 12 honors last season after intercepting three passes and breaking up nine. He also has experience returning kickoffs and punts.

**Why the Bears drafted him:** Shelley projects as a slot cornerback, a position at which the Bears are in transition after Bryce Callahan's departure in free agency. (They signed veteran Buster Skrine in free agency.)

His ball skills are a major reason he started all four years at Kansas State. He's a willing tackler, which is important for a player his size (5-9, 180 pounds). A torn ligament in one of his big toes cut his 2018 season short by five games, but he ran an unofficial 4.46 in the 40-yard dash at Kansas State's pro day.

**Why he wasn't drafted sooner:** Shelley's size seemingly limits him to the slot, where he didn't play very often in college.

**In his own words:** "I'm definitely a hard worker. I'm going to work harder than anybody around me. I take that very seriously. Technique is probably the biggest thing I feel sets me apart in my game, the technique that I play with. ... I'm going to compete every play. I don't like balls getting caught on me. I don't care if it's 1 yard or 5. I like to compete all the time, and that's what I'm going to do."

**You should know:** Shelley's given name is YaQuis Bertron Shelley Jr.

"My grandma named me 'Duke' when I was just a little boy," he said. "I'm actually a churcher, and Duke means 'prayer,' so my grandma came up with it when I was little and it just stuck with me."

## RB Kerrith Whyte, Florida Atlantic

## No. 222 (seventh round)

Whyte becomes the second running back added to the Bears' 2019 draft class, an explosive runner with notable toughness. He was an early entrant into the draft despite playing a complementary role to fellow Florida Atlantic back Devin Singletary last season. Whyte averaged 6.5 yards per carry and totaled 866 rushing yards and eight TDs. But as a seventh-round pick, his path to sticking around into September may come on special teams. In that regard, his experience as a kickoff returner (28.7 yards per return) likely caught the Bears' attention.

**Why the Bears drafted him:** This late in the draft, the Bears scan for traits they might be able to develop. Whyte's is speed. Pace said he ran a 4.38-second 40-yard dash. Whyte also has kickoff return experience, earning second-team All-Conference USA honors last season as a junior.

**Why he wasn't drafted sooner:** His vision and instincts aren't the caliber of backs who were drafted much higher. That's evident in how he gets caught in traffic at the line of scrimmage more often than he would like.

**In his own words:** "I'm a playmaker. I have long speed, very explosive, can do a lot of things, just make big plays. ... In games, I don't have too much film of route running or catching the ball, but we ran it a lot. ... I can catch and run routes. We have a lot of practice film. We just never got to call it in the game. That's another asset to my game."

## CB Stephen Denmark, Valdosta State

## No. 238 (seventh round)

The draft ended without the Bears selecting a kicker, as Pace instead went with his second cornerback of Day 3.

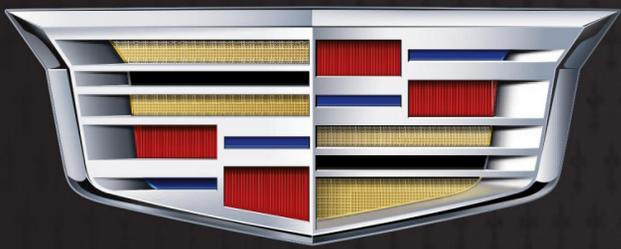
Denmark recorded 55 tackles, including eight for a loss, three interceptions, nine pass breakups and a forced fumble in 2018 for Division II national champion Valdosta State. He played wide receiver in his first two seasons at Valdosta State before switching to cornerback.

**Why the Bears drafted him:** At 6-3, 220 pounds, he's a big, athletic cornerback who ran 4.46 seconds in the 40-yard dash at his pro day, according to NFL.com.

**Why he wasn't drafted sooner:** With only a year under his belt at cornerback, he is a major project who will need time to develop his defensive skills and make the transition from Division II.

**You should know:** He had 29 catches for 337 yards and three touchdowns over his freshman and sophomore seasons at wide receiver.

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## NFL DRAFT



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Gary's Lonnie Johnson Jr. puts on his Texans cap Friday night as friends and family members celebrate his selection in the second round of the NFL draft.

# Making Gary proud

**Lonnie Johnson Jr.'s** journey reaches a tearful peak after 2 excruciating nights of the NFL draft

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Lonnie Johnson Jr. plopped into a couch with his fiancée, mother and younger brother in the drama room at Gary's West Side Leadership Academy and watched on TV as NFL draft picks came off the board Friday night.

After several selections were announced, his uncle and former high school coach Jason Johnson stood up to make an announcement to the crowd of more than 50 people that slowly filled the chairs and tables behind them.

"The ringer is a sensitive thing right now, so turn your ringers on vibrate," Jason advised, drawing a few chuckles.

Johnson, a 6-foot-2, 213-pound cornerback, took a difficult, circuitous route to reach this night. He navigated the challenges of growing up in Gary, made two junior-college stops and took a year off from football to focus on academics before he could even begin to draw NFL interest while at Kentucky.

But that didn't make this wait any easier. After only one cornerback was selected in the draft's first round Thursday, Johnson clapped when two were picked to open the second round Friday. But the tension grew as four more corners were announced, and Johnson put his hand over his face, shook his head and slid further into the couch as the minutes turned into an hour, then nearly another hour.

Then, at about 7:45 p.m., while the Eagles were on the clock in the second round, the cellphone he had been picking up and setting down all night rang. Family members and friends around the room popped up and hovered nearby, their phone cameras ready.

While the Eagles' pick of running back Miles Sanders was announced, Johnson continued to speak on the phone, wiping tears from his face. Finally, as tears pooled in the eyes of his mother and brother, Nora and Darion Johnson, and his father, Lonnie Sr., waited nearby, he revealed the news.

Johnson was going to the Texans as the No. 54 pick. He put on his new cap, plucked from a table with 31 others, to cheers.

"Everything that it took to get to this level, it was hard," Johnson said. "That just made me hungry."

"I told the coaches, I'm not done yet. I made it to the NFL, but I ain't made it yet. I ain't finished. That (wait) just made the chip even bigger."

## A proud occasion

Johnson's weekend wait actually started Thursday night at the Diamond Center, a banquet room at the Gary SouthShore Railcats' minor-league baseball stadium.

More than 100 people who had been a part of his journey from youth star to NFL hopeful buzzed about as the first round of the draft streamed on a big screen. They took photos in front of a stadium backdrop and grazed on food from a buffet line, occasionally making their way to the front to offer hugs and words to the main attraction.

Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson was in attendance. So was West Side principal Marcus Muhammad, a local radio broadcaster and a host of family members and youth coaches who said they knew this weekend was possible when Johnson was a kid.

They told of how he walked everywhere



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Lonnie Johnson Jr. gets warm hugs from his mother, Nora Johnson, father, Lonnie Johnson Sr., and younger brother Darion Johnson after he was drafted by the Texans on Friday.

by the time he was 9 months old. How he blew past his speedy cousin in their first footrace. How he leaped 20 feet the first time he tried the long jump. How he took a sweep 80 yards on his youth football team's first play of the season.

"He made me feel like I was Vince Lombardi," former youth coach Alan Gaines said.

Johnson and his cousin Jon'Vea Johnson grew up like brothers and had prodigious athletic talent. Nora, Lonnie Sr. and Jason, who played two seasons in the NFL for the Broncos and Steelers, kept them in a constant cycle of sports to push them toward the right path.

"They were too tired to go outside and try to get in trouble," Nora said.

Jon'Vea, a Toledo wide receiver, also attended the parties and had hoped to be drafted Saturday to give West Side two new NFL players. He wasn't selected but quickly signed with the Cowboys as a free agent.

It was a proud occasion for many there who had been a part of the tailgates at their Pop Warner games — and who are well aware of the dangerous reputation their city bears.

"You want to see people from Gary successful," said Richard Ligon, another youth coach. "I can see him now as a very mature young man. He has put a lot of work into football. ... They make Gary proud."

Johnson and his family were conscious of such feelings when they planned his draft parties.

"A lot of deaths, a lot of shootings, parents going to jail, those types of things," Johnson said of Gary. "It's a rough city to grow up in. There's always something negative going on. I'm just trying to be the one to bring something positive to the city."

Johnson's family weathered its share of struggles together.

There was the time when Johnson was in high school that his family moved into his grandmother's two-bedroom home for several months after their home was put on the market without their knowledge, Nora said. Seventeen family members lived under his grandmother's roof.

"In there like sardines, on top of each other," Nora said. "We made it work, but it was a rough time."

And Johnson also lost a good friend to the gun violence that has affected many in his city.

In August 2015, Daja Brookshire, a cheerful girl with whom Johnson ran track, was shot to death as she was stepping out of her boyfriend's car.

"In the wrong place at the wrong time," Johnson said. "Bullet wasn't meant for her."

She would have been happy to be there this weekend, he said, but her memory was represented. He has several tattoos in her honor on his right hand, figuring they would be seen there when he shook hands or played football.

"It's the most visual thing they could see without me putting the tattoo on my face," Johnson said. "I made sure I put it right there, so everybody can see it, and I can share her name throughout this whole process and wherever I go."

## A life-changing conversation

For a period in 2016, it appeared Johnson would give up on college and return to Gary.

He committed to Ohio State out of high school but didn't qualify academically, so he started his college career at San Bernardino (Calif.) Valley College in 2014. It was one of the worst years of his life, he said, as he struggled with living expenses and being away from his parents, who were separating.

He moved the next season to Garden City (Kansas) Community College, which while in the "middle of nowhere" at least provided him with a meal plan so he could eat. The school also had a coach who changed Johnson's trajectory.

Johnson played multiple positions in high school but was recruited to college as a wide receiver. Garden City coach Jeff Sims asked him to move to cornerback full time in 2015. He had five interceptions that season, his first coming when Nora spent her rent money to drive 13 hours to see him play.

But his grades still weren't up to par, and Sims let Nora know he would send Johnson home if he didn't make a change. Nora, who works two jobs as a bus driver and one as a track coach, had a talk with her son.

"I told him, 'If college is not what you want to do, you can come home, but just know that you're going to have to do what I'm doing, which is working two jobs,'" Nora said. "The minute I said that, Lonnie was like, 'You're working two jobs?' And he started bawling these tears. And then I



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Lonnie Johnson Jr., right, poses with his cousin and fellow draft party hopeful Jon'Vea Johnson at NFL draft party Thursday night.

started crying. And he went back to college.

"The next week Coach Sims called me and said, 'I don't know what you said to him, but whatever you said to him, in one week this boy has done a (180). It really changed his life. It really did.'"

Johnson sat out his 2016 season to focus on academics, "one of the hardest things" for somebody whose world revolved around athletic competition.

"It was the family," Jon'Vea said. "If we didn't care, he would've come back home. He was this close to calling it a wrap and coming back home. We definitely pressed him on."

In 2017, Johnson qualified to go to Kentucky, and Nora still remembers the look of contentment in his eyes when he stepped onto the field during his official visit. He earned a starting spot in time for the last five games of his junior season and had his first career interception in the Citrus Bowl against Penn State as a senior. He graduated in December, finished his football career with 64 tackles and 12 pass breakups and earned an invitation to the Senior Bowl, where he first met with the Texans.

"My game is still climbing," Johnson said of focusing solely on cornerback for three seasons. "I still have a lot to learn, but I feel like I'm on the up and up. I don't see myself going backward."

## A new chapter

Hanging high in a West Side hallway are several picture boxes that feature jerseys of the school's athletes who have gone pro, including four football players.

There are also two empty boxes, which Jason said were made with the future jerseys of Johnson and Jon'Vea in mind.

Johnson had a busy week leading up to the draft. He went to Kentucky to propose to his fiancée, Selena Morgan, and they had a shower for their baby girl, due June 30. He traveled to Nashville, Tenn., to participate in pre-draft activities.

And then he returned to Gary to share his experience with all of the people who were a part of his journey, including Darion, a high school running back who said his brother's experience taught him to focus on his grades and keep trying.

Johnson knows his story isn't over. "This is no longer just a sport. This is my job," he said. But he was happy to be putting an end to this chapter with the people who helped him persist.

"This is my roots," Johnson said. "I grew up right around the corner. I wanted to bring something back to Gary to inspire a young kid, inspire somebody else to do the same thing. There are different ways to get up out of this city."

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**NFL DRAFT NFC NORTH**

LIONS Rd.	Pk.	Player	Pos.	School
1.	8.	T.J. Hockenson	TE	Iowa
2.	43.	Jahlani Tavai	LB	Hawaii
3.	81.	Will Harris	S	Boston College
4.	117.	Austin Bryant	DE	Clemson
5.	146.	Amani Oruwariye	CB	Penn State
6.	184.	Travis Fulgham	WR	Old Dominion
6.	186.	Ty Johnson	RB	Maryland
7.	224.	Isaac Nauta	TE	Georgia
7.	229.	P.J. Johnson	DT	Arizona

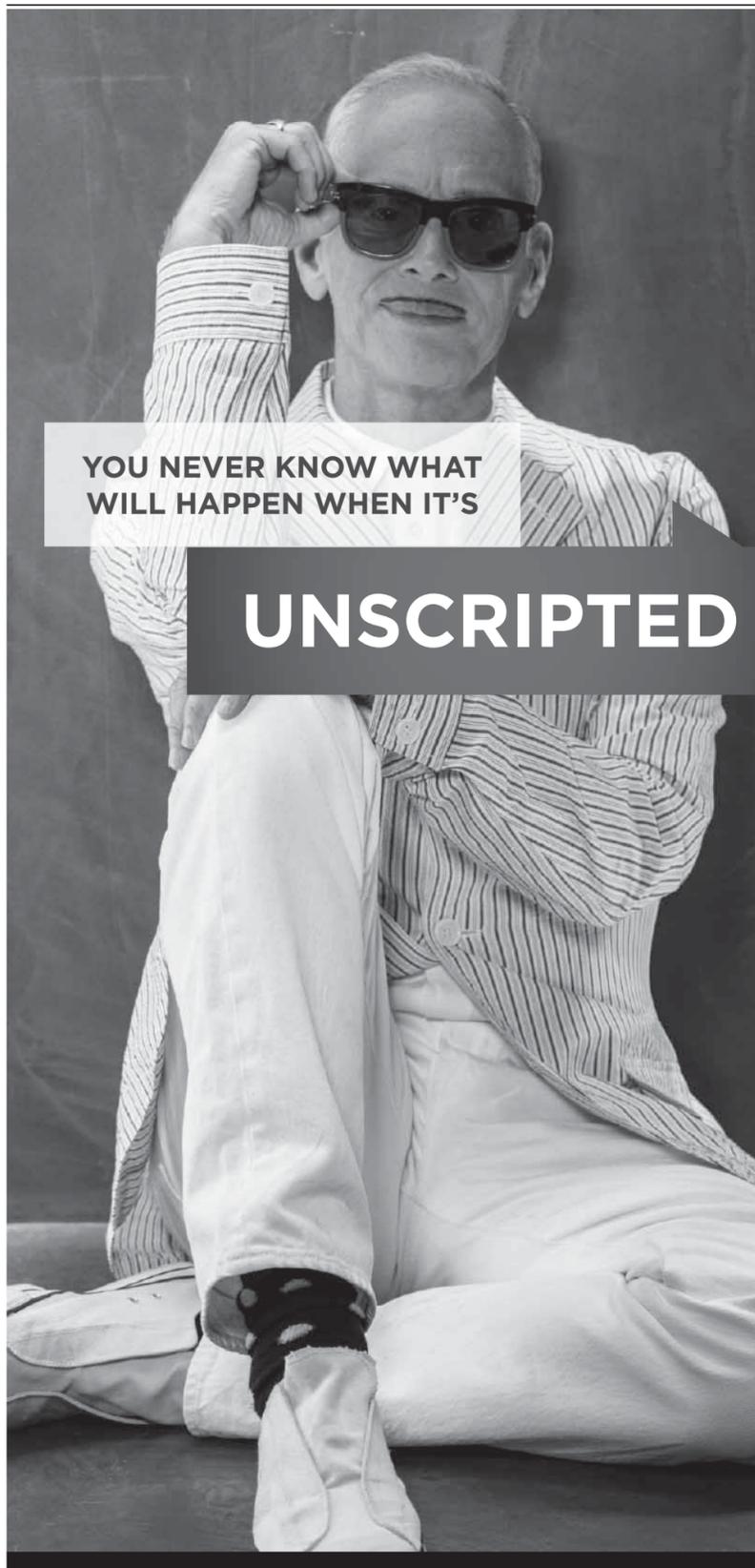
**Brad Biggs' analysis:** The Lions have added four tight ends this season with two coming in the draft, including the best of the bunch, Iowa's T.J. Hockenson, in the first round. He projects to be a big piece in the passing game for Matthew Stafford and is a strong blocker in the run game. After that, the focus was turned to the defense. Safety Will Harris was a versatile performer and a tone-setter at Boston College. The Lions had a clear need at inside linebacker, but they may have reached on Hawaii's Jahlani Tavai, whom some scouts viewed as a Day 3 selection. Cornerback Amani Oruwariye is 6-foot-2, 205 pounds and will be a nice complement to Darius Slay if he can get on the field.

PACKERS Rd.	Pk.	Player	Pos.	School
1.	12.	Rashan Gary	DE	Michigan
1.	21.	Darnell Savage	S	Maryland
2.	44.	Elgton Jenkins	C	Mississippi State
3.	75.	Jace Sternberger	TE	Texas A&M
5.	150.	Kingsley Keke	DE	Texas A&M
6.	185.	Ka'dar Hollman	CB	Toledo
6.	194.	Dexter Williams	RB	Notre Dame
7.	226.	Ty Summers	LB	TCU

**Biggs' analysis:** With quarterback Aaron Rodgers in new coach Matt LaFleur's offense, the Packers obviously believe they're in good shape on that side of the ball. That's why the focus of free agency and the draft was on defense. Edge rusher Rashan Gary profiles as a boom-or-bust pick based on inconsistent production at Michigan. He could absolutely flourish. Free safety Darnell Savage will pair well next to former Bear Adrian Amos, which will allow their strengths to show. Defensive lineman Kingsley Keke adds depth with Muhammad Wilkerson likely not returning.

VIKINGS Rd.	Pk.	Player	Pos.	School
1.	18.	Garrett Bradbury	C	North Carolina State
2.	50.	Irv Smith Jr.	TE	Alabama
3.	102.	Alexander Mattison	RB	Boise State
4.	114.	Dru Samia	G	Oklahoma
5.	162.	Cameron Smith	LB	USC
6.	190.	Armon Watts	DT	Arkansas
6.	191.	Marcus Epps	S	Wyoming
6.	193.	Oli Udoh	OT	Elon
7.	217.	Kris Boyd	CB	Texas
7.	239.	Dillon Mitchell	WR	Oregon
7.	247.	Olabisi Johnson	WR	Colorado State
7.	250.	Austin Cutting	LS	Air Force

**Biggs' analysis:** The Vikings made 12 selections — their most since the draft went to seven rounds in 1994. They used three of them on offensive linemen, getting North Carolina State center Garrett Bradbury in the first round as a Day 1 starter. The Vikings traded up to get Oklahoma guard Dru Samia early in Round 4 and he'll be groomed as a future starter. Tight end Irv Smith Jr. from Alabama adds a little more athleticism to a position already anchored by Kyle Rudolph. Running back Alexander Mattison from Boise State, drafted with the final pick of Round 3, will be a power complement to Dalvin Cook, replacing Latavius Murray, who departed in free agency.



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## NFL DRAFT



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Notre Dame cornerback Julian Love, shown returning an interception against Wake Forest, is the Irish's career leader in pass breakups with 39.

# Love's loving Giants

ND corner 'lost for words' after being selected by NY

BY LAMOND POPE  
Post-Tribune

Julian Love knew a life-changing call was coming.

It was just a matter of when. "I was ready — I was waiting for my name to be called to see where I'd be a good fit," Love said in a phone interview Saturday.

"When it finally came, I was very excited. I feel like I landed at the right spot."

That spot is with the Giants, who selected the Notre Dame cornerback Saturday in the fourth round of the NFL draft. The Nazareth graduate, who grew up in Westchester, was the No. 108 pick.

He had family with him when the news came.

"They've been there my whole life supporting me," Love said. "It was pretty special to be here with them."

Love earned consensus All-America honors in 2018 as a junior for the Irish. He made 63 tackles and broke up 16 passes, helping Notre Dame to its first appearance in the College Football Playoff.

Despite playing just three seasons, Love is Notre Dame's career

## LOCAL PLAYERS DRAFTED

The 15 players from Illinois high schools and colleges, plus Notre Dame, who were selected in the 2019 NFL draft.

**Jerry Tillery**, DT, Notre Dame: First round (No. 28) to the Chargers.  
**Max Scharping**, OT, Northern Illinois: Second round (No. 55) to the Texans.

**Khalen Saunders**, DT, Western Illinois: Third round (No. 84) to the Chiefs.

**Miles Boykin**, WR, Notre Dame: Third round (No. 93) to the Ravens.  
**Julian Love**, CB, Notre Dame: Fourth round (No. 108) to the Giants.

**Drue Tranquill**, LB, Notre Dame: Fourth round (No. 130) to the Chargers.  
**Clayton Thorson**, QB, Northwestern: Fifth round (No. 167) to the Eagles.

**David Edwards**, OL, Wisconsin: Fifth round (No. 169) to the Rams.  
**Austin Seibert**, K, Oklahoma: Fifth round (No. 170) to the Browns.

**Sutton Smith**, Edge, Northern Illinois: Sixth round (No. 175) to the Steelers.

**Dexter Williams**, RB, Notre Dame: Sixth round (No. 194) to the Packers.  
**Terry Beckner Jr.**, DT, Missouri: Seventh round (No. 215) to the Buccaneers.

**Nick Allegretti**, G/C, Illinois: Seventh round (No. 216) to the Chiefs.  
**Alize Mack**, TE, Notre Dame: Seventh round (No. 231) to the Saints.

**Chris Slayton**, DT, Syracuse: Seventh round (No. 245) to the Giants.

leader with 39 pass breakups. And now he'll look to aid the Giants secondary.

"I've been waiting for this," Love said. "It is my dream for my whole life."

Love said he spoke with Giants coach Pat Shurmur and defensive coordinator James Bettcher.

"It was special," Love said. "I'm lost for words."

Love was one of four Notre Dame players drafted Saturday.

Overall, six Notre Dame players were selected this year, including

Providence graduate Miles Boykin.

The Ravens drafted the wide receiver in the third round Friday with the No. 93 pick.

"There was a lot of anticipation, a lot of waiting around, but it was great being able to get the chance to play for a team like the Ravens," Boykin said in a phone interview Saturday.

Boykin led the Irish with 59 catches for 872 yards and eight touchdowns as a junior. The Ravens traded two six-rounders to

the Vikings to move up and select Boykin.

"I was extremely humbled to get that phone call — I was speechless," Boykin said. "The biggest thing for me is that they traded two draft picks away to come get me. That makes me feel wanted. I knew they really wanted me and that's what they had to do to get me."

"They had faith in me, so I know everything is going to be great because I have a coaching staff that believes in me and I believe in them."

The Chargers drafted linebacker Drue Tranquill in the fourth round (No. 130). He was the second Notre Dame player the Chargers drafted this year — they grabbed defensive tackle Jerry Tillery in the first round Thursday.

"Great pick," Tillery wrote on Twitter. "Welcome Drue."

Running back Dexter Williams went to the Packers in the sixth round at No. 194. Tight end Alize Mack rounded out Notre Dame's draft day, going to the Saints in the seventh round at No. 231.

"Saints Nation, I'm so emotional right now," Mack wrote on Twitter.

"I promise you, you're going to get everything I got."

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# Thorson gets call he'll never forget

Quarterback from Northwestern selected by Eagles in 5th round

BY LAMOND POPE  
Post-Tribune

Clayton Thorson wanted to play quarterback beginning in third grade.

"My dad (Chad) played football and so me and my brothers all wanted to be like him and play football," Thorson said. "It started out by my dad telling me to raise my hand (if) I wanted to play quarterback in the third grade."

"I was a quarterback from then on out."

Thorson's determination and talent led to Saturday, when the Eagles selected the Northwestern quarterback in the fifth round of the NFL draft.

The Wheaton North graduate was the 167th player selected overall.

"It was really cool, seeing the Pennsylvania (phone) number, picking it up and talking to the

coaches," Thorson said. "It's something I've work so hard at, worked to be in a place to be drafted. I'm thankful it happened in a place like Philadelphia."

"You dream of that call, you see other guys getting it all the time. To actually have it happen is something I'll never forget."

His family was there to share the moment.

"It was a dream come true for Clayton, as well as all of us," Chad said. "All of Clayton's brothers and sister, and his mom, Shauna, and I, just a dream come true. All the hard work he's put in and the adversity he's gone through, through the injury and different things while at Northwestern."

"It's something he's been work for for a lot of years and he's excited to be part of that winning program."

There are some family ties to the Eagles. Chad, a linebacker, went to training camp with the Eagles in 1991 before joining the Giants for that season.

"It's a great city," Chad said. "We're so excited about it."

Clayton also associates the Eagles with their recent Super Bowl victory and coach Doug Pederson.

"Coach Pederson has such a great track record of developing quarterbacks and having great offenses," Clayton said. "I'm looking forward to joining that great coaching staff and his quarterback room."

"I've heard so many good things about it, and (Eagles quarterback) Carson (Wentz) already reached out to me. I'm really looking forward to joining that group."

Thorson passed for 10,731 yards during his Northwestern career, during which he made 53 starts.

"I've seen the purple and white for five years and I've loved being part of that program," Clayton said. "They've helped prepare for that next step."

Chad sees some similarities in that next step.

Like Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald, "Doug Peterson (is) a high-character head coach that's going to have an impact on my son," Chad said.

## NFL DRAFT: FROM 1 TO 254

- ROUND 1**
1. Arizona, Kyle Murray, qb, Oklahoma.
  2. San Fran., Nick Bosa, de, Ohio State.
  3. N.Y. Jets, Quinnen Williams, nt, Alabama.
  4. Oakland, Josh Jacobs, rb, Alabama.
  5. Tampa Bay, Devin White, lb, LSU.
  6. N.Y. Giants, Daniel Jones, qb, Duke.
  7. Jacksonville, Josh Allen, de, Kentucky.
  8. Detroit, T.J. Hockenson, te, Iowa.
  9. Buffalo, Ed Oliver, dt, Houston.
  10. Pittsburgh, Devin Bush, lb, Michigan.
  11. Cincinnati, Jonah Williams, ot, Alabama.
  12. Green Bay, Rashan Gary, de, Michigan.
  13. Miami, Christian Wilkins, de, Clemson.
  14. Atlanta, Chris Lindstrom, g, Boston College.
  15. Washington, Dwayne Haskins, qb, Ohio St.
  16. Carolina, Brian Burns, de, Florida State.
  17. N.Y. Giants, Dexter Lawrence, dt, Clemson.
  18. Minnesota, Garrett Bradbury, c, N.C. State.
  19. Tennessee, Jeffery Simmons, dt, Miss St.
  20. Denver, Noah Fant, te, Iowa.
  21. Green Bay, Darnell Savage, s, Maryland.
  22. Phila., Andre Dillard, ot, Wash. St.
  23. Houston, Tytus Howard, ot, Alabama State.
  24. Oakland, Josh Jacobs, rb, Alabama.
  25. Baltimore, Marquise Brown, wr, Oklahoma.
  26. Washington, Montez Sweat, de, Miss. St.
  27. Oakland, Johnathan Abram, s, Miss. St.
  28. L.A. Char., Jerry Tillery, dt, Notre Dame.
  29. Seattle, L.J. Collier, dt, TCU.
  30. N.Y. Giants, Deandre Baker, cb, Georgia.
  31. Atlanta, Kaleb McGary, ot, Washington.
  32. New Eng., N'Keal Harry, wr, Arizona State.
- ROUND 2**
33. Arizona, Byron Murphy, cb, Washington.
  34. Indianapolis, Rock Ya-Sin, cb, Temple.
  35. Jacksonville, Jawaan Taylor, ot, Florida.
  36. San Fran., Deebo Samuel, wr, South Carolina.
  37. Atlanta, Greedy Williams, db, LSU.
  38. Buffalo, Cody Ford, ot, Oklahoma.
  39. Tampa Bay, Sean Bunting, db, Central Michigan.
  40. Oakland, Trayvon Mullen, db, Clemson.
  41. Denver, Dalton Kincaid, de, Kansas State.
  42. Denver, Drew Lock, qb, Missouri.
  43. Detroit, Jahlan Tavai, lb, Hawaii.
  44. Green Bay, Elton Jenkins, g, Mississippi State.
  45. New Eng., Joejuan Williams, db, Vanderbilt.
  46. Cleveland, Greedy Williams, db, LSU.
  47. Seattle, Marquise Blair, s, Utah.
  48. New Orleans, Erik McCoy, c, Texas A&M.
  49. Indianapolis, Ben Sengul, dt, TCU.
  50. Minnesota, Irv Smith, wr, Alabama.
  51. Tennessee, A.J. Brown, wr, Mississippi.
  52. Cincinnati, Drew Sample, te, Washington.
  53. Phila., Miles Sanders, rb, Penn State.
  54. Houston, Lonnie Johnson, dt, Kentucky.
  55. Houston, Max Sharping, ot, Northern Illinois.
  56. Kansas City, Mecole Hardman, wr, Georgia.
  57. Phila., JJ Arcega-Whiteside, wr, Stanford.
  58. Dallas, Trevon Diggs, db, Texas A&M.
  59. Indianapolis, Parris Campbell, wr, Ohio State.
  60. L.A. Char., Nasir Adderley, s, Delaware.
  61. L.A. Rams, Taylor Rapp, db, Washington.
  62. Arizona (from New Orleans through Miami), Andy Isabella, wr, UMass.
  63. Kansas City, Juan Thornhill, s, Virginia.
  64. Seattle, D.K. Metcalf, wr, Mississippi.
- ROUND 3**
65. Arizona, Zach Allen, de, Boston College.
  66. Pittsburgh, Diontae Johnson, wr, Toledo.
  67. San Fran., Jalen Hurd, wr, Baylor.
  68. N.Y. Jets, Jachai Polite, de, Florida.
  69. Jacksonville, Josh Oliver, te, San Jose State.
  70. L.A. Rams, Darrell Henderson, rb, Memphis.
  - N.Y. Giants Exercised in Supplemental Draft
  71. Denver, Dre'Mont Jones, dt, Ohio State.
  72. Cincinnati, Germaine Pratt, lb, N.C. State.
  73. Chicago (from Detroit through New Eng.), David Montgomery, rb, Iowa State.
  74. Buffalo, Devin Singletary, rb, Florida Atlantic.
  75. Green Bay, Jace Sternberger, te, Texas A&M.
  76. Washington, Terry McLaurin, wr, Ohio State.
  77. New Eng., Chase Winovich, de, Michigan.
  78. Miami, Michael Deiter, g, Wisconsin.
  79. L.A. Rams, David Long, db, Michigan.
  80. Cleveland, Sione Takfaki, lb, BYU.
  81. Detroit, Will Harris, s, Boston College.
  82. Tennessee, Nate Davis, g, Charlotte.
  83. Pittsburgh, Justin Layne, cb, Michigan State.
  84. Kansas City, Khalen Saunders, dt, Western Illinois.
  85. Baltimore, Jaylon Ferguson, de, Louisiana Tech.
  86. Houston, Kahale Warring, te, San Diego State.
  87. New Eng., Damien Harris, rb, Alabama.
  88. Seattle, Cody Barton, lb, Utah.
  89. Indianapolis, Bobby Okeke, lb, Stanford.
  90. Dallas, Connor McGovern, g, Penn State.
  91. L.A. Char., Trey Pipkins, ot, Sioux Falls.
  92. N.Y. Jets, Chuma Odogwu, ot, Southern Cal.
  93. Baltimore, Miles Boykin, wr, Notre Dame.
  94. Tampa Bay, Jamel Dean, db, Auburn.
  95. N.Y. Giants, Oshane Ximines, de, Old Dominion.
  96. Buffalo, Dawson Knox, te, Mississippi.
  97. L.A. Rams, Bobby Evans, ot, Oklahoma.
  98. Jacksonville, Quincy Williams, lb, Murray State.
  99. Tampa Bay, Mike Edwards, s, Kentucky.
  100. Carolina, Will Grier, wr, West Virginia.
  101. New Eng., Yodney Cajuste, ot, West Virginia.
  102. Minnesota, Alexander Mattison, rb, Boise State.
- ROUND 4**
103. Arizona, Hakeem Butler, wr, Iowa State.
  104. Cincinnati, Ryan Finley, qb, N.C. State.
  105. New Orleans, Chauncey Gardner-Johnson, s, Florida.
  106. Oakland, Maxx Crosby, de, Eastern Michigan.
  107. Tampa Bay, Anthony Nelson, de, Iowa.
  108. N.Y. Giants, Julian Love, db, Notre Dame.
  109. Indianapolis, Khari Willis, s, Michigan State.
  110. San Fran., Mitch Wishnowsky, p, Utah.
  111. Atlanta, Kendall Sheffield, db, Ohio State.
  112. Washington, Bryce Love, rb, Stanford.
  113. Baltimore, Justice Hill, rb, Oklahoma State.
  114. Minnesota (from Green Bay through Seattle), Dru Samia, g, Oklahoma.
  115. Carolina, Christian Miller, lb, Alabama.
  116. Tennessee, Amani Hooker, db, Iowa.
  117. Detroit, Austin Bryant, de, Clemson.
  118. New Eng., Hjalte Froholdt, g, Arkansas.
  119. Cincinnati, Jordan Brown, cb, South Dakota State.
  120. Seattle, Gary Jennings, rb, West Virginia.
  121. N.Y. Jets, Travon Wesco, te, West Virginia.
  122. Pittsburgh, Benny Snell, RB, Kentucky.
  123. Baltimore, Iman Marshall, cb, Southern Cal.
  124. Seattle, Phil Hayes, g, Wake Forest.
  125. Cincinnati, Renell Wren, dt, Arizona State.
  126. Chicago, Riley Ridley, wr, Georgia.
  127. Baltimore, Iman Marshall, cb, Southern Cal.
  128. Oakland, Isiah Johnson, cb, Houston.
  130. L.A. Char., Drue Tranquill, lb, Notre Dame.
  131. Washington, Wes Martin, g, Indiana.
  132. Seattle, Tony Adams, dt, Memphis.
  133. New Eng., Jarrett Stidham, qb, Auburn.
  134. L.A. Rams, Greg Gaines, dt, Washington.
  135. Atlanta, John Cominsky, de, Charleston.
  136. Cincinnati, Michael Givens, dt, Ohio State.
  137. Oakland, Foster Moreau, te, LSU.
  138. Phila., Shareef Miller, de, Penn State.
- ROUND 5**
139. Arizona, Deionte Thompson, db, Alabama.
  140. Jacksonville, Ryquell Armstead, rb, Temple.
  141. Pittsburgh, Zach Gentry, te, Michigan.
  142. Seattle, Ben Burr-Kirven, LB, Washington.
  143. N.Y. Giants, Julian Love, db, Notre Dame.
  144. Indianapolis, Marvell Tell, s, Southern Cal.
  145. Tampa Bay, Matt Gay, k, Utah.
  146. Detroit, Amani Oruwaire, cb, Penn State.
  147. Buffalo, Vosean Joseph, lb, Florida.
  148. San Fran., Dre Greenlaw, rb, Stanford.
  149. Oakland, Hunter Renfrow, wr, Clemson.
  150. Green Bay, Kingsley Keke, dt, Texas A&M.
  151. Miami, Andrew Van Ginkel, lb, Wisconsin.
  152. Atlanta, Quandre Diggs, db, Washington.
  153. Washington, Ross Pierschbacher, c, Alabama.
  154. Carolina, Jordan Scarlett, rb, Florida.
  155. Cleveland, Mack Wilson, lb, Alabama.
  156. Denver, Justin Adams, dt, Memphis.
  157. N.Y. Jets, Blake Cashman, lb, Minnesota.
  158. Dallas (from Pittsburgh through Oakland and Buffalo and Oakland), Michael Jackson, cb, Miami.
  159. New Eng., Xavier Grimshaw, dt, Arkansas.
  160. Baltimore, Daylon Mack, dt, Texas A&M.
  161. Houston, Charles Omenihu, de, Texas.
  162. Minnesota, Cameron Smith, lb, Southern Cal.
  163. New Eng., Jamin Davis, dt, Mississippi.
  164. Indianapolis, E.J. Speed, lb, Tarleton State.
  165. Dallas, Joe Jackson, de, Miami.
  166. L.A. Char., Easton Stick, qb, North Dakota State.
  167. Phila., Clayton Thorson, qb, Northwestern.
  168. San Fran., Dre Greenlaw, rb, Stanford.
  169. L.A. Rams, David Edwards, ot, Wisconsin.
  170. Cleveland, Austin Seibert, k, Oklahoma.
  171. N.Y. Giants, Darius Slayton, wr, Auburn.
  172. Atlanta, Michael Jordan, dt, Tennessee.
  173. Washington, Cole Holcomb, lb, North Carolina.
- ROUND 6**
174. Arizona, Keesean Johnson, wr, Fresno State.
  175. Indianapolis, Gerrit Green, de, Mississippi State.
  176. San Fran., Kaden Smith, te, Stanford.
  177. New Orleans, Saquan Hampton, s, Rutgers.
  178. Jacksonville, Gardner Minshew, qb, Washington State.
  179. Arizona, Larron Collins, dt, South Dakota State.
  200. L.A. Char., Emeke Egbule, lb, Houston.
  201. Kansas City, Rashad Fenton, cb, South Carolina.
  202. Miami, Isaiah Prince, ot, Ohio State.
  203. Atlanta, Marcus Epps, s, Louisiana-Monroe.
  204. Seattle, Travis Homer, rb, Miami.
  205. Chicago, Duke Shelley, cb, Kansas State.
  206. Washington, Kelvin Harmon, wr, N.C. State.
  207. Pittsburgh, Udonis Gilbert, lb, Akron.
  208. Tampa Bay, Scott Miller, dt, Tennessee.
  209. Seattle, Demarcus Christman, dt, Florida State.
  210. Cincinnati, Deshaun Davis, lb, Auburn.
  211. Cincinnati, Rodney Anderson, wr, Oklahoma.
  212. Carolina, John Urschel, dt, Virginia Tech.
  213. Dallas, Donovan Wilson, s, Texas A&M.
  214. Kansas City, Darwin Thompson, wr, Utah State.
- ROUND 7**
215. Tampa Bay, Terry Beckner Jr., dt, Missouri.
  216. Kansas City, Nick Allegretti, g, Illinois.
  217. Minnesota, Chris Boyd, cb, Texas.
  218. Dallas, Mike Weber, rb, Ohio State.
  219. Pittsburgh, Xavier Grimshaw, dt, Arkansas.
  220. Houston, Cullen Gispasia, rb, Texas A&M.
  221. Cleveland, Donnie Lewis, cb, Tulane.
  222. Chicago, Kerrith Whyte, rb, Florida Atlantic.
  223. Pittsburgh, Udonis Gilbert, lb, Akron.
  224. Detroit, Isaac Nauta, te, Georgia.
  225. Buffalo, Darryl Johnson, de, NC A&T.
  226. Green Bay, Ty Summers, lb, TCU.
  227. Washington, Jimmy Moresand, cb, James Madison.
  228. Buffalo, Jeremy Smith, wr, Colton College.
  229. Detroit, PJ Johnson, dt, Arizona.
  230. Oakland, Quinton Bell, de, Prairie View.
  231. New Orleans, Alize Mack, te, Notre Dame.
  232. N.Y. Giants, John Urschel, dt, Virginia Tech.
  233. Miami, Chandler Cox, fb, Auburn.
  234. Miami, Myles Gaskin, rb, Washington.
  235. Jacksonville, Dontavious Russell, dt, Auburn.
  236. Seattle, John Urschel, dt, Virginia Tech.
  237. Carolina, Terry Godwin, wr, Georgia.
  238. Chicago, Stephen Denmarck, cb, Valdosta State.
  239. Minnesota, Dillon Mitchell, wr, Oregon.
  240. Indianapolis, John Urschel, dt, Virginia Tech.
  241. Dallas, Jalen Jelks, de, Oregon.
  242. L.A. Char., Cortez Broughton, dt, Cincinnati.
  243. L.A. Rams, Nick Scott, s, Penn State.
  244. New Orleans, Jamin Davis, dt, Mississippi State.
  245. N.Y. Giants, Chris Slayton, dt, Syracuse.
  246. Indianapolis, Javon Patterson, g, Mississippi.
  247. Minnesota, Olabisi Johnson, wr, Colorado State.
  248. Arizona, Joshua Miles, ot, Michigan State.
  249. Arizona, Michael Dogbe, dt, Temple.
  250. Minnesota, Austin Cutting, ls, Air Force.
  251. L.A. Rams, Dakota Allen, lb, Texas Tech.
  252. New Eng., Ken Webster, cb, Mississippi.
  253. Washington, Jordan Balliford, dt, Oklahoma State.
  254. Arizona, Caleb Wilson, te, UCLA.

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists standings for Tampa Bay, New York, Toronto, Boston, Baltimore, Minnesota, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, Seattle, Houston, Texas, Oakland, Los Angeles.

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SUNDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, AMERICAN LEAGUE, INTERLEAGUE, TEAM PITCHER, TIME, W-L, ERA, TR, 2018 VS. OPP., 2018 W-L, IP, ERA, LAST 3 STARTS, W-L, IP, ERA.

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Minnesota 9, Baltimore 2; Toronto 7, Oakland; N.Y. Yankees 5, San Francisco 4; Houston 4, Cleveland 3 (10); Tampa Bay 2, Boston 1; Kansas City 9, L.A. Angels 4; Texas 15, Seattle 1; Detroit at Chicago White Sox, p.p.d.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 3; N.Y. Yankees 6, San Francisco 4; San Diego 10, Washington 3 (10); Philadelphia 12, Miami 9; Milwaukee 8, N.Y. Mets 6; Colorado 9, Atlanta 5; Chicago Cubs 9, Arizona 1; L.A. Dodgers 3, Pittsburgh 1.

May 4-5: Houston vs. Los Angeles Angels at Monterrey, Mexico. June 3: Amateur draft starts, Seacucus, N.J. June 13: Detroit vs. Kansas City at Omaha, Neb.

BOX SCORES

CARDINALS 6, REDS 3

Box score for Cardinals vs Reds. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

TWINS 9, ORIOLES 2

Box score for Twins vs Orioles. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

BLUE JAYS 7, ATHLETICS 1

Box score for Blue Jays vs Athletics. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

YANKEES 6, GIANTS 4

Box score for Yankees vs Giants. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

CUBS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Box score for Cubs vs Diamondbacks. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

CINCINNATI

Box score for Cincinnati vs St. Louis. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

BALTIMORE

Box score for Baltimore vs Minnesota. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

OAKLAND

Box score for Oakland vs Toronto. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

NEW YORK

Box score for New York Yankees vs San Francisco. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

CHICAGO

Box score for Chicago Cubs vs Arizona. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

CINCINNATI

Box score for Cincinnati vs St. Louis. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

BALTIMORE

Box score for Baltimore vs Minnesota. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

OAKLAND

Box score for Oakland vs Toronto. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

NEW YORK

Box score for New York Yankees vs San Francisco. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

CHICAGO

Box score for Chicago Cubs vs Arizona. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

RAYS 2, RED SOX 1

Box score for Rays vs Red Sox. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

ASTROS 4, INDIANS 3 (10)

Box score for Astros vs Indians. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

PHILADELPHIA

Box score for Philadelphia vs Miami. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

COLORADO

Box score for Colorado vs Atlanta. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

LOS ANGELES

Box score for Los Angeles vs Kansas City. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

PHILADELPHIA

Box score for Philadelphia vs Miami. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

HOUSTON

Box score for Houston vs Cleveland. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

PHILADELPHIA

Box score for Philadelphia vs Miami. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

ATLANTA

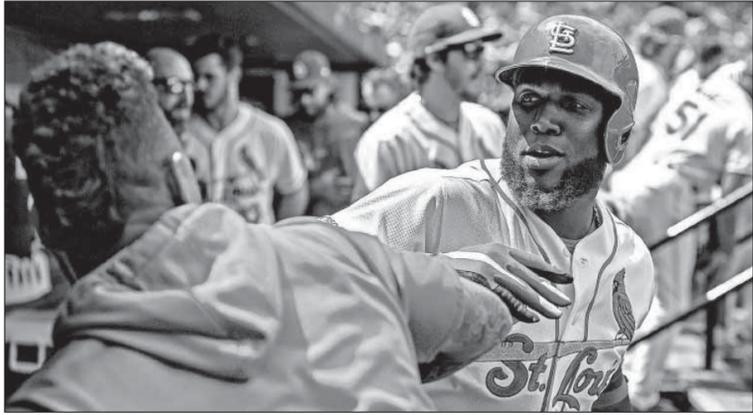
Box score for Atlanta vs Los Angeles. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

LOS ANGELES

Box score for Los Angeles vs Kansas City. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

National League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists standings for Philadelphia, New York, Atlanta, Washington, Miami, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, San Diego, Arizona, Colorado, San Francisco.



Marcell Ozuna celebrates with teammate Carlos Martinez after his three-run homer.

CARDINALS 6, REDS 3

Ozuna's adjustments working

Associated Press. ST. LOUIS — Marcell Ozuna's right shoulder is healthy, and he can focus on hitting instead of adjusting to his new team. "I'm just working harder every day, especially if healthy," Ozuna said after hitting a three-run homer and driving in five runs to lead the Cardinals over the Reds 6-3 on Saturday.

the top of the third, and put the Cardinals ahead in the bottom half. Ozuna became the third Cardinals player to hit 10 homers by the end of April after Mark McGwire, who hit 11 in 1998, and Albert Pujols, who had 14 in 2006. Ozuna, fighting his sore shoulder, didn't hit his 10th last season until June 16. "I hit the ball harder every time," Ozuna said. "When you hit the ball harder, everything's going to happen."

Dakota Hudson (2-1) allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings, pitching into the sixth for the first time as a major league starter. "We made adjustments in my last bullpen — moved over on the rubber a little bit," Hudson said. "I felt like my fastball execution was a little better, and that's a result of me getting a little bit better sink on it."

AROUND THE HORN

Blue Jays: Vladimir Guerrero Jr. went 1-for-4 with two strikeouts in his second big-league game, Brandon Drury had three hits a day after his winning ninth-inning home run and the Blue Jays extended their winning streak against the Athletics to five with a 7-1 victory. Randal Grichuk had three hits and two RBIs for Toronto. A day after going 1-for-4 with a ninth-inning double in his debut, the 20-year-old Guerrero took a called third strike in the first, lined out in the second, walked leading off the fifth, struck out swinging in the sixth and singled in the eighth on a ball up the middle. Padres: Greg Garcia hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in a six-run 10th inning, and the Padres beat the Nationals 8-3 to extend their winning streak to five. Garcia's first RBI this season gave San Diego a 3-2 lead against Wander Suero (1-3), who was charged with four runs. After a pair of walks loaded the bases, Justin Miller hit Manny Machado with a pitch on the left elbow. Manuel Margot followed with a two-run single, and Hunter Renfroe hit a sacrifice fly. Another run scored when center fielder Victor Robles' throw bounced off the glove of catcher Yan Gomes and bounced toward the Padres dugout. Twins: The Twins hit five home runs for the second straight day, including a pair by Max Kepler in a 9-2 rout of the Orioles. C.J. Cron, Jason Castro and Marwin Gonzalez also homered for the Twins, who have 21 home runs against the Orioles this year while going 5-0. Kepler had four RBIs to help back Jose Berrios (4-1), who allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings with eight strikeouts and no walks. Rockies: Charlie Blackmon hit a go-ahead, two-run double, Trevor Story followed with a three-run homer during a ninth-inning rally and the Rockies beat the Braves 9-5 for their 10th win in 12 games. Braves starter Mike Foltynewicz came off the injured list before the game after being sidelined since spring training with a right elbow bone spur. A 2018 All-Star, Foltynewicz gave up four runs and six hits in six innings. Yankees: Gary Sanchez hit his first career grand slam in a five-run fifth inning for his first hit following nearly two weeks on the injured list in a 6-4 victory over the Giants. Sanchez had been 0-for-9 with seven strikeouts since returning Wednesday from a strained left calf. The ball left the bat at 111 mph and traveled 467 feet into the left-field seats. "When you get a chance to bring in four runs, it could be just 300 feet and I'll take it," Sanchez said. Extra innings: Pirates RHP Chris Archer was placed on the 10-day injured list with inflammation of the thumb on his pitching hand. Manager Clint Hurdle said Archer felt the thumb issue last weekend against the Giants and again Friday against the Dodgers. Archer is 1-2 with 4.33 ERA in five starts. ... The Tigers-White Sox game was postponed because of snow in Chicago. The game will be made up as part of a split double-header on July 3.

PHILADELPHIA

Box score for Philadelphia vs Miami. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

ATLANTA

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LOS ANGELES

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PHILADELPHIA

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HOUSTON

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# SCOREBOARD

## GOLF

### PGA TOUR ZURICH CLASSIC

3rd of 4 rds at TPC Louisiana; Avondale, La.; 7,425 yds; Par 72

193 (-23)	Stallings/Mullinax	61-70-62
194 (-22)	Rahm/Palmer	64-65-64
196 (-20)	Grace/Harding	65-68-61
197 (-19)	Gay/Sabbatini	60-70-66
	Malnati/Hurley III	63-67-66
197 (-19)	Dahmen/Harkins	63-71-63
	Cook/Landry	65-70-62
	Lebioda/Luck	67-66-64
	Garcia/Fleetwood	65-68-64
	Henley/Blaum	65-67-65
	Knox/Stuard	62-69-66
198 (-18)	Cejka/Prugh	63-71-64
	Koepka/Koepka	60-68-63
	Watney/Hoffman	65-70-63
	Stenson/McDowell	65-67-66
199 (-17)	Lee/Every	65-69-65
	Hadwin/Knous	66-68-65
	Tway/Kraft	63-72-64
	Poston/Jaeger	62-70-67
	Kisner/Brown	62-69-68
200 (-16)	Castro/Tringale	65-69-66
	Watson/Holmes	64-70-66
	Merritt/Streb	66-68-66
	Horschel/Piercy	66-68-66
	Reavie/Glover	62-70-68
	Power/Hearn	68-68-64
	Spaun/Jones	67-69-64
	Laird/Taylor	62-74-64
201 (-15)	Hoge/Henry	67-68-66
	Sharma/Lahiri	67-69-65
	Etulain/Romero	67-69-65
202 (-14)	Stroud/Kokrak	65-69-68
	Stefani/Haas	65-69-68
	Poulter/Horsfield	67-69-66
203 (-13)	Connors/Hughes	67-68-68
204 (-12)	Bradley/Curran	64-71-69
206 (-10)	McCarthy/Diaz	63-73-70
209 (-7)	Kim/Im	64-72-73
212 (-4)	Gribble/Gerber	61-75-76

### PGA HUGEL-AIR PREMIA LA OPEN

3rd of 4 rds at Wilshire CC; Los Angeles; 6,465 yds; Par 71

202 (-11)	Minjee Lee	66-69-67
203 (-10)	Nanna Koerstz Madsen	69-67-67
206 (-7)	Inbee Park	68-70-68
207 (-6)	Jin Young Ko	70-70-67
	Morgan Pressel	71-66-70
208 (-5)	Megan Khang	72-72-64
	Annie Park	70-72-66
	Sei Young Kim	70-70-68
	Danielle Kang	72-66-70
209 (-4)	Hannah Green	65-73-71
	Stacy Lewis	65-73-71
210 (-3)	Kristen Gillman	69-74-67
	Brooke M. Henderson	68-73-69
	Charley Hull	71-69-70
	Ally McDonald	71-69-70
	Jing Yan	68-71-71
	Lizette Salas	68-71-71
	Gaby Lopez	69-68-73
211 (-2)	Brittany Lang	73-71-67
	Chella Choi	71-73-67
	Mariajo Uribe	71-72-68
	Haeji Kang	71-71-69
	Ashleigh Buhai	70-71-70
	Pajaree Anannarukarn	70-70-71
212 (-1)	Mirim Lee	71-74-67
	Lydia Ko	70-73-69
	Lindsey Weaver	70-73-69
	Amy Yang	71-71-70
	Jenny Shin	71-71-70
	Carla Ciganda	73-68-71
	Azahara Munoz	71-70-71
	Aditi Ashok	70-71-71
	Izi Gabsa	68-71-73
213 (E)	Dana Finkelstein	74-70-69
	In-Kyung Kim	71-73-69
	Angela Stanford	70-73-70
	Sarah Jane Smith	68-74-71
	Christina Kim	70-71-72
	Dani Holmquist	70-69-74
	So Yeon Ryu	70-69-74

### PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS LEGENDS OF GOLF

2nd of 3 rds at Ridgedale, Mo. At = Top of the Rock (Host Course), Yardage 2,988

110 (-15)	Pernice Jr./Hoch	62z-48r
113 (-12)	Parnevik/Maggert	51r-62z
	Goydos/Sutherland	47r-66z
114 (-11)	Chapman/Frost	63z-51r
115 (-10)	Browne/Pate	66z-49r
	Jobe/McCarron	62z-51r
	Bryant/Bryant	64z-51r
	Singh/Franco	52z-63z
	Allen/Daly	50r-65z
	Tanigawa/Sauers	46r-69z
	Andrade/Durant	50r-65z
	Michelle/Roberts	63z-52r
116 (-9)	Janzen/Mediate	51r-65z
	Nelson/Mayfair	66z-50r
117 (-8)	Broadhurst/Triplett	50r-67z
118 (-7)	Toms/Flesch	50r-68z
	Olazabal/Jimenez	49r-69z
	Lyle/Woosnam	51r-67z
	Montgomery/O'Meara	51r-67z
	Parel/Mize	64z-54r
119 (-6)	Pavin/Waldorf	68z-51r
120 (-5)	Jacobson/Haas	50r-70z
	Goosen/McNulty	68z-52r
	Irwin/Short	68z-52r
121 (-4)	Sindelari/Cook	51r-70z
122 (-3)	Funk/Quigley	70z-52r
	Verplank/Tway	69z-53r
123 (-2)	Calacavocchia/Austin	55r-68z
	Fleisher/Jenkins	71z-52r
	Faxon/Hart	52r-71z
124 (-1)	Brooks/Huston	68z-56r

## NBA PLAYOFFS

### WEST FIRST ROUND

**Golden State 4, L.A. Clippers 2**  
April 13: Golden State 121-104  
April 15: L.A. Clippers 135-131  
April 18: Golden State 132-105  
April 21: Golden State 113-105  
April 24, April 24: L.A. Clippers 129-121  
April 26: Golden State 129-110

**Denver 4, San Antonio 3**  
April 13: San Antonio 101-96  
April 16: Denver 114-105  
April 18: San Antonio 118-108  
April 20: Denver 117-103  
April 23: Denver 108-90  
April 25: San Antonio 120-103  
Saturday: Denver 90-86

### Denver plays Portland

**EAST SEMIFINALS**  
**Milwaukee vs. Boston**  
Sunday: at Milwaukee, noon  
Tuesday: at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.  
Friday: at Boston, TBD  
May 6: at Boston, TBD  
x-May 8: at Milwaukee, TBD  
x-May 10: at Boston, TBD  
x-May 13: at Milwaukee, TBD

**Toronto 1, Philadelphia 0**  
Saturday: Toronto 108-95  
Monday: at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Thursday: at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
May 5: at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.  
x-May 7: at Toronto, TBD  
x-May 9: at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.  
x-May 12: at Toronto, TBD

**WEST SEMIFINALS**  
**Golden State vs. Houston**  
Sunday: at Golden State, 2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.  
May 4: at Houston, 7:30 p.m.  
May 6: at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
x-May 8: at Golden State, TBD  
x-May 10: at Houston, TBD  
x-May 12: at Golden State, TBD  
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

**RAPTORS 108, 76ERS 95**  
**PHILADELPHIA:** Butler 4-12-2-4-10, Harris 6-17 0-0 14, Embiid 5-18 5-6 16, B.Simmons 7-8 0-1-14, Redick 6-13 0-0-17, Ennis III 4-5 2-4-11, Bolden 1-6 0-0-3, Marjanovic 1-2 0-0 2, Monroe 0-1-3-4-3, McCannell 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Korkmaz 1-6 2-2 5. Totals 35-89 14-21 95.

**TORONTO:** Leonard 16-23 10-11 45, Siakam 12-15 2-4 29, Gasol 3-8 0-0 8, Lowry 4-10 1-1 9, Green 2-5 2-2 7, Powell 0-2 0-0 0, Miller 0-2 0-0 0, Ibaka 3-9 1-2 7, Moreland 0-0 0-0 0, VanVleet 1-2 1-4 3, Lin 0-2 0-0 0, McCaw 0-0 0-0 0, Meeks 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-79 17-24 108.

**PHILADELPHIA 31 21 29 14 - 95**  
**Toronto 39 22 31 16 - 108**

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE SUNDAY

at Phila.	-163	Miami	+153
at New York	-115	Milwaukee	+105
at Atlanta	-154	Colorado	+144
at Washington	-122	San Diego	+112
at St. Louis	-143	Cincinnati	+133
at Arizona	-105	Chicago	-105
at LA Dodgers	-180	Pittsburgh	+165
<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE SUNDAY</b>			
at Boston	-140	Tampa Bay	+130
Oakland	-115	at Toronto	+105
at Chicago	Off	Detroit	Off
at Minnesota	-180	Baltimore	+165
at Kansas City	-110	LA Angels	+100
at Seattle	-129	Texas	+119
at Houston	-130	Cleveland	+120
<b>INTERLEAGUE SUNDAY</b>			
NY Yankees	-110	at San Fran.	+100

### NBA PLAYOFFS pregame.com

at Milwaukee	7½	SUNDAY
Boston		Boston
at Golden State	6	Houston

### NHL PLAYOFFS SUNDAY

at NY Islanders	-136	Carolina	+126
at San Jose	-140	Colorado	+130

## TENNIS

### ATP TOUR BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL

SF at Real Club de Tenis Barcelona 1899; Barcelona, Spain; clay-outdoor  
#3 Dominic Thiem d.  
#1 Rafael Nadal (1), 6-4, 6-4.  
#7 Daniil Medvedev d.  
#4 Kei Nishikori, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

### WTA TOUR PORSCHE GRAND PRIX

SF at Porsche Arena; Stuttgart, Germany; clay-indoor  
#8 Anett Kontaveit d.  
#1 Naomi Osaka, walkover.  
#3 Petra Kvitova d.  
#6 Kiki Bertens, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-1.

### ATP TOUR HUNGARIAN OPEN

SF at Sport11 Sport and Event Center; Budapest, Hungary; clay-outdoor  
Matteo Berrettini d.  
#5 Laslo Djere, 6-4, 6-2.  
Filip Krajinovic d.  
Pierre-Hugues Herbert, 6-2, 6-2.

### WTA TEB BNP PARIBAS ISTANBUL CUP

SF at Garanti Koza Arena; Istanbul; hard-outdoor  
#6 Petra Martic d.  
Margarita Gasparyan, 6-1, 0-0 retired.  
Marketa Vondrousova d.  
Barbara Strycova, 6-2, 6-1.

## SOCCER

### MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
D.C. United	5	2	2	17	13	9
Philadelphia	4	3	2	14	13	10
Montreal	4	3	2	14	11	14
Toronto FC	4	2	1	13	19	13
Columbus	4	5	1	13	8	11
Orlando City	3	3	3	12	13	14
N.Y. City FC	2	1	6	12	11	12
Chicago	2	3	3	9	12	12
N.Y. Red Bulls	2	4	2	8	9	9
Atlanta	2	3	2	8	6	8
Cincinnati	2	5	2	8	8	14
New England	2	6	2	8	10	19
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	7	1	1	22	25	7
LA Galaxy	6	1	1	19	13	7
Seattle	5	2	1	17	17	11
FC Dallas	5	2	1	17	14	9
Houston	5	1	1	16	15	8
Minnesota	3	3	2	11	17	15
Real Salt Lake	3	4	1	10	14	14
Sporting KC	2	2	4	10	19	15
San Jose	2	5	2	8	12	19
Portland	2	5	1	7	11	19
Vancouver	1	5	3	6	7	12
Colorado	0	7	2	2	12	24

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Orlando City 1, N.Y. City FC 1  
Portland 2, Toronto FC 1  
San Jose 0, FC Dallas 0  
Philadelphia 1, Vancouver 1  
Atlanta 1, Colorado 0  
N.Y. Red Bulls 1, Cincinnati 0  
Houston 2, Columbus 0  
New England 4, Sporting KC 4

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Montreal, 11:30  
D.C. United at Minnesota, 12:30  
Los Angeles FC at Seattle, 2:30  
Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY'S GAME

Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAME

Vancouver at Colorado, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

LA Galaxy at N.Y. Red Bulls, 1 p.m.  
FC Dallas at Houston, 3 p.m.  
Toronto FC at Orlando City, 3 p.m.  
N.Y. City FC at Montreal, 4 p.m.  
New England at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.  
Columbus at D.C. United, 7 p.m.  
Seattle at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m.  
Cincinnati at San Jose, 9 p.m.  
Chicago at Los Angeles FC, 9:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

Atlanta at Sporting KC, 8 p.m.

### NWSL

TEAM	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Utah	2	0	0	6	2	0
North Carolina	1	0	1	4	6	1
Portland	1	0	1	4	6	4
Houston	1	0	1	4	2	1
Washington	1	1	0	3	2	5
Chicago	0	0	2	2	5	5
Reign FC	0	0	2	2	2	2
Sky Blue FC	0	2	0	0	3	3
Orlando	0	3	1	1	1	9

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

### SATURDAY'S RESULT

Utah 1, Orlando 0

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

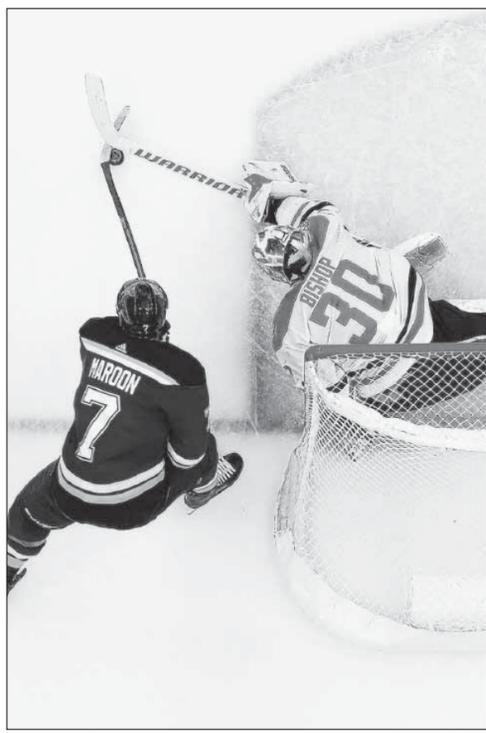
Reign FC at Chicago, noon  
Portland at Sky Blue FC, 5 p.m.  
North Carolina at Houston, 5 p.m.

### CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

**FINALS**  
**APRIL 23; LEG 1**  
Monterrey 1, Tigres 0

### Second Leg

**LEG 2, WEDNESDAY**  
Monterrey vs. Tigres, 10 p.m.



DILIP VISHWANATH/GETTY

Stars goalie Ben Bishop stops the Blues' Pat Maroon for one of his 32 saves in Dallas' series-evening victory.

## STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

# Bishop, Stars turn it around

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Dallas goalie Ben Bishop rebounded — at his hometown team's expense.

Bishop made 32 saves, Roope Hintz scored twice and the Stars beat the Blues 4-2 in Game 2 to even the Western Conference semifinal series.

Bishop grew up in St. Louis and often attended Blues games. He recalled chanting Chicago Blackhawks goalie Ed Belfour's name as a teenager in the stands. St. Louis fans did the same thing to Bishop on Saturday, screaming his name to try and throw him off his game.

"It's pretty crazy," Bishop said. "I was that kid screaming Belfour's name and then you're on the ice and they're screaming your name. Never in a million years when I was watching playoff games as a kid here (did I think) that I'd be in the net against the Blues. Obviously, it's kind of cool."

Miro Heiskanen and Mattias Janmark also scored for the Stars.

Jaden Schwartz and Colton Parayko scored for St. Louis, and Jordan Binnington made 31 saves. The Blues had won three straight.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

# Leonard, Raptors open series hot

Associated Press

TORONTO — Kawhi Leonard scored a career playoff-high 45 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, Pascal Siakam added 29 points and the Raptors beat the 76ers 108-95 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series Saturday night.

Leonard matched his career-best scoring total for any game, set Jan. 1 against the Jazz. He made 16 of 22 shots, going 3 of 6 from 3-point range, and went 10 of 11 at the free-throw line.

Leonard received a standing ovation when he checked out with 3:14 to play and the Raptors up 107-88.

Kyle Lowry had nine points and eight assists as the Raptors led by as many as 20 en route to their fifth straight postseason victory.

Toronto won its 14th consecutive home meeting with Philadelphia and improved to 22-3 against the 76ers since the start of the 2013-14 season. No other opponent has beaten Philadelphia more often over the past five seasons.

Leonard's previous postseason high was 43,

Bishop bounced back after allowing three goals on 20 shots in a 3-2 loss in Game 1 Thursday night.

"It's a long season, there's going to be shots you want to have back," Bishop said. "Every game is a new game."

Dallas scored three times in the opening 14:51 before Bishop took over. Hintz, who added an empty-net-net goal with 3 seconds left, converted on a pass from Mats Zuccarello at 7:11. Heiskanen scored on a give-and-go with Hintz just over six minutes later.

## HORSE RACING

## KENTUCKY DERBY

## Run for Roses has seen game-changing stories

BY CHILDS WALKER | The Baltimore Sun

With an unpredictable, entertaining prep season behind us, it's time to get down to the tense business of determining the best 3-year-old thoroughbred in the country on the most sought-after stage in American racing.

There's nothing quite like the Kentucky Derby, with its collision of 20 costly, hope-filled odysseys, all sorted out over two frantic minutes before a bellowing crowd of 150,000-plus.

For decades, the Derby arrived with a fresh set of questions about when, if ever, we'd see the next Triple Crown winner. But trainer Bob Baffert has completed the trick twice in his past four tries, with American Pharoah in 2015 and Justified last year. So we're back to the 1970s, when a devilishly difficult five-week achievement suddenly became almost commonplace.

Is there another modern superstar lurking this time around? As we wait to start finding out Saturday, here are three storylines to watch for the 2019 Derby.

## Can Omaha Beach extend the unlikely dominance of Derby favorites?

We tend to cast the Derby as an unpredictable exercise because of its swollen field and the presence of so many lightly tested competitors. But the truth is favorites have won the race each of the past six years.

Trainers will tell you the main reason is the points-qualifying system, which has pushed quick-starting speed horses out of the field and led to more predictable race dynamics. Regardless, the mightiest will fall some year. Will Omaha Beach be the unlucky streak breaker?

First of all, he's not guaranteed to go off as the favorite, not with the Baffert-trained Roadster in the field, coming off a victory in the Santa Anita Derby.

But Omaha Beach is a worthy choice, coming off his own impressive win over a stacked field in the mud-choked Arkansas Derby. He seems capable of running well from any position, a quality that's always played well in the 1¼-mile Derby. And it's noteworthy that jockey Mike Smith chose to ride him over Roadster.

Though Omaha Beach might enter the gate as the No. 1 betting choice, he also carries some charming underdog qualities.

## DERBY 145

Post time: 5:50 p.m. Saturday  
TV: 1:30 p.m. Saturday, NBC

## Last 10 winners

2018: Justify (Bob Baffert)  
2017: Always Dreaming (Todd Pletcher)  
2016: Nyquist (Doug O'Neill)  
2015: American Pharoah (Bob Baffert)  
2014: California Chrome (Art Sherman)  
2013: Orb (Claude McGeaughey III)  
2012: I'll Have Another (Doug O'Neill)  
2011: Animal Kingdom (H. Graham Motion)  
2010: Super Saver (Todd Pletcher)  
2009: Mine That Bird (Bennie L. Woolley)

His trainer, Richard Mandella, is widely loved within the sport but has never brought this caliber of horse to the Triple Crown series. His owner, Rick Porter, fell in love with the sport as a fan growing up around Delaware Park and experienced tragedy at the 2008 Derby when his filly, Eight Belles, broke down after finishing second.

## Can Bob Baffert prove he's the king of Louisville for a record-tying sixth time?

Derby week is simply more exciting when Baffert, the sport's most identifiable star, arrives with a real contender. He has three this year, so the wry, white-haired Hall of Famer will spend a lot of time holding court outside his familiar Barn 33 at Churchill Downs.

Baffert often talks about the unique tension of the Derby, a moment of truth for connections who've invested so many dollars and expectations in the top contenders. The trainer endured a 13-year drought between War Emblem's victory in 2002 and American Pharoah's in 2015. But Baffert has since reminded us no one is better at preparing a talented 3-year-old for the rigors of the Triple Crown.

The question this year is not whether he can win, but which horse gives him the best chance. Roadster is the hot choice after returning from throat surgery to best stablemate Game Winner in the Santa Anita Derby. But if he's to continue his rapid rise, he'll have to do it with a new jockey in Florent Geroux.

Game Winner, meanwhile, has finished second in both of his 2019 starts. But the 2018 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner always



The Kentucky Derby has been won by the favorite six straight times. Omaha Beach and jockey Mike Smith will look to extend that run. AP

runs hard, inspiring comparisons to Baffert's 1997 Derby and Preakness champion, Silver Charm. Some expert observers still rate him the horse to beat if he can straighten out the wide trips that doomed him during prep season.

The last of the troika is Improbable, who has struggled with focus going into the gate and during his stretch drives. He nonetheless gave Omaha Beach a formidable challenge in the Arkansas Derby.

So Baffert will show up with quite a hand as he seeks to tie Ben Jones for the most trainer wins in Derby history.

## Who are the other top contenders?

Here's where it gets interesting because of the unpredictable results we saw in several important prep races.

The Wood Memorial has not been a launching pad for Derby champions in recent years, but it's hard to argue with the resume of Tacitus, who overcame early bumps to win New York's top prep race as the favorite. That followed a Tampa Bay Derby win in which the Bill Mott-trained

colt put to rest questions raised by a four-month layoff and uneven winter workouts. Jose Ortiz chose to ride him over Improbable.

The advanced metrics say Maximum Security is also a serious contender after he won the Florida Derby in his first start against top-notch competition. Skeptics say the Jason Servis-trained colt remains a bit of a mystery because he took the lead so easily in that race, without having to call on his impressive speed. But Justify showed last year that talent can trump inexperience in the modern world of the Derby.

Along the same lines, By My Standards delivered a career-best performance at the right time in the March 23 Louisiana Derby. The six-week wait for the Derby has not been kind to past winners of the Fair Grounds prep. But By My Standards has raised eyebrows with his morning workouts at Churchill Downs.

Others will gravitate to Vekoma, the Blue Grass Stakes winner with the funky stride. His unusual style has not kept him from performing well.

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## NASCAR

## Dillon tops qualifying

By JOHN ZENOR  
Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Austin Dillon will start on the pole at Talladega Superspeedway. What happens from there is anybody's guess.

Dillon celebrated his 29th birthday by posting the highest speed in qualifying Saturday at 192.544 mph for his second pole of the year. Aric Almirola, who won at Talladega in October, was second, followed by Clint Bowyer, five-time Talladega winner Brad Keselowski and Daniel Hemric.

Even by Talladega standards, there's an element of mystery and potential for chaos heading into Sunday's Cup series race, which is often marked by big wrecks and late dramatics.

Now, NASCAR has replaced the horsepower-sapping restrictor plates that have been fixtures at Talladega and Daytona for two decades. The cars have tapered spacers and the height of the rear spoiler

has been raised in hopes of cutting speeds. NASCAR tweaked the cars in between Friday practice sessions trying to slow the cars down.

■ Tyler Reddick held off Gray Gaulding in a two-lap shootout to win the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Talladega Superspeedway for his first victory of the year.

Reddick withstood a last-lap move by Gaulding to survive the caution-packed race and overcame a speeding penalty on pit road and brushes with both the wall and rookie Noah Gragson. Nobody could get by him after a restart from the eighth caution, a red flag after a seven-car wreck.

His car sustained damage on the right side after hitting the outside wall.

"The day kept getting crazier as we were working on it," Reddick said. "It took longer than we planned. We came out way behind the leaders and we were two laps from getting lapped and we somehow got lucky. A caution came out and saved us and put us right back in the mix."

## PGA

## Rahm pulls his team into tie for lead

Eight birdies in round caps long day in rain-marred event

Associated Press

AVONDALE, La. — Jon Rahm and Ryan Palmer shared the lead with Scott Stallings and Trey Mullinax as the Zurich Classic finally got back on schedule.

Rahm and Palmer played 30 holes Saturday in the event delayed by rain for more than seven hours Thursday, finishing off a 7-under 65 in the alternate-shot second round and shooting 64 in best-ball play in the third.

"It's been 4:30 four nights in a row," Palmer said. "Dinners at 9 and back up at 4:30. Took its toll on me. Just feeding me sugar and food trying to keep my energy up. Tomorrow we'll be on a lot of rest. If we're on tomorrow in alternate shot, we're going to be hard to beat."

Rahm carried the team in the third round, with the Spaniard making eight birdies.

"He's just fun to be around," Palmer said. "He's actually a great guy. I've enjoyed every second with him. When you're up close and personal and watching it and see the shots he can hit around the green, you know, his short game is phenomenal. You can learn something from that, too, so I learned a lot. Honor to be a part of it."

Palmer saved bogey with an 8-footer on the par-3 17th after both players hit into the

water, and Rahm made a 15-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th to match Stallings and Mullinax at 23-under 193.

"That putt Ryan made was probably the most important shot we made so far in the tournament," Rahm said. "Felt like a birdie, and then to keep tied for the lead, very important."

Stallings and Mullinax played 27 holes, shooting 70-62.

"We play a lot of practice rounds together," Stallings said. "We've known each other for a few years. Just kind of we played so much together it just kind of made sense. We know each other's games pretty well."

Mullinax looked ahead to the final round.

"I really enjoy alternate shot," Mullinax said. "Scott hits the ball great. Hitting it nice. We're both putting well. I don't feel like there is much pressure on us. Just go out and do our thing."

Brandan Grace and Justin Harding were a stroke back. The South Africans played 32 holes, shooting 68-61.

"I think we played 50 odd holes," Harding joked. "We certainly moved up the board. It's just a matter of continuing the momentum throughout the rounds."

Peter Malnati and Billy Hurley III were 20 under. They shot 66 after finishing the second round Friday.

Sergio Garcia and Tommy Fleetwood were another stroke back tied with five other teams.

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## Jackson show is back on

Debating a legacy and musical creators' 'complexity defense'



**CHRIS JONES**  
 Tribune theater critic

Incredibly, the dangerously titled Michael Jackson musical, "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough," is moving forward in New York.

Its creators are using what I'll call the "complexity defense." It is fascinating and has implications far beyond Jackson and his legacy.

First, let's review. The Tribune first reported Jan. 23 that the Broadway-bound musical, a jukebox biography focused around Jackson's "Dangerous" world tour, would try out in Chicago this fall. That engagement subsequently was canceled, seemingly in the immediate wake of the HBO documentary "Leaving Neverland," wherein two adult males, Wade Robson and James Safechuck, claimed, in withering detail, that the "King of Pop" had abused them at his Neverland ranch when both were underage boys.

However, the producers of the show, which include the Jackson estate, claimed that the cancellation was a result of a workshop session being delayed by a now-resolved dispute involving Actors Equity. Whatever the truth, the timing was certainly striking.

This week, though, news came that the show was, as promised, continuing to wend toward Broadway in 2020, albeit without an out-of-town engagement.

You can see why the Jackson estate, which has attacked the allegations in the documentary as baseless, financially motivated slander, wants the project to continue. Many recent cases involving revelations or allegations of past abusive or inappropriate behavior have resulted in fevered debate over how to handle the disgraced individual's previous works of art.

Is it still OK to watch early Miramax films in the wake of Harvey Weinstein? What about the films of Kevin Spacey? Those are merely the two most obvious examples of countless actors, directors, writers and painters under

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## In the words of Elie Wiesel

Writing about the Holocaust always comes up short, author Elie Wiesel once told the Tribune's Howard Reich. Their conversations — about Wiesel's book "Night," faith and both of their personal connections to the Holocaust — lasted several years and are the subject of Reich's own book, "The Art of Inventing Hope," to be published in May. Read an excerpt from the book as well as an account of how the two first met. **PAGES 9-10**



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"The Red Line" co-creators and showrunners Erica Weiss, left, and Caitlin Parrish, are Chicago theater veterans who have worked together since meeting at DePaul University. Parrish is now based in LA as a TV writer; Weiss directs theater in the city.

# A divisive weight, a united sorrow

Can new CBS drama 'The Red Line' take on a Chicago police shooting?

BY NINA METZ  
 Chicago Tribune

Last October, when former Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke was found guilty in the shooting death of Laquan McDonald, the cast and crew of the new CBS drama "The Red Line" were busy filming a similar — if fictional — story of a fatal police shooting in Chicago.

The limited eight-episode series premieres Sunday. A convenience store robbery sets the narrative in motion: A bystander to the crime — a black man wearing a hoodie, picking up milk on his way home from work — is shot and killed by a white officer who is the first to arrive at the scene.

The emotional aftermath of that shooting is explored from various angles and forms the basis of the show, which promises to be something quite different from the Dick Wolf procedural world of a series like NBC's "Chicago P.D."

The entirety of "The Red Line" was filmed in Chicago late last year and it comes from two Chicago theater veterans, playwright Caitlin Parrish and director Erica Weiss, who have worked as a team since meeting at DePaul University. They are both credited as creators and showrunners on the CBS series, which is their first joint foray into television. Parrish is based in Los Angeles these days, where her TV writing credits include "Supergirl" and "Under the Dome"; Weiss has remained in Chicago where she continues to direct theater, most recently "Twilight Bowl" at the Goodman Theatre.

Last fall, Parrish made a short trip



CBS

Officers Victoria (Elizabeth Laidlaw), left, and Paul (Noel Fisher) in "The Red Line."

back to town and met with Weiss at the Chicago Studio City soundstage on the West Side where the series was based. Sitting in the living room set of one of the show's characters, the pair talked about the surreal experience of working on "The Red Line" as the Van Dyke trial was unfolding — and ultimately decided.

"The writers room in Los Angeles actually watched the Van Dyke verdict together," Parrish said. "We have a number of Chicago writers working on the show and we were following the case very closely, not only for professional reasons but personal reasons."

According to Weiss, the guilty verdict did end up shaping their approach. "We're not interested in making a show about Jason Van Dyke, he's not a character we want to spend time with," she

clarified. "But that being said, I think a world in which a Chicago police officer can be convicted in a fatal shooting of an unarmed black man — that raises the stakes. If prison time is a reality for Jason Van Dyke, then maybe that's possible for the cop in our show, Paul Evans.

"Because in a pre-Van Dyke era," she said, "the odds were, nothing's going to happen to Paul."

## From stage to screen

The show's origins first took root with the 2011 off-Loop play from Parrish and Weiss called "A Twist of Water," which imagined the diverging lives of a gay white father and his adopted black

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# Red Line

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daughter grappling with a recent death in their family.

That play would become the basis for “The Red Line,” starring “ER” alum Noah Wyle as the father and Aliyah Royale (who competed as a designer on the tween-focused spin-off “Project Runway: Threads”) as the teenage daughter.

It is his husband — her father — who is shot and killed in that convenience store by Officer Evans, played by “Shameless” alum Noel Fisher.

The world of this small grieving family is complicated further when Wyle's character begins a tentative flirtation with a new love interest, and Royale's character decides, for the first time, to seek out her birth mother (played by Emayatzy Corinealdi), who has her own family and political aspirations that she's juggling.

Yet another throughline concerns Fisher's cop and the emotional complications that befall his personal and professional life in the wake of his fatal shooting.

The many overlapping storyline formula is what the show has in common with a series like NBC's “This Is Us,” and longtime TV veteran Sunil Nayar, who is a showrunner on “The Red Line” as well, acknowledged the comparison: “I think that makes sense, because they both deal with different storylines that continue to intersect. Certainly people have brought up that comparison and it's the same idea that both shows are serialized — you can't just dip in and watch Episode 4 and understand exactly what's going on.”

Notably, the police shooting angle wasn't in the original play. It is the kind of big dramatic addition that might deepen the storytelling in meaningful ways. Or it might potentially overpower the show's other threads entirely.

Preston Beckman, a former broadcast network executive who now blogs about the business of television at *Revenge of the Masked Scheduler*, made this observation about the show: “What might hold it back is that it's one of those ‘thing on a thing on a thing’ shows — the type of project that he remembers a network president once describe as ‘adding too many degrees of difficulty.’” Can a “This Is Us”-style family drama also support the weight of a police shooting narrative? Can CBS — a network known for its more easily classifiable procedurals such as “NCIS” — entice audiences to a more complicated portrait of law enforcement than the network's usual fare?

“It's a new kind of show for CBS, so the risk they're taking on the show is not an easy one to take,” said



“The Red Line” follows three families affected by police violence, including a teenager (Aliyah Royale, center) with her birth mother (Emayatzy Corinealdi), who lives in Chatham, and adoptive father (Noah Wyle), who lives in Edgewater.



Wyle struggles to move on after his husband — Royale's father — is mistakenly shot and killed at a convenience store by a white police officer, played by Noel Fisher.

Nayar, who described “The Red Line's” creative approach and the network's more typical formula as a “marriage of two different philosophies.”

“It's the kind of show that a lot of people were surprised wasn't on cable,” he said, “and to CBS's credit, they picked it up.”

In a surprise move, CBS announced that “The Red Line” will air two episodes a week back-to-back, meaning the finale will air just one month after the show premieres.

According to CBS, this doubling up of episodes is an effort to “eventize” the series and “try something unique with two-hour blocks over four weeks,” said Noriko Kelley, who heads up program planning and scheduling at the network. The more pressing question may be: Is this the kind of show that can compete head-to-head with the final season of HBO's “Game of Thrones”?

A skeptic might wonder if “The Red Line” is getting a fair shot at drawing viewers, or if CBS is burning off a show it finds somewhat confounding from a marketing standpoint. Even for

original shows on its streaming site CBS All Access, the network generally releases one new episode a week. If nothing else, “The Red Line's” scheduling is a departure from the CBS norm.

But then, so is the show itself.

## A city divided

“Chicago, for all of its many wonders, is still the most segregated metropolis in America,” said Parrish. “And the idea of a gay white father and a black daughter in the same house seemed like a really interesting opportunity to examine the two Americas that are forced to live side by side, based on race.”

“Or, not side by side, in the case of Chicago especially,” said Weiss, “but separated and connected by the Red Line. So there's our metaphor.”

Parrish: “It is a city separated by red-lining.”

Weiss: “When you ride the Red Line 'L' north to south or vice versa, the segregated divide becomes obvious.”

On the show, Wyle's character lives in Edgewa-

ter. Royale's biological mother lives in Chatham. And Fisher's cop lives in Beverly.

The show's creators understand “The Red Line's” premise has the potential to get under the skin of audiences across the board.

“I would say that the first pitfall is that any audience member watching might think what Paul did wasn't quite so bad — that if it was an honest mistake, then was it really an unforgivable sin? And for us, the answer is yes,” said Parrish. “But we think that ultimately humanizing Paul is essential for understanding him.”

Weiss' take: “As political and as charged as this show can be, we're not polemicists so much as storytellers. People are complicated, so to me the idea of humanizing anyone is the task of telling a story.”

“And I would argue that it's far more dangerous to dismiss Paul as a sociopath,” Parrish added. “And I think, as far as the show, there's a difference between humanizing and excusing.”

Part of the “The Red Line's” focus, Parrish said, is about “the PR machine that's involved in cases like this. We go into: What are the connections and the nepotism and the political alliances that allow this to continue even when it's glaringly obvious to a great many people that an injustice has occurred? Frankly, we can humanize him and condemn him in the same breath. ... But we can think he's guilty and human at the same time.”

“And I personally don't mind if some audience members don't think he's guilty, either,” Weiss said.

“A lot of audiences members won't,” Parrish replied.

## ‘We are all in this together, even if we hate each other’

Parrish and Weiss have collaborated together in Chicago for nearly two decades and they said it was important to them that the TV series be based here. “When we sat down and wrote the pilot, it had to be so set in Chicago that if it ever got made, they would have to film it here,” Weiss said.

What were they interested in capturing? “The city of neighborhoods and the specificity of the architecture that you can't just get in B-roll,” said Weiss. “The mood. The Midwesternness of it all.”

“The tribal aspect of the city,” Parrish added. “That you can go your entire life and maybe only live in one kind of neighborhood and see one kind of person of a specific ethnicity or religion — but that all of these neighborhoods are part of the same ecosystem and are connected, whether they want to admit it or not. That I find fascinating, because it does create a sense of: We are all in this together, even if we hate

each other.”

There are other small but recognizably Chicago details.

“We absolutely show dibs,” Parrish said. “And we tried desperately to get a Malört reference in there but we couldn't make it work. But just the idea of what it is to be in (crappy) winter weather that only Chicagoans can understand. The tremendous pride Chicagoans take in this city despite the cold, despite the violence. I think there's a generally feeling here of, we have something to prove — that we have misperceptions to correct.”

The cast of “The Red Line” features a number of Chicago theater actors including Elizabeth Laidlaw, McKenzie Chinn, Caroline Neff, Samuel Taylor, Peter Moore, Phyllis Griffin and Michael Patrick Thornton (“Private Practice”), the latter of whom plays Paul Evans' brother, a former cop who uses a wheelchair after being shot in the line of duty. Though TV and film projects often cast abled actors in disabled roles, that is not the case here; Thornton uses a wheelchair in real life.

## At the end of the day, optimism

According to Weiss, “This show needs to reach a broad audience.

“That does not have to mean that we subsume our politics to both sides,” she said, “but frankly we work with people and talk with people who do see both sides. And I think it's important to bring those people in and to make them feel welcome when watching the show. Because otherwise I don't know how we're going to fix anything.”

“The thing that I keep coming back to,” said Parrish, “and the thing that interests me as a writer is: How do you move on from the worst thing that has happened to you? I have always been fascinated by the process required to triumph over grief — and not just survive, but thrive.

“You see this family, disparate at first, heal through connection — that for me is really potent dramatically. And it also speaks to the larger story about what we're trying to say about the city of Chicago. That there have been untold instances of violence and hate in this city's history. But what if the city could come together, ward to ward, North Side to South Side?”

“We've never been particularly interested in grief porn,” she added. “And as horrific and tragic as the inciting incident of this show is, it has to be about hope.

“Erica and I are optimists, despite the world around us. And I think optimism at this point is a fairly radical act.”

“The Red Line” airs at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays on CBS.

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# Including police, families in the conversation

Last fall, co-creators and showrunners Caitlin Parrish and Erica Weiss had already been hearing rumors that some members of the Chicago Police Department were less than enthusiastic about their CBS series “The Red Line.”

“There are police blogs where officers have been aware of the show and have been commenting about it,” said Parrish. “That we're going to get it wrong and we're a bunch of liberals who are just going to come in and say every cop is a murderer. Or racist.”

Weiss said she talked with background actors who had overheard some rumblings as well. “We often rely on actual police to help out when we're on location and — we're not being officially shunned, but through the grapevine there was a little bit of unease that the background extras were reporting.

“Look, this show is not going to wind up being for everyone,” she said. “I think that people can relate to Paul's story. If not his actions, then where he comes from. And the Chicago police in general would probably find that there's enough nuance and humanizing of all of the cops on the show — white and non-white — that they would probably not feel as castigated as their concern suggests. I would hope not.”

Parrish and Weiss said that for purposes of background research, they did have extensive conversations with two Chicago police officers — one a black woman, the



Co-creator and showrunner Caitlin Parrish, center, talks with the crew of “The Red Line.”

other a white man — that were facilitated with the help of friends working through unofficial channels.

“It's kind of universally acknowledged, according to the cops with whom we spoke, that the Laquan McDonald shooting was a bad shooting,” said Parrish. “And

whether or not there's a united front and solidarity ...”

“... public solidarity,” Weiss interjected.

“... that's not necessarily true behind the scenes,” said Parrish. “However, when it comes to the majority of shooting incidents — and this will come as no surprise

— cops tend to be on the side of the cop involved.”

“Or,” Weiss said, “at the very least, if not on the side of that cop, which can sound sort of knee-jerk defensive, the thing that we heard was: I wasn't there in that situation. Especially talking to a woman who is African American and who grew up on the South Side, it was interesting to hear her perspective, which did give a lot of benefit of the doubt to the police involved. Both cops we talked to were absolutely open to having a conversation with us. But understandably, based on their race and their gender, they had very different opinions about how the CPD actually operates.

“And whether or not there was a systemic problem.”

The show's creators also had conversations with families who had lost loved ones to police violence. “A lot of what they wanted to talk about was the person they lost, rather than a broader soap box about what's wrong,” Weiss said. “They wanted their loved ones remembered in a real and deep way. They felt that it was so important to tell the world who this person was and that was informative to us, too. Whatever their flaws were, nothing about their stories necessitated a death sentence in that moment or beyond.”

Or as Parrish put it: “They wanted their loved ones to be remembered for more than the way they died.”

— Nina Metz

# Concert salutes Seeger — and his message



**RICK KOGAN**  
Sidewalks

Carrying one of his banjos and a guitar, Michael Miles walked out of the East Moline Correctional Center, where he had just performed for 250 prisoners. He was exhausted and he looked toward the sky and there he saw six bald eagles soaring their majestic way toward the Mississippi River to the west.

"I had never seen a bald eagle before," he says, awe still shadowing his thoughts. "I am a city kid, born and raised in Chicago. But I was so taken with that image and thoughts about the Mississippi that I started reading everything I could about the river. I became increasingly enchanted and started to think of how I could bring it and my feelings about it to life in music."

He spent a decade so doing and his work finally arrives in the world premiere of his "Mississippi River Suite," a soaring and stirring composition that will conclude another of what have become a steady stream of Miles' creations, which have included 2008's "America 1968," about that tumultuous year. This latest is "A Pete Seeger Centennial Celebration: 100 Years of Protest!" and takes place at May 4 at the Old Town School of Folk Music where Miles has long been a fixture as teacher, administrator and performer.

He correctly refers to his shows as "musical documentaries for the stage." But that description comes not at all close to capturing the expansive nature of the works. Ambitious almost in the extreme, they are the result of deep research and thought to create a one-time-only onstage mix of music, poetry, literature, photographic and video visuals that combine history, politics and pop culture into satisfyingly thought-provoking entertainments. (I know firsthand, having been featured in a few of the shows he performed at the Hideout some time ago.)

"Every decade of the 20th century has seen people in the streets, letting their voices be



KRISTAN LIEB/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

From left: Al Ehrich, Bill Brickey, Deborah Lader, Lloyd Broadnax King, composer Michael Miles and John Brennan rehearse for a show that will be performed May 4 at the Old Town School of Folk Music in Lincoln Square.

heard," Miles says. "This country is all about the echoes of those voices being heard in the voices of protest today."

Those voices are many, including those of Susan B. Anthony, Gloria Steinem, Sojourner Truth, Eugene Debs, Langston Hughes, Albert Einstein, Woody Guthrie, Eleanor Roosevelt, Carl Sandburg, Jackie Robinson, Maya Angelou, Malcolm X, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Muhammad Ali.

Their words will come from members of the cast and among the most powerful are from Seeger (to be delivered, appropriately, by Miles). They take us back to the Aug. 18, 1955, day when Seeger sat before the House Un-American Activities Committee, that witch-hunting congressional group seeking to bully witnesses into talking about what it considered subversive activities and to name the names of others who might be similarly involved.

That is where Seeger bravely said: "I decline to discuss, under compulsion, where I have sung, and who has sung my songs, and who else has sung with me, and the people I have known. I love my country very dearly, and I greatly resent this implication that some of the places that I have sung and some of the people that I have known, and some of my opinions,

whether they are religious or philosophical, or I might be a vegetarian, make me any less of an American."

Pete Seeger was born on May 3, 1919, and died in 2014 when he was 94. In his time he was the most famous banjo player on the planet, a member of The Weavers, social activist, environmentalist and famous for such songs as "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "If I Had a Hammer" and "Turn, Turn, Turn." At the time of his death, Bruce Springsteen called him "a walking, singing reminder of all of America's history ... a living archive of America's music and conscience, a testament to the power of song and culture to nudge history along, to push American events towards a more humane and justified end."

His high regard and influence can be judged by some of those who contributed to the wonderful 1998 album "Where Have All the Flowers Gone: The Songs of Pete Seeger," among them Springsteen, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, the Indigo Girls, Peter, Paul & Mary, Judy Collins, actor Tim Robbins and our town's own Studs Terkel, a great friend of Seeger's.

Miles and Seeger began their relationship in 1988 when Miles sent Seeger a letter. Seeger wrote back and the two would corre-

spond regularly over the next decades, in letters handwritten and typed and with postcards. They met. They performed together.

"He changed my world entirely," says Miles. "His ongoing encouragement, his advice about music and life, and his good cheer really helped steer the course of my music, my thinking and my life. And what he did for me, he did for a lot of people. He changed the Earth, changed how people think. He is the person who taught Martin Luther King the words to 'We Shall Overcome.' He was always trying to empower people through music." Miles helped organize the Old Town School's celebration of what would have been Seeger's 95th birthday in 2014 with workshops, the dedication of a Pete Seeger Room, an exhibit of the more than two decades of Seeger-Miles letters, screening of the film "Pete Seeger: The Power of Song," a family banjo-making class and a concert for children. The centerpiece was "From Senegal to Seeger — Stories of the American Banjo," Miles' one-man show which incorporates songs and written words of Seeger and others, charting the history of the banjo.

And now there is this centenni-

al celebration, preparation for which began more than a year ago, seeded in part by a grant from the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

"I wanted to do something to honor Pete's centennial but I didn't want a sort of 'best of' concert," Miles says. "I began to think about the state this country is in, all the dissent and anger. This is not time for people to be silent and that is what Pete stood for, the right to speak up."

"Yes, it is a lot of work to put this all together for a one-night-only show but there are a lot of rewards. It is a great joy for me to work with people I admire and people I care about."

In this show, those people include such performers as Glenda Zahra Baker, John Brennan, Bill Brickey, Sue Demel, Al Ehrich, Deborah Lader, Mary Peterson, Brent Roman, and Jimmy Tomasello. One of them, flutist/composer Lloyd Brodnax King, has collaborated often with Miles and of this show says, "While my fingers don't move as fast as they used to, my sound is super fat and I have way more to say on my instrument than ever before. All the musicians Michael has assembled are top-notch and in their prime. I'm not just blowing smoke. At our last rehearsal, Bill [Brickey] sang so powerfully that he made me believe Big Bill Broonzy had jumped out his grave to join us on stage."

The show concludes with the 22-minute long "Mississippi Suite." It is music (banjo, flute, bass and percussion) and spoken words and, as Miles says, "it uses the river that divides the nation as the foundation of a musical portrait of this divided nation."

There is anger in the work but affection too, and hope. It understands that we are, always have been, an imperfect country but a place where we are marvelously able to follow a piece of Pete Seeger's advice: "If there's something wrong, speak up."

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## BOOKS

## Romance books show more diversity

Authors trying to 'reflect the world we live in'

BY DARCEL ROCKETT  
Chicago Tribune

Everyone deserves a happily ever after, regardless of race, cultural background, sexual identity or physical ability.

Some romance novelists are making that happen, taking their publishers along for the ride when it comes to diversifying their offerings.

Avon Books has seen an exponential increase in the number of inclusive romances published, said Pamela Jaffee, senior director of publicity and brand development, and the company is actively working to further increase representation in the books it publishes.

"I'm glad to see it," said Ushma Patel, 29, of Cary, N.C. "I've seen it come more from authors of color putting their books out there. I am reading those books a lot more. I'm Indian, and I like reading a book that has a character that I can relate to, even in a small way."

Young adult novelist Julie Kagawa features a half-Japanese heroine in her 2018 book "Shadow of the Fox" (Harlequin Teen).

Cat Sebastian's latest, "A Duke in Disguise: The Regency Impostors," features a radical, bisexual bookselling heroine and a sensitive, epileptic illustrator (Avon).

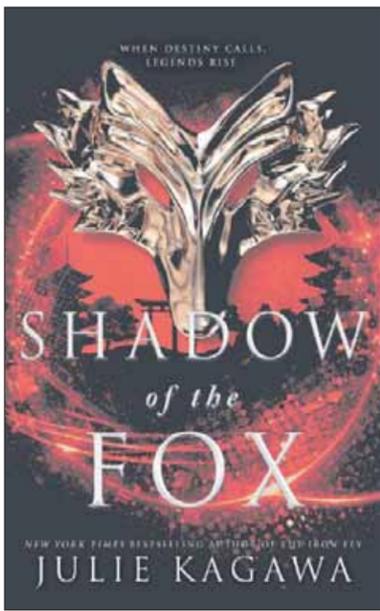
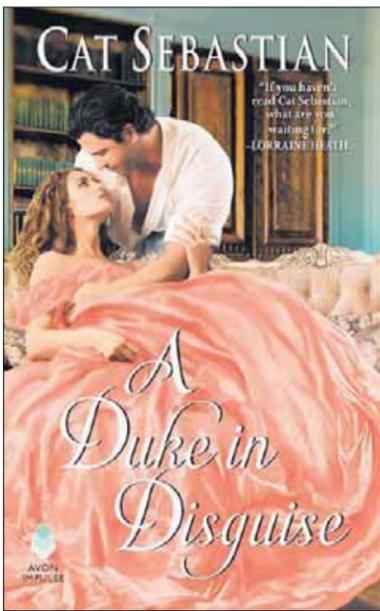
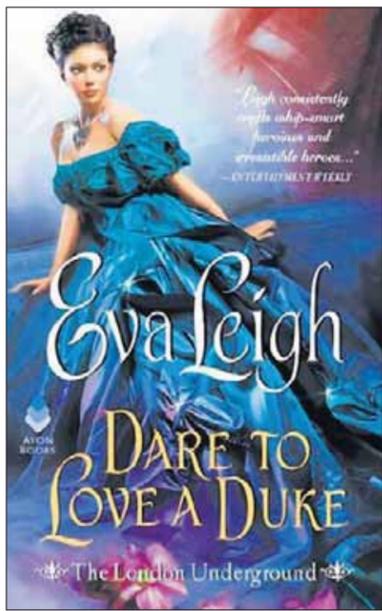
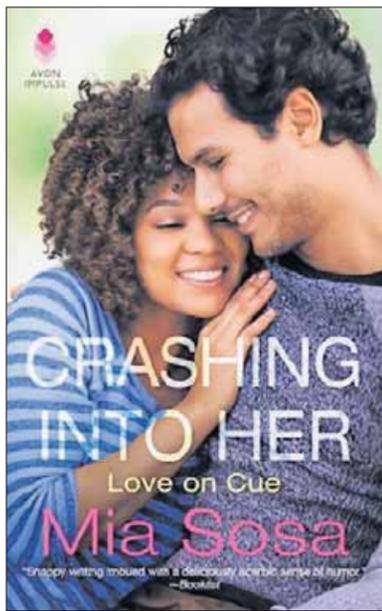
Eva Leigh's "Dare to Love a Duke: The London Underground" follows the story of a former sex worker (Avon).

Alyssa Cole's "Can't Escape Love: A Reluctant Royals Novella" centers on a heroine who uses a wheelchair.

Tracey Livesay's "Love on My Mind" has a hero living with Asperger's syndrome.

River Forest resident Katie Stutz, who works at Naperville publisher Sourcebooks, credits a 2018 report by Culver City, Calif., bookstore The Ripped Bodice for putting a spotlight on diversity and inclusion in the industry. The bookstore's "The State of Racial Diversity in Romance Publishing" tracks the genre's publications written by authors of color.

Stutz said that since seeing the report, she has pushed herself to read outside of what she has in



Sonali Dev



Brenda Jackson



Julie Kagawa



Beverly Jenkins



Eva Leigh



Alyssa Cole



Mia Sosa



Cat Sebastian



Tracey Livesay

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— Tracey Livesay, author of 'Love on My Mind'

the past.

"Readers are speaking up about what they want to see in the world," said Mia Sosa, author of the Latinx and African-American love story "Crashing Into Her: Love on Cue."

"I've seen calls for stories where the main characters are older, stories where one or more of the characters are divorced. You wouldn't think that's out of the box — because in my mind it's not out of the box — but for romance publishing, it is."

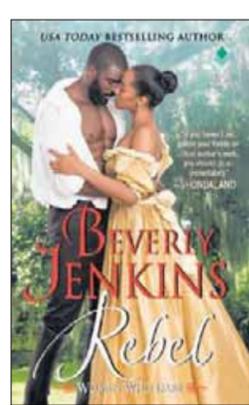
Marissa Backlin and her mother, Roseann, are slated to open a romance bookstore in Tinley Park in June. As a special education teacher, Marissa said she would love to see more stories featuring people with disabilities that aren't all about pain, tragedy and ableism.

"Alisha Rai and her 'Forbidden Hearts' series had characters that had depression and anxiety, and it was really well written," Backlin said. "There are ways to

write these topics well, and I'm glad authors are challenging themselves. Because readers see that, and they feel seen."

Tracey Livesay's young son has Asperger's, and she wanted to write a story that would give someone like him a happily-ever-after 20 years down the line.

She said her then-editor didn't think a man on the spectrum was sexy. She persevered, arguing she couldn't be the only one wanting to read that type of



story, and Avon Books picked it up.

"Publishing wasn't saying, 'Let's reflect the world we live in.' It was authors, who usually are readers, who are reading these books for years and wanting to see themselves in the genre that they love and knowing that their stories are just as valid as what they're reading," Livesay said. "Publishers are being dragged, kicking and screaming, but it's happening."

Two of Nisha Sharma's books — including her latest, "The Takeover Effect" — feature South Asian characters who are unapologetic about being from an immigrant family. Sharma immerses readers in a culture without explaining it and said writing the book "felt like I was coming home."

For the authors pushing for change, it's an uphill battle but worth the climb. Eva Leigh said her novel about the marriage be-

tween a duke and former sex worker garnered mostly positive reaction, but some said a "happily ever after" for such characters would be impossible.

"That coded, dog-whistle kind of language where we can go this far, but no further, should have people questioning their bias as to why you can have a wallflower dairy maid marry a duke, but somebody who was a former sex worker couldn't," Leigh said.

"Rebel" author Beverly Jenkins said this kind of gatekeeping sometimes comes from readers and other times publishers. Sharma agrees, pointing to the fact that readers like a certain type of South Asian story, and when novels don't follow that stereotypical narrative, they get agitated.

Consumers and publishers are accustomed to seeing romance through a "white lens," making it hard to move the needle on representation in the genre, said author Cat Sebastian. But she's hopeful that as more diverse characters and cultures are portrayed, publishers will catch on, and the genre will become a more inclusive universe for readers.

"I think we're going to see more people coming at parts of history that we thought that we heard all we need to hear about it," she said. "But we're really just waiting to hear from a new voice."

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## BOOK REVIEW

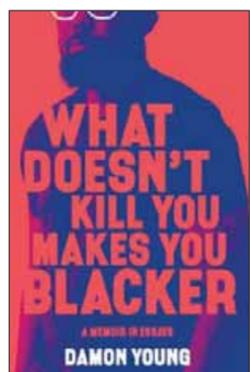
## Damon Young's memoir laughs through the pain

BY ZOË GADEGBEKU  
Washington Post

"Blackness is expansive," Damon Young said recently in a video discussing his new memoir in essays, "What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Blacker." It would be easy to interpret the author's statement as the insistence that "black people aren't all the same," especially in light of a comment he makes later in the video: "White America tends to think of black America on a more narrow spectrum." In fact, his book boldly and hilariously pushes back against what Young describes as a "neurosis": the anxiety that arises from a prying white gaze that demands to have the intimate and complex details of black life rendered completely accessible. Young, who co-founded the cultural criticism website VerySmartBrothas.com, is mostly unconcerned with what white America thinks of black people. Instead, with candor, self-awareness and considerable humor, he turns an unflinching eye on both himself and an American society constructed and sustained by racism.

In "Street Cred," the author explores his inability to rack up cool points at his high school despite having all the necessary elements, including star basketball player status, frequent appearances in local newspapers and interest from college teams. He also possesses actual "hood bona fides" on account of where he grew up, unlike his far more popular nemesis James Adams, who Young characterizes as being "about as hood as Gwyneth Paltrow." The essay details how the combination of James' charisma, bravado and performance of hood coolness obscure the fact that he is not nearly as successful an athlete or student as our narrator, yet still has enough social capital to attempt to embarrass him publicly.

Like most of the essays in Young's book, "Street Cred" is about much more than the overt theme it presents. Beyond the chronicling of teenage angst and desire for acceptance from one's peers, Young is also talking about segregation in housing and school districts, and about the lengths black parents go to in order to give their children access to



**'What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Blacker'**

By Damon Young, Ecco, 320 pages, \$27.99

a decent education. It's also about the delusions we feed ourselves and those we love, and about how our self-doubt can manifest in diminishing ourselves and projecting onto the people around us. In highlighting the anxieties he shares with his classmates about class and what it means to be black at a majority white suburban high school, in a segregated city, in a segre-

gated country built on stolen land, Young presents a critique of what qualifies as "authentic" blackness, and the performances of gender and cultural signaling that it requires. This insight allows him to empathize with James, while also admitting that he is still petty enough to wish the most benign of misfortunes on him, including dropping his spaghetti on a floor covered in cat hair.

"Bomb-Ass Poetry" is another chapter that stands out, starting with an opening line — "Darius Lovehall was trash" — that may be fighting words for fans of the 1997 black romance "Love Jones." Young's analysis of Larenz Tate's character in the film and his pursuit of Nina Mosley, played by Nia Long, does more than poke fun at the mud-cloth-clad, artsy, boogie black crowd depicted in the film; he uses Darius as an entry point to narrate his own journey with poetry as a college student, and his unrelenting and borderline creepy courtship of his friend and unrequited crush, Tracey. With his usual unrestricted honesty, the author even includes some of the poems

he shared with Tracey, containing lyrical gems such as "made my blues MO' BETTER" and an inevitable reference to Cleopatra. Young discusses the extent to which his interest in Tracey became less about her as a person than it was about proving something about his masculinity to the people around him.

Young's reflections on hyper-masculinity and on gender in general are not without their fraught moments. In "How to Make the Internet Hate You in 15 Simple Steps" the author revisits how he came by this knowledge when he responded to a sexual assault survivor's article on victim-blaming with his own flippant and ill-advised article. While he rightfully points out the danger of "decent" black men, who consider themselves allies to black women and queer black people, believing their decency absolves them of committing harm, his account of the growth he has undergone and his understanding of gendered power dynamics still has an uncomfortable undertone. The essay runs the risk of asserting

the narrative that a cis-hetero black man's self-improvement must necessarily come at the expense of the women and queer people around them. At the very least, the author recognizes this sense of entitlement, and the essay is an exercise in grappling with the misogyny he continues to unlearn.

What remains most memorable about Young's work is his ability to access and inhabit his consciousness at different stages of his life, without projecting his present outlook on the younger iterations of himself. Young succeeds at creating a clear distinction between the narrative voice that has already lived through these various joys and trials and his less experienced voice navigating the usual awkwardness of youth alongside the realities of growing up as a black boy in Pittsburgh in the 1980s and '90s. Above all, his writing is hilarious, as in laughing so hard that you end up in tears or, sometimes, laughing hard enough to stop the tears from flowing.

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## BIBLIORACLE

## Writer for her generation? Perhaps

Rooney's novels touted as ones drawing interest of millennials

By JOHN WARNER  
Chicago Tribune

The great millennial novelist has arrived.

Or maybe not. Or maybe it doesn't even matter.

Sally Rooney, a 28-year-old Dubliner, whose second book, "Normal People," was recently released in the United States, seems to have the inside track on being her generation's spokesnovelist. Jane Hu writing at The Ringer says that Rooney has written "great Millennial novels."

Buzzfeed says that Rooney has written "novels Millennials want to read." Google Sally Rooney + millennial, and you get 300,000 hits.

This is a thing we do: decide that certain artists speak for their generation. Hemingway did for the Lost Generation, Kesey and Kerouac for the Beats. The chief candidate for my generation — Gen X — is probably the late David Foster Wallace, with his particular mixture of irony and sincerity matching the slacker self-loathing and discontent.

Lena Dunham, of HBO's "Girls," has been the avatar for millennials, but she's been lying low, and even in the Netflix era a novelist has a certain highbrow legitimacy that a TV auteur lacks.

Rooney's novels, "Normal People" and its predecessor, "Conversations with Friends," do indeed concern the lives of young people. Not much action happens, but drama seems to attach to the seemingly smallest of moments. Rooney's gift is to wring tension out of two young women sitting on a bed, not talking about the affair one character is having and both know is happening, as in "Conversations with Friends."

Once you start reading a Sally Rooney novel, you don't stop, even as it is difficult to pinpoint the action beyond the broadest strokes.

These are young people struggling with figuring out who they are, what sort of life will bring them meaning. They lack money, and the world seems unwelcoming. If there is solace, it's in relationships — but those too are fraught with drama.

Writing at Lit Hub, Emily Temple cautions against "pigeonholing" Rooney as a millennial novelist, arguing Rooney's Irishness is as defining a trait as her age. She wonders if the label is more a matter of marketing, though in a way this may make the novel more of a millennial artifact than less.

If Rooney is the great millennial novelist,



JONNY L. DAVIES PHOTO

Is Sally Rooney the great millennial novelist — and what does that even mean? Biblioracle columnist John Warner considers.

we should see some progress in the title, as the great generational novelist has almost exclusively been previously reserved for men.

Jay McInerney was called "the voice of a generation" upon the 1984 release of "Bright Lights, Big City," a tale of young Manhattan big shots partying their way through life. But the novel now lives as something of a curio, very much of a specific time and place but not saying much that endures beyond that moment.

On the other hand, The Beats predicated the '60s hippie movement and took on additional and lasting reverence because of it. And Wallace's "Infinite Jest," a world where years are named after consumer products and a single video is of such fascination it puts people in a catatonic state,

seems to continue to speak to the present, even though it's only two years shy of its 25th anniversary.

As to whether any of this matters, I tend to lean toward Temple's view. If the label is to be substantive, we're probably too close to recognize what the great millennial novel is or will be.

Just because Rooney is writing about young people struggling for meaning and security in a post-recession world doesn't mean she's defined a generation. This is what novelists have always done.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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## Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. "Manhattan Beach" by Jennifer Egan
2. "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" by Ted W. Lawson
3. "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett
4. "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean
5. "Jesus: A Meditation on His Stories and His Relationships With Women" by Andrew M. Greeley

— Christine B., Park Forest

There's a trend toward the intersection of history and narrative in both fictional and nonfictional contexts. This brings to mind Kate Atkinson's "Life After Life."

1. "In Deep: How I Survived Gangs, Heroin, and Prison to Become a Chicago Violence Interrupter" by Angalia Bianca with Linda Beckstrom
2. "All the Beautiful Strangers" by Elizabeth Klefthof
3. "The Guilt We Carry" by Samuel W. Gailey
4. "All the Ugly and Wonderful Things" by Bryn Greenwood
5. "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin

— Vicki S., Chicago

Lisa Lutz's "The Passenger" has sufficient narrative momentum, character depth, and story twists to satisfy Vicki.

1. "The Double Game" by Dan Fesperman
2. "Interpreter of Maladies" by Jhumpa Lahiri
3. "The Return: Fathers, Sons and the Land in Between" by Hisham Matar
4. "Let the Great World Spin" by Colum McCann
5. "Doing Justice: A Prosecutor's Thoughts on Crime, Punishment, and the Rule of Law" by Preet Bharara

— Mary G., Rockford

Not quite a mystery or crime novel, but one that nonetheless has crime and mystery at the center: Hannah Pittard's "The Fates Will Find Their Way."

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thebookstall.com

The Book Stall welcomes SUSANNA CALKINS & RENEE ROSEN for a discussion of their new works and how they research and re-create historical settings so vividly in their novels. Ms. Calkins' new book is "Murder Knocks Twice," set in a Chicago speakeasy in the 1920s. Ms. Rosen's novel, "Park Avenue Summer," is about a young woman who leaves her small midwestern town to work in New York for Helen Gurley Brown and Cosmopolitan magazine in the 1960s.

**ANNA QUINDLEN**  
Nanaville  
Wednesday, May 1 at 7 pm  
Stevenson Hall  
131 S. Loomis St. Naperville  
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Courting Mr. Lincoln  
Wednesday, May 1 at 1 pm  
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The Book Stall welcomes LOUIS BAYARD for an afternoon discussion of his historical novel, "Courting Mr. Lincoln," about the brilliant, melancholic future President and the two people who knew him best—his charming confidant Joshua Speed and the spirited young debutante Mary Todd. Refreshments will be served.

## THURSDAY EVENTS

**MO WELCH**  
How to Die Alone  
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# WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Chris O'Donnell

**"NCIS: Los Angeles"** (9 p.m., CBS): Bar Paly reprises her recurring guest role as Anastasia "Anna" Kolcheck in the new episode "The One That Got Away." As that episode title suggests, the story opens after Anna manages to escape from prison with her cellmate, a situation that sends Callen (Chris O'Donnell) and his NCIS team into high alert as they assist with the investigation and begin a determined search for her current whereabouts. Peter Jacobson, Vyto Ruginis, Eve Harlow and Denise Crosby also guest star.

**"The Red Line"** (7 p.m., CBS): The shooting of an unarmed black doctor (guest star Corey Reynolds, "The Closer") by a white police officer (Noel Fisher, "Shameless") sets off repercussions that cause three very different Chicago families to reflect on the impact race and racial biases have on their lives in this new limited series, which unfolds in two-hour installments over four consecutive Sundays. Noah Wyle heads a large ensemble cast that also includes Emayatzy Corinealdi, Aliyah Royale, Howard Charles and Elizabeth Laidlaw. Greg Berlanti and filmmaker Ava DuVernay are among the production's executive producers.

**"90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?"** (7 p.m., 11 p.m., TLC): Six fan-favorite couples return to fight their way to a happy ending in the Season 4 premiere of this unscripted series. They may have thought saying "I do" got them past their biggest hurdle, but they've only embarked on a different series of challenges. Among the returning couples are Ashley from Pennsylvania and her significantly younger Jamaican husband, Jay; Colt from Las Vegas and his Brazilian love Larissa, who got arrested two days before their wedding; and Elizabeth from Florida and her Moldovan husband, Andrei, who feels pressured by his American in-laws.

**"The Redemption Project"** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., CNN): CNN journalist Van Jones examines the process behind restoring justice to victims and their families in this new eight-part series, which opens in the aftermath of a life-changing crime then follows those most affected by it as they meet the offender face to face in a session designed to provide answers and initiate the long healing process. The premiere, "A Mother's Justice," follows Terria Walters, whose son Christopher was slain in a drug deal gone bad, as she meets with the former heroin dealer now serving 60 years for that killing.

**"Morning Show Mysteries"** (8 p.m., HMM): After the identical twin of her childhood best friend (guest star Keegan Connor Tracy, "Once Upon a Time") is murdered, restaurateur and TV personality Billie Blessings (Holly Robinson Peete) teams up with Detective Ian Jackson (Rick Fox) to find the killer in the new mystery "Death by Design." As evidence mounts against the surviving twin, Billie frantically sifts through the victim's circle of friends and enemies in hopes of proving her friend is innocent.

**"The Chi"** (9 p.m., 10 p.m., 12 a.m., Showtime): Stressing out over the After Taste Food Competition, Brandon (Jason Mitchell) makes a deal with Emmett (Jacob Latimore), whose job is threatened by an accident at Sonny's in the new episode "Showdown." Kevin, Jake and Papa (Alex Hibbert, Michael V. Epps, Shannon Brown Jr.) cause mayhem during Picture Day at school. Elsewhere, Ronnie (Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine) struggles to adjust to a new life he never expected, while Douda (Curtiss Cook) calls Reg (Barton Fitzpatrick) on the carpet.

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	<b>COM</b>	We're the Millers (R,'13) **	Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis. ©			We're the Millers (R) ** *		
	<b>DISC</b>	Naked and Afraid (N) ©		(8:01) Naked and Afraid: "Touch of Poison." (N) ©				Afraid *
	<b>DISN</b>	† Finding Dory/Coop	Sydney-Max	Sydney-Max		Bizaardvark	Coop	Andi Mack
	<b>E!</b>	The Kardashians		The Kardashians (N)		Very Cavallari (N) ©		LadyGang
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	<b>FNC</b>	Watters' World ©		The Next Revolution (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Watters *
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy's Grocery Games		Worst Cooks (N)		Bake You Rich (N) ©		Beat Bobby
	<b>FREE</b>	† (5:25) Zootopia ('16) ***		(7:55) Ghostbusters (PG,'84) ***		Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. ©		
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	<b>HALL</b>	† (6) Just Add Romance		Winter Castle (NR,'19)	Emilie Ullerup. ©			Golden Girls
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	<b>HIST</b>	American Pickers: Bonus Buys: "Picking Rock Star Rides." (N) ©						Pickers *
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<b>OVATION</b>	† (6) Broken Arrow ('96) **	Dirty Harry (R,'71) ***	Clint Eastwood, Harry Guardino.					
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<b>TLN</b>	Living-Edge	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point ©		Insights	Let Think	
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## CELEBRITIES

# 'Code' star talks Marine portrayal

BY RACHEL YANG  
Variety

Luke Mitchell is an actor whose versatility sparks a different impression for each type of viewer. His fellow Aussies may recognize him from playing heartthrobs on the teen series "H2O: Just Add Water" and the long-running "Home and Away" soap. Others may have caught him in regular roles on sci-fi or superhero series like "The Tomorrow People" and "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.,"

and as a murderous villain in NBC's "Blindspot." But Mitchell's most prominent role to date is the lead in CBS' new procedural, "The Code," as Captain John "Abe" Abraham. The drama, which premiered April 9 and is now airing on Mondays, follows six lawyers in the Marine Corps in and out of the courtroom. Mitchell sat down with Variety to talk. The following is an edited transcript.

**Q: What for you is at the core of "The Code"?**

**A:** The human stories are the heart and soul of the show. And it's not all sunshine and roses — there's been a lot of sadness, either currently in these characters' lives or going to be coming up in these characters lives. We're really going to take a deep dive into each of these characters and see how complicated they are, and how flawed these characters are, despite being virtually superhuman, because these guys are the best of the best at what



JIM SPELLMAN/GETTY  
Luke Mitchell

they do. (Abe) is a third-generation Marine. He is charming, he's got this bravado and he enjoys the banter, he enjoys pushing

the buttons of his coworkers, and he knows his stuff so he can bend the rules a little bit. But he's a complex guy, and he's been through a lot. So I hope people enjoy the journey that he goes on.

**Q: What has been the biggest challenge working on the show?**

**A:** I'm Australian playing an American, and Marine at that, so I really need to make sure that I bring my A-game in terms of my accent. It's one thing learning the line, but it's another thing rattling it off, like you know what you're talking about. Just feeling the pressure to do justice to

these characters, because it's such an honor to be able to portray a character who is a Marine. And we have advisers on set for inside the courtroom and outside the courtroom.

**Q: What has been the most rewarding?**

**A:** I pinch myself at the quality of the actors that I work with and obviously the main casts are all phenomenal, but getting to work with Dana Delany is an achievement in itself. She's such an incredible actress, but she's a phenomenal person too, and getting to work with her day in and day out and learn things from her.

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# Musical

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new scrutiny.

But those are works in the past; the Jackson musical is in the future. It is one thing to argue that the brilliant artistry of, say, Jackson's album "Off the Wall" is not invalidated by the artist's personal behavior, but it's another to actually create a whole new work around his brand.

Estates, though, are trusted with both curating and maximizing creative projects building on the work of deceased artists, further defining their legacy. If "Don't Stop" were to be canceled, it would put a chill on any and all future Jackson projects. So wherever you stand on this issue, their persistence is logical.

And it explains why, say, Louis C.K. keeps wanting to do stand-up and why there are two debates. One set of arguments surrounds the dispensation of Louis C.K. in the past, and another surrounds what he should be allowed to do in the future. And for those who argue for so-called "cancellation," it is the future work that is the more egregious.

Look at the recent scandals surrounding racially insensitive statues or murals in schools, depicting very different Americas from the past. Debate ensues about whether they should be removed. Imagine, though, that someone had suggested painting a new one in the old way.

So what about Lynn Nottage and Christopher Wheeldon, the two creative artists charged with the Jackson project? In recent days, both have given interviews in which they try to thread a very fine needle.

Nottage, the book writer, first told Baz Bamigboye of the Daily Mail that she "believed" Robson and Safechuck, reflecting the argument that survivors of abuse historically have had great difficulty in being heard, and, therefore, now deserve to be believed.

"I think they were telling the truth," she said.

Which begs the question: Why are you participating in a musical produced by an estate that is calling the two men liars?

The statement also infuriated Jackson fans, who called for Nottage to be fired. And, presumably, it upset the estate, given their public statements on the matter.

Then, in a judicious subsequent interview with the New York Times, Nottage walked that back: "What I was saying, and what I was getting at," she told Michael Paulson, "is that the men came across as very believable. But here's the caveat: Were they ultimately telling the truth? I cannot 100 percent say so because I'm not judge and jury, and it's not my place to do that."

That is a fair point: The documentary was not a court of law and its content, most fair-minded people would say, did not rise to the level of legal proof. And the accused had no chance to defend himself. But then again, very few of the recent cases discussed above have been fully resolved in a court of law.

Weinstein is about to stand trial, but his detractors have not waited for a verdict to condemn. It is hard to imagine someone now making a musical about him, or his auter-

ship, or anyone buying a ticket.

In the Times interview, both Nottage and Wheeldon essentially said we're artists, we understand complexity, none of us is wholly good or wholly bad and we're going to create an art work that reflects both those sides of Michael Jackson.

To wit.

Wheeldon: "This is obviously challenging — it makes this not without its complications, for sure — but part of what we do as artists is we respond to complexity."

Nottage: "I see the artwork that we're making as a way to more deeply understand Michael Jackson and process feelings, and ultimately that's what theater can do."

I've long argued to young writers that critics should always be on the side of complexity and resist binary thinking, life being otherwise and human flaws and hidden agendas existing at every turn. Still, I've been wrestling mightily with whether I think these are fair arguments — as distinct from rationalizations from otherwise progressive artists now in a difficult set of circumstances — and whether it is even remotely possible for a musical featuring Michael Jackson songs to be, in Wheeldon's words, "a show that's balanced."

There are several thorny issues. One is that the permission, the dispensing of grand rights and much of the content of the artists' paychecks is coming from an estate that does not share this view, at least in public. Is it really going to allow any suggestion otherwise in the final product? There is no evidence that it will.

The second is that for "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" to be a hit, it will have to rely on Jackson fans, and it will have to give them a good time. Many people now feel that it is inappropriate, given these allegations, to dance or sing along with music inherently tainted by biography. That is a very reasonable position.

Certainly, no jukebox show authorized by a living artist or an estate has ever dealt with anything quite like this. In Broadway biographies, peccadilloes and mistakes sometimes get a brief airing (as in "Summer, the Donna Summer Musical," involving the subject's controversial comments about gays), but they are quickly resolved. In an authorized voice. And then back to the dance party.

If the Jackson estate actually allows Nottage and Wheeldon to even hint at anything in "Leaving Neverland" in "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough," that would make this the most remarkable jukebox musical in the history of Broadway.

On the other hand, what choice does the estate have?

From its point of view, cancellation would be far worse, putting a chill on the Jackson brand that might last for decades or forever. If they're smart, they'll let these two do what they feel they should.

And as for Nottage and Wheeldon, they're now under a moral obligation to at least partly sink their teeth into the hand that feeds them.

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# A new realm of espionage

## Veteran Bond boss Judi Dench a British turncoat in 'Red Joan'

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

LONDON — Judi Dench is back in the world of espionage — but her latest role is a far cry from James Bond's unflappable spy chief, M.

In "Red Joan," Dench plays an elderly British woman whose quiet suburban life is upended when police come knocking to accuse her of passing nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

An indignant Joan insists she has done nothing wrong. But as she is questioned, flashbacks reveal a complex tale of love, loyalty and misplaced idealism.

Dench played M in seven Bond films, from "GoldenEye" to "Skyfall." She says she is fascinated by spies, who are often first-rate actors.

An enduring source of intrigue for Dench is the "Cambridge Spies," a group of high-ranking British intelligence officers that fed information to the Soviet Union for years. The double agents, who included onetime MI6 counterespionage chief Kim Philby, fended off suspicion with upper-class charm.

"There's some footage of Kim Philby meeting the press at a flat and saying, 'Of course I'm not (a spy), you've got hold of the wrong end of the stick,'" Dench told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "It's the most wonderful bit of acting you can possibly see." She recommends the clip to young actors for study.

Directed by stage and film veteran Trevor Nunn, "Red Joan" is based on the true story of "Granny Spy" Melita Norwood, a civil servant living in the Lon-



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Judi Dench, who played M in seven James Bond movies, says she is fascinated by spies.

don suburbs who passed nuclear secrets to Moscow for decades. When she was exposed in 1999 at the age of 87, she expressed no regrets, saying she would do it all again.

The fictional character of the movie's title is Joan Stanley. Played as a young woman by Sophie Cookson, she is a bright physics student in wartime Cambridge who becomes involved with the quest for an atomic bomb, and with a charismatic revolutionary (Tom Hughes).

Dench says Joan is convinced she is acting in the name of peace, by "evening up" the nuclear arms race.

"After Hiroshima she said, if everybody had the same armaments, it wouldn't happen. It would prevent the other side from using them," Dench said.

Then "she just got on with her suburban life, and it obviously hadn't occurred to her that it was an act of treason."

Dench feels some sympathy for Joan's argument. She can recall the early Cold War years, when the horrors of World War II were still fresh and the prospect of nuclear annihilation seemed all too real.

Dench was 5 years old when war broke out in 1939 and remembers huddling at the bottom of the stairs as her home city of York in northern England was bombed.

As a young actress she protested against nuclear weapons, though she was never a big political activist like some of her contemporaries.

"I remember sitting in Trafalgar Square during



Dench in a scene from "Red Joan."

Ban the Bomb, with Vanessa Redgrave," Dench said. "I think Vanessa got arrested and had to say to the police, 'You can't arrest me, I've got a matinee today!'"

Now 84, Dench shows no sign of retiring, though she is picky about the parts she accepts.

"I don't want to play anybody who is my age and is dropping off the perch," she said firmly. "The last thing I want to play is somebody who's being looked after in a care home."

Her recent work defies typecasting. Dench recently played William Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway, in Kenneth Branagh's "All is True." Next up, she'll be Old Deuteronomy in Tom Hooper's big-screen adaptation of the musical "Cats."

The film offered Dench the chance to make up for a bit of past bad luck. She was cast in the 1981 stage production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's feline hit but had to drop out.

"I snapped my Achilles' tendon, so they delayed the opening," she said. "And then when we went to the New London (theater) to actually open it, I was in plaster and I fell off the stage. So I knew then that my number was up."

"So it was nice to come back in a circle and be part of it. It didn't put me off 'Cats' for life."

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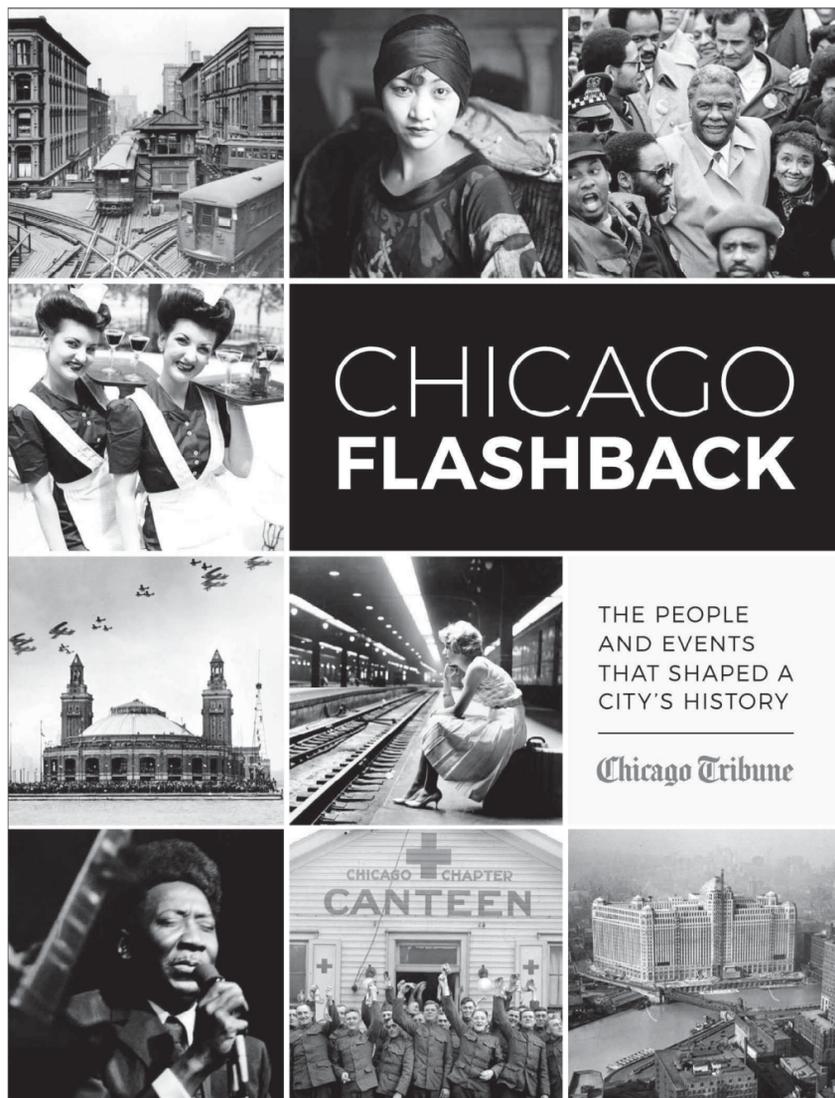
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# A magical 4 years with Elie Wiesel

Columnist reflects on working with Nobel Peace Prize laureate



**HOWARD REICH**  
Tribune arts critic

The phone call came as quite a surprise.

It was my editor telling me who'd be receiving the Chicago Tribune Literary Prize later that year: Elie Wiesel.

With those two words, I instantly realized my life was about to change, but I had no idea by how much. For the editor clearly was going to ask if I'd like to interview the Nobel Peace Prize laureate for an article in the newspaper and, later, interview him onstage in Orchestra Hall, where Wiesel would receive the award in November 2012.

When the editor, Scott Powers, indeed asked, "Are you interested?" I immediately said, "Yes!"

Then, with my heart pounding faster, I began to ponder the implications, which were nearly overwhelming. For starters, I'd never read "Night," Wiesel's universally revered account of his life before and during the Holocaust.

As the son of two Holocaust survivors, I assiduously had avoided books and movies on this subject, which hit way too close to home.

I would dip into this material only on assignment: When you go into work mode, it's somehow a bit easier to confront topics that cut deeply into your own family's tragedies.

It wasn't until I was nearly 50, in fact, that I even had learned what happened to my parents during the Holocaust, for they — like many survivors — chose not to burden their children with such sorrows. Even then I had to piece the narrative together myself, journalistically, via a Tribune story, "Prisoner of Her Past."

I assumed it was that

article, which later evolved into a book and a documentary film broadcast on PBS, that prompted Tribune editors to turn to me for the Wiesel interviews.

After several weeks of reading everything by him that I could find, I met Wiesel in his New York office, not sure what to expect. I was surprised to discover that after a few minutes we were speaking with a degree of familiarity and intimacy I'd never assumed with any interview subject, much less one of such colossal achievement and stature.

But Wiesel began to show me private documents that he said he never had shared with any "outsider." It meant that he and I were together on the inside — of a cataclysmic event that had decimated both of our families.

I told Wiesel that he and my late father, Robert Reich, were liberated from the same death camp, Buchenwald, on April 11, 1945. I explained to Wiesel that my mother, Sonia Reich, is so haunted by what happened that she still believes a yellow Star of David — which marked Jews for death during the Holocaust — has been sewn onto her clothes.

With each subsequent sentence, Wiesel's stories and mine became increasingly intertwined. It was as if we had known each other for years, decades even. Such was the power of our families' pasts.

More than 2,500 people packed Orchestra Hall for our public conversation on Nov. 11, 2012, the auditorium at some moments becoming more hushed than I ever had heard in a lifetime of concert-going. Listeners hung on Wiesel's every soft-spoken syllable, presumably realizing they were hearing profound words from a singular, poetic voice.

As I bid Wiesel farewell at the airport that afternoon, I assumed that would be the end of our brief journey together. But after



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Elie Wiesel, left, and Howard Reich converse onstage in Orchestra Hall in November 2012. Their dialogue would continue until Wiesel's death in 2016.

we embraced, he said to me, in his lilting Eastern European accent, "You've got my number?"

You mean your phone number in New York?

"Yeah, you've got my number?"

Then he boarded the plane home, and I spent the next several days trying to puzzle out what he meant.

Did he really want me to call him? Was he saying we should stay in touch? Or was he just being polite?

It wasn't until I was back in Orchestra Hall nearly two weeks later, to review a concert, that I suddenly realized what was happening between us: Our dialogue needed to continue and to be chronicled in a book — a conversation between two generations struggling to understand what perhaps never really can be fully comprehended.

When I phoned Wiesel to share that thought with him, he immediately agreed and invited me to come see him whenever I wished.

So we met in Florida, where he spent every win-

ter teaching. We conversed for hours over the course of a few days, my recorder capturing his words, the man answering not only questions I'd been contemplating all my life but also those I didn't realize had been hovering in the background.

How do we speak of the Holocaust? How do we talk to our parents about it? How do we deal with the guilt of knowing what our parents suffered? How does anyone maintain faith — in religion or humanity — after what happened? How does one sustain hope in the face of despair?

My conversations with Wiesel continued for four years, in Florida and New York and regularly on the phone. To my great delight, he often ended our conversations with the same tantalizing phrase: "To be continued!" Those were the most encouraging words I could have hoped to hear from him.

Finally, I finished the book, "The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel!" (to be released by Chicago

Review press May 7). He asked me to send the manuscript to him in Florida, then come visit so we could go over it.

I arrived at his hotel with some trepidation, wondering if I possibly could have done justice to the mountain of words he had given me.

When he appeared at our usual meeting place, I was surprised that he wasn't holding the three-ring notebook I had sent him.

We sat down, and I asked him if he wanted to go over the book.

"No," he said, nonchalantly.

Really? I asked.

"No, it's very good. Nothing to change."

Never before have I felt such a combination of euphoria and slight disappointment. For while thrilled that Wiesel was happy with what we had created, I'd been looking forward to working with him on word choice, sentence structure, tone, rhythm, color and more.

Still, I was greatly relieved, spending the rest of

that week — and future visits — simply enjoying his company, sharing more stories, talking, laughing, lamenting.

Not long after, I was as shocked as the rest of the world to learn that Wiesel — who had done more than anyone else to shape our understanding of the Holocaust's meaning and gravity — died on July 2, 2016, at 87.

What would the world be like without his compassionate voice, I wondered? What would my life be like without our conversations of the past four years?

What would happen with no more "to be continued"?

But then I realized that my conversations with Wiesel — and the world's engagement with him — would indeed continue, through the illuminating books and articles he wrote and the avalanche of questions he raised in them.

Now, whenever I open "The Art of Inventing Hope" and see his words on the page, I hear the gentle timbre of his voice as he said them to me, savor the answers I'd sought for so long and recall the privilege of those years.

For Wiesel gave me, and millions of others, words and ideas with which to confront onerous events.

Without his thoughts on guilt, genocide, anti-Semitism, memory, faith and so much more, the world would be an even darker place than it is today.

With them, there is hope.

*Howard Reich will discuss "The Art of Inventing Hope" with journalist Regine Schlesinger 6:30 p.m. May 9 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie; 847-967-4000 or [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org).*

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## Black artists' work forces a new look at history

African diaspora art is a must-see at the Smart Museum



**LORI WAXMAN**

Why do collectors collect? "Solidary & Solitary: The Joyner/Giuffrida Collection," a knockout show at the Smart Museum of Art, offers a distinctive opportunity to consider this question.

The exhibition, of mostly abstract art by a multi-generational array of black artists ranging from Norman Lewis to Bethany Collins, is drawn from the private holdings of Pamela Joyner and Alfred Giuffrida, a San Francisco couple whose wealth derives from their respective careers in finance. In 2019, as museums divest from the opioid-epidemic-derived fortune of the Sackler family and the Whitney faces mounting protests over its vice chairman Warren Kanders' ownership of Safariland, a global defense equipment manufacturer, it is ever more important to know where the money comes from.

So let's get that out of the way. Joyner, who grew up in Chicago, is the founder of Avid Partners, a financial marketing consultancy; Giuffrida, formerly a corporate lawyer, is a managing director at Horsley Bridge Partners, an investment firm.

The Joyner/Giuffrida Collection is consequential because the couple have not amassed art for the reasons that motivate other



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"Solidary & Solitary: The Joyner/Giuffrida Collection" runs at the Smart Museum of Art through May 19.

major fine art buyers today: the desire for unique items of great beauty, a proximity to the elite echelons of the creative classes, the thrill of high-stakes acquisitions, the possibility of "artwashing" dubious riches and, increasingly, great investment opportunities. If some of the more benign of these explanations apply, they are nevertheless overthrown by Joyner and Giuffrida's central mission — even by the very fact of having one, a rarity among collectors.

Joyner laid out their plans in a 2017 interview: "For us it comes from a place of being committed to excellence — and equality. As I say, race is simply not a good lens through which to view art. But when the quality is there and has been overlooked, that's where our mission comes in: the attempt to reframe art history, to put these excellent works into the full context of the canon. If

that's a quest for social justice, I'm guilty of it."

Proceeding strategically, Joyner and Giuffrida have built a collection of approximately 400 works, beginning with African-American artists and eventually expanding to the entire African diaspora. They've stuck mainly with abstract painting, but they have made some exceptions along the way. They've focused on certain artists in depth, discovered affinities and personal connections between others and decided to act as stewards of individual careers.

What this sounds like is generous and wise, and what it looks like is knock-'em-dead stunning, though only a snapshot of it is on view at the Smart, where some 50 select works from the couple's collection have been supplemented by a handful of loans and new site-specific commissions by a trio of Chicago artists.

It's humbling too, especially for anyone schooled to believe in the canon, which traditionally has made precious little room for black artists, such as the color field painter Sam Gilliam, who so obviously deserve major places there.

The section devoted to Gilliam's work includes the two most stirring pieces in the entire show — the symphonically effervescent "After Glow," an enormous stained canvas from 1972, and "Stand," a rainbow-hued swath of unstretched fabric bunched at the top and hung from a leather strap, one part drop cloth, one part laundry-hung-out-to-dry, one part sculpture.

Curated by Christopher Bedford and Katy Siegel of the Baltimore Museum of Art, the traveling show, which opened at the Ogden Museum in New Orleans in September 2017, positions abstraction as an especially fraught choice for black

artists, continually under pressure to create a representational art that either matches racial stereotypes of their identity or conforms to community desire for uplift.

The free expression granted white artists by birthright, especially white male artists, hasn't been theirs. And yet they've claimed it: in Norman Lewis' scratchy, staccato and uncommonly charming abstract expressionism; in Charles Gaines' rigorously data-driven translations of trees and explosions; in Leonardo Drew's exhaustively pieced-together wooden reliefs, so much more than the sum of their thousands of tiny parts; in Shinique Smith's endlessly swirly collage paintings (though I sorely wish her hanging sculptures had been included too).

As with any really good group exhibition, regardless of the premise, every

visitor will find his or her own way. Mine included major stops at a set of five steel clusters, welded by Melvin Edwards from thick chains, padlocks, fencing, heavy bolts, a trowel, silverware, spikes and ax heads — none of them blunted. Part of the "Lynch Fragments" series begun in 1963 and showing no signs of stopping (the examples here are from the 1990s and 2000s), they are unapologetically fierce, literal, reconstructive and entirely new to me.

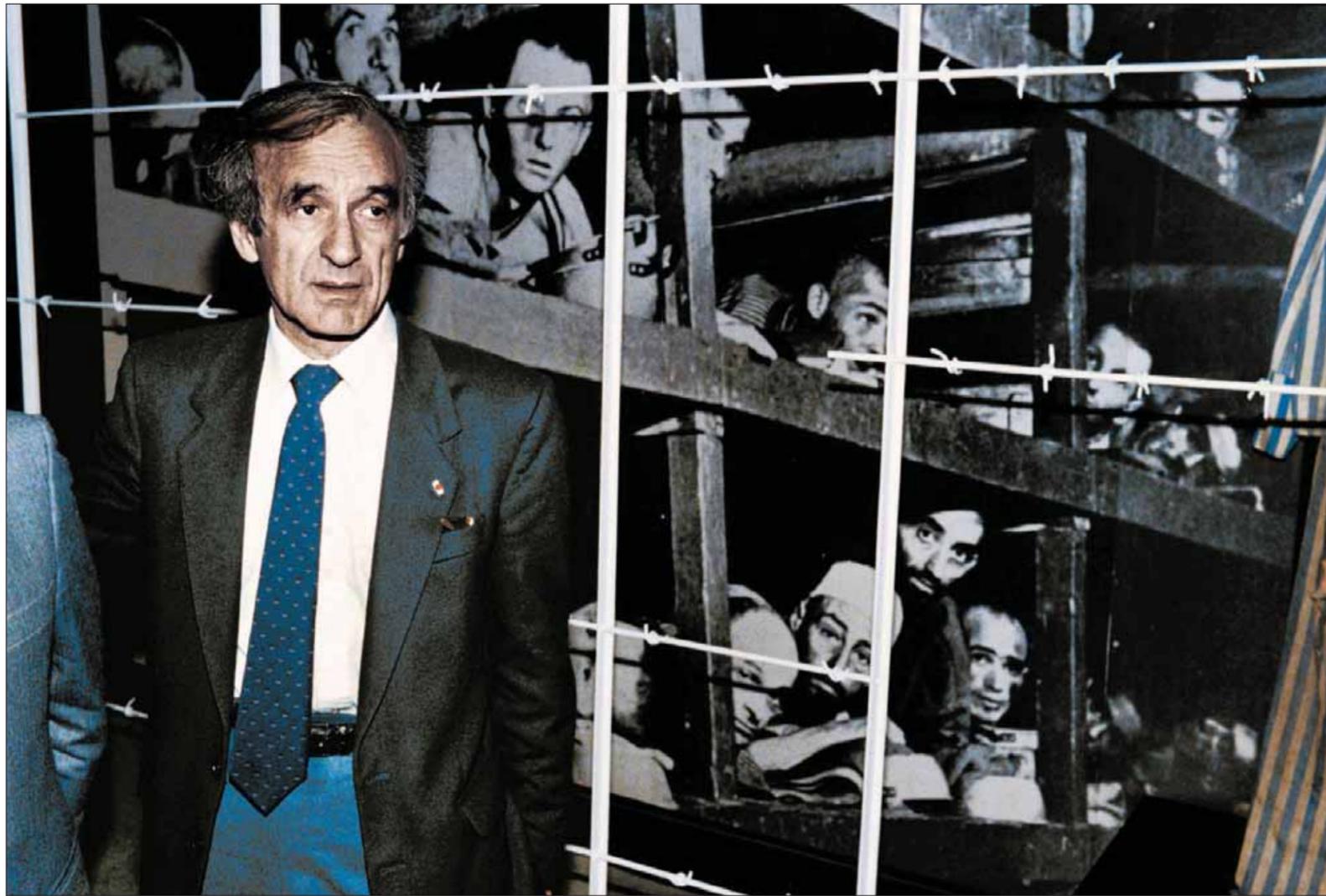
A grouping of seven wall pieces by Jennie C. Jones, all precisely constructed from musical materials such as piano keys and acoustic absorber panels, marks my favorite presentation of her work yet: abounding in wit and restraint, a muted palette aglow with spare touches of neon yellow and hot pink. Two eerily beautiful sculptures by Kevin Beasley — the youngest artist in the show and the hottest — belie the humdrum flowered housedresses and Yankees caps out of which they are constructed.

Carved up, stiffened by resin, propped up by foam or hung on a television stand, they retain their origins while moving on to something unexpectedly transcendent. That could be a motto for the entire collection.

*"Solidary & Solitary: The Joyner/Giuffrida Collection" runs through May 19 at the Smart Museum of Art, 5550 South Greenwood Ave., 773-702-0200, [smartmuseum.uchicago.edu](http://smartmuseum.uchicago.edu).*

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Nobel Peace Prize winner and writer Elie Wiesel stands in front of a 1945 photo of himself (bottom, third from right) and other prisoners at Buchenwald concentration camp.

# Words of wisdom

## Insights from Elie Wiesel in an excerpt from 'Inventing Hope'

BY HOWARD REICH  
Chicago Tribune

In the following excerpt from "The Art of Inventing Hope," Elie Wiesel and Howard Reich confront the difficulties of writing about the Holocaust, a term to which the world has become desensitized.

Speaking and writing of the Holocaust, of course, is a challenge that reaches far beyond our increasing insensitivity to a single word. The term is but the gateway to a subject that brings anguish to anyone directly touched by it and to others as well.

To try to address these events poses insurmountable problems, even for Wiesel, whose writings nonetheless have cast so much light on this subject.

"I rarely have a good feeling about my writing," said Wiesel, speaking specifically of his prose on the subject of the Holocaust. "It depends what (it is about), of course. But let's say vital, or vitally important, is if I write about that war and that event and that suffering and everything about it, I always feel it's not right. It's still not there. It's not perfect.

"(Rarely) do I have a feeling: 'Ah, now I found the words. The words cannot...'"

Wiesel's voice trailed off. It was as if he were saying, through his ensuing silence, that in this instance words are inadequate even to describe their own inadequacy.

All of which begs a question: Why do we even try?

If Wiesel is right that language cannot articulate what happened, and if he is correct that anyone who was not there cannot understand — and surely he must be correct in both cases — then why try to write or speak of this? Why indulge in an effort that by Wiesel's own estimation cannot succeed?

The reason may have to do with another, seemingly contradictory belief that Wiesel often referenced in our conversations: that new witnesses must be created so that they can tell the story and generate still more witnesses. In effect, Wiesel seemed to be standing at the nexus of two opposed positions: the failure of words to express what happened and the necessity of continuing to express it.

I posed this paradox to him.

"What is the alternative?" he asked. "Not to write? If I could find another way. So not to write? And yet you must. With the doubts and with the questions, you must write."

Even if language has failed us?

"Failed to say what?" asked Wiesel. "To say something that cannot be said?"

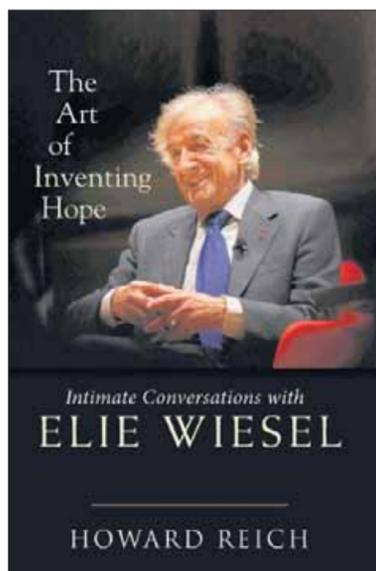
The failure, he seemed to be saying, was not really a failure of language, nor of our attempts to harness it, but of humanity itself. Language is simply our means of coming to terms with that larger failure, a quixotic but essential attempt to explain the unexplainable.

"Logically I should have given up on language," said Wiesel, amplifying the point.

"First of all, the killers also used language. Some of them actually were very erudite and cultivated and educated men and women. And they also read Goethe and Fichte, and they listened to Beethoven and Bach. If they did it, how can I believe in the same things they believed in?"

Meaning language, literature and music, among other things.

Clearly we can't relinquish these com-



ponents of civilization simply because they were co-opted by Nazis. Language can be redeemed, Wiesel said, and the quest to do so was worth pursuing, even if it might not prevail.

"With God's grace, I may find the right words," Wiesel said, hoping for a turn of events that he believed has not yet occurred. "So why should I give up? Why should I deprive my students or my readers from the language they use, simply because the killers are the ones who used it?"

There's another, more personal reason to write of these events despite the obstacles: the model of those who wrote under dire circumstances.

Emanuel Ringelblum and colleagues documented the horrors of the Warsaw ghetto in real time, even though he and most of the others did not survive the war and live to see their words read by anyone. Presciently they buried their writings beneath the wreckage of the ghetto, one batch of their precious texts discovered in September 1946, another in December 1950. The authors died, but their words lived.

Similarly a few notebooks hidden amid the ashes of Birkenau — such as the diary of Leib Langfus — were found decades later, the near dead having documented their final observations in the midst of their destruction. And Shimon Dubnow, a revered Jewish historian, is believed to have proclaimed aloud before being executed in the Riga ghetto, "Write — and record" (in Yiddish, "shrayb — un farshrayb").

If they believed in writing and speaking, so must we, said Wiesel.

"So how can I dare to say, 'I am better than you, and therefore I am not writing?' " he asked, in light of these examples and others. If the victims found hope in language, even in the hours before their deaths, how can we not?

**Wiesel interpreted his great difficulty** in getting "Night" published and its long period of obscurity to the magnitude of the events it chronicled and to the world's inability to absorb them. In effect, at least a generation needed to pass before the public at large realized that it needed to learn about the Holocaust.

The turning points, said Wiesel, came in Israel during the Eichmann trial, which in 1961 revisited the horrors of past events, and the Six-Day War in 1967, which — until its stunningly swift conclusion — suggested that genocidal disaster was on the verge of occurring again.

In the United States, I believe the break-



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Wiesel in his New York office in 2012: "With God's grace, I may find the right words."

through came a decade later with the 1978 TV broadcast of "Holocaust," an ABC-TV miniseries that for the first time put the subject where most American discourse takes place: popular culture.

In the decades that followed, Wiesel's "Night" has been studied worldwide as a startling perspective on an event that its author considered indefinable. Why did "Night" capture so many readers? What did Wiesel put in its pages that gave millions insight into what its author deemed impenetrable events?

How did Wiesel, in other words, find a way of speaking and writing of the Holocaust that reached across so many decades, generations and continents?

"I swear to you, I don't know," said Wiesel, as if mystified by the global embrace of the words he wrote. "I have published 60 books, and the others are all jealous of 'Night.' They come to haunt me in my dreams.

"My other books are as good. It's luck."

But of course, it was much more than luck. For starters, it was the experiences that those words reanimated — the tragic, hard-won knowledge that Wiesel brought to his text — that eventually made "Night" required reading. It wasn't only the poetic lyricism of Wiesel's prose but the events they soberly illuminated, from the ominous opening pages set in Wiesel's hometown of Sighet to the tragedies of Auschwitz and Buchenwald.

If, as Wiesel has said, "words can sometimes, in moments of grace, attain the quality of deeds," the words in "Night" became a remarkable deed: the opening of a pathway into the Holocaust for those who were not there.

But when I suggested to Wiesel that anyone is lucky not to have his knowledge of this subject — that the Holocaust is one area of study in which no one wants personal experience or expertise — he surprised me by disagreeing. Though gently. "I'm not so sure," he said. "Since it happened, I feel that it's right that I should be a part of it. But I would have given anything in the world that it didn't happen."

This was a surprising observation. Wiesel said that if the Holocaust were going to happen, he needed to belong to it, to experience it, to witness it, to present its narrative to the rest of us. His writing and his fate were intertwined, so far as he was concerned, and perhaps this explains the lasting power of his way of writing and speaking of the Holocaust.

He wrote not as an accidental witness but as one whose destiny — by virtue of his Jewish identity and the time and place in

which he lived — was to be caught up in the Holocaust and later to attempt to describe it.

From that perspective, perhaps Wiesel tells us something valuable about how to address this subject: as if it is our sacred duty to grapple with an event that we would have given everything to have prevented. As if we should want to embrace this most tragic of stories because of who we are.

Furthermore, Wiesel said that the ideas, imagery and emotions rising up from the thousands of pages he has written carry a mysterious power of their own, apart from what he did to put them there.

"I know that the words are inadequate — all the words are," he said. "But nevertheless, I write them.

"I think the great mystery of life is to be able to put one word to another. And that everything is mystery — even the silence separating the words is mystery."

Those silences rang eloquently in "Night," not only in the silences between the words in this slender volume but also in what was left unsaid in it. Repeatedly Wiesel avoided exposition, as in the aftermath of his father's death in Buchenwald — where Wiesel himself and my father also very nearly expired.

"I shall not describe my life during that period," Wiesel wrote in "Night." "It no longer mattered. Since my father's death, nothing mattered to me anymore."

This was Wiesel's way of speaking of the Holocaust — telegraphically, compactly, with much left unstated and with utmost respect to those who no longer could speak for themselves.

"Two of my older sisters survived," Wiesel said to me, in developing this thought. "I never talked with them about it, except certain occasions."

And then only circumspectly. Wiesel told me that he never asked his surviving sisters what their mother and other sister said during the selection at Auschwitz, moments before their executions. He could not violate something so sacred, and in that act he taught us something about how we should treat such matters: with reverence and sometimes with respectful silence.

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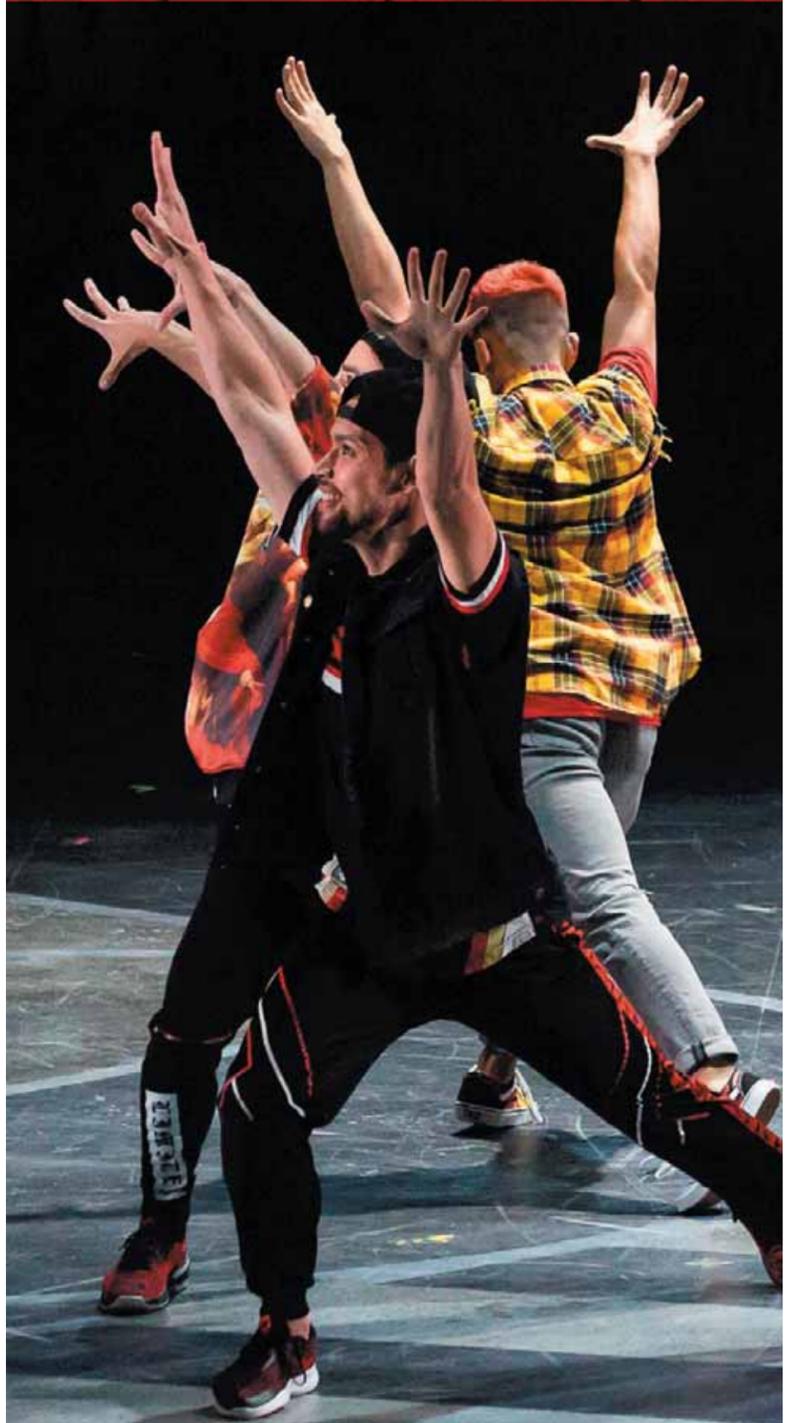
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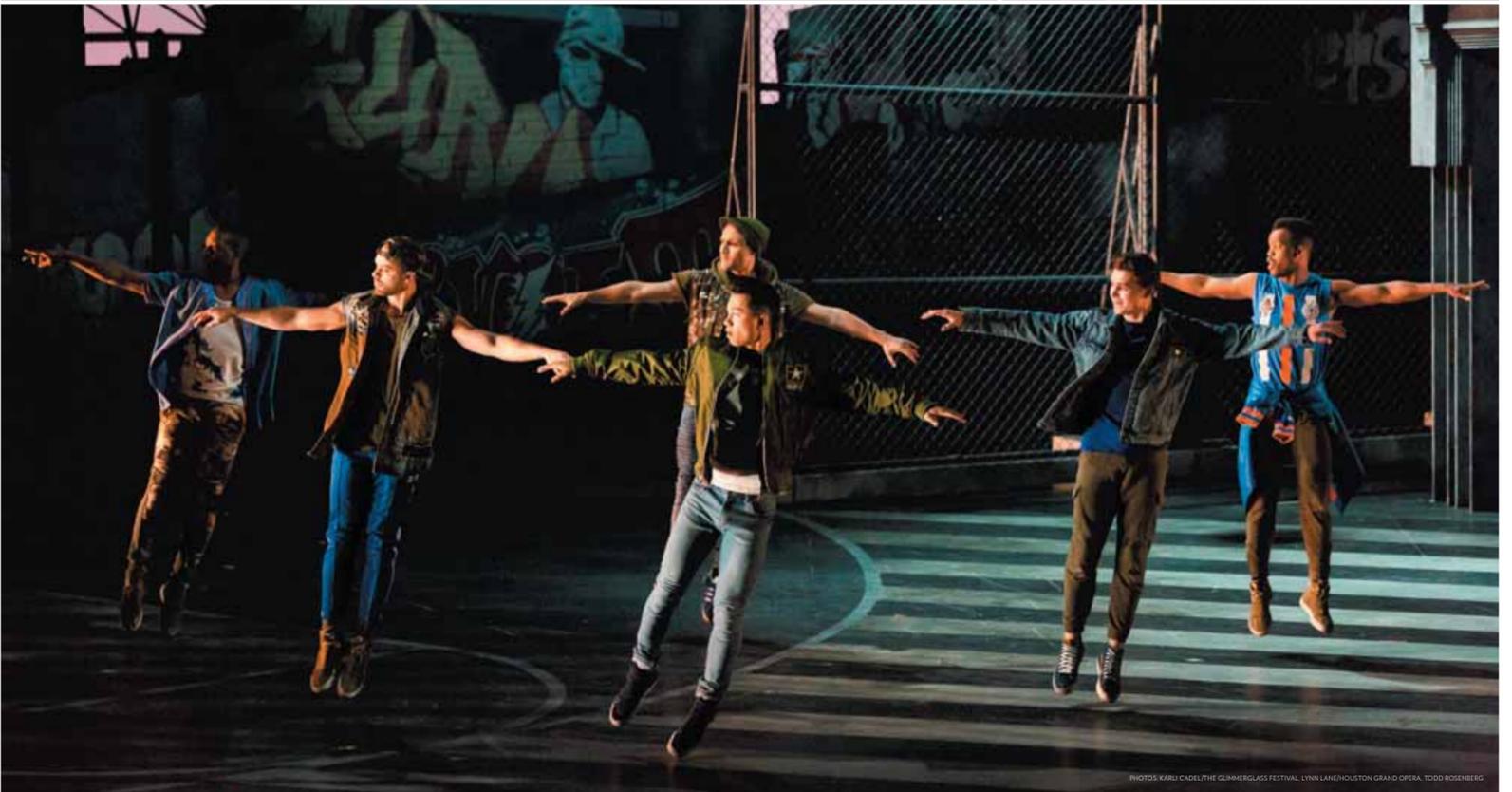
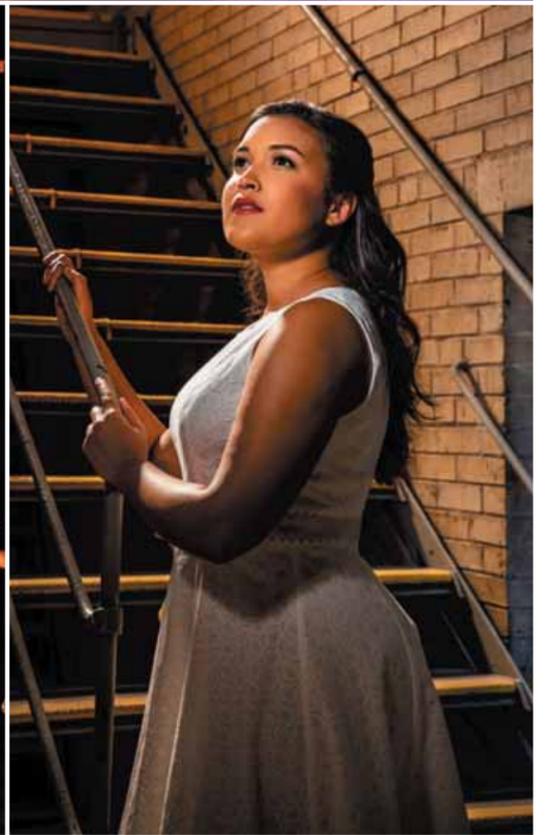
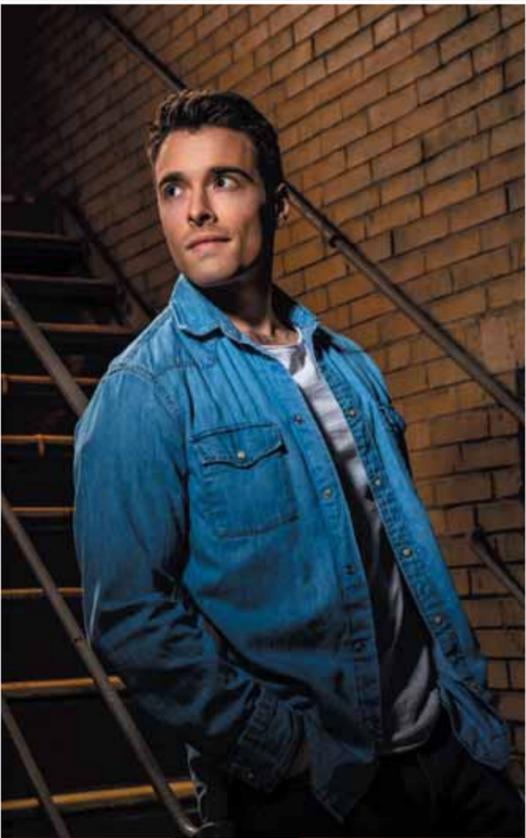
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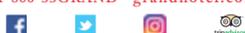
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### Once-chubby hub seems unhappy

**Dear Amy:** My husband has been significantly overweight most of his life. He recently lost more than 60 pounds on a strict diet. (I have to work to stay at a healthy weight but have never been more than 10 to 15 pounds over my ideal).

He's much healthier now, and I'm extremely proud of him and his dedication to a new lifestyle.

However, when he was overweight he was generally relaxed, fun and easygoing (these are also the qualities that attracted me to him). Now, after the weight loss, he generally seems miserable. I'm not the only person to have noticed this change. A few days ago a good friend told me that my husband is "the most miserable skinny person" he's ever known.

I've tried to talk with him multiple times, both to let him know how proud I am of him for this accomplishment, and to try to understand why he seems so unhappy despite achieving his goal. The most I've been able to get from him is that now that he's lost the weight, he's embarrassed about how overweight he was.

Amy, I loved my husband when he was overweight and I love him now, but after almost six months of dealing with his negativity, criticism and a much shorter temper than usual, I'm not sure how to help without sounding like I'm trying to derail his health plans.

I think much of his negativity stems from hunger and having to deny himself his favorite foods. I want him to maintain his health, but I don't want him to have to choose health at the expense of happiness.

Any thoughts on how I can help us through this challenge?  
— *Missing My Chubby Hubby*

**Dear Missing:** An often-unanticipated reaction to significant weight loss is that it tends to throw other things off-kilter.

Yes, you miss your chubby hubby. The person who has emerged sounds depressed. I think it's possible your husband was "self-medicating" some underlying issues through overeating. Now that he doesn't have this option, these issues have surfaced.

He has taken charge of his physical health. Now he needs to focus on his mental health. A few sessions with a professional counselor who specializes in working with men could help him put his changes and challenges into perspective.

**Dear Amy:** My husband and I have two daughters, 40 and 37 years old.

The elder daughter is living in the home she owns. The younger one, "Angela," came back to live with us seven years ago after her divorce. At that time, she said she would pay us something for rent. "Daddy" wouldn't let her, even though she has a good job and makes more than we do.

I finally had enough and asked her for one-third of the household bills, which she deposited into our account immediately. (My husband backed me up.)

Now she is being rude to me. She said she is resentful toward us for living here. She says that when she moves out she is NEVER coming back, except for holidays.

She had no housing expenses for six years (except her personal bills), and now she is resentful of US?! I am heartbroken and having trouble sleeping. I just retired from my job of 30 years, and my husband is trying to retire but feels he can't. I didn't do anything wrong asking her for rent, but can I smooth this over? Should I let it go?  
— *House Bound*

**Dear Bound:** You needn't let this go. You must let her go.

Taking in an adult child post-divorce is a kindness. Seven years of propping her up is not. You and "Daddy" have hobbled your daughter. Your assistance has denied her the opportunity to experience the wonderful feeling of making it on her own. Her adult development has been stunted, and now she is acting like a teenager.

Wish her well. Tell her, "You can do it!" and cheerfully show her the door. She'll be back over the holidays (probably before), and by then you'll be happy to see her.

**Dear Amy:** "Flabbergasted" was extremely judgmental of an airplane seatmate who sniffed and snorted mucus during the entire journey.

Flabbergasted's perfume might have been the cause. I have extreme allergies to many perfumes. If your perfume causes my allergy attack, it's your own fault!  
— *Allergic*

**Dear Allergic:** Many people responded similarly.

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# BALANCING ACT

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## Advice for a new mom

What I want my friend who just had her first baby to know about parenting

To my dear friend who just had her first baby. Congratulations! He is wonderful. He will only grow more so. He will fill you with so much wonder that you will find yourself dizzy with it. Overwhelmed with wonder, plus gratitude and joy and love and, also, a little terror. Totally normal.

You might have a million questions about breast versus bottle and cloth versus disposable and swaddle versus ... not swaddle. I might have a million opinions. (You know I have a million opinions.) I'll share them if you ask, but mostly you can find that stuff in books and the friendly confines of your pediatrician's office.

Here's some advice that's harder to find in books.

**Don't sweat sleep training.** I failed at it. I tried. (Not very hard.) (I had the willpower of a beagle near food, which is to say none.)

People — friends, people I love — would scold me. "You know you're going to be sitting there, soothing her to sleep every night until she's like 5?"

They were wrong. I was sitting there, soothing her to sleep every night until she was 12.

It was wonderful. Our best, hardest, happiest, trickiest, most vulnerable conversations all happened at bedtime. Lights off. Guards down. Distractions absent. Quiet.

This isn't to say that sleep training isn't the way to go. A bunch of families swear by its virtues. I believe them.

It is to say that little "failures" along the way can turn out to be gifts in disguise. I wish I realized that earlier.

**Live in moments, if not in the moment.** Sometimes a whole day begins and ends and nothing goes wrong. No one has an ear infection and no one finds a tick on them and no one falls off the monkey bars and breaks an arm and no one forgets their clarinet on the day of the clarinet test. Sometimes that happens.

Usually, though, the day you set out to have and the day you actually have are very, very different. This is especially true with a newborn. This remains true until your kid(s) leave for college, I'm told. (I suspect it's actually longer.)

I'm not going to tell you to enjoy all of it. So much of it is truly, spectacularly unenjoyable. But I will suggest you try to savor the mundane beauty of moments when everything is peaceful and no one needs a ride to urgent care.

I used to think our best moments as a family would be on vacation. Or on holidays. Or in the middle of some milestone — a graduation, an athletic victory, a big birthday.

Now I know those things can be joyful and perfect,



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and they can also end at urgent care.

Now I know our best moments happen around our kitchen table with Uno. Or during a car ride to school. Or on a walk around the block. All those little moments add up to something monumental.

**People's judgment is a useful tool.** You are about to experience the weight and the words of every well-meaning (and the occasional not-so-well-meaning) stranger who looks upon you and your sweet little baby and decides you're doing it wrong.

*He looks cold.*

*He looks hot.*

*He shouldn't be in the sun.*

*He shouldn't be using a pacifier.*

*He should be hermetically sealed.*

These are your moments to shine. If you start politely shutting down these comments early and often enough, by the time your son is old enough to observe you and learn from you, you'll be a pro.

When my daughter was old enough to start putting on her own shoes, she preferred to wear them on the wrong feet. Often, she preferred to wear shoes from two different sets, each on the wrong feet. This bothered me far less than it bothered strangers.

"Her shoes are on the wrong feet," people would say.

*Oh, thank you, I would reply. She likes them that way.*

*"It's not safe," they would say.*

*Yeah, thank you, I would reply. No injuries so far!*

One day at the Garfield Park Conservatory, my daughter took over answering for me. "Thank you," she told the woman who stopped us on the sidewalk out front. "No injuries so far!"

She carried this ability to barrel through life unencumbered by other people's opinions of her uncombed hair, her mismatched outfits, her perfect imperfections for much of her childhood. It was lovely.

Now she's 13. She cares about her appearance. She

runs track and does gymnastics. (The weird shoe thing didn't do any lasting damage.) And she shrugs off petty judgment better than anyone I've ever met.

I don't know if I get any credit for that or not. But I do think our kids watch our cues on what to shrug off. You'll come up with your own list. Exercise it with pride.

That's enough for now. I'm sure you're out of time. We'll talk later. We'll keep talking. You'll be amazing. So will he.

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## LIFE

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# Unfair!

From Jussie Smollett to college cheating to the NBA — here's what we can do about it

BY CINDY DAMPIER  
Chicago Tribune

Less than a week after charges were dropped against actor Jussie Smollett in a Chicago courtroom, hundreds of protesters converged on the Cook County state's attorney's office. On one side, a group organized by the Fraternal Order of Police, decrying State's Attorney Kim Foxx's handling of the case. On the other, a group including members of the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, decrying the state of justice for people of color in Cook County.

The two groups merged and clashed, but both sides agreed on one thing: Something seemed very, very unfair.

A sense of uncertainty and unrest extended even to expert observers. "I don't understand what happened," says Preet Bahrara, former U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York and author of the newly released "Doing Justice," his book dissecting the justice system. "I've never seen anything like it. And so you have all this speculation, and that makes people wonder and worry about the fairness of systems."

Of course, it wasn't just the Smollett case that started everyone wondering about fairness, or the lack. Unfairness, as a grudge-driver, a cause for alarm, an apparent societal malaise, is as hot as "Game of Thrones" these days.

Want to hear someone use the word "unfair?" Just mention the college admissions cheating case. (Rich folks were doing what to get their kids into school?) The Super Bowl (Remember that missed call, Saints fans?) The NCAA (Why don't college athletes get paid, again?)

Our long trip to the next presidential election already has an unfairness theme: Let's talk gerrymandering. Immigration policy. The Electoral College. Viewed from either side of the political spectrum, they're all unfair — but for completely different reasons.

Were Rep. Ilhan Omar's remarks about support for Israel unfair? Or has she been unfairly singled out because she is a woman, and Muslim? Either way, unfairness is the common denominator.

Author Michael Lewis, the talented journalist behind a slew of best-selling books including "Moneyball," and "The Big Short," has spent his last few months thinking a lot about unfairness. He has been producing a podcast, just launched, called "Against the Rules," which tackles the topic of fairness in places like the NBA, the world of consumer finance and the justice system.

Lewis came to the topic, he says, on the softball field, watching his daughters play. "I was just constantly appalled by the way the umpires were treated. And I started kicking around the idea of doing something about referees as a way of getting at fairness. Because they are there to ensure it; they are there to maximize the fairness of the situation and make sure the game's not rigged. But yet they are constantly attacked."

Lewis began to notice how the

idea of unfairness was gaining ground in popular culture. "Both Bernie Sanders and Trump were basically appealing to people who felt that the world was rigged. They were basically appealing to the mistrust of the referee in certain places. So I started to make a list in my head of all the forces that were alive that were working against the authority of the referee, and started to think about what that meant."

The character of the referee — the person whose job it is to ensure a fair standard — is the central figure in each episode of "Against the Rules," yet only the first episode is about sports. "Once you start looking for the referee, you see them everywhere," Lewis says. Almost everywhere Lewis found a referee, he also found a bunch of people screaming "unfair." Partly, he says, that's because the blinders are off. "We all know now that science has called into question the reliability of any human judgment and showed the ways in which even someone who is supposedly neutral can screw up." His own books, some of which have dealt in great detail with exactly that kind of science, pioneered by psychologist Daniel Kahneman, may be partly to blame for helping that cat out of the bag.

Referees in the NBA, the subject of his podcast's first episode, have worked to counter inevitable human error by using video replay to backstop their calls. Yet, Lewis says, attacks on the refs are only increasing. "Officiating is better than it ever has been," he says, "and yet refs are treated as if they were never worse. And that's a microcosm of the problem." One explanation, Lewis says, is that those who benefited from a less fair system are actually crying unfair because their advantage has disappeared.

Take the home court advantage. "Home court advantage has markedly decreased over the years," Lewis says, "because refs have learned that they were the reason for home court advantage. Referees making calls were favoring the home team because they were responding to the crowd. So they do things to counter that, and it infuriates the crowd, because they no longer have that unfair advantage." Thus, "a stadium full of people screaming 'Ref, you suck.'"

Increased transparency, Lewis says, has proved to be a double-edged sword, improving fairness while allowing every mistake to be focused on. Our brains, which are built to prioritize negative memories, don't let us forget those mistakes.

Lewis found that judges, the refs of the legal system, face similar challenges. "There was this fiction," he says, "of this Olympian, detached neutral figure in a black robe — a judge — who was something other than human, handing down decisions from on high. And we kind of accepted the fairness of those decisions. We didn't think about the person beneath all that. All of his messy biases and problems and psychoses. And that fiction has been just ripped apart. We don't believe it anymore."



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From left: Jussie Smollett exits court in Chicago on March 26, 2019; Lori Loughlin exits court in Boston on April 3, 2019; Klay Thompson warms up before the NBA All-Star game Feb. 17, 2019; and Neil Gorsuch during a swearing-in ceremony in Washington, D.C., on April 10, 2017.

**"Part of the problem is there's sometimes not enough attention paid to not only is justice done, but is it seen to be done. People need to have a grounding and understanding in how things are decided and what kind of deliberations take place."**

— Preet Bahrara, former U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York and author of the newly released "Doing Justice"

Which, Bahrara argues, is not a bad thing. "Part of the problem is there's sometimes not enough attention paid to not only is justice done, but is it seen to be done," he says. "People need to have a grounding and understanding in how things are decided and what kind of deliberations take place."

It's not, he says, that the justice system has suddenly become unfair. "I think there have been areas of unfairness throughout the history of the world, and I think today examples of unfairness have become more widely known. That's not a bad thing, but I think the people who are responsible for trying to hold folks accountable need to do a better job explaining why they do the things they do, why they come up with these decisions."

Politics, Bahrara says, gets in the way of that kind of transparency. "None of this is helped by partisan suggestions of bad conduct and unfairness. When people have a large megaphone, like the president and his supporters, and they claim without basis that some event or some process is unfair, that affects people's minds; it makes it harder for people to discern what's right and what's wrong, what's truth and what's not, what's fair and what's not."

That heightened atmosphere makes us focus on unfairness. "There's a reason why the college admissions scandal was one of the few stories that could get our attention," at the height of coverage of the Mueller investigation, Bahrara says, "because it goes directly to this question, how fair is the world, how fair is society?"

In fact, few things are as attention-grabbing as unfairness. Research studies have shown that pleasure centers in the brain light up when subjects are shown examples of fairness or fair behavior. The inverse is also true. Alex Shaw, a researcher and professor of psychology at the University of Chicago, has published research that shows that children younger than age 2 will quickly focus their attention on an unequal distribution of resources, an indicator that the roots of dissatisfaction with unfairness run deep. Shaw's research aims to get at the genesis of fairness by studying it in children, "when they aren't contaminated with so many sophisticated theories of justification."

Young children, he says, focus on equally dividing rewards or resources, but at around age 6 to 8, kids will accept inequality if, for instance, someone gets an extra cookie because she worked harder at a task. "It's interesting to see where they start and how they are shaped by inputs they get from the environment," he says. "You can see their sense of fairness changing as they get older."

By age 12, those influences are firmly in place. Lewis uses his 12-year-old son, Walker, as an example in his podcast, because he has observed Walker reacting to calls that don't go his way in his basketball games — following the lead of NBA stars like Klay Thompson who protest against the refs. What would you like to tell the refs? Lewis asks his son. "Don't pick sides," the boy says. And then, in a tone equal parts stubborn and resigned to the wrongheadedness of it all, he

adds: "Unless it's my side." Exactly.

We all want things to be fair. But belief in a fundamental unfairness sparks an every-man-for-himself mentality. "We've got a little bit of a crisis of confidence in our institutions," says Bahrara, who believes that, even though it highlights mistakes, transparency is the only way to restore our sense of fairness. "If (a decision) is thoughtful and deliberate and the people involved in that process are generally smart and acting in good faith, at the end of the day, you believe that fairness will more likely be done than not. It's transparency, and the neutrality of the principles, making sure laws and rules are evenly applied to everyone."

Lewis is all for transparency too: "In some cases, the world is getting fairer because (authorities) are forced to examine their own bias. And we're examining them, too, and we're angry about them. But it raises this new risk that you're going to throw away something really important in the process."

He worries that the tendency to scream at a referee in a basketball game might be the same impulse that makes us tear down our institutions, rather than jumping in to troubleshoot. "All this is happening in the context of people thinking less of people," he says. "If you think less of people, you're more likely to question authority and to doubt it. And you have good reason to. We are all predictably irrational. And that includes the ref."

His prescription? Ask hard questions, push for transparency, but do it thoughtfully — and maybe take a lesson from a softball dad. "The whole society needs to be treated like an enraged sports dad," he says. "We need a talking to. We need to be a little slower to tear apart these people who are thrust into these roles of neutral authority. There's no law to be passed — it's more a private thing that has to happen inside of people. Think of the consequences."

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# THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

## Play written with help from Chicago youths

By WEB BEHRENS  
Chicago Tribune

### Monday

#### 'BUDDY'

The unique connection between six different humans and their guide dogs is the subject of this well-reviewed Dutch documentary, "Buddy." Each person faces a different challenge — an autistic boy, a blind octogenarian, a soldier with PTSD — but their dogs help them all to thrive, not just survive. Catch it at 7 and 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Facets, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave. \$10. [tinyurl.com/y2n2jkjs](http://tinyurl.com/y2n2jkjs)

### Tuesday

#### 'AMERICAN GIRL LIVE'

This 90-minute touring musical based on the beloved doll characters returns to the Chicago area, following a quick stop in Skokie in December. In the show, summer campers apply lessons learned by the stories of their American Girls, including Maryellen, Melody and Luciana. The two-week run begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday and continues through May 12 at Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place, 175 E. Chestnut St. \$35.50-\$106.50. [tinyurl.com/y55ojmv7](http://tinyurl.com/y55ojmv7)

### Thursday

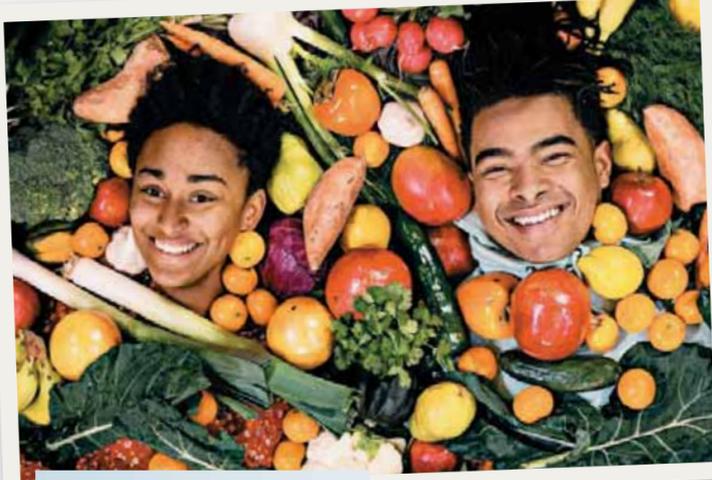
#### 'FAST FOOD CHAIN'

Partly inspired by African folk tales, Adventure Stage Chicago's latest show tackles another social issue: hunger. Updated to present-day Windy City, "Fast Food Chain" concerns two Chicago youths who grapple with food scarcity. The company, which gears its shows toward middle school and high school students, took input from Chicago youths when developing the script. 7 p.m. Thursday, then 4 p.m. Saturdays through May 18, at Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble St. \$17, \$12 for kids 14 and under. [tinyurl.com/y2wzlh5z](http://tinyurl.com/y2wzlh5z)

### Friday

#### 'PINOCCHIO'

The House Theatre's latest triumph, an original adaptation of "Pinocchio," has multiple selling points, including "the best puppet in town." It also packs some



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'FAST FOOD CHAIN'

Saturday, May 4:  
KIDS AND KITES FESTIVAL

moral complexity even as it warns against fascism and fear of the other. (As such, it's recommended for older kids and adults.) 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, through May 19 at Chopin Upstairs Theatre, 1543 W. Division St. \$35-\$50. [tinyurl.com/y93tnzpm](http://tinyurl.com/y93tnzpm)

### Saturday

#### KIDS AND KITES FESTIVAL

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### Sunday

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A fundraiser for Kohl Children's Museum, this popular annual event allows kids to safely climb aboard more than 30 enormous vehicles such as fire engines, dump trucks and tractors. The event also offers music, snacks, face painting and mini-train rides. 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the NIPSTA Parking Lot, 2300 Patriot Blvd., Glenview (just north of the museum). \$45-\$50 per family of six people. [tinyurl.com/y8rub9ex](http://tinyurl.com/y8rub9ex)

#### INTERNATIONAL FAMILY EQUALITY DAY

Chicago Children's Museum celebrates LGBTQ families with a day of special programming and free admission for kids. Live music, an interactive art installation and rainbow bracelet-making are all part of the fun. 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at CCM at Navy Pier, 700 E. Grand Ave. \$15, free for kids 15 and under. <https://tinyurl.com/y27wqaaq>

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## 5 ways to boost your image

By ALISON BOWEN  
Chicago Tribune



JILL SWANSON

Image consultant Jill Swanson tells clients to wear an item of clothing or jewelry that matches their eyes.

a special occasion. Here, you want to dress from the top down. No one will remember if you wore the same pants three days in a row, she points out, but think about snazzing up your shirt. Passion is dressing your personality — sometimes you just want to wear what you want to wear. As far as dressing for reaction, ask yourself, what kind of reception do I want from people today? For example, if you're planning serious conversations with people you want to open up to you, consider beige, which Swanson said can feel nonthreatening or neutral.

**Tailor, tailor, tailor.** Taking clothes to a tailor is something many people don't do, but it is a simple way to take an outfit purchased even at a thrift store and make it look like a million bucks. Swanson said to not underestimate the difference it can make to have clothes that have been molded by someone else to fit your exact proportions. "If you look good, you feel good," she said. Plus, once you're wearing clothes that are tailored to your body, you might find it's one of the easiest ways to appear trimmer and sharper. "Getting clothes to fit your body gives you a lot," she said.

**Wear something that matches your eyes.**

Swanson knows that people want to know what colors look good on them. Her advice? "If you want to get people to really listen to what you're saying and pay attention," she said, "the most believable color you can use is your eye color." When you're wearing something that matches your eyes, she said, the other person will automatically look at your eyes, which boosts eye contact. "You'll notice it," she said. "You're talking to somebody else, and they have blue eyes and a blue shirt on — you'll just keep looking at their eyes."

**Constantly re-evaluate your clothing choices.** To assess which clothes you wear more regularly, turn all of the hangers backward. Then, when you wear clothes, flip them. This will show you what you're wearing and what you're ignoring. At the beginning stages of the clothes circuit — at the mall, while online shopping — consider how you shop. Don't just fill up your closet with things that are cheaper. That's an easy trap to fall into, Swanson said. To avoid it, she suggests asking yourself if you would buy the item if it were full price. "If you would not be willing to pay full price, then don't pay the sale price."

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# Lost Girls Vintage opens store

BY DARCEL ROCKETT  
Chicago Tribune

Unfamiliar with Lost Girls Vintage — the mobile shopping experience that was “like a food truck but with vintage clothes?”

The team behind the name — co-owners Kyla Embrey, an Uptown resident, and Sarah Azzouzi, a Humboldt Park resident — curated a collection of vintage clothing and accessories that they have been taking to the streets by way of festivals, flea markets and pop-up shopping events for six years in a 1976 RV camper (nicknamed Winnie) and an ice cream truck. The partners created a community by teaching classes on Instagram to fellow creatives, and peddling leather goods, shoes and jewelry for clients looking to stand out, have fun and try new things.

“The beauty of vintage is that you can get pieces made of better materials — something made of 100 percent silk or head-to-toe sequins that are going to be constructed better than something that is made today and also be more approachable in terms of a price point,” Embrey said. “That’s what we look for — garments that have already stood the test of time and are going to continue to be workhorses.”

Now the duo are going off-road and into their first bricks-and-mortar store. The store opened on April 27, the anniversary of when Lost Girls Vintage first appeared on the scene with the help of now-neighbor Paperish Mess, a retail space/art gallery that sells handmade goods and wares by independent artists.

“I just casually men-



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Sarah Azzouzi, left, and Kyla Embrey, of Lost Girls Vintage.

tioned that we’re looking for a storefront, and they told us the store next to them just opened,” Azzouzi said. “It felt so meant to be — they’re our friends, and they’re our neighbors. ... It feels really good.”

The store will sell clothes, small housewares and plants. And for the things that aren’t vintage, but handmade, Azzouzi and Embrey are making it a point to feature works solely by female artists — such as Britteny Riordan of Luvsick Plus, who curates plus-size vintage clothing.

“We wanted to feature things in our shop that we feel speak to our customer and aesthetic,” Embrey said. “So it’s important for us to be working with women-identifying makers.”

The new space is being set up as a community — one more focused on providing a unique experience, Azzouzi said. The design and decor for the store has a “more is more” (aka maximalism) vibe. The space is a mix of neon, pink and orange (the duo’s “power color”) with hints of Morocco (Azzouzi’s birthplace) and “Miami Vice” leanings; racks of clothing are filled with their favorite vintage items — Kyla loves anything silk,

Sarah prefers things with sequins, but patterns and crazy prints abound too.

From day one, Azzouzi and Embrey said Lost Girls Vintage involved their customers in the process of building their brand, but now the two are excited to surprise their clientele with a storefront that says, “Hey look what we did while no one was looking!”

“We really wouldn’t have been able to do any of it without the support of friends and the community,” Azzouzi said. “It’s really a community space — we’re going to have activity workshops. Fun things like barrette-making and fashion-focused kind of stuff.”

Doing a number of pop-ups in the Chicago area over the years made them want a store of their own.

“I don’t think when we started out with the mobile shop that we had an end goal in mind, and I still don’t think we have an end goal in mind — we’re always evolving and doing new things, and this is just the next step,” Embrey said.

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# Turning the page when kids’ reading habits decline

BY MARI-JANE WILLIAMS  
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Studies have shown that proficient readers are more likely to be successful in school and life, partly because better reading skills make it easier for students to access curriculum in all subjects.

So the Kids and Family Reading Report issued last month by Scholastic, which showed a significant decrease between ages 8 and 9 in the number of children who think of themselves as frequent readers, is somewhat discouraging.

According to Scholastic’s 2018 survey of more than 1,000 pairs of children ages 6 to 17 and their parents, 57 percent of 8-year-olds say they read books for fun five to seven days each week. But only 35 percent of 9-year-olds report similar reading habits. Another aspect of this “decline by 9” is the number of kids who say they love reading, which goes from 40 percent of 8-year-olds to 28 percent of 9-year-olds.

“When I read that finding, I felt this pit in my stomach, because that age can be a truly magical time for readers, when they are making the leap from struggling with phonics to using reading as a gateway to explore learning,” says Lauren Tarshis, author of the “I Survived” books and editor of Scholastic’s Storyworks magazine. “For kids who are struggling at that point, the expectations of learners ratchet up.”

“Grade 3 is the first year of high-stakes testing in, I think, 46 states,” she adds. “The focus shifts from reading for fun to suddenly there’s a pressure to make sure that kids can read in a manner where they can demonstrate proficiency.” There are also increas-



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It’s up to parents and teachers to convey to kids that reading isn’t a chore.

ing demands on kids’ time as they get older, whether it’s sports and other extracurricular activities or the lure of technology. The high-stakes tests and academic pressure aren’t likely to disappear anytime soon, so it’s up to parents and teachers to convey to kids that reading isn’t a chore.

We sought guidance from Mary Alice Garber, a buyer in the children and teens department at Politics and Prose in Washington, on how to do that. Here are her suggestions for keeping kids engaged with books as they get older.

■ Focus less on the reading levels of books. Parents tend to fixate on a child’s reading level and insist on choosing books based on that. But what they are reading isn’t as important as the fact that they are reading, Garber says. Parents should encourage free-range reading, and let children choose whatever interests them. She also suggests enlisting a librarian or bookstore employee to help your child choose books that will engage them or take them in a new direction.

■ Don’t censure their choices. Garber says parents may be tempted to disparage their children’s choices in books, particu-

larly when kids gravitate to graphic novels or series. But that is a mistake, she says. Graphic novels can be appealing to kids at this age, in particular, because they are a sort of hybrid between picture books and more advanced reading, and can help kids make the transition. They also require readers to synthesize images with text. And devouring a series is no different from an adult seeking more books by an author they’ve enjoyed, Garber says.

■ Read broadly. Scholastic’s report shows that about half of kids ages 9 to 17, and parents with kids ages 6 to 17, say they wish there were more books available to reflect the diversity of the world we live in.

“We still have a long way to go, but we’ve definitely made progress,” Garber says, pointing out that books are becoming much more inclusive.

She recommends parents seek the winners of the Walter Dean Myers Award, the Pura Belpré Award, the Sydney Taylor Book Award, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, the Newbery, the Michael L. Printz Award and the Robert F. Sibert to find more diverse authors and characters in children’s literature.

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DISNEY PHOTOS

The Wonderful World of Animation nighttime spectacular will incorporate nods to every Disney and Pixar animated film.

## Magical milestone

30 things you may not know about Disney's Hollywood Studios, which turns 30 in May

BY BRUCE PECHO  
Chicago Tribune

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA. — On May 1, Walt Disney World's Hollywood Studios turns 30 years old. The theme park — much like the movie-star denizens of Hollywood itself — doesn't look its age.

Originally called Disney-MGM Studios, this playground inspired by Hollywood's golden age has undergone a lot of change since the early years, when it functioned as both a typical theme park and working production facility creating movies, TV shows and animated films.

These days, the park is less about delving into behind-the-scenes aspects of entertainment production and more about giving people personal, immersive experiences into the world of film, television, music and theater through whiz-bang attractions, entertaining rides and cutting-edge technology.

To celebrate its 30th milestone, here are 30 things you may not know about Walt Disney World's ageless Hollywood Studios.

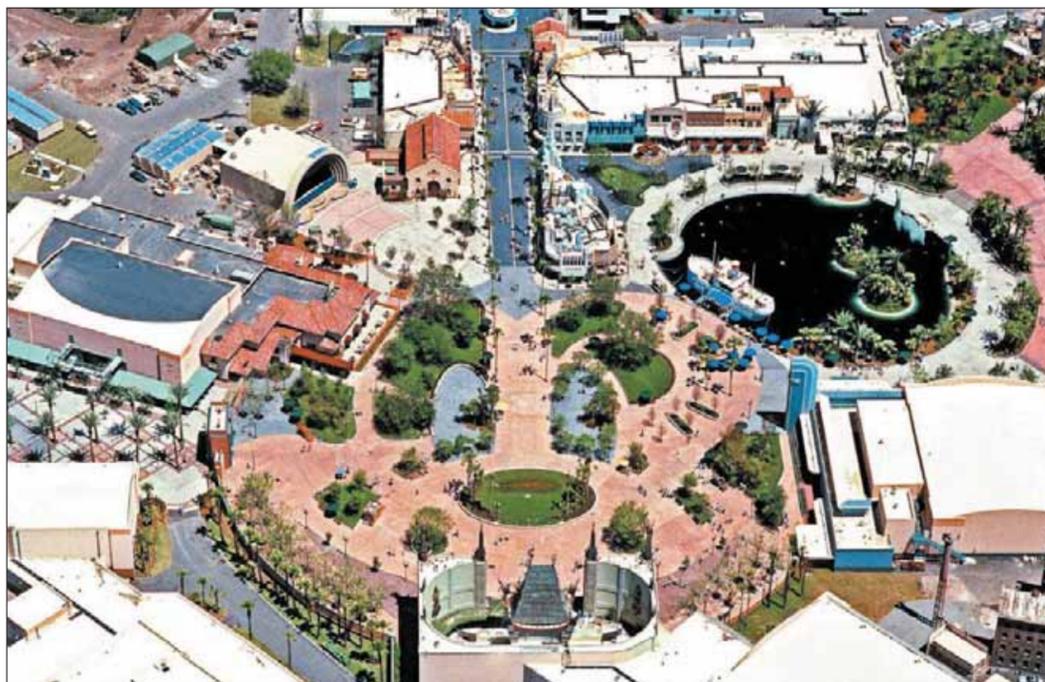
**1** Original plans called for Hollywood Studios to be an entertainment pavilion in Future World in Epcot. But as concepts burgeoned among Disney's "Imagineers," it was clear there was enough material to make the pavilion its own theme park.

**2** Of Disney's 12 theme parks worldwide, it's the only one that's been regenerated. None of the five rides and attractions offered on opening day has survived. The last original attraction — The Great Movie Ride — closed in 2017.

**3** At 135 acres, it's the fifth largest Disney theme park by area. But it's the smallest of the four parks that make up Walt Disney World.

**4** Imagineers used 1927 blueprints from the original Grauman's Chinese Theatre to build an exact scale replica of the famed Hollywood theater.

**5** Original concepts for the 122-foot-tall sorcerer's hat — a landmark that lasted 14 years — called for it to have Ferris wheels in place of its ears.



The main courtyard of Hollywood Studios forms the world's largest Hidden Mickey.

**6** The park's first movie-based parade was Aladdin's Royal Caravan, featuring camel figures that would sporadically spit water at guests. Today, one of the spitting camels can still be seen in the Magic Kingdom's Adventureland.

**7** When the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror ride debuted in 1994, its elevator cars made just one full drop from top to bottom. Computer upgrades have resulted in each ride now having six to eight drops and lifts of varying height, performed at random so no two rides are the same.

**8** The Tower of Terror is one of the resort's most technologically sophisticated rides, with elevator cars seamlessly alternating between vertical and horizontal tracks. Two massive electric motors pull the elevators up and down, intensifying the force of gravity.

**9** The main courtyard of the park's Hollywood Boulevard forms a huge Hidden Mickey — the biggest ever created, visible only from the air.

**10** The former animation studio opened before the park. "Mulan," "Lilo & Stitch" and "Brother Bear" were almost

entirely produced here, and animators contributed to the classics "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin" and "The Lion King." Guests on the Magic of Disney Animation Tour got to watch the animators at work.

**11** The Rock 'n' Roller Coaster is the resort's only indoor roller coaster that was built outside; the 3,403-foot track was constructed first, followed by the exterior shell.

**12** The Rock 'n' Roller Coaster was the first roller coaster at Walt Disney World to take guests upside down — something it does three times per ride.

**13** Disney is renowned for its trademarked Audio-Animatronics, the robotic wizardry that brings historical figures and fictional characters to life. In the line for Toy Story Mania, guests meet a Mr. Potato Head who boasts some firsts of his own: His mouth appears to form actual words, and he can take off his ear.

**14** "Beauty and the Beast — Live on Stage" made its debut Nov. 22, 1991, the same day the animated classic opened in movie theaters nationwide. It's the longest running stage show at any Walt Disney

World theme park.

**15** Slinky Dog Dash in Toy Story Land is the first roller coaster in any Disney theme park to feature a double launch — two separate spots where riders are catapulted across the tracks.

**16** The Inside the Magic: Special Effects and Production Tour used to take guests behind the scenes on working soundstages, where "The All New Mickey Mouse Club" was filmed until it ended in the mid-90s. At rehearsals and tapings, guests could watch Britney Spears, Ryan Gosling, Justin Timberlake and other big names as they were starting out.

**17** At the "Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular," the huge boulder that threatens to crush Indiana Jones weighs 440 pounds. The set that forms the backdrop for this scene is built on a rolling platform and is one of the heaviest pieces of moving scenery on the planet.

**18** When it starts running later this year, the Disney Skyliner gondola system will connect Hollywood Studios with Epcot and the Caribbean Beach, Pop Century, Art of Animation and Riviera resorts, traveling around 11 mph.

**19** In the nighttime extravaganza "Fantasmic!" the trio of 30-foot-tall water screens are created by pumping 2,400 gallons of water into the air per minute.

**20** The cobra in "Fantasmic!" measures 100 feet long, and the 32,000-pound dragon has a 50-foot wingspan.

**21** The yellow Pizza Planet delivery truck first seen in "Toy Story" has made a subtle cameo in nearly every Pixar animated feature since. Animators have sneaked in the truck once again at the new Lightning McQueen's Racing Academy attraction.

**22** While there isn't a Pizza Planet restaurant in Toy Story Land, the robot guards that straddle the entrance in the film are here. They're guarding the entrance to Alien Swirling Saucers, a game which, according to the back story, Andy won at Pizza Planet.

**23** The first phase of Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge opens at California's Disneyland on May 31 and Hollywood Studios on Aug. 29. The quality of sunlight differs between Florida and California, so different shades of paint were used

in each park to ensure both lands look the same.

**24** To replicate the look of C-3PO and other droids in Galaxy's Edge, Imagineers borrowed Lucasfilm's molds and skins used to make the droids in the "Star Wars" movies.

**25** Not only will iconic characters and places in the "Star Wars" films be incorporated into Galaxy's Edge, but new vehicles and other details will be introduced and subsequently seen in future movies.

**26** Galaxy's Edge attraction Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run will put guests in the cockpit of the famous flying vessel, where complex technology will respond to the way people use 200 cockpit controls.

**27** Each trackless ride vehicle in Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance will feature an interactive onboard droid. Guests will enter a massive First Order hangar and face animatronic Stormtroopers before encountering towering AT-ATs and Kylo Ren.

**28** Next spring will see the premiere of the first Mickey Mouse-themed ride at any Disney theme park: Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway. Guests will ride a train whose whistle mimics the one in "Steamboat Willie."

**29** Outside the park near Galaxy's Edge, Disney will be building a "Star Wars"-themed resort that's like a luxurious starship in outer space. The idea is to create a seamless "Star Wars" experience from the rooms to the rides.

**30** To celebrate the 30th anniversary, the nighttime show "Wonderful World of Animation" will premiere May 1 on the facade of the Chinese Theatre. The show promises to be a magical journey through Disney animation, with nods to every Disney and Pixar animated feature film.

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# Do not overlook Belgium's culinary highlights



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Whenever I think of Belgium, I recall digging into a dish of mussels while seated on a sunny square in Brussels, in the shadow of a lacy medieval spire. My waiter bragged, "In Belgium, we eat as hearty as the Germans and as fine as the French."

Wedged between Germany, France and the Netherlands, Belgium often gets lost in the mix. But this overlooked country rewards with some of Europe's finest cuisine, including the best beer, creamiest chocolates and tastiest french fries.

You'll find a good mix of both Germanic and French influences here. The Flemish (natives of Flanders — now northern Belgium) were ruled by the dukes of Burgundy and absorbed some of the fancy French cuisine of their overlords. And yet, once Belgian, always Belgian: They've perfected the art of cooking with their own unique beers, imbuing the cuisine with a hoppy sweetness.

Mussels are one of Belgium's signature dishes. The classic preparation is a la mariniere, cooked in white wine, onions, celery, parsley and butter (though some cooks use light Belgian beer for the stock). For a high-calorie version, moules a la creme is thickened with heavy cream. They're also served plain, with white wine, or in a tomato sauce (provencale).

From about mid-July through April, you'll get the big Dutch mussels (most are from the coastal Zeeland area to the north). Locals take a break from mussels in May and June, when only the puny Danish kind are available. The mussels come with



Dumon Chocolatier makes perhaps Bruges' smoothest, creamiest chocolates. Locals buy their chocolates fresh daily.



Belgians are happy to educate visitors on the varieties of beer made in this small country.

another Belgian specialty on the side, *frietten* — what we call "french fries" and the Dutch call "Flemish fries." In Belgium, fries are an art form. Just like every village in England has its "chippy" (for fish-and-chips) and every German burg has its wurst stand (for sausages), every Bel-

gian town has a favored *frietkot* (fry shack).

The fries are extra delicious because they're deep-fried twice — once to cook them, once to brown them. The best fries are cooked to a crisp in flavorful ox fat.

Traditionally, fries are generously topped with sauces such as mayo (the

most traditional), tartar sauce, curry ketchup or currysous (without the ketchup). Ketchup is sometimes available for the Yankees but I encourage you to skip it and go on a sauce adventure.

If you need something to wash down those mussels and fries, Belgium has you

covered.

It's right up there with Germany, England and the Czech Republic as one of the world's great beer countries. Belgians take their beers as seriously as the French do their wines. And when it comes to variety, Belgium is No. 1, with hundreds of beer types and about 1,500 brands.

In general, Belgian beer is yeastier and higher in alcohol content than beers in other countries. Connoisseurs and novices alike can be confused by the many choices, and casual drinkers probably won't like every kind offered, since some don't even taste like beer. Locals in pubs are happy to educate visitors on the numerous options. You can also take a brewery tour; De Halve Maan Brewery in Bruges is one of the most accessible and enjoyable.

When you're ready for a sweet treat, indulge in Belgium's exquisite chocolates. The two basic types

are pralines (what we generally think of as "chocolates" — a hard chocolate shell with a filling) and truffles (a softer, crumblier shell with filling).

Belgians truly have a passion for chocolate. The people of Bruges, in particular, are connoisseurs; tempting chocolate-filled display windows are all over town. Katelijnestraat is "Chocolate Row," with a half-dozen shops within a few steps. While Godiva is the best big-factory/high-price/high-quality brand, plenty of smaller family-run places in Bruges offer handmade chocolates. Dumon makes perhaps Bruges' smoothest, creamiest chocolates, and their staff happily describe them with an evangelical fervor.

Save room for another sweet Belgian specialty — waffles. You'll see little windows, shops, and trucks selling them either plain (for Belgians and purists) or topped with fruit, jam, chocolate sauce, ice cream, or whipped cream (for tourists).

Belgians recognize two general types of waffles. The common take-out version is the dense, sugar-crusted and very sweet Liege-style waffle, usually served warm. Brussels-style waffles are lighter and fluffier, dusted with powdered sugar and sometimes topped with marmalade. Though Americans think of "Belgian" waffles as a breakfast food, Belgians generally have them as a late-afternoon snack.

Hungry? Belgium is ready for you. Like sampling a flavorful praline in a chocolate shop, that first enticing taste just leaves you wanting more. Go ahead, it's OK ... buy a whole box of Belgium.

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## TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

### Woman not allowed to board EasyJet due to visa confusion

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT  
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I booked a ticket for my wife to visit me from Malaga, Spain, to London last spring on EasyJet. After clearing Spanish immigration, she proceeded to board her flight. However, an EasyJet representative, upon examining my wife's Moroccan passport, told my wife to stand down and to wait on one side.

An EasyJet representative then wrongfully stated that because she had a Moroccan passport, she needed a visa to join me in the U.K. Prior to her travel, we had checked with the Border Control telephone help line and were told there were no visa requirements. My wife protested and showed her EU Spanish Residence Card.

The EasyJet representative insisted that a visa was required. EasyJet denied her boarding on the London flight. She had to buy a new ticket on British Airways.

I complained to EasyJet and it promised to get back to me within 28 days. But 28 days later, after I had heard nothing, I phoned the airline. A representative asked me for documentation of her out-of-pocket expenses, including the new ticket from British Airways that she purchased. I submitted them, along with my bank account details. I have heard nothing from EasyJet since then. It's been more than a month. Can you help me get an apology and a refund from EasyJet?

— *Atif Shabbirdin, Boxhill, U.K.*

A: EasyJet owes your wife a full refund for her ticket and out-of-pocket expenses — and an apology.

I think in all this Brexit-induced fog, the EasyJet representative may have misunderstood the rules, which are clearly spelled out on the EU website.

Your case doesn't just underscore the need for authoritative information about visas and passports. It also highlights the need to bring that documentation on your trip. I know it may sound a little ridiculous, but if you have a complicated situation like your wife's (Moroccan passport, Spanish Resi-

dence Card, visiting an almost-not-EU country), you need something definitive in writing.

I'm writing about this European case even though most of my readers are in the United States. The summer travel season isn't far away. If you find yourself with a ticket to or from an EU country, and especially with all of this Brexit nonsense going on, bring a copy of the visa and passport regulations with you. Don't leave anything to chance.

I list the names, numbers and email addresses of EasyJet's customer service managers on my consumer advocacy site. As I already

noted, your wife deserved an immediate refund. EasyJet also promised to refund her incidentals but then never followed through. No excuse for that, either.

I contacted EasyJet on your behalf. It apologized to you and refunded your wife's unused airline ticket, her expenses and the ticket she had to purchase.

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## CELEBRITY TRAVELER

### Vlams grateful he gets to see the world

BY JAE-HA KIM  
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Vacationing in Argentina this past Christmas was special for Michael Vlams because it was the first trip he paid for himself.

"Up until then, the only time I traveled was because of work or on family vacations," said Vlams, 28, who was raised in Chicago and now resides in West Hollywood, Calif.

"As an actor starting out, you're a slave to the Hollywood system, but (CW series) 'Roswell, New Mexico' gave me the freedom and financial flexibility I needed to go see the world."

**Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?**

A: New Zealand's North and South Islands are equally special. In the north, don't miss the Bay of Islands. In the south, Milford Sound is the special spot. But honestly, you can't go wrong anywhere you go.

**Q: What untapped destination should people know about?**

A: I don't think it's untapped, but if you haven't explored Patagonia, you must.

**Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?**

A: A road trip from Chicago to Florida with my parents and two sisters all shoved into a purple minivan. We stopped somewhere in Georgia to get some sleep, and the only motel in the area was so dirty that my mom opted to sleep in the car instead. My sisters and I slept on towels on top of the motel bedsheets. We never road-



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tripped again. I took my first flight the following year.

**Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?**

A: Perspective. It's important to see how other people live outside of the bubbles we can sometimes trap ourselves in. Exploring helps me stay inspired and grateful.

**Q: If you could only pick one place to eat, would you choose a food truck or fine dining?**

A: My mom's kitchen back in Chicago. But between a truck and a restaurant, I'd probably go with the restaurant, because even though I love casual meals, the restaurant would have more options, as well as dessert. Dessert is never getting past me.

**Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?**

A: I'm a big fan of Palm Springs, but also enjoy Lake Tahoe or a drive up the coast to San Francisco.

**Q: Do you speak any foreign languages?**

A: In Cabo San Lucas, when I was 15, all the honors Spanish classes paid off and I was able to speak the language. Since I haven't

used Spanish since, my skills have drastically slipped. I don't pick up new languages easily, so it'd be a mission to get back to where I was.

**Q: What are your five favorite cities?**

A: I'm going to stick with U.S. cities to make this answer easier: Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Austin and Santa Fe.

**Q: What is your guilty pleasure when you're on the road?**

A: The sun. I love tapping into my European and Middle Eastern roots and getting so tan people don't recognize me. And while I'm not the best at wearing sunscreen, I'm working on it.

**Q: What are your best and worst vacation memories?**

A: The best was scuba diving Australia's Great Barrier Reef. It was the coolest thing I've ever done. I don't believe in bad memories, because they still provide you with stories and experiences you can look back and laugh at. This includes picking up a hitchhiker in Fiji who tried assaulting me. But that's a story for another day.

For more from the reporter, visit [www.jaehakim.com](http://www.jaehakim.com).

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# Crowd control

Getting around 'overtourism' in Iceland

By BRANDON PRESSER

Bloomberg

If "overtourism" has become a red flag for the global travel industry, Iceland is a prime example. Visitor numbers have grown an average 32 percent annually since 2012. The country gets seven visitors for every local, with travel now contributing more than 10 percent to gross domestic product, making it the largest economic sector.

Some Icelandic sites are at risk of closing, or have closed, like Fjaorargljufur canyon featured in a Justin Bieber music video. (Even if tourism numbers are forecast to drop by about 16 percent in 2019 after the recent bankruptcy of Wow Air.)

Crowds can be a problem — if you go where everyone else goes.

"People feel that all of Iceland is crowded ... but that's like saying a rock concert is fully booked when there are 50 people in the front row and no one in the back," says Runar Karlsson, head guide for Borea Adventures, one of a handful of outfitters helping to redistribute tourist traffic to the country's less-known corners. Rather than have his visitors stay in pricey Reykjavik hotels and crowd around the Golden Circle on day trips, he focuses on Iceland's stunning Westfjords, which receives only 12 percent of the country's peak-season tourist traffic.

So if you don't also want to fall into what Karlsson characterizes as influencer-inspired Instagram bucket lists and the lopsided marketing of a handful of key sites, here's how to do Iceland right.

**Instead of focusing on landscapes, focus on locals:** "Four years ago, Instagram had 800,000 photos with the Iceland hashtag," says Gunnar Gunnarsson, a professional photographer who focuses on Iceland's frigid landscapes. "Today that number is over 12 million." He says it's the result of cash-poor operators and freebie-seeking influencers creating an arbitrary, sometimes destructive echo chamber of "Insta-famous" and "must-visit" sites.

All this overlooks Iceland's delightfully quirky culture. The people can be just as memorable as those ethereal fjords. For example, Herdis Fridriksdottir's family-run business, Understand Iceland, is making a name for itself by setting up culturally immersive adventures, such as dying wool and knitting with village women.

**Instead of international white-glove operators, support small businesses:** Even though most white-glove travel agencies use the same inbound operators to source their "exclusive" experiences, small Icelandic tourism outfits are surprisingly high-quality and easy to reach online. The only catch is that they're often buried under a few pages of Google search results.

Take Midgard Adventure, a mountaineering company based in the unassuming southern township of Hvolsvollur. Book its Super Jeep tour of the Icelandic outback's hidden gorges and glaciers, and you may well end up at your guide's house for lamb



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The Dettifoss in Vatnajökull National Park is one of thousands of waterfalls in Iceland, and it doesn't get as much tourist traffic as the country's best-known cataract.



ARNALDUR HALLDORSSON/BLOOMBERG

Reykjavik is about the same size as Rochester, Minn. It's charming, but can be skipped. If seeing the capital is a must, limit your time there at 25 percent of your stay.

stew. Additionally, both Local Guide and From Coast to Mountain deliver on their names, focusing on staffers' childhood favorite sites such as the great ice caves of Vatnajökull National Park. The Wilderness Centre tops many insiders' lists for its unique hikes, which can culminate at one-of-a-kind accommodations such as traditional turf homes from the early 1800s.

**Instead of transferring to Reykjavik, go south:** Though few first-timers realize it, most flights to Iceland land in Keflavik, an hour southwest of the country's biggest city. Reykjavik is roughly the same size as Rochester, Minn. It's charming, but skip-

pable. If seeing the capital is non-negotiable, cap your time there at 25 percent of your visit. Otherwise, head straight to the south coast, where you can stay in contemporary chalets, chic farmhouses, and small hotels. "Most of the tourists I see spend four, five, even six hours a day driving to and from Reykjavik to walk on the glacier at Solheimajokull or visit the lagoon at Jokulsarlon. It completely baffles me," says Icelandic expedition leader Sigurdur Bjarni Sveinsson.

**Instead of dining in the capital, eat in the countryside:** "The eastern region has really started to come into its own as a

culinary destination," says Carolyn Bain, co-author of the Lonely Planet guide to Iceland. Case in point: Kari Thorsteinnsson, the chef de cuisine at Dill in Reykjavik, the first restaurant in Iceland to receive a Michelin star, is about to open a new concept in Egilsstadir focusing on local product and wild game. The area is also home to restaurants such as Skriduklaustur and its haute twists on Icelandic home cooking, the Japanese-inspired Nord Austur, and Vallanes, which sources high-quality grains and more than 80 varieties of vegetables from its own farm.

**Instead of Gullfoss, choose any other waterfall:** A photo of

Gullfoss, or "Gold Waterfall," aptly positioned along the Golden Circle, is one of the snaps most tourists are compelled to tick off their bucket lists, even though more than 10,000 chutes are scattered around the country. Two worth prioritizing are the bundt cake-shaped Dynjandi in the Westfjords and Aldeyjarfoss, with its organ-pipe basalt columns; they see a fraction of Gullfoss' tourist traffic and are just as photogenic, if not more so.

**Instead of Blue Lagoon, visit the Retreat:** There's a certain Disneyland quality to Blue Lagoon, Iceland's famous silica-rich swimming experience. An entrepreneur's vision turned the boiling runoff from a geothermal power station into what's now essentially an expensive, scenic bath with a swim-up bar (entrance starts at \$59). It's so popular, it's inspired similar commodified experiences at Fontana hot springs and the (not-so-) Secret Lagoon.

If you're dead set on checking out the main attraction, beat the crowds by booking into Iceland's only true five-star hotel, a Brutalist enclave of graciously appointed rooms called the Retreat. Its sprawling spa offers access to a private portion of the Blue Lagoon and its guides take guests on tailor-made outings through mossy fields and jagged beaches nearby.

Another approach: Head to one of Iceland's many dramatically sited municipal pools, like Hofoss in the north or Seladalur in the east. Both are filled with soothing, mineral-rich spring water and command an entry fee of less than \$9.

**Instead of the Ring Road, do the Western Loop:** Iceland's Ring Road is one of the most popular circuits for travelers, largely because it's well-paved and forms a neat circle around most of the country's perimeter. However, there's a quieter and far more picturesque way to see the island in the same amount of time — at least eight days if you want to step foot outside your vehicle.

This Western Loop, as we're dubbing it, follows the fjordlets along the western coastline up from Reykjavik, past Borgarnes, through the Snaefellsnes peninsula, across Breidafjordur's 3,000 islands by ferry, then up into the Westfjords where dramatic, lobster claw-like outcrops snip away at the Arctic Circle. You'll pass tiny fishing villages tucked under towering, glacially hewn mountain passes all the way to Isafjordur, where you can launch day and overnight trips into the wild Hornstrandir Reserve, home to roving arctic foxes and riotous bird colonies. Follow the craggy coast to Holmavik, where you can use a small portion of the Ring Road to close the gap back toward Reykjavik through the Golden Circle.

Conveniently, the circuit showcases some of Iceland's best accommodations and cultural attractions, such as boutique digs in an old merchant's home, an arctic mammal research center, and private cottages on a working ranch.

NEWS TO USE

# Check out a bonsai blowout in Michigan

BY PHIL MARTY  
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ The Michigan All-State Bonsai Show will be held May 11-12 at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids. A variety of bonsai will be on display, naturally, and there will be demonstrations and vendors selling trees and bonsai supplies. [tinyurl.com/y6k8mtxs](http://tinyurl.com/y6k8mtxs)  
 ■ Zephyr Route rail tours is offering a trip from Chicago to Denver that will include travel in restored sleeper cars that feature a glass-enclosed dome. The tour, scheduled Aug. 8-12, includes two nights in Denver with lodging at the Brown Palace Hotel. While in Denver, there will be side trips to ride the Georgetown Loop Railroad, visit the Garden of the Gods and ride a scenic train through

the Royal Gorge. In addition to Chicago, it will also be possible to board the train in Naperville, Princeton or Galesburg. A limited number of reservations are available. 630-542-3607, [tinyurl.com/y4n4pd57](http://tinyurl.com/y4n4pd57)  
 ■ The Lincoln Amphitheatre in Lincoln City, Ind., has announced its 2019 performance series headlined by Molly Hatchet, John Waite and Henry Lee Summer. There will also be a new Lincoln-based production titled "Here I Grew Up." The facility is inside Lincoln State Park. [www.lincolnamphitheatre.com](http://www.lincolnamphitheatre.com)  
 ■ For food-truck fans, the Frankenmuth Funtown Chowdown Food Truck Festival will be held the second Thursday of each month from May to September in Frankenmuth, Mich. About 20 trucks are expected each date, and there will be kids activities and craft breweries competing. Dates are May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12. [tinyurl.com/y3hp49rs](http://tinyurl.com/y3hp49rs)



FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK

Bonsai are the star of the show May 11-12 at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

■ The GR8-1-5 Beer Fest will be held May 18 at the BMO Harris Bank Center in Rockford. More than 25 breweries will be serving samples of 125-plus brews. There will also be wine and liquor tastings, and live music. [tinyurl.com/y6ntdau2](http://tinyurl.com/y6ntdau2)  
 ■ The new DeKalb County History Center in Sycamore, Ill., hosts a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" May 11 to June 22. This exhibit looks at the major shift that occurred in rural areas during

the 20th century. Information on the exhibit is at [tinyurl.com/y2odrblf](http://tinyurl.com/y2odrblf) and [tinyurl.com/yxw3kbmp](http://tinyurl.com/yxw3kbmp).  
 ■ The 62nd annual Des Plaines River Canoe & Kayak Marathon will run May 19, starting from Libertyville. The 18½-mile course ends in Mount Prospect. Info on boat rentals, shuttles and more is at [www.canoemarathon.com](http://www.canoemarathon.com).  
 ■ Enter for a chance to win a one-night getaway for four in Indianapolis at [tinyurl.com/y6f2u4rt](http://tinyurl.com/y6f2u4rt).  
 ■ Wineries on the Hermann Wine Trail in Her-

mann, Mo., will be staging the Wild Bacon Wine Trail on May 4-5. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, will allow participants to sample wines and bacon-based foods at the seven wineries. [tinyurl.com/y4q43pg3](http://tinyurl.com/y4q43pg3)  
 ■ The annual Horicon Marsh Bird Festival attracts birders and fans of the outdoors to the state wildlife area and national wildlife refuge in the Horicon and Mayville, Wis., area. Daytime and nighttime activities will include birding tours via bus, boat and bikes, as well as demon-

strations and informational sessions. Prices vary, and advance registration is a must. [tinyurl.com/k8s4ce9](http://tinyurl.com/k8s4ce9)  
 ■ The historic Southport Lighthouse and Southport Light Station Museum in Kenosha, Wis., open for the summer May 2 with Thursday to Sunday hours through October. They document Kenosha's lighthouse keepers, shipping and fishing history. It's also possible to climb the stairs to the top of the lighthouse. [tinyurl.com/yy6vup8c](http://tinyurl.com/yy6vup8c)  
 ■ The Outdoor Skills Academy operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources offers classes like beginner fly fishing, wildflower photography, attracting butterflies with native plants and how to find beautiful rocks on Lake Superior. [tinyurl.com/yyppemp5l](http://tinyurl.com/yyppemp5l)

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

**The Maldives.** The collection of 26 atolls in the Indian Ocean has a land area of about 116 square miles.

# German birthplace marks Bauhaus centenary

BY GEIR MOULSON  
Associated Press

WEIMAR, Germany — The German city where the Bauhaus was born a century ago is paying tribute to the school behind a string of modern design icons with a new museum meant to anchor it in its turbulent historical context.  
 The Bauhaus Museum in Weimar, a functional but elegant concrete cube designed by German architect Heike Hanada, showcases many of the items

that blurred the lines between the artistic and the industrial — producing some of the precursors of modern mass design and helping make the Bauhaus influential far beyond its relatively brief existence.  
 Visitors to the museum, which opened in April, can admire exhibits such as Peter Keler's cradle made of a blue circle, a yellow triangle and red square, produced in 1922 under the direction of artist Wassily Kandinsky; Wilhelm Wagenfeld's domed table lamp

of 1924; and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's steel easy chair and stool from 1929.  
 But the museum also explores the wider and constantly shifting ambitions of the Bauhaus, which started work in April 1919 under architect Walter Gropius as Germany grappled with its political future after World War I. It reflects the political troubles that forced the school to move twice, then close down shortly after the Nazis came to power in 1933.

Gropius left Weimar a collection of 168 Bauhaus objects. They survived World War II packed up in a room at Weimar's city palace.  
 Curators are keen to stress that the Bauhaus didn't come from nowhere, and the collection at the simultaneously restored Neues Museum nearby underlines that — showcasing work by Belgian designer Henry van de Velde and others that foreshadowed the school's attempts to fuse fine and applied art.



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The Bauhaus Museum, designed by Berlin-based architect Heike Hanada, opened in Weimar in April.

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The annual Bourbon Country Burn bike ride from Lexington, Ky., hits 11 distilleries over the course of 250 miles and three days. This year's event takes place Sept. 27-29.

# Bourbon and bikes

## Discovering Kentucky's distilleries on a cycling adventure

BY ROBERT ANNIS  
Chicago Tribune

LOUISVILLE, KY. — As we pedaled our bikes over the rolling hills of Kentucky, I could practically taste the bourbon.

There'd be a glass waiting for us at the end of the ride, of course — two fingers of whiskey, with a single ice cube. But being surrounded by the raw ingredients had the flavor tickling my tongue. Fields of corn beginning to brown in the August sun. Clear water trickling down limestone cliffs into a massive underground aquifer. The scent emanating from the distilleries themselves, that sweet corn mash being transformed into America's favorite elixir.

Whiskey was once the de facto currency throughout much of the country in the late 1700s. Corn would rot if not used quickly enough, so farmers took their surplus and turned them into whiskey, which they could trade for other goods and services at their leisure. Bourbon is once again helping fuel Kentucky's economy; it's an \$8.6 billion industry in the Bluegrass State, which produces 95 percent of the world's bourbon. The state had about 70 distilleries as of last year — more than double the number a decade ago, according to the Kentucky Distillers' Association.

While I've enjoyed my fair share of bourbon over the years, I never considered myself a true connoisseur. Wanting to learn more, I figured a trip biking on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail would be equal parts educational and entertaining.

The trail website suggests three cycling routes, depending on the number of days and distill-

eries you want to include. I opted for the three-day, 165-mile loop that started and ended in Louisville, hitting eight distilleries and tasting experiences along the way. A couple of friends agreed to come along for the ride, while my wife, Dee, would follow in our Roadtrek camper van.

Before this trip, I had no idea about all the rules, decrees, laws and regulations there are when it comes to bourbon. One of the central tenets is that it be aged in new, charred oak barrels — and it has to hang out there for at least two years to be designated "straight bourbon." Bourbon must be made in the U.S., and the grain mixture has to be at least 51 percent corn.

These are some of the informational nuggets you pick up while touring bourbon country, where Louisville is a key stop. We arrived in the city early Friday afternoon and kicked things off at Angel's Envy, a century-old elevator factory turned state-of-the-art distillery.

Angel's Envy is unique in that it ages its whiskey an additional six months in a port wine barrel, giving it an extra element of complexity. Some purists argue that Angel's Envy doesn't qualify as true bourbon because of this additional flavoring.

My No. 1 requirement is that it tastes good, and it did.

At the end of our inaugural tour, Chris, our "distillery guardian," led us to a distillery where small samples — each less than the size of a shot — were lined up in a row. We were led through an elaborate tasting process we'd follow for the next three days. We held the sample to the light, observing the caramel coloring; the

### More ways to bike bourbon country

If you'd rather leave the planning and logistics to someone else, the active travel company Backroads offers a five-day guided bike trip, "The Legendary Bourbon Trail: Louisville to Lexington," priced from \$2,799 a person. Or you can sign up for the three-day Bourbon Country Burn ride held annually in late September, which offers less opulent food and lodging but comes with a small price tag: \$289.

darker it is, the longer it's been aged. (Bourbon gets most of its color from the charred barrel, which is why aged bourbon typically tastes better.) We swirled the whiskey in our glass to see if the liquid's legs stuck to the side. If they linger more than 15 seconds, Chris said, you've got yourself a premium spirit.

We let the bourbon play in our mouths for 10 seconds before swallowing. That lingering heat as it slides down your throat? It's called the Kentucky hug. By taking my time, I was beginning to pick up some of the subtle tastes — a bit of vanilla and fruit, with just a hint of bitter chocolate.

I embraced the hug. For others at our table, it seemed like more of a slap. The liquor had barely touched his lips before one leathery gentleman wearing a Bama baseball cap began contorting his face so violently I thought he was having a seizure.

Leaving Angel's Envy, we began our journey in earnest. Following a route that we downloaded to our bike computers, we cycled along rolling terrain that was challenging at times but doable for most casual riders. Only a few of the rollers were long or steep enough to warrant a break at the top to rest our weary legs.

While bourbon tours are becoming more popular — tourists

made a record 1.4 million stops at Kentucky distilleries last year — cyclists riding the route are still seen as a bit of a novelty. Folks were always amused by our Spandex clothing and seemed genuinely impressed by how many miles we planned to ride.

We finished our first day of riding at Jeptha Creed, one of Kentucky's newest craft distilleries, in Shelbyville. It specializes in "ground-to-glass" cocktails, with many of the ingredients that go into its drinks grown either on the Jeptha Creed property or within a few miles of it. As we pulled into the enormous distillery, hundreds of people were on the lawn listening to a band playing Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire."

Jeptha Creed's 2-year-old "straight" bourbon wasn't ready for sampling (it's slated for release this year), so we tried the flavored moonshines and vodkas instead. I'm not typically a fan of clear spirits, but the coffee-flavored vodka was a revelation.

After a peaceful night's sleep camping at Lake Shelby Park, we pedaled 40 miles to Bardstown, the self-declared "Bourbon Capital of the World." Nine distilleries are within a short drive or ride from Bardstown; three of them opened in the last three years.

We narrowly beat a short rain burst to Bardstown Bourbon Co.,

where we had a late lunch at Bottle & Bond Kitchen and Bar. This being Kentucky, I felt compelled to try the fried chicken. If I live to be 100, I don't know if I'll ever have a better plate of chicken. I washed it down with a delicious Bardstown Mule, made with Bird Dog bourbon, kiwi, lime, ginger beer and Thai basil.

The highlight of the day may have been Heaven Hill Distillery, offering more than 100 types of bourbon. We sampled four, and I walked away with a bottle of Larceny Small Batch as a souvenir.

Distillery tours have become much more polished in the past few years. When visitors used to pop into Jim Beam American Stillhouse in Clermont, they sat in an office and watched a video of the process. Today, tours take guests throughout the facility and give them a chance to wax-seal the top of a bottle of Jim Beam's specialty Knob Creek bourbon. The experience ends in the tasting area, where they can sample up to four of the distillery's whiskies. Of course, visitors exit through the gift shop.

By the time we reached Jim Beam on our third day, we realized we were fighting a losing battle. Our legs might have been strong, but our time-management skills were weak. We had to make a choice: ride the remaining 60 or so miles from Clermont back to Louisville, knowing we wouldn't make our scheduled tour at Evan Williams, or hop in the van and drive.

As has often been the case in my life, bourbon won out over pride.

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# HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE



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With an outdoor fireplace and a space heater, a backyard can be focused on the swimming pool during the summer but be enjoyed even in cooler weather.



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Throw pillows and poolside tables can bring a bit of vacation resort experience to a backyard pool.

## MAKE A SPLASH

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH  
Associated Press

Ask Elizabeth Stuart Design founder Muffie Faith about how to decorate around a backyard pool and she'll answer you with a question of her own: How are you going to use it? "I know the obvious answer is 'swim and enjoy the cool water,'" says the South Carolina-based interior designer. But it's worth diving deeper (yes, she says, pun intended) into that question to ensure you'll create a backyard that really makes you happy.

Who will be spending time around this pool and what will they be doing?

Is dining poolside a priority? Then you'll want to take time choosing a large enough table for guests and family, and you'll need comfortable chairs that can get damp with pool water.

Do you wish to face the pool or be tucked in a side garden where you'll glance over at your pool but not focus on it?

And do you love to garden and want the pool in a lush setting or do you hate to garden and prefer hardscape and beautiful pots with less maintenance?

Taking your time with questions like these, Faith says, "will help you to design your area around the pool, which I would say is almost as critical as the pool design itself."

Designers Jade Joyner, co-founder of Metal+Petal design in Athens, Ga., and Abbe Fenimore, founder of Studio Ten 25 in Dallas, agree.

Fenimore has several clients who don't have children or whose kids are out of the house, so the pool area is mainly used by adults coming over for cocktail parties or quiet

afternoons. In those cases, sleek furnishings and an open fire pit are perfectly appropriate.

But Fenimore and Joyner point out that homeowners with small kids have different needs. They might have lots of young houseguests using their pool, so they need plenty of comfortable seating. And avoiding sharp corners is important if little kids may be running around with wet feet.

More advice for creating an appealing and safe backyard pool area:

### Handling sun and heat

The furniture around your pool will likely be in direct sunlight and will interact with plenty of water. So it must be durable.

Metals, especially in direct sunlight, "are very unforgiving," Fenimore says. "They will scald you."

So she suggests wood furniture and resin-based material that resembles wood.

Joyner recommends outdoor pieces that are fully upholstered — no hot metal chair arms — and tough enough to be left outside or splashed with pool water.

Also, when you choose furniture and pillow fabrics, Fenimore says, keep animals in mind. Squirrels and birds might try to pull out loose threads from nubby fabrics to make nests, so opt for durable and smooth upholstery.

And Fenimore recommends adding one or more large umbrellas that can be repositioned as the direct sunlight moves across the pool area.

### Building from scratch

If you're adding a pool to a yard that didn't have one, take into account the loca-

tion and root systems of nearby trees, Faith says.

"Some trees have invasive root systems that could harm the pool over time. Also, are there any deciduous trees close by that will make a huge mess in the fall? If so, I may want to vote for a pool cover," she says.

Another consideration: What kind of equipment will the pool have?

"You must factor in where a good spot will be to disguise it, as well as the noise that inevitably comes from the pool equipment," Faith says.

One benefit to building a new pool or redesigning an old one: You can choose the color palette of the pool's interior.

"I am currently designing a pool for an amazing midcentury home and the client wants it to be authentic," Faith says. "The pool will have crystal-blue water, so it is necessary that the bottom of the pool be white to reflect blue. There will be a pale blue tile surround, so as not to distract but give a 'Don Draper'

1960s look."

Faith designed a pool with a dark bottom for her own home, creating the feel of "an oversize pond that you could swim in." She surrounded it with slate, for a natural appearance.

### Resort style

Rules vary, but for safety many towns require fencing around a yard with a pool.

Joyner suggests choosing a fence that complements your house's exterior and blends in, with simple and clean lines. All three designers recommend softening a fence's appearance with bushes, potted trees and other plants.

Add small finishing touches like a throw pillow on each chaise and a basket of rolled-up fluffy towels in a cabana stripe or other pattern, Fenimore says.

An outdoor fireplace or fire pit can also elevate your pool area, Joyner says.

Make sure you have a small table between your chairs for coffee or a cocktail, Faith says, and put in plenty of electrical outlets.

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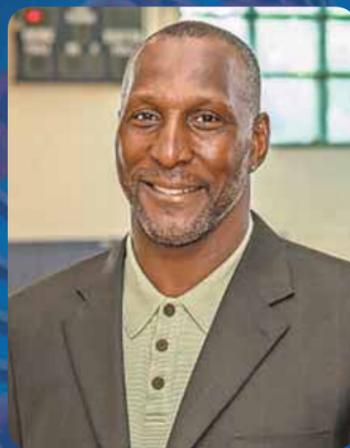
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## STYLE

WHAT TO WEAR NOW

## Sounding out globe's most famous shoe designer

BY DAVID SYREK  
Chicago Tribune

Christian Louboutin, the famed French shoe designer known the world over for his instantly recognizable sky-high stilettos with their iconic lacquered soles, sat down to talk about his inspiration, the difference between designing for women and men, and a not-to-miss hidden gem in Paris.

I caught up with the designer in Chicago, the last stop on his three-city U.S. tour hosted by Nordstrom to celebrate his spring Optical Illusion collection.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

**Q: Why do you think that your shoes are so coveted?**

A: People say that God is in the details. A woman who is going to try on a pair of shoes, she might not see all of the detail which is there and all of the attention which is there, but she feels it, and that makes a difference.

I come from a feminine family. I have three sisters, all different, so I understand quite easily and quite deeply, from an early age, femininity, and the essence of femininity.

**Q: When did you decide to become a shoe designer?**

A: I wanted to design for showgirls, music hall girls since I was a kid. My first job was to work for showgirls at Folies Bergere as apprentice.

I was always interested in shoes as a small object that gives a huge power to the entire body. Shoes



Optical Illusions:  
Louboutin's Clare Bow  
slingback pump.

NORDSTROM



Louboutin's Red  
Runner sneakers with  
holographic accents.

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completely change the line of the body.

**Q: What was your inspiration for the summer Optical Illusion collection?**

A: I don't start necessarily with a specific point. I was designing the summer collection in Rio, but before that, I went to Sao Paulo and took time to visit an exhibition of the artist Julio Le Parc. I was really impressed by the exhibition, so it actually stayed in me. So through the process of drawing, I realize that a lot of things were coming around that. That's been the biggest influence for that collection. But I never design a collection that's a theme that I want to build around.

**Q: What image has been on your inspiration board the longest?**

A: When I see something that I like, I probably tear it from a magazine. I put them in files, but I never look at them.

For the longest time? The bust of Nefertiti, in Berlin. I think there is always a nostalgia when you've known a specific object or a specific place, and it gets overexposed. But, still, the influence of that bust on me has been there forever. There is so much storytelling about the bust. I love that it's always shown in profile — it has one eye missing, so there's this sort of secret, which is revealed. There is something quite charming in this perfect beauty with something which is not



CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN PHOTO

Christian Louboutin says designing for women is totally different from designing for men.

there. It's a very romantic vision for me.

**Q: How do you approach sneaker design for your Run Luobi Run sneaker collection?**

A: There is something about sneakers which I like as a designer. It's completely a different process than designing a shoe. It's almost like designing a car.

There's definitely a lot of invention in sneakers. Men are totally not afraid to push boundaries with sneakers.

The interesting thing about sneakers is it has developed into men's mentality as a type of escape.

I've always loved sneakers. I just can't wear them all day long.

**Q: What's different about designing shoes for men?**

A: It's completely different. When I design for men, I don't think of the posture, I think of the attitude, and the attitude is very different.

When a woman is trying

a pair of shoes on, first it changes her body language. She's going to look at herself in the mirror — herself. Turn her back, look at shoulder, and then the shoe. A man trying on a pair of shoes — he's going to see if it's comfortable. His foot is sitting full on the floor, and maybe he's going to stand up, but not even all of the time, and when he looks, he looks at the shoe, not his body.

So really, the shoe on a man still is detached from the body. On a woman, it's an extension of herself. On a man, a shoe is an element.

**Q: What's one overlooked gem in Paris that shouldn't be missed?**

A: The Palais de la Porte Doree. It's in the 12th arrondissement. It's a masterpiece of decorative art. It's an amazing building, and nobody knows about it.

**Q: Tell me about the hotel and restaurant you are opening in Portugal.**

A: You know, it's not

actually a business thing or anything; it's just a hobby. I have a house by the sea in Portugal.

I've always loved the idea of having a small hotel. It's super low-key. Low-key outside and refined inside.

**Q: What's down time for you?**

A: Gardening, swimming reading. I'm reading a great book; it's my second time reading it actually. It's the first book by Yuval Noah Harari: "Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind." He's a very funny character, and definitely a visionary.

**Q: What music are you listening to?**

A: I've been listening to a lot of country music lately.

**Q: You were just in Nashville, so Dolly Parton?**

A: Of course.

**Q: Describe your shoes in a word?**

A: Beautiful!

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## Choose your own chic with pants style



ELLEN WARREN  
Answer Angel

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** I've recently seen some extremely wide-legged pants/bell bottoms. Are they back in a big way, and can I still wear my skinny jeans?

— Lynda L.

**Dear Lynda:** Yup, wide — even huge — leg pants are very popular now, especially for warm-weather wear. Buykud.com has a nice selection, and I just bought a fun pair in blue and white striped cotton (like a man's shirt fabric) at H&M for \$21.99. But, like you, I don't want to give up my skinny jeans. And I won't. It took me too long to find some that are flattering. Good news is that anything goes.

And another pants style question ...

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** When are pleats in pants coming back? All these men are wearing these skintight pants, and if you're not thin as a rail you look like an idiot.

— Dan M.

**Dear Dan:** I'm not sure where you're shopping, but I see plenty of men's pants with pleats in stores and online. Just one example: Lauren Ralph Lauren for \$54.99. (60 percent off!) The problem is that you might think those pleats conceal your stomach. But, actually, the pleats blob out and make your stomach look bigger. If you're not rail thin, you're better off with a flat front (but not skintight) pant.



CHRISTIAN VIERIG/GETTY

Pants in all widths — from wide cuts to skinny — can make a statement.

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** I was at a very classy wedding recently. The guests were what you might call "beautiful people," wearing gorgeous clothes and looking like fashion models. Many of the men were not wearing socks with their expensive shoes. What is up with that? To go sockless, do I have to be tall, dark and handsome, or can I be short, pasty and ordinary? Where's the line? How beautiful do you have to be to get away with not wearing socks to a wedding?

— Jason E.

**Dear Jason:** If you're going to make a statement and not wear socks with your nice dress shoes, you better own your ankles! By that, I mean you'll need to feel totally comfortable with the look, not hesitant or worried that you'll be the only guy at the party without socks. And you should be making a fashion statement with the rest of what you're wearing — not a 10-year-old suit you just pulled out of the back of your closet. If you were wearing the most au courant thing in your wardrobe and you were concerned that onlookers

would be saying, "Where are his socks?" give this look a pass.

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** I work in a lovely boutique that sells unique clothing and accessories. The store is expensive, and I get a substantial employee discount that enables me to wear the clothes to work — sort of a walking advertisement. My best friend's mom came in recently, pointed out several items, asked me to buy them using my discount and said she would write me a check (for the lower amount) when she picked

them up at my place. I like my job and respect my boss. I think this is tantamount to stealing from my employer. Your advice please?

— Honest Hannah

**Dear H. H.:** It is stealing. You're right. The mom has put you in an awkward position, which is unfair to you, but you're stuck with the problem now. Simply tell her in the nicest possible way that your boss has a strict policy against this and that you'd be fired if she found out that you gave the mom access to your discount.

**Angelic readers**

Judy H. writes, "Puffy under eyes? Embarrassing? Inconvenient? Painful? This used to happen to me without warning when I traveled on business, stayed overnight in unfamiliar cities, ate foods whose ingredients and preparation were big unknowns, etc., etc. (I am highly allergic to stuff that I am not even able to identify!) The answer: tea bags.

"Most hotel rooms have coffee and tea stations for in-room convenience. (If they do not, a quick cup from the dining room will bring what is needed.) After steeping the tea bag for a few minutes, even after enjoying the cup of tea, squeeze the tea bag until almost all of the water is removed. Then lie on the floor, face up, with your head resting on a padding of newspaper and a towel on top of the papers. Next, the damp tea bag is laid under the eye on the swollen skin. (Two tea bags, one for each eye.) After lying there for five or 10 minutes, the swelling will have disappeared. (The tannic acid in tea does the job.) Rinse off the

face, and apply moisturizer. When the puffiness has disappeared, the under-eye skin may look a bit wrinkled. But, after standing up and moving about, the under-eye area 'absorbs' the wrinkles and looks normal again."

**Reader rant 1**

From Sandy P.: "After shopping this weekend for a dress to wear to an evening summer wedding, I wonder, why, oh why, are so many plus-size dresses sleeveless? Looking in the 'regular' sizes, I found many lovely dresses with short sleeves. But most of the plus size were sleeveless. Don't designers, manufacturers and store buyers realize we don't want to show our upper arms?"

**Reader rant 2**

M.P. writes, "I'd like to know who designs restrooms in department stores, restaurants etc. The women's restroom invariably has those massive rolls of paper encased in plastic or metal and placed so low that one needs to be a contortionist to reach the paper (if you can find the end) and the paper is so thin it repeatedly tears when pulled. And this continues to be done in recently remodeled restrooms! (Target!) Designers and contractors — listen up! If you must use those giant rolls, place them higher!"

**Now it's your turn**

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to [answerangel@chicagotribune.com](mailto:answerangel@chicagotribune.com).

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# Bring a vacay vibe to summer entertaining

BY DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

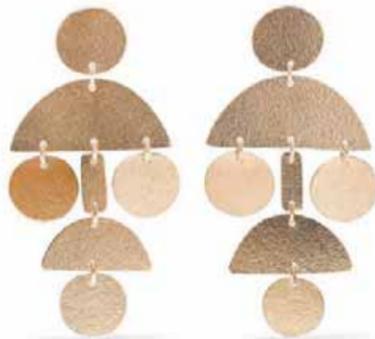
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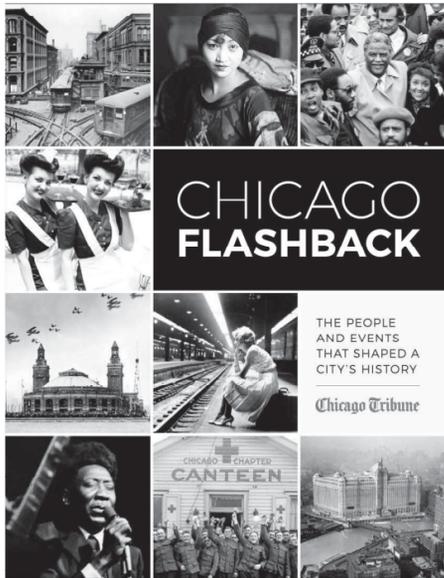
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## CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



### UNICEF gala honors Audrey Hepburn, Rotary

The Midwest Regional Office of UNICEF USA hosted its 12th annual UNICEF Gala Chicago at The Geraghty on April 6. The event attracted about 500 guests and raised \$1.15 million to support the organization's mission to save and improve lives of at-risk children around the world.

Keynote speaker Emma Kathleen Hepburn Ferrer, granddaughter of actress Audrey Hepburn, offered special remarks honoring the 30th anniversary of Hepburn being named a UNICEF goodwill ambassador. Attendees also experienced interactive installations, a seated dinner, impact videos, a live auction, performances by Musicality, dancing to the Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra and more.

During a reception, partygoers visited experiential installations that detailed UNICEF's work. Tents were set up and supplied as they would be for emergency relief or as temporary schools for children after a natural disaster, war or displacement. At other stations, guests learned how safe drinking water and therapeutic food are distributed.

Following a welcome by co-chairs Kathy Brock, Doug Regan, and Hilary and Sean Scott, guests heard remarks from Ashish Prasad (UNICEF USA Midwest board chair) and Elizabeth McCostlin (UNICEF USA Midwest regional director). McCostlin introduced John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, who accepted the UNICEF Children First Award on behalf of Rotary International for its contributions toward the betterment of children.

Ferrer said her grandmother felt she owed her life to UNICEF in the aftermath of World War II and witnessed the "horrors of war and families being torn apart." Hepburn survived the Dutch famine as a child and was a UNICEF ambassador from 1989 to 1993.

UNICEF works in 190 countries and territories, providing health care and immunizations, clean water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more.

*Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.*

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Marga and John Hewko, Rotary International general secretary and honoree

## Picky diner never satisfied, puts others' hot food on hold



JUDITH MARTIN  
Miss Manners

**Dear Miss Manners:** I joined a committee at work that meets quarterly to decide where our company's charitable contributions will go. The group (usually six people) meets off-site at a restaurant, has lunch and then gets to work.

At the first meeting I attended, I placed my order and, when the food arrived and everybody got their plates, I started to eat. Within moments, I heard a throat-clearing noise and then noticed nobody was eating. A co-worker had sent her food back and we were supposed to wait until her food came back before we ate, as she said it would be rude to eat in front of her while she had nothing to eat.

So while her food would be fresh and hot when it came back, my burger and fries, and everyone else's food, would be lukewarm at best. Later, another co-worker told me not to worry about it too much, as at about every meal when they go out, this woman finds something minor wrong with her meal, sends it back, and expects everybody not to eat until after she has her remade meal.

What is the proper etiquette?

**Gentle reader:** A solution that comes to mind is to do the work in the office. But Miss Manners realizes this is nowadays considered too radical an idea.

Since you were the only one eating, she infers that the more experienced co-worker who told you "not to worry" was advis-

ing you to get used to tepid food, not to having your manners corrected while you ate. This is not a dinner party where it is rude to eat before everyone has been served, unless the habitually critical woman had, as she should have, asked everyone to go ahead.

Since the person in question has herself pushed the boundaries of politeness, Miss Manners will provide an alternative solution. Salads and bread are exempt from the ban on starting before others. This does not apply to main course salads, but Miss Manners is willing to overlook that point if you are willing to eat greens instead and order your hamburger and fries to go.

The inevitable throat-clearing could then be answered with a question expressing concern for the lady's health. If she is so rude as to say that you should wait for her, you may explain that the rule does not apply to salad.

**Dear Miss Manners:** A friend borrowed one of my nice black dresses for her father's funeral and has yet to return it. We don't see each other that often anymore due to schedules.

Is it rude to ask for it back? I wear it for church and other occasions as well. It's been a month, and I don't want to seem insensitive.

**Gentle reader:** Surely, no schedule is too full that you cannot make arrangements to see her — especially if her father has recently died. Miss Manners recommends that you try — and lest it seem that you have ulterior motives, that you be upfront about retrieving the dress.

"I've been thinking about you and how honored I was that I could be of use during this tragic time by lending you the

dress. I'm hoping that we could find a time to get together and talk when I could also pick it up. When would be good?"

And then just make sure that when you see her, it is the second or third thing you ask about, not the first.

**Dear Miss Manners:**

When visiting a bank to be seen by a teller, at what point are you officially in line? I entered a bank to cash a check, and as I did not need any paperwork, I passed the kiosk where two women were filling out forms, and promptly stood in the line.

A few moments later, the women joined me. One began to complain to the other that I had "cut" in front of them. I listened and then told her that I hadn't and that she was not ready. You can't actively wait in line if you are still getting everything in order.

We had a few more words and before it became heated, I left my spot and walked to the back of the line, which now had five more people who had entered. Was I a line-cutter?

**Gentle reader:** Miss Manners has not, herself, perfected the technique of standing in line, balancing a form on her left hand while writing with her right and shuffling forward with her feet. But she has seen it done.

The people filling out forms elsewhere were not in line, and therefore you did not cut in front of them. But you were prudent to cut out.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to [missmanners.com](http://missmanners.com) or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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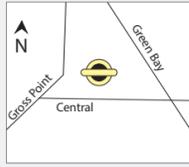
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# 'Personal agendas come out'

BY CHERYL STRITZEL  
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 Chicago Tribune

## How to (peacefully) sell vacation property after a death in the family

Four years ago, Paige Hansen's grandmother died unexpectedly, leaving her three grown children (Hansen's mother, aunt and uncle, all in southwest suburban Chicago) two ski condos in Colorado.

"It was where the family had vacationed together," Hansen said. The emotional attachment was great, but so was the monetary value. "Grandma bought before Aspen was Aspen," Hansen said. When purchased in the '80s, the two-bedroom, two-bath condos at the base of the mountain were \$200,000 each. Now each was worth \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million.

"People don't realize how emotional real estate is until

they have to make the decision," said Hansen, founder and owner of Optiv Properties in Palos Park.

After a parent passes away, middle-aged siblings often have to deal with a mountain of stuff left behind. When a parent's earthly property includes real estate, specifically vacation properties such as a beloved old lake house, it can get ugly fast. And the significant appreciation of waterfront or lake-view property over the past generation has further raised the stakes, making conflict more likely.

Mark E. Kellogg has seen it all — the good, the bad and the ugly. An attorney with

Fraser Trebilcock law firm in Lansing, Mich., Kellogg works with families throughout the Midwest on legacy properties, including lake houses that have been in families since the early 1900s.

Everything depends on whether the family has a plan, Kellogg said. Typically, families that set up a legal structure ahead of time, usually a trust or LLC, want to keep the lake house in the family. Whether the desire is to keep or sell, the document covers to whom it can be transferred, or how its value will be determined and how it can be sold.

Without planning, the

situation can be "challenging," Kellogg said diplomatically.

"The tough part in this practice is to watch families fighting," he said. In one case, the parents chose not to plan, saying their four grown children could handle it when the time came. Or perhaps, he said, the parents didn't engage because they anticipated problems.

They were right. One of the kids wanted his share of the money out of the property immediately. The others could not afford to buy him out.

In some cases, other inherited assets can be tapped to pay a sibling for his share

of a property, but that won't work if the lake cottage is worth more than the other assets, Kellogg said. These three siblings were willing to borrow, but the remaining one wasn't willing to be paid over time. They wound up having to sell the vacation home.

When the situation is contentious, even agreeing on value is difficult. Likely more than one appraisal will be needed, Kellogg said.

Pam Leavenworth, a broker associate with Coldwell Banker of Naperville, said property situations that spark siblings to battle show similarities to those of divorcing owners. One difference is that afterward, husbands and wives can go their separate ways. "But siblings remain siblings

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## How the 2017 tax overhaul law is affecting real estate



KENNETH R. HARNEY  
*The Nation's Housing*

A new report from the New York Federal Reserve sheds light on a question that has been hanging over the American real estate

market: Has the massive tax overhaul adopted by Congress in late 2017 had any effect on whether consumers want to buy or sell homes?

It's an important issue because federal tax laws can make owning a home much less costly — or far more — than it otherwise would be. The new study does not attempt to measure effects on home values

or selling prices. Instead, it focuses on sales and concludes that the tax law's \$10,000 cap on deductions of state and local taxes (SALT), its increase in the standard deduction and the \$750,000 limit on the amount of mortgage debt that qualifies for interest write-offs "have negatively impacted the housing market" by lowering sales volume. The study found that

a slowdown in home sales nationwide from late 2017 through the third quarter of 2018 could be attributed in part to the tax law changes as well as interest rate increases.

The law's potential effects on real estate have been controversial since before the legislation was enacted. In the weeks leading up to the overhaul, housing and realty groups

lobbying Congress warned of damage not only to sales but to property values. The National Association of Realtors predicted price declines, with the heaviest hits in high-cost coastal markets where the new SALT limit would hit owners hardest.

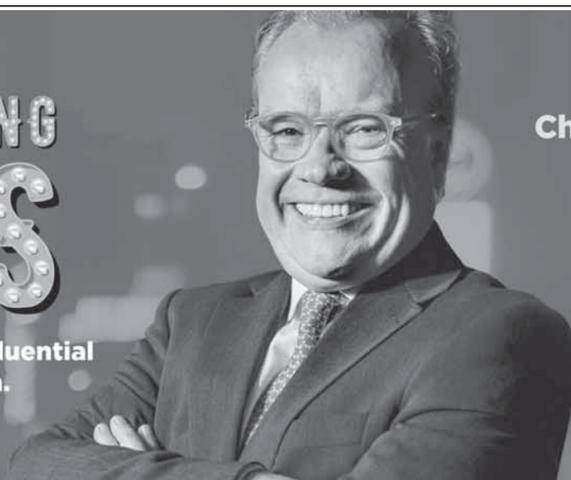
But by all indications, there have been no widespread decreases in home values. The Case-Shiller

home price index, which tracks price movements, has documented a modest slowing in the pace of increases recently but has recorded no net declines. The National Association of Realtors' own data indicate that although sales of existing homes slumped in the final quarter of 2018 as interest rates increased,

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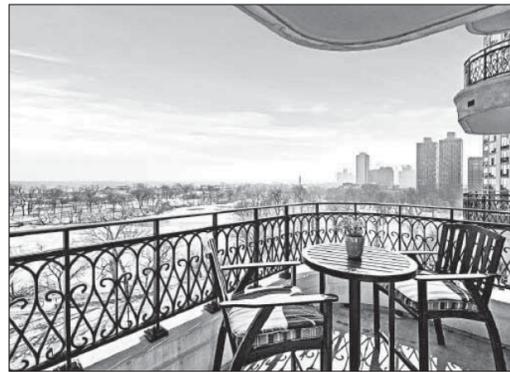
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forever,” Leavenworth said.

In Hansen's case, despite memories of the Aspen condo and being an avid skier, she stayed out of her elders' decision, not wanting her feelings to affect that decision. “It's not my money. It's their choice,” she said.

“These were three different minds. If two agreed, the third wouldn't. They all took turns disagreeing at different points,” she said. “It's such a big asset; there's a lot of money parked there. Do you want to continue making memories with your family? Do you want a vacation home somewhere else? Do you want to invest?”

One sticking point was the valuation, but appraisals can be just the beginning. Do you deduct a real estate agent's fee from the property's value? If you're not using an agent, a 5 percent fee on a million-dollar condo ramps up the value significantly. Do you include the worth of the furniture and artwork in the condo? It makes a difference, whether you're the sibling paying or the sibling getting paid.

“What took so long was everyone wanted to go out there again,” Hansen said. “Even if they weren't going to keep it — my aunt knew she wasn't — she wanted to visit one last time, to emotionally let go.”

Eventually, an uncle bought one unit and Hansen's mother bought the other. They subtracted the theoretical real estate agent's fee from the valuation, and decided art and furniture would stay with the unit. “My aunt was generous in that,” Hansen said. Both decisions decreased the value, making it easier for the other siblings to buy.

Families should also consult an accountant or financial adviser to understand inheritance taxes. “Research inheritance tax before you start, or you could end up owing mon-



PAIGE HANSEN

Vickey Gorski, from left, Paige Hansen and Joyce Doncer on the slopes in Aspen, Colo.

ey,” she said, because real estate regulation and taxes differ from state to state.

“It will take time, but you can't take forever. There are carrying costs. If it's a summer cabin, are you going to keep it all winter and hope it doesn't flood? If you're going to sell, in which year does it make sense to claim the income?”

As a managing broker in Illinois, Hansen more often deals with selling the main home after a parent's death. She said being designated an executor is an honor but also a job that can bring you “under assault by siblings.”

Family members want time to go through the house to determine if they want to keep anything and see if another relative wants to buy the home. “But while you're taking your sweet time, there's a mortgage, there are taxes, there are utilities. Just because someone dies doesn't mean the bills stop. “It's quite the process.

I've seen ugly things. When someone passes away, personal agendas come out. People start scrapping over stupid stuff. It's common to hear of mom passing away and relatives going in and taking things, or someone trying to sell the house out from under the others, or a relative who won't sell, or that one who just won't agree. In the meantime, it's costing everyone money. My job (as a real estate agent) is to remain neutral and remain calm.”

It took a year to settle her family's two Aspen condos, and any hard feelings are behind them. The squabble over a painting is settled, and the members are happy they kept the properties.

As Hansen says now of those snow-country properties: “If we let them go, there wasn't a snowball's chance we'd ever be able to afford that again.”

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# Dealing with property transfers and gift taxes

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**Q: I rented our old house to my daughter and her spouse as a rent-to-own property. I told them when they paid in enough money I would sign the property over to them.**

**Will I have to pay gift tax if I do that, and is there a certain type of deed that I need to use? My health is starting to fail. I want to make sure they have the property in their names in case I die unexpectedly. I also have a piece of land that I need to deal with.**

A: We're sorry to hear that you are having health issues. Now that you rented your old house to your daughter, that home may be considered a rental home on your federal income tax. You get to treat that as an investment property and can take some of the tax advantages available to investors, including taking depreciation on the home, deducting expenses for the upkeep, as well as deducting real estate taxes and other expenses.

We don't know what you paid for the home or if you'd see much profit if you were to sell it. But what we do know is on the day that you give the home to your daughter, your daughter will own the home at your cost basis.

In simple terms, the IRS defines the “cost basis” of a piece of real estate as the price you paid for it, plus the costs of purchase and sale (like the broker's commission), plus the cost of any material or structural improvements, such as putting on a new roof. When you give someone a home, they receive it at the price that was paid for the home plus costs of pur-



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An estate attorney can help address concerns about property transfers and gift taxes.

chase and any material or structural improvements.

So, if you paid \$50,000 for the property and it is now worth \$100,000, but you give your daughter the home, it would be as though she paid \$50,000 for it, not \$100,000. When she goes to sell it, there may be tax consequences.

When you inherit a home, you receive the home at its “stepped-up” value, which means that the property is valued at what its sales price would be on the day the person who left you the property died.

So, if you purchased your home for \$50,000 and the day you die the property is valued at \$100,000, your daughter's cost basis would be \$100,000. If she turns around and sells the property the same day, she would owe no tax on the sale.

We've simplified the process quite a bit and there are a bunch of factors that may change things for some readers. We think you should find a good estate attorney. That attorney may suggest you put the property into a living trust, so that your daughter will pay rent to you until

you die, but at the time of your death, she would inherit the property.

If the attorney sets up this living trust for you, the attorney can also put the land you own into the trust. Once the home and the land are deeded into your living trust, you can express your wishes in the trust as to how the properties should be handled. If both properties are to go to your daughter, then she can deal with them down the line, inheriting them at their current market value.

On the issue of gift taxes, you can give anyone \$15,000 per year without worrying about taxes or filing any forms with the IRS. Once you give someone more than \$15,000 in one year, you'll end up having to file a gift tax form with your federal income tax return. Before you have to pay the IRS any estate taxes, the value of everything you own must be more than \$11,400,000 in 2019.

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### Can I get a mortgage without a credit history?

When you apply to a lender for a home mortgage, one of the most important things they consider is your credit score. But what if you don't have a credit history? Can you still get a mortgage?

Your credit report rates your worthiness to receive new credit by scoring the length of your history with credit cards and loans, along with your pattern of on-time vs. delinquent repayment. But for consumers who have shunned credit cards and who have never taken out a car or home loan, there is little or no information to inform their credit score.

If you're in this situation and want to buy a home, your path will be a little trickier, or at least more cumbersome. But it's not impossible to find a mortgage and a lender that will qualify you using nontraditional credit evaluation.

There are two main paths forward for homebuyers without a credit score: apply

for an FHA mortgage or find a lender that does “manual underwriting”.

FHA mortgages explicitly allow for applicants who have a thin or non-existent credit file. In lieu of a credit history, FHA underwriting can evaluate your history of paying rent, utility bills, and insurance premiums. It also offers the ability to buy a home with a lower down payment of 5 percent or even less.

But FHA loans come with certain fees in exchange for their easier qualification terms and government backing. So if you have more than a 5 percent down payment available, you may instead want to look for a lender that offers manual underwriting.

These lenders aren't common, but check smaller banks, online lenders, and local credit unions for this option. And be prepared to provide documentation of 12 months' payment history for your rent and your utility, phone, and insurance bills.



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they have rebounded since then. In February, sales rose nearly 12 percent — the largest month-over-month gain since December 2015. Median home prices in February rose by 3.6 percent from the year earlier to \$249,500, the 84th straight month of year-over-year gains.

So what does seem to be happening in real estate that can be linked to the tax changes? Economists and realty agents offer a couple of preliminary observations.

Buyers and owners who opt for the standard deduction are unscathed by the lowering of the mortgage interest cap to \$750,000 — they no longer itemize, so real estate write-offs are not an issue. Owners who had planned to use home equity lines of credit may be inconvenienced by new rules restricting deductions, but those who use the borrowed money for home improvements are untouched.

Where you can see ripples is in the upper brackets in high-tax areas. Mark Fleming, chief economist for First American Financial Corp., observes that a new crop of home buyers is emerging: “tax refugees” These are owners who are fed up with high taxes — now no longer deductible beyond \$10,000 — and are heading to more tax-friendly locales. In the process, adds Fleming, they may be creating “greater

demand in the high end of lower-cost real estate markets.”

Realty agents in Florida, which has no state income tax, confirm the trend. Brian Walsh, a Redfin agent in Tampa, says he is seeing an influx of generally affluent clients who tell him they are abandoning areas with high taxes to purchase homes in Tampa and St. Petersburg. He quoted one client who said, “I am so excited to be in a state with no income tax!” Recent refugees that Walsh has encountered come from places like New York, the D.C. area, Chicago and Denver, he told me. Mike Litzner, broker at Century 21 American Homes on Long Island, told me he's seeing a lot of frustration over SALT. “When you're losing 60 percent of your (previous) tax deductions,” it hurts.

But agents who serve the upper end of some markets aren't so sure about tax refugees. Liz Lavette Shorb, an agent with Washington Fine Properties who specializes in luxury homes in the D.C. area, notes that so far in 2019, the numbers tell a different story: There has been an 18 percent increase in the number of sales in \$1 million-plus homes year over year, and a 16 percent jump in \$2 million-plus homes. “So while buyers might grumble, we are seeing more of them at the settlement table,” she says.

You probably just filed your taxes for 2018. How did you fare with the tax law changes?

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# Sweeney lists Wilmette home for \$1.3 million

Former 'SNL' cast member, husband moving back to LA

By Bob Goldsborough  
Chicago Tribune

Former "Saturday Night Live" cast member and TV star Julia Sweeney and her husband, biophysicist Michael Blum, recently listed their six-bedroom, 141-year-old house in Wilmette for \$1.3 million and are under contract to sell the home.

Sweeney, 59, is moving back to the Los Angeles area to continue working on her career, her listing agent, Kevin Rutherford, of Baird & Warner told Elite Street. She moved from LA to Wilmette in 2008, shortly after marrying the Chicago-based Blum.

For the past several years, Sweeney has been telling reporters of her intention to return to LA. Just last year, she told the Tribune's Morgan Greene that she expected to move back to California and start doing auditions there once her debut stand-up comedy program, "Julia Sweeney: Older and Wider," closed out its run at Second City.

Sweeney did exactly that last year, returning to reoccupy a Spanish-style bungalow in Los Angeles' Larchmont Village area that she has owned since 1990. During her years in Chicago, she had rented out her LA home.

Now Sweeney is acting on the new Hulu comedy series "Shrill." And in February she placed the Wilmette house on the market for \$1.3 million. The house went under contract within a week, and it's scheduled to close later in April, Rutherford said.

Built in 1878, the house originally was Wilmette's Village Hall, and it was moved across Green Bay Road to its present location in 1911 at a cost of \$100 and five cases of beer, Rutherford said with a laugh. Sweeney and Blum renovated and expanded the



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Sweeney

house in 2003, and today it has four baths, a living room with a gas fireplace, a white kitchen with high-end stainless steel appliances and a marble island, a raised patio with a gas fireplace, a master suite with a steam shower and a walk-in closet, and a lower level with a rec room and a theater room. Outside on the property is a coach house with an upper-level apartment above a heated, two-car garage.

Sweeney and Blum paid \$1.125 million for the house in 2008.

"It's a really cool house," Rutherford said. "It has a great flow, it has spacious rooms and it's on a big lot for Wilmette, and they have that coach house in the back."

**Socialite, PR guru Donna "Sugar" Rautbord sells Gold Coast condo for \$875,000:** Socialite, author and public relations guru Donna "Sugar" Rautbord on March 7 sold her three-bedroom, 2,783-square-foot condo on the 38th floor of a Gold Coast tower for \$875,000.

A longtime staple of the Near North Side, Rautbord sold her longtime condo in the Olympia Centre building because she has decamped to Palm Beach, Fla. "I've been planning to do it for

some time," Rautbord told Elite Street. "My kids live in Palm Beach, and it was too far away. And all my friends from New York are here, and a lot of friends from the Chicago area are here and they love it. In addition, two of my clients have presences down here, so that makes it good. And I'm also focusing on my health — and it's nothing but improving since I've been down here. I want to get back to swimming and golfing, and I have a book I've been working on and a job I've been offered that delights me to no end. All of it can be done down here."

Rautbord paid \$1.225 million in January 2008 for the Olympia Centre condo, which actually is two separate units that were combined. The southwest corner unit has three marble baths, hardwood floors, custom built-ins and large closets. Rautbord had moved to that unit from her longtime apartment on North Lake Shore Drive.

"I've lived here (Palm Beach) on and off for 47 years," said Rautbord, who noted that historically, she has divided her time among Chicago, New York and Palm Beach.

Rautbord first listed her unit in 2017 for \$1.395 million and cut her asking price in 2018 to \$1.32 million and then to



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Helene Gayle, president and CEO of the Chicago Community Trust, paid \$1.035 million last month for a condo unit in a Loop high-rise.



Donna "Sugar" Rautbord sold her condominium in a Gold Coast tower last month for \$875,000.

\$1.295 million. She reduced her asking price further, to \$1.095 million, in January.

Rautbord is not the only recent high-profile name to sell in Olympia Centre. On April 5, Karen Henrietta Keland, an heiress to the S.C. Johnson & Son fortune, sold her three-bedroom, 4,720-square-foot duplex unit — which consists of three combined units — on the building's 55th and 56th floors for \$2 million.

**Chicago Community Trust CEO Helene Gayle pays \$1.035 million for Loop condo:** Helene Gayle, president and CEO of the Chicago Community Trust, paid \$1.035 million on March 4 for a three-bedroom, 2,000-square-foot condominium unit in a Loop high-rise.

A physician and an expert on global development, humanitarian and health issues, Gayle began work leading the Loop-based trust in October 2017. Previously the CEO of the nonprofit McKinsey Social Initiative, Gayle was named one of Forbes' "100 Most Powerful Women" in 2014.

Gayle's new 24th-floor unit has views of Millennium Park and the lakefront. Other features include 2½ baths, a balcony, hardwood floors, a kitchen with 42-inch cabinets and granite countertops, a separate eating area, custom closets throughout, in-unit laundry and a master suite with walk-in closets, a marble bathroom with dual vanities and a separate shower.

The unit had been listed for \$1.195 million in March 2018 and later was reduced to \$1.15 million, \$1.1 million, \$1.075 million, \$1.05 million and \$1.035 million before selling. The sellers had paid \$925,000 for the condo in late 2009.

Gayle declined to comment on the purchase.

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APARTMENT HUNT

# 1980s tower gets upgrade as One East Delaware

BY PAMELA DITTMER MCKUEN  
Chicago Tribune

When One East Delaware was built in 1988, it was among the swankiest apartment buildings in the Gold Coast neighborhood.

Years passed, and the 36-story tower with expansive bay windows and recessed balconies lost much of its luster.

Today, after a multimillion-dollar rehab by new owners Golub and Co., the building glitters once again. Literally. The understated front entrance was extended over the sidewalk with an elegant canopy and marquee lighting. The lobby was redesigned with artistic chandeliers and a new glass-and-bronze reception desk. The hallways and expanded amenity spaces shine with a palette of white, black and gold.

"We loved the location and all the neighborhood amenities, but we realized the building was not up to current standards," said Stephen Sise, Golub's senior vice president of portfolio management. "We saw an opportunity to provide a new grand entrance and a new experience for our residents."

The amenity spaces and all 304 apartments at One East Delaware also are remodeled and upgraded. The work began in early 2017. The amenity spaces are complete, and the last apartments will be finished this summer.

## The units

The apartments at One East Delaware range from studios to two bedrooms configured into five floor plans. They are located on floors six through 36; retail and commercial tenants occupy floors one through five.

All units were upgraded with new flooring, appliances, cabinetry and bath fixtures. They also were furnished with in-unit clothes washers and dryers, although the community laundry

room was left intact for large or multiple loads. Popcorn-textured ceiling finishes were removed. Some units were remodeled to open up the floor plan, and some were appointed with a "smart" feature that lets residents use voice commands to control the temperature, turn on and off light fixtures, play music and perform other tasks.

Apartments are designed with wide-plank flooring, closet organizers and window shades. Bay windows are per plan. Kitchens are appointed with espresso cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, quartz counters and subway tile backsplashes.

Every apartment has a recessed balcony.

"People get more use out of the balconies because they are covered from the rain and somewhat protected on cooler nights," Sise said.

A one-bedroom model on the 16th floor is a corner unit measuring 820 square feet. A floor-to-ceiling bay window on the street side of the combination living and dining room captures views in three directions and fills the space with natural light. The balcony extends from one side of the bay and across the exterior wall of the bedroom. The square-shaped kitchen is semipartitioned from the open space. The apartment has four closets, including the laundry nook.

## The amenities

The amenity spaces, which are clustered on the sixth floor, were expanded during the renovation by removing several apartments.

Decorated with a modern but inviting hand, the interior amenities include a cozy lounge with upholstered seating and double-sided faux fireplace, a meandering S-curved banquette with bistro seating, party room with bar and catering kitchen, hand-carved billiards table, 24-hour fitness center and a hospitality suite for overnight guests.



JIM TSCHETTER PHOTOS

The landscaped outdoor terrace at One East Delaware includes a fire pit and a television viewing area.



A common area at One East Delaware includes upholstered seating and a fireplace. The building's last apartments will be finished this summer.

Residents who work from home have support in the business center and conference room.

"We felt providing more amenities was worth taking back a few apartments," Sise said.

The landscaped outdoor terrace is appointed with conversation groupings of furniture, cabanas, grilling and dining stations, pergolas, a fire pit and widescreen television viewing area. A reflection pool surrounded by lounge chairs gives the feeling of water-

front basking.

The building also provides complimentary bicycle storage and internet access.

Within the building are a Starbucks, dry cleaner and tailor, fitness studio, hair salon and private access to Potash Market.

## The folks behind it

One East Delaware was redeveloped by Golub and Co. with interior designer Loren Stanton

## The fine print

One East Delaware  
1 E. Delaware Place  
Chicago, IL 60611  
www.oneeast.com  
312-649-6670

**Apartments:** Prices based on availability and subject to change. Studio, 540 square feet, from \$1,950; one-bedroom, 700 to 820 square feet, from \$2,275; two-bedroom, 1,040 square feet, from \$3,265.

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of Stanton Interior Concepts, both in Chicago.

The property is co-owned by Golub and Boston-based Alcion Ventures. Golub is providing management services.

*Pamela Dittmer McKuen is a freelance writer.*

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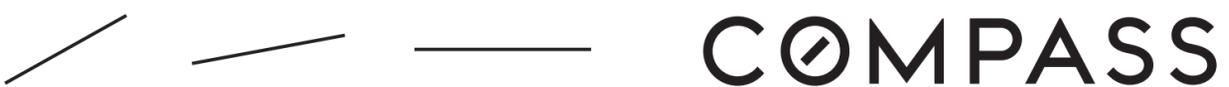


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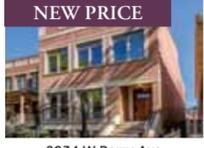
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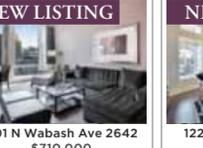
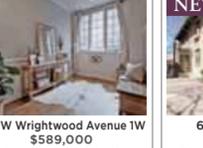
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Brand finds the one missing ingredient to the ubiquitous ride: personality. **Page 3**

## Answers from Motormouth

When encountering vehicle problems, be persistent until they are fixed, says Bob Weber. **Page 3**

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## Fiat Chrysler working to change consumer perceptions

The Jeep Grand Cherokee is the Jeep with the highest road test score, according to Consumer Reports.

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**BY ERIC D. LAWRENCE**  
Detroit Free Press

Toyota is almost considered shorthand for quality cars. Ford once told us in its ads that “Quality is Job 1.” And Fiat Chrysler Automobiles?

Words like “stylish,” “performance,” even “capable” are more likely to come to mind.

Quality might not always be easy to nail down, even though many car buyers use the term as a stand-in for “reliable” or “dependable,” but it’s an attribute that some companies seem better able to claim than others.

Fiat Chrysler has struggled in this department, which the company acknowledges.

“I don’t think quality has ever been ... one of the things people would look at as one of Chrysler’s talking points,” said Bill Visnic, editorial director of the Society of Automotive Engineers. “Chrysler or FCA has always labored with the perception, at least, that it’s got subpar quality.”

Each year, when J.D. Power and Consumer Reports release their annual surveys and rankings, most FCA brands fall at or near the bottom, and this year

has been no different.

The automaker has also been hit by a rash of recalls.

In just the past year, recalls — not counting those for air bags, an area where scores of automakers continue to deal with fallout from defective Takata products — were announced for more than 8.3 million FCA vehicles in the United States. Those recalls covered everything from steering components to floor mats.

Consumers can choose to view recalls using different lenses. Either a company is proactively working to address its problems or it’s an area of concern about what a company is putting out on the road.

How a carmaker responds to problems can also influence how consumers view that company. Hyundai, for instance, ranks highly on third-party measures related to quality, but recently it has been blasted by safety advocates for what has been seen as a slow response to engine fire risks in some Hyundai and Kia vehicles.

Mark Champine knows FCA is not where it needs to be in terms of quality, but he says the company is moving in the right direction. As FCA’s head of quality for North America since



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Consumer Reports’ 2019 list of least reliable vehicles included the Alfa Romeo Giulia.

October, Champine says he can influence that effort, but he acknowledges the challenge.

“No, we’re not moving fast enough. We need to move faster to get to ... our objective, which is to be among the best. That’s our mission,” Champine told the Free Press during a meeting this month at the company’s U.S. headquarters in Auburn Hills, north of Detroit.

In brand rankings released by Consumer Reports in February, all but one of the FCA brands listed were near the bottom, with Fiat coming up dead last (Cadillac, GMC, Mitsubishi, Land Rover and Jaguar were also in this group). The publication noted that Chrysler, which

ranked highest among FCA brands, had tied Tesla for the brands that had dropped the most from the previous year.

Two FCA models out of six total — the Chrysler 300 and Dodge Charger — even lost their recommendations from Consumer Reports this year. The other models no longer being recommended are the Tesla Model 3, Acura RDX, BMW 5 Series and Volkswagen Tiguan.

J.D. Power’s 2019 U.S. Vehicle Dependability Study, which reviews 3-year-old models, listed no FCA brands above the industry average, although it did note that Chrysler was the most improved brand and two models — the Dodge Challenger and

Chrysler Town & Country — led their segments.

FCA’s crosstown Detroit rivals Ford and General Motors are certainly not immune from problems. Ford and Lincoln were both below the industry average in the J.D. Power dependability study.

GM dominated Consumer Reports’ 2019 list of least reliable vehicles with five entries — the Cadillac CTS, CT6 and Escalade and Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD and Buick Enclave, compared with no vehicles for Ford and only one FCA product, the Alfa Romeo Giulia.

Jake Fisher, senior director of auto testing for Consumer Reports, said quality has been a long-standing issue for FCA. He attributed some of the potential differences with other automakers to the company’s focus.

“A company like Chrysler, their focus is about maybe newer technology and exciting styling and vehicles that might excite you,” he said, noting that the company was an early adopter of the 9-speed automatic transmission, technology that was initially problematic, even leading to a lawsuit over rough shifting.

Vehicle owner satis-

faction, of course, goes beyond just reliability. Tesla owners are “very satisfied” even though every model is below average in reliability, Fisher said.

Several industry experts noted that the lenses used to measure quality and dependability have changed over the years, and vehicles themselves have gotten better overall.

John McElroy, who hosts “Autoline,” noted that J.D. Power has put more focus on issues of connectivity and user experience in recent years.

FCA “would not be having the sales success they have had for years right now if there were genuine problems with their cars,” McElroy said.

Don Sherman, a Hagerty magazine contributor and longtime automotive freelance writer, noted that FCA tends to play to its strengths, an attitude reflected in its early decision to focus on SUVs and trucks over cars.

“It costs a lot of effort to score highly on Consumer Reports, particularly against the Japanese or Koreans, and they don’t put the investment in to do that,” Sherman said of FCA. “I think they’re just focusing their resources on what works.”

## Distracted drivers seen as biggest threat

**BY MICAH WALKER**  
Detroit Free Press

A recent national study has found that more than half of adults surveyed think distracted driving is the biggest threat on the road.

The survey was conducted online for Volvo by the Harris Poll, which included responses from 2,035 U.S. adults ages 18 and older, 1,665 of them drivers.

Fifty-five percent of Americans believe the No. 1

threat motorists face is distracted driving, higher than other common road threats, such as driving under the influence (31 percent), driving aggressively (8 percent) or speeding (3 percent). Smartphones were cited as the top source of distraction, at 43 percent.

The study also revealed which generation is more likely to use its phones behind the wheel. Gen Xers and millennials are tied at 81 percent, while young baby boomers are not far

behind, at 72 percent. Gen Z drivers are at 71 percent.

At least nine Americans die and 100 are injured nationwide every day in distracted-driving crashes, according to the National Safety Council. In addition, the National Highway Traffic and Administration and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute say that most crashes and near-crashes are the result of inattentive driving.

While distracted driving is the result of many car accidents, more people die

from drunken driving. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, almost 30 people died every day in drunken-driving crashes in 2017.

Parents with children under 18 in the household are among the most likely to use their phones while driving, whether they are at a stoplight (95 percent compared with 90 percent overall), driving alone (87 percent), compared with 80 percent) or driving with a passenger (75 percent compared with 66 percent).



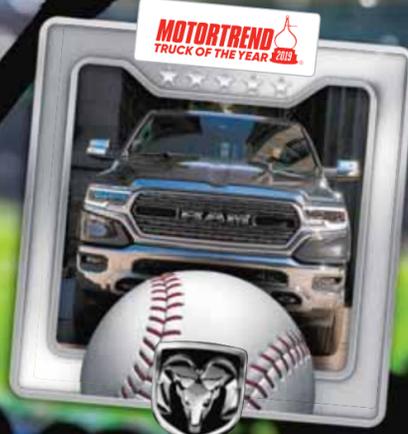
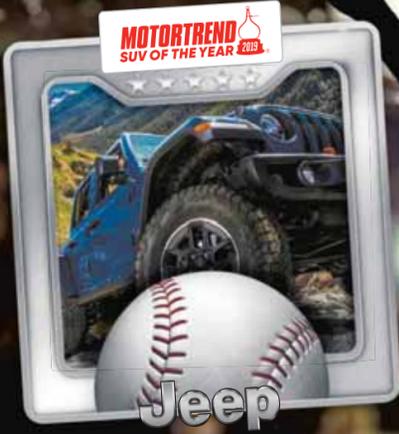
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The 2020 Toyota Corolla is a very familiar car with a little something new.

## New Corolla familiar, not dull

By LARRY PRINTZ  
Tribune News Service

SAVANNAH, Ga. — When something is ubiquitous, can it be good?

What you want is a Lamborghini. Once you locate a dealer, you'll find the cost of fuel, insurance and service, not to mention the cost of gold chains, put it out of reach.

It's so much simpler to own the redesigned 2020 Toyota Corolla, a compact sedan that will have fewer competitors now that GM, Ford and FCA no longer make them.

Toyota has sold more than 46 million Corollas since the first one rolled out of Toyota's Takaoka plant in 1966, making it the best-selling nameplate in the world. So yes, the Corolla is ubiquitous, thanks to its continued affordability, reliability and fuel efficiency. But the 2020 Corolla adds a missing ingredient: personality.

Riding atop Toyota's New Global Architecture that's used for the Camry and RAV4, the Corolla's 106.3-inch wheelbase is unchanged, but the car is 0.2 inches wider, 0.8 inches lower and 0.8 inches shorter. While its shape remains familiar, the Corolla looks lower and leaner, accentuated by gently flared fenders and anchored by LED headlamps. It has a cleaner, energetic edge.

Inside, the redecorated cabin has a grace that feels neither cheap nor sparse, thanks to contrasting colors and shrewd material choices that evoke a pre-

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mium feel. An 8-inch infotainment touch screen (7 inches on base L models) anchors the center of the instrument panel, and is placed above a simple row of climate control buttons bookended by rotary knobs.

The center console and instrument panel don't physically connect, which imparts a feeling of spaciousness. The instrument and door panels are covered in a synthetic material accented with a simple stitch that suggests modernism. This is mass market design at its finest.

The XSE test car's sleek ecru and black interior's minimalist ambiance never seems entry-level. The front passengers sit low, with a short but supportive front seat cushion. Headroom and legroom are good up front. Back seat legroom is adequate, but headroom is tight due to an encroaching sunroof, so try before you buy.

The 2020 model's mainstream L, LE, and XLE grades use the 139-horse-

power 1.8-liter engine found in the previous-generation Corolla. Sportier SE and XSE grades get Toyota's 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine rated at 169 horsepower. Both engines mate to a continuously variable automatic transmission or a six-speed manual transmission.

Also, buyers can opt for a Corolla Hybrid, which uses the Prius' 121-horsepower drivetrain and returns 52 mpg.

Driver assistance features include dynamic radar cruise control, pre-collision system with pedestrian detection, lane departure alert with steering assist, automatic high beam, lane tracing assist, blind spot monitor and a system that alerts the driver about various road signs. A rear backup camera is standard.

Driving brings out modest road noise, but a surprising amount of wind noise. The engine moans, typical of a CVT transmission. It's more fun to drive than previous Corollas, although that's not saying much. Nevertheless, it will surely please most drivers.

In contrast, the Hybrid is distinctly less exciting to drive. While the throttle is responsive off the line, it becomes less so at speed. It isn't as quick as other drivelines, although its fuel-efficiency compensates for its lack of excitement.

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## Remember: The squeaky wheel gets the grease



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Motormouth

**Q: I am sporadically receiving a check engine code P0014 on my 2013 Malibu that has only 30,600 miles on it. The issue is to replace the variable camshaft timing solenoid. Can you explain this a little, and does it have to be addressed immediately?**

— J.A., Cetronia, Pa.  
A: The cam timing solenoids rotate the camshaft a little bit to change when the intake and exhaust valves open and close. This improves performance and fuel economy, especially on small engines. Gear heads of the past would actually swap out the camshaft to change the performance of their engines for racing purposes. Swapping out the solenoid is much easier and cheaper.

Your engine will continue to run, but not at its best until you replace the solenoids.

**Q: I have recently become the owner of a 2008 Chrysler Crossover and am told to use premium gasoline. Is today's nonpremium gasoline as high in octane as premium was in 2008? Can I use a nonpremium fuel and not affect the operation of the car?**

— J.P., Northbrook, Ill.  
A: The octane ratings for gasoline have not changed in the past decade. There is no law preventing you from using regular instead of premium gasoline, but the laws of physics will cause your engine to perform a little more poorly. Using regular instead of premium usually results in



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Being persistent can often pay off when you need something repaired. If you know something's wrong, don't fold.

spark knock and, when knock is detected, the engine control module de-tunes the engine until the knock stops. If you only putt around town, you may not detect the difference.

**Q: I just read the story you wrote about a reader who was having a difficult time getting the dealer to schedule the repair. The same thing happened to me when I received a second airbag recall notice for my 2002 Lexus SC430. After carefully reading the manufacturer's notice, I saw that the manufacturer recommended that the car not be driven until the repair was completed. I contacted Lexus and the local dealer requesting (threatening) that if the car could not be used until the repair was completed, I needed a loaner until they could "find" the parts. Within a few days the part was located and the repair completed. While your reader found another way to get his issue resolved, sometimes other types of persuasion need to be applied.**

— S.A., Farmingdale, N.Y.

A: There is an old saying that "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." It is as apropos today as it was in the time of buckboards and stagecoaches. It continues to apply to automobiles. And people.

**Q: We own a 2010 Hyundai Santa Fe. We took the golden warranty for 10 years. The transmission was clunking and they replaced a switch and later the coupler, but it still clunks very hard at 40 mph on a cold engine. The tech said the transmission was trying to find out if it should speed up or slow down. It didn't clunk loudly the first seven years. Why does it make that very loud clunking noise?**

— J.F., Chicago  
A: It makes that clunking noise because there is something wrong. Be persistent and don't give up until they fix it. See also: The squeaky wheel gets the grease.

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I'M THE ONLY PERSON QUALIFIED TO LEAD THAT EFFORT.

BUT GIVEN THE ENORMITY OF THE JOB, I WON'T DO IT WITHOUT A RAISE AND A PROMOTION.

WEREN'T YOU THE CAUSE OF THE CATASTROPHE?

EXACTLY. THAT'S WHY I'M THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNOWS HOW TO FIX IT.

ARE YOU BLACK-MAILING ME? NO. IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.

WOULDN'T I BE RE-WARDING YOU FOR FAILURE? LET'S NOT LABEL IT.

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4-28-19 **Dilbert.com**

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

WE NEED SOME IDEAS FOR FIXING UP THE BACKYARD. I MIGHT HAVE A FEW.

WHAT ABOUT A BIG FLAGSTONE PATIO OVER HERE? NAW.

A FOUNTAIN OR GAZEBO OVER THERE? I DON'T KNOW...

A VOLLEYBALL COURT HERE? UGH.

A BIGGER, NEWER HOUSE THERE? NOW YOU'RE TALKING!

**Zits** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman

JEREMY, I KNOW THIS PAPER IS DUE TOMORROW, BUT YOU HAVE TO EAT. OKAY, OKAY, ONE SEC.

DUMP!

MUNCH MUNCH CHOMP

I'M SELLING OUR DISHES AND BUYING A TROUGH. WHAT'D HE DO NOW?

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

EARL, IF YOU'LL VACUUM THE FLOORS YOU'LL BE MY FAVORITE HUSBAND. I'M YOUR ONLY HUSBAND, SO I'M AUTOMATICALLY YOUR FAVORITE. NOT NECESSARILY. IT'S AN EARNED TITLE.

YEAH, BUT LAST WEEK WHEN I FOLDED THE LAUNDRY YOU SAID I WAS YOUR FAVORITE HUSBAND. THAT'S RIGHT, AND YOU WERE. BUT WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler

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NOPE. WENT STRAIGHT TO MY BUTT. GOOD NEWS CAN BE LIKE CINNAMON ROLLS.

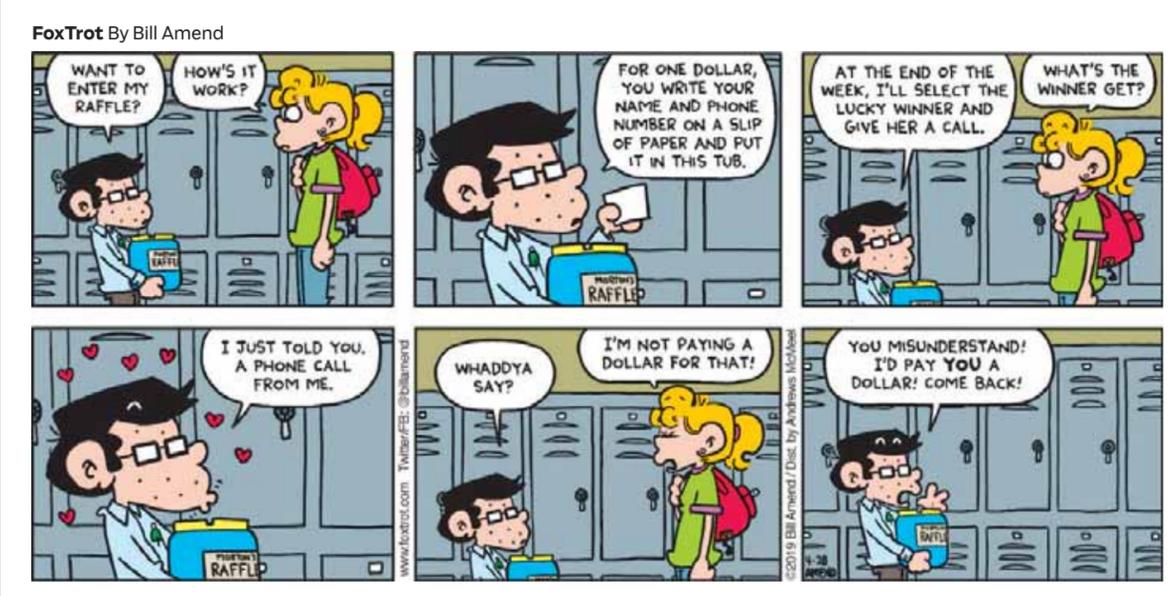
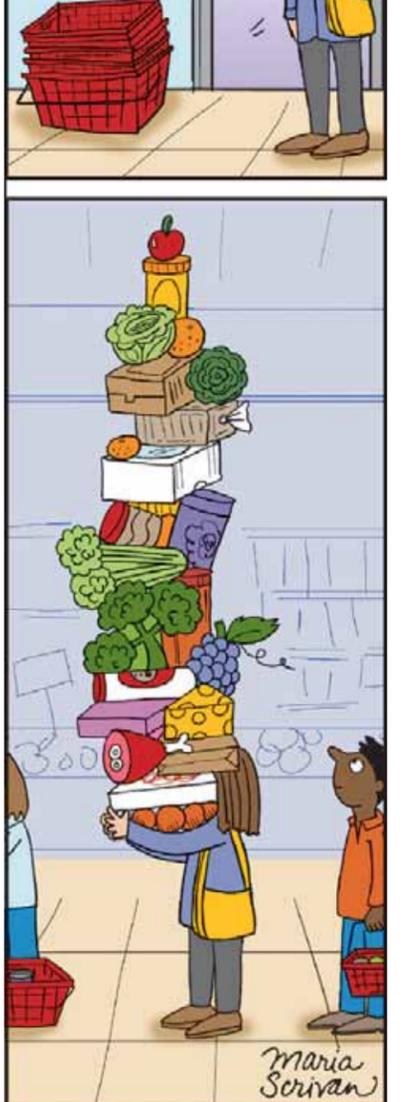
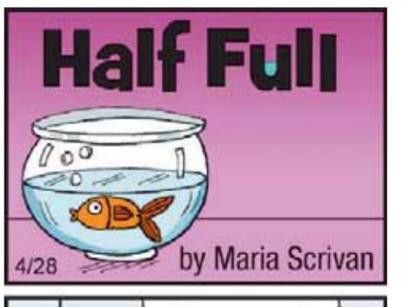
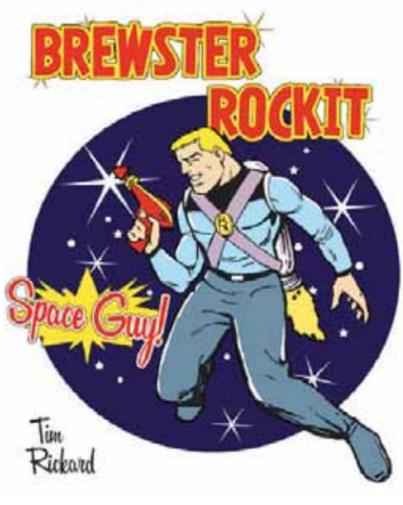
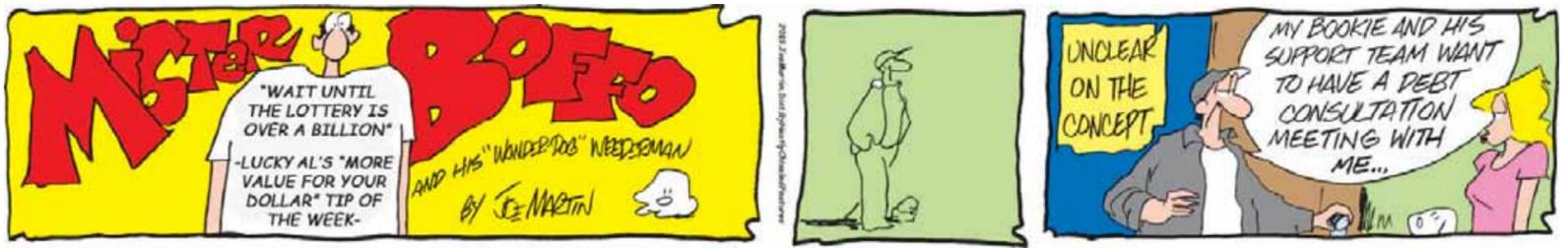
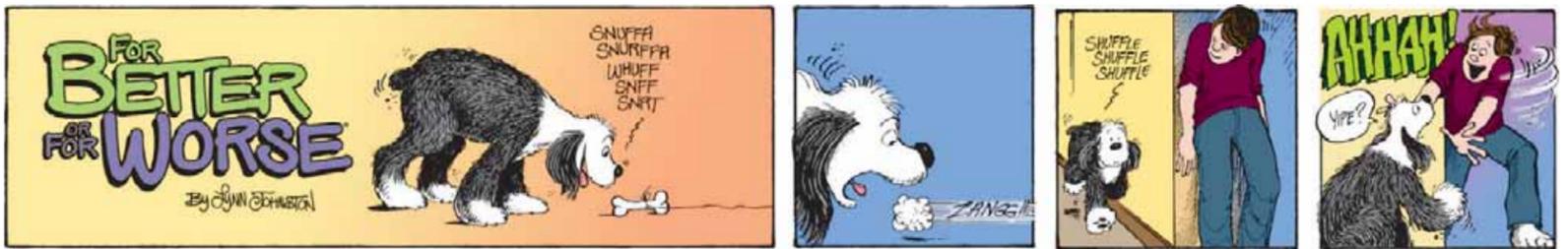
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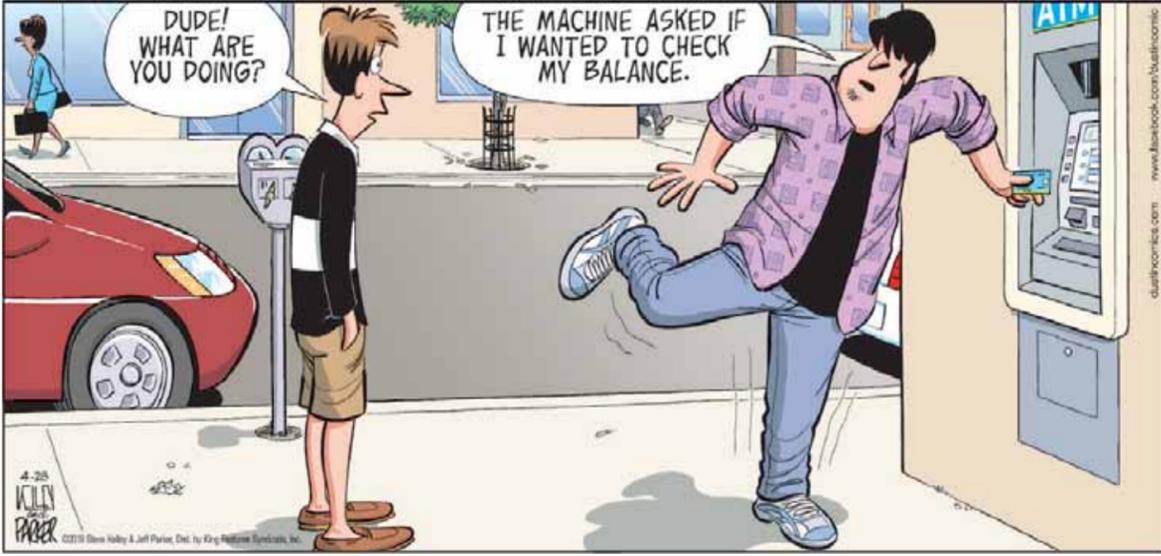
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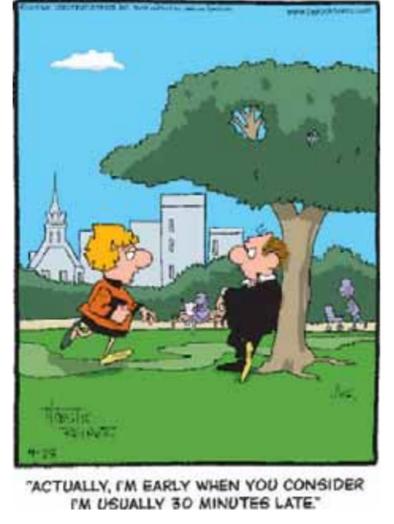
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Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker

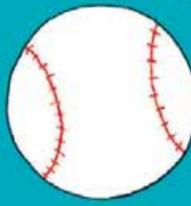
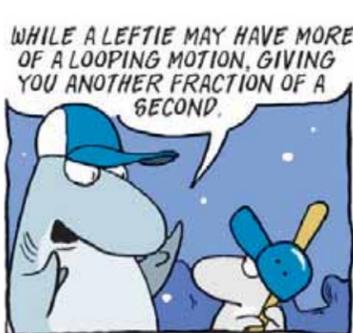


The Lockhorns By Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



# SHERMAN'S LAGOON

by Jim Toomey

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



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**DICK TRACY**

JOE STATION  
MIKE CURTIS

**MINIT MYSTERIES**

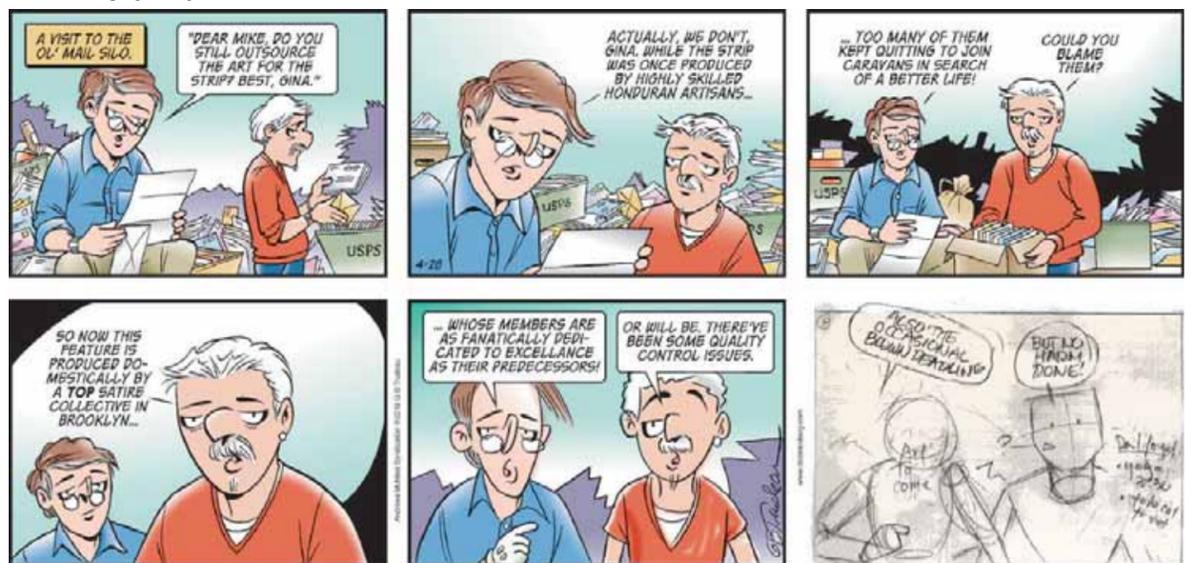
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## ALMOST DONE: With 97 Across the key clue

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### Across

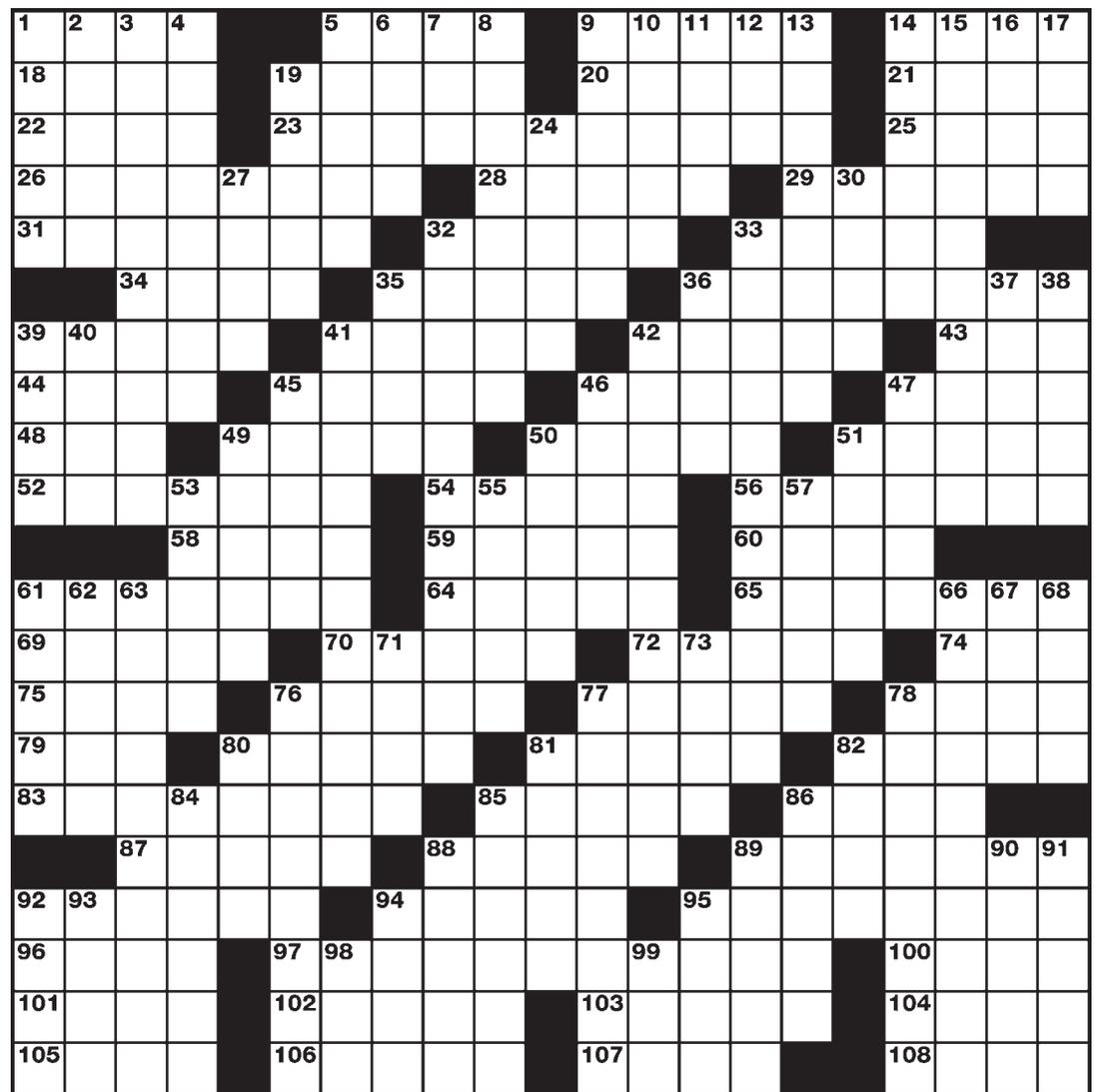
- 1 Lowers a lawn  
5 Purchase for a nursery  
9 Absorb a 68 Down  
14 Incandescent alternatives: Abbr.  
18 Sore spot  
19 Cook-off preparation  
20 Fruit pulp  
21 Commend loudly  
22 Line-\_\_ veto  
23 Sports shrines  
25 Another: Sp.  
26 Spa service  
28 Ties up at a pier  
29 Cold-weather topper  
31 Mini-burgers  
32 Ballet rail  
33 Pianist of the Marx Brothers  
34 Morning's end  
35 Emulate the Pied Piper  
36 *Kiss Me Kate* misanthropist song  
39 Reheats  
41 Show the ropes to  
42 Venerate  
43 Firefighter's implement  
44 Spiny houseplant  
45 Chess player's declaration  
46 Arabian royal title  
47 Initial lessons  
48 Device above a dash  
49 Soph-to-be  
50 Javelin, e.g.  
51 Portion out  
52 About .035 ounces  
54 *It's a Wonderful Life* director

- 56 Enrages  
58 McEntire of music  
59 Shaped like an eggplant  
60 Land parcel measure  
61 *Yertle the Turtle* author  
64 *Despicable Me* daughter  
65 Sign-lettering aid  
69 Expressed that you're impressed  
70 Longtime Milwaukee brewer  
72 Camera lens setting  
74 *Game of Thrones* ailer  
75 Rope securer  
76 Editor's mark  
77 Orient (towards)  
78 Flock noises  
79 \_\_.com (telecom company's website)  
80 More skittish  
81 Cricket sound  
82 Shows with livestock  
83 *Star Trek* antagonists  
85 Get promoted  
86 *Hamilton* antagonist  
87 Mineral in geodes  
88 Still in contention  
89 Path  
92 Hungarian wines  
94 Without assistance  
95 College admission criterion  
96 Amenable  
97 Hint to what the other nine longest answers have in common  
100 Stone of *La La Land*

- 101 Obsessive hobbyist  
102 Kept chilled  
103 Gladden greatly  
104 \_\_-do-well  
105 *Frozen* princess  
106 Public policy experts  
107 Archaeological sites  
108 Goes last

### Down

- 1 Harms severely  
2 In base 8  
3 Start of a conformist maxim  
4 Curved roof of some churches  
5 Blackens on a grill  
6 Enrage  
7 Not oneself today  
8 Wilhelm I's chancellor  
9 Exertion  
10 Woodard of films  
11 Bags in a caddy  
12 Doctrine  
13 Nonspeaking role in *Jaws*  
14 Carefully selected  
15 Clearly explained  
16 Palermo's euro predecessor  
17 Schedule opening  
19 Device at a dairy  
24 Marines' battle cry  
27 Boardroom VIPs  
30 Shore toy  
32 Shore scrounger  
33 Choral leader  
35 Poor report card  
36 Thinker's thought  
37 One on parole  
38 Homes made of twigs  
39 It's south of Fort Worth



Last week's answers appear on the last page of Puzzle Island

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- 40 Economist Greenspan  
41 "Common Sense" pamphleteer  
42 Early  
45 Grumpy ones  
46 Thyme piece  
47 Longfellow poem Pilgrim  
49 Viennese analyst  
50 Recreation  
51 Mag space seller  
53 Hug or kiss, say  
55 Nautical "Halt!"  
57 Person learning lines  
61 Senegal's capital  
62 Totaled  
63 Successful NBAers  
66 Certain committee leaders  
67 Skyscraper girder  
68 Monetary setback  
71 Olympian warmonger  
73 Person from Belgrade  
76 Brit TV fare like *Up Late*  
77 Reacted to fear  
78 What's happening at watering holes  
80 Amuse highly  
81 Meryl's ... *Madison County* costar  
82 Ado  
84 Land on Lake Victoria  
85 Goes last  
86 Soak in the tub  
88 "Smart" guy  
89 Covenants  
90 Activated, as a fuse  
91 Orbital periods  
92 Vocal quality  
93 Audi competitor  
94 Onetime tyrant of 84 Down  
95 Forest creature  
98 Sean Lennon's mom  
99 Yalie

## Quote-Acrostic

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. Concert of Europe architect	97	7	76	132	105	164	44	23	152	139
B. Optimistic	95	155	122	147	80					
C. Twice a day occurrences: 2 wds.	150	30	69	126	41	89	59	12	135	
D. Expressions in abbreviations	33	16	115	137	100	127	70	66	149	45
E. Deere city	3	19	154	39	29	90	148			
F. Barracks bedtime: 2 wds.	32	86	117	129	160	49	1	75	138	
G. Artemis temple site	162	85	153	15	37	96	54			
H. Lock architect	5	42	18	57						
I. The Five composers member	38	123	91	84	146	22	120	133	72	64

J. Rudeness and impertinence, e.g.

50 136 166 71 79 112 10

26 99 151 103 124

K. 'Unanswered Prayers' album: 2 wds.

116 143 108 53 56 92 73 25

L. Molar material

67 28 119 128 52 94 13

M. Your everyday burg

140 109 35 63 82 125 106

N. 'Graduate' director

27 62 81 158 121 61 14

O. Speed

2 68 43 114 60 156 87 161

P. Razor saver style

113 130 34 141 93 78 40 167 8 98 48

Q. Judge jobs, often

31 9 6 110 134 102 157 55 104 145

R. Black gold: 2 wds.

51 168 20 36 142 111 77 159

S. End points

17 47 131 144 165 83 118

T. Horse play

11 58 88 21 163

U. Fertile Asian area: 2 wds.

169 107 46 24 74 101 65 4

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## Give and Take

BY CHARLES PRESTON

## Across

- 1 Having potential
- 5 English river
- 10 Seek the heights
- 14 Overcharge
- 15 Helicopter component
- 16 In addition
- 17 Antonym of 53 Across
- 20 Longing
- 21 American newspaper publisher
- 22 Not finished
- 23 Crafts for couples
- 24 Middle East prince
- 25 Tempestuous
- 28 Antonym of 41 Across
- 32 Tapestry
- 33 Supple
- 34 Gratuity
- 35 Dun
- 36 Carnival attractions
- 37 Sutherland, e.g.
- 38 WWII zone
- 39 Hinder
- 40 Days or bar
- 41 Criticizes
- 43 Antonym of 25 Across
- 44 Ancient Hebrew measure

- 45 Narrow opening
- 46 Scanty
- 49 Breadth
- 50 By way of
- 53 Greed, sometimes
- 56 Grimace
- 57 Draw out
- 58 Auricular
- 59 Sorrowful exclamation
- 60 Navigational system
- 61 Balderdash

## Down

- 1 Sore
- 2 In the dumps
- 3 Sketch
- 4 Gov. agency
- 5 Requiring skill
- 6 *Zuckerman Trilogy* author, and family
- 7 Greek letters
- 8 Correlative of neither
- 9 Successes
- 10 Justice O'Connor
- 11 Mixture
- 12 Org.
- 13 European capital
- 18 Standards
- 19 Flighty
- 23 Asian sea
- 24 More appropriate
- 25 Cavalry weapon
- 26 Banal
- 27 Ship's deck
- 28 Assistants
- 29 Serving a purpose
- 30 Couch
- 31 Sleuthing Sam
- 33 Unit of measure
- 36 Antonym of 9 Down
- 37 Pointed missile
- 39 Japanese news agency
- 40 Paris waterway
- 42 Gallery bad guys
- 43 Fawn
- 45 Star in Virgo
- 46 *I Remember* \_\_\_\_: Irene Dunne film
- 47 Env. concern
- 48 Blue-green
- 49 Confound
- 50 Presidential power
- 51 Egyptian goddess
- 52 Polish-born American novelist
- 54 Wedding response
- 55 San Francisco hill

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# Ooh, I Get It!

BY JEFFREY WECHSLER

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## Across

- 1 Some old Eur. republics  
5 Brownstone-front hangout  
10 Homer's "rosy-fingered" time  
14 One looking badly?  
19 Astute  
20 Aquatic predators  
21 "Nasty" Nastase of tennis  
22 Good, to Giovanni  
23 "— la Douce"  
24 Grinch victim in the Wasatch Range?  
27 High point  
28 College domain  
29 Large wardrobe  
30 College dorm figs.  
31 Legal memo phrase  
32 Pro Football Hall of Famer Merlin —  
35 Modigliani subject  
36 Set (on)  
37 Bilks corporate bigwigs?  
41 Airhead  
42 Bit of trickery  
43 Chris of "American Pie" films  
44 Urn turner, perhaps  
45 Puff's ailment?  
50 Real-estate holding account  
54 D.C. VIPs  
55 —B: hygiene brand  
56 Nickname for a seafaring Smurf?  
61 —Locka, Fla.  
62 Arena roarer  
63 In cahoots  
64 Swahili honorific  
65 Meal with a crust  
67 "Ghosts" playwright  
69 Shoulders, e.g.  
70 "God — refuge and strength": Psalm 46  
71 Traded (in)  
73 Like honey  
76 2000 Richard Gere title role  
77 Amphibian College curriculum?  
79 Way back when, once  
80 Alone, in Arles  
81 Two-time Pulitzer Prize for Fiction awardee

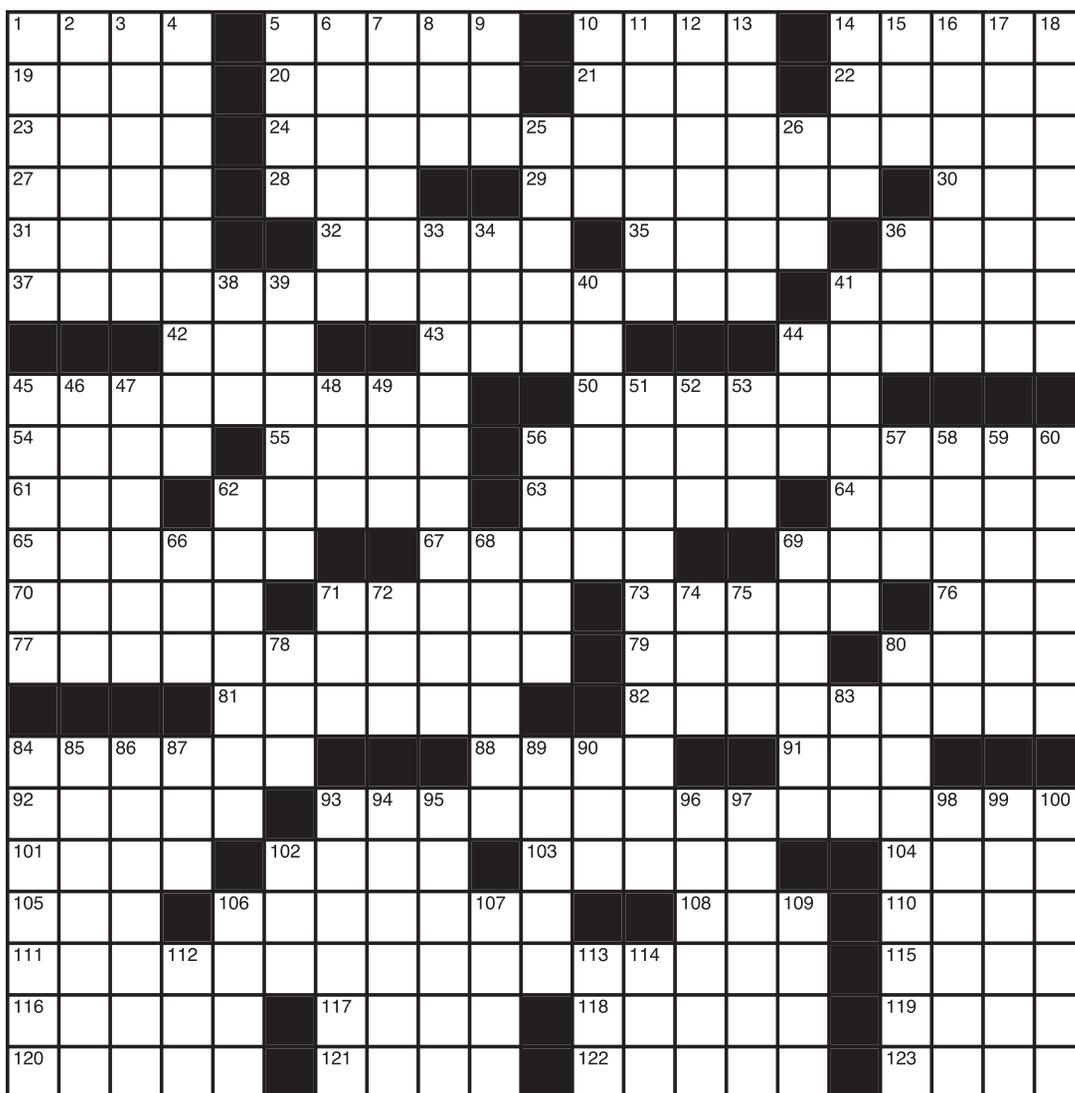
- 82 Inspiration for "The Hulk"?

- 84 Bering, e.g.  
88 Arp's art  
91 Whole effort  
92 Coat of arms element  
93 Exceptional wind?  
101 Dusters  
102 Just  
103 Prepare for bodybuilding photos  
104 Egyptian deity  
105 Charlottesville sch.  
106 Takes, as a bus  
108 Friend of Eeyore  
110 Bygone depilatory brand  
111 18-Down?  
115 Canadian gas  
116 Belong  
117 Wishes one hadn't done  
118 Actress Delta  
119 Ado  
120 Billiards slab  
121 Gucci of fashion  
122 Motel 6 visits  
123 Tokyo electronics giant

## Down

- 1 "Let's not do that"  
2 Sister of Venus  
3 Say casually  
4 Whence some garters?  
5 Hot under the collar  
6 Walked over  
7 Like Hogwarts lore  
8 Sturdy tree  
9 101 class involving Freud: Abbr.  
10 Chanel competitor  
11 Many college donors  
12 Succeed despite obstacles  
13 Coll. students' access codes  
14 Tony's cousin  
15 Staple —  
16 Inexpensive, as housing  
17 Improve  
18 Wake-up call provider  
25 Minister's house  
26 "There you —!"  
33 Uncertain query before a query  
34 "Yuck!"  
36 On the other hand  
38 — Paulo

- 39 Pass over  
40 Mild angst  
41 Warning about overexuberance  
44 Pasty food  
45 Surprise with a visit  
46 Rest  
47 "Trainwreck" director Judd  
48 Back again  
49 Foundation of a civil society  
51 Stress-relief tool  
52 UPS unit  
53 Actress Issa  
56 Play lists  
57 Airport near D.C.  
58 Alit  
59 Like perjured testimony  
60 Cal. locale of the Latino Walk of Fame  
62 Basic electrical component  
66 Delay, with "off"  
68 Runs in the wash  
69 Beetle relatives  
71 It doesn't go off  
72 NW Penn. airport  
74 Hockey legend  
75 Columbus campus: Abbr.  
78 Choose  
80 Endearing quality of puns  
83 Often pointy-eared figure  
84 Kitten handles?  
85 Hard work  
86 Sailing competition  
87 Braying beast  
89 Expiate, with "for"  
90 Rank of Brit. TV sleuth Morse  
93 Indiana Jones' hat  
94 Filled with rage  
95 Ready to play again  
96 Dawn goddess  
97 Goosebump-inducing  
98 Employs so that one may  
99 Connects logically  
100 Editing app on Google Play  
102 Orbiter for 15 years  
106 Philosopher Descartes  
107 Rather  
109 Wordsworth works  
112 Musical success  
113 Small ammo  
114 Tedious situation



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## Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

HORDSU  
FLITLE  
PRMYUG  
ASYARL  
TECOIP  
DANEEN

When do you put in the aromatics? You have to wait for the right moment to have the flavors release into the dish.

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

“ ”

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## Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**

1	9			6				
4								2
	7			3		8		
		9		2	3			
			3			7		
		3	9		5			
	4		1				3	
9								7
			2	4			5	9

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## Horoscopes

**Today's birthday** (April 28): Together, your fortunes rise this year. Pursue a new fascination. Careful planning and coordination prepares your next exploration. Connect and share for powerful results this summer, before an obstacle reorients your travel plans. An educational investigation flowers next winter, inspiring a change in message. Discover amazing wonders.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Review priorities, and adapt to recent changes. Make plans and strategies. Cash in on something you've kept in reserve. Savor secret delights. Take it easy.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Check public opinion over the next few days. Brief your team on a brilliant idea. Friends are especially helpful. Someone else gives you the key.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Assume more responsibility today and tomorrow. Your work has your attention. A professional challenge calls you to invest in success. Contribute time, money and talents.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Pleasant surprises could deviate your itinerary. An exploration reveals unimagined beauty. Get out and look around. Learn new tricks. Make a long-distance connection.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Save up for something special. Review the budget to find solutions. Manage accounts for a shared venture. Sign papers, send invoices and pay bills.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Consult with a respected partner. Creative collaboration can take big ground. Share responsibilities, tasks and benefits. Adapt to surprising circumstances. Discover a silver lining.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Your workload could seem intense. Pace yourself. Postpone what you can. Set realistic goals and ask for support when needed. A technical upgrade could save time.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Relax, and enjoy excellent company. Have fun without taking crazy risks. A gift falls into your lap. Smile, accept it and say, "thank you."

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Enjoy household projects. You may need to tear something down to make it better. Combine two old ideas into a new one. Find practical solutions.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Discover an exciting idea by accident. Surprises may not reveal their gifts immediately. Consider the news, and find opportunities in change. Get creative.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Don't complain when a gift falls in your lap. A windfall is worth harvesting. Replace something that doesn't work. Find hidden value in plain sight.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Consider your personal aspirations and ambitions. Ask for what you want. Let people know your game. A window of opportunity is opening. Step up.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

## Bridge

**Q.1**—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
♠ A10 ♥ K9874 ♦ 86 ♣ A863

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

**Q.2**—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
♠ A Q J 4 3 ♥ 10 8 7 5 ♦ 10 8 ♣ 7 2

West	North	East	South
1♦	Dbl	1♠	?

What call would you make?

**Q.3**—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
♠ J 3 ♥ K Q 10 6 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ K J 10 8

West	North	East	South
1♦	Dbl	1♠	?

What call would you make?

**Q.4**—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
♠ K 10 5 4 2 ♥ Q 9 5 3 ♦ A K 6 3 ♣ Void

Right-hand opponent opens 1C. What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones  
tcaeditors@tribpub.com

## Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

**ANCIENT (ANE-shent):** Extremely old.

Can you find 19 or more words in ANCIENT?

**Average mark:** 14 words  
**Time limit:** 25 minutes

**Here are the rules:**

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s" such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

**Answers to the word game:**

time; tine; inane; inate; enact; tannic; canine; cant; cite; antic; neat; nice; cane; acne; ament; ante; arti;

— Kathleen Saxe,  
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## Last week's crosswords

### "ORANGE BOWL"

MOVES	CUBS	RIFT	HASNT
AMIGO	AFRO	ERIN	ABHOR
LABORATORY	CANTALOUPE		
TRESTLE	BRUTE	VORTEX	
	OAR	LEASE	FIST
HINDUS	LEAVE	RLS	SECT
INERT	TENNESSEE		AHI
HUTS	MEET	TAC	SPRIG
ASH	CARROT	TICK	HALVE
TEE	ETSY	ALERT	DANGER
	RELEE	CHINS	COVER
CALLED	PROPS	HALE	ECO
ONAIR	CHEESE	CURLS	YAP
PINEY	OLA	AMES	ETRE
ETD	HOMED	EPOT	PREEN
DASH	MAX	MISER	MORASS
	ASIN	PINTS	PAL
TERRACOTTA	FUZZY	NAVEL	
ANGEL	WART	ARIZ	TRITE
GOODS	ERIE	NINA	ADDED

### "Abstinence"

A	L	D	A		P	A	A	R		B	R	A	I	D			
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L	O	R	E		D	O	M		H	A	V	A	N	A			
I	M	A			B	U	R	P	S		B	O	S	S	Y		
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P	I	A	N	O	S		O	N	E		B	O	N	E			
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A	E	R	I	E		L	O	D	E	S	T	A	R	S			
D	R	I	N	K		E	N	O	W		A	R	E	A			

### "It's All in the Game Show"

W	A	D		S	P	I	E	S		P	A	U	S	E		T	H	A	W	
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H	I	V	E	G	O	D	D	E	S	S	E	G	R	E	T		N	O	I	R
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I	S	A	K		S	A	Y	L	O	V	E	D	U	Z	I	N	J	U	R	Y
P	O	G	O		I	C	E	A	X	E		L	E	A	V	E		R	T	E
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## Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Henry) ADAMS: FRUIT OF YOUR HOPES: America is the ideal fruit of all your youthful hopes and reforms. Everyone is fairly decent, respectable, domestic, middle class and tiresome. There is absolutely nothing to revile except that it's a bore.

## Last week's Sudoku

6	3	8	1	9	7	4	2	5
4	9	5	6	8	2	3	1	7
1	2	7	4	3	5	8	6	9
5	6	1	8	4	3	9	7	2
2	7	4	5	6	9	1	3	8
9	8	3	7	2	1	6	5	4
3	1	9	2	7	4	5	8	6
8	4	2	3	5	6	7	9	1
7	5	6	9	1	8	2	4	3

## This week's Jumble

SHROUD GRUMPY POETIC  
FILLET SALARY CANNED

The chef was at the point in the food preparation where it was —

"THYME" FOR SEASONING



Chicago Tribune



### ANSWER ANGEL

A FOOLPROOF WAY TO REMOVE MAKEUP



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NOT MUCH RATTLES 'ABBY'S' STAR NATALIE MORALES

# EASYGOING

# Unflappable Natalie Morales had winding journey to 'Abby's'

BY LUAINÉ LEE  
Tribune News Service

PASADENA, Calif. — The first time actress Natalie Morales appeared onstage was memorable, to say the least. She was 14 years old and was learning Southern dialects in her class. “I went onstage as Britney Spears in her Catholic schoolgirl outfit,” Morales recalled.

“I happened to have that because I’d just come from Catholic school. I was like ‘Hi y’all, my name is Britney Spears.’ And my skirt broke, fell off, and suddenly I was standing in my underwear in a room full of seniors and two other classes, so it was about 200 people,” she said.

“It was literally a nightmare. My first time onstage! Everyone is laughing, laughing, laughing. I’m standing there. My sister had just given me for Christmas my very first thong, and that’s what I was wearing. I was standing nearly bare-naked on stage, and that moment lasted forever until my friend brought up a jacket and walked me offstage.

“I said, ‘OK, that’s the worst thing that could happen, so it happened and I survived, and as long as I can laugh with it, what else could there possibly be?’ ”

While that proved mortifying, it stood her in good stead because not much rattles Morales. She trekked to Hollywood from her native Florida at 20 and today finds herself the star of NBC’s new comedy “Abby’s,” premiering Thursday.

She said she fought hard to earn the role of the savvy bartender who illegally sets up a bar in her backyard. “I think I generally am a daring and bold person because I’ve found that I discover so much about myself and about the world when I take chances and when I do something new or something that might frighten me, I learn a lot,” she said.

“As far as my mom knew, LA was made of mountains of cocaine. It was a terrifying environment. I did not find that at all when I got here. But it was really scary for my whole family; no one had ever done this,” Morales said.

But Morales, who’s co-starred in projects such as “Girls,” “Parks and Recreation” and “Santa Clarita Diet,” was surprised when she discovered a Hollywood she wasn’t expecting.

“The big surprise when I got out here was how the women supported each other, how many of us will sit and watch your kid when you go in to audition, how many of us will cheer each other on, how many of us will go, ‘Listen, that guy in there is not nice,’ or ‘This person is this.’ People like to say it’s the opposite, but I’ve found so much support out here.”

When she first arrived, she and her best friend, actress Cyrina Fiallo, slept in their van waiting for their apartment to be readied. And they began



RON BATZDORFF/NBC

Natalie Morales stars as an unconventional bartender in the comedy “Abby’s” on NBC.

trolling for roles.

“Working in bars, I met some people in the comedy scene and did some sketch comedy and started doing a lot more of that,” she said.

“We had a sketch troupe called Sitcoms Blow — and here I am doing a sitcom. I did that all over town for a little while. Then I auditioned for a show called

‘The Middleman’ and that sort of propelled me into a place where people were taking me seriously, which was nice.”

Morales, 34, made a vow. “I think I made the choice early on to try and never take a role that was just the ‘hot’ girl because you can age out of the ‘hot’ girl. If I’m the ‘funny’ girl, you can’t age out of that.”

# Keep makeup smears off pillowcases



ELLEN WARREN

## Dear Answer Angel

**Ellen:** I'm on the hunt for a foolproof method of removing makeup at bedtime that doesn't leave me feeling greasy, oily or like my face is still kind of made up. I hate to see telltale cosmetics on my white pillowcase when I wake up but can't seem to find a solution. And what about those mascara smears on my nice towels after I think I have done a thorough job of washing my face (but, obviously, haven't).

— Constance C.

**Dear Constance:** Personal preference is a huge factor in finding the right makeup removal plan. If you don't need, want or have access to a sink, try the no-rinse Neutrogena Makeup Remove cleansing towelettes. The ads claim that one wipe "removes 99% of even the most stubborn makeup." YouTube star, comedian and singer Randy Rainbow is a big fan of these wipes. I've tested them and found they require some serious rubbing, but they do the job. My go-to makeup remover *does* require water: Olay Daily Facials (Gentle Sensitive Clean), which make my skin feel clean and ready for nighttime moisturizer. You didn't ask, but I recommend CeraVe Facial Moisturizing Lotion PM (drugstores, \$11 and up). Those mascara smears on your towels can be washed away with a squirt or two of Shout Laundry Stain Remover before washing.



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Makeup removal can be a challenge but it's often just a matter of finding the right product.

But here's an idea that I've seen in hotels that have to deal with this problem all the time. More and more of them are providing black hand towels or wash cloths (some of them emblazoned with the word "cosmetic" to drive home the point). Steal the idea: Buy a few black washcloths and eliminate the problem!

## Dear Answer Angel

**Ellen:** Is having a professional makeup artist do my wedding makeup necessary? Seems like an unneeded expense.

— Denise K.

**Dear Denise:** For some of

us who aren't happy with our makeup skills, a professional makeup job is totally worth it for a wedding or a special occasion. But other women feel truly uncomfortable and clown-like with more makeup than we're used to. If keepsake photos are in the mix, the pros know how to use makeup to accommodate lighting conditions at the venue. But if you do go the professional route, I urge a sample session well before the big event, so there are no misunderstandings. And you need to be explicit about your needs and comfort level so you don't

cringe when you look at your photos years from now. Every time I look at my wedding pictures, I still regret the too-rosy cheeks delivered by the makeup artist.

## Dear Answer Angel

**Ellen:** What makes Tom Ford or Chanel lipstick (\$\$\$\$) better than Bobbi Brown (still expensive, but less so), than drugstore brands like Revlon, Maybelline, N.Y.C., Rimmel London and L'Oreal?

— J. Catherine

**Dear J.:** I've tested all the brands you mention and I cannot detect any differ-

ence except the price. Well, there is one difference. I seem to lose the ones I spend the most money on with much more frequency than the bargain brands. It's human nature, I guess. Just like losing the expensive prescription sunglasses but always managing to hold on to the sunnies that I bought for \$5 at the gas station. Go figure.

## Dear Answer Angel

**Ellen:** Why, in every recent photo I've seen, does Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, have her hands on her growing baby bump?

— Jennie J.

**Dear Jennie:** I don't pretend to have a definitive answer. You'll be stunned to learn that I couldn't get Meghan on the phone. Maybe she's being protective? Maybe she is just so proud and happy about the baby that she wants to call attention to the bump? Perhaps she's read the notion that touching is soothing to the baby? If anyone has another answer, let me know.

## Angelic readers

Many readers had advice for Veronica M. on how to remove those irritating fuzz balls from their sweaters. Riz writes, "I have been using the D-Fuzz-It Sweater & Fabric Comb (amazon.com, \$17.79) on my sweaters for years with great success! It takes away all of those little fuzz balls." From Gregory M.: "I heard about using a disposable razor for the problem. I tried it with a used razor before I threw it away and it worked great, the sweater looked like new. You just have to use a light touch and take your time. I think an old razor poses less of a threat of accidents." Shari P. had the same suggestion: "Just lightly run the razor over the sweater and the blade cuts off the pills. You can buy a package of 12 for \$11-13. Works like a charm."

## Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@chicagotribune.com.

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# Celebrating 100 years of Bauhaus

BY CHRIS LAMORTE | Chicago Tribune

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of influential German design school Bauhaus. While the school itself lasted only about a dozen years, moving twice before the Nazis ultimately pressured it into closing, its modernist, clean-line aesthetic still resonates today in everything from furniture design to art and architecture.

The best way to celebrate? Bring these elegant designs created by its students and faculty home. They look as fresh in 2019 as they did in 1919. And how many 100-year-olds can say that? From ashtrays to lamps to cabinets, the Bauhaus influence means that you don't ever have to worry about going out of style.

*Chris LaMorte is a freelance writer.*



BAUHAUS 2 YOUR HOUSE

## Peter Keler Bauhaus Cradle

Have a design-conscious newborn? This cradle, designed in 1922, is made of lacquered wood, steel and wicker inserts. Keler, a student at the Bauhaus, was greatly influenced by the work of Wassily Kandinsky, who was an instructor at the school. \$2,869, bauhaus2yourhouse.com



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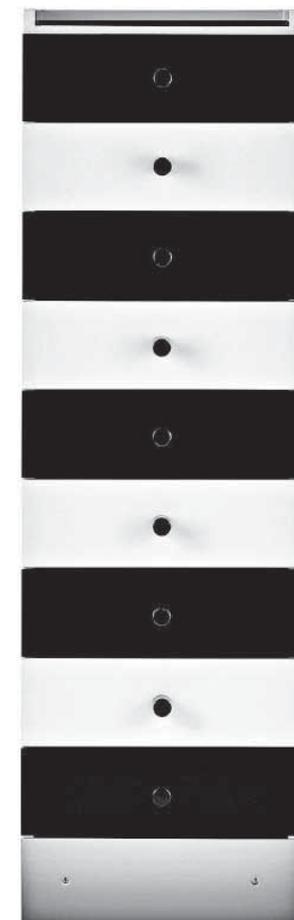
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## Marianne Brandt Ashtray

Marianne Brandt was the first woman admitted to the Bauhaus metal shop. By 1928 she became the metal studio director. Her designs turned everyday objects into objet d'art. In fact, these polished metal ashtrays have outlived a time when no one thought twice about lighting up. Though today's design-forward cannabis lovers may appreciate them all over again. \$115, alessi.com



BAUHAUS 2 YOUR HOUSE

## Marcel Breuer S43 Cabinet

You don't have to look very closely to see the influence this cabinet has had on furniture design today. In fact, its simple, clean aesthetic would look at home in an Ikea showroom. \$1,460, bauhaus2yourhouse.com

# With raincoats this good, let it pour

BY MELISSA MAGSAYSAY | Chicago Tribune

If into each life a little rain must fall, we say, so be it. Especially this season when a slew of designers put a bold and incredibly chic spin on an otherwise purely practical staple — the raincoat. From futuristic neon to vintage-inspired and transparent with leather trim, the stylish raincoats available this spring will have you constantly wishing for a light drizzle or simply wearing the jacket during dry weather.

Case in point: Jil Sander's camel colored anorak is streamlined and sleek. With flap pockets punctuated with graphic black stripes, it fits seamlessly into the season's big utilitarian trend. It also looks workday-appropriate paired with a matching skirt.

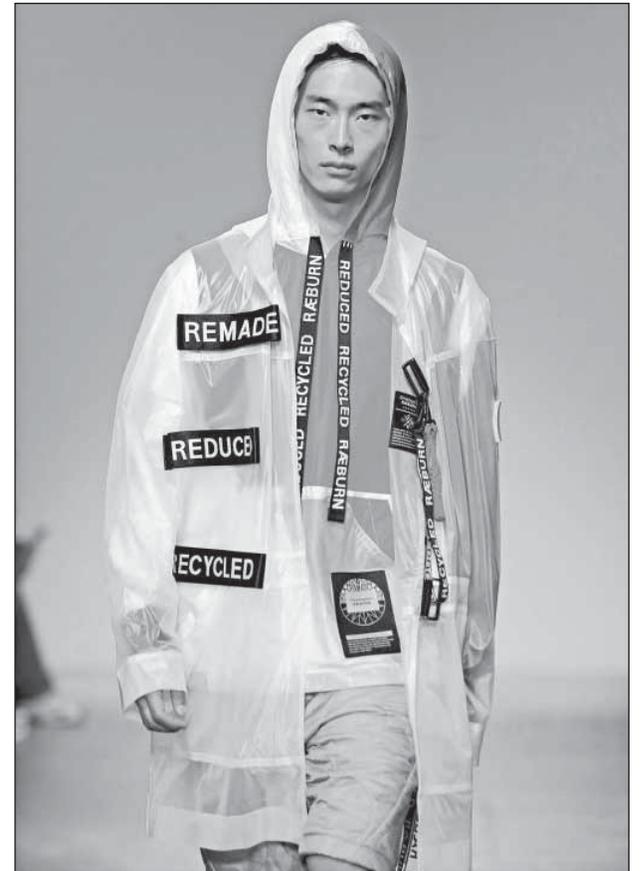
A black and white graphic print jacket from Sunnei is just begging to be worn with biker shorts (fashion's big '90s comeback item for spring) and a pair of chunky sneakers or combat boots.

And, of course, leave it to Burberry to elevate the raincoat to unexpected heights. The British house has a version with architectural lines and a cool sloping collar that would look right on top of a bespoke suit or, well, even a tracksuit. When raincoats look this good, they're bound to be the part of a look that shines brightest.

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Jil Sander's zip-front parka dress.



Christopher Raeburn's graphic hooded rain parka.



GETTY PHOTOS

Burberry's rubberized parka with a detachable hood.



Sunnei's graphic drawstring rain parka.



Dries Van Noten's psychedelic rain slicker.

# The allure of the fountain pen

BY KATHERINE ROTH  
Associated Press

In an age of screens and keyboarding, when kids hardly learn cursive anymore, fountain pens — along with their old-timey accouterments like blotters, bottled ink and fancy nibs — are making a comeback. There are jazzy new colors and styles, and an array of affordable options.

It's a trend driven less by nostalgic baby boomers than by an eco- and fashion-conscious younger set, many of them drawn to the analog attractions of pens, ink and paper.

"Interest in fountain pens has really taken off in the 10 years we've been in business, especially among people ages 20 to 35," says Brian Goulet, who owns the online site The Goulet Pen Co. with his wife, Rachel.

"Back in the '90s and 2000s, what was the rage was expensive, limited-edition Montblanc and other luxury brands," he says. "What's happened is that with the rise of social media and entry-level fountain pens, a lot of companies have come out with pens in wild colors and styles."

Whereas standard ink colors were once limited to black or blue, colors now have evocative names like California Teal or Azurite, and the inks have features like quick-drying options, sparkles and sophisticated sheens.

Kathleen Desaye, manager of the Goods for the Study stationery store in the SoHo neighborhood of New York, said, "We just started a fountain pen club due to customer demand. The club meets once a

month, and people can bring in their fountain pen collections or favorite inks and just share their love of pens."

Goulet, who has posted over 2,000 fountain-pen-related YouTube videos, is something of a rock star of the fountain pen world. He spoke by phone from Tokyo, where he was attending the 100th anniversary celebration of the Japanese fountain pen company Platinum, some of whose pens feature delicate, traditional designs like koi or autumn leaves.

"I started out as a pen turner, making wood rollerball pens by hand. But as soon as I discovered this fountain pen world, I started plugging into the community, posting videos that I hoped would be helpful to them, and building trust and loyalty among people passionate about fountain pens," Goulet says. "We now have a company of 40 people and a real following."

He points out that fountain pens are a visual product, well served by social media platforms like YouTube, Reddit and Instagram. There's a SubReddit for fountain pens, complete with its own lingo: "fps" is short for fountain pens and "npd" stands for new pen day, the day a person purchases a new fountain pen.

Some examples of coveted fountain pens include clear models, where you can see the ink sloshing around; fancy Italian models by the Florence-based Visconti company (their "Homo Sapiens Bronze Age" fountain pen is made from hardened basaltic lava from the Mount Etna volcano in Italy); and Taiwan-



WHITNEY COLE/GOULET PEN CO.

Jinhao Shark Fountain Pens in assorted colors.



LAMY

Lamy's Aion pen.



SARAH MATTOZZI/GOULET PEN CO.

Lamy's Vista pen and drawing made with the pen by Adam Schultz.



LAMY

Lamy's AL-star pen in bronze.

ese-made TWSBI pens that come in limited-edition color schemes.

"Fountain pens seem to be a weird thing that people find themselves getting into," Goulet says. "The beauty of it is that these days you can have literally one person in their garage who wants to make an interesting fountain pen. People will stumble upon it and boom, you're a brand."

Lamy, a fashion-forward, family-owned fountain pen company based in Heidelberg, Germany, opened boutiques in San Francisco and New York City last year.

"People have a real passion for fountain pens now," says Sam Agyemang, general manager for both Lamy boutiques. "They can be Zero Waste if you use bottled ink, which is important these days. They're ergo-

nomically and really well-designed. And they're a great fashion accessory. You can have a few styles and colors of fountain pens to go with various outfits. They really make a statement."

"As we move toward this technological zeitgeist, there's nothing better than the trifecta of a fountain pen in your hand, good paper and your thoughts,"

says Agyemang.

Not only can fountain pens be inexpensive, Goulet says, but other stubborn misperceptions about them should also be shelved.

"They don't have to be messy and they won't explode in your pocket when you get on an airplane," he says. "But the most common question I get when I start talking about fountain pens, is: 'They still exist?'"

# Refresh your kitchen

BY LINDSEY M. ROBERTS

The Washington Post

Who hasn't stared at their kitchen and wished HGTV could sweep in and update it? Short a television show's budget and ability to bring in contractors, the next best thing might be talking to people who have decorated for TV: Orlando Soria, who is launching his own HGTV show in the fall called "Unspouse My House," and Karin Bennett, who was a lead designer for a season of "Property Brothers."

But first take some advice from professional organizer Jeanie Engelbach, founder and owner of apartmentjeanie in New York. "Organization of any space in the home is the foundation," she says. "The kitchen should be the cleanest room in the home; however, it is often the most highly trafficked, congested and forgotten space."

Clear out the clutter, put things back purposefully, pick a project or two, and you could have a new kitchen in a weekend. Really!

## 1. Get rid of excess

Go through everything in your kitchen and set aside tools or appliances you don't use. "If you're not making fantastic-looking fruit salads all the time, you can let go of the melon baller," Engelbach says. If you find later that you do use the waffle-maker quite often, you can put it back on the counter. Toss that collection of mismatched glassware too. "Being an adult means letting go of free pint glasses from college," she adds.

## 2. Put everything in a logical place

When you put things back onto your shelves and into your drawers, organize for the way you use your kitchen. Put knives near cutting boards close to the sink. Gather coffee supplies together on a tray. For one of her clients, Engelbach made a station for the school-age kids to put their lunches together, with drawers for snacks and containers.

## 3. Paint something big

If you can't stomach the work or don't have time to paint cabinets, paint some walls. One bold accent wall might require only a half-gallon of paint and an afternoon of work, Bennett says. Or paint your floor. "If you have a wood floor but you hate the wood's color, you can paint it white," she adds. With the right paint, you can also paint tile flooring or a backsplash. Benjamin Moore and Sherwin-Williams have good options, she says.

## 4. Update hardware

Both Bennett and Soria suggest installing new cabinet hardware. "One of the most common questions clients ask is whether all of the metals have to match," says Soria, who is based in Los Angeles. "But I think you can really mix it up." He says that black finish looks good with brass finish, or even with nickel zinc. Mix up shapes too. Try knobs on the upper cabinets and pulls on the lowers, a strategy Bennett employed for her own kitchen. For even less money, you can spray paint your existing hardware. "I am a spray-paint queen," Bennett says. "Unscrew those



KARIN BENNETT DESIGNS

A kitchen designed by Karin Bennett clears away the clutter.

knobs and take them out to your garage." She suggests matte or brushed gold.

## 5. Change out light fixtures

Updating fixtures may seem like a project only for homeowners, but Soria was able to change out the lights in his rental with his landlord's approval. When choosing a new fixture, consider how much light you want. In a dark kitchen, Bennett says, the lampshades should be translucent or glass. "Then you'll get a lot more light and not just directional light" shining downward.

## 6. Accessorize well

"Even just the type or amount of accessories you have in your kitchen can completely change the look," Bennett says. With a classic white kitchen and black countertops, she'd add natural wood in cutting boards leaning against a backsplash or wooden

bowls on a shelf. "A copper or terra-cotta plant pot looks amazing," she adds. If you're looking for more vibrantly colored accessories, Bennett says to use the color in no more than three accessories. Think, too, of how those appliances on your countertop can be accessories in their own right. Engelbach says Smeg's appliances in particular are attractive, and adds that even a new kettle and toaster can re-energize a kitchen.

## 7. Put down a washable throw rug

"They're making some really good washable rugs for the kitchen," Soria says, pointing to Hook & Loom as an example. Try a 2-by-3-foot rug in front of the sink or a 2-by-8-foot runner down a long kitchen. It adds "softness and color," he says. "And you want a washable rug because, in a kitchen, there are sauces flying everywhere."

## 8. Hang art

"Something you don't see all the time is putting up art," Soria says. "I've put up art on my backsplash using self-adhesive foam tape." He says it can help anchor those organized stations, making them look visually united. Engelbach agrees. "I think it's nice to have fabulous artwork," she says. "For people who have open floor plans and open kitchens, they need to be cognizant of the fact that the kitchen is part of the living space." If you can see a kitchen wall while you're sitting on your living room sofa, you'll want it to be aesthetically pleasing.

## 9. Try removable wallpaper and tile

For renters and non-renters alike, Engelbach recommends temporary wallpaper. Many companies make these, including Tempaper Designs and Chasing Paper. Engelbach says that while many of her

New York clients are in rented apartments, even those who aren't don't know if they want to commit to the expense of fully adhesive wallpaper. For a "very-budget update" for a backsplash, Soria suggests self-adhesive penny tile, easy enough to find on Amazon, at Home Depot or at Bed Bath & Beyond. "If you don't have the time or the money to actually tile, you can actually use this wall detail."

## 10. Change out a window treatment

Soria just finished his parents' kitchen remodel and added a patterned Roman shade. "It's a small update that you can do," he says. To save even more, Bennett suggests, sew the shade yourself with remnants or going-out-of-stock fabric.

Lindsey M. Roberts is a freelancer for The Washington Post.

# Super-Patriotism

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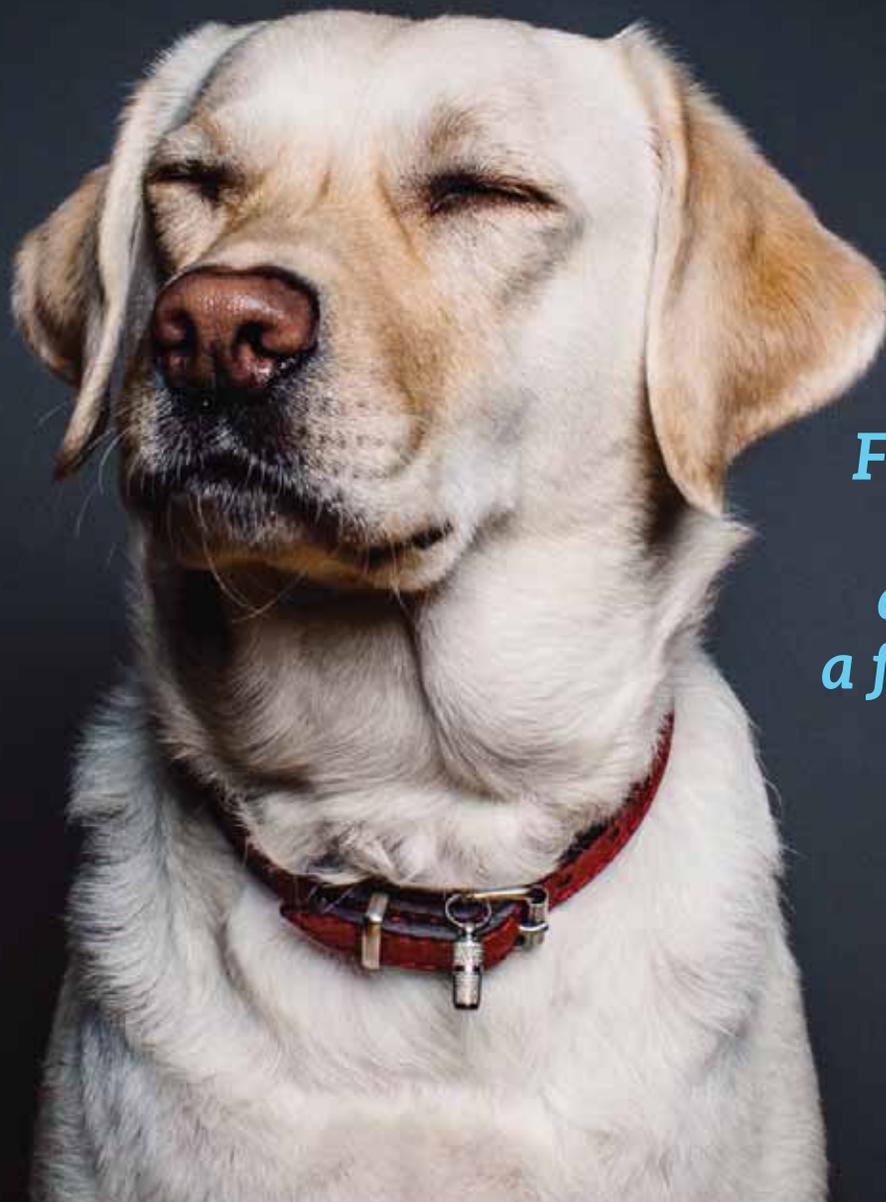
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# Feline time

Ready to adopt a cat?  
Here's what to know

**By Emily Rosenbaum**  
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**W**hen you're ready to welcome a new cat into your home, there are several steps to take.

First, you want to ensure you have enough time for a cat. Many people assume cats are loners and can fend for themselves for long stretches at a time. Although many cats are independent, they still need human interaction and stimulation. When you are at home, your cat likely will want to be near you, play with you or cuddle up in your lap.

If you are hankering for a kitten, strongly consider adopting two from a shelter. Kittens

are very playful and can entertain each other when you are at work or relaxing on the couch. You also will be saving two lives and freeing up more space at the shelter for other adoptable cats.

Look around the shelter and scout out a few cats that interest you. Spend time with them and see which one seems to be a good fit for you. Keep in mind that cats often take a while to warm up to new people, so be patient. Cats also can experience shelter stress and may come out of their shells once they are settled in a new home.

Ask the shelter staff members or volunteers if the cat has any medical conditions, special feeding instructions, behavior issues, etc. Let them know about your home, your lifestyle and if you have a resident cat.

After the adoption, you need to make certain your cat is going to have the smoothest possible transition to his or her new life. Your new cat or kittens likely will be nervous after the car ride home. Set up a safe room in your home. The room should be small without any places for the cat to hide, such as a bathroom or office. Have a litter box and food and water

bowls in the room and let the cat get used to the new space before opening the door and inviting the cat to explore the home.

If you have a resident cat, make it a slow transition. Let them sniff each other under the door or crack it open a bit and allow them to check each other out. There may be hissing at first, so take things slowly. Once they are in the same area together, monitor their behavior toward each other.

Your cat should always be an indoor cat. Cats that are let outside can be hit by cars, pick up diseases and/or be attacked by other animals. Put a cat bed on the windowsill so your friend can enjoy looking outside and not be at risk.

Get good solid scratching posts for your cat to dig his or her nails into. Declawing is painful and deprives cats of important behaviors. You can place double-stick tape or tin foil on couches and chairs to discourage scratching, and if you see your cat clawing your furniture, direct him or her onto the scratching post.

Keep the litter box clean and make sure your new cat is eating and drinking. Also, look out for sniffing and sneezing, signs that the litter box is not being used, excessive lethargy or sudden behavior changes. Talk to your vet if you are concerned. Spaying, neutering and vaccinations typically are included in your adoption fees, but regular vet visits still are important.

Cats can live well into their teens, so this is a long commitment. Be sure you are ready for it.

The ASPCA offers these tips to families who want to adopt a cat:

- Make sure everyone in the house is prepared to have a cat.
- Cats can be independent. Make sure children know that the fun begins only after the cat feels safe and his or her needs are met.
- Once you're sure everyone is ready for feeding, litter changing and grooming, you can divvy up chores among family members so everyone is prepared to care for kitty.
- Always monitor children to ensure they are playing appropriately with the cat. Note if your cat is uncomfortable with being held, and avoid any rough play. 🐾



# PUPPY LOVE

The smart way to find a new family member



**By Bill Daley**

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**H**ow to find a puppy? Very carefully and with much forethought, the experts all agree. After all, you're considering the purchase of a living being, an animal that will need feeding, training, grooming, medical care and, most of all, love and attention from you and your family.

Be honest with yourself, the experts say, and really consider if you can do it. And then, think hard on what kind of dog is best for you.

"You need to find a dog that fits your lifestyle," says Bruce Haas, co-owner of Tails in the City, a Chicago dog boutique. "If you aren't an active person and you get an active dog, that's a problem. The dog needs to fit into your lifestyle. It's up to everyone to do research."

Research is key, agreed Gina DiNardo, vice president of the New York-based American Kennel Club.

"How much time and money do you have for grooming?" she asks. "How much time do you have for exercising the breed? Some dogs are more content being a couch potato. Others will go crazy if they are left in the house without stimulation and exercise."

Puppies can also be "a big drain on time," DiNardo added, and if you don't devote the necessary time for training and socializing, "your puppy may not grow up to be the best canine citizen."

If you decide to buy a purebred puppy or dog, DiNardo said, you need to look for a responsible breeder. A good breeder will want you to visit the property, meet the mother and puppies, and will be happy to educate you on the breed and help you find the right puppy, she said, noting that some breeders will even pick out the puppy they think has the best temperament for you.

Expect, too, to be ready to answer many questions from a



breeder looking to gauge your willingness and ability to provide for the dog. Such auditions, DiNardo noted, are a good sign.

"They will thoroughly vet you," she said. "They will ask as many questions as you do."

If a breeder discourages you from seeing where the mother and other animals are kept or won't allow you to visit the property, walk away. This is a sign of a bad breeder, and possibly a puppy mill, where animals are kept in horrible conditions and bred repeatedly.

Animal rescue organizations, like PAWS Chicago and local SPCA and Humane Society shelters, are also ready and eager to help you find the right puppy or dog. (There are rescue groups for particular dog breeds as well, so search online if you are partial to a particular breed.) And they will likely ask questions similar to those posed by breeders to determine which animal is best for you.

"We recommend families visit a shelter," says Sarah McDonald, PAWS associate director of media and community relations. "They can find a variety of wonderful animals, all shapes and sizes and energy level."

Bring along any resident dogs and tell the adoption counselors about any other pets; they can help you pinpoint a dog that will do better with such company.

If you choose a puppy, McDonald says, you should make sure you puppy-proof your home to eliminate possible dangers (don't leave things out that might get chewed or broken, lock up poisons, watch electrical cords). Figure out who is going to walk the puppy; you will have to leave work in the middle of the day to do it or arrange for a dog walker.

Uncertain how a pet will fit in with you and your family? Consider fostering an animal from a shelter. It gives the dog a break

from the shelter and allows you to see if a dog is right for your lifestyle. If you become attached to your shelter friend, you likely can adopt him or her.

Whatever you do, make acquiring a puppy or dog a fun event for the whole family, McDonald says, and go in with an open mind.

"Let yourself meet a variety of animals," she said. "Fall in love together."

#### **What you'll need for your new dog**

- Leash and collar
- ID tag
- Chew toys (big enough that the puppy can't swallow them)
- Food, training treats
- Bed or old blanket
- Coat or sweater for cold climates
- Carrier for small breeds
- Brush, gentle shampoo, nail clippers (unless you plan to use a groomer)
- Vet appointment 🐾





# 10 ways having a pet makes life better

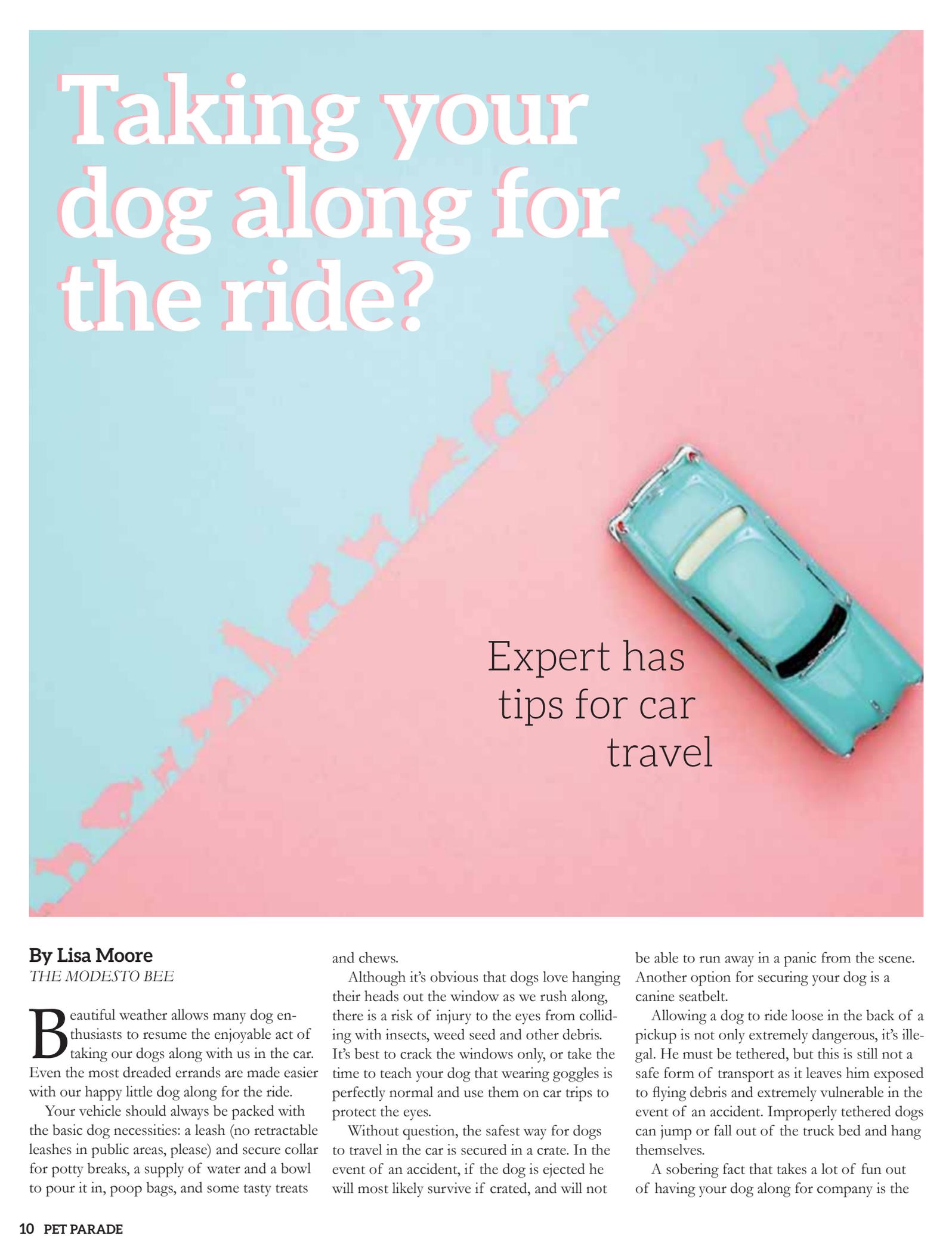
**By Barton Goldsmith**  
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I have seen how having an animal in your life can make things much better for all concerned. Here are some reasons why.

1. A pet's love never fails. No matter what, the animal that you have bonded with will always love you and remember you. Just knowing that unconditional love is there will make your life better.
2. Caring for something other than yourself is emotionally healthy. Giving and getting a little love, even if you have to say "off the couch" 270 times a day, can take your mind off your troubles and help you to see what's really real.
3. It is also physically healthy. If you have a dog, you need to take it (and you) on walks. Cesar Millan says that dogs are happiest when they are walking. And it's common knowledge that taking regular walks is also good for your heart and brain health.
4. An animal in your life will help ease your suffering. If you are dealing with depression, trauma or anxiety, having a pet will make things better. The relationship is pure healing. There are reality shows about how dogs help veterans dealing with PTSD and parolees trying to work their way back into society.
5. You may not think you have the energy to care for a pet. I have a friend who has been battling cancer for a decade. She got a puppy about a year before her cancer was diagnosed, and that dog has, without a doubt, helped keep her alive. Having her loving pup by her side is such a comfort when she is feeling weak.
6. Yes, animals typically do die before their owners. Yes, losing your pet is very painful, but when you think about how much love this animal gave you, it's totally worth the pain of loss.
7. No, pets are not replaceable. Rescuing little Foxy has made things much nicer for our family, but I still miss my Mercy and think of her every day. The connection we had was heart to heart, and caring for her that last year truly changed me.
8. Just the act of petting a creature lowers your blood pressure and helps you relax. Next time you are feeling out of sorts, I recommend going to your local shelter and giving some love to an animal there. You won't have to take it home, but notice how you feel when the two of you are exchanging emotional energy. And don't be surprised if you do adopt!
9. Saving a life will make yours better. Some people prefer a puppy from a pet store or breeder on a farm, but what about the used ones? All my animals have been rescues, and they are as sweet as can be. All of them have been young, 1 or 2 at most, so I've gotten to have them for a long time. Rescues make the best pets.
10. Maybe you think you don't have enough room in your heart. You may already have a family to love, and that is totally wonderful. But you may want to consider adding an animal into the mix. I'm sure if you ask your family, they will agree that pets only add more love. They never take it away.

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# Taking your dog along for the ride?

A teal toy car is positioned on a pink background. A diagonal line of white dog silhouettes runs across the background, separating a light blue area above from the pink area below. The car is viewed from a top-down perspective.

Expert has tips for car travel

**By Lisa Moore**

*THE MODESTO BEE*

**B**eautiful weather allows many dog enthusiasts to resume the enjoyable act of taking our dogs along with us in the car. Even the most dreaded errands are made easier with our happy little dog along for the ride.

Your vehicle should always be packed with the basic dog necessities: a leash (no retractable leashes in public areas, please) and secure collar for potty breaks, a supply of water and a bowl to pour it in, poop bags, and some tasty treats

and chews.

Although it's obvious that dogs love hanging their heads out the window as we rush along, there is a risk of injury to the eyes from colliding with insects, weed seed and other debris. It's best to crack the windows only, or take the time to teach your dog that wearing goggles is perfectly normal and use them on car trips to protect the eyes.

Without question, the safest way for dogs to travel in the car is secured in a crate. In the event of an accident, if the dog is ejected he will most likely survive if crated, and will not

be able to run away in a panic from the scene.

Another option for securing your dog is a canine seatbelt.

Allowing a dog to ride loose in the back of a pickup is not only extremely dangerous, it's illegal. He must be tethered, but this is still not a safe form of transport as it leaves him exposed to flying debris and extremely vulnerable in the event of an accident. Improperly tethered dogs can jump or fall out of the truck bed and hang themselves.

A sobering fact that takes a lot of fun out of having your dog along for company is the

risk of theft. It's best not to leave your dog alone in the car. If the windows are cracked, there's a risk that someone could get inside, and temperatures can soar in the vehicle, even on a mild day.

Take the time to teach your dog appropriate car riding behavior if he remains loose, which includes leaving the driver alone. Drivers have enough to focus on without having to deal with incessant barking, ear licking or overly eager lap jumpers.

Teach your dog the rules of the car during special training sessions when you are not the driver, or from a parked position if you are alone. Attach a leash if needed, and use it to gently teach your dog where his boundaries are. If limited to the back seat, make sure he is placed back there each time he attempts to move to the front. Giving him a delicious project to chew on — like a bone or Kong filled with peanut butter — will help settle him down and keep him safely in the back long term.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome in some retail locations — think outdoor nurseries, home improvement stores, and eateries with seating outside. But choose wisely; if your dog doesn't particularly enjoy being around strangers, or is barky or fearful of new places, avoid these public spaces. Seek the help of a professional trainer if your dog needs help adjusting to public venues; training should take place in other, more remote locations.

It is such a treat to take our well-mannered dog along with us into some of these welcoming places, and it is our duty and responsibility to make a good impression with a polite and unobtrusive dog so we can all continue to enjoy this special privilege. And always pick up your dog's poop. 🐾



## How to help a shy dog gain confidence in you

By **Cathy M. Rosenthal**  
*TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY*

**D**ear Cathy, My adult daughter and her family have a female lab mix named Scooby. Despite my seeing her three to four times a year (they live in Atlanta), she is always afraid of me and will sometimes bark and growl at me. Eventually she calms down and I can pet her. Even though she jumps on our bed and seems glad to see us, she avoids me later. She also got very upset with my other son-in-law and never calmed down enough for him to pet her.

Is there anything that I can do to make her less apprehensive? I've tried treats, but have a hard time getting her to come over to take them.

— *James Cohen, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.*

**Dear James,**

What a great guy you are to seek advice about bonding with your granddog Scooby.

Some people may say that something bad must have happened to Scooby to make her so afraid of people. But that's not always the case. Some dogs may not have been properly socialized as a puppy or, like people, may be shyer than other dogs and more stressed by social situations. Scooby also may associate your visits with increased activity in the house,

which may make her uneasy.

Scooby needs some confidence-building. There are ways to help her become a more confident dog overall, but I am going to focus on what you can do when you visit.

Scooby needs to know good things happen whenever you arrive. Bring her a treat, toy or chew you know she will enjoy. Make sure you are the one to give it to her and only give it to her in a quiet place. Put it on the ground, and then step back so she can check it out on her own.

Next, ask your daughter and her family if you can take over Scooby's care while you are there, like feeding her, taking her for her walks and playing with her, if she will let you. Pets bond with their caretakers, so these activities can help build trust and show her you are part of the family.

You also should spend quiet time together, which helps Scooby associate calmness when you are around. Get up in the morning, while everyone is still sleeping, and spend time with her, either watching TV or sitting out in the back yard. Rather than face her, sit sideways to her, like two people watching a baseball game, and wait for her to come to you. This body language is less intimidating and makes it easier for shy dogs to approach.

During the visit, speak softly to her and give her a few tasty treats. Your extended arm might scare her, so toss some strong-smelling treats on the ground a few feet away from you, eventually tossing them closer to you as she gets more comfortable with your new friendship.

If she is trained to not eat things off the ground, then put her dog bowl near you and put a few treats in it at time. Whenever she comes toward you, toss a treat on the ground (or place in the bowl), and tell her "good girl."

Just be present with her and don't force anything to happen. Don't make sudden movements or use loud, booming voices that could startle her. Do these things on every visit, and eventually Scooby will be relaxed and happy to see her grandpa from Ft. Lauderdale.

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# Scaredy cat

Give anxious felines  
more places to hide  
in the home



**By Cathy M. Rosenthal**  
*TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY*

**D**ear Cathy,  
We got our rescue cat more than two years ago as a 7-month-old kitten. As soon as she got in the house, she went under the bed and came out only to eat and use the litter box. A year later, she still hid under the bed but came out more often to snoop around the house. As soon as anyone moved, though, she raced back under the bed.

Since the beginning of this year, she comes out at night and sleeps in our bed with us. At daybreak, she is back under the bed again until nighttime. When we are watching television,

she comes into the hallway and starts “talking” to us. But as soon as one of us gets up, she is back under the bed.

I have a bag of treats, and when she hears me open it, she comes running toward me. Sometimes, she stays out, and we play a little. She does not play with any of the toys we bought her.

She lets us pick her up, but not for long, and she does purr. She is not curious about anything, open bags, crawling things, etc. We do have a Chihuahua who has no interest in her. Sometimes they both end up on the bed at the same time with no conflicts.

Is this something that is going to last forever with her? Right now, she is not like a pet; she is

just an animal that lives in our house.  
— Mark, Las Vegas

**Dear Mark,**

I appreciate your patience with this sensitive soul. Believe it or not, I don't think her anxieties will last forever, even though it has been two years. She has actually made progress, so here are a few more ways to keep things moving.

Place plug-in feline pheromones around the house or get her a feline pheromone collar to wear. All animals emit pheromones, but when cats smell cat pheromones, it can trigger an endocrine response that calms them and reduces anxiety.

Next, when she starts “talking” in the hall, open her treats and call her to you. Do not go to her because that startles her. Instead, make her come to you. Place a hideaway-type bed near or on the couch that she can dive into quickly if she is startled. That way, she doesn’t have to start all over again from the other end of the house.

Finally, cats feel safer up high, so if you can afford it, buy her a tall scratching post with a hideaway hole located at the top for the living room. Leave a few liver treats in the hole to encourage her to climb up. If she doesn’t discover it on her own after a week, gently place her in it. She needs lots of hiding places around the house, so she can explore safely and learn there is nothing to be afraid of in your home. 🐾



## Nip that aggression in the bud

By Cathy M. Rosenthal

TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

**D**ear Cathy,  
My 8-month-old puppy has started to show aggression. He growls and tries to bite when I try to pick him up or put on a leash. Treats are not working. Suggestions?

— Eileen, Commack, N.Y.

**Dear Eileen,**

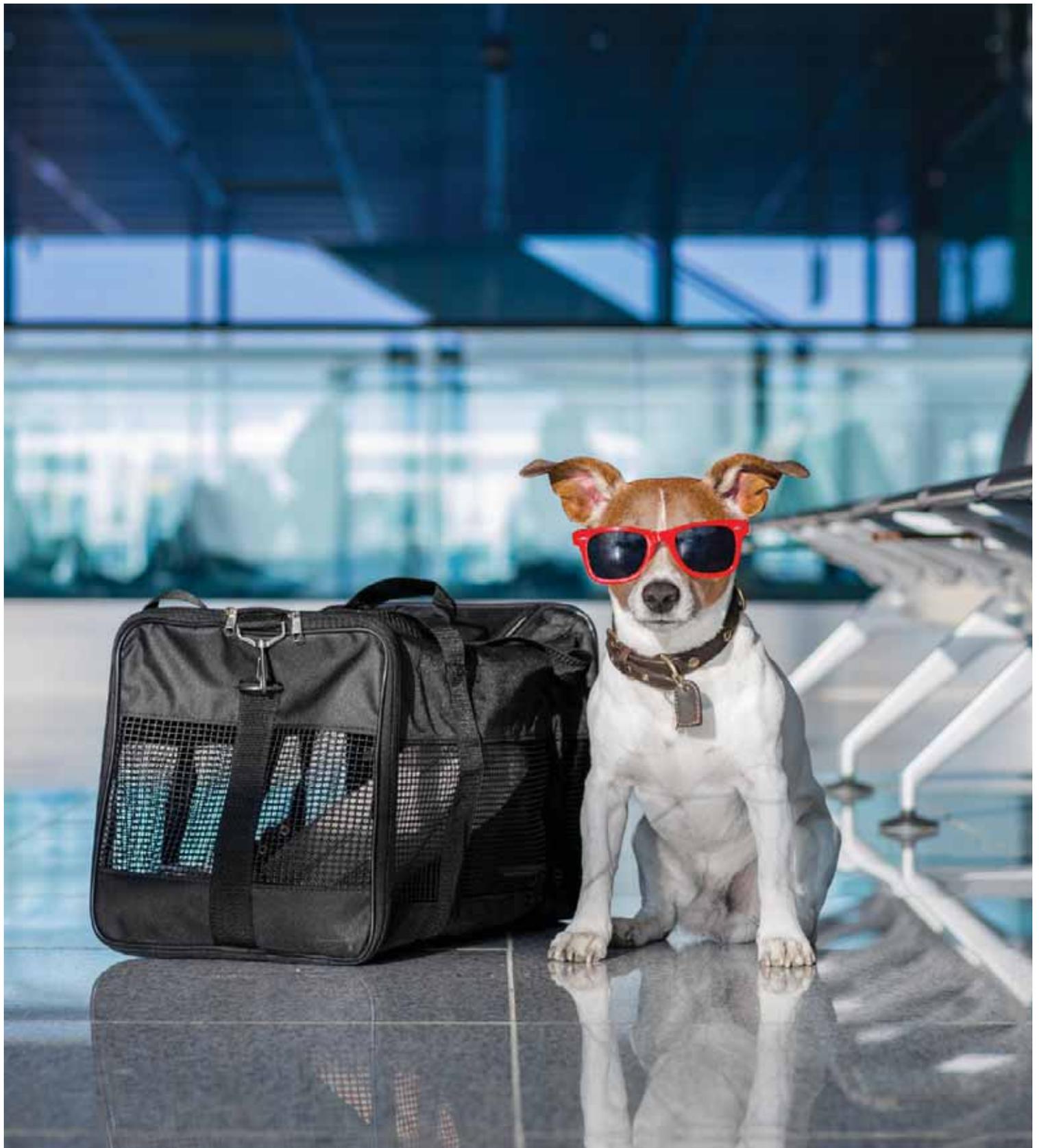
If this is a new behavior, take him to a veterinarian to rule out a health problem. If he is not neutered, get that done right away.

After doing these things, he needs to learn who is in charge, and that only comes from consistent training. Right now, your stubborn little guy has learned he can control the household with a few well-placed growls and snaps. But you can begin to reshape his responses by training him to sit, stay, and come when called. The more you train him to listen to your simple commands, the less likely he will behave this way.

For example, instead of picking him up, walk over to him, then turn away, slap the side of your leg to get his attention, and say “come” to get him to follow you. Puppies love to follow people, especially if their voices sound happy. When he moves from his spot, you should be able to pick him up with no issues.

Once he learns to come when called, call him to you at least 10 times a day, always giving him a treat to reinforce the behavior. This repetitive behavior teaches him you are more important than his spot.

If these things don’t help or he gets worse, please find a dog trainer or an animal behaviorist to evaluate his behavior. 🐾



# Animals **in the air**

The 'emotional support' debate is a tough one

## By Katherine Vallera

TRAVELPULSE

Some of us might have gotten a good chuckle when a woman tried to bring her “emotional support peacock” on a flight.

All humor aside, however, the incident served to reveal an elephant in the cabin and a far more complicated debate about how airlines treat animals and disabled passengers.

In response to negative publicity surrounding alleged emotional support animals, (including the attack of a passenger) as well as the death of a companion dog in an overhead compartment, airlines like Delta and United are revising their policies with regards to who flies inside the cabin. And American Airlines decided early this year to limit emotional support animals allowed onboard to dogs and cats.

Via a statement to *The Washington Post*, Sara Nelson, president of The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, said the changes will reduce fraud and protect passengers with disabilities.

Yet, it appears that people with disabilities — as well as the organizations that advocate for them — disagree.

Toni Ann Earns, president and founder of the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners, released a statement predicting the revised policy will cause a great deal of harm to travelers with legitimate service animals. Another statement released by Christine Benninger, president and CEO of Guide Dogs for the Blind, explains how requiring people with disabilities to present a health certificate for their service dogs 48 hours before flying is discriminatory.

It denies them access to last-minute travel, which can be crucial for business or in an emergency.

“If somebody is traveling with a legitimate service animal, there should not be any additional hoops that they have to jump through,” said Benninger, who believes the changes cause undue hardship and are in violation of the Air Carrier Access Act, the statute that protects people with disabilities during air travel, which is exempt from the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“If my father has another sudden need for heart surgery, I wouldn’t be able to get on a plane today or tomorrow to get to see him,” said traveler Alexandra Harper, who requires the assistance of her service dog, Otto.

The new policy will not only make flying less accessible for people with disabilities requiring service animals, but it will also make it more expensive. Veterinarians will charge



for the certificates, which must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance and will only be valid for two weeks.

This means round-trip itineraries will often require two vet visits: one in each direction.

Traveling with disabilities is already challenging enough. Harper notifies the airline about her service dog in advance, at which time they guarantee reasonable accommodation as is stipulated by the Air Carrier Access Act (Title 14 CFR Part 382). Yet all too often, when she arrives at the gate, the airline is unprepared to accommodate her disability as required by law.

Sometimes, it’s because they’ve already reached the maximum number of animals allowed inside the cabin. (There’s no priority for service dogs when it comes to this allowance; it’s determined by when the passengers booked.) While the popularity of flying with pets keeps growing, this allowance hasn’t been raised to meet the demand, thus posing an accessibility obstacle for people with disabilities.

Harper is also denied boarding when there’s a stroller needing the same space that she requires for her service dog. “Half the time, the agent says there’s nothing they can do.”

The alternative solution is hardly better: The airline forces another passenger to give up their seat. This upsets other passengers, who direct their anger at the service animal owner.

“I think the airlines don’t believe me over

the phone,” Harper said, “When I show up at the airport, they consider me a problem they put off dealing with until the last minute.”

Case in point: Harper was recently denied access to the first four flights she wanted because they had reached the maximum animal allowance. She was then denied access to another because of a stroller. To make matters worse, her purpose for flying was to seek medical treatment for her disability.

“A theoretical piece of baby gear had priority over me,” said Harper.

But then there’s the counterpoint: Healthy passengers who take advantage of accommodations intended for people with disabilities so that their pets can be in the cabin.

“People will fake disability because they don’t want to fly (animals as) cargo,” said Earns. “It’s not 100 percent safe, and they don’t want to lose their pet.”

“I don’t blame them one bit!” said travel agent Ruth Demuth, “There’s no way I’d subject my fur babies to flying in cargo. There is always that risk of injury or death due to severe conditions and poor handling.”

“It’s important for travelers to understand that flying animals in (the) cargo area is extremely dangerous,” said Colleen O’Brien, vice president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. “It’s not uncommon for them to be lost, injured or even killed.”

The potential for tragedy is even higher when flights are delayed and the cargo hold experiences extreme temperatures. Combined with loud noises and the lack of pressurization, flying cargo can cause animals to experience distress.

“Every business should be held accountable,” said travel agent Connie Riker, who specializes in special-needs travel. “People’s pets are part of their family; they rely on the promises made by airlines when making the decision to entrust their family member with them.”

Meanwhile, Delta reports that the number of passengers traveling with emotional support or service animals has increased 150 percent in the past three years.

Riker said that anyone who is planning on bringing their animal around other people should know how it will behave in public. Harper agreed, describing how Otto has been attacked by wayward emotional support ani-

mals on multiple occasions.

Earns said she believes that that most doctors don’t even meet the emotional support animal before signing off on letters, let alone evaluate the animal’s potential to be a public hazard. Service animals, on the other hand, receive extensive training. (Otto, for example, underwent 2.5 years of training to become a service dog.)

“Our dogs start training when they’re 3 days old,” notes Berringer, whose nonprofit organization provides guide dogs for the blind and visually impaired.

Instead of punishing passengers traveling with legitimate service dogs, Earns suggested an assessment of emotional support and service animals by security to determine if they are fit for public transportation. Denying access for ill-behaved animals would protect other passengers and deter pet owners who abuse accommodations intended for people with disabilities.

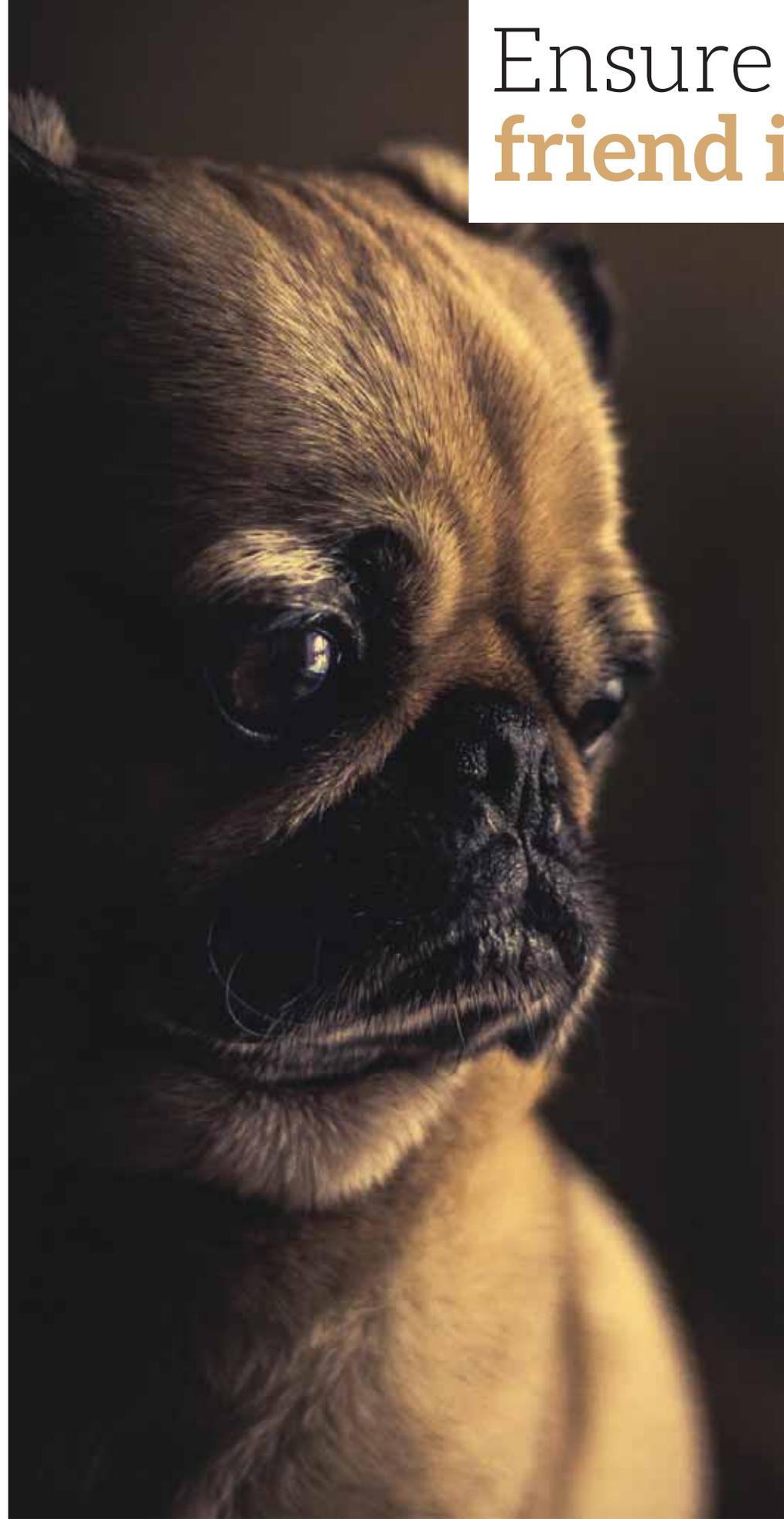
“An animal that is being given access to public transportation needs to be able to demonstrate that it can be well behaved,” Riker said.

Then there’s a second solution that would alleviate the problem without discriminating against people with disabilities: “Make a huge effort to make cargo safer — really put in money,” said Earns.

DeMuth, the travel agent, thinks it’s the airlines’ responsibility to find a resolution that doesn’t endanger animals or infringe on disability rights. If they don’t do so willingly, then it will be up to lawmakers to design and enforce more acceptable policies.

Harper, on the other hand, is less optimistic. She’s concerned that people with disabilities are too disenfranchised and underrepresented to be considered by the Federal Aviation Administration and liability lawyers that shape the rules. Then there are animals who literally cannot speak for themselves. 🐾





# Ensure your best friend is covered

Be ready to fight if a pet insurer denies a valid claim

**By David Lazarus**  
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**I**t's every pet owner's nightmare: Your beloved furry friend comes down with a serious, costly illness. Americans spend more than \$14 billion on vet bills annually, and pet insurance in the United States has grown into a nearly \$900 million business.

But, as with human health insurance, claims for critters frequently can be denied by insurers for a variety of reasons. Most often, it's because the illness is deemed a pre-existing condition, which few pet policies will cover.

Challenging such denials can be frustrating, especially if your pet's medical needs are urgent.

That's where Pasadena, Calif., resident Samantha Bonar found herself. Her pit bull, Kaya, survived cancer several years ago. Now she has cancer again.

Kaya's veterinarian said the two cancers were unrelated. But the dog's insurer, Healthy Paws of Bellevue, Wash., refused to cover Kaya's treatment, ruling the latest diagnosis a repeat of the first.

Bonar, 48, appealed that decision but got nowhere. When we first spoke, it had been more than two months since her initial claim was rejected.

Meanwhile, the costs of Kaya's care were climbing.

"With cancer, you're racing against time," Bonar told me. "It seemed like the insurance company was delaying in hopes she'd just die."

Harsh. But then, millions of people have experienced the indignity of fighting denied claims and have wondered if their insurer was making the process deliberately troublesome in hopes the patient would just give up and go away.

Healthy Paws said in a statement that Bonar's claims for Kaya's care took an un-

usually long time “due to the large number of claims under review.”

I wrote recently about how my insurer recently rejected my claim for a new insulin pump because of “lack of medical necessity” — an unexpected decision in light of the fact that I have incurable Type 1 diabetes and have worn a pump for years.

It turned out my insurer was simply missing a form, which I was able to untangle with a series of time-consuming calls and emails. What steamed me, though, was the fact that a simple clerical error had resulted in a full-on claim denial.

A 2011 study by the California Nurses Association estimated that the state’s top insurers rejected about a quarter of all claims. A separate federal study that year by the Government

Accountability Office found that denied claims were reversed in about half of all appeals, for those with the stamina to work the system.

The same dynamics play out with pet insurance. But because pre-existing conditions are almost always grounds for a claim denial, it’s far easier for pet insurers to cut you off if your animal is prone to accidents or sickness.

Bonar’s dog was diagnosed with a tumor on her larynx in 2013. Bonar described the cancer as “very rare and unusual.”

And she should know. Bonar works part time as a writer for Duarte’s City of Hope, a leading cancer facility. She interviews oncologists and patients for the medical center’s Breakthroughs blog.

So when Healthy Paws ruled that Kaya’s new cancer on her jaw was related to the first,

Bonar immediately said, no, they have it wrong. “I understand this stuff,” she told me.

Kaya’s vet, Dr. Jared Lyons, did as well. He submitted a letter to the insurer saying the new cancer “is in no way related” to the earlier tumor.

He said “it would be incredibly unlikely” for the first cancer, after successful treatment with surgery and radiation, “to lay dormant for over four years and suddenly grow in a completely different location and spread to the rest of the body.”

Just hours after I contacted Healthy Paws, Bonar received an email from the insurer saying a review of her appeal had determined that the two cancers are unrelated.

“Ms. Bonar’s claim will be paid in full,” Healthy Paws told me in its statement.

That includes the nearly \$13,000 Bonar said she’s spent so far on Kaya’s illness, which some people who don’t own pets might think is crazy, but which many pet owners will understand immediately.

When we spoke after the company reversed course, I told Bonar she must be pleased.

She said yes, but she’s also angry because it’s easy to imagine that lots of people, faced with thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket costs after a denied claim, might choose to put their pet down.

“This could have gone very differently,” she said.

Her advice: Fight.

“Educate yourself and use every resource available,” Bonar said. “Don’t give up.”

I agree. Whether we’re talking pooches or people. 🐾





# Newborn baby and new dog?

Not a great idea

**By Cathy M. Rosenthal**  
*TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY*

**D**ear Cathy,  
My son and daughter-in-law are having their first baby soon. They have informed us that they plan on adopting a pit bull from a rescue. My wife and I are against it. We will fear not only for them but the baby.

I know people say it's how the dog is raised. How do you know how a dog is raised if it's a rescue? There must be a reason why the pit bull is a rescue. The dog could have been mistreated. I do know, however, that any dog can bite and cause harm. How should this be handled? Also, the apartment they live in is about 500 square feet.

— Carol N., Syosset, N.Y.

**Dear Carol,**

Before I address your question about pit bulls, let's talk about the adoption of a pet right before the arrival of a baby. I see this happen a lot with expectant couples. They want their child to grow up with a dog, or they are “nesting” and think now is the perfect time to add a pet to the family.

Both are bad ideas. First, kids can begin growing up with a dog at any age. They don't need to rush things. My son didn't get his first dog until he was 8 years old.

Second, adopting a dog right before a baby arrives is unfair to the dog. New parents are often exhausted and don't have the time or energy to train a new dog and help him or her succeed in the home. If they can wait to adopt a dog until after the baby arrives, I think they

will be in a better position to know what kind of time, energy and financial resources they will have to devote to the care of a new pet, and the dog will benefit more from waiting too.

As for your question about pit bulls — a term that encompasses about 20 breeds of dogs — they are no different than any other dog. It's not about how they were treated — almost all of quarterback Michael Vick's fighting dogs got adopted into homes, and some even served as therapy pets during their lives. It's about how they are being treated and socialized now. If a dog is raised in a home around people and with training, things are generally fine. If a dog, regardless of breed, is neglected or relegated to a back yard with little to no contact with people, he or she is more likely to bite or become aggressive.

Shelters and rescue groups can behavior-test and make a personality determination before putting a dog up for adoption.

As for breed-specific legislation, many communities realize that breed bans don't work. In fact, they often report the same or increased number of dog bites, perhaps because resources target dogs based on appearance rather than on behavior. So far, 20 states have passed provisions prohibiting cities from enacting breed discrimination provisions, and I expect this trend to continue.

Ironically, pit bull dogs were once America's sweethearts, owned by several presidents, many celebrities and even the children's author Dr. Seuss. If you are getting ready to become grandparents, you may remember Petey from the Little Rascals. He was a pit bull.

With any pet, no matter how sweet and lovable, new parents must remember to never leave a baby or small child alone with that pet for any reason. Regardless of breed, that's the single most important thing for new parents to remember with a dog. 🐾



## Treating hot spots

By Cathy M. Rosenthal

TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

**D**ear Cathy,  
My 10-year-old dog gnaws occasionally on places on his front legs that end up looking bare of hair and inflamed. How do I treat that?

— Ann P., Moyock, N.C.

**Dear Ann,**

Dogs chew on themselves because they itch, either from fleas, allergies or even a habit formed from anxiety or boredom. That means flea preventatives, and allergy and anxiety medications can help some dogs. But dogs itch so much, there is now a new monthly injectable that stops their itch for up to a month. Talk to your veterinarian about it.

Regardless of the reason, you will need to treat the hot spots — the irritated skin lesions that result from repetitive biting chewing, licking and scratching. You can find hydrocortisone sprays and other healing creams online and at pet stores. If that doesn't work, your veterinarian can prescribe something stronger. 🐾



# Fat cat? Pudgy pooch?

Time to exercise

**By Rene Lynch**

*LOS ANGELES TIMES*

**N**ext time you're at the vet's office, you need to look your vet in the eye and say: "Doc, give it to me straight. Is my pet fat?"

And then don't freak out if the answer is, "Yes, I'm glad you mentioned that."

It's estimated that as many as 59 percent of the nation's cats and 54 percent of its dogs are struggling with obesity, according to veterinarian Ernie Ward, founder of the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention and the author of "Chow Hounds: Why Our Dogs Are Getting Fatter."

"We actually think the numbers are higher," Ward said, and that vets are underreporting and sidestepping the problem lest they risk offending clients.

Pudgy pugs and fat cats may get lots of "likes" on social media, but there's nothing amusing about pet obesity, which can dramatically shorten a pet's life by contributing to crippling arthritis, Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, kidney failure and a variety of cancers.

If you love your pet, "one the most important things you can do is keep your pet at a healthy weight," Ward said.

The first step is having a frank discussion with your vet and figuring out an appropriate plan for feeding your pet and doling out the right amount of treats. (There's no way we're going to stop giving our pets treats!)

Next up, though, is the fun part: exercising with your pet to burn off calories and pent-up energy, and bringing out his or her inner wild child. Here are Ward's tips:

### If you have a cat

“Cats don’t ‘jog’ — they are built for short spurts of energy that unleash their inner predator,” he said. Think nature documentaries, where the cheetah goes full-out to capture its prey and then spends the rest of the afternoon snoozing and recharging.

Ward suggests using laser pointers and remote-control toys to drive your cat insane for three to five minutes of play at a time, working up to three or four sessions a day, for a total of about 20 minutes of play each day.

In addition, he suggests placing a few boxes around the house and other toys your cat can use to hide in and leap out at you as you are walking by.

Ward also plays “hide the food” with his cats, placing some of their food in little bowls and secreting them around the house each day. It’s kitty’s job to find them.

“They get to kind of stalk their ‘prey’” and burn off some calories in the process.

### If you have a dog

In contrast to cats, dogs need longer workouts to help them reset their energy levels, Ward said.

This does not mean you should take a dog that has been a couch potato and try to make it run five miles behind your bike.

“That is a recipe for disaster,” he said.

Instead, aim to condition your dog (and yourself) by working your way up to a brisk 30 minutes of walking each day, or two 15-minute walks. Start out with leisurely walks of about 10 minutes apiece, and increase time and intensity by about 10 percent each week until you hit your goal.

If you don’t have the time, consider hiring a dog walker or a college kid or a neighbor who could use a four-legged walking buddy. Doggie day care services are helpful too.

You also want to get in some ball playing, or Frisbee time with your dog, so your pet can get in some running and jumping, if its health allows, Ward said. 🐾

# Big gulp

Is it a medical issue when dogs inhale their food?

By Lisa Moore

THE MODESTO BEE

Julie has written in about her dog, Molly, a spayed female Labrador retriever. Molly is “absolutely crazy” about her food, and quickly gulps her kibble down at every meal. Once she is certain there is no more food available, Molly calms down, but Julie is worried about her vacuum cleaner impersonation every time she is fed. She inhales her food so quickly that she often chokes it back up again.

Julie goes on to say that she has begun to give her more at each meal now, thinking Molly is “starving” due to her behavior and is exceeding the feeding guidelines on the bag of dog kibble for a dog her size.

There are lots of dogs out there that fit your description, Julie, and there can be many contributing factors, including metabolic rate, quality of food and competition from other dogs. There can also be medical reasons for this behavior to occur, including hyperthyroidism, which is a disease that causes an overproduction of the hormone thyroxin. Symptoms of hyperthyroidism include ravenous appetite, weight loss and hyperactivity. So before making any other changes, Julie, I’d suggest a thorough examination and blood workup at your veterinarian’s office.

If there are no physical problems at the root

of this behavior, then I’d start getting creative in other ways. First, I’d suggest you look carefully at the type of food you are offering. Dogs require a diet of about 70 percent protein, and contrary to what is in a lot of commercial dog food, they are not big grain eaters. Make sure the quality of the food offered is high, with no grain in the formula.

If Molly is fed in the company of other dogs, or even the family cat, I’d change the routine to be sure she eats alone. Sometimes the mere presence of another pet can cause the dog to accelerate the eating process. Molly may consider other pets as competition, and she definitely doesn’t want to share, so may eat faster as a result.

Next, you will need to do something to physically slow Molly down during meal time. You can discard the food bowl and toss her kibble all over the floor, or place it single layer in a shallow pan. Doing so will require that Molly pick up each piece of kibble individually, instead of successfully gobbling up mouthfuls at a time. Don’t expect her to do a lot of chewing. Dogs are carnivores, and their teeth are shaped to bite, tear and shred food, not grind it to a pulp.

Another option is to buy a specialty food bowl; one with separators built in, which



causes the kibble to settle in little compartments within the bowl, forcing the dog to work to retrieve each little piece.

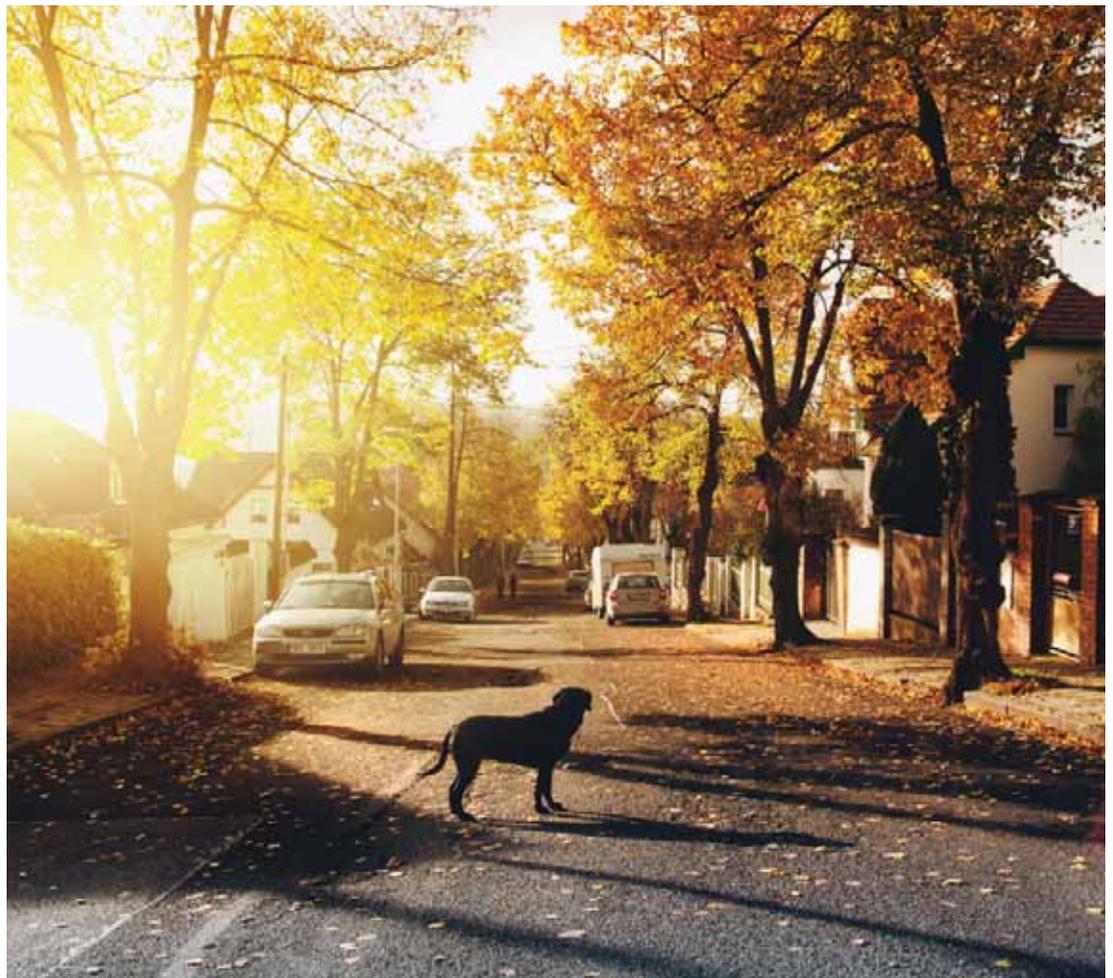
You could also get more creative and offer Molly her food in a type of puzzle. There are numerous toys on the market that are specifically designed to hold a full meal; my favorites include the Buster Cube and the Kong Wobler. There are various ways to make these toys dispense some of the food, but it usually involves nosing or pawing it around in some way, and a little kibble at a time falls out. Some of these toys can stretch out a meal to last 30 minutes or more.

The benefits of making sure Molly slows down while eating almost pale in comparison to the mental stimulation they provide; a win-win for your dog. These options may give Molly the feeling of getting more at each meal, although in reality you will only be adding to the length of time, not increasing the amount of kibble.

Labradors are well known for their love of food and mealtime. Consider offering Molly more activities that involve food, but not her kibble. For example, offering her a big femur bone to chew on a few days a week will likely please her to no end, while the additional calories consumed will be minimal.

Finally, when looking for guidelines as to how much kibble to feed your dog, forget about what the label on the food bag recommends; look to Molly's actual weight and activity level to determine how much to feed her. Start with a fixed, measured amount, then weigh her, reassess and adjust the quantity every couple of weeks until you're certain that the amount of food you're offering her is keeping her at a healthy weight.

If you're not sure whether or not she is overweight, ask your veterinarian to assess Molly for you. 🐾



# The hound hunter

Pet detective helps locate missing dogs

By Charles Rabin

MIAMI HERALD

**M**IAAMI — Jamie Katz and her dad were constantly evicted from apartments. The barking was ear-splitting. The stench from litter boxes on balconies was overwhelming.

“He couldn’t say no to me,” said Katz. “And I couldn’t say no to the animals.”

That was about two decades ago and Katz, 36, still can’t say no to the animals — especially missing ones. In the past few weeks alone, Katz, who operates out of a cage-cluttered Fort Lauderdale, Fla., apartment, has helped track down a French bulldog that escaped a yard and a Chihuahua stolen from an animal clinic in South Miami-Dade.

Another French bulldog named Brunno went missing for 180 days before Katz reunited him with owners, a body-wagging reunion in Fort Lauderdale caught on video. And last year, she helped basketball legend Michael Jordan’s daughter find her missing Pomeranian.

Katz is a bona fide pet detective. She is a registered private eye with a degree in criminology, has trained her own dogs to catch the scent of missing pets and — arguably key to her success — has mad skills for using new and old media to spotlight her mission.

“Jamie is sharp. Jamie is amazing,” said Emmanuel Laboy, who got his French bulldog, Bella, back after two agonizing weeks. “And most important, Bella is super happy.”

Katz’s ability to reunite cats, dogs, parrots and even ferrets with their owners, coupled with a recent surge of positive press, has made her South Florida’s most well-known pet detective. Savvy at gaining attention, Katz isn’t shy about highlighting her name — a serendipitous homonym — to publicize her growing business.

Since creating her company less than two years ago, Katz said she’s taken on 240 cases and solved 150 of them. Most of the time, she reunites animals that have escaped homes. Stolen pets only account for about 10 percent of her business, she said.

Last year, Katz received an anonymous call and was soon helping Jasmine Jordan — the daughter of the Chicago Bulls Hall of Famer — find Mila, her missing Pomeranian Yorkie. Then, an African grey parrot named Oscar Gray was reunited with its owner after a tough negotiation.

Benny, a four-year-old Chihuahua owned by South Miami-Dade veterinarian Juan Fernandez Bravo, was retrieved recently. Two women and a man had snatched Benny from inside the animal clinic as Bravo and others tended to 10 rescued animals. Katz got a local television station to air the story and Bravo received a call saying his dog was safe. The dog was returned and Bravo paid a \$1,500 reward.

Maria Bravo, the clinic office manager and wife of the veterinarian, said Benny was missing for eight days. She believes the signs made by Katz and her media savvy led to his return.

But Bravo was not entirely convinced the person who had her Chihuahua and gladly accepted the \$1,500 reward had nothing to do with the dog's abduction. Bravo said the man who somehow wound up with Benny was too frightened to return him to the animal clinic.

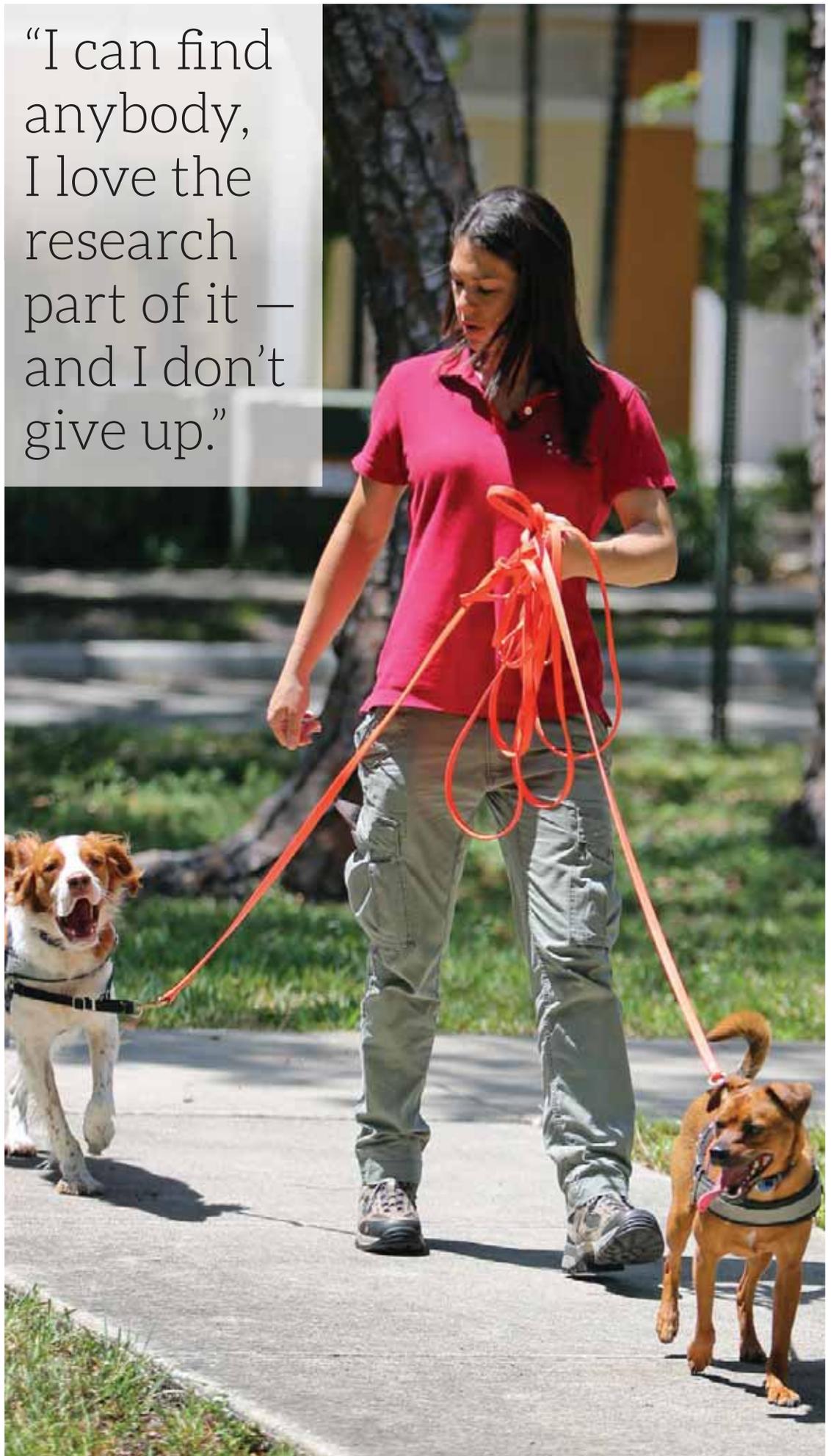
"He parked far away behind a mall," she said. "Me and my husband met him and gave him a check."

The case of Brunno the French bulldog, who escaped from his Fort Lauderdale home, dragged on for six months, more than enough time for many missing animal trails to grow cold. But tips after a blast of internet outreach, using community-focused social media sites like Nextdoor.com, led Katz to a home. From there, she surveyed the scene and eventually retrieved Brunno after an exchange of \$5,000.

"I can find anybody," said Katz. "I love the research part of it — and I don't give up."

Born in a small town about 45 minutes from Boston, Katz finished high school in Baltimore.

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Her tracking interests started when her childhood pet cat Blackjack escaped.

Katz rode her bike all over town in search of that cat. Years later, she caught a television show called “Animal Cops” on the Animal Planet channel. From then on, lost pets and how to find them became an imperative.

“I never found Blackjack,” said Katz. “My goal in life was then to put animals and investigations together.”

After grade school, Katz and her dad moved to Baltimore, where she eventually earned a criminal justice degree from a community college. She said she spent the next decade working for pet rescue groups up and down the East Coast. During that time, Katz said began to focus on becoming a professional pet detective.

Getting a private investigators license in 2014 taught Katz how to do important background checks.

By September 2015, Katz was finally working on her own. She created P.I. Jamie Katz LLC. A Broward New Times story that told

of how she solved a fake kidnapping in which a dog was actually eaten by an alligator raised her profile.

The cost of hiring Katz to find a pet: between \$305 and \$605, depending on exactly what needs to be done.

For the minimum, a customer gets bright yellow signs with a picture of the lost or stolen pet that includes a phone number and the amount of any reward. The signs are set up strategically through the neighborhood. Katz will spend two weeks following up on any tips.

Some of her signs, though, have caused problems. Some of Katz’s clients, particularly in Miami-Dade, have been fined in excess of \$1,000 by code enforcement. Zoning regulators say the signs are not permitted in public areas. They must be placed, with permission, on private property.

For \$605, Katz will put her 3 1/2-year-old spaniel, Gable, and her 3-year-old terrier mix, Fletcher, to work. Not long ago a search by Fletcher for a missing ferret stopped cold, telling Katz that the animal had been spirited

away in a vehicle. It was eventually found in Atlanta.

Katz works out of her home, a small apartment just west of downtown Fort Lauderdale that is filled with dog cages and pictures of dogs and cats. Her Facebook page is filled with reunion videos.

She recently brought finality to a convoluted search for Bella, Laboy’s French bulldog, who had escaped his Fort Lauderdale home through an open gate. Laboy said not long after he posted a notice on his local Nextdoor site about Bella, a woman contacted him saying she saw the dog for sale on Craigslist.

After a series of back and forth phone calls, Laboy and Katz showed up at Bella’s new home and bought her back for \$360 — the same price paid to acquire the dog off Craigslist. Katz’s fee for her service: a well-spent \$405, Laboy said.

“Jamie guided me through the entire process,” he said. “It was all about, let’s get the dog back. It was well spent money and I don’t regret it one bit.” 🐾



# Back off, **big guy**

How to handle an  
approaching dog  
on a walk



**By Cathy M. Rosenthal**  
 TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

**D**ear Cathy,  
 I have a 16-pound Havashu. We do not have a fenced yard, so she is walked several times a day. There are quite a few large dogs that we encounter on our walks through the neighborhood. Some are leashed and some are allowed to be loose.

Sometimes, the people with the leashed dogs want our dogs to meet. If they are really large, I am reluctant because of the size difference. The loose dogs charge at us. I am afraid of large dogs (having been cornered by a pack as a child), so my fear transfers to my dog.

Even if you haven't been cornered by a dog, it can be stressful to see a large, unleashed dog approaching you.

What is the best course of action? Fortunately, at every encounter, the owner was nearby and came to our rescue, but I am afraid that one day we will meet a dog without its owner. Can you please advise me on what to do?

-- June P., Patchogue, N.Y.

**Dear June,**

I understand your fears. My dog and I were once cornered by two dogs without their owner. My dog fought them off trying to protect me and was injured. After that, we could not walk around the block without him feeling

anxious about every passing dog.

Even if you haven't been cornered by a dog, it can be stressful to see a large, unleashed dog approaching you. Your dog will feel your tension through the leash, so whatever you can do to ease your fears, like deep breathing, can be helpful to you both.

You could carry an umbrella, which when opened can serve as a barrier between you and the approaching dog. You can shake a can of coins, toss the can onto the street (never at the dog), or use a Pet Corrector, which emits compressed air, to startle a dog and hopefully stop him from coming any closer.

Another technique is to put your leashed dog behind you in a sit position and stand in front of her, letting your dog know that you can handle this. Then, lean toward the approaching dog, yell "enough!" as loudly as you can and point over the dog indicating you want the dog to go away. Surprisingly, it works well in getting curious dogs (not aggressive dogs) to step back.

As for the people and pets who want to meet you, it's OK to say, "No thanks." You are allowed to set boundaries for you and your dog. 🐾



## Feeding stray cats

**By Cathy M. Rosenthal**  
 TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

**D**ear Cathy,  
 I have five inside cats and feed three stray cats in my yard, which has woods behind it. I have been feeding these cats for five months. There have been others in the past that I have trapped, had neutered/spayed and rehomed.

The problem is, my family and I are moving to another town, and I am worried about these cats. I do not want to leave them, but I can't bring them with me as we are moving to a condo community.

One cat appears feral, but the other two are cats that have been left on our block. One lets me pet him and has a tipped ear. I cannot touch the other two, even though one rolls on the ground and shows me his or her belly. I would appreciate any suggestions.

— Kathy M., Sayville, N.Y.

**Dear Cathy,**

How kind of you to take care of these community cats. I am glad to hear you get them fixed and find homes for the ones who are friendly. You are certainly doing your part to help animals.

There are two things I would do. First, it's always best to leave feral cats where they are, so call the local feral cat group and let them know you are moving to see if they have any volunteers in your area who can help feed these cats. Second, ask around your neighborhood to see if there is someone who might be willing to feed these cats after you move.

If you can't find anyone to take care of them, then these cats will have to find another food source, which may make them a nuisance in neighborhood trash cans. But if a neighbor agrees to feed them, then these cats will hardly be noticed in the neighborhood. Use this argument as your selling point for convincing someone to help.

Sometimes, people moving into a new home are willing to take over this care too, if you ask them. 🐾

# Unhealthy attachment

Time to correct that overprotective dog

**By Cathy M. Rosenthal**

*TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY*

**D**ear Cathy, I have a Havanese dog who is approximately 7 years old. My daughter and I adopted him five years ago, but since she moved out he's become very attached to me. He is very loving. He follows me all over and sleeps with me. He is walked at least three times a day.

The problem is, he can sometimes become very aggressive and bark and growl when he sees strangers on our walks through the neighborhood. Sometimes, I take him to the beach with me and he will sit quietly next to me, but if someone approaches us, he will growl and bark in a very aggressive manner.

I am always very careful with him, especially around children, who he does not seem to like either. He is also very aggressive toward my significant other when I'm around, but during the day when I'm not home he is fine with him.

— Toby, Syosset, N.Y.

**Dear Toby,**

You have an overprotective dog. While that trait might be great if you are in danger, it's not a welcome trait in the everyday life of a family dog.

Sometimes, without knowing it, dog owners reinforce overprotective behaviors simply by not correcting a behavior when it happens. Correcting a behavior is basically not letting him get away with it. It's a verbal correction of "no" and removing him from the situation so he can't continue the behavior. Saying "no" at the beach for example, might make him stop growling, but it doesn't





make him stop looking at the people around you whom he sees as a threat.

His eyes need to be focused on you, so he can learn from your body language and voice and tone as to whether a situation needs his attention.

The good news is, your Havanese is a very smart and trainable dog, so through obedience training, you can teach him to shift his gaze from looking outward to always looking to you for instructions on how to behave.

Begin teaching him to look at you by saying his name about 25 times in a row during one to two-minute training sessions held three times a day. When he makes eye contact, click a clicker and give him a tiny treat. When he makes eye contact every time you say his name, then use the clicker to train him to sit. Do these sessions quickly, so he doesn't have time to think about anything else but what you are asking him to do.

Next, if he barks and growls at anyone while you are walking him on a leash, you have two options. One is to stop abruptly, turn and walk in the other direction. If you do this even when no one is around, he will begin to think he should pay attention to you.

The other option, which I use frequently when my dog barks at other dogs or people, is to step in between him and the thing he is barking at, ask him to sit, and then turn with my back to him, but facing the perceived threat. Keep the leash tight so he can't get in front of you or peak his head around you. The idea behind this is to let him know you got this and you don't need him to protect you, and that it's actually your job to protect him.

Again, you are letting him know it's OK to relax and leave things up to you.

Finally, never force him to interact with people, but socialize him little by little. Determine how far away people need to be before he relaxes and give him treats for relaxing. Slowly move closer to people as he progresses, always giving him a treat for staying calm. Stay vigilant with this training and you will begin to reshape his behavior. 🐾



## Getting cat to use the litter box

**By Cathy M. Rosenthal**  
*TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY*

**D**ear Cathy,  
How do I get a feral cat to use the litter box? He comes in the house and is very affectionate, but he will not use the litter pan. He goes on my carpet. Help!

— Gloria, Center Valley, Pa.

**Dear Gloria,**

It can be difficult to get a feral cat to use the litter box, but you can purchase what's called a litter box attractant that you can sprinkle on your litter to attract him to the box. I would also add a second litter box, so he has two places to go. 🐾

# Holistic hounds

Pet owners turn to aromatherapy, massage, even psychics



## By Sharyn Jackson

MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

**B**rinks wasn't eating. Although green beans are among his favorite foods, he turned his nose up at two bowls of them placed around the Minnetonka, Minn., house where the yellow Lab lives.

To help, canine massage therapist Heidi Hesse rubbed Brinks in a specific spot on his ankle, an acupressure point, to soothe his lower back, bladder and kidneys. After an hour of massage with Hesse, Brinks regained his appetite and chowed down on a bowl of the veggies.

Massage is just one of a growing body of alternative therapies that Mary Kelley and Mark Falstad, Brinks' humans, employ to ease the 10-year-old dog's stiff joints, jump-start his appetite and soothe his ailing liver. Acupuncture is another.

As people increasingly take a holistic approach to their health, they're also looking to alternatives to conventional medical care for their nonhuman family members. That's why a new breed of wellness services for dogs — from chiropractic and aromatherapy to Chinese herbs and psychic communication — is springing up all across the country.

"It stems from human stuff," said Dr. Cathy Sinning of Lake Harriet Veterinary ([lake-harrietvet.com](http://lake-harrietvet.com)) in Minnesota. "There's more mainstreaming now because of people learning how it can help themselves."

Almost a third of Americans seek out "complementary and alternative medicine" to enhance their medical care, according to studies by the Centers for Disease Control. That includes using natural products, such as fish oil to combat heart disease; engaging in mind and body practices, such as meditation and yoga; or other approaches such as herbal remedies, traditional Chinese medicine or homeopathic drugs.

More humans, it seems, want their pets to have the same options.

When Sinning and her husband, Jim, began practicing in south Minneapolis 20 years ago, they were among the few veterinarians in the area integrating chiropractic and herbal medicine into standard care. These days, Sinning said, "most clinics have someone on staff doing acupuncture."

Courses for veterinarians to learn additional "modalities" have been booming over the past 15 years, said Dr. Barbara Hodges, a holistic veterinarian and veterinary adviser for the California-based Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association.

Hodges doesn't view the interest in alternative therapies as a rejection of traditional veterinarian medicine, just a complement to it.



"It's simply enlarging your horizons and the array of things you can offer to your patients," she said.

For example, a drug that can help a dog with an ailment might also cause serious side effects. So some vets might recommend an herbal remedy or a diet-and-exercise plan to mitigate those effects.

Practitioners say alternative treatments can improve circulation or digestion, ease muscle and joint pain, help animals recover from injury or surgery and calm a host of behavioral issues.

Amy Williams DeLong, a certified aromatherapist who specializes in working with animals, says aromatherapy can provide all of those benefits. Oils of herbs and roots that are known to ease pain travel by scent, and in a dog "are absorbed into the brain and bloodstream in less than a second," she said.

At a recent appointment, DeLong let 8 1/2-year-old German shepherd Izzy sniff a canvas tote filled with small bottles of essential oils. Izzy seemed to choose cinnamon and ginger by repeatedly licking the caps of the bottles. DeLong said those scents indicated that Izzy wanted a "warming" fragrance to help with circulation.

"We're going to make you a holiday blend," she told Izzy.

Izzy's human, Julie Northenscold, was looking for something to alleviate her dog's arthritis.

On DeLong's instructions, Northenscold sprays a custom scent in her home or rubs it into her hands and then onto Izzy's coat. Northenscold said that the scents have proved more effective than other medicines. The scents also help Izzy, who is deaf, find her owner. An initial aromatherapy session with DeLong ([amywilliamsdelong.com](http://amywilliamsdelong.com)) costs \$65.

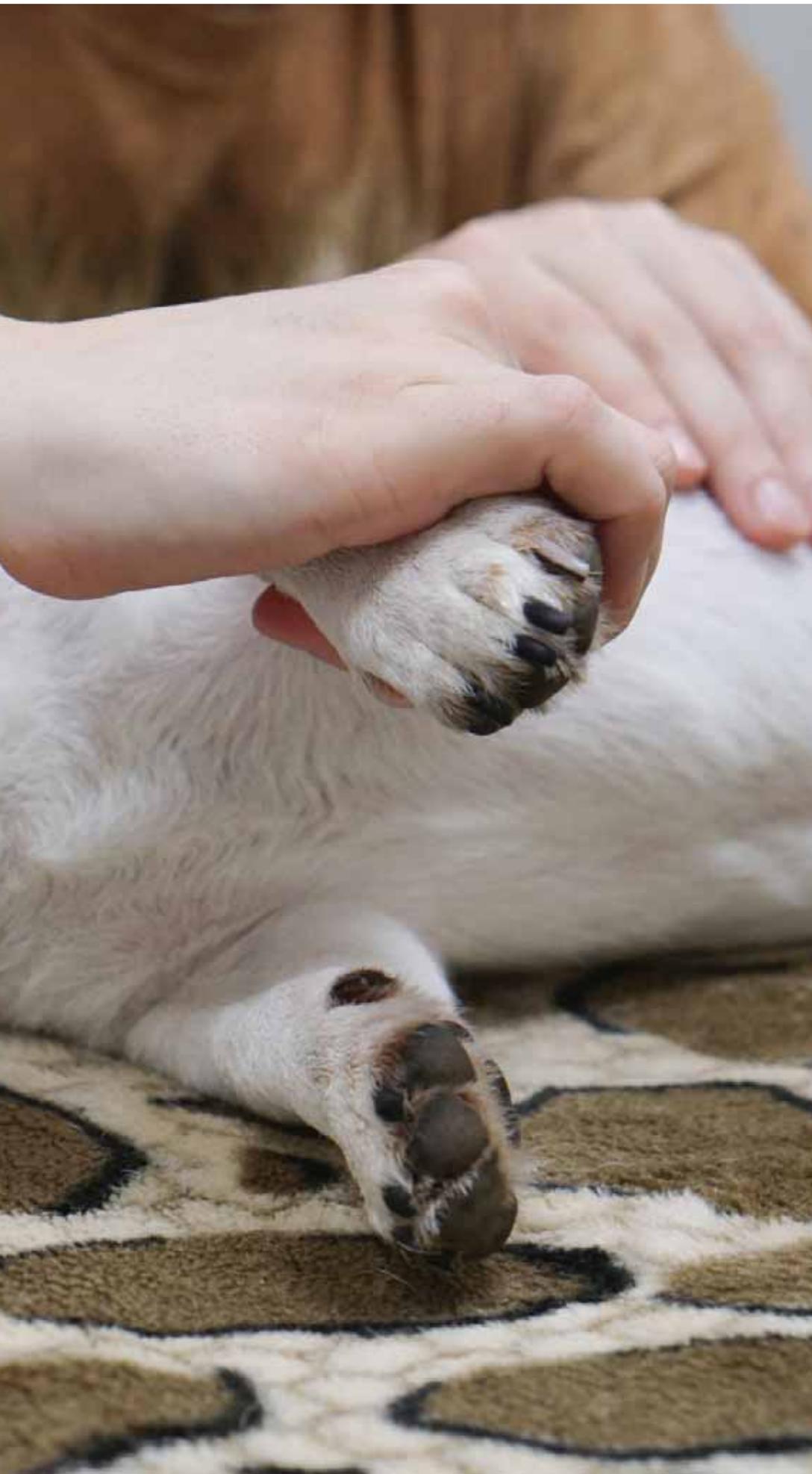
Training and certification for holistic pet practitioners vary widely. Some are veterinarians, such as animal acupuncturists, who are required in Minnesota to have a veterinary degree. Pet massage therapists don't need any certification in Minnesota. But Hesse, Brinks' massage therapist, trained at the Chicago School of Canine Massage. Her work requires a deep understanding of dog anatomy, she said. An initial consultation with her Sound Hound Canine Massage ([soundhoundmassage.com](http://soundhoundmassage.com)) runs \$80.

Still, most practitioners caution pet owners to work with trained professionals and not to try DIY remedies found on the internet.

In addition to more familiar treatments, there

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are other, less common pet care methods available.

Elaine Garley is a holistic practitioner who communicates telepathically with animals. Clients send her a photo of their pet along with questions they want her to ask (packages start at \$39 for three questions). Garley then writes back with a “transcript” of the conversation.

“I get a running conversation in my head just like we’re talking on the phone,” said Garley, whose Minneapolis company is called Animal Bridges ([animalbridges.com](http://animalbridges.com)).

Recently, a client with a cat who was howling hired Garley. “As soon as I connected with the cat, I had a sinus headache,” indicating that was what was ailing the cat, Garley said.

Hesse, the massage therapist, hired Garley to “speak” to her sheepdog before it died, and then again afterward.

“It’s a little out there, even for me, but it was still comforting to hear what Lulu said,” Hesse said, tearfully. “I think there is something to it.”

With Lena Swanson, another local animal communicator, people describe their pets during a phone call and explain their concerns. Swanson then places them on hold while she communicates telepathically with the animal. She charges \$2.75 per minute for her services ([lenaswanson.com](http://lenaswanson.com)).

Clients come to her to understand why a cat has stopped using its litter box, or ask a sick pet if it’s time to let go.

“It sounds so outlandish,” Swanson said, but she said she believes that animal communication is an important skill many people can learn to tap into.

Not all pets come to holistic care through their humans; sometimes it works the other way.

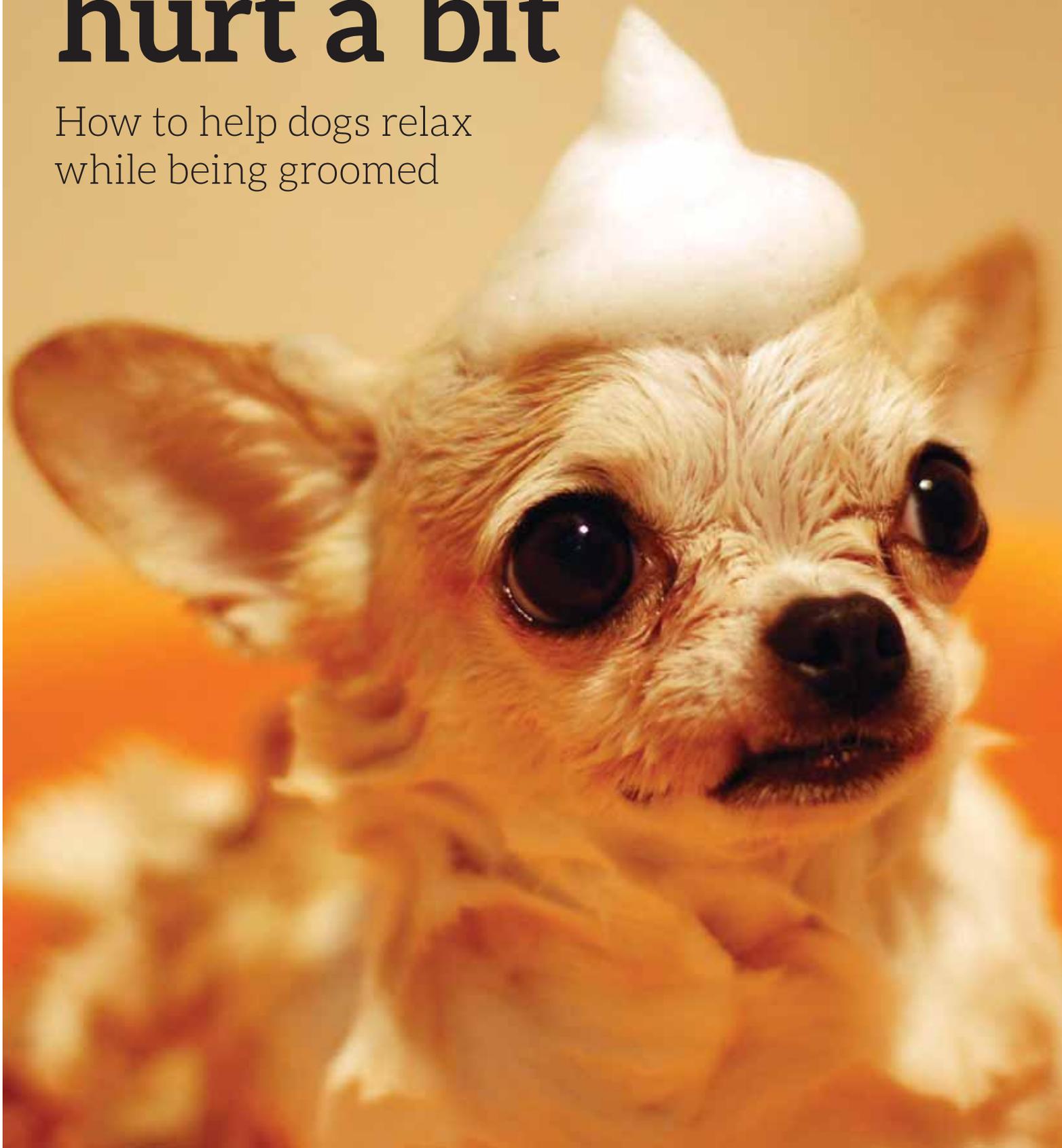
After seeing the reviving effects of acupuncture and massage on Brinks, Kelley and Falstad are considering trying it themselves. Kelley has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair to get around. (Brinks is her service dog.)

Meanwhile, they’ll continue to give their pets every option they can to live comfortably, from mainstream veterinary medicine to the hands-on healing that practitioners such as Hesse offer.

“People might think this is frivolous, but they’re a part of our family,” Kelley said. “They’ve given us so much. We can give something back.” 🐾

# This won't hurt a bit

How to help dogs relax  
while being groomed



**By Cathy M. Rosenthal**

*TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY*

**D**ear Cathy,  
Our loving little Westie turns into a nervous wreck when it comes to professional grooming and everyday brushing. We give her a mild tranquilizer (5 mg of Acepromazine) prescribed by our vet when we need to groom her. Sadly, the wonderful woman who groomed her passed away eight months ago. She had been Katie's "Westie whisperer" for 13 years.

We have since tried various groomers, using the same medication, but to no avail. Recently, we took her to a veterinary hospital where she was groomed under anesthesia. Katie was very matted, as she did not tolerate grooming for eight months, and had to be sheared. She has worn sweaters and coats all winter.

Can you give us some advice as to how to calm Katie enough to have her properly groomed once her hair grows back and we can brush her daily?

— Elaine, Franklin Square, N.Y.

**Dear Elaine,**

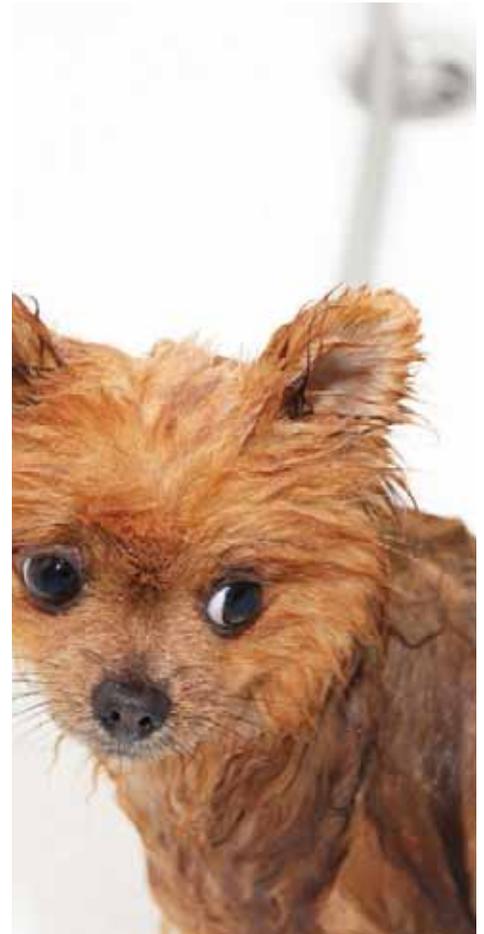
Poor Katie. Change can be challenging, and 13 years is a long time to have the same groomer. You may be able to conquer some of her fears of grooming and grooming tools, however, by retraining her as if she were a puppy; a dog is never too old to learn.

Start by showing her the brush and giving her some high-value treats — treats she doesn't normally get, but absolutely loves. Do this for several days. Then one day, touch her with the brush (no brushing yet) while giving those same treats. Give her lots of verbal encouragement

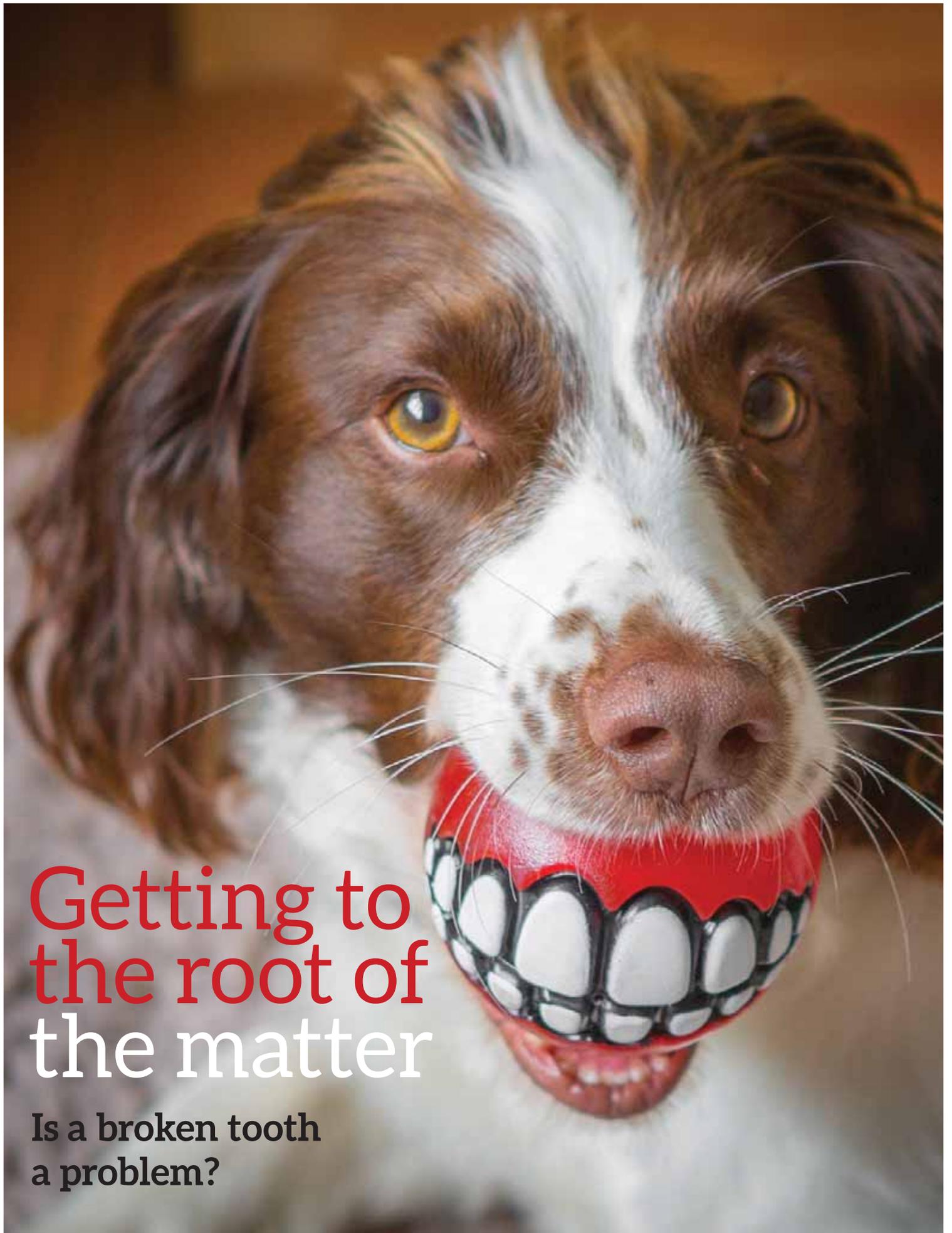
in happy and approving tones.

Eventually, she should become more relaxed when she sees the brush because she knows she will also get those treats. When you get to that point, brush her for a minute or two, several times a day, rather than one long session. By taking these training baby steps, Katie should eventually accept some light brushing in exchange for a few high value treats. Incorporate some calming scents in the house like lavender or plug-in canine pheromones, which can also help relax her.

Getting her used to a new groomer is much trickier, because you can't pay a groomer for this incremental training. If you can get her to where you can brush her, though, you can then hire a groomer to come to the house where she may feel more comfortable. Be patient, though, as this could take many weeks to do. 🐾



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# Getting to the root of the matter

Is a broken tooth  
a problem?

**By Jeff Kahler**  
*THE MODESTO BEE*

**P**oppy is a 3-year-old golden retriever living a happy and carefree life, according to caretakers Rod and Carla. She spends her days in a large backyard and especially enjoys her swimming pool. Another favorite activity is fetching. She is especially fond of tennis balls and sticks. Recently, Rod and Carla noticed that Poppy has a broken tooth.

Rod described a broken fang on the upper left side of her mouth. When comparing with the right side, it appeared as if about a quarter of an inch had broken off the tip of the tooth. Poppy seems to be oblivious to the break, showing no signs of problems. Carla and Rod question whether they need to be concerned because Poppy does not seem to be.

The tooth Poppy has broken is called a canine tooth, part of the group called incisors. To understand the implications of a fractured canine tooth, it is important to first understand the structure.

The canine tooth, like all of Poppy's teeth, has three main sections: the crown, which is the area visible above the gum line and covered by enamel; the neck, which is the area at the gum line and without enamel; and the root, which is anchored in the jaw bone. The protective layer of the tooth is the enamel covering over the crown. If the enamel layer is compromised, the tooth can be at risk for developing disease. This is precisely my concern in Poppy's case.

Because Poppy has fractured off about a quarter inch of the canine tooth, the protection for the inner portion of the tooth, the pulp, is gone. This exposes the pulp cavity and puts the tooth in danger of developing an abscess in its root. An abscess results from the spread of bacteria into the pulp cavity. Once the process starts, it is not curable with antibiotics. Something must be done to the tooth itself.

If the root cavity is intact, the tooth may be saved by performing a root canal. With this procedure, the pulp cavity is eliminated and replaced with a synthetic paste and then the tooth is sealed. We can take the further step of capping the tooth as well, if desired.

If a root canal is not possible because of root fracture or other reasons, the next available treatment is tooth extraction. Like a root canal, this requires general anesthetic for the patient along with pain control. Once the tooth is removed, the body will heal the cavity left behind and the problem is cured.

In Poppy's case, the best course of treatment begins with a visit to her veterinarian. A diagnostic and therapeutic plan can be outlined.

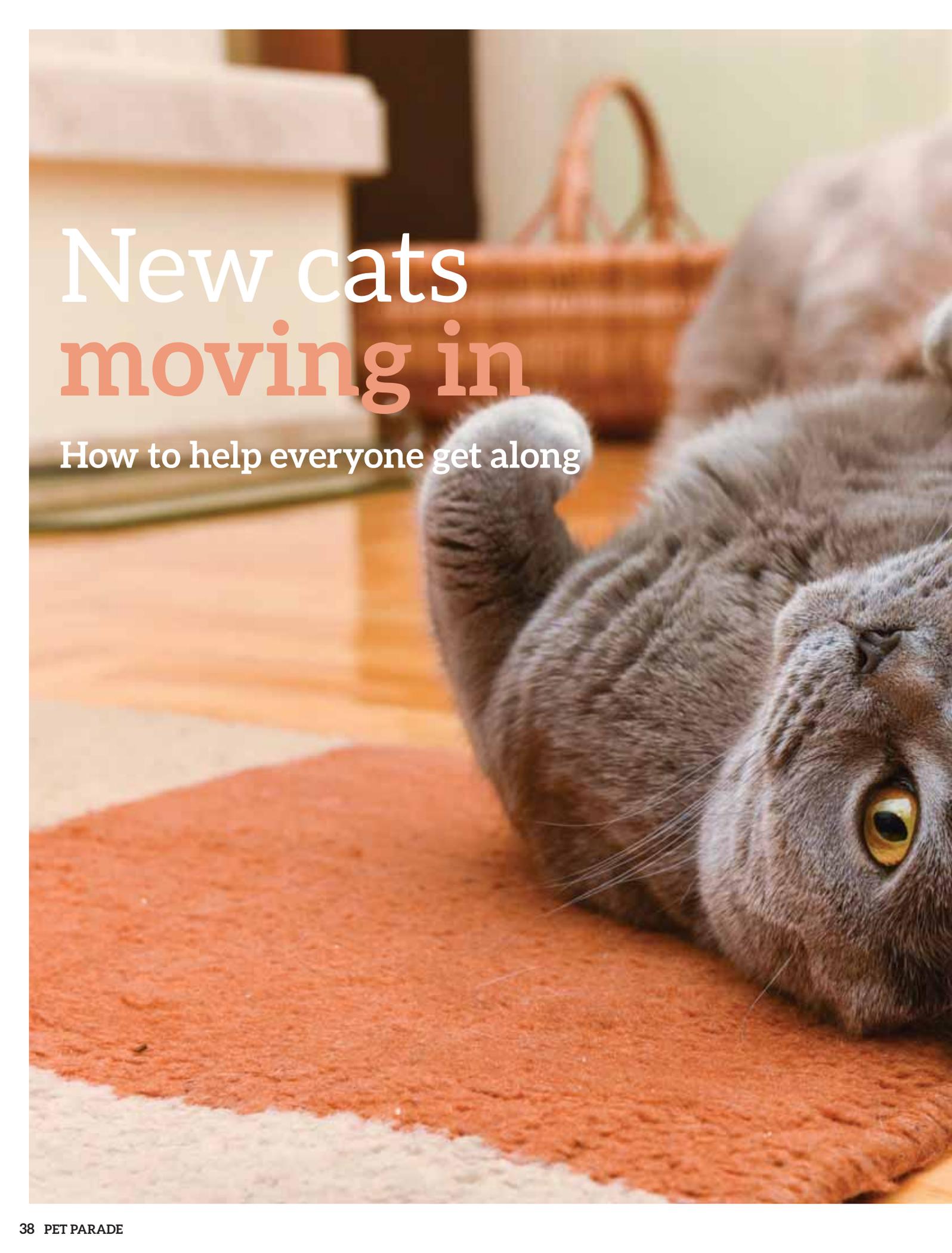
I did want to address one other point brought up by Rod and Carla. In their letter, they mentioned that Poppy likes to fetch tennis balls. This is not something I would recommend. The outer covering of tennis balls is very abrasive to a dog's teeth and over time with chewing, this abrasive material will actually wear off the tooth enamel, exposing the pulp cavities and risking root abscesses.

A better alternative is a rubber ball or something similar. I use racquetballs balls for my dog, which is much less abrasive on the teeth and equally fun for fetching. 🐾

—Jeff Kahler is a veterinarian in Modesto, Calif.

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# New cats moving in

How to help everyone get along



**By Cathy M. Rosenthal**  
*TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY*

**D**ear Cathy,  
All my adult life I've only had male cats. My current babies are about 4 years old. Soon a 1-year-old female cat will be joining us along with her dad, which might provide some comfort for her. Along with that, my daughter is moving out, and so I think they may experience change overload.

I know change can be traumatic, and I know I will have to isolate the new cats for a while. Everyone is fixed or will be fixed. What should I do?

— Pat

**Dear Pat,**

If you can, keep the cats separated until everyone is fixed. Set up a room where the two new cats have food, water, toys and a litter box and will be isolated from the other cats. Spend at least 60 minutes over the course of the day in the room playing with and petting the new cats.

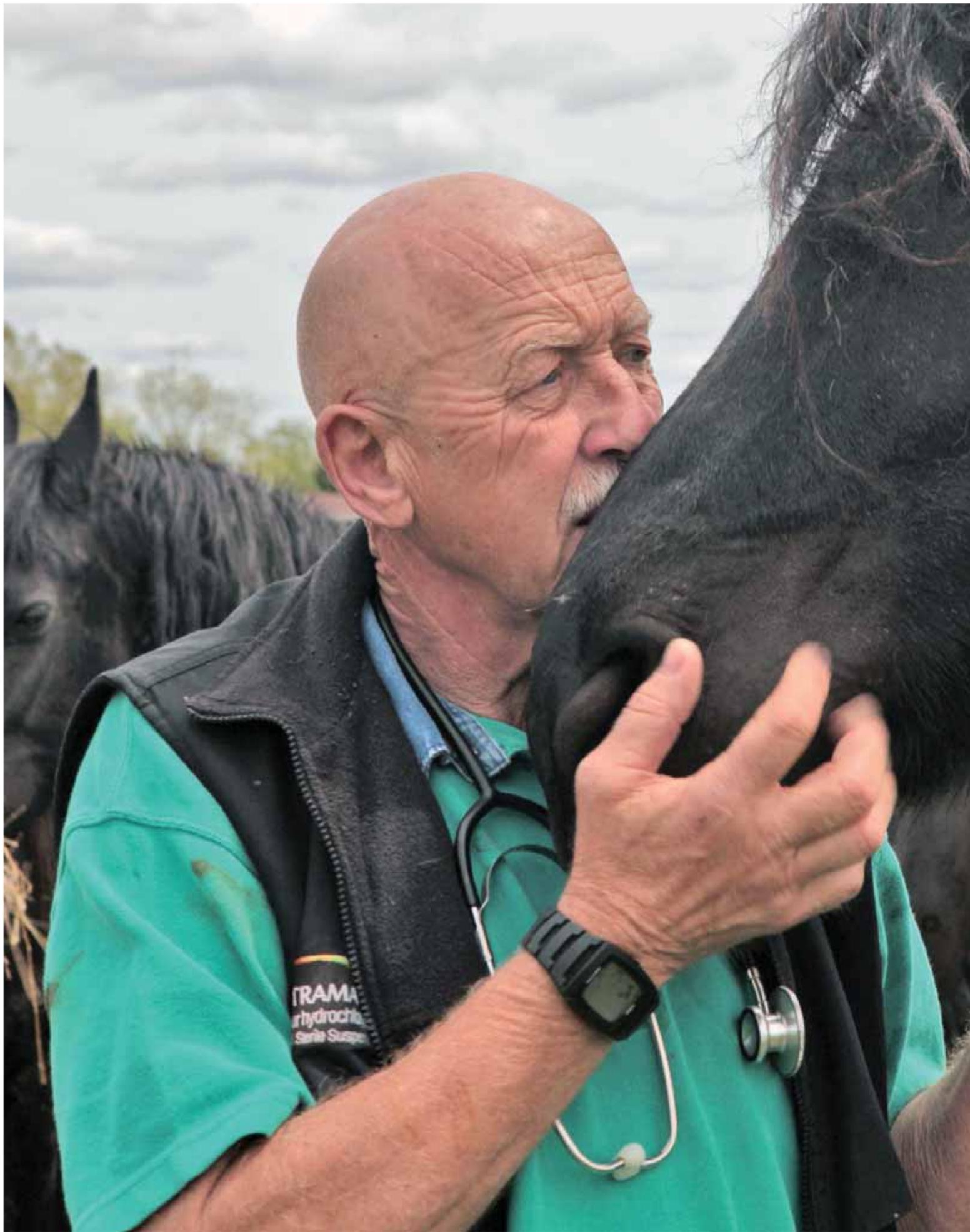
This will help calm the new cats and

facilitate the transfer of scents between the cats as you go back and forth between them. You also can facilitate a scent swap by taking a blanket or toy in and out of the room or encourage the cats to play paws with each other under the door.

A few days later, use carriers to move your two cats into the room and let your new cats out to explore the house (without them meeting). After a week, introduce the female cat, then the other male cat a day or two later. Don't leave them all alone until you know they are getting along. There may be some hissing, hiding, running, posturing, meowing and guttural noises until everyone re-establishes their new territories in the home. However, if they fight or look like they might fight, separate them and try introductions again the next day.

Scent can play a part in creating a calmer environment, so plug in cat pheromones around the house to reduce everyone's stress before you begin. If you give your cats time to adjust and don't rush things, they should learn to live together peacefully. P.S.: Be sure to have one more litter box than you have cats in the home. 🐾







# Rural vet has seen it all

Dr. Pol may be reality  
TV's most unlikely star

By **Lorraine Ali**  
*LOS ANGELES TIMES*

**H**e's plucked countless porcupine quills from the snouts of dogs, delivered calves in snowstorms and castrated a petite house cat and a 2-ton bull in the same day.

There isn't much that rural veterinarian Jan Pol, 75, hasn't seen or done in a half-century of practicing animal medicine in and around his Weidman, Mich., clinic.

Reindeer with a head cold? Check. Dog with a chronic erection? Check. But even weirder than that case of the bovine with a fifth leg is the twist his career has taken over the last seven years.

While most of Pol's peers have long since retired, the no-nonsense, Dutch American doctor who can fashion a goat's leg splint out of parts from an old apple barrel has become a reality TV star of global proportions.

Now in its 12th season — there are two seasons per year — Nat Geo Wild's "The Incredible Dr. Pol" surpassed the 100-episode mark last year and is still breaking ratings records at the channel. "The Incredible Dr. Pol" remains Nat Geo Wild's No. 1-watched series.

Pol met his wife, Diane, when he arrived in Michigan from the Netherlands as an exchange student in the 1960s. The two run Pol Veterinarian Services, which of course makes her a regular presence on the show. But she opts out of the frame more often than not and is the low-key yin to her husband's gregarious yang.

The cameras also follow their son, Charles, and vets on staff who include Dr. Emily and Dr. Brenda as they deliver puppies or perform surgeries on ailing pigs.

"The Incredible Dr. Pol" resonates with a diverse swath of viewers in ways that more targeted reality programming about loners roughing in the Alaskan outback, rich housewives



fighting it out in the suburbs or Bigfoot hunters who find nothing week after week, have not. In a world of cable news brawls and social media tantrums, the down-to-earth charms of Pol have proved a soothing panacea.

Escaping society or climbing its ladder at any cost are popular themes in unscripted docu-series, and though the vet's practice is tucked into rural America, the divisive ratings ploys of reality TV have no place in "The Incredible Dr. Pol." It's drama enough wrangling a wily, adolescent alpaca without humans adding their issues into the mix.

The work here is often graphic and messy, meaning invasive emergency surgeries and more. Yet viewers still keep coming back for more. Or maybe that's part of why they keep returning.

"There was some talk that it might be too much for audiences, but it's turned out to be OK," noted Pol recently in Pasadena during the Television Critics Association

meeting. "Kids in particular are really interested in what we're doing. It's usually the dads who are upset."

"And lucky for them they aren't also getting the smell," says Charles, the show's co-creator and producer, who isn't a vet but often accompanies his father on farm calls.

Pol speaks around the globe about the care and treatment of animals, a theme that runs throughout his book "Never Turn Your Back on an Angus Cow: My Life as a Country Vet."

In person, he's a hearty character with brilliant blue eyes, a wicked sense of humor and a crushing handshake. He speaks with a Dutch accent yet peppers his conversation with classic Americanisms such as "yep" and "well, lemme tell ya."

The universal draw of helping animals, which can mean saving their lives or simply deworming them, is the initial lure of the show. It follows in a long tradition

of unscripted shows featuring vets and animals that dates to "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

Other Nat Geo Wild shows feature furry and feathered fare, but they don't have Pol as a main point of entry, and it's clear what's missing. His quick wit, years of experience, stubborn tenacity and generous heart are a big part of the show's draw as he makes his way across bucolic green fields and bone-chilling winter blizzards to reach his patients.

"It's a slice of life that I think people feel very nostalgic for, even if they never experienced it themselves growing up," says Charles while taking a break with his dad between events at the conference. "There's also lots of space, open landscape, animals and ..."

Pol, who was seated across the table, jumps in, "and that time when I dropped the syringe and Charles bent down to pick it up and boom, he got it in the head from a steer. Three cameras caught it. Where else can you see

that?" he jokes.

The doctor's quick wit, and episodes with titles like "Twist and Snout," "Show Me the Bunny," "Noah's Bark" and "Paw and Order" counterbalance the heavier moments and loss that come with the territory.

Calves die unless they're delivered on time, and even then there's no guarantee. Dogs and cats cling to life after being hit by cars, shot by cowards or attacked by other animals. Sick horses are put down. It's sad but also realistic; no artificial happy endings here.

"I can't save every animal, though I wish I could," said Pol. "But that is part of life. It is important to see that side of things too. I want the show to be real, otherwise, why are we doing it?"

Walking with Diane down the hallway of the Pasadena hotel where TCA was held, the Michigan vet was recognized more often in a five-minute stretch than talk-show host Ryan Seacrest, who had walked down the same hallway a

few hours earlier.

Admirers who approach him do so with familiarity rather than fawning, and almost all of them eventually show the good doctor photos of their pets they have stored in their phone. He obliges and shows them photos of his Great Danes stretched out across the family couch. “It’s funny that nobody ever talks to me about something normal, like the weather,” he jokes later. “It’s about their dog’s feet or hips or something.”

“The Incredible Dr. Pol” was co-created by Charles, one of three children the Pols adopted. He grew up watching his dad work miracles on the animals around

them, but he was not compelled to follow in his father’s footsteps and instead wanted to make movies and television shows. He moved to L.A. 10 years ago, where he worked at Nickelodeon in operations.

“There is a point where we all get in this business where you’re like ‘Why am I working for someone else?’” says Charles, who works on the show with Monica Austin and Jonathan Schroder. “So reality (TV) is one thing where you can just go out and do it like old-school, college filmmaking. You just need to find characters who are larger than life.

“And I said to my partners that

the largest character I have ever met in my life is my father. His job has both drama and stakes — everything you want in television.”

“It sounded interesting enough,” says Pol of the first time Charles approached him with the idea. “He said just do what you do, don’t look at the camera. And yeah, that has been the format ever since. So what you see is real. We once had a producer who said, ‘This is what I want you to do, and people will love it if you just do this.’ And I said ‘I’m not doing it! Stubborn Dutchman, you know. So he just left.’”

A camera crew follows Pol’s team several months out of the

year. The crew’s problem isn’t fabricating a story from nothing, it’s keeping up with Pol. He’s notorious among those who know him for driving and moving quickly.

“I can’t stop for the cameras or do a retake,” he explains. “Once I pull that calf out, I’m not pushing it back in so they can get a better shot.”

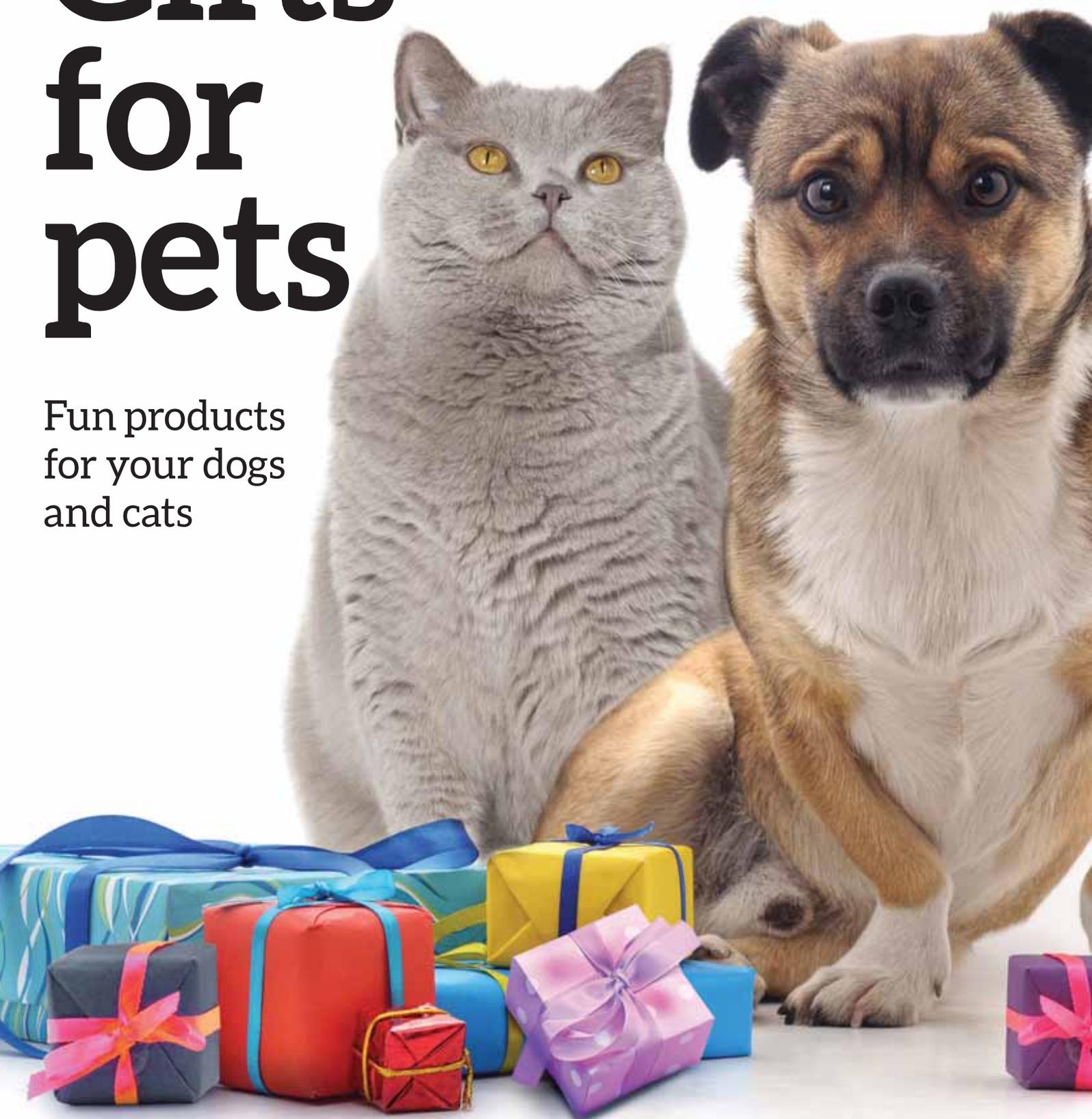
Another brush with the law, says Charles, happened when the police pulled over the camera crew for speeding and asked why they were in such a rush. They said that they were trying to keep up with Pol.

“No one can keep up with Dr. Pol,” replied the cop. 🐾



# Gifts for pets

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## Cat teepee

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## Dog turtleneck

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## Doughnut collar

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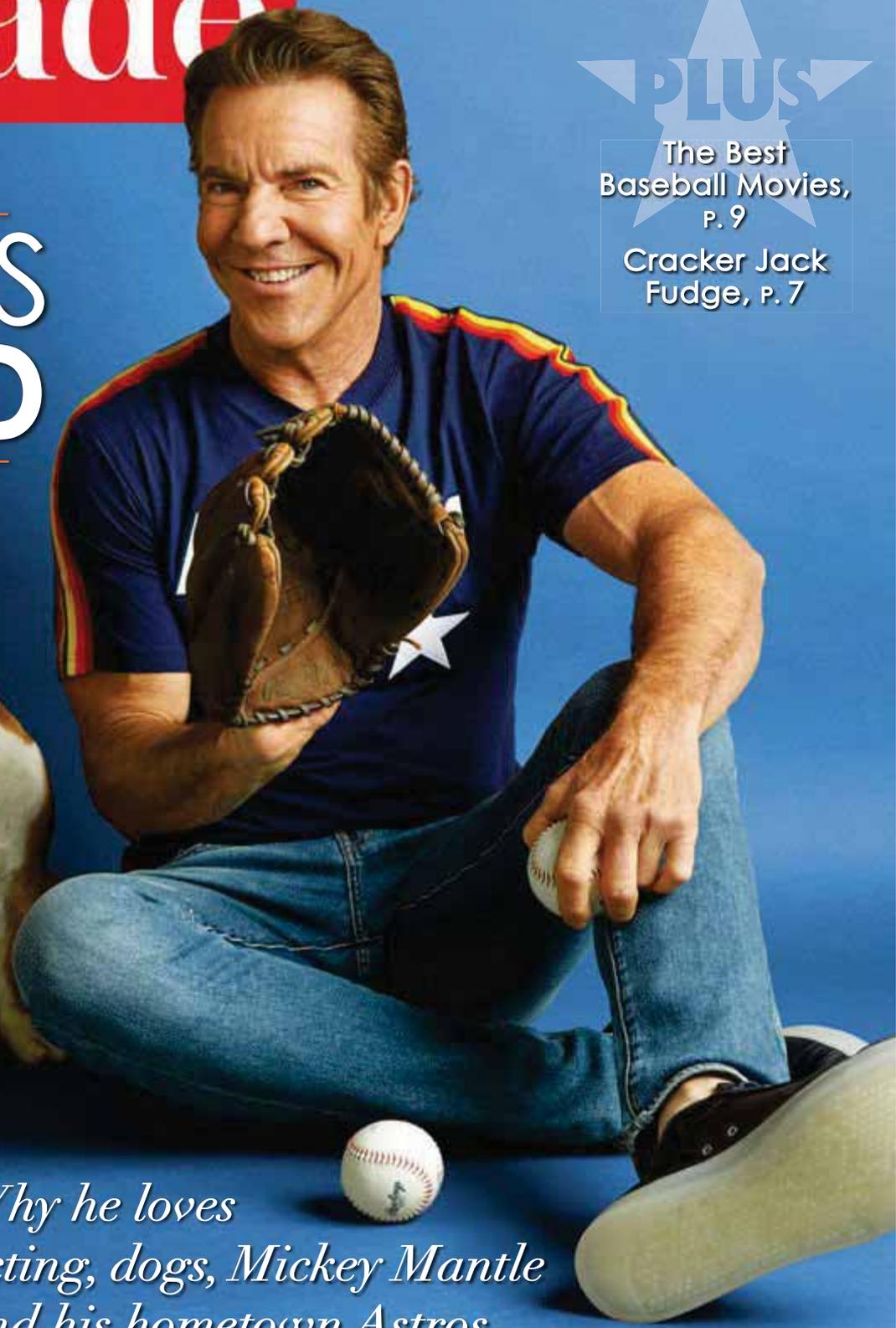
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WALTER SCOTT'S

# Parade Personality

## BATTER UP!

With baseball season in bloom, here's a roster of celebs who once suited up to give "America's pastime" a swing.



► **Kurt Russell, 68** He played minor league baseball from 1971 to '73, but retired after a shoulder injury.



► **Kenny Chesney, 51** The country superstar played baseball (and football) for Gibbs High School in Coryton, Tenn.



► **Rosie O'Donnell, 57** She aced her role as a third basewoman in the popular *A League of Their Own* (1992). That's because she played baseball with her brothers growing up.



► **Billy Crystal, 71** The longtime Yankees fan earned a baseball scholarship to attend Marshall University in West Virginia.



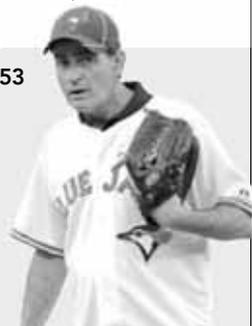
► **MC Hammer, 57** The rapper was a bat boy for the Oakland A's before being promoted to honorary executive vice president of the team.

► **Garth Brooks, 57** A former high school athlete and lifelong baseball fan, Brooks actually signed a minor league baseball contract with the San Diego Padres in 1999 and has taken spring training with the New York Mets, the Kansas City Royals and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

► **Jane Lynch, 58** Even though she was a varsity-level basketball player at Thornridge High School in Dolton, Ill., she says her favorite sport was softball.



► **Charlie Sheen, 53** Long before *Two and a Half Men*, he played two positions, pitcher and shortstop, for Santa Monica (Calif.) High School.



### Noah Wyle Crosses *The Red Line*

The *Librarians* and *Falling Skies* actor headlines the cast of the new limited series *The Red Line* (April 28 on CBS). The drama follows three Chicago families grappling with race and bias after a white cop accidentally shoots and kills an unarmed black doctor. Wyle, 47, plays Daniel, the husband of the slain doctor, who must now raise their adopted daughter alone. "The subject matter was beautifully done and I was really moved by it," he says. "The first time I read it, I just cried my eyes out."



## WALTER SCOTT ASKS... GLORIA ESTEFAN

The Grammy-winning singer, 61, and her producer-husband, **Emilio**, 66,

will be honored during the PBS music special *Emilio & Gloria Estefan: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song* (May 3) for transcending cultural boundaries with their hits, such as "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You," "Conga" and "Get on Your Feet."



Go to [Parade.com/estefan](http://Parade.com/estefan) for details about her next album and to find out which of her childhood dreams came true.

**What does winning awards mean to you?** I was born in Cuba and came here at 2 years old. As a kid, I couldn't even envision these honors [she's previously won three Grammys and been honored by the Kennedy Center]—those are things that seemed unattainable. So it's extra special.

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### Seth Rogen Gets Romantic...

In the new romantic comedy *Long Shot* (in theaters May 3), **Charlize Theron** plays Charlotte Field, a go-getter running for the president of the United States. Enter a gifted but socially inept journalist (Rogen) as her speechwriter. "Growing up, I honestly loved hilarious and emotionally gratifying movies like *When Harry Met Sally...* and *Pretty Woman*," says Rogen, 37. "I've always really wanted to make a movie that might do something similar."

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## Books We Love

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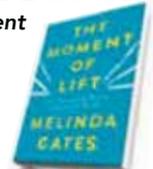
### In 108 Stitches: Loose Threads, Ripping Yarns, and the Darndest Characters From My Time in the Game

(St. Martin's Press)—a collection of personal stories about some of baseball's biggest names—Mets pitcher-turned-analyst/author Ron Darling writes, "There's some crying in baseball." **\$30**



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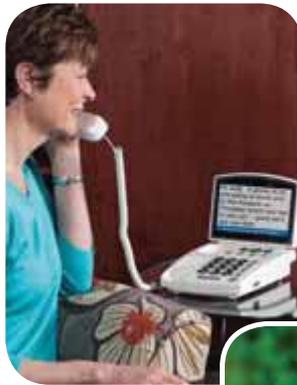
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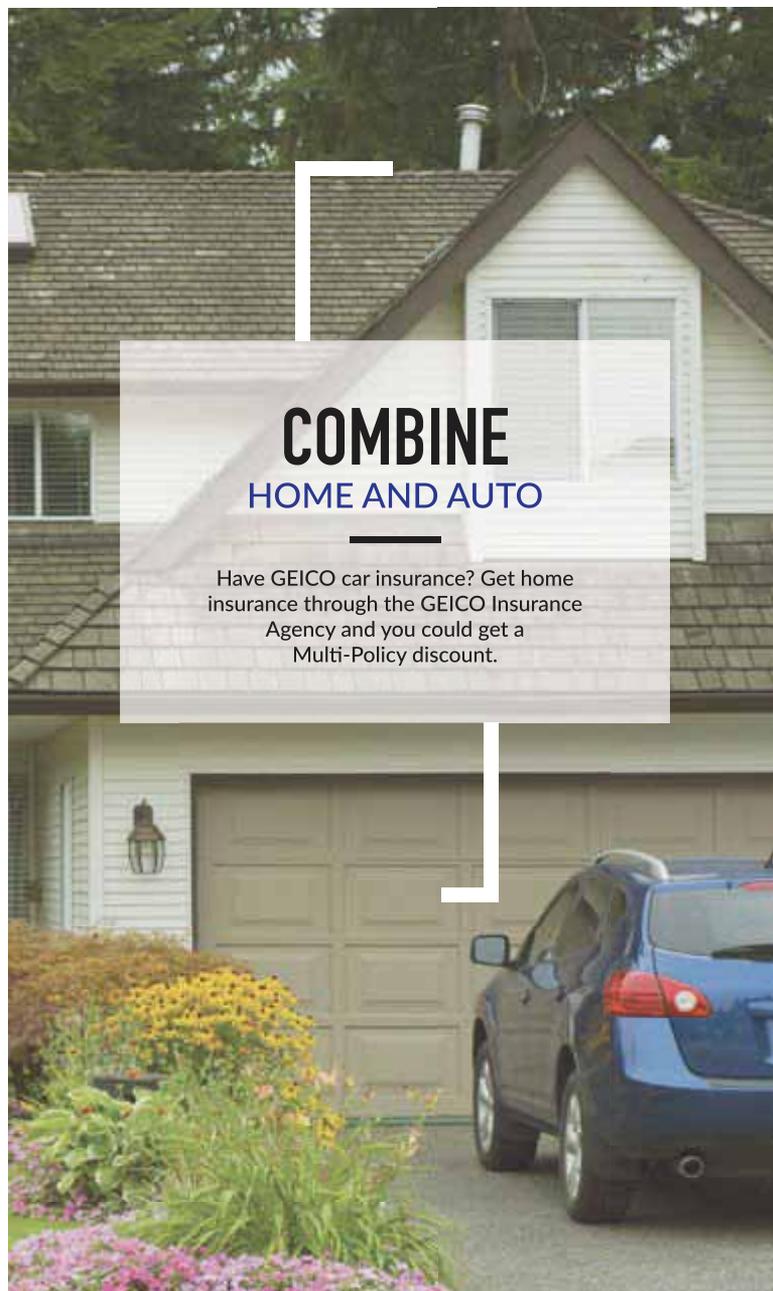
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# ALL-STAR *actor*

Dennis Quaid has played a baseball pitcher, a bicycle racer, an Alamo soldier and an astronaut—and hundreds of other roles. And he's liked every doggone one.

**D**ennis Quaid remembers his first home run. “It was over right center field,” says the actor, 65, reflecting on his days playing first base and pitcher for his hometown Little League team, the Cardinals, in Houston. “I loved the feel of it, the smell of it.”

Quaid, who still radiates much of the youthful glow and passion of that Little Leaguer from long ago, is as easygoing as they come as he walks around a photo studio in jeans and sneakers. He's followed by his year-and-a-half-old miniature English bulldog, Peaches.

“I take her everywhere,” he says, then whistles. “Hey, Peaches, come here, babe!” Peaches waddles right over and sits at his feet, a grown boy and his dog, as the pooch gets ready for a walk with Quaid's girlfriend of two years, model Santa Auzina, 32.

Peaches even appears in his newest film, *A Dog's Journey* (May 17). Quaid will reprise his role as Ethan Montgomery from 2017's *A Dog's Purpose*, about a pooch that discovers the meaning of life through a process of canine reincarnation. “The second one really ups the story,” he says. “It's got doggie heaven in it!”

Quaid says he's always been a dog person: “Dogs can feel you emotionally. They like you and accept you, even in

the worst of times.” Peaches snorts; Quaid rubs her head. “Peaches, you gonna make that noise all the time, sweetheart?”

## MICKEY MANTLE WAS A GOD

Quaid grew up in Houston, where he was raised by his mother, a real estate agent, and his father, an electrician, with his older brother, actor Randy, now 68. He started playing in a peewee league at age 6, and his eyes light up when he talks about the memorable April day he watched his favorite player, Mickey Mantle, hit the very first home run in the Astrodome during the 1965 Astros-Yankees exhibition game on TV.

Quaid and his brother got the acting bug from their father, who encouraged his boys to watch great actors, like William Holden in *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, Marlon Brando and Laurel and Hardy. “My dad, he was a frustrated actor himself, and he was always doing bits around the house,” says Quaid. Randy began acting and was nominated for an Academy Award for *The Last Detail* when the youngest Quaid was still in high school. After attending the University of Houston as a drama student, Quaid moved to Los Angeles at age 20, “determined that it was gonna happen.”

And it did. His career eventually caught a spark, then blasted off with parts in *Breaking Away*, *The Right Stuff*, *Great Balls of Fire!* and *The Big Easy*. He married—and divorced—actresses P.J. Soles (*Carrie*, *Halloween*) and Meg Ryan (*Sleepless*

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in *Seattle, You've Got Mail, When Harry Met Sally...*). He beat a cocaine habit that he'd been battling for years.

When he and Ryan divorced in 2001 after 10 years of marriage, Quaid returned to one of his oldest loves: baseball.

In 2002, he starred in *The Rookie*, playing real-life high school science teacher and baseball coach Jim Morris, who tried out as a pitcher for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at age 35, which led to a stint in the majors. Quaid practiced for nine months in his front yard to play Morris, who famously pitched at 98 miles per hour.

Quaid never put his own pitches on a radar gun. "I didn't want to be disappointed!" he says. But during filming, he did pitch on a real pitcher's mound. Once a week, "I got to go to Dodger Stadium and throw on the mound—the same mound that Don Drysdale and Sandy Koufax and [Fernando] Valenzuela did. That was a big thrill."

He rewatched *The Rookie* a year ago to show his girlfriend. "She's from Latvia; she didn't grow up with baseball." But she loved it, he says, because the story "is not about baseball, really. It's about second chances."

It's those second chances—and third and fourth—that he credits with his long-lasting success as an actor. "You gotta have a large capacity for rejection," he says.

All told, Quaid's played nearly 100 movie roles over four decades. "Maybe some, I should have stayed at home," he says, laughing before taking it back. "Ah, I like all of 'em. I lived through every one that I did."

He feels the same way about his life. "I feel happier in general." Instead of trying so hard to *be* something or someone, "I'll leave a lot of it up to God these days," he says. "I just let go of a lot of things. I don't worry about it now. I call it the wonderful feeling of being alive."

He spends his downtime with Auzina and his kids. Jack, 27, his son with Ryan, is following in his acting footsteps (with *The Hunger Games* and the upcoming Amazon series *The Boys*). Twins Thomas and Zoe, 11 (with his third wife, real estate agent Kimberly Buffington—they separated in 2016 after 12 years of marriage and divorced in 2018), are involved in a lot of school and extracurricular activities.

He stays healthy by working out, playing golf and sometimes suiting up and cycling from Santa Monica to Palos Verdes and back, a round trip of about 60 miles. "You feel like you're 12 years old



## baseball movies hit home

Of all the movies on Dennis Quaid's acting résumé, perhaps the one his fans loved most was the real-life baseball flick *The Rookie*. Here are some other heavy-hitting films that also scored big with fans.



**The Pride of the Yankees** (1942): Gary Cooper stars as Lou Gehrig, whose legendary career was cut short by the disease that would one day carry his name.



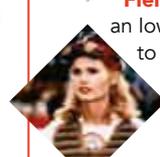
**The Bad News Bears** (1976): A slovenly, beer-guzzling coach (Walter Matthau) and his sad-sack youth baseball team become "winning" losers.



**The Natural** (1984): Once-promising supernova Roy Hobbs (Robert Redford) stages a middle-aged comeback cheered on by his devoted sweetheart (Glenn Close).



**Bull Durham** (1988): An all-American romance that follows the travails of a veteran catcher (Kevin Costner), the team's wild-card pitcher (Tim Robbins) and the groupie (Susan Sarandon) who seduces both. Costner was back in



**Field of Dreams** (1989), portraying an Iowa farmer who plows up his corn to build a baseball diamond.



**A League of Their Own** (1992): It's easy to root for this Penny Marshall-directed rouser, featuring Geena Davis, about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.



**The Sandlot** (1993): No film captures childhood summer nostalgia quite like this coming-of-age comedy about a group of rowdy pals in the early 1960s who play every day at a local sandlot.

**Moneyball** (2011): Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane (Brad Pitt) figures out how to compete with stats as well as bats.

—Mara Reinstein

From top: *Breaking Away*, *The Right Stuff*, *The Big Easy*, *Great Balls of Fire!*, *The Parent Trap*, *The Rookie*, *A Dog's Journey*

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again when you're on your bike, you know?" And he works on his music.

## PICKING & GRINNING

In November, the band he's played with for the past 19 years, Dennis Quaid & the Sharks, released their debut album, *Out of the Box*. Quaid fronts the group, singing lead and playing guitar. He wrote every



noncover song on the album, like the one about his mom, "On My Way to Heaven," which has also been

Quaid with girlfriend Auzina at a Dallas Cowboys game

recorded by country singer Tanya Tucker for an upcoming album.

Coming soon, Quaid will star in the psychological thriller *The Intruder* (May 3), playing a man who won't let go of the house he sold to a young couple. And he'll appear in the third season of *Goliath*, coming later this year on Amazon, playing a billionaire rancher alongside friend Billy Bob Thornton.

This fall, he's planning to begin filming his starring role as the 40th president in the movie *Reagan*. Later today, he'll head to work on the new Netflix series *Merry Happy Whatever*, playing the patriarch in a family sitcom about surviving the Christmas season. "Yeah, a *sitcom!*" he says, "with a live audience, which I've always wanted to do. That's what I grew up on."

And he says he'll continue taking opportunities as they come. He has no bucket list for future roles. And he certainly has no

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plans to retire. Why would he? Life is good, and the grass is just as green as it was back in the Little League days.

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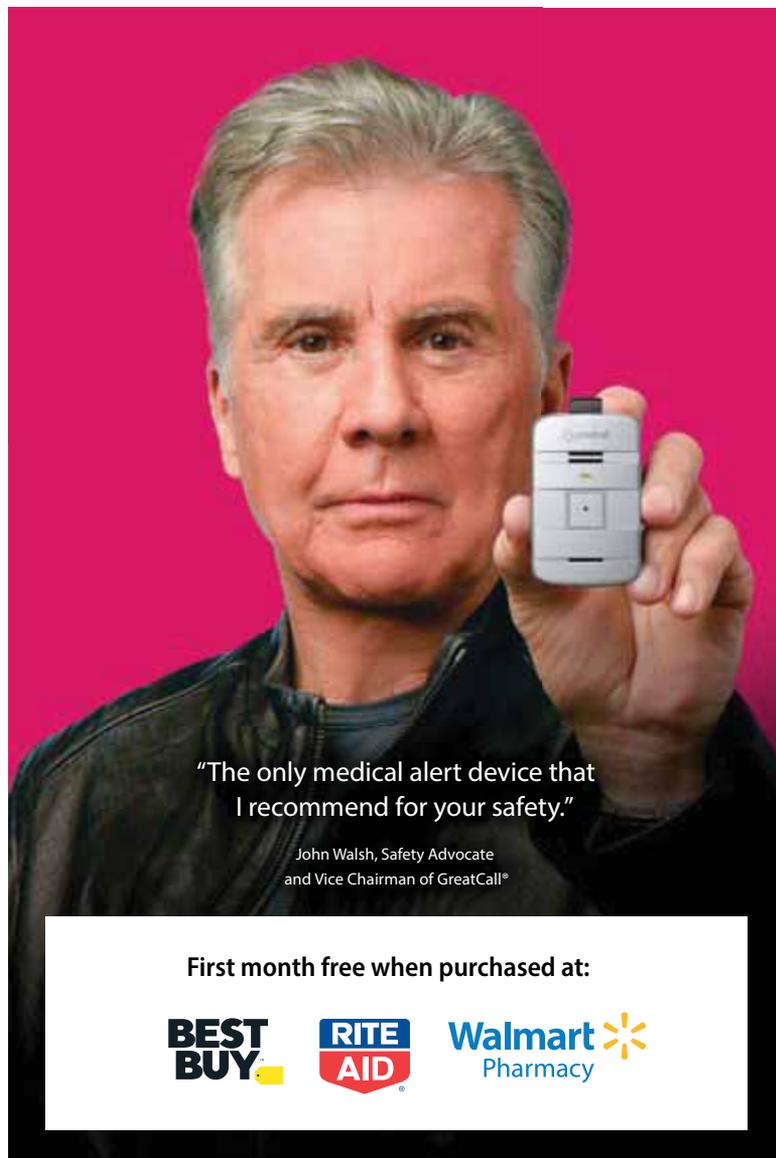
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