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AT LEAST 20 DEAD IN TEXAS SHOOTING

Police: Suspect in custody in El Paso attack

BY ROBERT MOORE, HANNAH KNOWLES, HANNAH NATANSON AND MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD
The Washington Post

EL PASO, Texas — A gunman wielding an assault-style rifle killed at least 20 people and injured 26 others Saturday at a busy Walmart and shopping mall,

authorities said, in the latest mass shooting to shatter a community and shake the country.

The attack sent shoppers racing for cover in a chaotic but all-too-familiar scene of carnage that prompted a massive police and medical response.

Authorities identified a man in custody as Patrick Crusius, 21, of

Allen, a Dallas suburb 650 miles northeast of El Paso. It is not clear how Crusius got from the Dallas area to El Paso, a roughly nine-hour drive.

One official said the number of people killed was subject to change, noting that some of the victims were in critical condition. It was not known how many of the injured were shot or were injured trying to escape the scene.

"It is a tragedy beyond tragedy," said El Paso Mayor Dee Margo, who became distraught while speaking to CNN. "We are just torn up beyond belief."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called the shooting "a heinous and senseless act of violence" and said the state had deployed law enforcement officers to the city.

Authorities also are investigating a manifesto that includes

remarks attacking immigrants and is sympathetic to the Christchurch attacker accused of killing 51 people in mass shootings at two New Zealand mosques this year, according to the two officials. Authorities have not confirmed that the manifesto is from the same attacker but continue to investigate it.

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Pot growers hit \$600K in political donations

Here's where money went before Illinois' legalization vote

BY JEFF COEN, ALLY MAROTTI AND ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Marijuana cultivating companies that persuaded Illinois lawmakers to give them first access to recreational customers pushed for the lucrative advantage with the backing of a steady flow of campaign cash, the Tribune has found.

The firms grow medical cannabis now, but are allowed to produce the first batches of recreational marijuana in preparation for the start of legal sales on Jan 1. And those companies, their executives and lobbyists can be linked to more than \$630,000 in political giving just since January 2017, according to the Tribune review.

It's a figure that includes more than \$400,000 in campaign contributions to members of the Illinois General Assembly and their political organizations, including a lesser amount to some incumbent candidates who recently lost or retired.

In all, money went to 60 lawmakers with the ability to vote on the historic measure legalizing recreational pot, 45 of whom voted yes. Of those 45, all but six were Chicago-area Democrats.

And more than \$120,000 went to campaign and political funds tied to just one of those legislators,

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'Chez Whatever,' the grand prize winner



Read the story by Barry Pearce that won the Chicago Tribune's 2019 Nelson Algren Literary Awards Grand Prize. **A+E**, Page 4

Answering call for workplace inclusion

A number of companies are pushing into uncharted territory — making their workplace inclusive and welcoming for people who don't define themselves as male or female, and don't use "Mr." or "Ms." but instead consider themselves a "they." **Business**



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A woman looks at the submerged beach at Juneway Terrace Park in Chicago on July 22. A damaged revetment is visible behind her.

Perils of rising waters

Lake Michigan has swallowed up 2 Chicago beaches this summer. Experts say the worst could still be on the way.

BY TONY BRISCOE

Standing near the lakefront in blustery winds, Ross Lehman watched as an endless series of 8-foot waves roared toward a strip of Rogers Park condos.

Every few seconds, the surf violently crashed against large boulders and steel girders intended to fortify the shoreline, sending a spray of water up to second-story balconies.

Lehman observed from a safe distance at the end of Birchwood Avenue, where the end-of-the-street overlook was cordoned off by wooden fencing fixed with orange, plastic

mesh. Peering into the sequestered area, Lehman could see waves had carved out soil that once served as the look-out's foundation, leaving a slab of concrete hovering precari-

ously over the void.

"It's really scary," said Lehman, a 63-year-old Rogers Park resident who lives a block away. "I'm starting to worry about what happens to these buildings if it keeps going. It's just getting dangerous."

For the second straight month, according to preliminary records, Lake Michigan has crested to its highest mark in over three decades — each time 1 inch shy of record highs set in 1986. It takes roughly 780 billion gallons of water to raise

Lake Michigan 1 inch. Since 2013, the lake has risen nearly 6 feet from record lows. And in Chicago, no part of the shoreline has come away unscathed.

This year, the buoyant water has swallowed at least two Chicago beaches entirely and periodically closed others. It has swiped fishermen from piers and swimmers from beaches and has submerged jetties, creating hazards for boaters. It has flooded heavily

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FAMILY PHOTO
Marlen Ochoa-Lopez with her husband, Yovany Lopez, and their son Joshua.

Father of slain teen: 'You feel powerless'

Parents recall pain in search for daughter

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ AND ELVIA MALAGÓN

"Está muerta." She's dead. That's all the police officer said to the family of Marlen Ochoa-Lopez, three weeks after the pregnant teen went missing.

Three weeks of hope, then dread, then hope again that the

19-year-old and her unborn son were somehow miraculously safe and would return home.

Three weeks of wondering how hard police were trying to find out what happened when she disappeared after leaving high school to pick up baby clothes.

Three weeks of suspecting detectives didn't care, maybe because the family were immigrants from Mexico.

When police found the body of a woman who appeared to be

their daughter, her family waited hours before uniformed officers arrived at the doorstep.

None of them spoke Spanish, though detectives on the case knew the family spoke little English. An officer, whom the family had never met, was dispatched from a nearby police station. He approached Ochoa-Lopez's mother and said only those two words, then turned and left, according to the family.

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JOHN KASS

Foolish gardener, a Ricketts, Fire GM vie for Golden Moutza

Can a man freeze to death on a warm summer day, with his loyal Wonder Dog Zeus at his feet, while gazing out at a patch of sod that had once been his magnificent vegetable garden?

Maybe.
The Moutza of the Month of July is so damn cold.

"The photo (on the end of your garden) had me in tears of sorrow," writes Paula Rogers. "As I read, all I could think was, 'Poor man. He must be devastated. How awful that, in the prime of life, he had to take out his garden."

"I stopped halfway through the article to step outside for a few minutes to pay homage to my beloved tomato plants. And then I finished the article. What the heck were you thinking? I have no choice but to nominate you, my dear fellow gardener, for a Golden Moutza"

Ouch.
"I am so sorry to have to do this but sodding over the tomato garden is a crime ... against nature, against gardeners, against the wonderful flavors of summer. Nah!" writes Elaine Truver. "You deserve all those store-bought tomatoes you'll have to eat now."

Oh, it's cold. It's so damn cold.
But I'm not the only one nominated for the Golden Moutza of July, the award named for the hand signal of disgust invented by my Hellenic ancestors.

You know how this works. Readers nominate their worthies at the end of the month, through letters and social media, and I consult the sacred scrolls of the Moutzatation to determine the victor.

Many demanded that Mayor Lori Lightfoot win the Moutza of the Month for mocking a police union boss under her breath as "That FOP clown." She refused to apologize.

I will not give the Golden Moutza to the mayor. Why? The cop got in her face, and she said what she said under her breath.

Besides, I like Lori. So, not today. But that means someone else must get it.

"Moutza to greedy Tom Ricketts," says Tom Winike of the Republican National Finance Committee chairman and member of the Cubs-owning Ricketts family. "Of course, with the Cubs, everything is tied to politics. But it's usually swept under the carpet. Nah!"

The Tribune's Hal Dardick reported that Ricketts had saved tens of thousands of dollars in property taxes, living in a magnificent North Shore home while paying property taxes on the old, little house that once sat on the same lot.

Nah!
"Moutza to Chicago Fire GM Nelson Rodriguez for even thinking of a Fire rebrand," wrote Fire fan Nick Kavadas on vacation in Greece. "Put a quality team on the pitch and you certainly don't need to be dry-as-toast 'Chicago City FC.' This moutza comes all the way from Lefkada. Nah!"

The Fire's slogan is "Tradition, honor, passion" and even talk of a rebrand spits in tradition's face. The Fire might then choose a new mascot, as idiotic as the one Wigan Athletic



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Cubs co-owner Todd Ricketts likely paid tens of thousands of dollars less in taxes on his Wilmette property than should have been levied.



JOHN KASS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A square patch of sod grows where John Kass' tomatoes normally grow. "The photo (on the end of your garden) had me in tears of sorrow," wrote one reader.

just announced in England:

Crusty the Pie.
What's next, will the Fire's absent owner order Rodriguez to euthanize the team's beloved mascot, Sparky, and give us some poor guy dressed as deep-dish pizza?

Yeah, the Fire suck, for now. Someday, the Fire will rise. But "Tradition, honor, passion," is not a fire hydrant. Capisce?

Nah!
Reader John Zimmermann wants the Moutza of the Month to be awarded to Berkeley, California, "for voting to remove the term 'man' from everything.

"Manhole Cover, Manpower, etc. What's next? If I want a 'Sloppy Joe', I can't buy Manwich? If I play basketball, I can't play man-to-man defense? Manny Machado has to change his name? Naaahhh!!!"

What's really sickening, even worse than horrid Sloppy Joes, is the epidemic of supermarket lickers. Yeah, by now, you all know about the viral video of the girl who licked a carton of Blue Bunny ice cream in a Texas store, then put it back in the cooler.

Lickers across the country are doing it now.

"Those cretins who think it's funny to lick ice cream and put it back on the shelf or open a bottle or something, drink and put it back," says John Dyslin. "My solution, other than getting a 'Nah', is to cut off their tongues!!!!"

No, Mr. Dyslin, that's positively medieval. Besides, journalists never condone violence. We just incite it.

Ice cream is bad for you anyway. "Is it too late for Cullerton?" asks Barbara Shafer. "Nah."

No. Federal charges against Illinois state Sen. Thomas E. Cullerton, Democrat of Villa Park, member of the political Cullerton family, were announced Friday.

He's charged with 39 counts of embezzlement for allegedly taking \$275,000 in salary and benefits from the Teamsters union and doing no work. The indictments come a day after Teamsters boss John Coli Sr. pleaded guilty to shaking down a West Side movie studio, Cinespace. Coli has agreed to cooperate with the feds.

And what of those other politicians who played with state grants and high finance and funneled it all to Cinespace? I hear they're frantically lawyering up, with the FBI on the hunt.

And all I say is:
Guys, How Ya Doooin'?

So, who wins the Moutza of July? There can be only one.

I must vote for the guy who sodded over his tomato garden. What the hell was I thinking?

Nah to me.
It's cold. It hurts. But in your heart, you know I'm right.

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Three Democratic candidates for president are in their 70s, including Sen. Elizabeth Warren, 70.

Just how old is too old to be president? That's complicated.



MARY SCHMICH

Sorry, but that candidate's just too old.

You know who I mean. Or maybe you don't.

Maybe the candidate who triggered my "too old" bias during the recent Democratic presidential debates is the one you're convinced is most qualified to steer our ship of state into a safe future.

And maybe the candidate who made you think "too old" is the one I found to be the smartest, best prepared and most alert. I'm talking about Elizabeth Warren, who at age 70 is as energetic as a world-class soccer player and as smart as a chess champ.

But I digress.

There's nothing new in the question of how old is too old to be president, and the notion of "too old" has long been in the eye of the beholder.

What's new in 2019 is that there are half a dozen Democratic candidates old enough to qualify for Medicare and three, like the current president, who are in their 70s.

What's also new is that the age span between the oldest and youngest candidates is the largest it has been in modern history, from Pete Buttigieg, who's 37, to Bernie Sanders, who's 77.

The novelty alone makes age a talking point in the upcoming election. But in a world rife with ageism, is it fair to talk about the candidates' ages?

"Absolutely," said Dr. Jay Olshansky, professor of epidemiology at the University of Illinois at Chicago when I called him Friday. "I'm not going to sugarcoat aging. Aging yields changes in physical and cognitive functioning, and the older you get,

the higher the risk. There's a reason we're talking about this."

The problem, however, is the way we talk about it, as if the number itself is a measure of ability.

Olshansky's conclusion, based on his recent research: "Chronological age should not be a relevant criterion used to judge presidential candidates."

Olshansky, who's 65, has been thinking about age and the presidency since former President Barack Obama turned 50. He kept hearing stories about how the presidency had aged Obama. He heard doctors say that being president accelerates aging.

"As a research scientist," he said, "I didn't know that to be true."

So he did an analysis that discounts the claim and showed that, in fact, presidents tend to live longer than most people. His latest research on the presidency and aging appeared in a paper published by the American Federation for Aging Research shortly before the latest Democratic debates. It's called "Longevity and Health of U.S. Presidential Candidates for the 2020 Election."

Olshansky argues not only that chronological age isn't relevant, but that having so many older candidates is "a very positive reflection on the state of our modern world."

"We have now produced in the modern era an exciting number of healthy, vibrant individuals who are perfectly capable of doing anything, including being president of the United States," he said. "This is a positive change that has occurred in the past half-century."

Of course, not everyone ages the same way, and how well a candidate's brain functions does matter. But the candidate who fumbles his replies in a televised debate, Olshansky said, isn't necessarily having what we condescendingly call "a senior moment."

"If you've ever been giving a presentation to a crowd of people — in this case they were doing it to hun-

When we talk about age, we're talking about more than physical health and cognitive function. We're also talking about experience and world view.

dreds of millions — it is not easy to keep your thoughts together. I'm not surprised when people fumble under extremely stressful conditions. So I don't take anything I see at these debates as relevant."

Quick wit onstage, he added, isn't a presidential qualification.

"I don't necessarily want a president making a quick-witted decision when somebody from another country is threatening the United States," he said. "I'd like deliberate thought."

I asked Olshansky, a gerontology specialist, if any of the candidates struck him as too old for the job.

"No," he said.

On the contrary, they may qualify as "super-agers."

"I'm guessing most people in the United States wouldn't be able to handle the grueling travel and speaking of these people," he said.

When we talk about age, we're talking about more than physical health and cognitive function. We're also talking about experience and world view. The years can add up to a fine sheen of wisdom or to the rust of narrow-mindedness.

The point to keep in mind is that there is no formula for how a person ages or what the number we call age means. As this campaign wears on, we owe it to ourselves to monitor our ageist impulses.

There are candidates in the race who aren't up to the job, but their age alone isn't the evidence. What we need are energy and vision, and they don't come with a birthdate.

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Air conditioning units that require R-22, known commercially as Freon, are becoming obsolete because of a ban.

Refrigerant ban may force replacement of AC units

As of Jan. 1, US won't produce, import R-22/Freon

BY SUZANNE BAKER

Old air conditioners that leak refrigerant will become more costly to fix starting in 2020, local heating and air conditioning specialists said.

Effective Jan. 1, the U.S. will no longer produce or import the refrigerant chemical hydrochlorofluorocarbon 22, often referred to as HCFC-22 or more commonly as R-22. It also is known under the trade name Freon.

For years R-22 had been used around the world in residential and commercial air conditioning, refrigeration, chillers, room air conditioning and transport refrigeration until global leaders decided to phase out its use and production to protect the earth's ozone layer.

Changes with R-22 won't effect the automotive industry because a different refrigerant, HFC-134a, is used in cars, truck and SUVs. Although it does not deplete the ozone layer, the Environmental Protection Agency says HFC-134a is a potential greenhouse gas, which is why the auto manufacturers are transitioning to a more eco-friendly coolant.

The move to ban R-22 in the coming year will reduce supplies and cause prices to

rise, which inevitably will result in pricey repair costs for old air conditioners that use R-22 as a coolant, said Justin Carrol of Perfect Home Services.

Carrol expects homeowners will have to replace their air conditioners if they leak R-22.

"A lot of people are going to find themselves in a position where it is cost prohibitive to put refrigerant back into the system," he said.

The ban on R-22 production and imports won't just affect the United States.

All 197 member countries in United Nations agreed to slowly phase out the production and import of ozone depleting substances, including R-22, as part of the Montreal Protocol.

In the case of the United States, the process started when EPA mandated no new R-22-based air conditioning systems be manufactured or installed after 2010 in favor of appliances that use eco-friendlier refrigerants. By 2020, the production and import of R-22 would be halted.

Carrol said those who've purchased an air conditioner in the past decade likely don't have to worry about R-22 because those should have been manufactured with eco-friendly coolants.

"It's going to have a big impact on business and industrial air conditioners," said Carrol, whose business is a member of the

Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce and serves a huge swath of the Chicago suburbs.

He suggests that anyone who has ever had to recharge R-22 because of a leak in their unit might want to start planning and budgeting to replace the air conditioner.

"For those people, it's a given that (R-22) is going to leak out again," Carrol said.

He added the average homeowner can expect to pay between \$3,500 and \$6,700 for a new central air unit, depending on the size of the house and the energy efficiency of the unit.

Homeowners who've never experienced a coolant leak should have no trouble maintaining their existing R-22 air conditioning system, according to Mike Bakker, owner of Dutchman Heating and Cooling in Naperville.

The part of the air conditioner where the R-22 is located is a closed system, he said, and the only way R-22 is depleted is because of a leak.

As long as air conditioner receives regular maintenance, a unit can last for 15 years or more, Bakker said.

Regular cleaning makes an air conditioner run more efficiently, and a technician can repair minor issues before they become cause breakdowns, he said.

At some point, the motor or the condenser is going to wear out, and then the homeowner will have to

make a decision.

"I have a lot of customers that say let's go ahead and replace it with something that's more energy efficient and has a warranty," Bakker said.

Air conditioners typically go out when the weather is hottest because that's the time when it is running constantly. The same applies to furnaces that fail when the weather temperatures are coldest.

"Everything seems to break when it's working the hardest," Bakker said.

The big difference, he said, is that customers get more frustrated in the summer.

In the winter if the furnace goes out, people can cook more on the stove or oven, burn wood in the fireplace, or layer with extra clothes, he said.

"There's only so much you can do to stay cool," Bakker said.

Besides regular maintenance, Bakker offered a few other easy tips to prevent air conditioner breakdowns.

The most important is to consistently change the air filter.

A dirty filter makes a unit work harder and dirt can cover the coils and cause issues, Bakker said.

Adding a surge protector, he said, also can prevent air conditioning units from being fried during an electrical storm.

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Ex-Calumet City superintendent being investigated

Apparently related to accumulation of sick, vacation days

BY ZAK KOESKE

The former superintendent of Calumet City School District 155 is under investigation by the Cook County sheriff's office, a spokeswoman said.

The agency launched its probe into Troy Paraday around the time he was fired last October after an internal school district investigation alleged multiple instances of misconduct.

Paraday, 57, whose \$431,531 annual earnings made him the state's best compensated superintendent at the time of his termination and who is currently receiving the largest pension in the Teachers Retirement System, declined comment through his lawyer. In the past, his lawyer denied Paraday had done anything wrong.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Sophia Ansari would not elaborate on the focus of the agency's investigation into Paraday, but records obtained by the Daily Southtown in response to Freedom of Information Act requests indicate the sheriff's office requested information involving his accumulation of sick and vacation days.

The sheriff's director of financial crimes and public corruption requested information about Paraday's sick and vacation days from both District 155 and the retirement system in early November after the former superintendent sought a post-retirement payment of \$1.75 million for 885 unused days, email records show.

The district, which terminated Paraday less than a week before he was set to retire, has refused to pay him for the accrued days.

A board-approved resolution discharging Paraday stated he was "not entitled to any severance payment or any post-contractual or post-retirement benefits that may be provided for in his employment contract." A district lawyer said recently that outside of his final paycheck, Paraday hadn't received any post-retirement payments from the district.

He was fired Oct. 26 for allegedly attempting to pad his own pay without authorization, destroying or altering documents involving when he worked and misrepresenting the district's financial status, among numerous other charges, according to officials.

The district alleged in its notice of discharge that Paraday carefully devised a "compensatory time scheme" to extract a "sizeable financial gain" upon his retirement that was "contrary to the district's best interests and detrimental to district finances."

As part of his alleged scheme, Paraday permitted himself to accrue comp time without limit for any day in which he worked more than eight hours, including for duties and responsibilities considered part of his regular job like conducting interviews with job candidates and attending board meetings, collective bargaining negotiations, graduations and conferences or conventions, the district alleged.

He accumulated over 300 hours of comp time and had used 2,484.65 hours of comp time — the equivalent of 310 days — since being hired in 2005, the district alleged.

Paraday used only comp days when taking time off and thus claimed never to have taken a sick day, vacation day or personal day during his 13-plus-year tenure with District 155,

officials alleged.

Despite his extensive use of comp time, there is no provision in Paraday's contract — which he prepared himself — for the accrual or use of comp time. He also was the only district administrator whose contract permitted him to accumulate sick, vacation and personal days without limit and receive payment for them upon retirement, according to the district.

A breakdown of Paraday's sick and personal days obtained via public record request shows he requested a cash payout for sick days on seven occasions between 2008 and 2016, and was paid for 215 sick days in total as a result.

He managed to accumulate so many sick days — 532, at the time of his retirement — because in addition to accruing 14 sick days annually, Paraday also received a "one-time benefit" of 460 sick days — the equivalent of two full work years — as part of his 2008 contract, district records showed.

While investigating Paraday, the district allegedly found a folder on his hard drive that, in addition to containing Disney photos, also had a series of spreadsheets detailing various retirement scenarios based on his accumulation of sick leave, sick leave to sell and TRS annuity figures, which noted the items could be "manipulated by my contract in my last 5 years."

"This document," the district's lawyer wrote in support of Paraday's discharge, "demonstrates that you had established a detailed plan for the contract terms you drafted, your exit from the District, and the money and benefits you would presumably yield from the District during employment and post-retirement."

Paraday's lawyer Steven Glink said shortly after his client's termination that the longtime educator had done nothing wrong and that the school board was simply punishing him to save face after his lucrative contract received media attention.

"Once his contract came to light on television and they were criticized because they gave him a very good contract ... they were embarrassed and now they tried to find what they think is a legal way out of paying him," Glink, who referred to the board's actions as "a dog and pony show," said in October.

He declined comment for this article.

Paraday was mulling filing suit against the district over his termination, Glink said in October, but thus far has not taken any legal action against his former employer.

Nor has the district initiated litigation against Paraday in an effort to recoup anything it paid him, board attorney Catherine Locallo said.

Paraday began receiving a pension in February and had netted \$219,237.86 through July, according to TRS earnings documents. No other retiree in the system had received even \$200,000 in pension earnings through July this year, although indicted former Lincoln-Way superintendent Lawrence Wyllie is closest at \$198,100.

The fact that Paraday was terminated from his job for alleged misconduct related to the maximization of his post-retirement benefits has no bearing on his pension, TRS spokesman Dave Urbanek said.

Urbanek said that while TRS may keep tabs on a criminal investigation involving one of its pensioners, it could not take action unless and until the person was charged, convicted and sentenced.

Uber bike unit sues city over deal to let Lyft expand Divvy

Emanuel team did not request competitive bids

BY JOHN BYRNE AND JUAN PEREZ JR.

Uber's bike-sharing division argues in a federal lawsuit against the city that then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration should have requested competitive bids before awarding an exclusive bike-rental contract to the company owned by Uber competitor Lyft.

The suit by Uber-owned JUMP calls on a federal judge to void the city's exclusive contract with the Divvy rental system, which is owned by Lyft. JUMP could then bid for the deal if new Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration accepted proposals.

"The City fundamentally restructured the contract governing the bikeshare program without engaging

a competitive bidding process, in violation of not only public contracting laws, but also basic principles of due process and fundamental fairness," reads the suit, filed Friday afternoon in federal court. "The City's renegotiated contract is thus the result of a flawed and unlawful process, and it cannot stand."

City Law Department spokesman Bill McCaffrey said he could not comment because the city had not yet seen the lawsuit.

Lyft announced in July 2018 that it was buying Motivate, the company that operated Chicago's Divvy bike rental system as well as similar systems in New York and other cities. Lyft then proposed a deal in which, in exchange for becoming the exclusive bike-share system in the city, it would pump \$50 million into the 6-year-old Divvy system to more than double the available bikes and put new docking stations in



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Uber-owned JUMP's electric share bikes are shown in Washington, D.C., in June.

every ward by 2021.

Uber opposed the exclusivity in its rival's idea and submitted its own proposal for a bike-share program that would either coexist with or replace Divvy.

Emanuel backed the Lyft plan. His Transportation commissioner, Rebekah Scheinfeld, argued a second bike-share system could further clutter already congested areas and cause confusion. Uber's proposal also would give the city no control over pricing, she said.

Though Uber argued it could expand bike-sharing in the city faster — a point of contention as many outlying neighborhoods don't

have the docking stations — the City Council in April approved the exclusive deal for Lyft as Emanuel was about to leave office.

"By locking out other competitors, former Mayor Emanuel's backroom monopoly fails to bring bikes to all Chicago neighborhoods — particularly the South and West sides — where they are needed most," Uber spokeswoman Kelley Quinn said in a statement Friday.

A Lyft spokeswoman could not immediately be reached for comment Friday.

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state Sen. Don Harmon of Oak Park, a main sponsor of the 2018 bill expanding medical marijuana in the state.

The companies also gave more than \$100,000 to a political action committee to advance their interests. And a separate nonprofit backing their goals, the Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois, is linked to a for-profit firm that gave more than \$110,000 in its own name to state lawmakers.

Also counted in the political giving is \$123,000 that went to new Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

The campaign contributions came as momentum was building here to legalize recreational marijuana, a measure signed into law in June by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, whose second cousin, Joby Pritzker, is a board member of the Marijuana Policy Project in Washington.

That organization was credited by sponsors of the Illinois legislation as having helped write the bill. And the group was among those to contribute to the campaign fund of state Rep. Kelly Cassidy of Chicago, a co-sponsor who collected \$13,000 in contributions tallied by the Tribune.

The law allows the 17 existing medical marijuana cultivators to be the first to grow recreational pot — a decision backers said was made in part because those companies have already been screened by the state.

The law allows for no more large cultivators to supply the Illinois market until 2021 at the earliest, and then only if demand warrants them. All existing medical marijuana dispensaries may apply to begin selling recreational pot Jan. 1, but the small circle of current cultivators already owns most of those outlets as well.

A new wave of dispensaries will be allowed to open as new licenses are awarded May 1, but those businesses too will only be allowed to get their supply from the same small group of current Illinois growers.

The companies also could benefit from the decision to toss out a provision in the law that would have allowed people to grow a small amount of marijuana at home for personal use, an outcome backed mainly by law-enforcement leaders around the state. So those who might have kept their own plants also will have to purchase cannabis produced from the cultivating companies.

Harmon contributions

Many of Illinois' marijuana cultivating companies are larger organizations with operations in multiple states.

And while Illinois lawmakers so far have kept secret the applications filed by those companies, paperwork that outlines the leadership, investors and ownership structure of the firms, other states have been more transparent.

The Tribune reviewed public records in Ohio, for example, where many of the same companies licensed in Illinois applied to do business.

And it is those same larger marijuana firms that have done most of the political giving in Illinois, with the largest few carrying forward the interests of all 17.

One cultivator is PharmaCann, which operates multiple Illinois dispensaries and is licensed in Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania. It was headquartered in an unassuming building in Oak Park, the home base of state Sen. Harmon, but recently moved to the Loop.

The Tribune's review found the company, its executives, their relatives and lobbyists can be linked to more than \$82,000 in recent political contributions, including some \$51,300 to Harmon and his organizations.

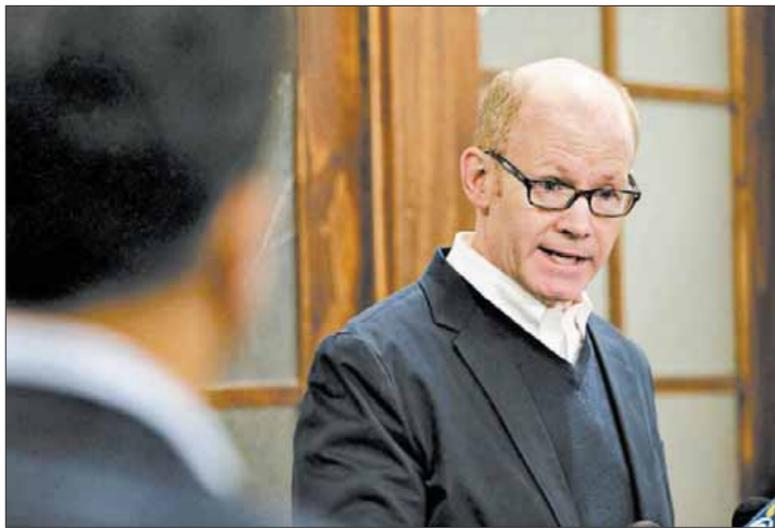
In the past year, PharmaCann Executive Director Stephen Schuler made a \$5,600 contribution — the maximum allowed for an individual — to Friends of Don Harmon for State Senate, Harmon's main political fund.

And Schuler contributed



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State Sen. Don Harmon, who sponsored a bill to expand medical marijuana access, was the top recipient in the General Assembly of campaign donations from cannabis interests.



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State Sen. Toi Hutchinson, left, received a \$5,000 campaign donation from Progressive Treatment Solutions; state Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, right, got \$500 from its lobbyist.

at the same level to the funds Don Harmon for Township Committeeman and Don Harmon for State Central Committeeman, to which Schuler's spouse made a separate \$5,600 contribution.

Schuler is a director at Chicago's Wicklow Capital, which invests in technology and other sectors, including the cannabis industry. He contributed to Harmon as early as 2002, but not at the same level as in the past two years.

Wicklow leader and PharmaCann investor Dan Tierney also is among Harmon's contributors who are connected to PharmaCann.

Tierney made two contributions of \$5,600 to Harmon's main fund, and last year gave \$11,100 to the Democratic Party of Oak Park, which Harmon chairs, according to state records.

"Dan Tierney and Stephen Schuler have supported a wide range of candidates holding a vast array of positions at the local, state and national level for the past 10 years," Sophie Sohn, head of communications at Wicklow Capital, wrote in an email. "Their focus is to contribute to strong, thoughtful leaders and advance the institution of Democracy."

Harmon said he has not kept track of industry contributions to him and that he remains uninfluenced by them.

"I'm aware that the cannabis industry is engaged in the political process, but I'm

not aware of all of their contributions across the General Assembly," Harmon told the Tribune. "In any event, it has no impact on my voting on the issue."

In addition to monetary contributions, PharmaCann lobbyist Dorgan, Butcher & Phelps has logged thousands of dollars in its expenditure reports for meals where Harmon and other lawmakers were present.

That included a \$366 meal at Preux & Proper in Los Angeles for Harmon and four other legislators in July 2018, weeks after the bill expanding medical marijuana in the state was sent to then-Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Harmon said that dinner took place when he was in California with other lawmakers for a national conference of state legislators and, in his view, it was unrelated to marijuana.

A California firm has a pending bid to purchase PharmaCann for \$682 million.

Asked about contributions linked to the company, a PharmaCann spokesman said the business interacts with both the medical and regular consumer markets.

"Advocacy efforts at the Statehouse are necessary so elected leaders and policy makers are aware of what we do and how we do it," spokesman Jeremy Unruh said in an email.

"We are in a very complex industry where the legal and regulatory environment is evolving rapidly.

Having a presence in Springfield is not a difficult decision for us and our colleagues."

Harmon's proposal to allow medical marijuana to be used in place of prescription opioids opened the door to the largest expansion of the industry thus far. More than 24,000 new patients have enrolled since the law went into effect in February, an almost 45% increase. Under Rauner, growth was slow.

Presented as a way to reduce opioid abuse, the measure was tantamount to allowing chronic pain as a qualifying medical condition. Chronic pain accounts for the majority of medical marijuana patients in many other states, but was not a qualifying condition in Illinois until lawmakers voted this year to make the medical program permanent.

Harmon's measure also eliminated background checks and fingerprinting of applicants, and reduced wait times for medical cards, which also spurred growth.

Lawmakers shift positions

How the legalization law came to provide an exclusive market to existing license holders is not entirely clear.

But the end result seems to run counter to the conclusions of a study commissioned by its original sponsors.

In February, the lead sponsors of the bill, Cassidy

and state Sen. Heather Steans, both Chicago Democrats, announced a study that showed "market demand in Illinois will quickly outstrip supply from state's existing licenses."

The study was silent on whether or how many more licenses should be issued. The sponsors said they wanted new licenses to expand opportunity, but talked about licenses for craft growers, rather than for large-scale cultivators.

"The Illinois market for legalized cannabis has vast potential, and that means the future holds significant opportunities for new licenses and points of entry," Steans said then. "I'm committed to ensuring that this market is competitive."

The original study was rebutted a month later in a competing market report sponsored by the lobbying group Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois. The new study, released in March, said the current group of Illinois cultivating companies could meet all demand for up to four years.

Cassidy and Steans, who both received industry-tied contributions, put forward a bill that gave the existing growers the advantage.

Cassidy said she tends "to not pay attention" to campaign contributions, and the bill lawmakers passed "is probably the least industry-centered bill" out there. She acknowledged the different demand study findings, and said the law addresses the need for new entrants.

She said the industry pushed back on some provisions in the law, such as cultivation center square footage caps and requirements that growers make contributions aimed at increasing equity in the industry.

"There was a ton they wanted they didn't get," she said. "If they were truly influencing this, the bill would have looked very different."

Steans was not immediately available for comment.

In late July, Cassidy's spouse, Candace Gingrich, was named vice president for Illinois-based cannabis company Revolution Enterprises' newly expanded operations in Florida. Cassidy told the Tribune the House ethics office said there is no conflict.

Also among the leading recipients of contributions from the state's marijuana industry was state Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, who sponsored a bill that made the medical cannabis program permanent. The Tribune review linked more than \$25,000 in contributions to Morgan, who did not immediately return a call for comment.

A for-profit link

The Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois, known as MCAI, is a registered nonprofit that has billed itself as an advocate for patients and a promoter of "the integrity of the emerging cannabis industry."

But records show the group has a strong link to one of the state's for-profit cultivators.

In its 2016 tax filing as an exempt organization, MCAI's principal officer was listed as David Flood with an address on Barnhart Street in suburban West Chicago. It is the same address given in state records as the principal office of medical marijuana cultivator Progressive Treatment Solutions.

That company has made more than \$110,000 in campaign contributions in its own name since the start of 2017, state records show.

That figure includes \$40,000 to Harmon-related organizations, as well as \$5,000 each to Cassidy and Steans last fall.

Flood, who could not be reached for comment, also is listed in state records as the chairman and treasurer of the political action committee known as the Illinois Relief Fund, which has an office in the same Palatine building as MCAI.

Illinois Relief Fund has collected nearly \$110,000 recently from cultivating companies, and while it has yet to make direct contributions to politicians itself, it has begun to pay influential lobbyists and consultants, state records show.

Among them is the firm of Raucci & Sullivan, which gave more than \$3,000 to Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's campaign organization late last year, just before being hired by the fund. That included an in-kind contribution of more than \$2,000 at Prime & Provisions steakhouse on LaSalle Street, records show.

Messages to the firm were not returned.

Progressive Treatment Solutions is a member of MCAI, and Flood serves as the alliance's treasurer, said Pam Althoff, MCAI's executive director. The Illinois Relief Fund is the alliance's political action committee.

"We don't tell our members what they can do," she said. "I can't speak for any single one of those entities."

A leader of a cultivation company said they did recall being contacted by MCAI board member Ross Morreale in the past about making political contributions. Reached by the Tribune on Thursday, Morreale declined to discuss the specifics of any such effort but said it would be unfair to say giving was "coordinated" by him or the group.

"The D2s speak for themselves," as far as who contributed what, Morreale said, referring to the quarterly disclosure forms that political campaigns file with the state.

Illinois an outlier

No other state has done what Illinois did in legalizing commercial sales of recreational marijuana through legislative action. Colorado, California and other states that allow sales of recreational cannabis did so through ballot measures, providing no precedent for what is happening in Illinois.

Other states have tried. New Jersey and New York — both with Democratic-

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controlled legislatures, like Illinois — came close earlier this year, but politicking over various parts of the legislation stalled efforts.

So other states have their eyes on Illinois and will monitor how the recreational program gets on its feet, experts say. Projections of the state's market growth are drawing attention as well.

The U.S. cannabis market overall is heading for massive growth, with sales expected to reach \$22.7 billion by 2023, including \$16.8 billion in recreational sales, according to a report from Chicago-based cannabis research firm Brightfield Group. Illinois' market alone is projected to reach nearly \$1.3 billion that year.

It's not unusual for states to let medical marijuana cultivators start growing for the recreational market. Steans and Cassidy's study of demand said "successful programs have been opened by incorporating as many of the stakeholders from the legacy programs as possible, while not sacrificing the broader goals of legalization."

Illinois' cultivators have argued that putting limits on who can grow recreational marijuana will help avoid problems that have occurred in other states. Oregon initially did not cap the number of licenses it gave out for growers and now has excess cannabis.

On the other hand, fears of monopolies have arisen.

In California, smaller growers worry that large, well-capitalized companies will end up dominating the industry. The law legalizing recreational marijuana there prohibits the state from issuing licenses for larger-scale cannabis farms until 2023, but some are finding workarounds to that rule, acquiring dozens of smaller licenses.

"There are economies of scale that will allow larger operators to come in and cut out the smaller operators," said California attorney Patrick Soluri, who has worked with the industry. "You see that in agriculture all across this country. Cannabis is really not going to be any different, and it's going to be a real problem."

Ohio case study

Illinois also isn't the only place where marijuana companies have attempted to become players in the political arena as states eyed looser pot regulations on their product.

Ohio voters soundly rejected a proposed constitutional amendment in 2015 that would have legalized recreational and medicinal marijuana while giving an advantage to the wealthy investors bankrolling the measure.

"Voters were outraged that all that money to be made on marijuana was going to be limited to a few," said Curt Steiner, who ran the campaign to defeat the issue. "It was going to be controlled by a monopoly, really."

The investors who backed the defeated Ohio measure included big names like Nick Lachey, formerly of the boyband 98 Degrees, descendants of President William Howard

Taft and a company that was already involved in cannabis in Illinois, Green Thumb Industries, or GTI.

In fact, GTI Ohio was among the top contributors to the effort, donating more than \$600,000 to a political action committee pushing the plan, according to Ohio Secretary of State records. The Ohio arm of Illinois-based GTI would go on to win licenses to operate in the state once it did legalize medical marijuana.

In Illinois, too, GTI can be linked to political giving. Its lobbyist up until this year, Shaw Decremmer, who has multiple clients, has given more than \$23,000 to legislators and their organizations in the time period reviewed by the Tribune.

"We believe in the democratic process including the transparency of political contributions," GTI spokeswoman Linda Marsicano said in a statement.

Peter Kadens, who stepped down as GTI's CEO last year but is still an investor, gave at least \$18,100 to Susana Mendoza's mayoral campaign, and more than \$12,300 to Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

The Lightfoot contributions included an in-kind donation of \$1,125 for event food and beverages from a Chicago coffee and tea company.

Kadens said he supported Mendoza's and Lightfoot's campaigns because he aligned with their policies and thought each of them would make a good mayor.

"Those were two women that I really believed in," Kadens said. "This has zero to do with cannabis and everything to do with the future of the city of Chicago for my children."

Money to Lightfoot

Chicago's mayor can wield significant power over whether and where marijuana is sold in the city. The new Illinois law also allows municipalities to ban cannabis businesses outright within their boundaries.

The city's process for approving medical cannabis businesses was so involved that many dispensaries there were among the last to open in the state.

In all, contributions linked to the marijuana companies to Lightfoot totaled \$123,000, and included some large contributions.

Dan Tierney of Wicklow Capital and PharmaCann has contributed \$60,000 to Lightfoot this year. Stephen Schuler, also of PharmaCann, contributed \$25,000 in March to Lightfoot, and his spouse contributed the same amount in June, state records show.

Another multistate firm, Cresco Labs, contributed \$5,750 to Lightfoot in June that a Cresco spokesman said was related to a fundraiser hosted for the mayor at the Joy District restaurant and bar in River North. The company can be linked to more than \$23,000 in recent political giving in all, including a \$5,000 contribution to Harmon by its CFO, Kenneth Amann.

A spokesman for the mayor's campaign, Dave Mellet, said contributions would have no bearing on



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The Marijuana Policy Project gave to the campaign fund of state Rep. Kelly Cassidy, who co-sponsored the state bill.

her decision-making.

"More than 10,000 individual contributors supported Mayor Lightfoot's campaign," Mellet said. "She is committed to investing in all neighborhoods and uplifting the quality of life for all Chicagoans, and that agenda will not be influenced by campaign donations."

Lasting effect

One side effect of the current marijuana companies' grip on the market is it limits diversity in the industry here.

Two outspoken legislators on that issue were state Sen. Toi Hutchinson and state Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, both African Americans. As the legalization bill was debated, they issued a statement that they were "taking a strong stand against the medical industry's push to limit adult-use

licenses" because it left too many minorities on the sidelines. "We're not going to codify the inequity that's in medical (marijuana) now," Hutchinson said. "It's not happening."

Yet as it ended up, the legislation for now preserves the status quo that keeps the industry predominantly owned by white males. Initially, Gordon-Booth said, she was uncomfortable letting the current operators have the first crack at the recreational market. She knew of only a few African Americans invested in the industry and wanted that to change.

But ultimately, the portions of the new law focused on equity and cannabis conviction expungements made her comfortable, she said. It also helped that people of color were part of the conversation from the beginning. Plus, she said, current growers were posi-

tioned to get product to market by Jan. 1.

"I had to realize it was a reality of how ... an industry ramps up," she said. "You get to a place where you're like, 'OK, is it all or nothing, or can you compromise a little bit?' Because the good tremendously outweighs. ... That's the legislative process."

And despite their earlier criticism, both Hutchinson and Gordon-Booth voted for the legalization measure. Hutchinson also received a \$5,000 campaign contribution from Progressive Treatment Solutions in October, and Gordon-Booth received \$500 from its lobbyist earlier in 2018.

Hutchinson was not immediately available for comment.

The 17 marijuana cultivators licensed in Illinois should see their virtual monopoly hold for some time.

The law allows no new full-size cultivation centers like the existing growers, unless a study of market demand finds it is necessary. Even then, those possible new cultivating licenses can't be awarded until July 1, 2021.

The state will award up to 40 new licenses for smaller "craft growers" a year sooner, on July 1, 2020, followed by up to 60 more by Dec. 21, 2021. They will be limited to 5,000 square feet, however, in contrast to the existing cultivating firms, which run far larger

production facilities.

The law does include significant funding, cost reductions and low-cost loans for future minority growers — with some of that money coming from the existing cultivation companies. It also includes provisions aimed at repairing the damage done by the war on drugs, with funding for development in disadvantaged areas.

But a competing legalization bill introduced this year by Democratic state Rep. Carol Ammons of Urbana would have allowed an unlimited number of new indoor and outdoor growers, and would have required that a majority of licenses for growers and retailers go to minorities.

It also would prohibit any cannabis company or political action committee to make a campaign contribution to promote a candidate or public official.

Ammons did not immediately return messages seeking comment on this story. Her bill never got past the committee level. She received one \$500 campaign contribution from a lobbyist who has worked for a marijuana company. She withheld her vote on the winning legalization bill.

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How rising water levels are affecting area beaches

By TONY BRISCOE

Less than seven years ago, on the heels of one of the most crippling droughts in recent memory, Lake Michigan water levels dipped to their lowest point on record.

Back then, the lake had pulled back so much, Chicagoans found themselves walking to neighboring beaches that were once separated by water. Some lakefront piers and drop-offs led to boulders and sand instead of water. And some boaters found it more difficult to launch and navigate in a shallower lake.

This summer is a different story.

Each of the Great Lakes has broken record monthly highs, except for lakes Michigan and Huron (measured together because they are connected at the Straits of Mackinac and maintain the same water level.) Still, Michigan and Huron — which have the greatest variation between their record high and low — have surged nearly 6 feet since January 2013.

Lakefront cities like Chicago have taken notice, as rising water marks have dramatically altered the shoreline.

Some beaches — Thornedale, North Avenue, 31st Street, 57th Street — shrank considerably but retain enough sand to host beachgoers without major inconvenience.

Many others, however, will never be the same, even if the water levels lessen. Here are some of the most noteworthy changes to Chicago's shorelines, as witnessed by a Tribune reporter in July:

Juneway Beach: The beach was completely submerged and closed due to high lake levels, with a Chicago Park District barricade on the walkway near the entrance. Lake waves overtopped the large stone blocks and a collapsed revetment, creating an embankment in the lawn above the former beach.

Rogers Park Beach: The beach was closed off to the public. At the entrance, the chain-link fence was padlocked and the pathway was considerably flooded. At an overlook nearby, a concrete barricade had been knocked over.

Howard Beach Park: Only a sliver of beach remained dry, and waves crashed up to the top of the walking path above.

1300 block of West Birchwood Avenue: An overlook at the end of the street was cordoned off with wooden fencing and orange mesh. Underneath the concrete slab, much of the soil had been washed away by lake waves.

Fargo Beach Park: The beach was completely underwater. A metal stairway led to what was once the beach, now pounded by waves.

Kathy Osterman Beach:



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Emily Steffen, with dog Fil, takes pictures of big waves on Lake Michigan at 41st Street Beach in Chicago on July 22.

A large amount of standing water pooled at the north end of the beach and inundated a wooden walkway. The frothy edges of the water point to possible concerns about water quality.

Montrose Beach: So much floodwater settled on parts of the beach, it appeared to resemble a lagoon and effectively cut off access to the lakefront from those who didn't wade through. At Montrose Harbor, due south of the beach, one of the breakwaters near the entrance of the harbor was partially submerged.

Belmont Harbor dog beach: A wooden ramp that once led to the beach now lets out directly into the water as rising waters have swallowed up much of the shore. Pieces of the ramp have also broken off and scattered onto the beach, leaving two watery gaps and several nails exposed. Dog owners who still visit the beach hop the fence and let their dogs through a gap where one of the pickets is missing.

Diversey Harbor: Low points in walkway to the harbor were flooded by several inches of water. Power boats buoyed by high lake levels were left with little clearance underneath the bridge. Officials have advised larger boats to transfer to other harbors.

North Avenue Beach: At the far north end, the pedestrian path of the Lakefront Trail was closed as lake waves lapped onto the walkway. The path was marked by a sign with all-capital lettering: "Trail closed due to hazardous conditions. Keep out." Parts of the beach were flooded, and pools of standing water attracted seagulls.

Oak Street Beach: Much of the beach was flooded, including parts of a restaurant where picnic tables stood in water. Vehicles parked near the restaurant were engulfed by shallow water up to the rims of their tires.

Lakefront Trail at the 'S-Curve': The bike and pedestrian pathways were closed and marked by a wooden barricade with a bright yellow sign: "Keep out." Still, many cyclists and pedestrians disregarded the warning and were caught in a vise between incoming lake waves and the tall concrete wall separating

the trail from Lake Shore Drive.

Ohio Street Beach: Only a tiny sliver of the beach on the southern edge remains dry. Almost everywhere else was pounded by intrusions of lake waves and experienced severe flooding, including the beach restaurant, Caffè Oliva.

12th Street Beach: The far northern end and center of the beach were submerged. Stairs that had once led from Del Campo Tacos to the center of the beach were blocked off by several Chicago Police Department barricades with all-capital white lettering: "Police Line — Do not cross."

Due north, at the Adler Planetarium, a handrail near lakefront stair steps was missing after wave action had apparently eroded the mooring.

Oakwood-41st Street Beach: At the far north end, erosion was noticeably taking its toll as the lack of sand began to expose a black cloth material underneath.

4900 block of South Lake Shore Drive: The Lakefront Trail's pedestrian path was closed and marked by a warning sign. Some sections of the pedestrian path were fenced in where the pavement has collapsed in the aftermath of persistent flooding and exposure to waves.

59th Street Harbor: At the entrance to the harbor, one breakwater is completely underwater and barely visible.

63rd Street Beach: A large amount of water pooled on the north side of the beach.

Jackson Park Outer Harbor: Water surged inland and flooded a stretch of the pedestrian walkway. A floating barge was completely detached from land. Stone pilings surrounded by water were crudely spray-painted with the message: "Do not walk or stand on."

71st Street Beach: A large swath of the beach held standing water that attracted sea gulls.

Rainbow Beach Park: Much of the center of the beach was covered by standing garbage and recycling containers.

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People play and swim in an area that is normally dry, next to the Lakefront Trail between North Avenue Beach and Oak Street Beach, on July 11.

Rising

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trafficked parts of lakefront bicycle and pedestrian pathways, leaving some stretches underwater and others crumbling.

But perhaps the most worrisome aspect of this summer is that these perils have occurred while the lake has remained mostly calm.

"Fall is the time of the year when wave conditions are historically the most severe on the Great Lakes," said David Bucaro, outreach manager at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District. "We're at a calmer period right now. There's been some summer storms. But that October, November time period is when we really experience historically the most powerful coastal storms. That's the conditions that we're monitoring and are most concerned with."

On the Far North Side, where scores of high-rise residential buildings mirror the shoreline, conditions appear to be among the most precarious.

Condo associations and building owners have applied for permits to build or reinforce shoreline protections, according to Bucaro. Some of these buildings endured severe flooding during the all-time record high in 1986. There's a possibility that lake levels could continue to rise and potentially break records in August and September, according to forecasts.

Shifting sand

Meanwhile, the Chicago Park District has implemented an indefinite swim ban at Juneway Terrace and Fargo beaches in Rogers Park. A newly erected chain-link fence around Rogers Park Beach has occasionally been padlocked, barring entry when tall waves are stirred by strong winds.

Residents say the generally bustling lakefront there has become lonely as its greatest attraction — the beaches — have greatly diminished or disappeared.

"You don't know if (a beach or park) is going to be completely blocked off or if there's going to be whole slabs of concrete falling into the water," Lehman, the Rogers Park resident, said. "You actually don't even know if it looks as perilous as it is. I think there are residents here who are going to do what they've always done. But it's probably not safe anymore."

While swimmers are supposed to adhere to the color-coded flags at beaches — red indicating a swim ban, yellow cautioning potentially hazardous and green for no restrictions — that doesn't always occur. On July 2, lifeguards pulled the body of a 56-year-old man from the water in the



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Police barricades along the now-tiny 12th Street Beach on Northerly Island are meant to keep people away from sections flooded by high water, as seen on Wednesday.



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Boaters with little headroom clearance pass under a Lake Shore Drive bridge into Diversey Harbor in Chicago on Wednesday.

7700 block of North East-lake Terrace. The two closest beaches, Juneway and Rogers Park, were both closed due to high water levels.

On a recent morning, Lynn Maynard scoured 12th Street Beach on Northerly Island, collecting pieces of smooth beach glass. But the small patch of sand she combed through was but a sliver of the crescent-shaped beach that she has frequented for 19 years.

Today, the remnants of 12th Street Beach are split into two pieces. And the stairways that led visitors to the center of the beach plunge directly into Lake Michigan.

Staring into the shallow water where there once was a beach, it's apparent that much of the sand has now been washed away.

"I think it'll eventually come back down and we'll get part of the beach back, but it'll never be the same," Maynard said.

"It's sad, but it's Mother Nature," she continued. "It's not much you can do but hope the water recedes and hope the city of Chicago throws some more sand back out there to rebuild some of the beaches."

The Park District hasn't

purchased sand to replenish its beaches in at least a decade, according to spokeswoman Michele Lemons, and adding new sand during this period of resurgent lake levels "is not an effective solution" as officials believe the investment could be erased by powerful waves.

But experts say inaction has consequences too. The more beach sand that drifts into deep waters, the deeper the lake bed becomes, which, in turn, allows taller waves to crash ashore and increases erosion.

Sandy beaches typically slope down to the water's edge, allowing water to naturally drain to the lake. But sand-starved beaches can become flat and allow pools of standing water to form, according to Ethan Theuerkauf, a coastal geologist with the Illinois State Geological Survey. This stagnant water has been known to attract shorebirds that pollute it with their feces, presenting sanitary issues.

"These pockets can fill with water either from waves, rain or groundwater," Theuerkauf said. "If the water is stagnant then they can harbor bacteria,

such as E. coli."

In the aftermath of historic rainfall and recent wave action, floodwaters occupied so much of Monroe Beach that it resembled a lagoon. On a recent weekday afternoon, David Potts, like most beachgoers, resorted to sitting on a stone wall overlooking the beach instead. Potts, however, was dismayed to see some children in the newfound pond despite the unsanitary-looking foam forming at the edges.

"You've got all this water out here, and you've got people wading through this stuff," he lamented.

Troubled waters

With Lake Michigan levels 1 foot and 4 inches higher than this time last year, the new high watermark has overtaken a number of shoreline structures, posing a serious threat to boaters and the largest municipal harbor system in the nation.

Dime Pier, a derelict breakwater between Navy Pier and the entrance to the lock at the mouth of the Chicago River, is completely underwater. Breakwalls surrounding Monroe Harbor, due east of Grant

Park, are nearly submerged.

Around 10 p.m. July 17, a 25-foot motorboat hit one of the Monroe Harbor breakwalls near Queen's Landing, tossing two of the five passengers onto the structure. All five were rescued.

Only a week earlier, a powerboat traveling near Diversey Harbor around 1:55 a.m. slammed into a nearby jetty, ejecting its three passengers into the lake. A 28-year-old woman from Vernon Hills was hospitalized and later pronounced dead.

Westrec Marinas, the company that manages Chicago's harbors, has installed buoys at several locations, including Dime Pier, Monroe Harbor and 59th Street, to warn boaters about submerged navigational structures.

Gary Feracota, president of the Chicago Harbor Safety Committee, said boaters who don't have GPS devices should familiarize themselves with navigational charts provided by the U.S. Coast Guard.

"The navigation risks are very, very high — the highest we've seen in a lot of years," Feracota said. "When you have high lake levels, these structures that are normally visible from the water are submerged — but not submerged enough not to hit. They're just hidden by the water. So, if you don't have your wits about you and you're not attentive, you can certainly run into trouble."

Meanwhile, as Lake Michigan has risen, the amount of clearance that boaters have as they travel underneath Chicago bridges has dwindled.

This has posed problems for the owners of some powerboats docked in Diversey, 59th Street and Jackson Park Inner harbors, where vessels need to pass underneath Lake Shore Drive to venture out onto Lake Michigan. Earlier this year, officials advised these boaters about the shrinking headroom, advising them to transfer to other harbors before their vessels are trapped or they potentially hit the bridge.

Today, many of the slips that are usually occupied are empty.

The road less traveled

On a nice summer day, it's not uncommon to have as many as 30,000 people visit the Lakefront Trail, the winding, 18-mile path that guides cyclists, joggers and sightseers through 13 neighborhoods, four major parks and a number of Chicago attractions.

In response to the logjam of leisurely walkers, marathon runners and speeding bikers, in 2016 then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel spearheaded efforts to separate the walking and bike trails.

But, these days, it's still difficult to navigate due to flooding and damage from Lake Michigan waves.

At least three stretches of the trail are partitioned off. Between Oak Street and Ohio Street beaches, once one of the busiest branches, both pedestrians and cyclists are now confronted with wooden barricades meant to direct them away (although the warnings are mostly ignored).

Closures in the 2200 block of North Lake Shore Drive, just north of North Avenue Beach in Lincoln Park, and in the 4900 block of South Lake Shore Drive in East Hyde Park have caused some pedestrians to spill back onto the bike paths.

The South Side closure, residents say, is the result of long-standing neglect.

Although the area between 47th Street and Hyde Park Boulevard was identified in the early 1990s as among the "eight most critical miles of the lakefront," designated for reconstruction by federal, state and local agencies, it remains one the last two left undone. (Locals opposed the redesign to the area between 57th Street and Promontory Point.)

As a result, instead of resembling the broad, concrete stair steps that buffer areas like Fullerton Beach, it relies on the shoreline protections built in the early 1900s, which have effectively crumbled into the lake and formed makeshift revetments.

On days when northerly gusts churn up waves, pedestrians notice the gobs of lake rocks tossed onto the walkway. This year, South Side residents like John Jefferson, of Hyde Park, have also noticed parts of the path have started to cave in.

"The foundation right there is starting to give out, because of the poor maintenance over the years and decades," said Jefferson, 36. "I remember when I was in high school in the mid-2000s, I was seeing it starting to deteriorate then. But ... not as bad as it is now."

Lemons, the Park District spokeswoman, said the city is working to identify funding for the project.

Late last month, it only took 20 mph winds and 8-foot waves to capture the attention of cyclist Bob Petite near North Avenue Beach. Petite, 72, has lived near water his entire life, including near the North Atlantic in his native Nova Scotia. And while the Great Lakes can't compare with the oceans in size, the wild fluctuation in water levels commands just as much respect.

"On the ocean, you're dealing with the tides all the time. Here, when you have high water levels, you're not as prepared for it," Petite said. "I think we're so fortunate to have the lakefront. I just hope it doesn't get washed away on us."

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Janelle Monáe belts it out

Janelle Monáe performs at Lollapalooza on Friday, when she turned her set into an epic play. Its aim was, she said, to “celebrate the weirdos.” That also sums up her career, in its embrace of women, people of color, the LGBTQ community, outsiders and the oppressed. The music festival continues through Sunday night in Chicago’s Grant Park.

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Wayside’s child sex offenders in Aurora staying put for now

BY SARAH FREISHTAT AND MEGAN JONES

The child sex offenders living at Wayside Cross Ministries were not the only ones to receive notices in recent months informing them they were in violation of a residency law and had to move.

Since January, Aurora has notified at least 16 other child sex offenders they were violating a state law that prohibits them from living within 500 feet of a playground, school or other place geared toward children, documents recently obtained by the Beacon-News show. They had to move within 30 days, the notices said.

While Wayside residents are, for now, allowed to remain at the mission in downtown Aurora pending the outcome of a federal lawsuit, the other sex offenders are still subject to police follow-ups, city attor-

neys said in a statement.

The police department is handling those situations “in the normal course,” they said. The way Aurora handles child sex offender residency requirements has come to the forefront in recent weeks after the city told nearly two dozen child sex offenders they had to move out of Wayside Cross, a 90-year-old ministry in downtown Aurora that offers a variety of programs including one for registered sex offenders. The police department notified them beginning in late June they lived too close to McCarty Park, considered Aurora’s first park.

The notifications were triggered when city staff changed the way they measured distances to be from one property line to another, rather than from the center of each parcel, city staff have said. “This is about progress in the city of Aurora,” Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin said

at the time. “When there is a clash between any organization and the progress needed for the 200,000 plus citizens of Aurora, the city of Aurora has to win out.”

It’s not the first time in recent months Irvin and Wayside Cross have clashed. In April, Irvin blasted the ministry’s decision to house a member of the notorious Ripper Crew, Thomas Kokoraleis, when he was released from prison.

The men facing eviction from Wayside sued the city in federal court, arguing the men should not have to move and challenging the state’s residency laws for registered sex offenders.

Both parties have since agreed the child sex offenders can stay at Wayside for now and the city will continue to register new residents pending the outcome of the lawsuit.

That agreement allowing Wayside residents to stay does not appear to have any

bearing on the other child sex offenders living in Aurora, city attorneys said.

It is unclear how many of the 16 other notified child sex offenders have moved, and some are still within the 30-day timeframe to move. In two cases, the city’s law department is reviewing whether the people who received the letters are, actually, living too close to a playground, city attorneys said.

One of the sex offenders who received a letter in January, Steven Sly, said when he got the notice he began asking friends for help looking for a new home. He now lives near Ottawa in LaSalle County, he said. He thinks he had to move because a nearby community center began housing a preschool.

“Pretty much, it caught me off guard,” he said.

Another sex offender who received a letter in May, Rena McCullough,

said an officer came to her house, but she can’t get around without a power chair and relies heavily on her daughter, who is her caretaker and who she lives with. The officer said police will check on her on a month-to-month basis, and in the meantime she and her daughter are looking for a new home elsewhere, she said.

“I’m trying to comply, they understand I’m trying to comply, but they also understand the only time I leave the house is to go to a doctor’s appointment,” she said.

Typically, police follow up with child sex offenders to ensure they are complying with their residency restrictions, city attorneys said. If an officer thinks a person might have knowingly violated the restrictions, they can inform the state’s attorney who can charge the sex offender, they said.

Sex offenders are required to register with the police department when they move to a new location. Sometimes, they will later receive a letter informing them they must move if a new day care, playground, or other place geared toward children opens within 500 feet of their home, city staff said.

The federal lawsuit over Wayside is continuing, said Mark Weinberg, an attorney representing the Wayside residents. One of the items at issue is whether the city should measure from the edge of the park, or the edge of a playground within the park, he said. He called Illinois’ child sex offender residency laws “very harsh.”

“There’s a whole history of municipalities opening up what they call pocket parks as a way to get rid of (child sex offenders),” he said. “And the question is, is that exactly what Aurora has done?”

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Nora Leonard, who was diagnosed with cancer in August, watches TV at home in November. She died Thursday.

'We treasure every single year,' writes #TeamNora family



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Nora Leonard has passed away.

She was the 17-year-old daughter of Second City executives Kelly Leonard and Anne Libera and the center of an outpouring of support from Chicagoans, Second City alums, artists, entertainers and athletes around the globe, who posed for photos holding #TeamNora signs.

Nora was diagnosed with liver cancer last August. The cancer quickly spread to her lungs. She died Thursday evening.

"She was surrounded by those that loved her and those she loved," Leonard wrote on Nora's CaringBridge page. "We have not a single regret and we treasure every single year we had with her, although those years were cut far too short. Think your best

thoughts of her, be kind and help us through this new part of the journey."

Shortly after Nora's diagnosis, the family created a CaringBridge page to keep friends and relatives updated on her treatments and progress and setbacks. They had #TeamNora hats and T-shirts made and took a photo of the Second City staff wearing them.

"There's this saying in improv, 'Play the scene you're in, not the scene you want to be in,'" Leonard, the executive director of insights and applied improvisation for Second City, told me last fall. "So we played the scene we're in."

For the next year, Libera, director of comedy studies at Second City, and Leonard filled their Facebook pages with #TeamNora photos and videos. Tina Fey was #TeamNora. So were Amy Poehler and Kate McKinnon. Stephen Colbert. David Schwimmer. Hillary Clinton. Anthony Rizzo. Megan Rapinoe. John Krasinski. Jenna Fischer and B.J. Novak

from "The Office."

"Obviously I know it's all for me," Nora told me last fall. "But sometimes it feels like it's for someone else. It hasn't really hit me that that's all for me. They're cheering me on."

Earlier this week, photos of Bishop Michael Curry, the presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, and Bishop Jeffrey Lee, the bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, appeared on Leonard's page.

Leonard lost his brother, Kyle Leonard, to esophageal cancer in January 2018 and his dad, widely beloved WGN Radio host Roy Leonard, in 2014.

It was a beautiful act of courage and generosity for Nora's parents to share their daughter's story, along with the family's hope and terror, victories and setbacks, with us. I hope the knowledge that Nora inspired a wellspring of grace and kindness, in a world that doesn't have enough of either, brings them a modicum of comfort as they figure out how to heal and live without their girl.

"Nora is strong and brave," Leonard wrote on Nora's CaringBridge page in January. "She is strong and brave because she has a community of family and friends who have taught her to hold herself up and when she can't, we'll all do it for her. She is strong and brave because she has resources and access to total strangers who are using their expertise to heal her.

"She was shown and taught," he wrote, "that kindness matters."

So were we, the legions cheering her on, reminding her she was never alone. She brought out the best in humanity. I am eternally grateful for her and her family's courage and example, even as my heart breaks that she's gone.

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Pritzker asks task force to study property tax relief

BY JAMIE MUNKS

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a bill Friday creating a task force to make recommendations on ways to alleviate the rising property tax burden on Illinois homeowners.

The bipartisan Property Tax Relief Task Force will "review the entirety of our property tax system, study best practices in other states and make short- and long-term recommendations" by the end of this year, Pritzker said in a statement Friday.

State Rep. Jonathan Carroll, a Northbrook Democrat who sponsored the task force bill, called the property tax burden the "biggest issue" Illinois homeowners face.

"Rising property taxes are hurting home values and forcing seniors out of their biggest asset," Carroll said in a statement. "I look forward to working with a diverse group of legislators on finding practical solutions without compromising our great communities and schools."

While task forces can be black holes for any issue, there is some reason to believe this one could be more meaningful. Lawmakers this spring passed a measure putting the cornerstone of Pritzker's agenda, a graduated income tax, before voters in November 2020. Pritzker vowed during his campaign for governor that if voters approved a constitutional amendment overhauling the state income tax he would use the proceeds to help alleviate property taxes.

Earlier this year, the Illinois Senate passed a measure that coupled the income tax constitutional amendment with a local school district property tax freeze. That measure, which would have frozen school district property tax

rates if voters approved the constitutional amendment and if the state took on a larger share of the overall education funding in Illinois, didn't make it into the final legislation Pritzker signed in June.

As the legislative session drew to a close without the action on property tax relief, the plan to create a task force to study the issue was introduced. Prior to that, Carroll had voiced opposition to the constitutional amendment going on the 2020 ballot.

Friday's bill signing starts the clock on a 90-day window for the task force to submit an initial report to the governor's office and the General Assembly.

Pritzker appointed Emily Miller, the first assistant deputy chief of staff for policy, and Cameron Mock, chief of staff in the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, to the panel. The four top legislative leaders will appoint other members to the task force.

"This task force is one of the first steps in that process and I'm confident that by bringing Democrats and Republicans together to talk about this issue, we'll be able to work together to find the solutions we need, state Sen. Andy Manar, a downstate Democrat who also was a sponsor of the bill, said in a statement.

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They would have to wait even longer to learn that police had already arrested three people in a plot to steal Ochoa-Lopez's baby by strangling her and cutting the boy from her womb the day she disappeared.

In interviews with the Tribune, Ochoa-Lopez's mother and father talked about those days of panic, despair, grief and confusion — about the silence from police, about crank calls and false leads and, finally, solid clues from friends and strangers gleaned from Facebook and GoFundMe pages.

The parents spoke of their faith, how it sustained them during the search and, afterward, when Ochoa-Lopez was found in a trash can behind the home where she had been killed. Her son would survive her by less than two months.

"She's with her baby and with God," her mother, Raquel Uriostegui, said. "They're good now."

Yovany Lopez, married to Ochoa-Lopez since 2017 and the father of their 3-year-old son, declined to speak to the Tribune for this story. Marlen did not legally change her last name from Ochoa Uriostegui, though she commonly used her married name, Ochoa-Lopez, according to family and friends.

The Chicago Police Department would not discuss specifics of the investigation or its dealings with the family. But chief spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said the detectives who worked on the case were "extremely bothered" as they uncovered details of the murder. He also said the department has a considerable number of officers and detectives who speak Spanish, including a supervisor who was involved in the case.

"I apologize for anything that was misconstrued, it certainly was not our intention," Guglielmi said. "If people feel like they aren't getting the quality of service, they should tell us."

April 23 'Mija, where are you my love?'

Marlen and Yovany Lopez were teens when they married. The young couple had one son together and were weeks away from welcoming their second.

About 10:40 a.m., Ochoa-Lopez texted her husband that she felt like she was going into labor. Yovany told reporters. He asked if he should pick her up, but she told him to wait. Lopez assumed she was still going to pick up their son from day care after finishing classes at Latino Youth High School.

Around 6 p.m., Ochoa-Lopez's mother, Uriostegui, got a phone call from Lopez because Ochoa-Lopez didn't show up at the day care. She knew her daughter had had a tough pregnancy, particularly in the first five months, when she felt nauseated. Maybe she went to a hospital, Uriostegui thought.

"Her priority was to pick up her son first," she said in Spanish. "So that's what I thought, that maybe she didn't feel well."

Uriostegui and her husband, Ochoa-Lopez's stepfather, called and visited hospitals but couldn't find any trace of her. Relatives went to the Chicago Lawn District to file a missing person report but were told that Ochoa-Lopez had to be missing for 24 hours first, Uriostegui said.

Uriostegui — sitting in her living room near a wall adorned with a large framed photo of her daughter on her wedding day — teared up as she remembered leaving message after message for her daughter.

"Mija," she kept saying in the voicemails. "Where are you, where are you my love?"

Ochoa-Lopez's father, Arnulfo Ochoa, was in Iowa when he got a phone call from Uriostegui, his former wife. Ochoa, soft-spoken and religious, turned to his church to take care of his son while he rushed to Chicago. "The love I felt, that I have always felt, drove me to come here," Ochoa said in Spanish. "I couldn't believe that others were looking for her, I wanted to look for her on my own."

He last saw his daughter on Christmas, but he spoke to her almost daily by phone, through Facebook Messenger or by FaceTime. Ochoa-Lopez sent him photos and videos as her pregnancy progressed. "I felt something in my heart," Ochoa said. "What's going on?"

April 24 Police report filed, but no alert issued

Uriostegui and her friend, Maria Castro, made another round of trips to hospitals. Around noon, they went to the Ogden District police station to again try to file a report but were told that Ochoa-Lopez's husband must do it.

Lopez arrived at the West Side station later in the day and filed it. Police would not publicize the case for two more days, even though Ochoa-Lopez was near her



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Raquel Uriostegui, mother of Marlen Ochoa-Lopez, sits with her son Alexis in their home on June 6. Ochoa-Lopez is shown in the photo on the wall.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A crowd gathers as artist Milton Coronado finishes a mural in memory of infant Yovany Jadel Lopez and his mother, Marlen Ochoa-Lopez, in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood on June 22.

due date and would be considered at high risk.

April 25 A false flash of good news

On her third day of calling hospitals, Uriostegui reached someone at Mercy Hospital who said a patient with her daughter's name was in the emergency room undergoing a cesarean delivery. She rushed to the South Side hospital, but when she got there she was told there was no one at Mercy with that name. A worker had gotten confused, but Uriostegui said she took it personally. "I thought they were making fun of me." A hospital representative could not confirm the incident.

The family continued to focus on hospitals, desperately believing she had been admitted somewhere and couldn't reach them. Uriostegui began to fear that someone had kidnapped her daughter. She couldn't believe her daughter would run away, particularly since Uriostegui was expecting Marlen to live with her after the birth.

"She wasn't a problematic daughter," Uriostegui said. "She was calm, responsible, I couldn't think of another motive for why she would disappear. I didn't think they wanted money because by then someone would have called to ask for ransom."

The family turned to social media for help, and people sent back screenshots from a Facebook mothers group that Ochoa-Lopez had joined seeking baby items. Ochoa said he didn't think anything was suspicious about the posts because his daughter interacted with many people on Facebook.

Still, Uriostegui said she turned the information over to detectives. "I thought, well, we gave it to the detectives. They are the ones that are going to investigate this."

The posts would eventually provide detectives with a vital clue.

April 26 A crank call and, finally, a police alert

Uriostegui said she received a call about 8 a.m. from someone claiming to be part of a cartel in Mexico. The caller said Ochoa-Lopez had crossed the southern border and was taken to Tijuana. The caller demanded \$1,000.

"At first, I was scared because in Mexico it's ugly when someone kidnaps you, and I started thinking bad things," Uriostegui said. "But my husband said don't believe it. If it was what he says it is, he wouldn't be asking for one thousand, he would ask for more."

The family passed the information to police and were told it was

likely a scam.

Just after 2 p.m., the Chicago Police Department issued a high-risk missing person alert. It said Ochoa-Lopez was nine months pregnant and was last seen in the area of 2001 S. California Ave. in the Little Village neighborhood wearing a gray sweater and sweatpants with a maroon shirt that had a Latino Youth High School logo on it.

Ochoa-Lopez had been missing nearly 72 hours. Police would not say why the department waited that long to send out an alert. Guglielmi said there's no set time frame and each case can vary.

April 28 Flyers and sightings

Detectives started interviewing relatives. The family said it handed over a phone that Ochoa-Lopez used and that her husband was able to unlock.

While waiting for detectives to get back to them, relatives and friends met at Castro's beauty salon in Little Village and passed out flyers. By now the family had received a few calls from people claiming to have spotted Ochoa-Lopez, so the group went to those neighborhoods.

"We wanted to bring attention to the case and put pressure on detectives because, by then, they still didn't know anything," Uriostegui said. "There weren't any clues."

May 1 Ochoa-Lopez's father hires a private investigator

Ochoa, who speaks primarily Spanish, found himself often communicating with police officers who did not speak the language. He said he was not given the direct phone number for a detective on the case. The one he had went to a general police line.

"I tried to communicate with them, but sometimes I couldn't because people who were on the case didn't speak Spanish," Ochoa said. "So we would have to wait until a detective would get there who spoke Spanish."

Ochoa decided to hire a private investigator who spoke Spanish, signing him up for 35 hours of work.

Chicago police spokesman Guglielmi later said "it hurts us that someone has to hire a private investigator," adding that there was "obviously some miscommunication."

May 2 Family holds first news conference

Ochoa-Lopez had now been missing for more than nine days, with no word of any progress from police. So the family decided to hold a news conference at Lincoln

that her daughter had been kidnapped and her captor was waiting for her to give birth. "What else would they want from her?" Uriostegui asked.

The family said it had heard nothing from police.

May 7 Police close in on suspects

Brendan Deenihan, deputy chief of detectives, said detectives for the first time saw screenshots of the Facebook conversations between Ochoa-Lopez and Figueroa — though the family said they had shared screenshots with investigators weeks earlier.

According to the screenshots, on the day she disappeared, Ochoa-Lopez had arranged to pick up clothes and baby items from Figueroa. Detectives went to the Figueroa home and knocked on the door; Deenihan would later say at a news conference.

Police were met by Figueroa's daughter Desiree, who said her mother had recently delivered a baby and was at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

Before leaving the neighborhood, detectives discovered Ochoa-Lopez's Honda Civic just a half-block away. At that point, according to Deenihan, detectives had a good idea what had happened.

While detectives were closing in on their suspects, a newborn baby was found in an alley on the Northwest Side. Uriostegui said the family rushed to Lurie Children's Hospital hoping the baby was Ochoa-Lopez's. "When they found the baby, I thought, 'That baby is hers,'" Uriostegui said. "I felt hope, I thought she was still alive, we just need to find her."

May 8 'We're desperate, we're sad'

At a news conference the next day, Ochoa-Lopez's husband spoke about the baby in the alley and the agony his family was going through. "We're desperate, we're sad, we hope the baby they found is my wife's," Lopez said.

Later in the day, a detective called Uriostegui and said the baby in the alley was not Ochoa-Lopez's. But there was some rare good news, too: The family was told detectives had found her car.

Still, the family kept getting false leads that led to false hope. That evening, a tipster called and reported seeing Ochoa-Lopez at 59th Street and Kedzie Avenue asking for money, Uriostegui said.

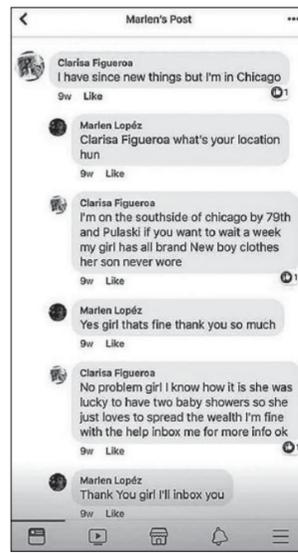
Around the same time, Chicago police visited Christ Medical Center and talked with Clarisa Figueroa, who denied that Ochoa-Lopez had visited her home the day she disappeared. Still, she and a baby had arrived at the hospital on that very day. The baby had no brain activity and remained in intensive care.

The hospital had allowed Figueroa to make decisions about the baby even though she had been examined and showed no sign of having given birth. The hospital has not said why it continued dealing with Figueroa.

At one point, a social worker reported a doctor coming into an office and asking, "Should this mother be making decisions on the baby because it may not be the baby's mother?" The social worker did not know what the doctor was talking about, according to an investigative report done later.

May 9 The family is told about the baby

The day began with family members still not knowing that police believed Ochoa-Lopez's baby was alive at Christ Medical Center.



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A screenshot shows Marlen Ochoa-Lopez's communication with Clarisa Figueroa on a Facebook group for mothers.



Clarisa Figueroa and Desiree Figueroa

United Methodist Church on the West Side to call for the teen's safe return.

Uriostegui told reporters she believed someone was holding her daughter against her will. Ochoa noted that she had "never disappeared before."

Julia Rooney, who had met Ochoa-Lopez when she worked as a social worker at her school, also spoke. Afterward Rooney said she received a tip: screenshots of the "Help A Sister Out" Facebook group for women who were expecting. The tipster noted that a woman named Clarisa Figueroa had responded to several posts from Ochoa-Lopez and "it just bugs her," Rooney said.

"I shared everything with the detectives," she added.

Figueroa would be arrested more than two weeks later along with her boyfriend and daughter.

May 5 Ochoa-Lopez's due date arrives

Desperation grew as Ochoa-Lopez's due date arrived. "I was just counting the days and thinking there's a couple of days left," Uriostegui said. "We still have hope of finding her."

But her suspicion was growing

Turn to Marlen, Next Page

Marlen, from Previous Page

They gathered with supporters in the neighborhood where police found Ochoa-Lopez's car, posting flyers and speaking with neighbors. According to Uriostegui's friend Castro, someone knocked on Figueroa's door and placed a flyer there when no one responded.

Ochoa said they did not know who Figueroa was at the time. No police were around.

As the family kept searching, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified about the circumstances surrounding the baby and placed him in protective custody.

That afternoon, Lopez was told about the baby and underwent a DNA test to determine whether it was his child. This was the first time in more than two weeks that the family had any idea what may have happened to the boy.

Still, Uriostegui was cautious. "Since this happened with the other baby, I didn't think much of it," she said. "But I thought, maybe she did have this baby. I thought some negative thoughts knowing that they hadn't found Marlen."

May 10 Family gets a tip about suspect

Detectives still had not shared their suspicions about Clarisa Figueroa with the family, or what might have happened to Ochoa-Lopez.

Emma Lozano, a community activist, received a call from an anonymous tipster who gave her the address of the Figueroa family. The caller said Ochoa-Lopez had been seen going into the home.

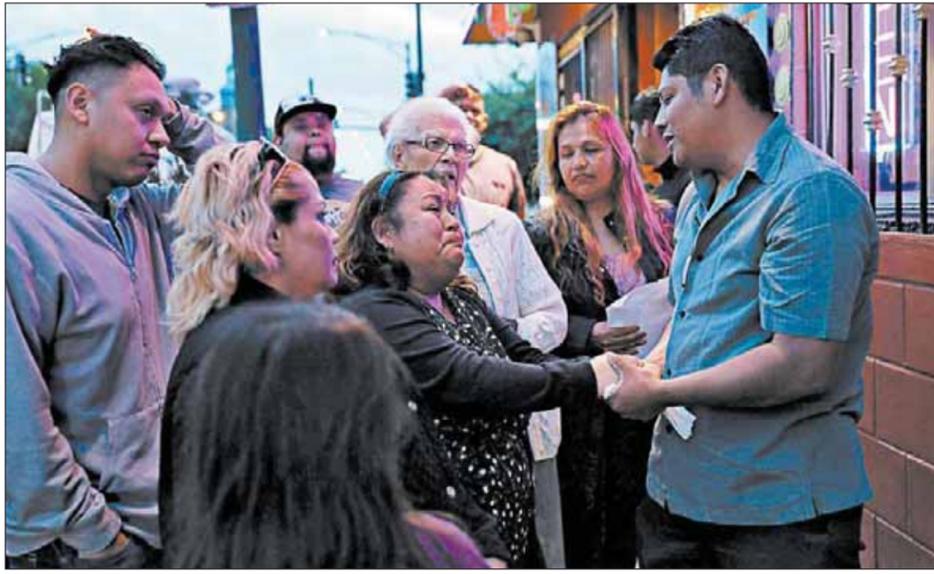
The family passed the caller's tip to detectives but said it heard nothing back about the investigation. Frustration was building.

"Our family got desperate and said, 'We are going to go in (to Figueroa's home),' " Uriostegui said. "It got so frustrating because with all the information we were giving detectives."

"You feel powerless," Ochoa said. "And you want to go in and you ask for help to get in, but they can't go in because the judge needed to approve all of it."

May 12 GoFundMe page posted by suspect

Julie Contreras, an immigration activist, received screenshots of a GoFundMe page apparently posted by Figueroa to collect money for a newborn baby. It included a photo of the baby hooked to life support and the following post: "This is the



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Marlen Ochoa-Lopez's father, Arnulfo Ochoa, is consoled by a friend outside his wife's workplace in May.



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A family cellphone image of baby Yovanny Jadiel Lopez is shown on May 16. He died June 14.

most difficult time in their life, already having suffered the loss of her son Xavier less than 2 years ago, Clarisa is hoping this is one small thing we can do to help them lay their baby to rest, next to his brother."

When Uriostegui saw the screenshots, she said she felt nothing. She was exhausted by all the tips and didn't want to put any more weight on yet another possibility.

May 13 Tests show baby is Ochoa-Lopez's

Four days after submitting DNA for testing, Lopez found out he was the father of the baby at Christ Medical Center. DCFS turned custody over to him.

For Arnulfo Ochoa, the news that his grandson had been found was bittersweet. "I had bad thoughts because where was

Marlen?" he said. "That was the question: Where was Marlen?"

May 14 Police make a grisly discovery

Chicago police arrived at the Figueroa home in the 4100 block of West 77th Place with a search warrant. They found Piotr Bobak using bleach and a hose to clean a rug outside, according to prosecutors. As they approached him, Bobak "dropped the bleach and hose and walked away," prosecutors said.

In the corner of the backyard, police found a garbage can and lifted the lid. The body of a woman was inside.

"The cable used to strangle (her) was still wrapped around her neck," prosecutors later said. "There was evidence to show that a baby had been inside her womb."

Contreras sent Uriostegui photos of officers at the Figueroa home.

"She told me, 'You have to be strong because they found ugly stuff,'" Uriostegui said. "She didn't tell me she was dead, but she said they found things that are going to really hurt."

May 15 'Está muerta'

It was nearly 15 hours before the family was told the body was that of Ochoa-Lopez. Uniformed police officers arrived at Uriostegui's doorstep and radioed for another officer who spoke Spanish.

The officer, whom the family had never met before, approached

Uriostegui and said only: "Está muerta."

The family was given the address for the Cook County medical examiner's office, where the body had been taken. But it was closed by the time they got there. Uriostegui sat on the sidewalk and cried as relatives hugged her.

The next day, Ochoa had to be held up by relatives as he walked into the medical examiner's office to identify his daughter. A crush of reporters waited outside.

"We came to this country to give a good life for my daughter, but there's bad people in this country too, who have taken her life," Ochoa said as he left. "She had a big future. Even though she was married, she was carrying on with her studies to give a better life to her child."

May 17 A plot months in the making

The suspects, Clarisa Figueroa, 46, Desiree Figueroa, 24, and Piotr Bobak, 40, appeared at a crowded hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building at which prosecutors detailed the plot to kill Ochoa-Lopez and steal the baby from her womb — how Figueroa announced a phony pregnancy, posted fake photos and traded posts with pregnant mothers through the Facebook group.

"Who is due in May where is the May mamas at?" she had asked.

Ochoa-Lopez answered and took up the elder Figueroa's offer of free baby clothes.

Prosecutors also made a star-

ling disclosure: Figueroa and her daughter had planned to kill Ochoa-Lopez during an earlier visit to their home on April 1 but were stopped by the daughter's boyfriend, who threatened to call police.

They invited her back more than three weeks later. As Ochoa-Lopez sat in the living room looking through a photo album, Clarisa Figueroa strangled her, then cut the baby from her womb, prosecutors said. Then Figueroa called 911 and said she had just given birth at home. Paramedics who responded said the baby was blue and had suffered brain damage from a lack of oxygen.

June 14 Baby Yovanny Jadiel Lopez dies

The family was with the baby — named Yovanny Jadiel Lopez — almost constantly in the weeks after they buried Ochoa-Lopez.

Even though doctors held out no hope for a recovery, some relatives saw glimmers of hope. The small boy seemed to be able to breathe on his own at times, and to some it appeared as if he was reacting to his father, according to family attorney Frank Avila.

The boy lived for seven weeks but died from complications from lack of oxygen and blood to his brain due to "maternal assault and demise," according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

'She's not here with us anymore'

It doesn't appear anyone could have done anything to save Ochoa-Lopez, but that doesn't lessen the family's pain. After suffering so much, so publicly, the family has retreated to quiet routines.

Ochoa is back in Iowa and Lopez has moved to Aurora with his son. Uriostegui went back to work at a nail salon and is again taking clients at home in her spare time. She continues to do the acrylic and gel sets that her daughter loved to wear.

Uriostegui said she still looks at the door of the salon and thinks her daughter will walk in at any moment and ask her mom to give her a fresh set.

"She's not here with us anymore," Uriostegui said. "It's hard getting used to, knowing she won't come back."

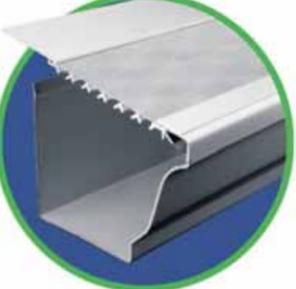
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Democrats turn away from endless war



STEVE CHAPMAN

For most of the past 30 years, the default American approach to global affairs has been aggressive, ambitious and wrong. George W. Bush and Dick Cheney get the blame for the war in Iraq, but it had the support of such prominent Democrats as Hillary Clinton and John Kerry. For a long time, when military intervention was proposed, the Democrats offered Americans an echo, not a choice.

That may finally be changing. The party's presidential candidates are not giving their primary attention to foreign policy and national security. But when they talk about it, they evince a refreshing skepticism about our habit of fighting wars of choice.

In an article in *Foreign Affairs* last year, Elizabeth Warren wrote, "It's time to seriously review the country's military commitments overseas, and that includes bringing U.S. troops home from Afghanistan and Iraq." As for nuclear proliferation (think Iran), she advocated "a reinvestment in multilateral arms control" — the oppo-

sition of Donald Trump's policy. Bernie Sanders sounded similar themes in his recent piece in *Foreign Affairs*, warning of the risk that Trump will start a war with Iran. As a general matter, he has no use for an "aggressive unilateralism" that "privileges military tools over diplomatic ones."

Emma Ashford, a research fellow at the libertarian Cato Institute, praises Warren and Sanders for their consistency "in arguing for fewer interventions, spending more on diplomacy and less on the military, and ramping down the war on terror." She adds, "My impression is that the support for these ideas from some of the race's front-runners is helping to pull other candidates in that direction too."

That appears to be the case. In Wednesday's Democratic presidential debate, Tulsi Gabbard said we should "end these wasteful regime change wars." On Tuesday, Pete Buttigieg said he would withdraw from Afghanistan in his first year, and Beto O'Rourke agreed. John Hickenlooper got no second when he insisted, "We're going to have to be in Afghanistan."

Even Joe Biden, who disavows his vote for the Iraq War, stresses that he opposed Barack Obama's troop surge in Afghanistan. In Wednesday's debate, he said a 2010 ceremony in Baghdad marking the end of U.S. combat operations was one of his

proudest moments.

When it comes to foreign policy, this is no longer the party of Hillary Clinton, an inveterate hawk. As secretary of state, she pressed for escalation in Afghanistan, helped push Obama into using air power in Libya and tried in vain to get him to go to war in Syria.

During the 2016 race, she mocked Obama's droll summary of his approach. "Don't do stupid stuff" is not an organizing principle," she said. This year's presidential candidates seem to think that if it's not an organizing principle, then it will do until they find one.

The Democrats have sound reasons to prefer a new policy of restraint. Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya showed how badly things could go wrong even when we "won" the war. Even Obama admitted that the Libya mission "didn't work." Why would any Democrat want to undertake another war?

In the past, they acted out of a combination of idealistic zeal and fear of being tarred as soft-headed appeasers. But idealistic zeal lost its luster in Afghanistan and Iraq, and soft-headed appeasement has become the Trump brand.

Today, all Democrats have to do to look tough is to note how Trump has been duped by Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un. The candidates can reject military action against Iran or Venezuela knowing that Americans

have zero appetite for war with either.

Their ambitious domestic agenda would cost a lot of money, and even in an era of trillion-dollar deficits, choices have to be made. "Defense spending should be set at sustainable levels," wrote Warren, "and the money saved should be used to fund other forms of international engagement and critical domestic programs." Democrats want to stop squandering money on wars, so they can use it to expand health care coverage, combat climate change and upgrade infrastructure.

Shunning military intervention abroad has proved to be shrewd politics in one election after another. Trump promised to curtail our international role. Obama was a stalwart opponent of the Iraq War. Even Bush, in 2000, vowed to "stop extending our troops all around the world in nation-building missions."

Americans are wary of wading into trouble overseas and eager to address our problems here at home. Trump hasn't given them what they want. This time, maybe a Democrat will.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



What are you going to do? A Russian troll won my Tweet of the Week poll.

The Tweet of the Week contest featured regularly at the end of my Sunday column got an unexpected and not entirely flattering moment in the national spotlight on July 24.

Comedian Samantha Bee, host of TBS' weekly political show "Full Frontal With Samantha Bee," was discussing the insidious ways in which foreign actors are attempting to infect our politics. "Last September," she said, "the Chicago Tribune's Tweet of the Week honor went to a user who wrote, 'Criticizing Trump in a book is just unfair. It's like criticizing the Amish on television.'"

Bee's studio audience laughed. It's a good line. It plays on President Donald Trump's widely reported aversion to reading and relies on us knowing that those of the Amish faith eschew much of modern technology.

The author went by @PoliteMelanie, and I submitted the tweet along with 14 other nominees to online readers on Sept. 11, giving them the better part of three days to vote up their favorites. It ended up beating out several worthy contenders, including "While at a museum, ask yourself these questions: What is the artist's intention? What does the art make you feel? Have you stood in front of the art as long as a smart person would?" by @caraweinberger, and "As I get older and I remember all the people I've lost along the way, I think to myself, maybe a career as a tour guide wasn't for me," by @brynnester.

"But it turns out," Bee went on, "that tweet was written by a Russian troll. Who, by the way, I immediately hired for my writing staff."

Her source was a March 8 Washington Post report that made note of the results of my humble reader survey and said, "Examining a range of data points, including source material and the timing of tweets, told us that (@PoliteMelanie) was most



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Comedian Samantha Bee mentioned a Tweet of the Week from September, then said, "But it turns out, that tweet was written by a Russian troll. Who, by the way, I immediately hired for my writing staff."

likely operated from Russia's Internet Research Agency (IRA)."

This is some next-level trolling! The assumption that Russian meddlers on social media are littering our feeds with crude pro-Trump messages written in Boris Badenov-style broken English is wrong. Their goal is to sow division and stoke partisan animosity, and they're clever about it, not just witty.

Twitter has suspended the @PoliteMelanie account, but traces still found online show that she scattered banal, even uplifting posts in among her political broadsides. Her heartwarming tweet in the middle of last summer featuring video of a father surprising his daughter with the gift of a dress for a school dance went viral.

She was pointed: "I have two questions about Space Force," she posted on June 21, 2018. "1. When will Puerto Rico have electricity?

2. When will Flint have clean water?"

She was sleazy: Her Aug. 24, 2018, quip, "If Donald Trump had wanted Hillary Clinton locked up, he should have put her in his cabinet," was stolen word for word from a tweet posted two days earlier by comedian Anthony Kapfer.

And she was successful: The Post reported that @PoliteMelanie's "Amish" tweet earned more than 125,000 retweets and likes as well as the coveted approval of Tribune readers, and that in just six months she acquired nearly 25,000 Twitter followers. That's more than I've acquired in 10 years on the platform.

By the way, I'm using the pronoun "she" here in part because "Melanie" is a traditionally female name and because the account's profile picture was a cartoon image of an African American

woman. But of course there's no way to determine the gender identity or identities or the person or people who posted to the account, reportedly from the IRA's St. Petersburg headquarters.

Do I feel duped? Nah. I knew when I started curating and posting amusing tweets at the Tribune's website in the spring of 2014 that a vast number of Twitter accounts come from anonymous or pseudonymous users whose handles are encoded or mysterious. For many users, the ability to keep one's identity concealed is a feature of the medium, not a bug. Yet I thought — and still think — that there's a lot of first-rate comedy that bubbles up in tweets.

Readers regularly tell me how much they like reading the winners or judging the finalists that I pluck each week from the stream that rushes past on my feed.

Some of the selections I present turn out to be plagiarized. It's

a sorry person who cuts and pastes someone else's joke and tries to claim credit for it, especially when there's no tangible reward for such credit, but I regularly have to referee claims of theft by searching not just Twitter but the internet itself looking for copies and variations of the same joke.

In fact, this week's winner, "I wish I was as fat as the very first time I thought I was fat," has appeared unattributed on so many posters, T-shirts, refrigerator magnets and coffee mugs that it would take many hours of sleuthing even to make an educated guess about who thought of the line first. I list the source as "various" and leave it at that.

Occasionally readers send huffy notes pointing out that a nominee has, at other times, made sexist or racially insensitive posts using the same account. My answer: A Tweet of the Week nomination isn't a reference or personal testimonial, and I assume readers understand that. If I had to try to do background checks on every nominee or to figure out if, for example, @caraweinberger, above, is actually Brooklyn-based humor writer Cara Weinberger as she appears to be, then creating the poll would be a full-time job and not a one-off indulgence that adds light moments to my real job of shaming public figures and institutions that don't live up to my high standards.

If I'd somehow discovered that @PoliteMelanie was cynically trying to stir up trouble on social media, would I have removed her wisecrack from the ballot?

No. Funny is funny. And if I decided to ban everyone whose tweets are designed to divide us and poison our politics, then President Trump wouldn't be eligible to compete.

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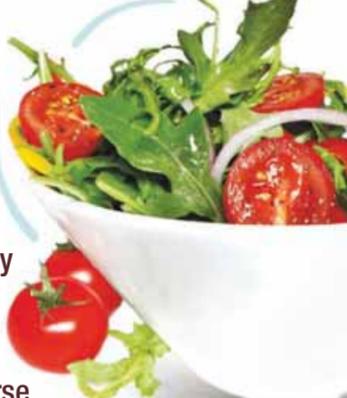
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Al Cooney loads ice cream into his Good Humor truck at the start of the season at the Good Humor offices at 4825 W. Arthington St. on April 1, 1965, in Chicago.

THE KINGS OF ICE CREAM

Good Humor men delighted generations with curbside delivery of ice cream bars — and not even the mob could stop them

BY RON GROSSMAN

For Chicagoans of a certain age, the sound of bells on a hot summer evening is a hallowed childhood memory. It called a timeout to schoolyard softball games. Ball players would scramble to line up at one of the Good Humor trucks or three-wheelers, 150 in all, that roamed city and suburban streets in the 1960s.

Their ting-a-ling-a-ling may have woken up older folks dozing on front porches, but their arrival solved a dilemma for kids with a few coins to spend on a treat.

At a drugstore, youngsters would have to decide between candy and ice cream. But the Good Humor man didn't ask customers to choose. He offered a wondrous hybrid: a bar of ice cream encased in chocolate. It had a handle — a wooden stick reminiscent of a doctor's tongue depressor — so a spoon or plate wasn't needed.

"A generation ago, each Good Humor man was assigned a specific area to avoid running into someone else's selling territories, so we had the same guy for many summers," Bob Sirott, a Chicago newscaster, recalled in a 2001 Tribune commentary. "Of course, we knew his name. I remember it to this day, Jim Saunders."

That joyful familiarity made the Good Humor man an American icon. He inevitably cropped up in the culture at large: in the 1950 movie "The Good Humor Man" and as the subject of a children's book, where the good-natured character found a lost puppy along his route.

The Good Humor man was a vision of pristineness: The company required each vendor to wear white trousers, shirt, jacket and cap (with a dark-colored bill), plus black shoes. Struggling to explain the sport of cricket to Chicago readers in 1955, a Tribune sportswriter noted that the players "dressed more like a Good Humor man than an athlete."

Newcomers to the Chicago area soon learned about this neighborhood institution. In 1975, Tran Huu Loi, who had been an American interpreter in Vietnam, and his family arrived in Chicago. Within a week, he proudly told the Tribune, they were already acquainted with the cultural markers of their new home: supermarkets, traffic jams and the Good Humor man.

In addition to its feel-good chapters, though, the story of Good Humor ice cream touches



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Good Humor man Forest George sells ice cream to Antoine Johnson, 12, and Darryl Morgan, 11, from his truck on Sept. 10, 1971.

on the vagaries of human experience in an unexpected way. Its arrival in Chicago was marked by a boom. Two booms, to be exact.

On May 23, 1929, two bombs exploded alongside the factory at 4649 W. Armitage Ave. that produced Good Humor bars for the Chicago area. The blasts smashed the building's windows and destroyed two company trucks.

"The police were investigating theories of business rivalry and labor trouble," the Tribune reported.

The company's website offers this explanation: "The mob demanded \$5,000 in protection money (that would be almost \$70,000 today), which was refused, so they destroyed part of the Chicago fleet."

The ultimate origins of the Good Humor ice cream bar go back to Onawa, Iowa, where Christian Nelson, a high school teacher, ran a candy and ice cream shop on the side. One day, a boy asked for a candy bar, then changed his mind and ordered an ice cream sandwich, but then decided he wanted a marshmal-

low nut bar. That inspired Nelson to think up a treat that would satisfy children torn between candy and ice cream.

For months he tried, but warm chocolate refused to stick to cold ice cream. Then a passing salesman told Nelson that candy manufacturers used cocoa butter to improve chocolate's adhesiveness. That worked like a charm. In 1922, Nelson got a patent on what came to be called an Eskimo Pie, and he and his partner Russell Stover began licensing ice cream manufacturers to make the wildly successful product. Quickly, 1 million Eskimo Pies were being sold a day.

That inspired Harry Burt Sr., a small-time maker of ice cream in Youngstown, Ohio, to develop his own process for coating ice cream with chocolate. Given a taste, Burt's daughter liked it but complained that it left her with smeared hands. So he added a wooden stick, and thus the Good Humor bar was born.

In 1938, the Federal Trade Commission charged Good Humor with taking the stick shtick

too far. "The complaint said an occasional handle is marked 'lucky stick' and entitles the holders to free ice cream," the Tribune reported. The feds reasoned that, as customers paid for the chance of getting a freebie, Good Humor was operating an illegal lottery and had to scrap the promotional campaign.

By then, Good Humor was a household name. Burt had painted his refrigerated trucks white and equipped them with bells — the first borrowed from the family's bobsleds.

The gimmick attracted not just human customers, noted Anne Cooper Funderburg, author of "Chocolate, Strawberry, and Vanilla: A History of American Ice Cream."

"Indulgent pet owners happily bought treats for dogs who perked up their ears, wagged their tails, and sprinted down the street whenever they heard the familiar bells — shades of Pavlov!" Funderburg wrote.

Funderburg was referring to Ivan Pavlov, a Russian scientist who observed that dogs that were fed while a bell rang would salivate at the bell's sound, even before food was presented. He published his theory of conditioned reflexes in 1927, which was two years before the Good Humor's Chicago factory and fleet were bombed.

With that dirty deed, the Chicago mob inadvertently did Good Humor a favor. Newspapers picked up the story of a company refusing to bow down to gangsters, which solidified its reputation as a reputable enterprise. When Wall Street crashed later that year, Good Humor's stock didn't go down the tubes, like many others.

Indeed, the Great Depression that followed was boom times for Good Humor. At 10 cents a bar, it was an affordable luxury in the 1930s, when the unemployment rate reached 25 percent. And with jobs scarce, the company had no trouble recruiting drivers or subjecting them to a quasi-military discipline. They were all men until 1967.

The regulations to which they were held were specified in a manual, "Making Good with Good Humor." "It told you to wear white socks, make sure your fingernails are clean, shine your shoes every day," Al Reynolds, who went from Good Humor driver to manager, told the New York Daily News in 1995. "They even told you in the evening when you get home to soak your feet in warm water with bicar-

bonate of soda."

As that last prescription suggests, drivers worked long hours and were paid on commission.

They underwent two days of training at the beginning of the season, which generally stretched from April to September. They were expected to smartly salute customers and announce the product as "Ice Cream Good Humor." Saying it the other way around — "Good Humor Ice Cream" — could get them fined.

Still, a Good Humor man could make \$100 a week, enough to keep many of them driving the same route for years, Reynolds said. They were known by their name badges bearing the moniker of their choice — like Uncle Jack or Uncle Al.

Wally Hill joined Good Humor in 1945 just as World War II was ending. When he retired in 1984, he was driving a route in Berwyn. "When he went on vacation for two weeks this year, we counted the days until Wally returned," Nona Robinson, mother of young customers, told the Tribune.

During his tour of duty, Good Humor got rid of its trucks to concentrate on sales to grocers. Hill leased one from Harvey Durocher, the company's former manager in Chicago, who acquired the fleet in 1979.

"I just wanted to keep Good Humor products in Chicago — after all, that was my life," Durocher told the Tribune.

An ice cream truck's bell wasn't always a welcome sound in communities. A court in 1965 upheld Mundelein's ban on ice cream trucks. "Some people are against cars and shoes," a Good Humor spokesman protested, according to a 1966 Tribune story. "That doesn't mean we should abolish them."

Though the company's trucks no longer roam neighborhood streets and send kids running with change, Good Humor is still available in supermarket freezers. But will the clerk who scans the purchase ever know the way drivers like Hill were worshipped?

"Yeah, some of the daddies get a little mad because the kids learn the ice cream man's name before they learn daddy's," Hill told the Tribune in 1982. "You get sort of a thrill when you see the little roughneck who used to rough up your truck turn out to be policeman. ... Then they come out and say, 'I bought from the ice cream man when I was a kid.' They tell that to their own kids now."

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EDITORIALS

Can Mayor Lightfoot shake out the clout at O'Hare?

Nearly 20 years after chronic construction delays and corruption allegations prompted threats of federal intervention at O'Hare International Airport, questions of clout and incompetence continue to trouble the travel hub. The Chicago Way endures.

A July 24 Better Government Association investigation co-published with Chicago Magazine documented the airport's long history of insider-driven graft, greed and insider deal-making, some of which lingers today. A connected circle of lobbyists earns millions from airport-related projects despite massive delays — the parallel runway reconfiguration that is years behind schedule, for example. Insufficient accountability has been the norm for contract deadlines and extensions. O'Hare has served “not only as a transit hub but as a buffet of lucrative public works projects for well-connected contractors, consultants and lobbyists,” the investigation found.

Sounds familiar.

The Tribune's 2000 series “Gateway to Gridlock” exposed how former Mayor Richard M. Daley's friends and supporters feasted off lucrative contracts at the airport, from asphalt to alcohol, which eventually drew rebuke from members of Congress. Federal officials threatened to dictate their own remedy at the airport unless the city launched a runway modernization program. They blamed O'Hare gridlock for disrupting air travel around the world.

From that Pulitzer Prize-winning Tribune series: “The parochial and petty politics that have turned O'Hare International Airport into a treasure-trove for concessionaires and contractors also are at the heart of why the transportation hub is a quagmire of delays, hassles and heartaches.”

Can anything change? There is hope it might.



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Travelers arrive at O'Hare International Airport. O'Hare has served “as a buffet of lucrative public works projects” for connected contractors and lobbyists, an investigation found.

More than \$8.5 billion in airport renovations are rolling out via a deal Mayor Rahm Emanuel finalized in 2018. The international terminal will be overhauled, again. The airport will add several more concourses and dozens of new gates. A section of that parallel runway configuration, now at least six years behind schedule, is supposed to be completed next year.

The dramatic renovation at O'Hare — how the money gets spent, how contracts get awarded, and how on-time and on-budget the final projects will be — is now the responsibility of Mayor Lori Lightfoot. Can she shake out the clout?

Since her election in April, Lightfoot has

been shadowboxing the culture of corruption and clout at City Hall. She signed an executive order limiting the use of aldermanic veto in their wards. She introduced and got passed an ordinance curbing certain types of outside employment for aldermen. And she pushed for and won an expansion of the city inspector general's authority to root out waste and abuse.

A test of her administration will be blotting out The Chicago Way at O'Hare too. She's got some help.

Jamie Rhee, the commissioner of the Department of Aviation, whom Emanuel appointed last summer, is a nationally recognized expert in transparent contract-

awarding and accountability. She has been opening the bid process to invite more competition.

She went to work reviewing the specifics of existing contracts to ensure compliance. And she has been working with Inspector General Joseph Ferguson on the appointment of “integrity monitors” to oversee the job performance of the construction management firms hired for the airport's expansion. That's a first.

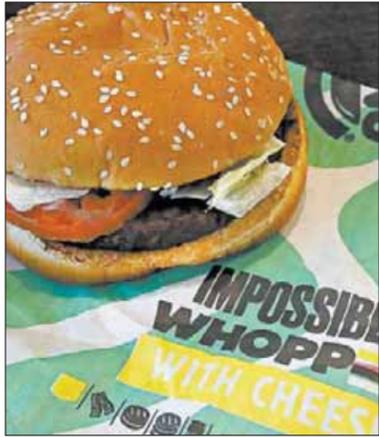
The City Council's Aviation Committee is now headed by Ald. Matt O'Shea, 19th, who last year replaced now-retired Ald. Michael R. Zalewski, 23rd, overseeing airport matters. In May the FBI searched Zalewski's home as part of an unfolding federal probe. Zalewski has not been accused of wrongdoing.

O'Shea, regarded by his colleagues as a disciplined, reform-minded alderman, has welcomed Rhee's hands-on approach.

The BGA investigation included an interesting perspective from now-retired Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd, who wasn't subtle in explaining how The Chicago Way operates. He shared advice he received years ago from a City Council colleague on how to consolidate power in politics: “Pick your ten friends and make them millionaires,” Munoz told the BGA. “Get them the contracts from the city and make them millionaires.”

That is precisely the culture Lightfoot has vowed to eradicate. She ran for office promising to end the practice of aldermanic ring-kissing and favoritism. City government should be efficient, constituent-focused and clout-free. Taxpayer dollars should always be spent responsibly. Let's see if she can apply those principles at one of the city's untouchable vessels of greed — O'Hare.

What's the beef with meatless burgers?



BEN MARGOT/AP

An Impossible Whopper at a Burger King in California last week. The item has generated enough sales in test markets for the company to put it in all its U.S. outlets.

Starting Thursday, vegetarians can go to Burger King, order a Whopper, eat it and yet maintain their status as vegetarians. One of the country's biggest purchasers and purveyors of beef, the fast-food chain will offer its customers a burger that requires no involvement by a cow.

No, it's not one of those “veggie burgers” that have been around for years. These patties are made from plants but, their manufacturer says, have “all the flavor, aroma and beefiness of meat from cows.”

Beef lovers can test that proposition for themselves. But the Impossible Whopper has already generated enough sales in test markets for the company to put it in all its U.S. outlets, which suggests it's meeting a demand.

The evolution is good for consumers who want options they see as healthier, more humane or more environmentally responsible. But it's not a happy development for those who raise and process the animals that people are used to eating.

They stand to lose business, and some of them are mobilizing to protect themselves from these new competitors.

In state after state, trade groups are pushing to gain monopoly control of certain words. Missouri has enacted a law to stop anyone from “misrepresenting a product as meat that is not derived from harvested production livestock or poultry.” Rice growers want to block terms like “cauliflower rice.”

The New York Times reports that supporters of various proposals “don't want vegan or vegetarian food items to be called burgers, steaks or dogs.” Dairy interests want regulators to limit the word “milk” to bovine lacteal secretions. They reject “soy milk” or “oat milk” as a concept. The Food and Drug Administration is considering possible action on labeling.

Forgive us, but the cow is out of the barn. The term “veggie burger” gained currency not because it deceived consumers but because it let them distinguish the menu item in a clear way from the meat version.

People who buy almond milk are no more likely to think it comes from a cow than they are to try to get drunk on ginger ale.

As for the word “meat,” the first definition in the Merriam-Webster dictionary is “food.” The second definition of milk is “a liquid resembling milk in appearance, such as the latex of a plant.” Coconuts have no hooves but, by ancient and common understanding, they contain both meat and milk.

If consumers were deceived by these products, they would be lining up at supermarkets to demand refunds. In fact, the terms used for vegetarian varieties convey that they resemble familiar foods in some ways but are different in others.

Plant-based alternatives are an option for those who want them, with animal products still available for everyone else. Both food and language are continually adapting to new human needs. Anyone who objects to such changes should remember the maxim columnist Mike Royko used to quote: “Only suckers beef.”

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Some want to hunt and kill as many wolves as they can; others want to keep them defended, as they have been since the federal government included the gray wolf on the list of protected animals under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. In 2011, Congress voted to remove those protections for wolves in the upper Rockies, resulting in thousands of wolf kills either through trapping or hunting.

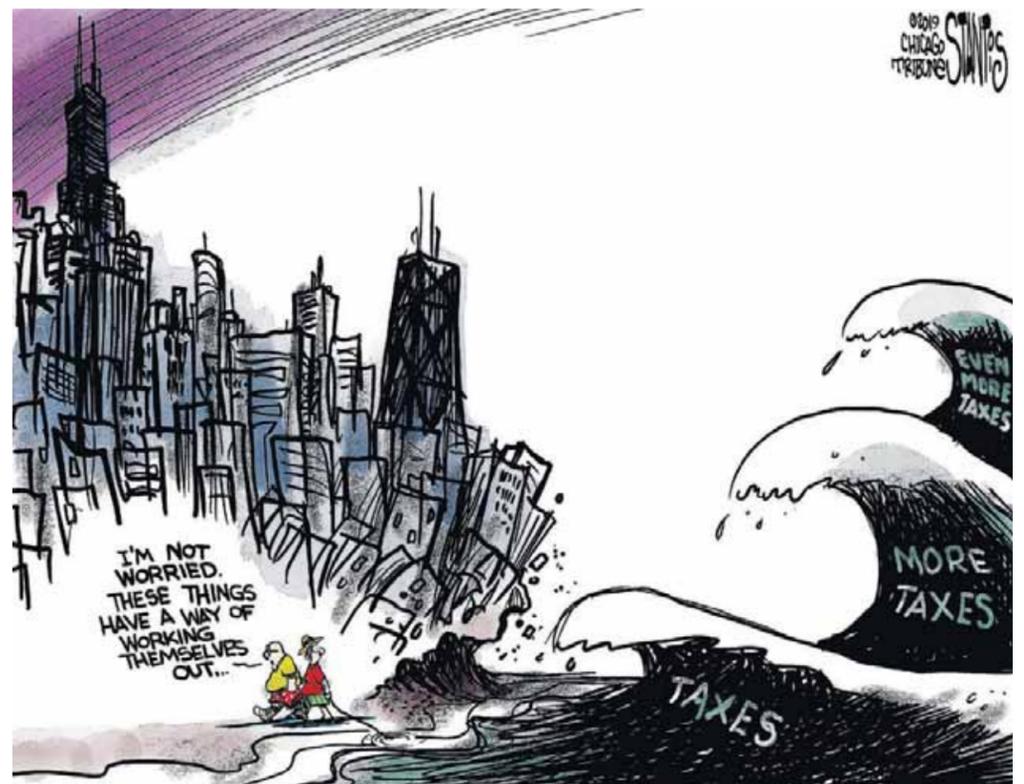
Soon, the same fate may befall the 5,000 or so remaining gray wolves in the Lower 48 states, if a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to lift protections goes through. The public-comment period on the proposal ended July 15, though comments can still be made after that date and the agency is obligated to review them all...

Wolves have no voice, and it is too soon to lift protections, which are the only reason we still have wolves at all. Once delisted, it wouldn't take long to eliminate the wolf altogether — to the detriment of the environment as well as our collective heritage.

Wolves are neither good nor bad. They don't pretend to be grandma and they don't dance with disenchanted soldiers. They are much like our dogs, emotionally, and, like the best hunters, kill only for food. If President Trump doesn't speak up soon, the howl we hear in the night won't belong to the predator but to the last lonely wolf crying out for all that an inhumane world has lost.

Kathleen Parker, *The Washington Post*

SCOTT STANTIS



PERSPECTIVE



JABIN BOTSFORD/WASHINGTON POST

President Donald Trump, shown at the White House last week, tried to counter accusations that he's a racist after high-profile clashes with black lawmakers.

Will Trump's 'go back' racial strategy backfire?



CLARENCE PAGE

President Donald Trump isn't a racist. Just ask him. He'll tell you.

"I am the least racist person there is anywhere in the world," he told reporters at the White House.

That's a statement that doesn't sound like it is to be taken seriously by anyone except perhaps his mostly white and very conservative support base as a signal that he's not about to be pushed around by what he calls "political correctness" — and I call common courtesies.

Lately, as the president might say, "a lot of people have been talking about" whether Trump is a racist or just playing one on TV.

Allegations about Trump's racism, as a Google search will quickly reveal, go back to his early days as a rising New York real estate developer and ravenous publicity hound in the 1970s.

But his latest self-promotion as "least racist" of all of the planet's 7.5 billion people comes after a couple of weeks of tweets and sound bites that are loaded with racist tropes and

stereotypes against certain lawmakers of color.

First he called on four progressive Democratic congresswomen of color to "go back" to the "totally broken and crime infested places" they came from. In fact, all four lawmakers are American citizens. Three were even born in the U.S., but Trump isn't about to let stubborn facts get in the way of a good rant.

More recently he targeted Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., calling him a "racist" and declaring that the black congressman should return to take care of his Baltimore district, which Trump described as a "disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess."

That's another way of saying "Go back to where you came from," as if Cummings' job description includes pest control.

Trump sounds a lot more agitated by Cummings' real job as chairman of the House Oversight Committee, which currently includes oversight of whether Trump's daughter, Ivanka, and her husband, Jared Kushner, illegally used private email and text message accounts for official purposes.

Since it is quite late in the game to try reaching for votes beyond his base, it is no big surprise that Trump might find it easier to light emotional fires under his old supporters than to try to win new ones.

It is also apparently easier to make up black support in his head than to produce evidence to back it up. "The African American people have been calling the White House," he said last week. "They have never been so happy about what a president has done."

Right. Never mind that new Quinnipiac poll that asked quite simply, "Do you think President Trump is racist?" About half, 51%, of the voters surveyed said yes. The breakdown: 46% of whites taking part in the survey said yes, 55% of Hispanics and 80% of African Americans.

If Trump thinks demonizing black leaders is enough, his scheme could backfire by enraging and motivating other voters of color to turn out in larger numbers against him on Election Day.

Trump might be doing Democrats a big favor by reminding them about what may be the least appreciated cause of Hillary Clinton's electoral loss in 2016: Black voters who didn't show up to vote — especially in the pivotal swing states of the Upper Midwest, which Obama won twice before she lost them.

In 2016, only four years after a record black turnout helped reelect President Obama, the black turnout rate for Clinton plunged — falling to roughly 60% in 2016 from a record high of nearly 67% in 2012, according to the Pew Research Center.

Those stay-at-homes could have made a big difference for Clinton. President Trump won Michigan, for example, by only 10,700 votes out of more than 4.5 million cast.

Similar stories of black falloff and white conservative surges unfolded in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, among others.

A New York Times analysis last year found that while 9% of Obama 2012 voters went for Trump in 2016, 7% — or more than 4 million missing voters — stayed home. Three percent voted for a third-party candidate.

So the best way for Democrats to beat Trump's strategy may be to motivate their own base to show up and vote. If they wonder why, all they have to do is remember the campaign trips to Michigan and Wisconsin that Clinton did not make before Trump won both.

Democrats don't need to pander or go overboard with impossible or divisive promises such as slavery reparations. They just need to show their own support base and persuadable independents that all of their votes matter. In fact, they do.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Today's ease of digitally tuning out

I imagine the youngsters in my family were throwing shade when they giggled, "What was it like going to movies in your day?" They were snickering about such primordial times in America as my childhood during the '30s and '40s.

I told them that whenever I entered our little neighborhood movie house, I found myself overwhelmed as I blinked my way down the long, dark aisle. Here was this little me, staring up at this large screen, which grew larger and louder as I moved on. This ritual every Saturday afternoon made clear to us youngsters that movies and Hollywood were very, very big and we in those unlit rows were very, very small.

It's exactly the opposite relationship today. No matter how large and lush the film, it's the audience who is very, very big. My nieces and nephews seemed skeptical. I explained, "Today you get to possess those films all to yourselves, because whatever's up there eventually is right here in the palm of your hand." It was hard trying to describe a revolution to those who were already born to it.

For good or for ill, the younger generation can choose films and videos from multiple platforms and tuck them into their personal phones and tablets for instant access. "Gone with the Wind," "2001: A Space Odyssey," the 1969 moon landing, last year's news conference, last week's shooting, freeze-frame replays of 9/11? No problem!

However, maybe there is a

problem. It's the way this individualized access is atomizing us. I suggested that the more virtuality like this they have, the less actuality they seem to want. Meeting, congregating and sharing these events and their experiences are becoming increasingly more optional. I added that that isn't good for a participatory democracy.

I guess they lost interest because their fingers were already busy on their keypads. Reaching out to what or whom? I couldn't tell, but it certainly wasn't to one another.

— Jack Spatafora, Park Ridge

Where's the personal touch?

I don't like the impersonal way many of us communicate these days. My internist of many years changed specialties. How did I find out? I got a form letter in the mail. Results of an important medical test went into my patient portal. No doctor or nurse called or emailed to discuss findings.

Physical therapy appointments were made without consulting me first. We got a "save-the date" postcard in the mail. Then the bride and groom decided to downsize their guest list.

Whatever happened to manners? Common sense? I think we can do better.

— Shirley Zager, Gurnee

Takes a village to stop heatstroke

After reading Jessica Villagomez's report in the July 31 Tribune, "What to know about keeping kids safe in cars during summer," I found myself thinking to this problem, which raises its ugly head every summer?

All we need to do is ask all businesses such as grocery stores, shopping malls, strip malls and professional buildings to simply place a bold sign that says: "Did you leave your child in your vehicle?"

— Larry Kantroski, Valparaiso, Indiana

A lost 'Chance' for revenue

"Chance the Snapper" received more than his 15 minutes of fame after his stay at the Chateau Humboldt Park Lagoon. Turns out his weeklong romp in the West Side pond came with a pretty hefty price tag to the city: \$33,649. Now, we all developed an affinity for the celebrity gator as he glided through the water with nothing but his little snout peeking out. But now that Chance is safely ensconced at a ritzy alligator park in Florida, the city of Chicago is left holding the alligator bag, so to speak. One would suppose that Chance is now a local celebrity at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park, and I'm sure people are lining up to get a glimpse of the little guy. I Googled the farm, and it is charging \$25.99 for adult admission to the park and \$14.99 for kids. Not bad. Maybe Chicago should bill the St. Augustine farm to recoup some of its expenses?

— Michael Oakes, Chicago

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Town halls may decide next steps

Pressure is on to push for impeachment

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Freshman Democratic Rep. Andy Kim came face to face with impeachment fervor at a town hall in New Jersey. “Do your job!” shouted one voter.

Several states away, a woman held up a copy of special counsel Robert Mueller’s report and told freshman Rep. Elissa Slotkin at a Michigan town hall she hoped she would “be the person that puts us over the top to start an impeachment inquiry.”

And in Virginia, newcomer Rep. Abigail Spanberger encountered voters with questions, if not resolve, about impeaching President Donald Trump.

“I don’t have blood dripping from my fangs for or against impeachment,” said David Sussan, 70, a retired postal inspector from Chesterfield, who favors starting an inquiry. “I just want the truth to come out.”

It’s these freshman lawmakers, and others like them, who will likely decide when, if ever, House Democrats start formal efforts to impeach the president.

Neither Kim, nor Slotkin, nor Spanberger supports impeachment. But with half the House Democrats now in favor of beginning an inquiry, the pressure will only mount on the holdouts to reach a tipping point.



Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Mich., talks with a constituent in Mason, Michigan. The freshman representative who flipped the 8th Congressional District in 2018, has not backed an impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump.

And with lawmakers returning home to voters during the August recess, what happens next may prove pivotal.

The pro-impeachment group Need to Impeach is running television ads. Along with activists from other groups, it’s also fanning out to congressional districts to push lawmakers, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, to move more swiftly toward impeachment proceedings.

The organization’s lead strategist, Kevin Mack, says his counsel to lawmakers, especially those new fresh-

men who took over formerly Republican-held seats, is to ignore the campaign consultants and party strategists, and “do what you think is right” about Trump.

“You can’t really make the argument he’s the most corrupt president in American history and not hold him accountable,” he said. “Either you think what he’s doing is OK or you hold him accountable.”

For lawmakers, though, the calculus is not so simple. Voters in many of these districts helped elect Trump in 2016, but flipped to give

Democrats control of the House in last year’s election. Many of the first-term Democrats already face challengers for 2020 and are trying to balance the divergent views in their districts. While some voters want impeachment, others have different priorities.

New Jersey lawmaker Kim, a former national security official, told some 80 voters at a town hall in Riverside to remain even-keeled and to trust in the investigative process that House Democrats are pursuing.

“I don’t think getting

caught up in the knife fighting and name calling is going help us get out of this pit,” Kim said.

That caused some from the crowd to retort that pursuing impeachment wasn’t “knife fighting” but part of the Constitution.

“Just do the investigation into impeachment,” said Marianne Clemente, of Barnegat. “Just so that we’re doing something” to show Trump he’ll be held accountable, she said. “If we let him get away with this, we can kiss our democracy goodbye.”

Some of the loudest ap-

plause from the audience came when one constituent stood up and said Trump was “destroying our country.”

Another voter said the congressman’s focus on other issues, like health care, was like “cutting the grass while the house is on fire.”

In Spanberger’s Virginia district over the past week, she, too, fielded several questions about her stand on the impeachment inquiry as she crisscrossed the region for town halls.

When she was asked about it in Culpeper, Spanberger told voters that she helped block an impeachment bill based on Trump’s racism because she did not believe that qualifies as “high crimes and misdemeanors” set out by the Constitution.

“My opinion and stance has long been that I believe in facts and evidence,” she said. “As long as the investigations are continuing, and we see my colleagues are continuing to gather information, I am watching very closely.”

And when Michigan lawmaker Slotkin faced the questioner armed with Mueller’s report, she told those gathered at the store in Mason about two recent moves by House Democrats that she sees as important — the special counsel’s testimony and House subpoenas of the Trump administration.

“I’m open to where this goes,” Slotkin said. “But I think that it is important that we do it in a way that communicates clearly what we are intending. And we do it in a way that doesn’t forget about the other part of our job, which is to legislate.”

Curfews help Iceland put teen drinking on rocks

BY EGILL BJARNASON
Associated Press

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — The clock strikes 10 on a Friday night when the “Parent Patrol” enters a popular playground in suburban Reykjavik. The teens turn down the music and reach for their phones to check the time: It’s ticking into curfew.

Every weekend, parents all over the Icelandic capital embark on a two-hour evening walk around their neighborhood, checking on youth hangouts.

The walk is one step toward Iceland’s success in turning around a crisis in teenage drinking. Focusing on local participation and promoting more music and sports options for students, the island nation in the North Atlantic has dried up a teenage culture of drinking and smoking.

Icelandic teens now have one of the lowest rates of substance abuse in Europe.

Other countries are taking notice.

The Icelandic Centre for Social Research and Analysis, the institute pioneering the project for the past two decades, says it advises 100 communities in 23 countries, from Finland to Chile, on cutting teen substance

abuse.

“The key to success is to create healthy communities and by that get healthy individuals,” said Inga Dora Sigfusdottir, a sociology professor who founded the “Youth of Iceland” program, which now has rebranded as “Planet Youth.”

The secret, she says, is to keep young people busy and parents engaged without talking much about drugs or alcohol.

That stands in sharp contrast to other anti-abuse programs, which try to sway teens with lectures and scary ads showing smokers’ rotten lungs or eggs in a frying pan to represent an intoxicated brain.

“Telling teenagers not to use drugs can (backfire) and actually get them curious to try them,” Sigfusdottir said.

In 1999, when thousands of teenagers would gather in downtown Reykjavik every weekend, surveys showed 56% of Icelandic 16-year-olds drank alcohol and about as many had tried smoking. Years later, Iceland has the lowest rates for drinking and smoking among the 35 countries measured in the 2015 European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

On average, 80% of European 16-year-olds have tasted alcohol at least once, compared with 35% in Iceland, the only country where more than half of those students completely abstains from alcohol.

Denmark — another wealthy Nordic country — has the highest rates of teen drinking, along with Greece, Hungary and the Czech Republic, where 92% to 96% have drunk alcohol.

In the U.S., teen drinking is a significant health concern, in part because of the risks of drunk driving in the car-heavy American culture. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control reports that while U.S. high school drinking has declined substantially in the last 20 years to 32.8% in 2015, 17.7% of U.S. high school students still binge drink at least once a month.

The CDC also reports that excessive drinking accounts for around 4,300 deaths a year in the U.S. among people under 21.

Reykjavik Mayor Dagur B. Eggertsson said the Icelandic plan “is all about society giving better options” for teens than substance abuse.

Yet better options cost money. Local municipalities like Reykjavik have invested



Teens gather at a youth center in Reykjavik, where alternatives to drinking are offered.

in sport halls, music schools and youth centers. To make the programs widely available, parents are offered a \$500 annual voucher toward sports or music programs for their children.

As a teen, Eggertsson remembers taking the bus downtown on weekend nights to wander the streets of Reykjavik “without really going anywhere.”

“I remember watching a friend puke behind a police station and fishing another one from the harbor after falling in,” the 46-year-old father of four said. “What was socially acceptable then would now be a scandalous headline in the paper.”

Today’s news articles about teenagers have a different tone: Anxiety and symptoms of depression have never been higher, particularly among girls, where the rate has doubled in the past 10 years. Vaping has replaced tobacco use, with about 40% of Icelandic 16-year-olds having tried the electronic cigarettes.

Researchers say the “Planet Youth” prevention model is evolving constantly because it is based on annual surveys to detect trends and measure policy effectiveness.

Parents patrolling the Korar neighborhood — a

lawyer, an advertising agent and a diplomat, among others — walk across empty parking lots to pass by known teenage hangouts.

By law — introduced when Icelandic police routinely dealt with alcohol-fueled street gatherings — children under 12 are not allowed outside after 8 p.m. without parents and those 13 to 16 not past 10 p.m. Over summer, when school is out, the curfew is extended by two hours.

“We tell the kids if they are out too late, polite and nice, and then they go home,” said Heidar Atlason, a veteran member of the patrol.

Defense secretary wants to put intermediate range missile in Asia

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

SYDNEY — U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper said he wants to deploy an intermediate range conventional missile in the Pacific region within months, now that the Trump administration has formally pulled out of a Cold War-era arms control treaty with Russia.

Esper, however, added that it will likely take some time to develop the more advanced land-based missile capabilities. The move

is likely to anger China, but Esper said Beijing shouldn’t be surprised by it.

“It’s fair to say, though, that we would like to deploy a capability sooner rather than later,” Esper told reporters traveling with him to Australia on Friday. “I would prefer months. I just don’t have the latest state of play on timelines.”

Esper’s comments come as the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty expired Friday, and the U.S. said it planned to begin testing new missiles that

would have been prohibited under the accord. The U.S. has complained that Moscow has been violating the treaty and that a Russian system banned by the agreement is a direct threat to the U.S. and its allies.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the formal U.S. withdrawal Friday, saying that “the United States will not remain party to a treaty that is deliber-



Esper

ately violated by Russia.”

Esper, who was confirmed as Pentagon chief in July, wouldn’t detail possible deployment sites in Asia, saying it would depend on discussions with allies and other factors. He downplayed any reaction from China, saying that “80 percent plus of their inventory is intermediate range systems, so that shouldn’t surprise them that we would

want to have a like capability.”

He said that because of the great distances within the Indo-Pacific region, U.S. development of effective intermediate range precision weapons is important.

The INF treaty was signed in 1987 and banned land-based missiles of ranges between 310 and 3,410 miles. Its demise comes as world powers seek to contain the nuclear threat from Iran and North Korea. And it signals more deterioration of relations

between the U.S. and Russia.

Esper also added his voice to those who believe that extending the New START Treaty may not make sense. New START expires in February 2021, and is the only remaining treaty constraining U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals.

Trump has called New START “just another bad deal” by the Obama administration, and says he wants to secure a three-way arms control agreement among the U.S., Russia and China.



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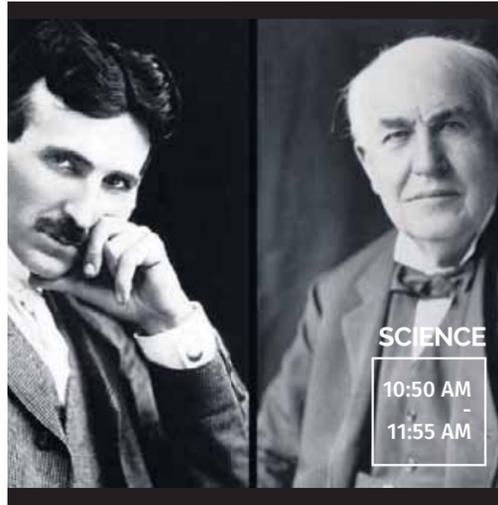
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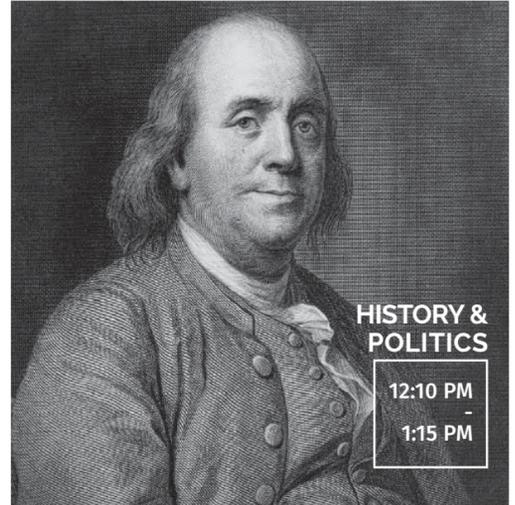
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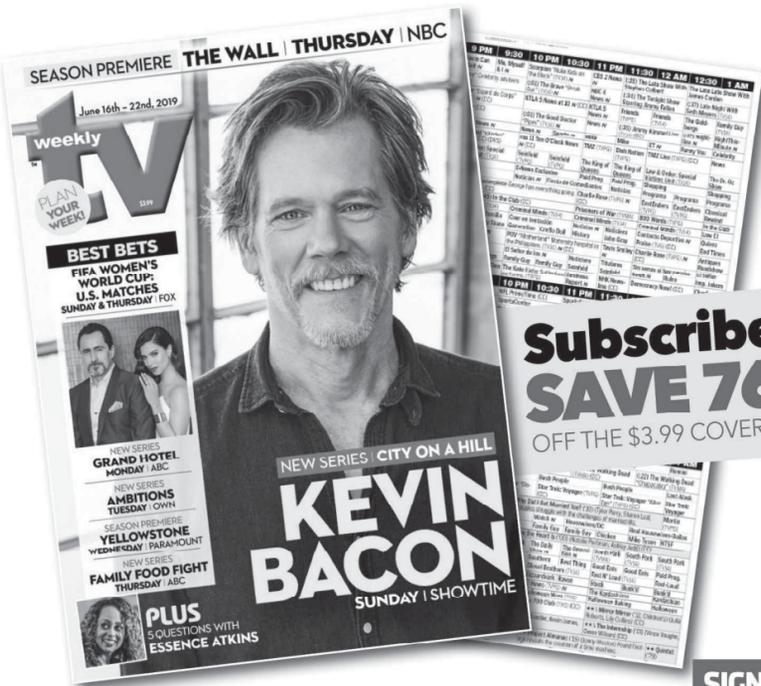
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Maison de l'Amitie, a 6-acre estate in Palm Beach, Florida, is at the heart of the fallout between financier Jeffrey Epstein and former real estate mogul and now President Donald Trump.

House of 'Friendship'

Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein were pals — until a Palm Beach mansion came between them

BY BETH REINHARD, ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN AND MARC FISHER
The Washington Post

For the better part of two decades starting in the late 1980s, Jeffrey Epstein and Donald Trump swam in the same social pool. They were neighbors in Florida. They jetted from LaGuardia to Palm Beach together. They partied at Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club and dined at Epstein's Manhattan mansion.

And then, in 2004, they were suddenly rivals, each angling to snag a choice Palm Beach property, an oceanfront estate called Maison de l'Amitie — House of Friendship — that was being sold out of bankruptcy.

Before the auction, Epstein and Trump each tried to work the ref. The trustee in the case, Joseph Luzinski, recalls being lobbied by both camps.

"It was something like Donald saying, 'You don't want to do a deal with him, he doesn't have the money,' while Epstein was saying: 'Donald is all talk. He doesn't have the money,'" Luzinski said. "They both really wanted it."

Only one man would win. In the wake of Epstein's arrest last month on sex trafficking charges, many who socialized with him — including Trump — are eager to have it known that they never much liked the man, or weren't really friends, or barely even knew him.

"I was not a fan of his, that I can tell you," the president said in the Oval Office the day after New York authorities took Epstein into custody.

But friends and associates said the two wealthy New York-to-Palm Beach commuters had socialized for years, drawn together by a mix of money, women and power.

"They knew each other a long time," said Sam Nunnberg, a former Trump aide who said he pressed the candidate about his ties to Epstein in late 2014 as the real estate mogul considered a White House run. "Bottom line, Donald would hang out with Epstein because he was rich."

Their falling out, Trump said, happened about 15 years ago — several years before Epstein's conviction on a prostitution solicitation charge.

Trump has not said why their relationship ruptured. "The reason doesn't make any difference, frankly," the president said.

Fifteen years ago, the two men squared off over the Palm Beach mansion. Just a few months later, local police began investigating allegations that Epstein was sexually abusing minors. Trump has also said that he at some point banned Epstein from Mar-a-Lago.

The White House declined to comment. Epstein's lawyer did not respond to requests for comment.

It had been a typical Trump relationship: heavily

chronicled in the news media, with an uncertain core beneath the surface.

Photos and articles captured the men together over the years, the future president of the United States and the future convicted sex offender: Epstein and longtime girlfriend Ghislaine Maxwell, Trump and his then-girlfriend, Melania Knauss, double dating at a celebrity tennis tournament at Mar-a-Lago. Partying with Britain's Prince Andrew. Hanging out with National Football League cheerleaders. Dancing, laughing, palling around at a party Trump threw to celebrate his "freedom" after he divorced his second wife, Marla Maples.

"Terrific guy," Trump said of Epstein in 2002. "He's a lot of fun to be with." Within two years, public sightings of the two had ended.

Trump and Epstein were more than just neighbors who happened to end up at the same parties. They were two outer-borough New York guys, both with a knack for building their images and making a buck. Both attracted a ton of attention, though Trump worked hard to win notice and Epstein sometimes sought to deflect it. Both won reputations as men who were seen around beautiful women.

In 2016, Trump Organization attorney Alan Garten told Fox News that Trump had "no relationship" with Epstein: "They were not friends and they did not socialize together." Garten declined to comment for this article.

But Epstein, asked in a 2010 deposition if he had ever socialized with Trump, responded: "Yes, sir."

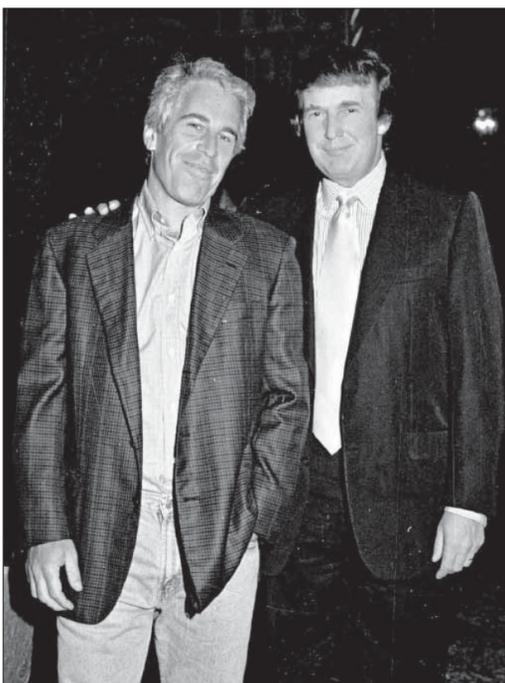
The Epstein-Trump relationship didn't exist in isolation but as part of a larger Palm Beach social swirl. In the early years after Trump bought the private Mar-a-Lago estate in 1985, Epstein and Trump were spotted together at Palm Beach events, including a pre-pageant dinner at Mar-a-Lago in 1992, according to people in attendance.

"They were tight," said one person who observed them together and requested anonymity to avoid retribution. "They were each other's wingmen."

Trump, recently divorced from his first wife, Ivana, was in an on-and-off relationship with the woman he would soon marry, Marla Maples.

During that period, the New York developer, casting himself as a carefree billionaire playboy, hosted and attended parties at Mar-a-Lago and elsewhere, sometimes featuring models, cheerleaders and beauty pageant contestants. Trump had a business connection to all three industries.

Since the start of his career, Trump had made his love life a central part of his



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Epstein and Trump posed for a photo at Mar-a-Lago in 1997. The day after Epstein was taken into custody by New York authorities on sex trafficking the president said, "I was not a fan of his, that I can tell you."

public image. The idea was to build his brand as an avatar of fabulousness and to extend that brand by attaching beautiful women to his name, he has said.

Trump's parties at Mar-a-Lago often featured models from Miami who floated around the patio and pool, with many more women than men, friends have recounted.

"That's true," Trump said in an interview in 2015, stressing he was single at the time. "The point was to have fun. It was wild."

"There's 100 beautiful women and 10 guys," Roger Stone, his longtime adviser, told The Post in 2016. "Look, how cool are we? ... I mean, it was great."

Epstein, who in 1990 bought his own place in Palm Beach, two miles north of Trump's, never became a member of Mar-a-Lago but visited the club for social events, Garten has said. On some of those occasions, Epstein was accompanied by Maxwell.

"Donald liked Epstein," said Steven Hoffenberg, a Trump acquaintance who was Epstein's business partner at a New York private equity firm in the 1980s and '90s, until Hoffenberg was convicted of running a massive Ponzi scheme. "But he was crazy about Maxwell, a very charming lady."

Epstein made several appearances at Mar-a-Lago. He attended a party there with NFL cheerleaders in 1992, where he was videotaped by an NBC news crew gathering footage for a segment on Trump. The network recently released the footage, in which Trump greets Epstein warmly and whispers in the financier's ear, leading Epstein to double over in laughter.

Photographs and videos show Epstein and Trump posing together at the mansion in 1992, 1997 and 2000. The two were also pictured together, with model Ingrid Seynhaeve, in 1997 at a Victoria's Secret party in New York City.

Around that time, Trump flew at least once, in the late 1990s or 2000, on Epstein's private plane from Florida

to New York, according to Epstein's brother, Mark, who described the flight in a 2009 deposition.

In an interview last week with The Post, Mark Epstein said Trump flew on the plane "numerous times," but said he was only present for one flight.

"They were good friends," Mark Epstein said. "I know [Trump] is trying to distance himself, but they were."

When Jeffrey Epstein's little black book of phone numbers appeared in a court file a few years ago, it contained 14 numbers for Trump; his wife, Melania; and others in Trump's inner circle.

Trump also dined at Epstein's Upper East Side Manhattan mansion in 2003, according to New York magazine. "The dialogues are so engaging," Epstein told the magazine, "that serving even the most extraordinary food sometimes seems inappropriate."

But according to Stone, Trump turned down numerous invitations to Epstein's private island and his Palm Beach home. In a 2016 book, Stone quoted Trump as saying that "The one time I visited [Epstein's] Palm Beach home, the swimming pool was full of beautiful young girls. 'How nice,' I thought, 'he let the neighborhood kids use his pool.'"

It was another prime property on Palm Beach island that pitted the two men against each other — a 6-acre oceanfront estate with a 180-degree view of the Atlantic.

In November 2004, Trump, who was starring in NBC's "The Apprentice" at the time, declared himself intent on winning "the finest piece of land in Florida and probably the U.S.," an estate that had been seized as part of the bankruptcy of nursing home magnate Abe Gosman.

Trump said he planned to create "the second greatest house in America, Mar-a-Lago being the first" and then resell it.

Epstein was also enraptured by the property,

which Gosman had purchased in 1988 for about \$12 million from Leslie Wexner, the Ohio-based retail executive who was a friend and patron of Epstein's. Epstein, meanwhile, seemed interested in living at the place.

At first, Epstein pressed to gain the upper hand in the competition for the estate, according to Luzinski, the bankruptcy trustee. Epstein agreed on a price and terms that were viewed as favorable for Gosman's creditors if a higher bid didn't emerge, he said.

As the competition heated up, Trump and Epstein began talking each other down to the trustee, Luzinski said.

On Nov. 15, 2004, the bidders, their representatives, and a small cavalry of lawyers representing the creditors and the Gosman family gathered in a courtroom at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in West Palm Beach. Trump was connected by phone.

The auction began with an attempt by one of Epstein's attorneys to knock Trump out of the bidding. Attorney Andrew Kamensky argued that Trump was not qualified because he demanded the property have title insurance or he would not close on the sale. "What I'm telling you is that Mr. Epstein will — he will close," Kamensky said, according to a transcript obtained by The Post.

Trump wasn't in Palm Beach — his attorney, Raymond Royce, was in the courtroom. But Trump was on the phone, and now he chimed in to defend himself.

Judge Steven Friedman rejected Epstein's objection. The bidding began with Epstein's offer of \$37.25 million, but he dropped out after his bid of \$38.6 million was topped.

Trump "had made up his mind to get it no matter the price," said Charles Tattelbaum, a lawyer for one of Gosman's creditors, JPMorgan Chase Bank.

A third bidder jumped in late, prompting Trump to pipe up again. "This is Mr. Trump," he said over the speakerphone. "It seemed to be very clear that they dropped out also."

The judge allowed the other bidder, Mark Pulte, to proceed, but Trump outbid him, too, with an offer of \$41.35 million.

"I will therefore determine by the bang of the gavel that Mr. Trump is the higher bidder," Friedman said.

It is unclear whether Trump and Epstein were in contact after the house sale.

Four years after he bought the Gosman mansion, Trump sold it to Russian businessman Dmitry Rybolovlev for \$95 million, more than doubling his investment.

It is unclear when Trump learned of allegations that Epstein was preying on teenage girls. In a 2002 interview, he gave no indication of concern, telling New York magazine that Epstein "enjoys his social life."

"It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger

side," Trump said.

On Nov. 28, 2004 — less than two weeks after the mansion auction — Palm Beach police fielded a tip that young women were seen coming and going from Epstein's home, then-Police Chief Michael Reiter said in a deposition. Reiter declined to comment.

Four months later, in March 2005, police received a complaint from a woman who alleged that her 15-year-old stepdaughter had been paid \$300 by Epstein to massage the financier while partially undressed, according to the police report. The Palm Beach police investigation identified more than a dozen possible victims, the report shows.

In 2006, a grand jury indicted Epstein on a single count of soliciting a prostitute. Epstein pleaded not guilty. That July, news organizations first reported that Palm Beach police had investigated Epstein for unlawful sex with minors and wanted the FBI to take up the case.

After a lengthy FBI investigation, federal prosecutors, including future Trump labor secretary Alex Acosta, agreed not to prosecute Epstein under federal law, allowing him instead to plead guilty in state court in 2008 to two felony counts, including soliciting a minor. Epstein ended up spending a year in county jail, with work release, under the non-prosecution agreement. As details of the deal were publicized again this year, Acosta resigned amid criticism for its leniency.

Epstein is now facing federal charges in New York of sexually abusing dozens of girls. He has pleaded not guilty.

In late 2007, the New York Post reported that Epstein had been barred from visiting Mar-a-Lago, which Epstein at the time denied.

In July of this year, Garten said that Trump "banned him from stepping foot on the property."

Nunberg said that when he quizzed Trump about his relationship with Epstein, Trump told him, "He's a real creep, I banned him."

Trump also appears to have been helpful to Epstein's accusers.

Brad Edwards, an attorney for some of the alleged victims, said in an interview last year that when he was seeking information from Epstein's acquaintances in 2009, Trump was "the only person who picked up the phone and said: 'Let's just talk. I'll give you as much time as you want. I'll tell you what you need to know.'"

Edwards declined to say what Trump told him but said he was "very helpful in the information that he gave."

When Nunberg looked into Trump's ties with Epstein, he said that Trump's longtime secretary, Rhona Graff, and others in the Trump Organization all agreed that Trump had made a clear break with Epstein.

"That's all I needed to know," Nunberg concluded. "He'd never let somebody else get leverage over him."

Associated Press contributed.

Baltimore schools fight kids' trauma

Toll of crime and poverty on mental health is addressed

BY DAVID MCFADDEN
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — When she transferred to a new K-8 school two years ago, Tinazsha Johnson was in deep distress. The Baltimore sixth grader was crushed by the death of her mother. Her father was in and out of lockups. She'd witnessed searing violence in her neighborhood and felt overwhelmed helping her grandparents raise her younger siblings.

Fast forward to today: Daily life is still tough, but after about two years as a student at one of Baltimore's new "trauma-sensitive" schools, she's learning to manage the cumulative effects of stress and grief that were so relentless they made her developing brain feel like a revving engine. As the 15-year-old prepares to graduate from eighth grade, she's gained a better understanding of working out conflicts, understanding emotions and regulating her behavior.

"I used to always be fighting, fussing and cussing people out. But this last year, I've been doing a lot better 'cause I've been learning how to control my anger in a lot of ways and think positive thoughts to get me through," Tinazsha said in an interview at the year-round school, which she says has become her sanctuary from streets where the names of young crossfire victims are spray-painted on walls as tributes.

In crime-plagued Baltimore and other cities, school officials are increasingly realizing that chronic childhood trauma affects brain development and creates the risk of physical and behavioral health problems down the line. Districts have responded by creating the trauma-sensitive schools, both in big systems such as Chicago and San



Scott Hopewell, a student holistic specialist, high-fives a child in a "peace room" at a West Baltimore school.

Francisco and smaller ones in states such as Iowa and Wisconsin.

Baltimore's problems drew national attention when President Donald Trump tweeted July 27 that U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings' majority-black Maryland district — which includes the West Baltimore area where Tinazsha's family resides — is a "disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess" where "no human being would want" to live.

Trump was roundly criticized by people who blamed him, as head of the federal government, for not helping Baltimore with its challenges. Indeed, the "trauma-sensitive" schools effort — made possible in part with federal funds — can help only a fraction of those who need it.

In Baltimore, the need to address childhood trauma and students' mental health was underscored in 2015,

when the death of a young black man in police custody sparked massive protests and the city's worst rioting in decades. Freddie Gray's death brought renewed attention to the poverty, inequity and crime that have festered in large swaths of Baltimore for decades.

"It increased the urgency and helped us to see that our whole city is in crisis," said James Padden, an education official in Baltimore, a majority-black city where the poverty rate is roughly double the national figure.

With the help of a \$2.3 million federal grant in 2016, officials have transformed 13 public schools in troubled West Baltimore into the trauma-sensitive schools where students have access to full-time mental health clinicians, mindfulness and breathing exercises, and "peace corners" with pillows and exercise books where they

can retreat and compose themselves. Staff members have reached out into the community to build relationships with students' guardians.

The New Song Community Learning Center that Tinazsha attends is in the heart of Sandtown-Winchester, Gray's former neighborhood, where open-air drug markets fill an economic vacuum and police helicopters routinely buzz overhead. The school is one of West Baltimore's anchor institutions, a warm but structured environment where college-bound alumni help out during summer breaks.

The need is still greater than the supply. When officials applied for the federal grant, about 4,600 students attended the future trauma-sensitive schools — about 5.5% of Baltimore's 84,000 public school students.

There's widespread

agreement more students would benefit from trauma-sensitive schools, amid research showing many of Baltimore's youngest citizens are repeatedly exposed to trauma. In a May Baltimore Sun opinion piece, a leader of a behavioral health nonprofit wrote that the children of Maryland's biggest city face a "mental health crisis." Last week, a city councilman announced in another opinion piece his plan to make trauma response a focus of all city agencies that deal with children.

The federal grant for trauma-sensitive schools expires this year. With remaining funds, officials are focusing on training everyone from teachers and administrators to cafeteria workers on recognizing and responding to traumatized students. Experts from Baltimore-based Johns Hopkins University and the

University of Maryland are contributing services.

Padden said the district will have a full-time social worker in all schools for the 2019-20 year, and the city has created "calming spaces" and "wholeness" sites for students in schools that aren't designated trauma-sensitive centers.

New Song's executive director, Mark Carter, is acutely aware of the need. He marvels at his students' resiliency. Many had to negotiate childhoods framed by chronic poverty, crime and other challenges. In recent weeks, the school system held a ceremony to memorialize the dozen Baltimore students ranging from ages 7 to 18 who were gunned down this academic year.

"We would like our children to have childhoods. And yet the neighborhood and sometimes their family circumstances don't permit that," Carter said in his office, decorated with photos of civil rights leaders including Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. "So we straddle this world between creating high academic expectations but also realizing, for instance, at the age of 9 you shouldn't have to take care of all your brothers and sisters because of family disintegration."

Patrick Sharkey, a sociologist at Princeton University, said children "enter their classrooms carrying the burden of violence with them," which harms their ability to get a good night's sleep and concentrate.

Programs like those underway in Baltimore that calm the school environment and teach children to be mindful of emotions can help, he said. He added that it's important to acknowledge "the most effective way to improve academic achievement is to confront the problem of community violence."

"While other cities have completely transformed, Baltimore hasn't been able to," Sharkey said.

A rat-infested mess? In Md., residents point to Kushner

President's tweets ring true for those in son-in-law's buildings

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BALTIMORE — Davon Jones doesn't have to look far to see the irony in President Donald Trump's tweets that Baltimore is a "rat and rodent infested mess."

His apartment owned by the president's son-in-law has been invaded by mice since he moved in a year ago.

"I don't know how they come in," Jones says. "Every time I catch them, they come right back."

Jared Kushner's family real estate firm owns thousands of apartments and town homes in the Baltimore area, and some have been criticized for the same kind of disrepair and neglect that the president has accused local leaders of failing to address. Residents have complained about mold, bedbugs, leaks and, yes, mice — plenty of mice. And they say management appears in no hurry to fix the problems.

"They don't care," says Dezmond James, who says he has spotted as many as three mice a week since he moved in to the Commons at White Marsh in suburban Middle River four years ago.

James says he sees a massive contradiction in Trump's much-publicized tweets laying the blame for Baltimore's poverty, crime and rodent problems on frequent antagonist Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings. Trump, he said, should look more at what he — and specifically Kushner — could do about it.

"His son-in-law owns all of this — then he can fix it. I'm pretty sure he has a lot of money," says James, who is studying to be a medical assistant.



Mice droppings are seen in an apartment complex owned by Jared Kushner.

Conditions got so bad two years ago that the Baltimore County government issued a release showing the Kushner Cos. had violated housing codes more than 200 times in 10 months and only moved to fix the problems after being threatened with fines.

"I had black mold in my cabinets. I called them, I called them, I called them. And they never did anything," says Simone Ryer, who moved out of Whispering Woods in Middle River two years ago.

In a statement, the Kushner Cos. said it was proud of its Baltimore-area apartments and has worked to maintain a "high quality residential experience for our tenants" by investing "substantial amounts" in upkeep.

A website for the Commons at White Marsh boasts of "amenities that amaze," but many of the 181 comments posted by residents at the apartmenttratings.com review site complain of rats, mold, bedbugs, roaches and leaks. The reviews say management is generally unresponsive.

A 2017 report by The New York Times and ProPublica about residents at Kushner-owned developments echoed many of those online complaints, with one woman saying she found a mouse on her 12-year-old child's bed. The Kushner Cos. told the Times at the time that it had spent \$10 million on its properties, but their age means issues can still arise.

A Baltimore Sun story the same year found the Kushner Cos. used the courts to arrest tenants late on rent more than any other landlord in the state.

And a lawsuit seeking class-action status for residents alleges Westminster Management, the Kushner subsidiary that oversees rental properties in Maryland and other states, often charges tenants illegal and excessive fees that keeps them in constant fear of eviction and guessing what they owe. Westminster has said it has broken no laws and denies the charges.

Jared Kushner took in \$3.1 million from Westminster in the past two years, according to financial disclosure reports he filed with the federal government. He stepped down as CEO of parent company Kushner Cos. when he and his wife, Ivanka Trump, joined the White House as senior advisers to the president, but he still retains a financial interest and draws money from many of its operations.

At the Kushners' Dutch Village community in Baltimore, Ronald Newson says his 86-year-old mother has been asking maintenance staff for nearly a year to patch a hole in her ceiling from a leak on the second floor, and that someone has to come to kill all the mice she's been living with.

Newson suggested that Trump, instead of blaming Cummings for the city's problems, should look to landlords like Kushner too.

"He talks about everyone but his son-in-law," he said.



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., left, speaks with a supporter in Mayfield, Ky., on Saturday. McConnell has come under fire for blocking election security legislation.

McConnell seeks to deflect Dems' 'Moscow Mitch' taunts

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press

FANCY FARM, Ky. — Primed for Russia-related issues from his detractors at Kentucky's premier political event, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Saturday it's fitting for local Democrats to wear "Moscow Mitch" shirts depicting the communist-era hammer and sickle.

After all, McConnell reasoned, Democrats are from the party pushing for the Green New Deal and Medicare for All.

Democrats waved "Moscow Mitch" signs and broke into chants as they prepared to heckle the sixth-term Republican Senator during the stump-style speaking at the Fancy Farm picnic — the political event of the year in Kentucky. McConnell has come under attack for blocking election security legislation aimed at preventing the nation's political system against foreign attacks.

Before McConnell and the other speakers took the other stage, a Democratic strategist fired up his party's stalwarts by waving a

"Moscow Mitch" sign to the sweaty crowd split along Republican and Democratic lines. Democrats opened into "Moscow Mitch" chants.

Earlier Saturday, McConnell fired back at his detractors during a Republican breakfast where he received an ovation.

"It's appropriate to see a bunch of Democrats running around with communist flags on their shirts," the senator told reporters at the breakfast. "That ought to tell you something about where they want to take the country with the Green New Deal and Medicare for All. Their whole agenda would fundamentally change the country with something it's never been."

The Kentucky Democratic Party is hawking T-shirts, depicting McConnell wearing a Cossack hat with the hammer and sickle symbol and declaring: "Just say Nyet to Moscow Mitch." Buttons, stickers, and other merchandise was also available.

The attacks have become a big windfall for the party, with sales reaching \$350,000 since Wednes-

day. Long on the receiving end of McConnell's pointed attacks, the Democrats relished a chance to go on the offensive against the senator. McConnell is up for reelection next year and has aligned himself closely with President Donald Trump.

The attacks against McConnell come after a Washington Post columnist recently criticized him for blocking legislation. Noting Russia's cyberintrusion on the 2016 presidential election and indications that it would try again next year, the column was headlined, "Mitch McConnell is a Russian asset."

MSNBC host Joe Scarborough quickly weighed in with the "Moscow Mitch" nickname, a moniker Kentucky Democrats say was coined by a retired schoolteacher in the state.

McConnell has likened the attacks to "modern-day McCarthyism."

McConnell on Saturday defended efforts to stymie Russian interference in US elections, saying he's "absolutely confident we're going to have a secure election in 2020."

Texas

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El Paso police Chief Greg Allen said authorities are investigating a hate crime as among the possible motives in the attack.

Saturday's shooting in El Paso, which sits across the border from Juarez, Mexico, comes nearly a week after a gunman opened fire at a garlic festival in California, killing three and wounding 12 others.

In a statement issued Saturday, Attorney General William Barr said that "those who commit such atrocities should be held accountable swiftly and to the fullest extent the law allows."

If investigators determine that Crusius did write the posting, he could be charged with violations of federal hate crimes laws.

The scene of the most recent carnage — a Walmart — is likely to become important symbolically in the debate over gun control. Walmart is one of the largest gun retailers in the world and has been under pressure to curtail sales.

Last year, the store announced it was changing the minimum age required to buy a firearm or ammunition at Walmart from 18 to 21 "in light of recent events." The decision came two weeks after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 people dead.

In a statement Saturday, Walmart said: "We're in shock over the tragic events at Cielo Vista Mall in El Paso. We're praying for the victims, the community & our associates, as well as the first responders."

El Paso police Sgt. Robert Gomez said the Walmart was packed with as many as 3,000 people during the back-to-school shopping season.

"This is unprecedented in El Paso," Gomez said.

Vanessa Saenz, 37, of El Paso, was turning into the Walmart parking lot, with her mother and son, when she heard pops that

sounded like fireworks.

She looked over and saw a man who seemed to be "dancing" in the air — and then she noticed a woman sprinting.

Saenz realized the man had been shot.

"My mom yelled, 'Just go! Speed and just go!' but, of course, there were people trying to dodge the bullets and running through the parking lot," Saenz said.

She also caught a glimpse of the shooter, a white male who she said was wearing a black T-shirt, cargo pants and some sort of earmuffs. He was carrying a rifle, she said.

He was just "shooting randomly," Saenz said, and then he walked into the store.

Gomez said the suspect was arrested without incident.

Inside the Walmart, shoppers and employees raced to exit the store or even hide in shelves.

Army veteran Glendon Oakly was shopping in a Foot Locker store when teenagers raced in to tell customers that there was a shooter. He heard two shots — and started herding people to safety.

"I was just focused on the kids," Oakly told CNN. "I was just trying to get them out of there."

White House staff said President Donald Trump was briefed on the shooting and spoke about it with Barr and Abbott, the Texas governor.

"Reports are very bad, many killed," Trump tweeted.

Democratic presidential hopeful and former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke appeared shaken as he appeared at a candidate forum Saturday in Las Vegas shortly after news of the shooting in his hometown was reported.

O'Rourke, who said he had called his wife before taking the stage, said the shooting shatters "any illusion that we have that progress is inevitable" on tackling gun violence.

New York Daily News and Associated Press contributed.



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Walmart employees huddle after a mass shooting in the parking lot and then inside the store Saturday in El Paso.



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Law enforcement agencies respond to a mass shooting at a Walmart near Cielo Vista Mall in El Paso, Texas, on Saturday.

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Benign issues cited by US military as it boots prize recruits

BY ALEX HORTON
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In recent weeks, the Pentagon booted two Chinese recruits from the enlistment process because of their dead grandfathers, who lived very different lives.

One recruit's grandfather, whom he never met, served in the communist military.

Another recruit was removed from the program after drilling for three years because of the polar opposite — Zicheng Li's grandfather fought against, and was tortured by, China's Communist Party, defense officials wrote.

Screening documents obtained by The Washington Post detailing reasons that these and other foreign recruits were removed from the military reveal a pattern of canceled enlistments and failed screenings for innocuous events and, often, simply for existing as foreigners.

Immigrant enlistees have been cut loose for being the children of foreign parents or for having family ties to their native government or military. In some cases, they have relatives who served in militaries closely allied with the United States. Those removals raise questions about the Pentagon's screening process and why it has weeded out precisely the recruits defense officials said they needed.

The Pentagon program they were recruited under called for a simple idea: The military would enlist immigrants to harness strategic language and medical abilities in short supply among U.S.-born troops, calling the skills of immigrants a national security imperative.

The program was even named in that fashion — Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest, or



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Documents show the Pentagon booting foreign recruits for innocuous events or seemingly just for existing as foreigners.

MAVNI, which enlisted more than 10,400 foreign troops in the past decade, with the promise of fast-tracked naturalization that would take weeks.

Mandarin Chinese, Russian, Arabic and other speakers have been in demand by defense officials.

Then denials began to quicken since stricter screening was implemented in late 2016, an attorney for immigrant recruits said, pointing to family ties as a common reason.

Li, who arrived in Minnesota from China in 2012 to study aerospace engineering, told The Post that his Army enlistment had crawled since February 2016.

Then in July, after three years of waiting, an enlistment denial justification letter arrived in his mailbox, containing two sentences about family history.

Li told investigators that his since-deceased grand-

father's torture decades ago by communists prompted worry of reprisals if the Chinese government learned of Li's enlistment.

"You revealed that you fear for your family's safety," officials wrote in a letter, saying his suitability for enlistment is adverse, documents show.

"I'm shocked and numb," Li said. "They use anything they can to kick us out."

The new vetting process has delayed enlistments by years, and the wait has turned more than 1,000 recruits — who enlisted as legal immigrants with visas — into unlawful immigrants whose credentials expired as their screenings tumbled through bureaucratic limbo.

The Pentagon has acknowledged in court filings that none of the thousands of recruits who later naturalized from the program have been charged with espionage-related crimes, though one Chinese recruit

has been accused of failing to register as a foreign agent.

The new vetting procedures did not play a role in his detection, court filings said.

It is unclear how many immigrant recruits have been turned away as recruits or discharged as soldiers in recent months.

In a spate of lawsuits alleging misconduct and violation of equal protection laws, the Pentagon has reversed decisions and halted discharges.

Defense officials have not offered public insight into how the vetting works or what kind of oversight exists.

Another Chinese-born recruit, who declined to provide his name out of fear of reprisal to his family by the Chinese government, told The Post he was denied enlistment last month because his father and grandfather served in the communist military, though the

report about his relatives' positions was inaccurate, he said.

His grandfather died before the recruit was born.

"I don't know what the harm (is) for me to finish my contract and gain my citizenship," he said.

MAVNI screening can be "time-consuming due to our limited ability" to verify information from home countries, said Jessica Maxwell, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

She declined to address questions about the process itself and whether screeners adjust expectations of foreign ties if they are screening foreign people.

She also declined to say how many MAVNI recruits are still waiting for their screening to finish, citing litigation and privacy limitations.

Margaret Stock, an immigration attorney who has represented MAVNI recruits, including Li, said the Pentagon has scuttled

millions of dollars and years of time to produce unclear reasons it separates immigrants the agency itself determined it needed.

"This is what they come up with? Your grandfather served in a foreign army before you were born?" Stock said. "What is the threat to national security? They can't articulate it here."

Other rejections point to speculative or seemingly benign information for immigrants living typical lives.

An Indian-born recruit was cut loose after an investigation determined that family members "work for or have worked for the Indian army," according to one document, even though India and the United States share a defense relationship.

Recruits from South Korea, a key U.S. defense ally, have been penalized because their fathers are required by conscription to serve, Stock said.

Maxwell declined to say why a family member's involvement in a friendly military would raise suspicions.

Another enlistee was rejected for "multiple wire transfers" through U.S. banks, though the screening review did not describe the nature of the transfers or whether they were unlawful.

One recruit, a Chinese doctoral student, was turned away because a screener with no medical experience said the recruit had Asperger's syndrome — on the basis that the screener once observed a family member with autism, The Post previously reported.

Potential persecution of Li's family could be aided by the U.S. military itself.

U.S. Army recruiters inadvertently exposed the private information of hundreds of Chinese-born recruits, heightening the risk that Chinese government officials would target their families, a lawmaker said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Cummings' response to Trump: Don't just criticize. Visit city.

BALTIMORE — Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings took the high road Saturday, inviting President Donald Trump and other Americans to visit Baltimore but declining to respond in kind to the presidential tweets and comments disparaging him and the majority-black city he represents.

"We are a great community," Cummings, the chairman of the powerful House Oversight committee investigating the ad-

ministration, said in his first public remarks about the controversy as he participated in the opening of a neighborhood park.

"Do not just criticize us, but come to Baltimore and I promise you, you will be welcomed," he said.

In a weeklong series of attacks, Trump called the Baltimore district a "rat and rodent infested mess" and complained about Cummings, whose district includes key parts of the city.

N. Korea says Kim Jong Un supervised latest missile test

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Saturday its leader Kim Jong Un supervised another test-firing of a new multiple rocket launcher system that could potentially enhance the country's ability to strike targets in South Korea and U.S. military bases there.

The report by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency came a day after South Korea's military said it

detected North Korea firing projectiles twice into the sea off its eastern coast in its third round of weapons tests in just over a week.

Experts say the North's increased testing activity is aimed at ramping up pressure on Washington and Seoul over stalled nuclear negotiations with the United States, and that its weapons displays could intensify if progress in talks isn't made.

4 dead after earthquake hits off Indonesia's Java Island

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A strong earthquake that hit off Java island killed four people and damaged more than 200 houses, swaying buildings as far away as Indonesia's capital, officials said Saturday.

The U.S. Geological Survey said Friday night's magnitude 6.8 quake was centered 94 miles from Banten province off Java's southwest coast.

Agus Wibowo, the Na-

tional Disaster Mitigation Agency's spokesman, said four people died in Banten and West Java. Four others were injured.

Wibowo said 223 houses were damaged, mostly in Banten's Pandeglang region, where a deadly tsunami struck in the dark without warning last December.

The quake was felt in Jakarta, the capital, where buildings swayed for nearly a minute.



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Loud and proud: Decorated boats carrying revelers, including one with an air horn, party along the Prinsengracht canal during Amsterdam's LGBT pride festival. The annual parade of boats is the highlight of Pride Amsterdam, which ends Sunday.

Italian police arrest 6 suspects in club stampede that killed 6

MILAN — Italian police on Saturday arrested six men on manslaughter charges for allegedly using pepper spray to carry out thefts at a concert for teens, triggering a stampede that killed six people at a venue near the Adriatic coastal city of Ancona last year.

The tragedy last December killed five teens, ranging in age from 14 to 16, along with a 39-year-old mother accompanying her daughter to a concert by a popular Italian singer, Sfera Ebbasta, whose late arrival accounted for the presence of so many young people when the pepper spray was

unleashed after midnight. It was the second deadly incident involving bands of thieves using pepper spray in Italy, following a 2017 stampede that killed two in Turin at an open-air screening of the Champions League soccer final.

Prosecutor Monica Garulli told reporters that the six suspects, who are 19 to 22, were part of a gang based in the northern city of Modena that hit nightclubs and other venues in northern and central Italy with the aim of robbing unsuspecting club-goers. She said the incident on Dec. 8 was the last time

they appeared to have used pepper spray, but that they had continued to operate.

The six suspects are under investigation for manslaughter and for causing injury to 197 others. The men, along with a seventh gang member, also are being investigated for association with the intent to carry out robberies.

Survivors said panic spread in the club in Corinaldo, near the Adriatic coastal city of Ancona, after the pepper spray was unleashed. Prosecutors said an oversold venue and security lapses also contributed to the deaths.

India students and tourists ordered to leave Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India — Thousands of Indian students and visitors were fleeing Indian-controlled Kashmir on Saturday after the government ordered tourists and Hindu pilgrims visiting a Himalayan cave shrine "to curtail their stay" in the disputed territory, citing security concerns.

Meanwhile, tensions flared along the militarized Line of Control that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan as Pakistan accused India of using "cluster munitions" to target the civilian population, killing two people.

The Indian army rejected the Pakistan claim. It said its soldiers killed five attackers while foiling an attempt by Pakistani gunmen on an Indian post.

The order raised tensions after India's announcement it was sending thousands of troops to one of the world's most militarized areas.

Moscow crackdown: Police in Moscow cracked down on an unsanctioned election protest for the second weekend in a row Saturday, detaining more than 800 people at a rally against the exclusion from city council contests of some independent and opposition candidates, an arrest monitoring group said.

Heathrow Airport's preemptive strike: Heathrow Airport has canceled 172 flights Monday and Tuesday amid strike plans by thousands of workers. Members of the Unite union overwhelmingly rejected the airports 7.3% pay increase offer. The airport says it has asked airlines to consolidate flights and rebook passengers on alternative services in advance.

Threat prompts Tenn. school to move Trump art

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tennessee school officials have removed a piece of student art depicting President Donald Trump and the Statue of Liberty after receiving a threat.

According to news reports, the painting has been in the hallway of Southwind High School — lo-

cated outside Memphis — since 2016. It showed Trump with his mouth covered by white brush strokes and the Statue of Liberty covering her face.

School officials say the painting has not sparked any complaints over the years. However, the painting recently gained atten-

tion on social media and the school decided to remove it after receiving a threatening call on Friday.

The district says it respects students' rights to free speech and encouraged them to express themselves "through art or in any other peaceful manner."

OBITUARIES

CLEO WILBON 1926-2019

Longtime CPS teacher delighted in learning

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Cleo Wilbon came north to Chicago by herself to live with relatives when she was 14 and went on to teach for more than three decades in Chicago Public Schools.

"For her, it was the notion that education was the great equalizer, and that was a constant theme for her, and teaching became a logical extension of that," said her son, ESPN commentator Michael Wilbon. "She saw the denial (of education) for black people in the South, and she wanted to be educated, and she wanted to enlighten others. She became something of a piper in our neighborhood."

Wilbon, 93, died of cardiac arrest July 25 at Presence St. Joseph Hospital in the North Side Lakeview neighborhood, her son said. A Lakeview resident since 2014, Wilbon had lived in Streeterville from 2011 until 2014 and in Miami from 1992 until 2011. She previously lived in Chatham for 30 years.

Born Cleo Bailey in Jackson County, Tennessee, Wilbon was the fourth of 11 children. In 1940, when she was 14 years old, she took a train by herself to Chicago to live with an aunt and uncle in Bronzeville, her son said.

The move greatly appealed to Wilbon, her son said, because of the lack of educational opportunities at that time in her part of



FAMILY PHOTO

Cleo Wilbon taught for many years at Burnside Elementary in Chatham.

the South.

Wilbon attended DuSable High School, graduating in 1945, and earned a bachelor's degree from Chicago Teachers College, which now is known as Chicago State University.

At CPS, much of her career was at Burnside elementary school in Chatham. She spent most of her time in the classroom but was also a counselor.

"They could not have chosen a better person for that," said longtime friend Harriet Goff, who attended Chicago Teachers College with Wilbon. "Cleo always stood out as someone who listened, and then when she spoke she had a great deal of wisdom."

"The whole point of Cleo's work was that she was doing everything she could possibly to do make

things better for the children," Goff said.

Wilbon earned a master's degree in elementary education from Loyola University in 1956.

Wilbon retired from Burnside in 1984. She moved in 1992 from Chicago to the Miami area to be near her sisters-in-law. While in Miami, she enjoyed spending time ushering with friends at plays that were performed at the now-shuttered Coconut Grove Playhouse, said Susan Baron, a friend from Miami.

"She was always learning and traveling, and when the Coconut Grove Playhouse closed, we moved to the Actors' Playhouse in Coral Gables," Baron said. "Cleo was a real people person and had so many groups of friends and kept track of all of them and all of their children and grandchildren."

Wilbon battled diabetes for more than 40 years, and survived triple bypass surgery at age 79, her son said.

"I'm also a diabetic, and she was a role model," her son said. "She was compliant, and she lived with it."

Wilbon's husband, Raymond, died in 1986.

Survivors include another son, Don; two grandchildren; and a sister, Anna Anderson-Lewis.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON AUGUST 4 ...

In 1735 John Peter Zenger, publisher of The New-York Weekly Journal, won a key ruling for press freedom when he was acquitted of libel charges brought by William Crosby, governor of the British colony of New York.

In 1790 the Revenue Cutter Service, which would be united with the Life Saving Service in 1915 to form the Coast Guard, was established.

In 1830 surveyor James Thompson completed the first survey and plan for the city of Chicago.

In 1892 Lizzie Borden was arrested in Fall River, Massachusetts, and charged with the hatchet murders of her father and stepmother. (She would be acquitted of the crime.)

In 1900 Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth was born Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in London.

In 1912 Raoul Wallenberg, the businessman and diplomat credited with saving thousands of Hungarian Jews during World War II, was born in Stockholm. (The Soviet Union said Wallenberg died of a heart attack in a Moscow prison in 1947, but that report on his fate has been disputed.)

In 1914 Britain declared war on Germany, and the United States declared its

neutrality in World War I.

In 1944, during World War II, Nazi police raided the secret annex of a building in Amsterdam and arrested eight people, including 15-year-old Anne Frank, whose diary became a famous account of the Holocaust. (She later died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.)

In 1961 Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States, was born in Honolulu.

In 1964 the bodies of civil-rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were found by federal agents in an earthen dam in Mississippi.

In 1985 a pair of milestones were achieved in major league baseball as Tom Seaver of the Chicago White Sox gained his 300th victory and Rod Carew of the California Angels got his 3,000th hit.

In 1987 the Federal Communications Commission voted 4-0 to rescind the Fairness Doctrine that required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues.

In 1996, on the final day of the Atlanta Olympics, Josia Thugwane became the first black South African to win a gold medal as he finished first in the marathon; also, the U.S. women's basketball

team defeated Brazil 111-87 to win the gold.

In 1997 the Teamsters union went on strike against the United Parcel Service — a stoppage that would last 15 days.

In 2004 Richard Smith, a Staten Island ferry pilot, pleaded guilty to manslaughter charges in a crash that killed 11 commuters the previous October, acknowledging that he had passed out at the helm after arriving at work with medication in his system. **Also in 2004** former teacher Mary Kay Letourneau, convicted of having sex with a sixth-grade pupil, was released from a Washington state prison. (Letourneau married the former pupil, Vili Fualaau, on May 20, 2005; she was 43, he was 21.)

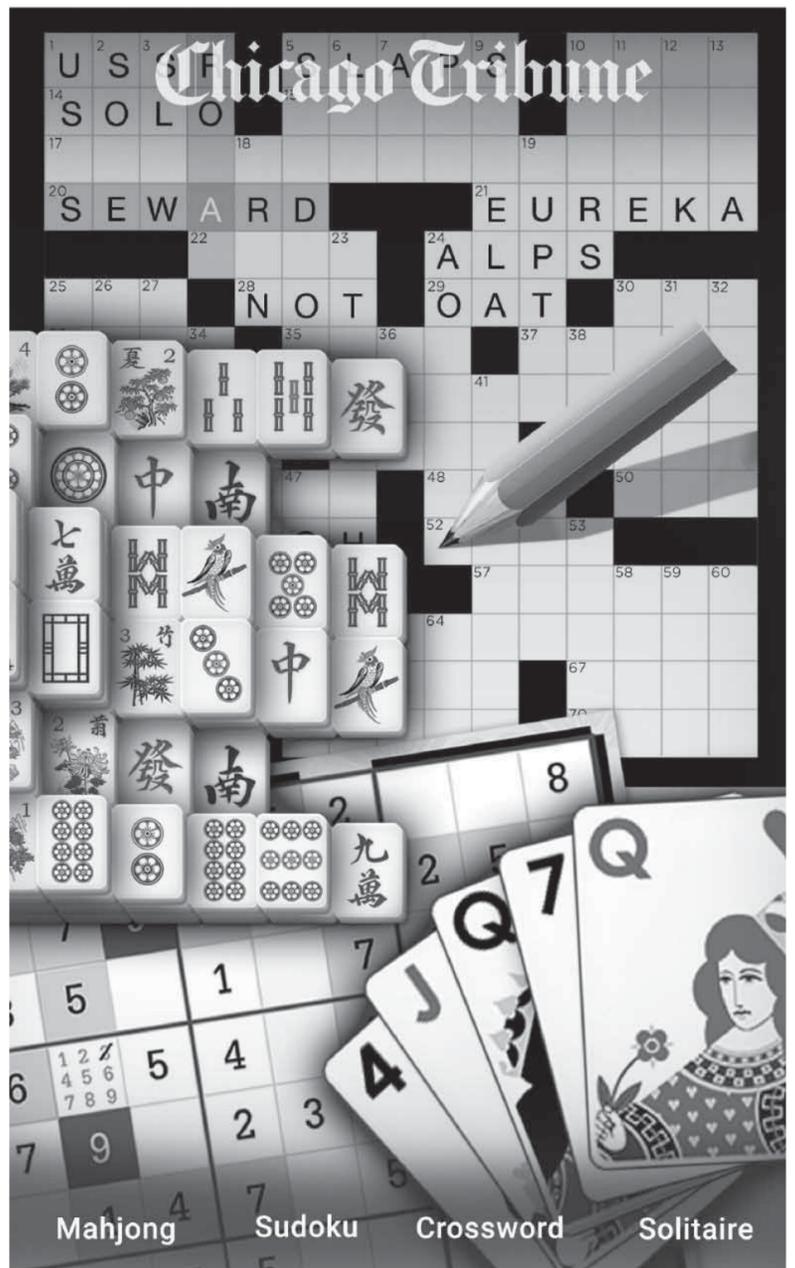
In 2009 North Korean leader Kim Jong Il met with former President Bill Clinton and later issued a "special pardon," releasing American journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee, who had been arrested in March along the border with China.

In 2010, in the first ruling to strike down a marriage ban on federal constitutional grounds, a federal judge declared California's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional, saying that no legitimate state interest justified treating gay and lesbian couples differently from others. **Also in 2010** BP and government officials said efforts to permanently seal the oil company's blown-out oil well in the Gulf of Mexico by pumping heavy mud down the well had apparently succeeded. **Also in 2010**, after more than five years in Lake County Jail for the slayings of his 8-year-old daughter and her 9-year-old friend, Jerry Hobbs was set free after Lake County State's Attorney Michael Waller acknowledged that DNA evidence collected from one of the girl's bodies matched a different suspect.

In 2014 James Brady, a former White House press secretary who was partially paralyzed after being shot in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan and later became a prominent gun control advocate, died in Alexandria, Virginia; he was 73.

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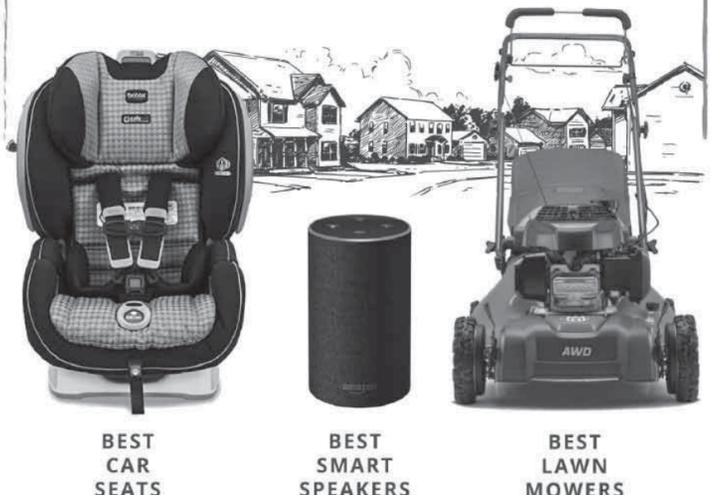
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Achenbach, Marcia Fee

Marcia Fee Achenbach, long-time resident of Evanston, passed away July 25th. She was born in Cebu, Philippines in 1940, and from 1942 to 1945 Marcia and her family were civilian prisoners of war held in Santo Tomas. After the war Marcia's father resumed his career in southeast Asia and Marcia attended boarding schools in Australia, Switzerland, and the U.S. Marcia met her husband at Stanford and graduated in 1962. She earned a Master Degree in English from Northwestern University and a Master of Social Work from the University of Chicago. She spent the majority of her career at the Jewish Child & Family Services in Chicago after a few years at Cook County Hospital and teaching English at Kendall College. In retirement she volunteered at the North Shore Senior Center and Botanic Garden. Marcia loved the symphony, gardening, theater and travel with her husband. She is survived by her husband of 58 years Jan Achenbach, her sisters Judy Winslow and Wendy Baynard, her godson Paul White, 4 nephews, 1 niece and 7 great nieces/nephews. For those wishing to make a donation in her memory please consider the American Red Cross. Her memorial service will be held on Monday, August 12th at 1 pm at Vail Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Rd, Northwestern. There will be a reception following at The Mother, 425 Davis Street, Evanston.

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Als Dorf, Marilynn Bruder

Marilynn Bruder Als Dorf, 94, died peacefully at her home in Chicago on Thursday, August 1, 2019. She was born on April 5, 1925 in Evanston, IL to Edward and Cora Bruder. Her husband, James W. Als Dorf and youngest son, James Jr, predeceased her. She is survived by her son Jeffrey (Wilhelmina), of Seattle, her daughter Lynne, of Chicago, and by six grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. With her husband, and after his passing on her own over the last three decades, she has been a passionate art collector and patron of the arts. She served for many years as trustee of the Art Institute of Chicago and made important contributions to that institution, both in the form of art objects and of funding for the Als Dorf Gallery of South and Southeast Asian Art, designed by renowned architect Renzo Piano. A memorial reception in her honor will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Art Institute in her memory would be the best way to honor her legacy. Funeral arrangements by Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home 847-251-8200.

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Anderson, Kathleen B.

Kathleen B. Anderson (nee Boyle) 64, July 29. Loving wife of John H. Anderson. Dear mother of Rosemary, John R. (Elise) and Thomas Francis Anderson. Daughter of the late Richard (Ret. C.P.D.) and Rosemary Boyle. Sister of Richard (Linda) Boyle, Mary Boyle, Mark (Donna) Boyle, Colleen (Al) Wirry and Tom (Jeanne) Boyle. Daughter-in-law of Betty and the late John P. Anderson. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Retired Teacher for the Chicago Public Schools. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. to Christ the King Church (9235 S. Hamilton Ave.) for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Int. Private. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. For info. (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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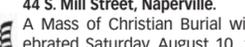
Barton, Michael R.

Michael R. Barton, age 70 of Minneapolis, died August 1st. Preceded in death father, Joseph. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Paula; mother, Florene; sister, Debbie (Jeffrey) Solomon; nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews. Funeral service 2:30 TUESDAY August 6th at ADATH YESHURUN CEMETERY CHAPEL, 5605 France Ave. So., Edina. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Beth Jacob Congregation. SHIVA to be announced. Hodroff-Epstein 612 871-1234 www.hodroffepstein.com

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Becia, Joseph A. "Joe"

Joseph A. "Joe" Becia, age 91, World War II U.S. Army veteran, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1967, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was born on August 1, 1927 in Quincy Township, Houghton County, MI. Visitation Friday, August 9, 2019, 4:00-8:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home**, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, August 10, 10:30 AM at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 1215 Modaff Rd., Naperville with military honors to follow. Private entombment: All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Beckman, Vincent H.

In Memory of Vincent H. Beckman III



It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of Attorney Vincent H. Beckman III of Chicago, IL and Saugatuck, MI. Born in St. Louis, MO on September 30th 1944, Vincent Beckman III was the son of Elizabeth Desloge and Vincent Beckman Jr., and loving husband of Carmen J. Beckman. He passed into the arms of God on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Vincent Beckman grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio where he attended St. Xavier High School. He received a B.A. from Notre Dame University, a Masters in Sociology from University of Chicago and a J.D. from Northwestern University which led him to a distinguished career in Law. Devoted to social justice, he helped organize community development projects as a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru (1966-68) and worked with the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) in Puerto Rico from 1969-70 as a VISTA Volunteer. He also did earthquake relief in Peru with the Peace Corps (1970), where he met Carmen Julia Linares of Arequipa, who was the love of his life and who became his wife of 45 years.

Back in Chicago, Vince taught ESL classes at Chicago City Colleges (1971) and taught sociology at YMCA Community College (1971-73). While in law school he worked at the Northwestern Legal Clinic (1971-74). He joined the firm of Zeitlin & Schwab (1974-75), and then worked with Legal Aid Foundation Chicago (LAF) as a staff attorney in the Migrant Project (1975-77). In 1977 Vince accepted a position as Executive Director of Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project, where he remained for seven years. He returned to LAF in 1984 as a staff attorney and later served as Supervisory Attorney of the Migrant Project (1985 to 2009). Vince had very substantial experience in the area of federal litigation and was fluent in Spanish and English.

Vincent Beckman lived a full life of service to his beloved farm workers, seasonal workers and Latino immigrants. After leaving state employment, he continued this service by co-founding a non-profit called Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project, aka FLAP (Ayuda para Trabajadores del Campo y Jardineros). This organization has served thousands and continues to make an impact on the community.

Vince was also devoted to his family and spent countless hours with his loved ones on the shores of Lake Michigan. In addition, he had a passion for food, especially Peruvian cuisine. He helped with the successful opening of two Peruvian inspired restaurants in Chicago: Tanta and Arbella, which continue to thrive.

We were so fortunate to have known him and will forever be grateful for all that he achieved and the impact he had on Latino immigrant communities. Vince will live on in the hearts and minds of the many people he touched and through FLAP. May he rest in peace.

Vincent is survived by his wife Carmen L. Beckman, his three children Veronica C. Beckman, Vincent H. Beckman IV, Angela C. Beckman; his three grandchildren Donovan E. Baker, Aiden V. Beckman, and Elle M. Adams; and siblings Peter, Chris, Ed, Betsy and Julie Beckman.

For those who would like to pay their respects, there will be a mass for Mr. Beckman on August 10th at 11:00 AM at St. Peter's Church in Douglas, MI. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to FLAP: <http://www.flapillinois.org/donate/> In Memory of Vince: 20th Anniversary Celebration and the 9th Beckman Farmworker Advocate of the Year Fundraiser.

Please join the FLAP Board of Directors and Staff in celebrating the life and work of Attorney Vincent Beckman III and Honoring Margo De Ley, FLAP Co-Founders and Honorary Board Members.

Let's have a beer in Memory of Vince and on behalf of Latino low-income hard workers on Monday, August 12th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lagunitas Brewing Chicago - Lagunitas (2607 West 17th Street, Chicago) at the 20th Anniversary Celebration and the 9th Beckman Farmworker Advocate of the Year Fundraiser.

For information about sponsoring the night and/or giving a donation please visit: <http://www.flapillinois.org/20th-anniversary-beckman-awards/> For more information, please visit dykstrafuneralhome.com

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Bell, Douglas W

Douglas W. Bell, 77 of Evanston, IL. Died Saturday, July 27, 2019. He was born February 15, 1942 in Chicago, IL. Loving son of the late Chester W. and Peggy L. (nee Winterton) Bell. Beloved brother of Jack (Marie) Bell. Fond uncle of Ken Bell, Dan Bell, and Cheryl (Don) Stolarick and great-uncle of Tyler and Audrey Bell and David and Ryan Stolarick. Doug spent his entire career working at Aon. The family would like to especially thank the doctor, nurses, and staff at Hillcrest Nursing Center and Heartland Hospice for all their compassionate and caring support. In lieu, donations are appreciated in Doug's memory to the Sedol Foundation Autism Family Cares, ATTN: Ann, 18160 Gages Lake Rd., Gages Lake, IL 60030. Interment and services will be private. Arrangements entrusted to STRANG FUNERAL HOME OF ANTIOCH, 1055 Main St. Antioch, IL 60002. INFO 847-395-4000 or www.strangffh.com.

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Boyle, Brian Robert

Brian Robert Boyle died unexpectedly following a fall at home in Phoenix, Arizona, June 28, 2019. He was 68 yrs old. He was a graduate of Resurrection Grammar School and St. Mel's High School. He was a lover of cars and Harley Davidson motorcycles all his life and a loyal member of the DOBERS Club in Phoenix. He had a knack for repair work. He retired after 30 years with American Airlines. He loved dogs; had a gentle soul; a fiery temper and complicated relationships with those who loved him the most.

His Dad's father, Thomas Boyle, immigrated from Ireland, via Canada to Chicago and raised his son and family in a red brick two flat on Chicago's West Side in the early 1900's. Brian was a Boy Scout and a Boy Scout Troop Leader and participated actively in the Mormon Church for a period of time. He maintained friendships with several Chicago West Side neighborhood boys all his life. He was predeceased by his father John Joseph Boyle and Elaine Shutner Boyle of Chicago. He will be sadly missed by his sister Marilyn Boyle of San Francisco, Ca; his beloved daughters Brieetta and Arleona Boyle of Phoenix; his present wife Andrea Borough and stepdaughter Katrina Borough of Phoenix; previous marriages to Wyzetta Hensley of Phoenix and LuAnn Kanak of Chicago.

A "Celebration of Life" was on July 21, 2019. In lieu of flowers, condolences can be sent to oceanreamer100@hotmail.com

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Brady, Florence Hazel

Florence Hazel Brady, nee Sellars, nee Burditt, went on to her next adventure on June 30, 2019. Born in 1912, she began her life in a dugout in Oklahoma territory and ended her days in a Chicago high rise. She saw the Colombian exposition and Skywing with her granddaughter. She was a longtime member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Independence, KS and St. Chrysostom's in Chicago. She was preceded in passing by husbands Walter Sellars and Ralph (Mike) Brady, and her daughter Sondra Sellars. She is survived by daughter Sue G'sell, granddaughter Brady G'sell, and great granddaughter Isla Seaman G'sell. Remembrances can be sent to the Chicago Children's Choir. She will be celebrated at the Admiral at the Lake, 2-4pm, August 25. Information: ELEMETS, the cremation company, 855.550.5151.

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Brown, Bettie D.

Bettie D. Brown, age 91; Beloved daughter of the late Andrew and the late Freda; Dear sister of the late Gordon "Buddy" Brown; Caring aunt and devoted friend of many; Memorial Visitation Wednesday, Aug. 7th from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. with a Memorial Service beginning at 12:30 p.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. Info. 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com

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Budziszewski, Jan

Jan Budziszewski of Chicago died June 6th after a brief but intense illness. Jan was born April 4th 1944 in Racine, Wisconsin to Wesley and Esther (Charnowski). Jan attended Drake University where he competed in the Drake Relays. During free time Jan fed his competitive spirit with both 2- and 4-wheel motor racing, where he achieved track champion status at multiple Midwestern dirt tracks in motorcycle, midget and sprint race car competition. After graduating from Drake University with a BA in Journalism, Jan served his country as a mechanic in the US Agency for International Development in Peru. In 1970, Jan came back to the Midwest to re-start his racing career. That career was cut short in 1973 due to an on-track crash after which he decided to devote all his attention to family and community reinvestment. Jan graduated from George Williams College, now Aurora University, with a Masters in Social Work. Jan worked with a number of organizations throughout his social service career including Howell House, Casa Aztlan, the Illinois Institute for Juvenile Research, and Cicero Community Mental Health Center. Jan was instrumental in designing several groundbreaking community restoration programs which were replicated in underserved communities. Jan is survived by his devoted family: his wife Laurie Sedio, children Delia, Alexai, Victoria, and Nikolai, and grandchildren Elena, Julian, Desmond, and Daniel Jude

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Buehler, Renata Elizabeth

Renata Elizabeth Buehler of Wilmette passed away peacefully on July 29, 2019. She was born in Evanston, Illinois on October 7, 1957 to Mignon Buehler and Raif Johnston. Renata attended Evanston Township High School and graduated from Lake Forest High School. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Arizona. From her gallery to her floral designs and gardening, Renata helped others find rich beauty in the world. She was devoted to her children and took every opportunity to be a part of their lives. She is remembered lovingly as an animated soccer coach, active room mother, and creative arts program volunteer. Renata will be sadly missed and joyfully remembered by her children Francesca (Stephen) Fydenkevez and Grant Terzakis, mother Mignon Buehler, brother Eric, dear friend Jennifer Anderson, and many others. Renata is preceded in death by her father and brother Paul. Her life will be celebrated in a private family service. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990



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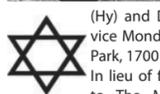
Callahan, Kathryn E.

Kathryn E. Callahan, age 73, of Berwyn, beloved wife of Daniel F. O'Connor Jr., and loving mother of Daniel F. O'Connor III, died on July 6, 2019, after a long illness. Predeceased by her parents, Kathryn Beckerley Callahan and John M. Callahan, Sr. and brother John M. Callahan, Jr. Survived by siblings Ginny Callahan, Diane (Frank) Mastny, Marianne Callahan (Dan Baldwin), and Robert (Sharon) Callahan, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. A Celebration of Life will take place on Sat., Aug. 10, 2019 from 1PM to 4PM. Please email CelebrateKathy2019@gmail.com for information and directions.

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Cohn, Irv

Irv Cohn, 90, beloved husband and best friend of Joanne (nee Michel), happily married for 60 years. Son of Minnie and Morris. Fond son-in-law of Belle and Al Michel. Loving father of Steve (Robyn) and Lori (Bruce) Ovit. Adored Grandpa of Alex (Anna, fiancée), Jorie (Yehudah) Sunshine and Tony Cohn, Kim and Brynn Ovit. Cherished Zayde of great grandchildren Benny and Ari. Brother of Evelyn (Hy) and Dorothy (Marvin). Graveside service Monday 12 Noon at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (www.michaeljfox.org). For information and condolences, Shalom Memorial Funeral Home 847.255.3520 or www.shalom2.com



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DiBenedetto, Pasquale

Pasquale DiBenedetto, Age 87. Beloved husband of Caterina nee Santucci. Loving father of Mary (Michael) Krutz, Frank (Caryn), Robert (Dara) and Linda DiBenedetto. Cherished grandfather of Kelly (Mike) Gunsteen, Jamie & Christina Krutz, Frank A. & Anthony J. DiBenedetto. Great grandfather of Owen & Abigail Gunsteen. Dear brother of Alfredo (late Antoinette) DiBenedetto. Fond uncle and friend of many. Visitation Tuesday Aug. 6 from 3 to 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Wednesday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Rosalie Church, Harwood Heights for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Immaculate Heart of Mary Mausoleum, All Saints Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com



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Elischer, Elsie Britt

Elsie Britt Elischer, 97, formerly of Chicago, Glen Ellyn and St. Patrick's Residence in Naperville, passed away July 31, 2019. Born in Stockholm, Sweden, June 24, 1922, Elsie immigrated to the U.S. with her parents. She was preceded in death by Willard, her beloved husband of 65 years. She was the loving mother of Janet Elischer, Carol Elischer, and Elizabeth (Greg) Scheet and generous grandma to Erica (Tom) Foley, Matthew Scheet, Maria (Ray) Theron, Theresa Scheet, and Alek Newton. Elsie filled her life with family and friends. She enjoyed playing and watching golf, swimming, bowling, playing bridge, sewing, reading mysteries, and sneaking cookies and chocolates to her grandchildren. Visitation will be Wednesday, August 7 at 9:00 AM, with 10:00 AM Mass of the Resurrection in the chapel of St. Patrick's Residence, 1400 Brookdale Rd, Naperville. Interment at Forest Hill Cemetery, St. Charles Rd and Riford Rd, Glen Ellyn. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. For information call **Leonard Memorial Home** of Glen Ellyn at 630-469-0032.

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Gioia, Vincent Anthony

Vincent Anthony Gioia, formerly of Westmont. Loving father of Dr. Anthony (Leilani Vanta) Gioia and Lori (John) D'Anza; dear grandfather of Brianna and Ellie Gioia and Gina D'Anza; devoted son of the late: Anthony and Antoinette Gioia of Bellwood; fond brother of Ken (Heidi) Gioia and the late Janice (Tom) Dalesandro. Visitation Sunday 3:00 - 8:00 pm at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Funeral service Monday 10:30 a.m. at funeral home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Vince was an avid animal lover and opened his home to many German Shepherds over the years. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Vincent's name to Simply Shepherds Rescue in Crestwood, IL or an animal shelter of your choice. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Groble, George William "Bill"

George William "Bill" Groble, 83, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, husband of Marilyn Zeilbeck Groble entered into eternal rest Friday, August 2, 2019. His Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, August 9, 2019 in Christ Our King Catholic Church, 1149 Russell Drive, Mt. Pleasant, SC at 11:00 am. Interment will be private. The family will receive friends following the service at the home of their daughter, Beth. Arrangements by J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. Mount Pleasant Chapel.

Bill was born January 31, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois, son of the late Raymond Hugo Groble and the late Helen Anthony Dunn Groble. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Groble of Mt. Pleasant, SC; children, Donald Groble of Illinois, Beth Booth of Sullivan's Island, SC, Mary Boehland (Birney) of Florida, Bill Groble (Chris) of New Jersey, Carrie Richter (Kirk) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, twelve grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Therese Monaghan and Marion Madden, both of Illinois. of Mount Pleasant, SC. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Julie Ann Groble and nine siblings. If you were lucky enough to know "Billy" as his sisters and oldest pals knew him, then you knew he was the most fun, funny, loving, warm and generous father, brother and friend. Walking the streets of downtown Chicago with him was like being in a small town, everyone wanted to stop him and catch some of his positive energy. The stuff of legend, such a good high school football player at St. Ignatius, that his Coach asked him where he wanted to play College ball in 1953, he said "Notre Dame", and one telephone call to legendary Coach Frank Leahy later, he had a scholarship, and ended up blocking for Heisman Trophy winners. Not enough space to list all of his accomplishments in life, but he had a lifetime of fun with his teammates and friends and was active in works of charity. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Standing Tall Charitable Foundation, 1100 N. River Road - The Villa, Des Plaines, IL 60016. A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.jhenrystuh.com.

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Hansen, Florence

Florence Hansen, nee Mazzuca, of Hillside, age 96. Beloved wife of the late William Hansen; loving mother of Roger (Becky) Hansen, Corinne (Ken) Glassman, Linda (Robert) Latelle and the late William Hansen; proud grandmother of 11; great-grandmother of 13 and great-great-grandmother of four; dear sister of Marge and the late Evelyn and Lorraine. Services private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Hartsell, George D.

George D. Hartsell. Veteran U.S. Air Force Korean War. Retired Deputy Chief C.F.D. Beloved husband of Joni, nee Laski. Loving father of Leslie Hartsell and Lynn Cheek. Dearest Papa of Shannon, Rob, Courtney, Matthew and Rachael.

Dear Great Papa of Elijah. Dear brother of Robert (Joan) and the late Ralph, Patricia, Janet, Bruce and Douglas. Loving brother-in-law of Lori Gregg. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 am from **Malec & Sons Funeral Home**, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave. to St. Juliana Church. Mass 10:00 am. Visitation Monday 3:00 - 9:00 am. (773) 774-4100. Malec&SonsFH.com

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Hatch, Jean T.

Jean T. Hatch, passed away in her 100th year; loving wife of the late Edward; beloved mother of Nikki (Robert) Munch, Debbie (Terry) Green and Jill (Morgan) Cragin; cherished grandmother of Douglas (Kibben) and Thomas (Angela) Rumohr, Christopher (Jenna) Green, Courtney (Nathan) Millholland, Heather (Giovanni) Buonsante, Kerry (Nick) Biskelonis and Madeline Cragin; great grandmother of 14. Memorial Service 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 10th at Oak Trace Chapel, 250 Village Drive, Downers Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations to infant Welfare Society appreciated. For funeral info: **Modell Funeral Home**, (630) 852-3595 or www.modell-darien.com

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Hecht, Marvin

Marvin Hecht, 92. Beloved husband of Renee (née Feldman); devoted father of Jacqueline, Gineen and Linda (Peter) Karmin; cherished grandfather of Charlie, Katie, William and Dusty; Dani and Andrew; caring brother of Marlene Dunn; loving uncle of many. Marvin was proud to serve in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II. He attended Northwestern University and Northern Illinois University. He worked in the toy business for decades and was the proud owner of Cut Rate Toys in Chicago. He loved his work so much that he came out of retirement several times, eventually opening a store with the proceeds going to charity. His second love was umpiring and baseball. He worked in the minor leagues, but his big thrill was officiating several major league games. He was a passionate musician who played classical piano concerts for charity. Funeral service Tuesday, Aug. 6, 10 AM, at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Rd, Glencoe. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to North Shore Congregation Israel, www.nsci.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Higgins, William P.

William P. Higgins, Veteran of the U.S. Army, 92 of Chicago, IL, Dear Husband of the late Florence (nee Phelan) for 62 wonderful years; Loving Father of Patrick J. (Sarah E. Edwards) of Nashville, Mary Regina Higgins (Randall E.) Reither, William J. (Cynthia J. Kraft) Higgins and Eileen T. Higgins; Beloved Son of late Patrick J. and late Helen (nee Cummings) Higgins, passed away on August 1, 2019. He was preceded in death by his sister Patricia (Matthew Keane), his brothers Charles (Mary Rita), John "Jack" (Dorothy), James (Winifred) and Gerald Higgins. He is survived by his sister-in-laws Cynthia Higgins, Joyce Phelan and Patricia Phelan. Loving Papa to William, Lillian and Clay Higgins; Charles, Capt. Daniel, USMC, Robert and Scott Reither; and Bridget, Caitlin (fiance Jason Brown) and Jack Higgins. Fond Uncle of many Higgins and Phelan Nieces and Nephews. Bill was a graduate of St. Angela School, Fenwick High School where he was "All State in Football 1944"; and Notre Dame University; a football player on the 1949 Notre Dame National Championship Team and a Leahy Lad, a former member of the Stewart's Club, 37th Ward Organization, 38 Regular Democratic Ward Organization under the Cullerton Family, a lector, parish council member and extraordinary minister at Our Lady Mother of the Church and St. Angela Parish. Bill coached football at both Fenwick High School and St. Angela Parish and was a Junior Great Books leader at St. Angela. Bill loved Florence, Family, Football and Food and most importantly his Faith. He was a Realty Appraiser and Insurance Agent and preached that you are never to old to tough it out and learn something new. Visitation Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 3:00 to 8:00 PM at Cumberland Chapels (FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS) 8300 W Lawrence Avenue Norridge, IL. Funeral Services Begin Monday 9:30 AM at Cumberland Chapels and will proceed to Our Lady Mother of the Church. Funeral Mass is at 10:30 AM. Interment with Military Honors, All Saints Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Big Shoulders Fund for Catholic Education, 212 W. Van Buren St., Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60607 (312-751-8337), Fenwick High School, 505 Washington Blvd, Oak Park, IL 60302 (708-948-0350) or Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60660 (773-973-6300). Info: cumberlandchapels.com or 708/456-8300



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Holland, Louanne

Louanne Holland (nee Moloney), age 83, passed away on July 11, 2019 after a lengthy illness. She was at home surrounded by her husband (Bill), her children (Jeff and Stacey) and their spouses (Alison and Chris) and her grandchildren. It was not unusual for these close knit Illinois and California families to be at Louanne's bedside during her final days because they have never been apart over Christmas holidays and Spring breaks. Louanne graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and received her Masters Degree in Education from Stanford University. She was President of the University of California chapter of Delta Gamma Sorority. After graduation, she taught high school in Long Beach, California for two years and then moved to Kenilworth, Illinois where she devoted two years to the United Way. One of the earliest leaders of the Chicago Foundation for Education, Louanne devoted 33 years of volunteer service assisting Chicago Public School teachers in their efforts to enhance the classroom experience and ultimately the lives of their students. She was named a Life Trustee of the Chicago Foundation for Education in 2017. Louanne's love of music and the theater led her through every season of the Chicago Symphony, Lyric Opera, Shakespeare Theater, and the Goodman theater, attending with Bill or friends of hers for over 30 years. She was a member of the Fortnightly of Chicago. A letter to the family from one of Louanne's dear friends described her as "a talented athlete with excellent tennis and paddle skills who added a great deal to her investment and current events groups, her discussion club, book club, film group among others." Her leadership extended to the Presidency of the Junior League of Evanston which she joined in 1965. Another life long friend wrote: "Louanne was accomplished, admired and adored, always smiling, accessible to her friends, so humble in her achievements, such fun to be around and how grateful so many of us were to share her life and times." She was called "Kitchen" by her oldest grandson when he was two years old because that was where he knew he could find her. So now she is Kitchy to Grandsons Kent, John and Drew who grew up in Orinda, California and to Granddaughters Hannah, Sarah and Leah who grew up in Kenilworth, Illinois. Kitchy will always be among them as the family continues to gather each year in the places she knew and loved. A celebration of Louanne's life will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Kenilworth. For those wishing to donate in Louanne's honor, in lieu of flowers please direct gifts to the Church of the Holy Comforter, 222 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, Illinois 60043 or the Chicago Foundation for Education, 641 West Lake Street, Suite 200, Chicago, Illinois 60661. Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Hosty, Robert E.

Robert E. Hosty, Sr., age 70, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2019 surrounded by family in their shared lakeside home in Coloma, MI, his favorite place. A lifelong resident of River Forest, IL, he attended St. Luke Grammar School and Fenwick High School. He is joyfully reunited with his son Robert Emmett Hosty, Jr. and his parents Joan (nee Ryan) and Thomas E. Hosty, Jr. He is survived by his daughter Alice Hosty, siblings Thomas E. III (Susan), Lawrence (Nancy), PJ (Kathleen), Terrence (Ellen), John (Lissa) and Della Marie Hosty, former spouse Peggy Cullerton Hosty, and a close clan of relatives and loyal friends. He will always be missed and remembered for the good times and loads of laughter he shared. Memorial Visitation will be from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in River Forest, IL with Mass immediately to follow at 5:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia/Heart of Mercy Village or Starfire Cincy would be appreciated. Info. 708-366-2200 or www.ZimmermanHarnett.com.

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Hutchison, Irene B.

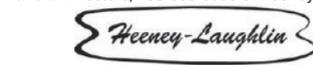
Irene B. Hutchison, 93, quietly passed away this week and will now be reunited with her parents, Peter and Katherine, her husband, Al, and her sisters, Olga and Helen. Irene is lovingly survived by daughter Catherine (Kevin), son Thomas (Megan), grandchildren Jack, Hugh and Maggie and nephew Ed, nieces Chris and Carol, and their families. Visitation Monday, August 5th, 4-8p.m. at the **Countryside Funeral Home & Crematory**, 333 S. Roselle Rd., Roselle. Funeral Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Burial Elmwood Cemetery. 630-529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com



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Jacques, James R.

James R. Jacques, Age 86, Born into Eternal Life on July 15, 2019. Beloved husband of Mary Catherine (nee Carroll) for 32 years. Loving father of Kevin (Laura) Jacques, Vanessa (Sean) Smith, Jason (Oleyna) Jacques, the late Jennifer Jacques, and stepfather of Michael (Jennifer) Perlongo. Proud grandfather of Rachel, Lara, Katherine, Stephen, Phillip, Kai, Aya, Daniel, and Ryan. Dear great grandfather of Mason and Ryder. Jim wrote his own rules and paved his own way. He attacked life and kissed it. He had a firm understanding of what was important. Jim is fondly remembered for his long entertaining stories which he loved to share. Graduate of Emory University, and Retired Marketing Representative for IBM. Family and friends will meet at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL on Monday, August 5, 2019 for memorial visitation 10:00am-12:00 Noon. Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 Noon. Private Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Christ the King School Foundation are most appreciated. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com



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Jeppsen, Betty Rae

Betty Rae Jeppsen (nee Whitcomb), age 88, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family and friends, on July 31, 2019. Betty was born in Brooklyn, NY, to Ray and Mary Whitcomb, December 4, 1930. In 1944 the family moved to Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. Betty met Ken Jeppsen while both were attending Iowa State University, the two married on March 6, 1953 in Chicago. Betty worked at the Pentagon during Ken's service in the Korean War, followed by work as a teacher in Cicero, IL. For most of her life, Betty was a homemaker, volunteer, tennis player, local history buff, and ultimately, a Master Gardener — a talent that lead to awards and recognition, especially for her gardens at Kline Creek Farm. Betty and Ken lived for 60+ years in the house they built in Northwoods, West Chicago. Betty was a very active member of Gary United Methodist Church, volunteering for plays, activities, and committees, teaching Sunday school, and participating in bible studies and other groups. Betty was preceded in death by her husband Ken, and her brother Logan, is survived by her children David (Tracey), Susie (Richard) Kurlinski, and Amy (Mitchell) Stern, and grandchildren Alex, Arianna, Ian, Andy, Nathaniel, Tony, Zachary, Ella, and Eli. Funeral service will be held at Gary United Methodist Church, 224 N. Main Street, Wheaton, IL, at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 10. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Gary United Methodist Church, www.garychurch.org.

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Joseph, Sylvia A.

Sylvia A. Joseph, nee Scharff, Beloved wife of the late Burton. Loving mother of Ellen (the late Alfred) DiStefano, Vicki (David Burnham) Joseph, and Alan Joseph. Dear sister of Nathan Scharff and sister in law of the late Shirley Joseph. Cherished aunt of Kathy Gaval and Lysie (Steve) Bright. Sylvia was a member of the senior theater troupe, Still Acting Up, in Skokie, for more than a decade. She loved performing — singing and dancing — in the troupe's original musical productions. Other than her family, performing with the Still Acting Up troupe was one of her greatest joys in life. For the final year of her life, Sylvia received loving care from Armede Lambey and Esther Adeniseun, her caregivers. The family will always be grateful for the love, kindness, and exceptional care they showed Sylvia, especially in the last months of her life. Service Tuesday, August 6th at 1 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. Memorials in her memory to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.



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Jurney, Spencer H

Spencer H. Jurney, age 90, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 in his home in Prescott, Arizona surrounded by his loving family. He was born to Spencer and Margaret (Kline) Jurney. Spence was a member of the Air Force and loyal employee of the United States Postal Service. He was survived in death by his second wife, Elizabeth (FitzPatrick) Jurney, sister Mary Margaret Phares, son's Chuck Nelson, Tom Jurney, and John Jurney, and daughter's Cathie Kuzur and Norma Wakefield, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. Spencer will forever be remembered as a loving, thoughtful, humorous person, loved by all who he came into contact with.

Funeral services will be held at St Mary's Catholic Church 1012 Lake St, Evanston, IL at 10:00am on Saturday, August 10, 2019.

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Karch, Richard George

Richard George Karch, age 84 of Hillside, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on August 1, 2019. Loving husband of the late Barbara Ann Karch, nee Zaworski. Loving father of Sheri (Timothy) Forhan, Susan (Timothy) Griffin, Richard (Elaine) Karch, and Shelly (John) LeGere. Loving grandfather of Rick (Brandi), Ryan (Jessie), Chris, Anthony, Justin (Janet), Jackie (Eric), Caitlin, Tim, Elizabeth (Nathan), Bob, Andrew (Cassie), Angela, and Annie. Loving great grandfather of Sophie, Sawyer, Stella and Avery. He will be missed by many. We will love you always. Funeral prayers Monday August 5, 9:15 AM from **Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home** 17W201 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace to St. Domitilla Catholic Church 4940 W. Washington St., Hillside for 10 AM Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 5 PM to 8 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Annie LeGere Foundation/www.amazingannie.org. Info. (630) 941-5860.



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Karzas, Byron C.

Byron C. Karzas died at the age of 93 on July 31, 2019, under Hospice care, comforted by his family. He struggled with Alzheimer's for many years, and spent the last 4 years in Memory Care. He was a devoted and loving husband and father; Byron is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Diane (nee Stathas), and daughter, Mary Kay Karzas (Warren Reiss).

He was preceded in death by mother, Kakkia Kakoyanni Karzas Smainis, stepfather, George Smainis, father, Andrew Karzas, who was the developer of the Chicago Aragon and Trianon Ballrooms, and brother, William.

Byron served in the Navy, 1944-46, at Pearl Harbor, as a radio engineer on submarines. After service he attended California Institute of Technology, graduating in 1949 with a degree in Applied Chemistry.

Returning to Chicago after Caltech, he joined the family Ballroom business as Assistant Secretary of the Aragon Ballroom. He enjoyed having the opportunity to know many of the renowned Big Band Leaders, watching some (for example, Wayne King and the Dorsey Brothers) develop into legendary careers.

After marrying in 1952, he worked for North Shore Gas Company, beginning in 1953. He then joined Duff & Phelps, INC in 1956, becoming a Chartered Financial Analyst & Professional Engineer; ultimately serving as Vice President (since 1967) and Secretary until his retirement in 1987.

Byron was known for his quiet wit and sense of humor; he was a genuine and kind gentleman. He was an enthusiastic traveler, wine connoisseur, tennis player, and Bridge player. He was happy to don his formal attire and dance, having grown up in the Ballroom business and the Big Band era. He was a lifelong sports fan, following especially the Cubs, the Chicago Bears and Northwestern Football.

Memorial service on Friday, August 16, at 11:00 AM, The Church of The Holy Spirit, Lake Forest. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Caltech "Blacker House Endowment", 1200 E. California Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91125. (www.caltech.edu). Info. **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest** www.RTFunerals.com or (847) 234-9649



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Kelly, Joseph P.

Joseph P. Kelly, retired Captain, Chicago Police Department 9th District, age 71 of Chicago. Loving brother of Nancy (Jim) Ferenzi, Mike (Debbie), Susan (the late Jack) McCann and the late Eddie (Nancy). Beloved son of the late Joseph P. Kelly, Sr. (retired Lieutenant CFD) and Jean Kelly, nee Phillips. Joe had a spirit and love for helping and guiding others in life. He proudly served as Liquor Commissioner under the late Mayor Jane Byrne 1979-1984. He led the Chicago Gangs Crime Unit. In 1989 Joe opened Intellex Security which is still in operation today. Joe married his high school sweetheart Carol, nee Campagna. Carol was his soul mate and anchor in life. Joe was an outstanding father to Brian (Lori) and Kevin. A loving grandfather to Gianna, Ryan and Claire. Friends remember Joe's larger than life personality, his loving and nurturing nature, big smile and optimistic view on life. He wanted to make the world a better and safer place and loved to protect others. Friends and family will be greeted at Visitation Monday August 5, 2019 from 3 P.M. to time of St. Jude Service at 8 P.M. and Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 8:45 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 A.M. to St. Francis Xavier Church, La Grange. Mass 10 A.M. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. Memorials appreciated to The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University; Development & Alumni Relations, 420 E. Superior St., Arthur J. Rubloff Building 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Ketchum, Margaret E.

Margaret E. Ketchum nee Bergmann. Beloved wife of Alden A. Ketchum. Loving mother of David A. Ketchum, Donald E. (Norma) Ketchum & Lynne M. (Mark) Trojanowski. Cherished grandmother of Megan (Dennis) Borbely, Nicholas (Jillian) Trojanowski, Christina (Max) Wichmer, Elise (Tanner) Jones, Ryan (Amber) Ketchum & Katie (Chris) Perry. Proud great grandmother of Dylan, Jaxson, Aiden, Bria, Callen, Mykela, Owen & Gwen. Dear sister of Ernie (Romula) Bergmann. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral service Wednesday, Lying in State at Faith Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Melvina in Oak Lawn from 9:00 am with Service at 10:00 am. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Lederer, Noel Kenny

Noel Kenny Lederer, born June 20, 1934, went into the arms of the Lord and Blessed Mother on August 3, 2019. Noel is the daughter of the late Edward A. and the late Ruth B. Kenny, survived by her husband, William Lederer and her sister Lynne Ratner. Noel and her beloved husband were married for 64 years. Together they raised 7 children; Theresa

Magee (David), Lynne Palmer (Tim), Lolly Connolly (John), William Lederer, Jr. (Mary), Edward Lederer (Sabrina), Noel Blackburn (Jim) and Angela Civik (TJ). Noel took great pleasure and pride in her 17 grandchildren, David, Caitlin, Allie, Meghan, Jack, Maggie, Kathryn, Erin, Will, Kate, Joan, Amelia, Cole, Faye, Anna, Quinn, Tommy, and her great grandson, Gio. Noel also leaves behind a wonderful community of friends, many of whom she had known all her life. Noel was the dedicated manager of Char Crews of Wilmette for over 13 years and served on the boards of Misericordia, The American Hearing Research Foundation and Northwest Suburban Friends of Refugees. Noel was devoted to her faith and was an active parishioner at St. Paul of the Cross and Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Noel's first and foremost priority was her family. Noel will be dearly missed as she was a constant source of love and joy. Visitation, Monday, August 5th, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass, Tuesday, August 6th, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment private, All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia, 6300 Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 or Our Lady of Perpetual help Church (note Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund on memo line) and mail to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Parish Ministry Center, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com



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Lowenthal, Joanne

Joanne Lowenthal, nee Scudella, 72. Beloved wife of the late Brian; caring stepmother of Lesli (David) Chenelle and Wendi Ewalt; treasured "catmom" of Jack; proud stepgrandmother of Nicole, Leslie, Alexi, and Todd; loving sister-in-law of Larry (Jan) Lowenthal and Gene (Linda) Lowenthal; will be missed by Noah, Sarah, John, and extended family and friends. A celebration of life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to PAWS, www.pawschicago.org, or the Humane Society, www.humanesociety.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Mahoney, George Edward

On July 22; preceded in death by his wife, Myra (nee Rasmussen) Mahoney, his parents, Cecil and Amanda (nee Hagen) Mahoney, his sister June Noonan, his brothers Raymond Mahoney, Earl Mahoney and Richard Mahoney, and his grandson, Brendan Mahoney. He is survived by his loving children: Steven (Sally Swiss), Laura, Kate and Brian (Dr. Kathleen) and five grandsons: Colin, Clark, Dylan, Mark and Dr. Reid Mahoney. George served in the US Army during the Korean conflict. He was stationed in Alaska where he managed munitions. George spent his career in the precision tool & die industry, including serving as the CEO of GEM Spring. During his retirement, George honed his skills as a successful day trader, looking forward each morning to the opening bell of the New York Stock Exchange. Well known for his playfulness and wonderful sense of humor, George was also an engaging storyteller. He was an avid bowler who took pride in the many years he coached youth in the Saturday morning youth program at Wood Dale Bowl and in rolling a 300 game surrounded by some of his favorite bowlers. For those who would like to make a memorial gift, the family supports two nonprofits: Elastic Arts at 3429 W Diversey, Chicago, IL 60647 (elasticarts.org) and the Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute, 325 N. Wells, Chicago, IL 60654 (naomicoheninstitute.org).

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Main, Merrill McKee 'Mac'

Merrill McKee Main "Mac" age 79, died at home on July 29. Mac was born November 12, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois, to Merrill Martin Main and Frances McKee Main. Survivors include his wife of 55 years Sandra Quickenden Main and their two children Michele Main Valenzia (John), granddaughter Grace Valenzia, and Mark (Adrienne) Main, and grandchildren Ella, Luke, Nora, Sara, Tess, and Sean Main. Celebration of life services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates remembrances to the Park Ridge Community Fund, 15. Northwest Hwy, Lower level, Park Ridge, IL 60068, or Rainbow Hospice, 1550 Bishop Court, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056, or to a charity of the friend's choosing. Funeral information, www.ryan-parke.com.



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Malz, Rosalyn J

Rosalyn J Malz nee Schickel 91 of Niles was born on November 22, 1927 to the late Frank and late Elizabeth Schickel and passed away July 30, 2019. Rosalyn was the beloved wife of Nicholas Malz; loving mother of Kathy Conley and Linda (Burt) Bucher; caring grandmother of Kurt (Ashley) Conley, Laura (Randy) Cohen, Katie (Kevin Grobart) Kirschke, Christopher Conley and Mary (Stephen) Pursche; devoted great grandmother of Lucas, Jace, Charlotte, Olin, Alice, Kai, Emma and Hazel; dear sister of Carol (late Joseph) Prang and the late Steve Schickel; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday August 6 from 3-8pm at Oehler Funeral Home 2099 Miner St. Des Plaines, IL. Prayers will be said Wednesday August 7 at 9:15am at the funeral home and proceed to St. John Brebeuf Catholic Church 8307 N Harlem Niles IL. Mass 10am. Interment St Joseph Cemetery. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Matlak, Priscilla

Priscilla Gordon Matlak passed on August 1, 2019 in her own home. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Theodore "Ted" Matlak. Stoic until the end, Priscilla faced cancer with the strength and practicality with which she lived her life. She is survived by her children, former Alderman Ted Matlak (32 nd) and Alyse Goodwin (Nick), and grandchildren, Arden, Gunner, Emily and Aubrey, as well as many relatives and her lifelong friend and defacto sister, Jean Anderson. Priscilla devoted her life to the noble and loving purpose of family, ensuring that her children received the formal education that eclipsed her. Her life was a master class in caretaking, homemaking, generosity and resilience. If your mother is half the mother that Priscilla Matlak was, you are truly blessed. Visitation for Priscilla is 9:00 am on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at St. Hedwig Catholic Church, 2226 N. Hoyme, Chicago, IL 60647. Funeral mass follows at 10:30 am.



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McCann, Ronald J

Born on July 18, 1936 and died on July 29th, 2019. Ronald Joseph McCann died peacefully on July 29th, under the loving care of his family. He was a man who had passion, compassion, purpose, and unwavering dedication to his family. He faithfully and doggedly pursued a better life for his family, his church and every American worker who faced harsh or unsafe working conditions. His fearless and free spirit served to inspire all those around him. His desire to serve came early as he embraced the vocation of the priesthood and attended Quigley North Seminary. After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the Army and served for 2 years as an Army Specialist stationed in Germany. Upon returning to the US, he married the love of his life, Patricia Holly and pursued his educational dreams of getting his undergraduate degree and also going to law school. He graduated from DePaul with a degree in the Philosophy of History and then attended De Paul law school at night. Taking his education to the workplace, he was recruited out of industry to be one of the first Area Directors for the newly formed Federal Government agency, The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). His desire to protect workers in the workplace was a true calling and passion of his right up until his retirement. He received several awards for his service, was a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and received a certificate from Harvard University in Public Health. He leaves his wife, Patricia (nee Holly) McCann, children Kathleen (Brian) Battle, Maureen McCann and Peter Bulmer, Kevin (Cindy) McCann, Brian (Mary) McCann, Eileen McCann and Brad Derthick, and Patrick McCann. He also leaves 17 grandchildren: Brendan and Delaney Battle; Katie and Johnny Sreenan; Rachael, Matthew, and Rebecca McCann; Bridget, Molly, Meghan, Bailey, Timmy, and Darryl McCann; Shannon and Spencer Derthick; and Finnegan and Maddie McCann. He was preceded in death by his parents Lee and Marie McCann, his sister Mary Ann LaMore, and his brother Lawrence McCann. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday August 17th at 10:00am at Notre Dame Catholic Church: 64 Norfolk Ave, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for a donation in his name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, which supports research to find a cure for Parkinson's disease. Arrangements by **Drake and Son Funeral Home**.

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McNulty, Janis Ellen

Janis Ellen McNulty, nee Kendall, age 67 of North Riverside. Beloved wife of Michael E. McNulty; loving mother of Michael (Allison) McNulty and the late Matthew (Kimberly) McNulty; dear grandmother of Justin M. McNulty, Kailey S. McNulty, Madysen B. McNulty, Caitlin C. McNulty and Maise A. McNulty, sister of Merrilee (Francisco) Jaimes, Dennis (Barbara) Kendall, Nancy (Edward) Schwarz, Joyce (Richard) Parker, David Kendall and Daniel (Michelle) Kendall; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Gathering Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 10 A.M. to Time of Service 12 P.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home Ltd.** 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Interment Private Woodlawn Cemetery. Information 708-485-2000 or www.hitzemanfuneral.com



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Millner, James

James Millner, 90, of Glenview, passed away July 31, 2019 while at Saint Claire's Hospital, Weston, WI. Beloved husband of the late Betty Millner; loving father of Christopher (Karen) Millner and Lisa (Robert) DeRuiter; cherished grandfather of Justin, Kyle (Shelby) and Megan Millner and Cory (Oana, fiancée) and Andrew DeRuiter; proud great grandfather of Hannah, Avery and Kyle Jr.; dear brother in law of Rose (Bernard) Smith and the late Mary (Charles) Niver; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 2 to 6 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Services and interment will be in Phillipi, West Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Heart Association, Alzheimer's Association or the American Diabetes Association. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Mitchell, Sylvia

Sylvia Mitchell (nee Tompiss), beloved wife of the late Michael Mitchell; Devoted mother of Sansi Mitchell and Michael Mitchell; Loving sister of the late Theodora Tompiss, Dean Tompiss, and Michael Tompiss; Sylvia was a life long member of Medinah Country Club, an avid golfer and ballroom dancer; Fond friend of many. Visitation Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St. (3/4 mile west of Roselle/ Bloomdale Rd.) Roselle, Illinois. Family and friends will meet 9 a.m., Monday morning at Transfiguration of Our Lord Savior Greek Orthodox Chapel (located in Elmwood Cemetery 2905 N. Thatcher Rd. River Grove, IL) for 9:30 a.m. Funeral service. Entombment following service in Mausoleum. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, info: 630-889-1700 or Salernofuneralhomes.com



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Nicholson, Robert F. 'Bobby'

Robert F. "Bobby" Nicholson, 69, of Chicago, died unexpectedly on August 2, 2019. Survived by his partner David Liechty, numerous nieces and nephews, and countless friends. Preceded in death by his parents John Nicholson and Mary Nicholson nee McKenzie; and his siblings Therese Hadel, Babe Dalton, John Nicholson, Jr. and James Nicholson. Bobby's passions included travel, music, theater, softball and everything Cubs and Bears. He will be dearly remembered for entertaining friends with his quick wit. Service info to follow: www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com (773) 472-6300.



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O'Connor, Ann Marie

Age 89, of Shorewood, IL and formerly Mt. Greenwood and Country Club Hills, passed away July 24, 2019. Beloved wife of the late John M. O'Connor; loving mother of Michael (Ann), John (Nancy), and Mary (Brad); devoted grandmother of four; proud great-grandmother of one. She was also a wonderful sister, aunt and cousin. Visitation Monday, August 5, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. until the time of service at 7:30 p.m., at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Rds., Joliet. Interment will be private. For more information, please call (815) 741-5500 or to view a complete obituary please visit www.fredcdames.com



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O'Connor, John Patrick 'Pat'

John Patrick O'Connor, Sr. "Pat", 82 of Huntley, died peacefully, August 2, 2019 with his family by his side. Visitation will be on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 4-8pm at DeFiore Funeral Home-10763 Dundee Road, Huntley. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 10:00am at St. Mary Catholic Church-10307 Dundee Road, Huntley. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Parkinson's Association. John was born December 17, 1936 in Chicago, the son of John and Florence O'Connor. On September 26, 1959 he married Barbara Kolacki. John served in the United States Army. He was a sheet metal worker until his retirement. He was an avid Chicago sports fan and enjoyed watching tv. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, his children, Kimberly O'Connor, Nicole (Tom) Baier, John O'Connor, Jr., and Kathleen "Kitty" (Scott) Brayer and by his grandchildren, Jaylen, Grace and Isaiah. He is also survived by his sister, Ruth Costello. John was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Robert and sisters, Sharon and Margaret. For further information please call the funeral home at 847-515-8772 or on line condolences may be directed to www.defiorefuneral.com



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Obrochta, Edward V.

Edward V. Obrochta, 93, of Roselle for over 60 years died August 1, 2019. Edward was the beloved husband of the late Margaret (nee Jaske); loving father of Don (Linda), Mike, Greg, Debbie (Stan) Faulkner, Perry (Kim) and Karla (Jack) Bushell; proud grandfather of 15, cherished great grandfather of 24. He will be missed by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, August 7, 9:00am until time of prayers 10:30am at **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory** 333 S. Roselle Road (1/2 mile South of Irving Park Road) Roselle, to St. Walter Church, Mass 11:00am. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. For information (630)529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com



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Pulaski, Evelyn L.

Evelyn L. Pulaski (née Wojciechowski), age 91, late of South Holland. Beloved wife of the late Casimir, devoted mother of Donna Bolter, Clifford (Jennifer) Pulaski, Gregory (Bev) Pulaski, Thomas (Jill) Pulaski, and Louise (Stuart) Ross; loving grandmother of 11 and proud great-grandmother of 3; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, 9:15 a.m., from **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)** 15801 S. Cottage Grove Ave., four blocks North of 162nd St. (Rte. 6) Dolton / South Holland, to Holy Ghost Church Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. (708) 841-2300 or www.thornridgefuneralhomes.com

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Rogers, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Rogers, of Western Springs, passed away suddenly, with her family at her side; beloved wife of Patrick T. Rogers; loving mother of Pete (Cara) Rogers, James (Jenna) Rogers, & Ann (Ryan) Grieve; proud grandmother of Matthew, Patrick, Peter, Eliza, & William; beloved sister of Terry, Jane, Pam, & the late Susan Collins. Visitation 3 to 9pm on Monday, August 5 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family & friends will gather for funeral prayers at 10:30 am on Tuesday, August 6 at the funeral home. Procession to St. John of the Cross Church will follow for 11 am Mass. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Pat's name to the American Heart Association are appreciated. Info: (708) 352-6500 or hfunerals.com

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Romano, Margaret Viktory

Margaret Viktory Romano, age 85, passed away peacefully in her home in Bonita Springs, Florida on June 28, 2019. She was born April 10, 1934 and raised in Chicago by her parents, Emil and Irma Viktory, and went on to raise her own family in the Chicago area. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Richard, as well as children Jim (Anna), Kathy (Bob) and Joe (Natalie) and 8 grandchildren Scott, Kristen (Jake), Valerie (Brett), Vanessa, Emily, Mensheng, Leo and Tessa. She is also survived by her sister, Lillian, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Emil and nephew, Richard. She left a legacy of love, faith and integrity not only with her family and friends, but also with her LEARN Charter School family to which she was devoted for 35 years. She positively impacted the lives of hundreds of underserved children and their families. A Celebration of Life will be held on August 17th at 10:30 AM at St. Norbert Catholic Church, 1809 Walters Avenue in Northbrook, IL and is open to all of her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the LEARN Charter School Network, Margaret Romano Memorial, 3021 W. Carroll Avenue, 5th Floor Chicago, IL 60612 or learncharter.org/donate

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Rosier, John

John Rosier, US Army WWII Veteran, passed away on August 2, 2019 at the age of 95. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Agnes J. Rosier, nee Persenaire (2013), and his sisters Winifred (late John) Eldrenkamp, Betty (late Neil) Poort, and Dorothy (late Rich) Weidenaar, and by his brothers, Frank (late Ann), Martin (late Ann), and George (late Alice). John was the loving father of Debra (Barry) Bandstra and Kimberly (Walter) Ottenhoff, and the cherished "Boppa" of Adam (Lucy) Bandstra, Jonathan Bandstra, Daniel (Mary) Bandstra, Walter IV (Mollie) Ottenhoff and Jane (Joel) Kostelyk, and the devoted great-grandfather of Grady, Stella, Casey, Wally V, Vivi, Peter, James, and John. John will be missed by his sisters-in-law Donna Leo and Phyllis Persenaire, brother-in-law Wendell Yonker, and many devoted nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday, August 5, 2019 from 3-8 p.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment with Military Honors, Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 9:30 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, IL. Please arrive at the cemetery by 9:15 a.m. Following the interment on Tuesday a Memorial Service will take place at 11:30 a.m. at Grace Community Christian Reformed Church, 10415 S. Kedvale Ave., Oak Lawn, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Living Threads, 100 S. Pine St., Suite 145, Zeeland, MI 49464 or Southwest Chicago Christian Schools, 12001 S. Oak Park Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60463. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Rosignal, Rose Mary

Rose Mary Rosignal, 89 years. Beloved wife and best friend of the late Walter. Devoted daughter of the late Joseph and Jennie Micelli. Cherished sister of Edward (Verda) Micelli, Donald (Terrie) Micelli, Carol (Tom) Martinez, Chris (Tom) Corcoran and the late Charles Micelli, Josephine (Sam) Calvano, Frank (Joyce) Micelli, Virginia (Dick) Daniels, Joseph Micelli, and Kitty (Michael) Carollo. Loving aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 2-8 P.M. Funeral Monday 9:30 A.M. from the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 West 127th Street, Crestwood, to Incarnation Church for a 10 A.M. Mass. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to your favorite charity would be appreciated. (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com



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Rost, James A.

James Rost of Palatine, was born on October 10, 1932 in Red Lion, Pennsylvania to Earl and Erma (nee Husan) Rost. He died Monday, July 22, 2019 at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Jim graduated from Gettysburg College and served as an Officer in the United States Air Force. Jim's career started at Arthur Anderson and continued on as CFO of ARA Services, Inc., then President and CEO of Interstate United (Canteen Corp.), and included time served on the Boards of ARA Services, Inc., VS Services, Ltd., Harris Bank, and Canteen Corp., also serving on the Advisory Council for the Marquette University School of Business. He then served as Chairman of the Board of NAMA, retiring as President and CEO of NAMA. Jim had many interests and hobbies, and enjoyed travel, the US National Parks, especially Yellowstone, sailing, fishing, carpentry, the Cubs, and the Blackhawks. He was a loving and devoted father and grandfather. Jim is survived by his wife Rita Rost (nee Lopez); his children Alice (Thomas) Kecseg, Philip (Patricia) Rost, Jeanette "Jenny" Staiger and John (Fiancé Karen Ruple) Rost; his grandchildren Patrick (Kristina) O'Neill, Amy O'Neill, Marina Staiger and Jack Staiger; his step-grandchildren Jillian Kecseg, Matthew Kecseg and Paige (Andrew) Brudniak; his step great-grandchild Emily Kecseg; his sisters Jean (late George) Schenck and Elizabeth (late Charles) Ness; his friend Judy Gilpin; and his sons-in-law Kevin O'Neill and William Staiger; he was also survived by many cousins, nephews and their spouses, as well as many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Earl (late Florine) Rost, Jr. Visitation Friday, August 9, 2019 from 5:00pm until 8:00pm at **Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd.**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Memorial Service Saturday, August 10, at 11:00am at the funeral home. Interment will be private. Further information can be found at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the National Park Foundation, 1110 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC, or a charity of your choice.



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Semmerling, James J.

James J. Semmerling, 88, prior resident of Lake Villa, IL, died on July 30, 2019 at his Bensenville, IL home. Jim was born on June 23, 1931 in Arlington Hts to Frank and Emelie Semmerling. Jim and his wife of 66 years, Marion Semmerling nee Schmidt, survived the death of their infant-son Steven. Now, Jim is survived by Marion and their children: Lee (Patricia), Jeff (Donna), Tim Jon, and Jill (Dennis); and grandchildren: Haedyn, Wyatt, Drew, and Atticus. Jim completed one year of college. He was a veteran of the Korean War, PFC Army Battery B, 1st Field Artillery Battalion. He was a co-founder of Semmerling Fence Mfg & Supp Co. and of J.J. Semmerling Ent. He served two elected terms as Lake Villa Twp Highway Commissioner. In 1999, he and Marion built a home in Texas and reveled in retirement with their chihuahuas, Flower. He enjoyed landscaping, gardening, building fences, real-estate development, and his family, many pets, and live-stock. He was dedicated to serving his constituents, improving his community, and supporting those in need. Per Jim's wishes, there will be no services. Jim will rest with his son Steven and near his parents at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. Info:(847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com



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Sommer, Richard C.

Richard C. Sommer, 77, of Highland Park, passed away July 31, 2019 of prostate cancer. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Iris Rae. He is survived by two loving sons, Larry and Kenny, sisters Penny Towles(John) and Anne Mcewen (Mark),brother-in-law Wayne (Kris), and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Rick was an avid tennis player and coach. He was nationally ranked as a senior player. He attended the University Toledo in Ohio on a tennis scholarship and graduated at Roosevelt University where he met his future wife, Iris Citron. Information about a memorial service will be on Kelley & Spalding's web page when available. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com



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Spirakes, John

John "Jack" Spirakes, age 96, of Palos Heights, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2019 with his loving family at his side. John is the loving husband to the late Millie Spirakes; loving father to Kathy Donlan, Joanie (Dan) Duffy, Gerri D'Amato, Patty Spirakes, Maureen "Teeny" Kelso, Sharon (Jerry) Hughes; grandfather to 15, great grandfather to 16; and brother to 9. John honorably served the United States Army during World War II and he is an avid Cubs fan.

Visitation will be Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 3:00-9:00 pm at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 11:30 am at St. Alexander Catholic Church (7025 W. 126th Street; Palos Heights, IL 60463). He will be laid to rest in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery.

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Stevens, David Clark

David Clark Stevens of Evanston, age 80, died peacefully on July 31st after a brief illness. David was born August 8th, 1938, in La Grange Park, Illinois, husband of the late Karen (Goldwuch) Stevens; loving father to Matthew and Jonathan; son of the late Ernest and Virginia Stevens; devoted owner of many family dogs.

Before starting his education, he joined the Marine Corps in 1956 at age 18, and served the next six years in the reserves. He began his studies at Baylor University and graduated from Syracuse University in 1959. After his education, he embarked on a life of adventure by taking a 10-month trip around the world aboard cargo freighters, visiting Hong Kong, China, India and many other ports of call. Upon his return, his path led him to write for the Evanston based Rogue magazine. In November 1966 he moved to Playboy Magazine as an assistant editor, and according to him he "never worked another day in his life." He channeled his love of cars, travel, food, wine, spirits, books, and all other accoutrements of the modern gentleman onto the pages of Playboy for 38 years. David spiced his writing the way botanists spice a gin. He brought to the table wit, style and every good joke that's ever been told. He knew that the Scots spell whisky without an e or why men wear a cummerbund with a tuxedo. He knew everything important that a man needed to know, and he could say it as cleverly as the head writer on the Tonight Show. David traveled around the world writing about his adventures, including but not limited to, driving across the Sahara, traveling to the North Pole, drifting down the Amazon, visiting the castles of Scotland, causing trouble in Paris, flying down the bobsled run at Lake Placid, and riding a snow mobile down the Baja Peninsula. David met the love of his life, Karen, a copy editor at Playboy. She was the only person in the world who fully understood his eccentricities. David departed Playboy in 2004 as the Senior Editor, Modern Living. However, retirement was not an option for David, and he took his infinite knowledge of wine, spirits and cigars to Binny's Beverage Depot in Highland Park, and until his recent illness, shared tales with his coworkers and loyal customers for over 10 years. David was a member of The Wine and Food Society, the Cliff Dwellers, the Adventurers Club, Hugo's Companions, Sherlock Holmes Society of London, the Chicago Press Club, US Lighthouse Society, along with many others. David enjoyed close relationships with an incredibly diverse group of friends. He will be remembered as a loving husband and father, a brilliant editor, a trusted friend, a generous host, and a true gentleman. Visitation Wednesday August 7, 2019 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Celebration of David's life Thursday August 8, 2019 11:00 a.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Interment 2:15 p.m. Fairmont-Willow Hills Cemetery, 9100 Archer Ave, Willow Springs, IL 60480 All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Evanston Animal Shelter, 2310 Oakton Street, Evanston, IL 60202 . Info: (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com



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Tavolacci, Salvatore Michael

Salvatore Tavolacci, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away peacefully July 28, 2019. Sal was the son of Salvatore and Rose Tavolacci, brother of Ida Wilk (Tavolacci), friend and family to many. Sal lived a life of many adventures and was a Formula One car enthusiast. In lieu of a wake or funeral, there will be a private family gathering over cannolis and stories.

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Testa, Sara



Sara Testa (nee Montevago) of Skokie, age 97, at rest August 2, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Ben Ross Testa. Adored mother of Dominick (Julianne) Testa. Loving daughter of the late Anthony and Mae Montevago.

Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday Aug. 6 from 3 to 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Wednesday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to Queen of All Saints Basilica for Mass, 10:00 a.m. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N Sauganash Ave., Chicago IL 60646. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Thunboe, Grace (nee McGinley)

Born July 21, 1924, passed away December 20, 2013 at age 89. Dearly beloved wife of the late Carl Thunboe, Sr. for 64 years; loving mother of Carl, Jr. (Susan), Sheila and Christine; dear grandmother of Megan Bennett (Brian) and D.J.; great grandmother of Evelyn and Lillian; Auntie Grace to many nieces and nephews.

An Algonquin resident since 1990, previously of Des Plaines, Park Ridge and Chicago, Grace's quick wit, beautiful smile, ready laughter and baking skills are dearly missed.

A Memorial Mass celebrating Grace's life will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church in Glenview IL, on Saturday, August 10th at 10 am, with a luncheon following at Hackney's on Lake in Glenview. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund are encouraged, online, or c/o OLPH Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview IL 60025.

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Trahey, Stephen Daniel 'Steve'

Stephen Daniel Trahey, age 70, of Naperville, IL passed away suddenly surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, August 1, 2019. He was born on March 2, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois. Steve proudly served his country in the United States Army, 11th Armored Cavalry, in Vietnam. He is survived by his wife, the love of his life for 40 years; Milly (nee Severson)

Trahey, amazing son; Ryan Stephen Trahey, wonderful parents; Daniel and Dorothy (nee Rouse) Trahey, sisters; Carol Trahey, Kathleen Trahey, brother; John (Patricia) Trahey, mother-in-law;

Ruth M. Severson, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Trahey, his nephew, Tommy Trahey and father-in-law, Elmer Severson. Steve was a man's man. He was a legend, a true America hero, and many would say the life of the party. All who knew Steve, LOVED him. He was blessed with a great family and childhood and a lifetime filled with so many amazing friends. He owned several Camaros over the years and drove them FAST. Steve was a sports lover, especially his beloved Fighting Illini and the Bears. He also loved The Eagles, Harry Potter, Tigger, National Treasure, Motown music, Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and was a beer aficionado. Most importantly, he loved his home and living his life with his wife and best friend of 36 years and son Ryan whom he was so proud of. His larger-than-life persona and trademark wit and humor will live on forever in our hearts. Memorial Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service 2:00 p.m. at **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Drive, Naperville. A Celebration of Steve's life will be held following the memorial service. Interment private. Memorials in Steve's name may be made to Wounded Warrior Project or Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity Foundation. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunsch.com



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Urbikas, Lorraine T.

Urbikas, Lorraine T. (nee Klimkiewicz), Age 90. Beloved wife of the late Edwin P. Urbikas. Devoted mother of Eldon Urbikas Ret. CPD (Virginia Swanson-Urbikas), and Cathy Urbikas Cerda (Jorge). Proud grandmother of Jorge, Stefanie, Natalie, Veronica, and Stephanie. Adored great-grandmother of Nora Lorraine, Avalyn Grace, Beckham, and Zelalem. Loving sister of the late Gertrude, Florian, Edmund, Raymond, and Clement. Adored aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday Aug. 5 3-8 p.m.

Funeral Tuesday 9:15 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Julie Billiart Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Whitford, Betty Ann

Betty Ann Borg Whitford, 85, of Lafayette, CO. died Fri., July 26th. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother, and artist. Betty was born in Chicago, attended New Trier High School, and graduated from Northwestern University. Betty married Stanley

Dennison Whitford, Jr. on Dec. 29th, 1956. They settled in River Forest, Illinois. Survivors: daughters, Patricia Schwarzkopf (Greg) of Arlington Heights, IL, Christina Lewis (Roger) of Boulder, CO and Karin Stewart (Randal) of Lafayette, CO, sons, David Whitford of Cross Plains, WI, and Peter Whitford of Nederland, CO, and 13 grandchildren. Graveside Service, Mon., Aug. 5th, 10:30 A.M., Louisville Cemetery in Colorado. Open House following at the Whitford home, 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Donations: Misericordia Heart of Mercy, Attn: Sister Rosemary Connelly, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. For a full obituary or to send the family an online message, visit www.murphyfuneraldirectors.com.

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Wilgus, Susan R.

Susan R. Wilgus, age 81 of Gurnee formerly of Lake Forest. Beloved wife of the late Donald L. Wilgus. Loving mother of Rhemy (Victoria) Wilgus. Loving aunt of Miranda and Jeremy (Masami) Wilgus, Andrew (Tracy), Nicholas, and Meghan Fate. Loving sister-in-law, cousin and friend to many. Memorial visitation will be held Saturday August 10 from 11-1 pm at **Kolssak Funeral Home**, 189 S Milwaukee Ave (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road), Wheeling. A celebration of Susan's life will be held at 12:15 pm. Inurnment private. To leave a condolence or for additional information please visit www.funerals.pro or 847.537.6600.



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Williams, Blaine V.

Blaine Williams of East Dubuque, formerly of Galena and the Chicago area, passed away on July 30, 2019. Beloved brother of Marilynne Angela Dorfman nee Williams and Russell Francis Williams (Mary Jo). Forever young uncle to James Dorfman, Julie Martynowycz nee Williams, David Dorfman, Cynthia Williams, Kim Dorfman, Daniel Williams, Nora Williams-Fielder, and Michael Dorfman.

Blaine was a graduate of Bishop Quarter Military Academy, Fenwick High School 1957, and Park College 1961. He served in the United States Army as First Lieutenant and the U.S. Army Reserves as Major.

Visitation: Monday, August 5, 2019 3:00 - 7:00p.m. (Prayers 4:30)

Ahlgim Family Funeral Services, 201 N Northwest Hwy, Palatine, IL 60067 (847) 358-7411

Military burial: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 1:30pm Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, IL 60421 Phone: 815-423-9958



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Wojcik, Irene H.

Irene H. Wojcik (nee Niclawski), Age 95, passed away on August 1, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Bruno F. Wojcik. Loving mother of Kenneth (Juanita) Wojcik, Wayne (Gabrielle) Wojcik, Gregory Wojcik (Terri Schlangen), Cynthia (Frank) Besenhofer, Donna (David) Christensen and Laura (Russell) Wojcik.

Dear grammie of Brandon (Lily) Wojcik, Kristin (Richard) Toner, Justen (Sarah) Christensen, Jessica Christensen (Mark Antes), Theresa Besenhofer, Aaron Wojcik, Jeremy (Kari) Wojcik, Jason Wojcik, Vanessa Schlangen, Cassandra (Thomas) Wiatr and Somang Kim. Dearest great-grammie of Dean Toner, Evelyn Toner, Jayden Christensen, Alice Christensen, Connor Wojcik, Olivia Schlangen, Liam Wiatr, Aiden Wiatr and Emma Wiatr. Cherished daughter of the late Helen (nee Laskowski) and the late Stanley Niclawski. Fond sister of the late Dolores Niclawski. Also survived by beloved friends, Lynn Clark, Renata Baginska and Tino and Marge Guerrero.

Visitation, Thursday, August 8, 2019, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Sheldon-Goglin-Kaminski Funeral Home**, 5935 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Funeral, Friday, August 9, 2019, 9:15AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to Saint Ferdinand Church, 3101 N. Mason Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for 10:00AM Mass. Entombment Saint Adalbert Cemetery Mausoleum, Niles, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Healthy Lombard, 714 Walnut Drive, Unit #403, Darien, Illinois 60561.

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Worth, Rachel M.

Rachel M. Worth nee Cardea, 89, a lifelong resident of Elmhurst. Beloved wife of the late Charles D.; loving mother of Deborah (Richard) Ruhl, Catherine Worth and Laura (Gary) Andre; cherished grandmother of Dennis (Kellie) and Todd; great grandmother of Charles and Giuliana; sister of Anthony (Alice) Cardea. Rachel was a longtime active member of Visitation Church. Visitation at **Ahlgim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 5, 2019. Prayers 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the funeral home going to Visitation Church. Mass at 9:15 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgim.com.

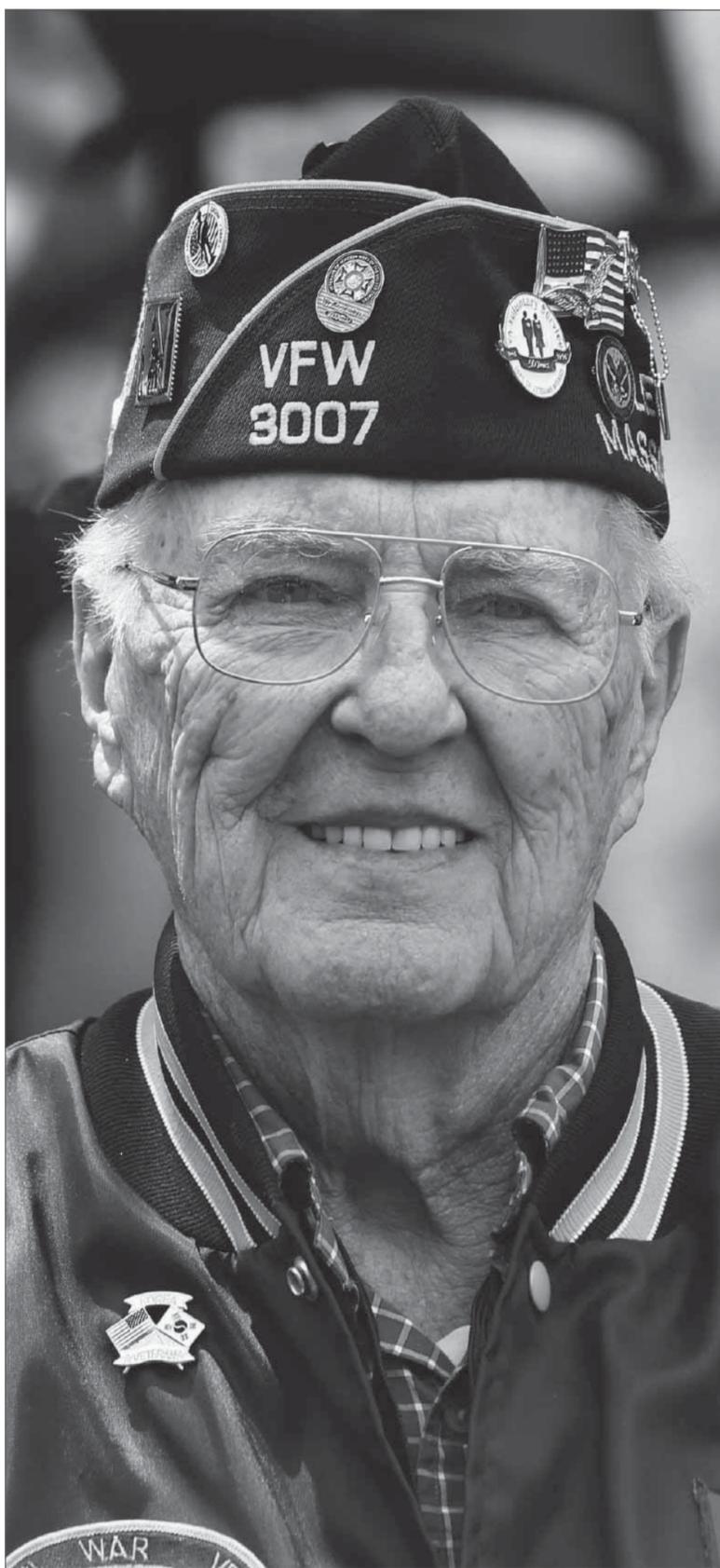


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Zajeski Sr., Robert B.

Robert B. Zajeski Sr., "Ja Ja", age 90. Late of Crete, Illinois formerly of Dolton and West Pullman. Passed away August 2, 2019. Beloved husband of Joan Zajeski (nee Dzork) for 68 years. Loving father of Robert B. (Joyce) Zajeski Jr., John B. (Gayle) Zajeski, Fred A. (Jan) Zajeski, Ralph A. (Barb) Zajeski, Cynthia (Dale) Sarnowski, and Ray (Susan) Zajeski. Cherished grandfather Ben (Becca), Dale (Halley), Alex (Elyssa), Timothy, Randy (Mallory), Kristina (Anthony), Samantha (Danny), Chris (Rebecca), David, Jared, Michelle (Nick), and Alyssa. Dearest great grandfather Alec, Jace, Natalie, Nora, and the late Nina. Dear brother of the late Daniel and the late James Zajeski. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Veteran of the U.S. Army. Bob was a longtime employee of Aetna Engineering and member of Ironworkers Union Local #63. He was the proud inventor and owner of Addometer. Visitation Monday, August 5, 2019 3-8 pm. Funeral Services Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 9:30 am from the Elmwood Funeral Chapel 11300 W. 97th Ln. (1/2 block west of US 41/Wicker Ave. at 97th LN.) St. John to St. John the Evangelist Church - Day Chapel (Corner of 93rd and 41). An inurnment will be held at Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, IL. at a later date. For more information 219-365-3474 or www.elmwoodchapel.com

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SUNDAY, AUG. 4

NORMAL HIGH: 83° NORMAL LOW: 64° RECORD HIGH: 100° (1947) RECORD LOW: 53° (1992)

Midwest remains dry as storms flood the Plains

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 87 **LOW** 66

■ Opening weekend of August continues seasonably warm.

■ Early morning temps near 60 in coolest suburbs; upper 60s downtown.

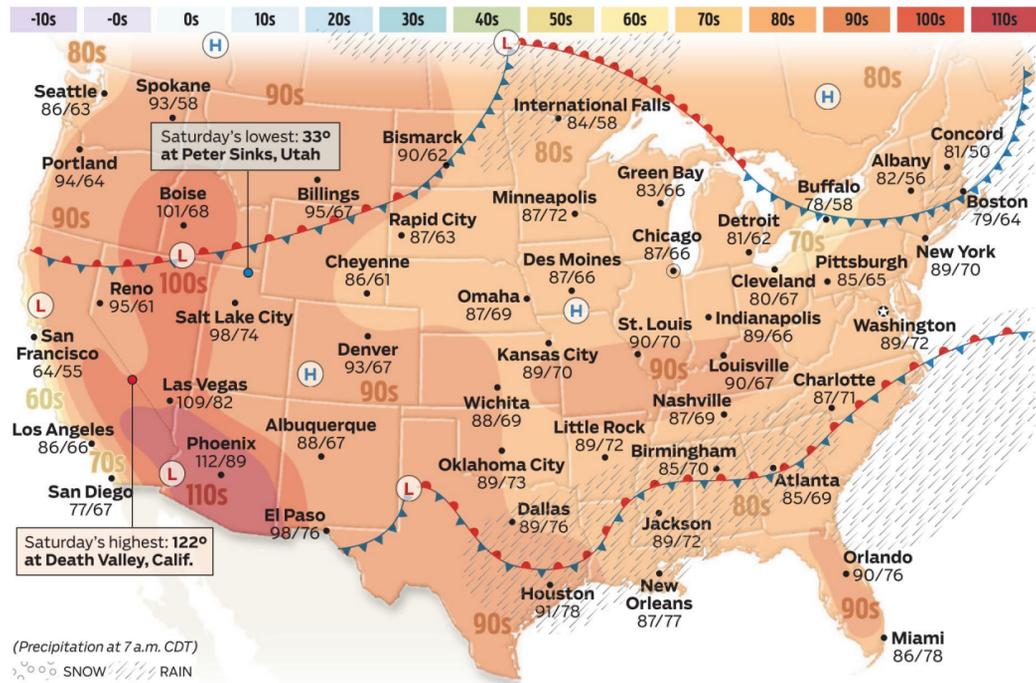
■ Scattered clouds develop midday into early evening. A brief, isolated shower/t-storm could develop as lake breeze forms, and air becomes moderately unstable.

■ A bit warmer. Ample sunshine sends temps to the upper 80s.

■ NW winds around 10 mph turn NE, lowering lakeside temps to the upper 70s.

■ Fair and mild overnight. Lows dip to the mid 60s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



While parts of the Chicago area are experiencing incipient drought, severe thunderstorms have pummeled the Plains states with hail, gusty winds and heavy rainfall. Wednesday into Thursday, a complex of storms brought flooding rains and continuous lightning to eastern Kansas. Star, Kansas, received 10.62 inches of rain. Another round of storms flooded portions of central Kansas with over 8 inches of rain. Meanwhile, it has been about 2 weeks since Chicago had any significant rainfall. The pattern causing these extremes is forecast to persist through the coming week. Scattered storms are possible Tuesday, otherwise our area will be dominated by dry conditions. High pressure and northwesterly jet stream flow across the Midwest and western Great Lakes will keep moisture-laden air to our west and south.

MONDAY, AUG. 5

HIGH 90 **LOW** 68

SW-W winds of 10-15 mph develop, bringing an influx of more humid air. Partly cloudy and very warm with highs around 90. Isolated late day t-storms possible, but more likely overnight.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

HIGH 85 **LOW** 64

Slow moving cold front settles across the area. Scattered t-storms may be ongoing early, and persist into mid-afternoon. Temps reach the mid 80s despite clouds. W-SW winds 10-15 mph shift NW-N.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7

HIGH 83 **LOW** 64

High pressure builds toward the area bringing cooler, less humid air. Patchy morning clouds, then partly sunny. Temps peak in the low 80s. W-NW winds 10-15 mph.

THURSDAY, AUG. 8

HIGH 85 **LOW** 65

Mostly sunny skies give way to building clouds as temps warm to the mid 80s. Isolated showers/t-storms possible as a cold front passes during the afternoon and evening. Light W winds turn NE overnight.

FRIDAY, AUG. 9

HIGH 84 **LOW** 62

Dip in jet stream pushes tropical air well to the west and south. Temps again climb to the low-mid 80s under mostly sunny skies. NE winds at 10-15 mph keep beach readings in the 70s.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

HIGH 83 **LOW** 64

Little change. High pressure anchored across the Great Lakes keeps comfortable weather in place. Sunshine dominates the day as temps reach the low-mid 80s. Cooler lakeside, with NE winds 10-15 mph.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
In the history of Chicago's weather records, what year brought the most precipitation and what year brought the least?
Luise Sardo, Chicago

Dear Luise,
In official weather records dating from 1871 (a period of 148 years through 2018), Chicago's wettest year was 2008, with 50.86 inches of precipitation as registered at O'Hare International Airport. The second-wettest year was 2011, with 49.83 inches, also at O'Hare. At Midway Airport, with precipitation records dating from 1929 (90 years of complete records), the wettest year was 2014, with 52.00 inches. (Midway was Chicago's official reporting station from 1942 to 1980.)
Chicago's driest year was 1962, with 22.22 inches, as recorded at Midway Airport. The second-driest year was 1956, with 22.23 inches, also at Midway.

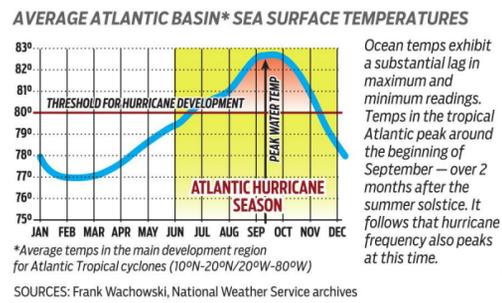
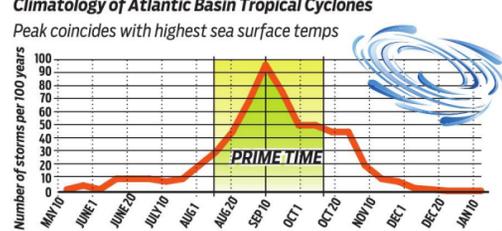
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As summertime wanes, hurricane season shifts into high gear

CALENDAR SAYS TROPICS ARE SOON TO BECOME ACTIVE

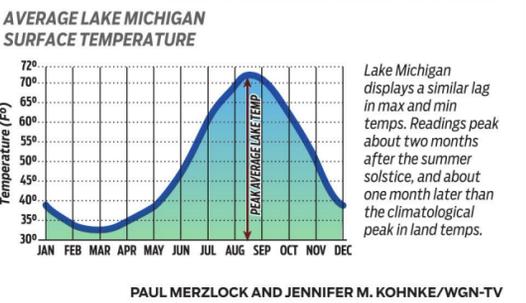


SO WHY DOES HURRICANE FREQUENCY PEAK IN THE FALL?

The specific heat of a substance can be defined as the heat energy absorbed per unit mass, per one Celsius degree rise in temperatures. Comparing values for air and water, water will heat and cool about four times slower than air, because it will take and store four times as much energy to raise its temperature. This is why Lake Michigan may still be at 45° or 50° in early June.

Tropical cyclones need a vast area of warm water to draw their energy from. As a rule, that water needs to be 80° or warmer. It takes a long time for sunlight to sufficiently warm ocean water — usually until mid summer.

- Average date of first named Atlantic storm: July 9th
- Average date of first Atlantic hurricane: August 10th



MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	88	63	pc	90	68
Carbondale	pc	88	63	pc	88	69
Champaign	pc	88	63	pc	88	69
Decatur	pc	87	65	pc	88	69
Moline	pc	89	67	pc	90	70
Peoria	pc	88	68	pc	91	70
Quincy	su	89	67	pc	91	70
Rockford	ts	86	65	pc	88	68
Springfield	su	88	65	pc	89	70
Sterling	pc	87	65	pc	89	68
Indiana	pc	87	64	pc	88	68
Bloomington	pc	88	64	pc	89	69
Evansville	pc	84	63	pc	86	68
Fort Wayne	pc	89	66	pc	88	69
Indianapolis	pc	87	62	pc	88	68
Lafayette	pc	87	62	pc	88	68
South Bend	pc	82	60	pc	85	67
Wisconsin	pc	87	64	pc	88	68
Green Bay	pc	83	66	pc	85	63
Kenosha	pc	79	63	pc	85	66
La Crosse	pc	88	69	pc	85	66
Madison	pc	84	66	pc	85	65
Milwaukee	pc	82	64	pc	85	65
Wausau	pc	81	65	pc	80	60
Michigan	pc	81	62	pc	85	68
Detroit	pc	81	62	pc	85	68
Grand Rapids	pc	82	67	pc	85	68
Marquette	pc	82	67	pc	80	60
St. Ste. Marie	su	81	59	pc	79	59
Traverse City	pc	81	59	pc	86	64
Iowa	su	85	64	pc	84	65
Ames	pc	86	65	pc	85	66
Cedar Rapids	su	87	66	pc	87	68
Des Moines	su	87	66	pc	85	67
Dubuque	pc	85	67	pc	85	67

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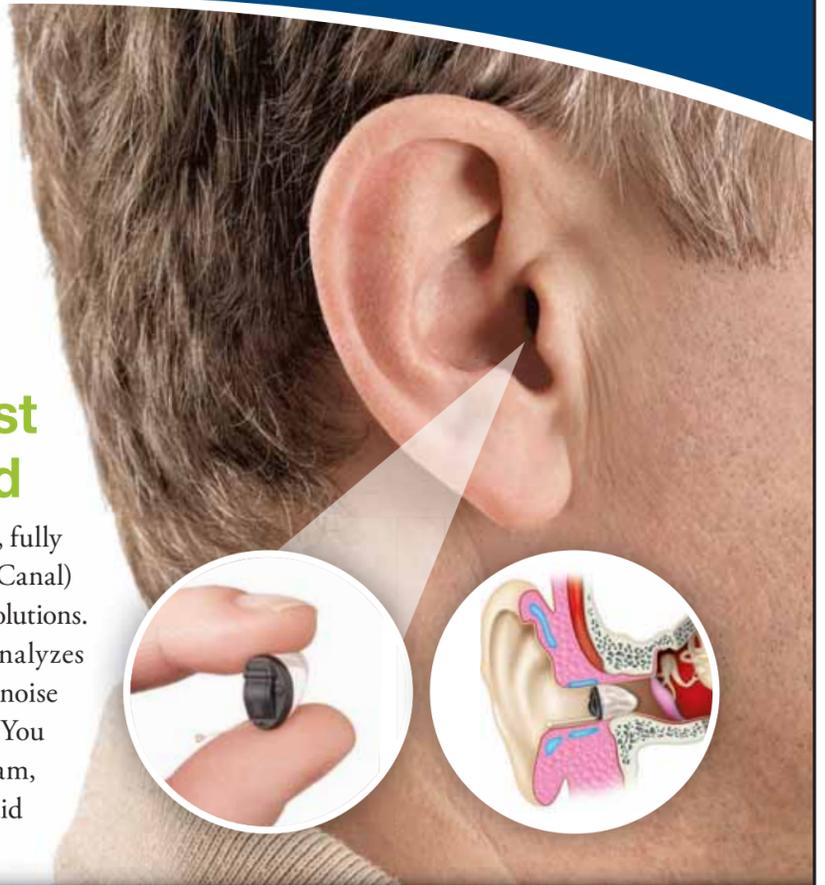
SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albino	pc	92	73	pc	95	75
Albany	pc	82	56	pc	83	62
Albuquerque	pc	88	67	pc	92	70
Amarillo	pc	94	66	pc	95	68
Anchorage	pc	72	59	pc	71	61
Asheville	ts	83	64	ts	81	61
Aspen	ts	76	50	pc	80	52
Atlanta	ts	85	69	ts	86	69
Atlanta City	pc	83	69	pc	83	71
Austin	pc	95	77	pc	97	76
Baltimore	pc	75	53	pc	84	72
Billings	pc	95	67	pc	93	66
Birmingham	ts	85	70	ts	87	71
Bismarck	ts	90	62	pc	86	60
Boise	pc	101	68	pc	101	71
Boston	pc	79	64	pc	81	69
Brownsville	pc	95	79	pc	95	79
Buffalo	pc	78	58	pc	83	66
Burlington	pc	75	53	pc	81	61
Charlotte	ts	87	71	ts	86	69
Charlston SC	pc	85	74	ts	85	74
Charlston WV	pc	88	62	pc	90	64
Chattanooga	ts	87	70	pc	89	69
Cheyenne	pc	86	61	ts	82	58
Cincinnati	pc	88	65	pc	89	67
Cleveland	pc	80	67	pc	80	71
Colo. Spgs	pc	86	60	pc	86	60
Columbia MO	su	89	66	pc	90	70
Columbia SC	ts	89	72	ts	85	70
Columbus	pc	87	66	pc	87	67
Dallas	pc	89	72	pc	88	72
Crps Christi	pc	92	78	pc	93	78
Dallas	ts	89	76	pc	94	76
Daytona Bch.	ts	89	74	pc	90	74
Denver	pc	93	67	pc	91	64
Duluth	pc	85	67	pc	84	72
El Paso	pc	98	76	pc	99	78
Fairbanks	cl	62	50	sh	61	54
Fargo	pc	88	64	pc	84	61
Flagstaff	ts	82	53	pc	82	70
Fort Myers	ts	86	76	ts	85	75
Fort Smith	pc	90	72	pc	91	71
Fresno	su	104	72	pc	102	72
Grand Junc.	cl	93	67	pc	95	67
Great Falls	su	86	58	pc	91	58
Harrisburg	pc	90	67	pc	87	68
Hartford	pc	85	60	pc	83	65
Helena	pc	87	62	pc	86	60
Honolulu	ts	89	78	ts	89	78
Houston	pc	91	78	ts	94	78
Int'l Falls	pc	84	58	pc	80	52
Jackson	ts	89	72	ts	89	72
Jacksonville	ts	90	76	ts	90	76
Juneau	pc	70	53	pc	73	55
Kansas City	pc	89	70	pc	91	73
Las Vegas	pc	109	82	pc	101	84
Lexington	pc	87	63	pc	90	66
Lincoln	pc	87	68	pc	88	68
Little Rock	pc	89	72	pc	91	72
Los Angeles	pc	86	66	pc	85	67
Louisville	pc	90	67	pc	91	69
Macon	ts	89	70	ts	88	69
Memphis	ts	87	72	pc	89	72
Miami	ts	86	78	ts	87	78
Minneapolis	pc	87	72	ts	82	65
Mobile	ts	90	76	ts	86	75
Montgomery	ts	89	72	ts	88	71
Nashlon	ts	87	69	ts	87	76
New Orleans	pc	89	70	pc	85	73
New York	pc	89	70	pc	87	73
Norfolk	pc	89	70	pc	84	75
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Omaha	pc	87	69	pc	87	69
Orlando	ts	90	76	ts	99	78
Palm Beach	ts	88	76	ts	87	76
Palm Springs	pc	114	86	pc	116	86
Philadelphia	pc	90	70	pc	87	71
Phoenix	pc	112	89	pc	111	90
Pittsburgh	pc	85	65	pc	86	66
Portland, ME	pc	80	56	pc	79	59
Portland, OR	su	94	64	pc	92	63
Portland, VT	ts	84	59	pc	84	65
Raleigh	ts	89	70	ts	84	68
Rapid City	pc	87	63	pc	79	61
Reno	pc	95	61	pc	95	64
Richmond	pc	90	70	ts	85	68
Rochester	pc	77	54	pc	84	63
Sacramento	su	96	60	pc	95	61
Salem, Ore.	su	94	60	su	92	58
Salt Lake City	pc	98	74	pc	99	75
San Antonio	pc	97	77	pc	98	77
San Diego	pc	77	67	pc	78	68
San Francisco	pc	64	55	cl	64	54
San Juan	pc	89	79	pc	89	79
Santa Fe	ts	78	59	pc	84	61
Savannah	ts	89	73	ts	90	73
Seattle	su	86	63	pc	82	58
Shreveport	pc	94	76	pc	93	76
Sioux Falls	pc	85	70	ts	88	69
Spokane	su	93	58	pc	96	61
St. Louis	su	90	70	pc	91	71
Tucson	pc	105	81	pc	104	81
Tulsa	pc	89	71	pc	91	72
Tallahassee	ts	91	73	ts	89	72
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Topeka	pc	88	67	pc	89	71
Turkey	pc	105	81			

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GENDER IN THE WORKPLACE

IDENTITY INCLUSION

How companies are pushing into uncharted territory and addressing calls for nonbinary office spaces

By CORILYN SHROPSHIRE

At work, Chris Rosario sticks to trousers and button-down shirts. • But on the weekends, his look is different. Flowing dresses, bold prints and vibrant colors accompany his thick beard. • The 33-year-old content manager was born “he.” But today he describes himself as gender queer, living and dressing as neither male nor female, but somewhere along the spectrum between them. • “At work I’m typically in more male dress,” Rosario said. “It’s not that I’m hiding. The individuals I’m close to and work with know who I am and see pictures of my weekend outfits.”

Helping Rosario and his coworkers with those conversations is his employer, IBM, one of a number of companies pushing into uncharted territory — making their workplaces inclusive and welcoming for people who don’t define themselves as male or female, and don’t use “Mr.” or “Ms.,” “he” or “she,” but instead consider themselves a “they.”

There are a number of terms for people who describe themselves as identifying as neither male nor female, identify as both, or reject gender labels entirely: gender fluid, gender neutral, gender queer or gender nonconforming.

About 3% of people between ages 18 and 35 identify as gender neutral, according to a 2017 Harris Poll commissioned by GLADD, an LGBTQ advocacy group. Advocates expect that percentage to increase as younger generations who are more open about gender identity enter the workforce.

Indeed, a Pew Research report earlier this year found that in Generation Z, 35% of those between ages 13 and 21 in 2018 said they know someone who identifies with gender-neutral pronouns. And 59% said forms and online profiles should offer people another way to identify other than

Chris Rosario, content director at IBM Cloud, is seen at his office in Chicago on July 19. Rosario describes himself as gender queer and is part of a volunteer mentoring group that pairs managers with LGBTQIA employees to promote understanding.

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“man” or “woman.”

Redefining a workplace as some employees redefine themselves has meant challenges on both sides of the desk.

For nonbinary workers, it’s explaining who you are to your bosses and colleagues and getting them to understand it, accept it and use the right pronoun. For employers, it’s making the office an environment that is accepting of nonbinary employees and in turn, changing workplace dress codes, the company directory, personnel manuals and longstanding forms that require employees to check off boxes identifying them as “male” or “female.”

For years, corporate America has worked to create safe and friendly workplaces for their LGBTQ — lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer, and now LGBTQIA with the addition of intersex and asexual — employees. That has included adding same-sex partners to health plans and covering gender transition surgery. Earlier this month, more than 200 companies showed their support for employees by urging the U.S. Supreme Court to decide that federal

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Casino owner looks to expand

Des Plaines facility’s operator makes move following Illinois bill

By ROBERT CHANNICK

The majority owner of Rivers Casino is betting big on Illinois’ new gambling expansion law, with plans to expand its Des Plaines facility, already the state’s largest casino. It also expects to go after one of the new six casino licenses.

Churchill Downs, the Louisville-based casino and racetrack owner which bought a 61% stake in Rivers Casino in March, has notified the Illinois Gaming Board that it intends to expand the casino’s gaming positions from 1,200 to 2,000 — the maximum allowed by the gambling expansion bill.

During an earnings call Wednesday, Churchill Downs CEO Bill Carstanjen said the company also plans to increase the casino’s footprint, construct an extension of the garage and invest additional funds to support the expansion, using debt financing at Rivers. Until then, Rivers will seek permission from the Illinois Gaming Board to squeeze 200 to 250 of those additional gaming positions into the current facility.

“Rivers will be working with the Illinois Gaming Board to ascertain what is permissible and to scope out the timing and full capital plan,” Carstanjen said.

The next regular meeting of the Illinois Gaming Board was rescheduled to Aug. 8.

Gaming positions include such things as slot machines and seats at a blackjack or poker table. Churchill Downs will pay the state an upfront licensing fee of \$24 million in 2020, with an additional fee due after three years of operation as part of the proposed gaming expansion at Rivers.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the gambling expansion bill into law in late June, looking to bring in an additional \$350 million in annual state revenue, and opening the door to growth opportu-

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“I think Illinois is really a puzzle, because for anybody involved in the jurisdiction trying to figure out their plans, there are things you don’t know, like ... where some of these new casinos are going to go.”

— Bill Carstanjen, CEO of Churchill Downs, which operates Rivers Casino in Des Plaines

Making long flights bearable?

From self-serve bars to free pajamas, airlines eye nonstop comfort

By LAUREN ZUMBACH

It will take all six of the “Lord of the Rings” and “Hobbit” movies to fill the 17 hours and 20 minutes on Qantas’ new flight from Chicago to Brisbane, Australia.

The 8,901-mile flight, which begins operating next spring, will become the longest nonstop flight operating out of O’Hare International Airport, nudging aside an Air Zealand flight to Auckland that covers 8,181 miles.

Lighter, more fuel-efficient planes are making it possible for airlines to offer longer flights that cross more time zones. But for many travelers, spending half a day or more in the air is a recipe for stiff muscles and serious jet lag. To make those flights more



An Air New Zealand plane takes off from Sydney in 2017. The airline operates the longest nonstop flights out of O’Hare in Chicago.

comfortable, airlines are trying to help travelers adjust to new time zones by playing with cabin lighting and meal timing, passing out cooling gel pillows and pajamas for better rest, and encouraging passengers to move around.

“It’s not just about making it a

comfortable flight, but making sure that when you get to your destination, you feel as good as you can,” said Phil Capps, Qantas’ head of customer product and service.

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Cboe puts HQ up for sale as it nears deal to move to old post office site

Company has received multiple offers on its LaSalle Street building

By RYAN ORI

Cboe Global Markets plans to sell its Loop headquarters, as the options exchange company nears a deal to move to the old main post office redevelopment nearby.

Chicago-based Cboe is putting its squat, 350,000-square-foot building at 400 S. LaSalle St. on the market for sale, the company disclosed Friday in a call with analysts.

There is no list price, “but Cboe has received multiple indications of interest from potential

buyers,” Cboe spokeswoman Caitlin Tucker said in an email.

The six-story structure, Cboe’s home since 1984, is going up for sale as the company negotiates a lease to move into about 175,000 square feet at the old post office at 433 W. Van Buren St., according to real estate sources.

Cboe declined to comment on its relocation plans, but said the move will take place next year.

The 2.8 million-square-foot old post office is being redeveloped by 601W Cos., which has signed leases with companies including Walgreens and Ferrara Candy and is in advanced negotiations to add several other

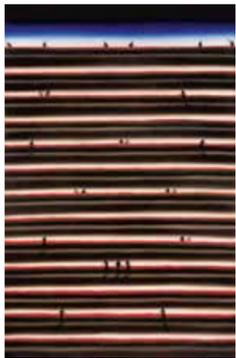
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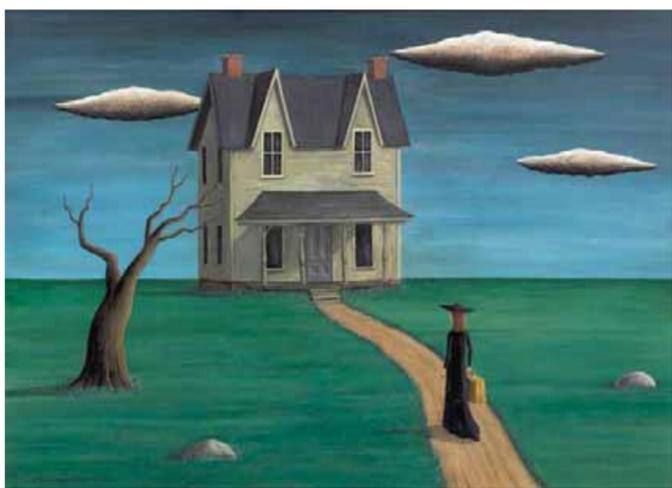
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To cut trash, China's largest city learns to junk old ways

Residents retrained to sort garbage, 1 bone at a time

By Fu Ting
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — China's biggest city has dived head-first into a trash sorting program that marks the country's first serious attempt at cutting the amount of garbage headed for landfills nationwide.

But despite a sweeping education campaign by the ruling Communist Party and the threat of fines, Shanghai residents still have a ways to go in changing their lifestyles and getting with the program — one properly disposed chicken bone at a time.

Months ahead of the campaign's launch in July, the government began its push to explain to Shanghai's young and old how garbage will need to be sorted into four categories: wet, dry, recyclable and hazardous.

From choreographed dances with trash bins to flyers sent to 6.8 million families and a score card for participating neighborhoods, efforts to roll out the system en masse have reflected the Communist Party's all-encompassing approach to rules enforcement.

There's a lot of garbage to get through. About 9 million tons of household trash to be exact, according to 2017 data from Shanghai's Statistics Bureau. The government hopes the new sorting measures will reduce the amount of waste headed for landfills by making it easier to recycle or compost some of the trash.

"It is going to take a generation to really accomplish it," said Du Huanzheng, a self-described "trash professor."

"It is a change of habits," said Du, a professor at Tongji University in Shanghai who has served as an adviser for the new program. Quoting a Chinese proverb, he said: "It's easier



FU TING/AP
A truck deposits its load at a trash station in Shanghai. The city is trying to cut the amount of trash headed to landfills.

to change the rivers and mountains than a person's nature."

On a recent day in downtown Shanghai, 67-year-old Zhang Guihua stood in front of an apartment complex's trash disposal area with bins for the four new trash categories.

Zhang, who works as a caregiver in the complex, said the rules have no doubt made taking out the trash more time-consuming. For instance, while the elderly woman she works for generally only has one bag of garbage to throw out at a time, Zhang now has to pick out the trash by hand before sorting it into the different bins.

"It is troublesome," Zhang said. "My hands get dirty after dealing with it and there's no place for me to wash my hands."

Online commentators have pointed out that distinguishing one type of waste from another is no easy task. While chicken bones are officially classified as wet, pork bones are considered dry. Dry mushrooms are in fact wet, and wet tissues are actually dry.

One strategy for identification that has been spreading online is to think of the trash in terms of pigs: Trash is wet if pigs can eat it, and dry if not; trash is hazardous if it can kill pigs, but recyclable if it can be sold to earn cash to buy more pigs.

To help children remember the rules — and pass them on to their families —

Chinese e-commerce platforms are selling "trash classification toys" with miniature garbage bins and flash cards, and teachers have assigned trash-related homework.

As President Xi Jinping said during a visit to Shanghai last November, according to the Xinhua state news agency, trash classification is the "new fashion."

The sorting campaign has dominated headlines on Shanghai media, and flyers have been sent to every family. In a performance held by district-level authorities, eight jean shorts-clad girls danced energetically on a stage beside four large trash bins to a song which declared "I have no rival in trash sorting!"

"The Chinese government has a strong ability to act," Du said of the program's strong enforcement. "Its ability to concentrate on doing big things is stronger than in Western countries."

Neighborhoods and districts in the city are also now being graded for their trash sorting ability on a scale from "excellent" to "bad." Individuals who have excelled in trash sorting are rewarded with points that can be redeemed for household items like detergent and umbrellas.

There are sticks together with the carrots. Shanghai Urban Management and Law Enforcement Bureau said 607 fines ranging from \$7-\$29 were issued in the first 20 days of the program.

Seeds planted for post-iPhone life, but phone still Apple core

By Mark Gurman
Bloomberg News

Apple generated less than half of its total quarterly revenue from sales of the iPhone for the first time since 2012 — a sign the company is entering life beyond its flagship product.

While Apple reported a record \$11.5 billion in sales of services in the fiscal third quarter, and demonstrated strong performances from wearables such as the Apple Watch, it can't cut loose from its iPhone dependence quite yet. While those two product categories are growing, they're still tied to the smartphone.

All the company's major services and wearables, including the watch and AirPods headphones, require or work best with the Apple smartphone. Services like the App Store, Apple Pay, Apple News+ and the upcoming game arcade are used mostly with the iPhone.

Combined, Apple's two major independent product lines not attached to the iPhone — Mac computers and iPads — made up only 20% of revenue in the fiscal third quarter, despite gains from the period a year ago, the Cupertino, California-based company reported Tuesday. Apple's also working on a mixed augmented and virtual reality headset for the coming years, but that, too, is likely to be iPhone-reliant.

In order for life beyond the iPhone to be successful, Apple will need to keep selling iPhones or make its music, digital pay, video and other services usable and good enough for those on rival mobile devices to switch to Apple's services. Revenue from the smartphone declined 12% in the quarter from a year earlier, but Apple executives said on a conference call that this year's effort to rejuvenate sales with discounts, more financing options and



DANIEL ACKER/BLOOMBERG NEWS
Revenue from the iPhone declined 12% in the second quarter from a year earlier, Apple said.

trade-in programs is working.

Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri said the program in stores is "showing great momentum" and has resulted in five times as many trade-ins as a year ago. Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook said the company has seen "strong customer response."

The executives' optimism extended to the company's forecast for the current quarter in which the new iPhone models will debut. Apple projected revenue of \$61 billion to \$64 billion in the period ending in September, topping the average analyst estimate of \$61 billion.

"Apple's strong non-iPhone sales in 3Q is encouraging to us, as it highlights the company's progress in diversifying and reducing its reliance on the iconic device," John Butler, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence, wrote after the earnings report. "Wearables, Home and Accessories revenue rose 48% on robust Apple Watch sales."

Cook also expressed continued faith in the company's music, video and other services, saying annual revenue from the category is on target to hit \$50 billion by 2020 — a goal set out in 2016.

Cook was asked if Apple planned to make its services less reliant on its own hardware, but he declined to say so, instead pointing to services purchased on the Apple TV and Apple Music's availability on the Android mobile operating system. Given upcoming advances in technology, there are possibilities for Apple to eventually make its Watch and AirPods stand-alone devices untethered from iPhones or more suitable to smartphones from other hardware makers.

Still, the company doesn't appear poised to expand any of its new services to other platforms.

While Apple has a large user base, it typically only supports new services on iPhones sold within the past three years. That means the company needs to keep selling devices to customers every few years if they are to subscribe to the latest services.

"The iPhone continues to be the core DNA of Apple, and this push toward services and wearables shows the company could go through a metamorphosis, and Wall Street views this quarter as a steppingstone toward that goal," said Dan Ives, an analyst at Wedbush Securities.



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Avery Matthew, who is gender fluid, said some colleagues still stumble over the appropriate pronoun to use.

Gender

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civil rights laws protect gay and transgender workers from job discrimination.

But with increased attention on people who do not identify as either sex, employers are again calling consultants and advocacy groups in search of guidance and advice.

"We're at a particular moment where there's more conversation around nonbinary people," said Beck Bailey, director of the Workplace Equality Program at the Human Rights Campaign. "We live in an incredibly gendered society ... and companies are really exploring their strong commitments to diversity and inclusion."

At IBM Cloud, Rosario talks to employees about the company's policy of allowing employees to list their pronouns — he/his/him, she/her/hers or for gender neutral workers, they/them/theirs — in the company's human resources system and in the company directory. IBM also published a white paper on gender transition in a global workplace, a best-practices guide for companies to help their transitioning employees.

Rosario is part of a volunteer mentoring group that pairs managers with LGBTQIA employees to promote a greater understanding of issues. "It provides a safe space to educate themselves so they can cast that down to their team," he said.

One of the trickiest parts? Which pronouns to use: The answer is "they" for the subject, "them" for the object and "theirs" for the possessive.

What is known as the pronoun go-round, in which people introduce themselves and the pronouns they use at meetings and conferences is more common in the nonprofit and academic worlds. The go-round and specifying pronouns in email signatures are still relatively new and evolving practices in the private sector, advocates say. They can also be difficult to master, since it's not the grammar taught in elementary school.

"Soon this will take off and be much more widespread in the mainstream," said Deena Fidas, managing director of global stake-

holder engagement at Out & Equal Workplace Advocates, a San Francisco-based nonprofit group. "A lot of this work is how you make a house a home," she said. "These types of practices go beyond benefits and personnel manuals."

But like most movements for change, there is a learning curve.

Fidas said it has taken time for transgender people to make strides in the workplace, and she anticipates a similar path for nonbinary people. "At this moment in time, almost two-thirds of Fortune 500 companies have changed their plans to provide coverage for people going through a gender transition," she said. "That took five to eight years of training, best-practice sharing, dialogue and education."

Recognizing pronouns is just a part of the work companies must do to create a gender neutral-friendly workplace, according to Jen Manion, an associate professor of history at Amherst College, who has written extensively about gender and sexuality.

"Human resources practices are usually very binary," Manion said, explaining that most employee forms and records require employees to check "male" or "female." "There's not even a place for you to exist in the (HR) system."

At the same time, gender-neutral bathrooms are a bigger step forward than meetings in which people go around the room stating the pronouns they use, Manion said.

Groups such as Out & Equal and the Human Rights Campaign act as educators to field questions companies may have about the needs of nonbinary workers and how to make their offices welcoming and supportive environments for them.

"Right now in corporate America, a nonbinary person may have to do double and triple duty as an educator, advocate and finding support," Fidas said. "These conversations about nonbinary employees are about need, more reactive than proactive, she added. "We might be at an inflection point where companies are trying to figure out how to do this better."

IBM prides itself on being among the leaders working on the issue, ac-

ording to Maria Menendez, a technical executive for IBM Cloud and the local head of IBM's LGBTQ resource group.

The company has long allowed employees to include their pronouns in their email signatures and recently created a system where people can log their pronouns and nonbinary identification in HR forms and the company directory. "This is so important for people who are working at and joining IBM," she said. "I want them to know that from day one this is a safe and welcoming environment where they can bring their whole self."

More than two years ago when Avery Matthew came out at work as nonbinary, the then-senior recruiting manager distributed a handout to colleagues at the Loop-based Brilliant Staffing. On the sheet were several questions and answers about what nonbinary means and also a list of what not to ask Matthew, who has worked for the firm for more than seven years. One question not to ask on the handout: "Are you planning to have surgery or change your body?"

"It's obviously an emotional time when you're transitioning," Matthew said. "You feel vulnerable."

Matthew said the company was supportive and Matthew's manager sent out an email explaining their coming out. But when their boss asked Matthew to speak to the staff of about 80, Matthew declined and instead met with employees in small groups.

For Matthew's boss, Kathy Sparing, what she called "over-communicating" helped. "Avery sat down and explained their journey," said Sparing, president of Brilliant Staffing, who was Matthew's manager at the time. "It allowed the opportunity for questions and answers for everyone. If anyone wasn't comfortable, they could ask Avery one-on-one."

Matthew said while most people are accepting, some colleagues still stumble over the appropriate pronoun to use. "After two years, we should be able to know these things," Matthew said. "It becomes emotionally exhausting to have to correct people."

Another challenge: The company doesn't have space for gender-neutral

bathrooms, so Matthew uses both. But Matthew would prefer having there be a bathroom to walk into without worrying about people's reactions.

Advocates say these are the difficulties nonbinary people face daily in the workplace that other people take for granted. Gender, advocates point out, is an assumption based on aesthetics.

Out & Equal, the advocacy group, has a guide for employers explaining how to address nonbinary employees, including an explanation of what nonbinary is, and a pronoun primer. It also explains language employees can use to be more inclusive — such as using the term "you all," or "y'all" to address a meeting instead of "guys" or "ladies and gentlemen."

"We are constantly putting people in boxes that they may not identify with," Matthew said. "Whenever you're assuming who someone is, you may not be right. You need to allow them to tell you who they are."

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Krispy Kreme to open inside Block 37 pedway

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A hole in Chicago's doughnut scene will soon be filled: Krispy Kreme is opening a shop in the Block 37 pedway, the first of several coming to the city after a long hiatus.

The iconic glazed doughnut brand in early October plans to open a 1,000-square-foot retail shop across from Starbucks in the well-traveled, lower-level stretch of the mall that connects the CTA's Blue and Red lines.

Doughnuts will not be made on site. Instead, they will be delivered twice daily from the suburban Krispy Kreme locations where they are made fresh.

That may disappoint fans of Krispy Kreme's famous neon "hot now" light, which alerts customers that hot doughnuts are about to come off the line, but the realities of downtown real estate made it difficult to bring the full experience, said franchisee Carlos Larcada.

"We found a great piece of real estate with great traffic but not enough space for a kitchen," said Larcada, president of Chicagoland Restaurants, which in 2015 got the regional rights to open Krispy Kreme franchises.

Larcada, who over the past three years has opened Krispy Kremes in suburban Evergreen Park, Hillside and Homewood, has four more shops planned.

"We hope to get two or three more downtown and a couple more suburban," he said.

Krispy Kreme largely vanished from the Chicago area a decade ago as the company's finances foundered. Its first Loop store opened in 2002 and closed three years later.

Analysts said the company, founded in 1937 in Winston-Salem, N.C., expanded too rapidly after going public in 2000, and

low-carb diets and the Great Recession weakened growth. The Illinois franchisee at the time, Sweet Traditions, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2007.

There were no Krispy Kreme shops in the Chicago area, aside from a corporate-owned commissary in Elk Grove Village that supplied grocery stores, when Larcada broke ground on his first shop across from Starbucks in Homewood, in 2016. He entered a market crowded with gourmet doughnut shops including Stan's, Do-Rite Donuts, Doughnut Vault and Firecakes, plus a growing slate of Dunkin' Donuts, which last year changed its name to Dunkin' to de-emphasize the fried dough part of the business as Americans lean toward healthier fare.

But Krispy Kreme, which returned to private ownership under JAB Holding Company in 2016, holds a special place in people's hearts, Larcada said.

"We are the only brand that relies on fresh product at open kitchen restaurants where you can buy a doughnut off the machine," he said.

Krispy Kreme's new shop in the pedway, which will employ about 40 people, is Larcada's first not to make doughnuts on premise. But it will serve 20 varieties of doughnuts regularly as well as its full coffee and espresso selection, and fruit chillers. Hours will be 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Loop location is ideal not only for commuter traffic but also as a central spot for tourists and for pickups for its fundraising business, Larcada said. That offering, which allows nonprofits to resell Krispy Kremes and keep half of the profits, represents 20% of business, he said.

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First, check with the bank or credit union you're considering. Many set your rate at the time of account opening, meaning if your deposit doesn't post for 2-3 days, you still get the rate promised when opening

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There's no foolproof way to avoid all risk from CD rate fluctuations. At some point you just have to commit. But a little homework can improve your chances of scoring the best return.

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nities for Churchill Downs and other operators.

In addition to the state's 10 existing casinos, the new law provides for new casinos in Chicago, Waukegan, the south suburbs, Rockford, Danville and Williamson County in southern Illinois. The Chicago casino can have up to 4,000 gaming positions, while most of the other casinos can have 2,000 gaming positions each under the new law.

Carstansen said Churchill "expects to participate" in a bid for one of the new casinos, but did not offer specific details Wednesday.

"I think Illinois is really a puzzle, because for anybody involved in the jurisdiction trying to figure out their plans, there are things you

don't know, like what your competitors are going to do, how many positions they might apply for, and precisely where some of these new casinos are going to go, particularly in the Chicagoland market. For example, the downtown Chicago casino," he said.

Churchill Downs, which also owns Arlington International Racecourse in Arlington Heights, has the right to add up to 1,200 gaming positions at that site through the legislation. Carstansen said the company intends to submit any plans for expanding gaming at the racetrack by the end of August to meet a state-imposed deadline.

Illinois is one of eight states to legalize sports betting in 2019, looking to tap into a multibillion-dollar industry that mostly relies on the black market — bookies and offshore websites.

Churchill Downs is all in on the state's new sports wagering law, which allows all casinos, horse racetracks and larger sports venues to participate — both through a bricks-and-mortar sports book and online betting. Rivers plans to pay the \$10 million licensing fee in early 2020 to obtain one of the inaugural sports wagering licenses, and will construct a sports book within the casino, Carstansen said.

"We're very excited about the potential of the Illinois sports wagering market," Carstansen said. "We will participate in this new market through our 61% ownership of Rivers and certainly we have the option to do so separately through our horse racing licenses. We will announce our plans soon."

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11623.58	8636.79	Dow Jones trans.		10819.32	10313.26	10374.43	-402.24	-3.7	+13.1	█ -6.5	
832.46	681.85	Dow Jones utilities		823.91	804.46	817.87	+2.11	+0.3	+14.7	█ +12.2	
13261.77	10723.66	NYSE Comp.		13249.04	12767.01	12839.51	-395.99	-3.0	+12.9	█ -0.9	
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8339.64	6190.17	Nasdaq Comp.		8325.28	7953.67	8004.07	-326.14	-3.9	+20.6	█ +2.5	
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Most active

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	10.00	-51
Pfizer Inc	38.00	-4.73
Bank of America	29.38	-1.39
Chesapeake Energy	1.64	-0.01
Ford Motor	9.28	
AT&T Inc	34.17	+0.02
EnCana Corp	4.40	+0.02
Stghwstn Energy	2.06	+0.02
Snap Inc A	17.03	-0.86
Transocean Ltd	5.28	-0.31
Sprint Corp	6.76	-1.23
Yamana Gold Inc	3.16	+0.26
Twitter Inc	42.85	+1.33

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	29.44	-4.58
SEAS Life Sciences	.18	+0.02
Apple Inc	204.02	-3.72
Microsoft Corp	136.90	-4.44
Micron Tech	44.08	-3.41
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.34	+0.12
Naked Brand Group	.08	-0.02
Intel Corp	48.68	-2.91
Zynga Inc	6.21	-0.25
Mylan NV	19.84	+1.38
Cisco Syst	53.25	-3.28
Comcast Corp A	42.65	-1.98
Facebook Inc	189.02	-10.73

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
iPath Sh Term Fut	25.66	+4.02
iShares Gold Trust	13.79	+0.24
iShares China Large Cap	39.86	-2.37
iShares Emerg Mkts	40.55	-2.15
iShares EAFE ETF	63.70	-1.80
iShares Rus 2000	152.58	-4.62
Invesco QQQ Trust	187.35	-7.92
iShares Core MSCI EmMkt	48.70	-2.54
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	292.62	-9.32
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtm	23.20	-1.01
SPDR Financial	27.60	-1.09
US Oil Fund LP	11.48	-0.17
VanE Vect Gld Miners	27.77	+0.49

Largest Companies

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	34.17	+0.02
Alibaba Group Hldg	161.00	-17.74
Alphabet Inc C	1193.99	-56.42
Alphabet Inc A	1196.32	-48.90
Amazon.com Inc	1823.24	-119.81
Amheuser-Busch InBev	100.19	-3.0
Apple Inc	204.02	-3.72
Bank of America	29.38	-1.39
Berkshire Hath A	306000.00	-9000.00
Berkshire Hath B	202.67	-7.23
Boeing Co	339.56	-5.44
Chevron Corp	120.73	-2.99
China Mobile Ltd	41.60	-1.88
Cisco Syst	53.25	-3.28
Citigroup	67.61	-4.04
CocaCola Co	52.33	-1.84
Comcast Corp A	42.65	-1.98
Disney	141.71	-2.94
DuPont de Nemours	69.05	-4.16
Exxon Mobil Corp	71.75	-3.06
Facebook Inc	189.02	-10.73
FEMSA	88.47	-3.13
HSBC Holdings PLC	39.36	-1.69
HSBC Holdings prA	26.45	+1.4
Home Depot	212.15	-4.76
Intel Corp	48.68	-2.91
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Pfizer Inc	38.00	-4.73
Procter & Gamble	116.44	+1.71
Royal Dutch Shell B	58.97	-4.47
Royal Dutch Shell A	58.41	-4.61
Taiwan Semiconductor	41.65	-1.81
Toyota Mot	128.95	-3.00
Unilever PLC	59.87	-1.08
UnitedHealth Group	250.05	-2.89
Verizon Comm	55.59	-1.49
Visa Inc	177.42	-6.27
WallMart Strs	109.40	-3.62
Wells Fargo & Co	47.44	-1.86

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, August 2, 2019

RANK	COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1	Boeing Co	191,073	339.56	▼ -5.44	-8
2	McDonalds Corp	163,767	214.48	▼ -1.10	+40.9
3	Abbott Labs	151,402	85.82	▼ -1.93	+34.8
4	AbbVie Inc	96,608	65.35	▼ -2.41	-26.9
5	Mondelez Intl	77,437	53.76	▼ -1.05	+27.0
6	CME Group	73,441	205.16	▲ +4.09	+30.3
7	Caterpillar Inc	71,221	124.54	▼ -8.38	-7.1
8	Deere Co	50,307	158.70	▼ -11.69	+13.8
9	ITW	49,410	151.67	▼ -3.96	+12.0
10	Walgreen Boots Alli	48,480	53.68	▼ -1.37	-17.2
11	Exelon Corp	43,450	44.75	▼ -1.07	+9.2
12	Baxter Intl	43,211	84.70	▼ -4.5	+18.3
13	Kraft Heinz Co	39,294	32.21	▲ +3.36	-42.3
14	Allstate Corp	34,793	104.51	▲ +1.58	+9.1
15	Equity Residential	29,820	80.48	▲ +1.92	+25.4
16	Discover Fin Svcs	28,060	86.68	▲ -6.23	+22.9
17	Motorola Solutions	28,026	170.08	▼ -0.2	+41.8
18	Ventas Inc	24,669	68.83	▲ +1.80	+27.5
19	United Airlines Hldg	22,976	89.43	▼ -3.93	+10.6
20	Arch Dan Mid	22,445	40.07	▼ -5.2	-16.0
21	Nthn Trust Cp	20,409	93.76	▼ -5.88	-11.9
22	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	19,701	337.02	▼ -16.86	+43.5
23	CDW Corp	16,988	116.34	▲ +1.90	+34.6
24	Gallagher AJ	16,687	90.08	▼ -2.25	+29.0
25	TransUnion	15,356	81.77	▼ -2.51	+11.0
26	Grainger WW	15,082	276.39	▼ -23.41	-17.3
27	ConAgra Brands Inc	13,742	28.27	▼ -6.8	-21.0
28	Dover Corp	13,489	92.75	▼ -5.46	+15.8
29	CBOE Global Markets	13,003	116.48	▲ +5.33	+22.9
30	CNA Financial	12,784	47.08	▼ -1.49	+10.3
31	IDEX Corp	12,232	161.58	▼ -7.23	+7.0
32	CF Industries	11,646	52.68	▲ +4.53	+8.9
33	Equity Lifestry Pro	11,386	126.52	▲ +2.77	+41.7
34	NISource Inc	11,084	29.71	▲ +4.1	+16.0
35	Zebra Tech	10,737	198.93	▲ +9.28	+40.1
36	Packaging Corp Am	9,567	101.25	▼ -7.6	-5.8
37	LKQ Corporation	8,022	25.55	▼ -2.18	-23.1
38	US Foods Holding	7,737	34.68	▼ -9.4	+4.7
39	Aptargroup Inc	7,457	118.02	▼ -6.11	+16.0
40	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	7,226	51.66	▼ -3.87	-8.7
41	Middleby Corp	7,187	129.13	▼ -8.90	+25.6
42	Hill-Rom Hldgs	6,939	103.92	▼ -3.06	+10.6
43	Old Republic	6,837	22.57	▼ -2.07	+8.3
44	Jones Lang LaSalle	6,552	143.24	▼ -1.09	-13.8
45	Morningstar Inc	6,468	151.65	▼ -3.55	+16.6
46	GrubHub Inc	6,355	69.71	▼ -4.93	-45.5
47	CDK Global Inc	6,161	50.66	▼ -3.06	-17.6
48	Kemper Corp	5,737	86.30	▼ -1.45	+9.6
49	Paylocity Hldg	5,280	99.68	▼ -7.43	+55.8
50	Ingredion Inc	5,236	78.53	▼ -6.0	-17.1
51	First Indl RT	4,746	37.53	▼ -7.7	+17.2
52	Equity Commonwlt	4,143	33.99	▲ +4.9	+16.3
53	Stericycle Inc	4,135	45.43	▼ -1.50	-36.0
54	Brunswick Corp	4,130	47.43	▲ -4.3	-23.9
55	Trubune Media Co A	4,109	46.55	▲ +1.7	+41.6
56	RLI Corp	4,045	90.33	▲ +1.15	+22.0
57	Littelfuse Inc	3,934	159.13	▼ -27.34	-26.8
58	Wintrust Financial	3,883	68.53	▼ -3.21	-22.4
59	John Bean Technol	3,395	107.35	▼ -14.16	-1.1
60	Cabot Microelect	3,373	116.09	▼ -6.48	-4.0
61	Investment Inc	3,320	68.11	▼ -4.88	+13.8
62	TreeHouse Foods	3,203	57.07	▼ -2.67	+14.8
63	Teleph Data	2,926	27.41	▼ -6.03	+8.8
64	Hyatt Hotels Corp	2,912	76.22	▼ -2.14	-3.1
65	Navistar Intl	2,878	29.03	▼ -3.01	-30.4
66	GATX	2,742	75.77	▼ -1.36	-6.6
67	Adtalem Global Educ	2,624	46.39	▼ -2.27	-16.4
68	Retail Prop Amer	2,565	12.01	▼ -2.07	-1.1
69	Fst Midw Bcp	2,179	20.39	▼ -1.28	+23.1
70	Stepan Co	2,173	96.10	▼ -3.27	+9.7
71	US Cellular	2,037	38.20	▼ -11.00	+7.9
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How do deal with these 4 types of bosses

Here are tips on how to get along with various types of bosses that can prove to be frustrating.

The Silent Type

Workers with chatty bosses might long for a silent leader. But often, this type seems to think you're a mind reader. The Silent Type provides little to no direction on projects and then becomes frustrated when you don't deliver to his expectations. Perhaps it's no surprise then that a Robert Half survey found the most common mistake companies make in managing their teams is inadequate communication.

How to deal: Every boss has his preferred method of communication, whether it's email, in-person check-ins, phone, IM or sticky notes. Figure out your boss's favorite way to interact, and then use it — but sparingly. Peppering silent types with constant questions and messages will only increase their distance. But initiating a checking-in routine with a method you know is comfortable for your boss can provide you with the feedback you need.

The Perfectionist

These managers are extremely driven and have high standards, both of which are admirable qualities. But among all types of bosses, Perfectionists are the least likely to delegate, constantly second-guessing your decisions and, frustratingly, micromanaging every step of the way.

How to deal: There's no quick solution to this one. Until a Perfectionist trusts you, you won't be able to convince her to give you more control. The key is to anticipate your boss's concerns and questions, and have your answers and solutions ready. Focus on doing the best work you can, and offer updates without waiting for your manager to ask. In time, a Perfectionist is likely to cut you more slack when she realizes you're capable of doing your job to high standards.

Mr. or Ms. Moody

Different types of bosses mean different personalities. Unfortunately, this one is rarely in a good mood. Maybe he is overworked and stressed, or just consistently gets up on the wrong side of the bed. Either way, Mr. or Ms. Moody's bad temper means that you have to deal with passive-aggressive or outright rude behavior. This leaves you walking on eggshells and going out of your way to avoid your manager.

How to deal: Fight the urge to treat Mr. or Ms. Moody in kind. Responding to a job or snub with an equally nasty or passive-aggressive move will only cause tempers to flare. Besides, your reputation as a professional is on the line. A sugary sweet attitude will likely irritate your boss even more. And suffering in silence isn't good for your work relationships or mental health.

Instead, be calm but blunt, and address any rudeness in a straightforward manner. Pointing out uncivil or unprofessional behavior while maintaining your composure may help defuse your boss's ill temper and encourage more appropriate interactions. If that fails, you may have to seek help from the human resources department.

The Egoist

This is one of the most challenging types of bosses to handle. Egotistical managers create a toxic workplace. They take pleasure in keeping workers "in their place" and resent other people's successes and achievements.

How to deal: It may be tempting to try and bring your boss's ego down a notch, but that often works better in movies than in real life. Instead, treat your manager with respect and remember that how she treats you is not an indication of your worth as an employee or a person. Short of trying to grin and bear it, there may be little you can do to change an Egoist's behavior.

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Outdoor workers deal with long hours and short tempers

Chloe Lindberg worked at Brookfield Zoo during the summers between each school year when she was a student at the University of Dayton in Ohio. "It was a great summer job, but you'd have your share of stress."

"I worked in concessions and the lines were long and we would run out of things by the end of the day and people would be mad. And they'd take it out on me. I would just have to sit and listen until they decided to either order something else or just walk away."

Peter Sullivan, who worked at Six Flags Great America for three summers when he was in high school, as well as the summer after his freshman year of college, has similar memories. "People get upset when things aren't picture-perfect. You learn a lot about dealing with someone who is having a bad day," says Sullivan. "They're hot, sweaty and annoyed and you're hot, sweaty and annoyed but the thing is you can't let that show. You have to stay calm and you have to do your job."

Do your job — that's the challenge for many workers who spend their summer days outdoors. Dealing with the elements can be challenging enough but when you throw in screaming children, angry parents and cranky tourists, there's a good possibility that your patience is going to be tested every day.

"Working outside comes with a unique set of challenges," says Robert Brown, a restaurant consultant and former restaurant manager. "We have a lot of jobs on a river walk with a lot of tourists, and sometimes high school and college kids aren't necessarily equipped to deal with angry customers. I'm not sure it's a skill you can learn, either. You can fake it but if you're not an inherently patient person, working in the heat can be really tough."

Proactive approach

Clarissa Sanchez, who has worked at three different restaurants along San Antonio's River Walk, says it isn't just high school and college kids who aren't equipped to deal with cranky customers. "I actually think the younger workers are better at dealing with the stress than the older workers," she says. "And I'm sure a lot of that has to do with the fact that they can quit their part-time job anytime they want."

Sanchez says she learned to deal with short-tempered people during her first year on the River Walk, when she was a hostess at a Mexican restaurant. "People would be waiting for a table longer than they expected so they would get frustrated and angry, and they'd lash out at the hostess," she says. "I learned that an ice-cold glass of water can do a lot to calm a person's nerves. They just want to make sure that they are still in the loop so I made it a point to take a walk around the waiting customers, let them know where they stood in the seating order and to offer them water. I think it's always better to be proactive than reactive."

Brown says that's an excellent strategy. "Once you have a customer who loses it because they are mad, it's very doubtful to get them back. The smart approach is to keep communication open and to at least give them answers, even if they aren't the answers they want to hear," Brown says.

Remain calm

Lindberg says the lessons she learned while working at the zoo are lessons she continues to adhere to today. "I've always worked in some form of outdoor recreation and it's not just the sun that can get people upset," she says. "I've been an assistant director at three park districts and the common theme in all three jobs was trying to maintain professionalism when dealing with residents who wanted to see you get fired."

Lindberg says when she worked at a park district near Cincinnati she often heard the "you work for me!" outburst from angry residents. "People would get right up in my face telling me that I was a public servant and that they paid my salary and that they would have my job come Monday morning," says Lindberg. "And all this was due to the fact that they had to get out of the pool because a storm was coming."

Lindberg says when she dealt with hostile residents, she began focusing on her breathing, allowing her to stay relaxed and "in the moment" until the person causing the stress accepted Lindberg's position or simply left.

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What you need to know about being a software engineer

The software engineer job description involves creating solutions for problems faced by the business or the consumers they're marketing to. This can be a highly creative field or a technical one depending on your industry and job function. While the daily tasks may change, most software engineers regularly do a few core activities:

- Analyzing the needs of the user, customer, or company
- Designing the blueprint for how the systems work and their functions
- Developing and coding the software with different programming languages
- Running tests while the software is in beta to search for bugs and issues
- Fixing problems and issues and pushing out updates
- Analyzing performance and opportunities for improvement
- Maintaining the software after it has been launched and approved
- Meeting with clients or the business team to discuss functions and additions
- Troubleshooting problems with co-workers to find solutions
- Improving design and functionality after launch
- Updating the software with new versions and changes

Work environment

For the most part, software engineers work in an office setting and will either have their own offices for privacy or will be expected to work in an open floor plan. If the company they work for specializes in software, they may work in a computer lab with their peers trying to solve problems and build solutions together. This environment provides more opportunities for collaboration than working in an office with only one or two other engineers or developers.

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Principal Associate Quantitative Analysis Credit Risk 5454688
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Software Engineer 5454688
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Robots are coming! Run for your livelihood! Maybe not ...

It seems like we've been expecting an invasion of robots for years. And not the lovable, friendly kind, either. Not the "beep-bop-boop" robots of old science-fiction movies or the iron-Goliaths-with-hearts-of-gold robots from children's books. And not the faceless, monotone robots who calmly inform us our planet will be obliterated in a matter of minutes. Those robots hardly give us pause. We're talking about the scariest robots of all — the ones coming for your jobs!

We checked in with John Morehouse, director of the Center of Innovation for Manufacturing for the state of Georgia's Department of Economic Development, on what the future looks like for the American worker. Morehouse should know. He has more than 20 years of experience in manufacturing and spent much of that time focusing on the manufacturing workforce of the future. **Here are several of his thoughts on the scary and not-so-scary future:**

So what exactly are we talking about when we talk about robots?

"If I had to define robots, or more broadly, robotics, I'd say it's the automated completion of a physical task. The robots, the bots that people talk about, are on the software side. To me, the bots on the software side are the tools that complete an automated task. The robots are what complete an automated physical task."

How did robotics enter the manufacturing industry?

"Automotive manufacturing was the first, historically, to use robotics in a major way and a lot of the tasks that they were doing were pick-and-place, which meant robotics were used to move

parts from one place to another on the production line. That evolved to robotic use in welding, painting — really, in those areas where the working conditions were potentially dangerous or difficult. Robots were good solutions in those places where people don't do very well."

So that's the past. What's the present and future?

"Cobot technology is what's happening now and what's next. Collaborative robots — robots that work in tandem with people. The robot may pick the order from the warehouse and the worker may verify the order, pack the order and prepare the order for shipping."

We already know that companies can't fill manufacturing jobs. Why is that?

"Companies can't keep manufacturing employees. When they fill those jobs, they're finding that those employees have a high turnover. They don't stick around for more than a couple of years. Companies have to ask themselves why and one of the answers is that a lot of people don't want to do these mundane types of jobs. But if you can automate those tasks as a company, that changes the type of workforce you need. Now, there are roles for skilled technicians who know programming — skills they can learn in high school or with a two-year degree. You'll need a line supervisor who understands how to operate with four assembly workers and five machines. Really, what you're saying is you need you workers with a more complex set of skills, a combination of technical skills, soft skills, creative thinking, critical thinking, communication, advanced problem solving and more. Companies are going to be hiring people who have the skills that a robot won't."

But the fear is robots will take American jobs. Is that a fair perception?

"If companies in the United States don't keep up with automation, they're not going to be able to compete with those companies who do, whether those are other American companies or companies overseas. People worry about robots taking jobs but if I'm a large- or medium-sized shop or even a small shop and I'm not automating and keeping up with the trends, I'm going to be less competitive and it's likely my business will be reduced. There's a better chance that my shop — and its workers — are going to end up going offshore or closing up. It's the larger picture that people are sometimes missing. There are jobs that will be eliminated due to robotics and automation but future job predictions show larger openings for manufacturing jobs in the future that aren't on the assembly line. The World Economic Forum predicts by the year 2022, about 75 million jobs may be displaced, but that another 133 million new jobs will emerge."

So robots could actually create a larger need for manufacturing workers?

"It's hard to know for sure but 2018 study by Deloitte and the Manufacturing Institute say there will be 3.2 million jobs needed in manufacturing in 2025, but as many as 2 million will be left unfilled because of a shift in skillsets and an aging workforce. There's an intersection up ahead. Yes, we're automating manufacturing so you're losing some low-skilled workers but you're also creating more interesting, higher-paying, long-term jobs — the types of jobs people are going to be more interested in. People can think about what they need to differentiate themselves? How can they build those other skills that a robot is not really going to be very good at, like creating something, solving an immediate issue or collaborating with humans?"

How do we encourage students to consider careers in manufacturing?

"Everyone thinks manufacturing is important to our country and to our economy but there's definitely not as much support for those people who want to go into manufacturing. I actually think the problem is the awareness and the perception around manufacturing jobs — in actually getting kids interested in manufacturing, exposing them at younger ages, getting them doing more project-based work in school where they can see the results of these skills. Because these are well-paying jobs and you can build a future with them."

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*



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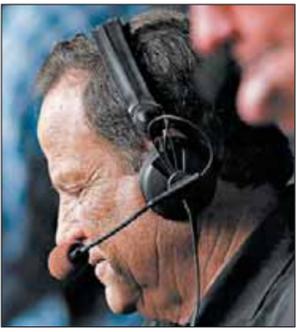
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CUBS

Bringing slice of majors

Zobrist shows kids how to be big-leaguer at rehab stop

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Not many minor-leaguers would feel the least bit conflicted playing in the same infield as a World Series MVP.

But less than three years ago, Andy Weber wasn't a shortstop in the Cubs organization. He was a 19-year-old kid from Cleveland watching his beloved Indians in Game 7 of the World Series.

Until Ben Zobrist ripped his heart out.

The pain of Zobrist's tiebreaking double in the 10th inning that led the Cubs to their first championship since

Cubs hold off Brewers

Cubs defeat Brewers with all-around effort. Willson Contreras leaves with right hamstring injury. **Page 3.**

1908 hasn't fully subsided, and Weber had a decision to make now that he was sharing a clubhouse with him: Would he bring up the World Series that brought Weber so much pain and made Zobrist a legend in Cubs lore?

"I might," said Weber slyly, adding: "I might just let it slide."

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Expecting rave reviews

With pass interference subject to replay booth, how will it all play out?

Remember the final minutes of the NFC championship game in January? The Saints — and their fans — sure do. A critical no-call on an obvious pass-interference penalty forced the Saints to settle for a field goal. The Rams answered and then won in overtime to punch their ticket to the Super Bowl. "The NOLA No Call," it was dubbed. As a result, the NFL installed a safety net to help reduce such costly errors. For the first time, pass-interference penalties will be reviewable. Same goes for plays on which interference was not called but might have occurred. Said Bears cornerback Prince Amukamara: "Who knows how this is going to go? There's always going to be some uncertainty."

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Cornerbacks Kyle Fuller (23) and Prince Amukamara will be under scrutiny with pass interference being reviewable.

Saints receiver Tommy Lee Lewis (11) tries in vain for a catch against Rams defensive back Nickell Robey-Coleman in the NFC championship game on Jan. 20. No pass interference was called on the play, prompting a new rule that will allow interference calls to be reviewed.

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100 RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

Sprinkle known for his nastiness on field

Our pick at No. 33, **Ed Sprinkle**, played both offense and defense for the Bears and admitted he liked to "mix it up."

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PAUL SULLIVAN

Trade-deadline conundrum

At the All-Star Game in Cleveland a few weeks ago, Astros pitcher Gerrit Cole was criticizing the large number of rebuilds occurring in the majors, arguing that every franchise should try to put a competitive team on the field every year.

It was a solid argument but ignored the fact the Astros' rebuild worked to a T, resulting in a championship in 2017.

When I casually mentioned to Cole the Astros' successful rebuild helped create the blueprint for other teams to follow, he disagreed.

"Houston was bad when they started (the rebuild)," he said. "They didn't tear it down. Miami tore it down. Miami sold three All-Star people (Christian Yelich, Giancarlo Stanton and Marcell Ozuna) and then decided to suck. We sucked, and then we got good."

The 2017 Marlins were 77-85 and finished 20 games behind the National League East champion Nationals before selling off their stars after the season. Depending on your definition of "sucking," there really was no difference between the Astros and Marlins deciding to rebuild.

"There is a big difference," Cole said. "It goes for both (leagues). Some people would say they're just taking advantage of the rules. I'm not a front-office guy, so I can't speak to what a front office would do. But players are concerned about having the best product on the field, whether that be young players or old players.

"Old players bring a different kind of value than the young players do. Young players bring a different kind of value than some of the old players do. Right now players are getting pinched on both sides, and at least 50% of the league doesn't give a (bleep) about winning.

"The fans end up suffering."
Not looking for a lengthy debate, I moved on.

Three weeks later, Cole and his teammates learned at the trade deadline that Astros President Jeff Luhnow had acquired Diamondbacks ace Zack Greinke for prospects, giving the team a rotation headed by Justin Verlander, Cole and Greinke.

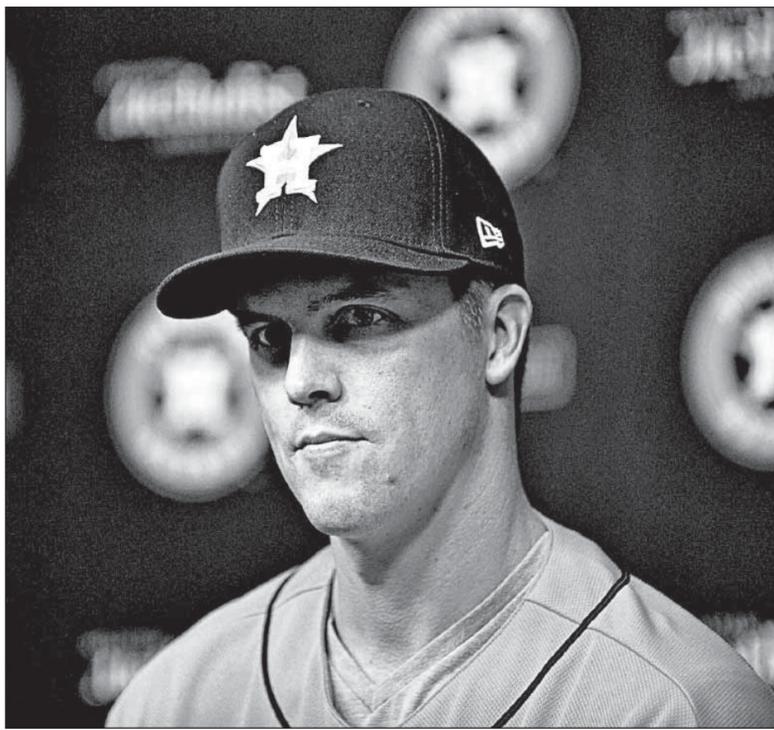
Cole told reporters there was "hooting and hollering" in the clubhouse when they received the news Wednesday from manager A.J. Hinch.

"We had some deadline acquisitions in Pittsburgh," Cole said. "But not quite like some of the guys experienced here with (Verlander and) now Greinke. We never acquired two Hall of Famers in the span of three years."

The Diamondbacks have shed Paul Goldschmidt, Patrick Corbin, A.J. Pollock and Greinke since the end of 2018 and are going through another rebuild.

But as long as the Astros were the beneficiaries of the Diamondbacks' decision not to compete, Cole appeared fine with it.

Funny how that works, isn't it?
Players dislike rebuilds because more teams not competing means fewer teams are left to bid for free agents, which hurts their ability to get bigger contracts. Many rebuilds don't work, and the fans do end up



Pitcher Zack Greinke speaks during a news conference Friday in Houston, two days after

suffering.

But sometimes rebuilds do work, and it all depends on the collective brain power of the front office. The Astros have one of the best in the business in Luhnow, and you won't find many fans complaining now about the team's struggles of a few years ago. Ditto Cubs fans, who patiently went through the bad times but trusted President Theo Epstein to make the right moves and lived long enough to see a World Series championship.

That brings us to the July 31 trade deadline, which often offers rebuilding teams a chance to shed salaries and stock up on prospects, giving up on a lost season for a chance to win down the road.

But this year at the deadline, some mediocre teams acquired big names for a chance to win in 2020.

The Reds acquired Indians starter Trevor Bauer in a three-way deal, even though they were six games under .500 and trading water in the National League Central. It seemed to make no sense, but the Reds are at a stage of the rebuild at which they believe then can win next season.

"When you looked ahead into the off-season, the options for impact, top of the rotation starting pitching were going to be fairly limited and expensive," Reds President Dick Williams told reporters after the Bauer deal. "The acquisition cost for us was reasonable (Yasiel Puig and two prospects) for someone of this impact.

"There's just so few pitchers that you can count on to deliver innings and performance, so we're betting heavily on that."
The sub-.500 Mets did likewise, acquir-

ing Blue Jays starter Marcus Stroman and opting to keep trade bait Noah Syndergaard and Zack Wheeler, who will become a free agent in November. Unlike the Reds, the Mets think they can still get into the wild-card race and win this year with a rotation of Jacob deGrom, Steven Matz, Syndergaard, Stroman and Wheeler.

They took a seven-game win streak into the weekend, pulling to within four games of the second NL wild-card spot. Agent-turned-general manager Brodie van Wagoner, who told the Mets' division rivals "come and get us" in the offseason, went from bum to hero in a matter of weeks.

"We want to win now and win in the future," he wrote in a letter to Mets fans posted on Twitter. "We wanted to improve the team for the rest of this year and as we head to 2020."

The surging Giants, meanwhile, kept their ace, Madison Bumgarner, and closer Will Smith instead of dealing them for prospects and starting a rebuild. They did trade expendable players, but not the core.

If the Giants don't make the postseason, the decision could set the organization back, but President Farhan Zaidi said in a letter to fans: "I like our chances down the stretch."

Every team has its way of doing things, and the most important is to get fans to buy in. Sometimes a rebuild is the only way to go, and sometimes it's better to take a risk and go for broke.

The Astros, Reds, Mets and Giants each had their game plans, and we'll soon see if they pay off.

Let the hooting and hollering begin.

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NBCSCH to debut daily gambling show

NBC Sports Chicago is blowing up its patchwork afternoon programming, becoming the latest media outlet to court gamblers and test their appetite for content in the aftermath of sports wagering's widespread legalization in Illinois and elsewhere.

Get ready for "The Daily Line," a four-hour, Monday-through-Friday blast of live talk centering on sports betting and fantasy sports, set to make its debut at 2 p.m. Monday.

Produced by NBC Sports' regional network in the Washington area, it also will be carried in San Francisco and Philadelphia.
— Phil Rosenthal

BASKETBALL BIG3

At 36, Curry still has his heart in basketball

Now in Big3, ex-Bull says past health issues were overblown

BY PHIL THOMPSON

For Eddy Curry, this is a homecoming. It's a return to the city he loves. It's also a reminder of a dispute that still follows him.

The former Bulls big man returns Saturday when the Big3 basketball tour stops at Allstate Arena. Curry said the chance to play in front of his hometown fans is a big reason he chose to join the Big3.

"I mean that was huge for me," Curry said. "I've played some spotty places throughout the years; I've done some time in China and other little countries here and there. It's just nothing like playing in front of U.S. fans, and more specifically Chicago fans.

Curry's Killer 3s team includes former Bulls C.J. Watson and Charles Oakley, the coach.

In 2005, the Harvey native and the Bulls engaged in a standoff over DNA testing.

The team wanted to know whether Curry had hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, the genetic heart condition that caused the deaths of Hank Gathers and Reggie Lewis, before they offered him a new contract. Curry didn't want to risk his market value on an unknown outcome. When he refused to take the test, the Bulls traded him to the Knicks.

Curry was 18 when his hometown team drafted him out of Thornwood High School with the fourth pick of the 2001 draft. Today, in his Killer 3s uniform, he looks wizened at 36. He's definitely wiser in the ways of basketball.

"I learned that it's a business, especially when you get to the professional levels," he said. "Knowing that, you just got to take care of your business, take care of yourself first. ... It feels like the same basketball that you loved being in, that you would play for free,

but it's not that.

"I was so young when I got drafted. It was one of those things where you're just, 'This is going to last forever.' I was going to be in the NBA forever. You're going to play in front of all these people forever, but it's just not like that."

In March 2005, Curry had experienced an irregular heartbeat during warmups. Testing failed to clear him, and the Bulls didn't want to play him, much less offer him a new contract, in fear for his health.

"If anything, I wish I wouldn't have said anything," he said. "It turned out to be nothing."

Curry said he doesn't take the Bulls' decision to insist on a DNA test personally, but he contends it adversely affected his career.

"It definitely branded me, even from a work standpoint," he said. "I only had the option to play for maybe two other teams once that got out when it came time for a sign-and-trade. There were only two teams that were like, 'Well, we're going to take a chance on him because we don't know what exactly is going on with his heart. All the doctors say nothing's wrong, so we're going to take a chance.' And that was the Knicks."

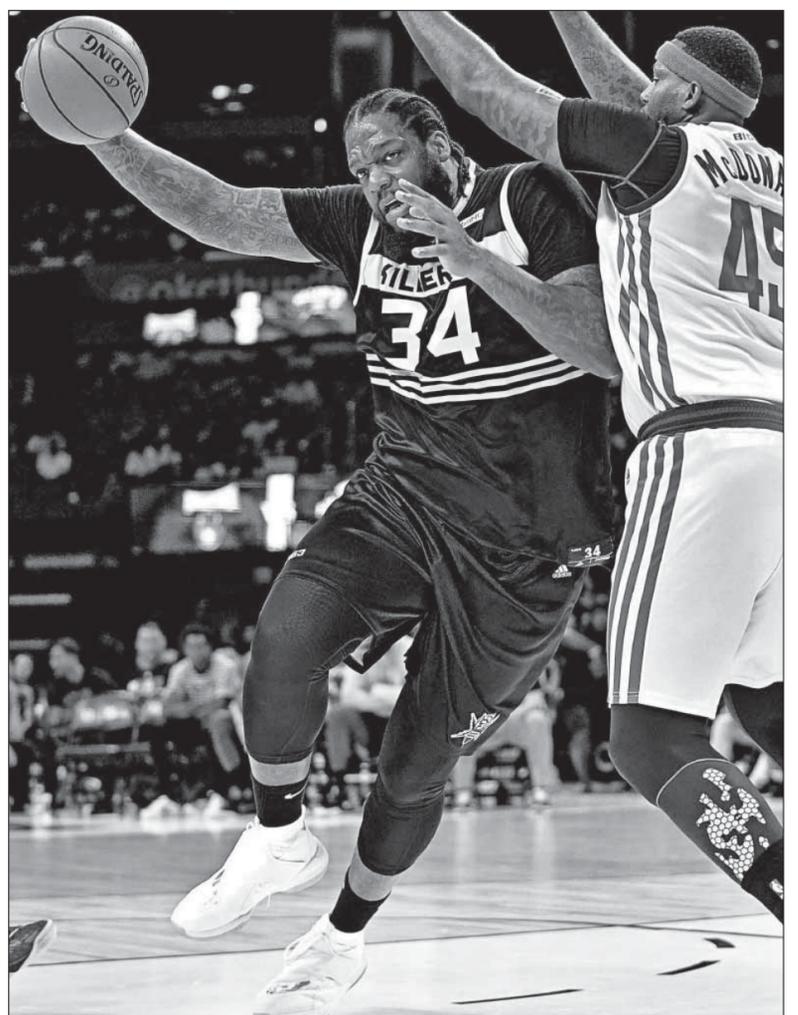
"I'll forever be grateful to them because if not for that, I don't even know what would've happened. The Bulls were prepared to make me sit for the duration of my contract and that would've been my exit out (of) the NBA in Year 4 (or) Year 5."

"That was crazy to me. ... It was always these impossible tasks they would have me do in order to secure a future there. I would do these tasks and they would be like, 'All right, we'll see what happens.'"

The Bulls did not comment on Curry's statements.

Though the Knicks took a chance on Curry, they still performed a battery of tests on him before and after each of his five seasons in New York.

"For four or five years, stress tests,



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Eddy Curry drives against Will McDonald during a Big3 game July 21 in Oklahoma City.

echocardiograms, MRIs — you name it, I was doing it," he said. "It made me comfortable as well, but I knew nothing was wrong."

The testing also brought peace of mind to his wife, Patrice, and six children. But the media attention about his heart still sticks with him.

"Even to this day I'll see people and they'll ask about my heart," Curry said.

Earlier this year, a fan reached out to him on social media to say he has hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

"Bro, I don't have that, but I hope you doing fine," Curry said he told the fan. "It's definitely something people attach to me."

CUBS



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

The Cubs' Nicholas Castellanos doubles in the third inning Saturday at Wrigley Field. He went 2-for-4.

CUBS 4, BREWERS 1

All-around effort

Almora and Castellanos back Hamels and pen, but Contreras injured



PAUL SULLIVAN

Nicholas Castellanos and Albert Almora Jr. have known each other since they played against each other on Little League fields in Miami.

After all these years, they're now teammates, hoping to get the Cubs back to the World Series.

"Nick? He's trash," Almora said Saturday after going 3-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs in a 4-1 win over the Brewers at Wrigley Field.

Almora, of course, was kidding. "No, it's been great playing with Nick, and I played with his brother growing up," Almora said. "Once I found out he was coming over here, I was really excited, and to have him next to me at my locker here, it's great. It's Miami all over again."

Castellanos, acquired in a deal with the Tigers on Wednesday, said they never really thought about being teammates someday.

"It's funny how if you're both really good, you've got a chance to play together at some point," said Castellanos, who went 2-for-4. "I can picture a lot of these (Miami) guys when they were kids. I see him the same way. He's got a little bit longer hair now, and his gold chain is a little fatter."

Almora and Castellanos combined for five of the Cubs' nine hits, helping them keep the heat on the Cardinals in the National League Central. Cole Hamels returned from the injured list to pitch five scoreless innings, and the bullpen did its job to seal the deal.

The only negative was a right hamstring injury to catcher Willson Contreras, who pulled up lame running hard on a seventh-inning line drive, and he will get an MRI on Monday and is likely to go on the injured list, only days after the Cubs dealt third-string catcher Martin Maldo-

nado to the Astros.

"He's an All-Star," Hamels said of Contreras. "You don't find those guys. There's no longer a waiver wire, and you don't find them as free agents right now. I know (Victor) Caratini is going to get the bulk of (starts), and he's been playing well. It's just a matter of seeing what we can do with the options we have."

Other than the loss of Contreras, Saturday was about as good a day for the Cubs as they've had in a while. Almora's line-drive home run off Junior Guerra in the seventh snapped a 1-1 tie, and the Cubs added two insurance runs in the eighth before Craig Kimbrel knocked out the save.

The Cubs brought in Castellanos to help them solve their seasonlong problems against lefties. They came into the game against left-hander Gio Gonzalez ranked 29th in hitting against southpaws with a .233 average.

He already has brought some energy to the Cubs, looking to take second every time he hits a ball into the gap. Castellanos on Saturday talked about the lessons he learned from Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera, who plays the game with a smile joie de vivre.

"What I took away from him was how to be a kid playing baseball," Castellanos said. "A kid in backyard playing whiffle ball never goes into a slump because he's having too much fun with that at-bat to worry about what's going to happen. That's Miggy, so that's what I take from him."

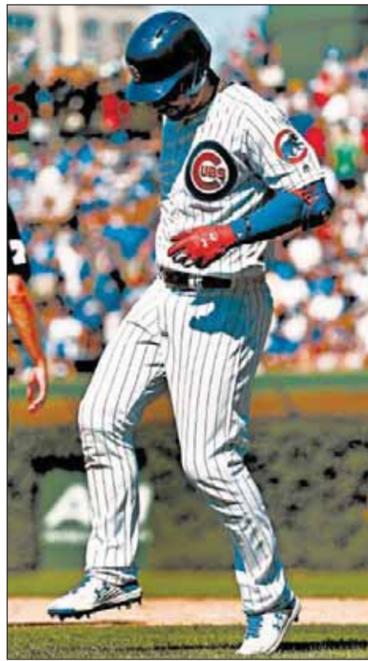
While he might look as though he's as supercharged as a V-8 engine, Castellanos insisted he's not the energizer bunny everyone assumes he is.

"That just means I'm a good actor, because I'm not," he said. "Every day is opening day. That's the way I go about it: Just be the best version of yourself every day and even on days when that's hard, fake it."

He's faking it well, going from a rebuild to a contender and enjoying playing in front of passionate fans.

"He's reminding us what hunger looks like," manager Joe Maddon said.

Castellanos' arrival will mean less playing time for Almora, but the 25-year-



Cubs catcher Willson Contreras comes up hopping on one leg after flying out Saturday. He likely will go on the injured list.

old center fielder is not sulking over the move.

"It's not about me," he said. "It's about winning a World Series."

Of course, getting there is going to be difficult if the Cubs don't win the division because the wild-card winner likely will play the Dodgers in a division series. Hamels echoed the feelings of others in the clubhouse, saying he expects the Cubs, Cardinals and Brewers to continue this steel-cage brawl through the final two months.

"I've been on teams that have won it on the last day a few times," Hamels said. "It's not what you want, but it's something where you have to keep going until something changes."

"If we keep taking care of the job at hand, what we can control, I like our chances."

Bullpen shuffle continues: Brach out

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

The Cubs bullpen has changed dramatically since the start of the season thanks to injuries and ineffectiveness.

Brandon Morrow never made it off the injured list. Mike Montgomery and Carl Edwards Jr. were traded. And on Saturday, Brad Brach was designated for assignment to open a roster spot for starter Cole Hamels.

Brach originally signed a one-year deal in February worth a guaranteed \$4.35 million, but it was restructured to \$1.65 million after he failed a physical because of mononucleosis. The 33-year-old right-hander compiled a 6.13 ERA with a 1.76 WHIP in 42 appearances and was deemed expendable with Rowan Wick's emergence.

"Every time he went out there, I expected a good result," manager Joe Maddon said. "He was throwing the ball well all year. He's run into some bad luck. Velocity was good. It's really hard to understand why he had such a hard time. I want him to get another opportunity quickly. ... This is a tough one."

With the trade deadline having passed, the Cubs can't deal Brach, who will become a free agent.

With Pedro Strop on the injured list, the only relievers on the active roster from opening day are Steve Cishek, Brandon Kintzler and Tyler Chatwood. The Cubs insist Morrow will be back from his right elbow injury, but that is not guaranteed.

Wick, 26, acquired from the Padres in November for minor league infielder Jason Vosler, has a 2.08 ERA in 12 outings with 15 strikeouts in 13 innings. Wick threw a scoreless inning Saturday in a 4-1 win over the Brewers for his first career victory and has not allowed a run in his last seven appearances.

"What Rowan is doing right now causes us to rethink a lot of stuff," Maddon said. "You saw him in a really pertinent moment (Friday), and he rose to the occasion again. His fastball has been explosive. He's got the good curveball, his confidence is there. He just needs more opportunity. He is playing into the decision-making."

The Cubs bullpen came into the day ranked 11th in the majors with a 4.18 ERA and had the third-most blown saves with 20. They added a blown save Saturday when newcomer David Phelps gave up a tying single to Ryan Braun in the sixth inning.

But it was a mere blip in an otherwise strong performance for the much-maligned bullpen. In a midseason shuffle, the Cubs signed closer Craig Kimbrel and acquired Derek Holland and Phelps. Maddon used all three Saturday, as well as Wick, Kyle Ryan and Steve Cishek, to get the matchups he wanted.

Holland got out of the sixth by inducing Mike Moustakas to hit into a fielder's choice, and Ryan struck out Christian Yelich, the only batter he faced, leading off the eighth.

"The whole group contributed today," Maddon said. "And a lot of them contributed in a way I think they'll still be available (Sunday). It was a good day."

Zobrist

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On Saturday, Zobrist played second base and Weber shortstop while hitting second and third, respectively, for the South Bend Cubs in their game against Great Lakes at Four Winds Field. It was Zobrist's second appearance with the Class A affiliate in his comeback attempt and the first time he played the field — he was the designated hitter Friday night.

Zobrist, 38, hasn't played for the big-league Cubs since May 6 and two days later went on the restricted list. He is expected to continue his minor-league assignment for most of the month before rejoining the team by Aug. 31, the day players must be on the 25-man roster to be eligible for the playoffs.

Just before first pitch Saturday, Weber and Zobrist yelled to each other in the field, apparently sorting out each other's responsibilities. The chatter paid off when they combined on a clean 6-4-3 double play just three batters into the game.

"He's been in the big leagues for a long time, and there's a reason why," Weber said before the game. "When you take all that into account you're trying to learn as much as you can. An opportunity like this is special."

Zobrist made a few routine plays and appeared to be moving fine. Batting right-handed, the switch hitter grounded to third base in the first inning, singled to right in the third and had an RBI single to left in the fourth before a pinch runner replaced him.

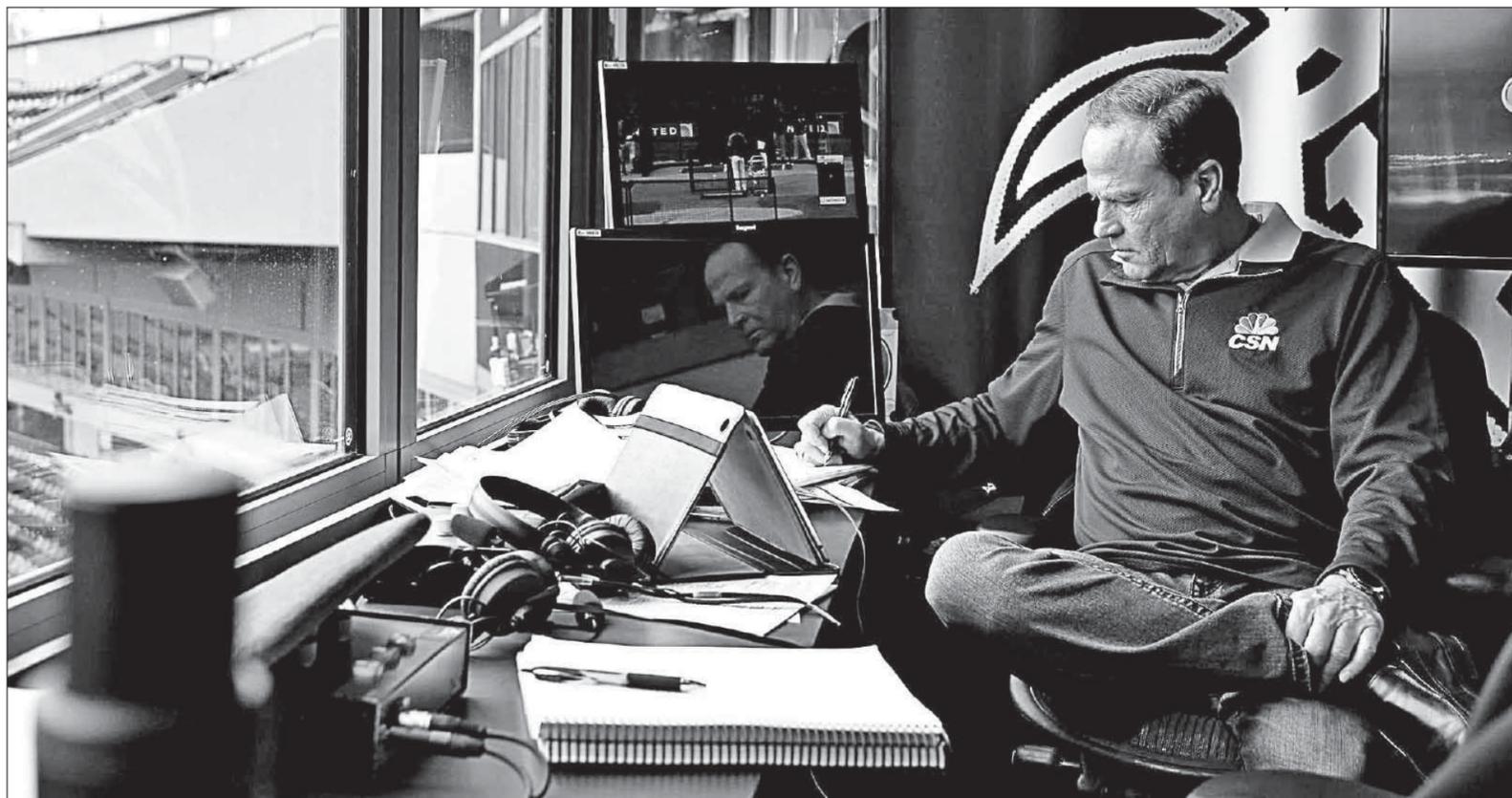
In two games with South Bend, Zobrist is 2-for-6 with a walk and a strikeout — and legions of new fans.

Weber and his teammates were eager for the experience to play alongside a 14-year major-league veteran.

When right-hander Peyton Remy showed up at the ballpark Friday, he went to his locker and was surprised to find that his jersey was gone. But before Remy got too excited that he had been promoted, the clubhouse manager gave him the news: His No. 18 would belong to Zobrist for a few days.

"He's almost 40 years old and willing to talk to guys and joke and smile and all that," said Remy, 22, a 17th-round pick in 2017. "He's good to have around."

WHITE SOX



An on-air freshness

The reason for Steve Stone's rebirth in the White Sox broadcasting booth at 72? His 35-year-old partner, Jason Benetti.

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Steve Stone is all wound up just when he might be expected to be winding down.

Rather than retiring — or just plain tiring — the 72-year-old veteran baseball analyst seems rejuvenated.

The result is he and play-by-play man Jason Benetti are complementing each other even better this year than in the previous three seasons, when fellow announcer Hawk Harrelson was part of the mix.

"Just when anybody might count Steve out as, 'Hey, he's in his 70s,' and 'How curious is he?' and all of this, there's a fire in him for gathering information," Benetti said. "I love being next to that."

Part of Stone's apparent rebirth stems from his partnership with Benetti. But don't underestimate the role of the Sox themselves, their development fueling a ratings uptick and high hopes. Some fans have been rattled by the team's performance since the All-Star break, but Stone has made clear his faith is unshaken.

"If I didn't believe that the sky is the limit for this organization, I wouldn't be trying to sell it," said Stone, once a pitcher, always a pitcher. "I can't be that disingenuous."

"I understand the situation of selling a product, but I also know that fans want to know something about their team. So we tell them what's coming because we can see it."

Stone is seeing this through new eyes that Benetti helped open.

"I love the idea that two people who probably never would have met in real life can sit down and forge a partnership that goes places they don't expect," said Benetti, who will turn 36 in September. "I think that's good for the viewer."

Even Stone finds it hard to believe he's now regularly citing data and analytics, but that's what will happen to someone who's open-minded and working with someone half his age.

"It's a matter of telling him, 'I know this is kind of new school, but here's why you should believe in it,'" Benetti said. "And he will say to me sometimes, 'I know this is kind of old school, but this is why you should believe in it.' I like to think we find that middle ground more than the average generational divide."

Stone was listening to WSCR-AM 670 recently when he heard an interview with Ben Lindbergh, co-author of the hot new baseball book, "The MVP Machine: How Baseball's New Nonconformists are Using Data to Build Better Players." He mentioned to Benetti how it piqued his curiosity, and Benetti handed him his copy.

"Jason has had an effect on me that I never even considered before," Stone said. "That was taking an old-school guy who believed in all the old-school ways and turning him into a guy who can combine a lot of the old school but (is) also reading voraciously on the new school."

Stone has come to believe his own experience in the majors with the Giants, White Sox, Cubs and Orioles from 1971-82 is less interesting to today's viewers than what he can tell them about current players and today's game.

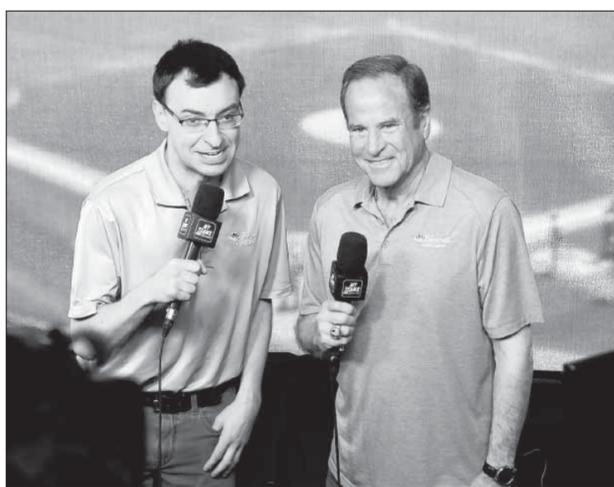
"Everyone will tell you this game is still 75% mental, but I'm open to all new theories and new schools of thought," Stone said. "The MVP Machine' and everything encased in that book is the wave of the future in this game."

"The funny thing about it is that five years from now, they'll look at that like it's Funk & Wagnalls dictionary. They'll say, 'Yeah, that was really good for its time, but now we're on to this,' and it will be three or four more things. I just try to never get stuck in the past."

Adaptability always has been a Stone hallmark, but not always in ways the audience is meant to notice.

The 1980 American League Cy Young Award winner's career as an announcer dating to ABC's "Monday Night Baseball" in 1982 has been distinguished not only by the deep well of baseball knowledge he draws upon and his ability to articulate it.

He also has had a knack for filling whatever role his broadcast



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TOP: Steve Stone writes notes in preparation for a game in 2017.

ABOVE: White Sox broadcasters Jason Benetti, left, and Steve Stone tape a segment before a game at Guaranteed Rate Field on July 4.

partner *du jour* required of him.

What Harry Caray needed when they first were paired on Cubs telecasts in 1983 was different than what was required of Stone toward the end of their run together.

When Sox games were "The Hawk Harrelson Show," the demands on Stone were different still.

What best complemented Al Michaels, Ernie Harwell, Dick Enberg, Brent Musburger, Pat Summerall or Bob Costas would be as distinct from each other as from when he was paired with the less experienced Mike Royko, Ernie Banks, George Will or Bill Murray.

Benetti — whom Stone says might be "the smartest person I've ever worked with" or at least "in the top two or three" — has liberated him like no one else.

"I'm there to fill in the gaps of whoever I'm working with," Stone said. "What's happened with Jason is Jason tells the stories. I used to tell all the stories, going down there every day and talking to the players, the coaches."

By that, Stone means Benetti talks with people before games and does research to ensure he has material to get through an all-night, roster-clearing, extra-inning marathon if needed. He has stories about where players are from, what they've done, changes they've made and what not. Stone does his homework.

"It frees me to be able to analyze the game of baseball, give my opinion of what I think is going to happen or explain what

has happened as opposed to reiterating what (the viewer) can see," Stone said. "It gives me an opportunity to really get in-depth. ... I get to do what I really enjoy."

"We both have one thing in common that I think shows up every day and that is a love and passion for the game. That's very important, but also we genuinely like one another. We like spending time with one another."

Not every set of announcers is as cohesive, a fact Stone knows better than most.

For instance, in September, with the Tigers in town, Stone found Fox Sports Detroit's Mario Impemba by the visiting TV booth at Guaranteed Rate Field, rubbing his throat and saying: "He choked me. He choked me."

"I said, 'Who choked you?' and he goes, 'Rod, Rod Allen,'" Stone recalled. "Being the first guy on the scene and seeing that, I was thinking, 'My God.'"

Impemba and Allen's nearly 17 seasons together on Tigers telecasts ended then and there.

At issue: Who got to sit in "the comfortable chair?"

"The history of this game is loaded with people that that's happened to," Stone said. "Jason and I are not like that because we like one another and, because we do, we try our best not to embarrass one another on the air."

There have been times, however, when Benetti has brought up some idea and Stone has summarily dismissed it.

"He's just gone, 'Nope,' and we look at each other and laugh about it," Benetti said. "People think,

'Oh, they might have just had a disagreement.'

"What's funny is we'll talk about it further off the air. He and I are both very prideful people in our beliefs, but we also are very good at convincing each other that they should come to the other side."

With a developing team — as with a developing broadcast partnership — it is important to know how to dole out critiques. Stone never has been one to sugarcoat what he believes.

"Everybody who knows me will tell you I'm not going to tell you a dog's a cat," Stone said. "I might not elaborate on why it's a dog, but I won't tell you a dog's a cat."

But Benetti said Stone's "not the same guy in terms of the way he presents criticism, but it's still the same criticism," often packaging his insights as tutorials and "I give him great credit for evolving in that way."

It might surprise viewers to know Benetti and Stone live just floors apart in the same River North building. Stone suggested Benetti check it out when moving to the city, and Benetti apparently was sold.

But they have learned that, for spontaneity's sake, it can be better to save conversations for the ballpark (though one suspects Benetti has found on ESPN doing basketball games with Bill Walton that there is such a thing as too much spontaneity).

When Benetti and Stone were getting to know each other, however, they often went to and from the ballpark and airport together. They still do on occasion.

"We spent a great deal of time the first couple years going to dinner and lunch all the time, and now we don't do it quite as much," Stone said. "But, yeah, that was kind of the friendship dynamic and getting to know one another that really (established) the partnership we have."

Now, it's the other team on the South Side, the one they cover, that has to come around and take the next big step.

"I'm not thinking of going away any time soon," Stone said. "Some people thought, 'Well, you're in your 70s now, and it's time to look for other things.' But I kind of like this thing. I'm pretty excited about not only the partnership that Jason and I have, but I'm really excited about both of us watching this team starting to grow."

For young and old, it promises to be quite a show.

PHILLIES 3, WHITE SOX 2

White Sox can't duplicate late-inning rally, fall to Phillies

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A night after they pulled off stunning rally and won in 15 innings, the White Sox fell short Saturday in a 3-2 loss to the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park.

Aaron Nola pitched seven strong innings, Bryce Harper and Rhys Hoskins hit home runs and the Phillies held on to even the series. Nola (10-2) allowed one run and three hits with 10 strikeouts and two walks.

Jon Jay had an RBI double for the Sox, who lost for the ninth time in 11 games. They are hitting

.194 and averaging two runs per game over that stretch.

The Sox put the first two runners on in the ninth before Pivetta struck out Eloy Jimenez and Tim Anderson. Yolmer Sanchez's two-out single to right drove in Jose Abreu, putting runners on first and third. But Pivetta struck out pinch-hitter Adam Engel to end it.

A night earlier, though, the Sox stunned the Phillies with a ninth-inning comeback and went on to win 4-3 in 15 innings. The game lasted 5 hours, 28 minutes.

The game included an out-

fielder pitching in a tie game and a pitcher making spectacular throws and a diving catch in the outfield. Leury Garcia scored just ahead of the throw from pitcher Vince Velasquez, who was playing left field. Here's a breakdown of that wild Sox win:

Matt Skole, called up earlier in the day from Triple-A Charlotte, drove in Jimenez with a pinch-hit single to right with two outs to tie the game at 3. The hit came on an 0-2 pitch.

In the 14th, the Phillies put Roman Quinn, an outfielder, on the mound and placed pitcher Vince Velasquez in left field.

Quinn walked Abreu to begin the inning. Jimenez smoked a liner to third for an out. It almost became a double play, but third baseman Maikel Franco made a wild throw to first, and Abreu took second on the error.

James McCann then singled to left. Velasquez made an excellent one-hop throw to the plate to get Abreu for the second out.

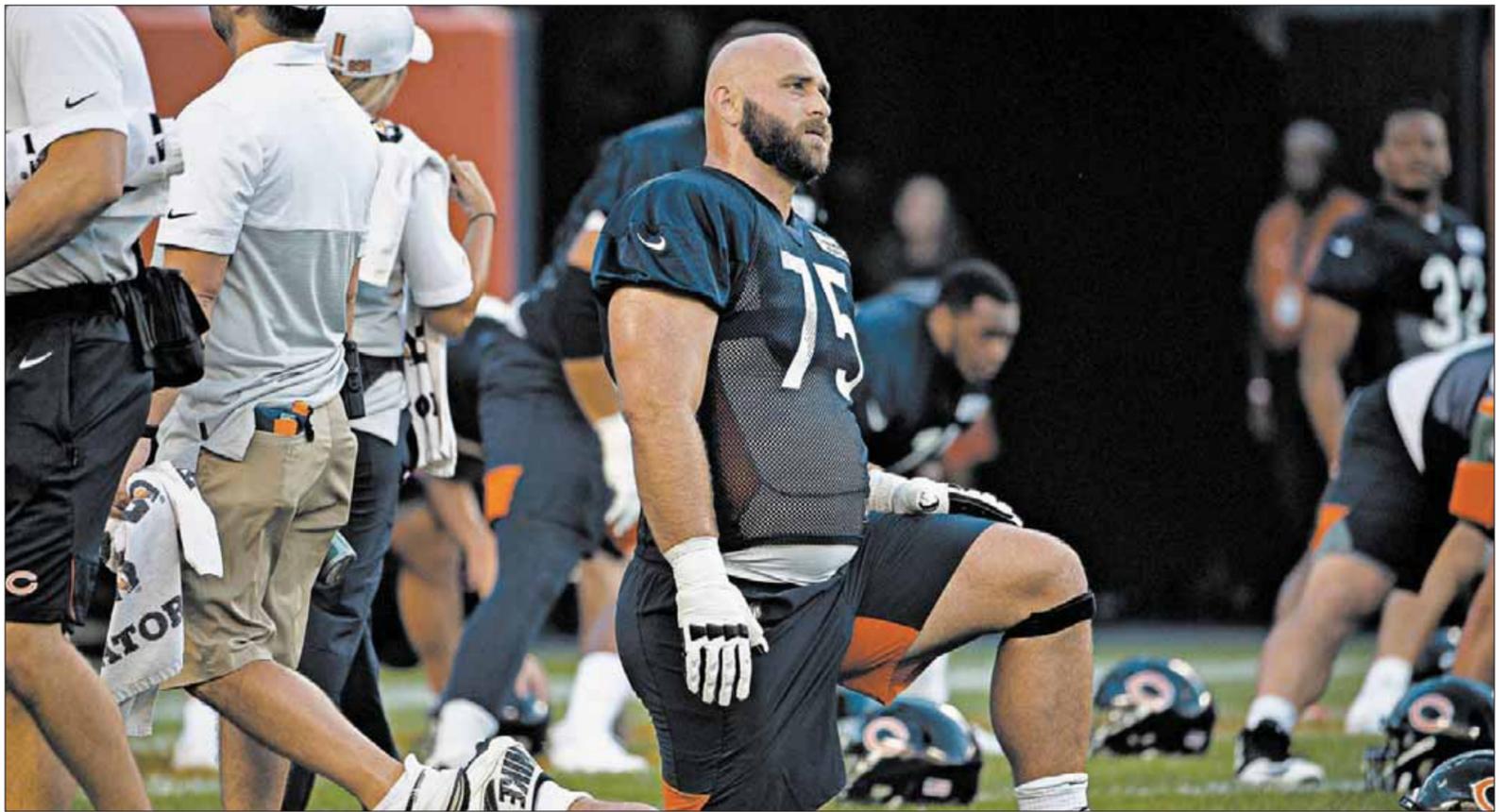
The Phillies intentionally walked Ryan Goins, bringing up relief pitcher Carson Fulmer with runners on first and second. Fulmer hit a hard grounder to third, where Franco made a diving stop and threw to first for

the final out. Fulmer strained his right hamstring on the play and was placed on the injured list Saturday.

In the 15th, Quinn remained on the mound and retired the first two batters. Garcia singled and Tim Anderson walked to bring Abreu to the plate. Abreu singled to first, and Velasquez came up firing again. Garcia scored just ahead of the throw to give the Sox a 4-3 lead. Velasquez made a diving catch on a Jimenez liner to end the inning.

Josh Osich retired the side in order in the 15th to complete the marathon.

BEARS



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Bears offensive guard Kyle Long stretches during the Chicago Bears Family Fest Saturday. For more photos from Family Fest go to chicagotribune.com/sports.

It's all coming together

The timing is right: As Long regains his health, Bears could be on cusp of a very special season

BOURBONNAIS — Tuesday was the first practice that Bears coach Matt Nagy issued some veteran days, giving a handful of players the day off from a light practice. What stood out most was one player who didn't rest: Kyle Long.

The veteran right guard stood around in training camp the previous two summers enough to last a career. While the focus is on the swing-tackle position and what the team will do if indispensable left tackle Charles Leno suffers an injury, the biggest development on the offensive line is Long's long-awaited return to health. It even overshadows the position change made next to him, with James Daniels sliding to center and Cody Whitehair kicking out to left guard.

Long's right ankle, the one that was rolled up on from behind during a road game against the Buccaneers in Week 9 of the 2016 season, is still an issue. He will need surgery, perhaps more than one, when his playing days are over. But he's moving better than he has in a long time, and after spending the last two offseasons rehabilitating from various surgeries — ankle, neck, shoulder, elbow — this year he was free from the burden that ties a player to the training room for months at a time.

Maybe it took longer than anyone expected for Long to work his way back from the original ankle injury. It was an arduous process that no doubt took him to some dark places. But he finally has emerged and



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looks much better.

"I can play five, six more years," Long, 30, said. "The ankle feels great. It took so long to heal. Once it heals, you have to strengthen and then once you strengthen, you have to stretch and then once you stretch, you have to strengthen it more. For a time, I really thought I would never see light at the end of the tunnel."

Finally able to move better and handle the rigors of work day after day, Long was given the green light. Remember, the Bears routinely gave him rest days last season. He participated in every spring practice and then was able to put the "off" in offseason, getting serious about his golf game this summer. He always has been optimistic, but Long is particularly upbeat while preparing for his seventh season as the longest-tenured Bears player on offense.

"For me in the two years now, and I've heard from other people in previous years, this is the best shape, condition, strength, mental," coach Matt Nagy said. "Where he's at is in a good place. He's worked hard for that. He's all-in. He's committed."

Said right tackle Bobby Massie, who has known Long since their high school days in Virginia: "He looks great. You have had a chance to see him since Day 1. He's the best I have seen him since I have been a Bear (2016). He's had a few nicks. He is a brand-new car off the lot right now."

It's quite a transformation for Long, who early in his career represented the Bears in

three straight Pro Bowls. He was the face of the franchise when the team was struggling to find its way — a young player to build around when there few other building blocks. It goes without saying that when an offensive lineman is the face of the franchise, the overall talent on the roster isn't great — and that's not minimizing his position.

"Yeah," Long said. "That's fair. I didn't want that. I took full advantage of it while I could. As a team, we've gone there, come back, gone there, come back, gone there and now we're somewhere we want to stay."

Long no longer is the face of the franchise and, if anything, he almost seems relieved, even though he did well when regularly thrust into the spotlight.

"It's great because now I can just do my job," he said. "I don't have to do (as much) media, and lay low and let Mitch (Trubisky) and Akiem (Hicks) and Danny (Trevathan) and Khalil (Mack), Tarik (Cohen), Eddie (Jackson), Allen (Robinson), all of these guys. The list goes on and on. It's amazing. I am a football player now, not the offensive spokesman or team spokesman."

The Bears approached Long for a pay cut early in the offseason after he missed 22 games over the last three seasons, including eight last year with a right foot injury (not related to the ankle) before returning for the playoffs.

"I said, 'Take it,'" Long said of his reaction when the team asked. "I am betting on myself. If I can help the Bears while I am betting on myself, then great. Maybe we can get some guys signed (to extensions). There are some of my good friends that need to get paid. That will happen in due

time. I trust (Ryan) Pace. I trust Nagy. I trust the McCaskeys. But no one wants to give money back."

The cut reduced Long's pay for this season from \$7 million to \$4.1 million. He can earn \$2.5 million back if he's voted to the Pro Bowl or is selected first team All-Pro and hits a playing-time lever. The restructuring chopped off the final year (2021) of his previous contract and made 2020 an \$8.1 million club option that the Bears can execute any time before the end of this season.

Don't kid yourself: Money is important. But the Bears have paid Long a little more than \$33 million, according to Spotrac.com, since former general manager Phil Emery made him a first-round pick in 2013. Long is thrilled to be preparing for a season in which the Bears have legitimate aspirations for making a deep playoff run.

"The last year was really enjoyable, but I didn't get to fully immerse myself in the enjoyment because I wasn't fully healthy," he said. "I've done every rep in the spring, no days off in camp so far, no feel-good days. I feel great and I am happy. I am happy to around a group of guys — we don't just have a core nucleus anymore. We have a team, and it is fun to be around."

Who knows what lies ahead for Long after this season and whether the Bears will pick up the option? The only way he could traverse through the peaks and valleys — plenty more valleys than peaks — of the injuries and rehabilitation was by taking it one day at a time. So he'll take this one day at a time — and enjoy it more than ever.

"I am me now," Long said. "I think I am the happiest guy in the locker room."

POSITION PREVIEW DEFENSIVE LINE BY DAN WIEDERER

As the Bears grind through training camp in Bourbonnais, the Tribune is taking a look at each position group.

Can Goldman join Hicks in Pro Bowl?

What to like

Akiem Hicks' hunger seems only to be growing. He enjoyed another superb season in 2018 and was named to the Pro Bowl for the first time in his seven-year career. He acknowledged how much the honor meant to him during the regular season and again during Pro Bowl week in January in Orlando, Fla.

"This is what you dream about," he said. "It's an honor to be in this position."

When Hicks checked into training camp last week, he again reflected on the ascent he has made in Chicago.

"There is a certain amount of growth, maturation and knowledge that you accrue during your time anywhere," he said. "Especially in the workplace. But the thing that changed for me being in Chicago is that they allowed me to play my game. They allowed me to be ferocious. They allowed me to attack and allowed me to play the game I know how to play it. That's what you've seen in these last three years."

General manager Ryan Pace was part of the Saints front office that brought Hicks into the NFL as a third-round pick in 2012. So Pace has a sharpened appreciation for the ways in which Hicks has taken his rare combination of size, strength, explosion and athleticism and enhanced it with his dedication to pushing himself.

"I tell him all the time I'm really proud of where he's at, and he's still getting better," Pace said. "That's what's so exciting about him. It's how disruptive he can be."

Hicks has 23 sacks and 38 tackles for a loss since joining the Bears. He signed an extension — worth up to \$48 million — before the 2017 season and recently was announced as one of the NFL's top 100 players in the NFL Network's annual series.

Still, he wants it known that self-satisfaction will never supersede his push to climb higher.

Currently on roster: 9.

Projected on final roster: 6.

Roster locks: Akiem Hicks, Eddie Goldman, Bilal Nichols, Roy Robertson-Harris.

Good bets: Jonathan Bullard.

On the bubble: Nick Williams.

Practice-squad candidates: Abdullah Anderson, Jonathan Harris.

Camp depth: Jalen Dalton, Daryle Banfield.

Biggest offseason developments: Jay Rodgers was named the NFL's defensive line coach of the year for 2018 by his peers; Rodgers is the only defensive assistant from Vic Fangio's staff who remains with the Bears.

"You have to fight your nature — the nature that says, 'Oh, man, I've achieved this, I've achieved that, so now I can sit still.' ... You can't let that nature change the person. You've still got to say, 'Man, I'm going to get up and I'm going to still kick ass again today.'"

Biggest question

Can Eddie Goldman make the Pro Bowl? With elite interior linemen all over the NFC — most notably Hicks, Aaron Donald, Fletcher Cox and Kawann Short — that's a tall order. But it's also attainable.

On a defense loaded with household names — Hicks, Khalil Mack, Eddie Jackson, Kyle Fuller, Roquan Smith — Goldman may be the most underappreciated performer. He has quietly been a force up front the last two seasons, even if his contributions may take some extra digging to find.

Goldman's value, though, has never been lost on Rodgers, who continues to marvel at how steady and reliable the big man has been. Said the Bears defensive line coach: "There are not many people who do the things he does. If you watch football and you appreciate what defensive linemen do,

when there's a guy standing between (two blockers) and the running back has to go somewhere else, he doesn't get credit for that. Eddie is in the right spots a lot of the times and (ball carriers) have to go somewhere else.

"He's one of the best in the world at what he does."

Goldman's biggest splash play last season was a tackle of Rams quarterback Jared Goff for a safety in the Bears' 15-6 win in prime time. To merit serious Pro Bowl consideration, he will have to provide many more big plays like that. But as an unselfish and intelligent contributor up front, Goldman is more concerned with helping the defense remain a top-tier unit.

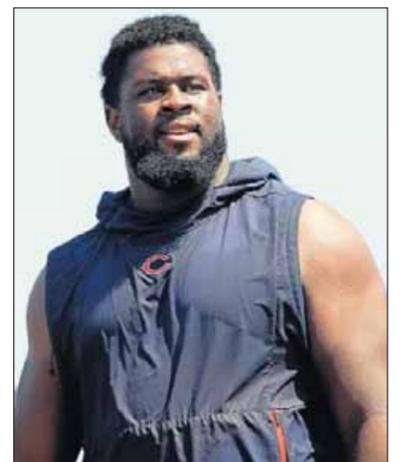
Fresh face

Undrafted rookie Jonathan Harris played at Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora, a local product with grand dreams of making the roster of his favorite NFL team. Harris was a late bloomer and signed with the Bears in April after spending five years developing at defensive end and defensive tackle at Division II Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo.

You should know

Second-year pro Bilal Nichols hopes to take his game up a level after making the most of his opportunities as a rookie. When the Bears drafted Nichols in Round 5 in 2018, Pace praised his rugged style and noted his upside as an interior pass rusher.

Nichols, who played at the University of Delaware, came in and immediately dedicated himself to understanding the demands of the NFL. He put a few skins on the wall last season, recording sacks of Jameis Winston, Matthew Stafford, Aaron Rodgers and Kirk Cousins. And his push for self-improvement draws praise from team-



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears nose tackle Eddie Goldman is motivated after making the Pro Bowl last season for the first time in his career.

mates and coaches.

"He's a smart kid," Bears coach Matt Nagy said. "He became a pro really fast last year. And he knows he's a big part of this puzzle on defense."

Quote of note

"I had a lot of respect for a young man who could come in and be able to put away his pride and ego. Whether he was the man or not at the school that he came from, he said, 'Hey, I want to learn. I want to be better. I want to grow.' And he was willing to receive information. You can't put a value on that. He played well (as a rookie) because he came into camp in the right mindset. He came into the season with the right mindset." — Hicks on Nichols' development

Big number

80.0 Rushing yards per game the Bears allowed last season, best in the NFL. They ranked fourth in rushing yards allowed per play (3.8).

BEARS

For the 1st time, pass-interference penalties will be reviewed.
What will it mean for the Bears defense?

'We just need to play smarter'

BY DAN WIEDERER

No one knows how this is going to go. It's this way every year. The NFL embarks on some high-profile rule adjustment, and players and coaches wade into the water with some sense of hope but plenty of trepidation.

This year it's about pass interference, a rule that's the same in 2019 as it has been for ages. But there's a twist. This year, for the first time, pass-interference penalties will be reviewable. Same goes for plays on which interference was not called but might have occurred.

Was there illegal contact before the ball arrived? Was it clear and obvious? Is now the time to roll the dice on a protest?

Coaches will have one hand on that red challenge flag. And in the league office in New York, senior vice president of officiating Al Riveron and vice president of replay Russell Yurk will remain ready to play judge and jury with the benefit of frame-by-frame millisecond analysis.

Away we go.

Said Bears cornerback Prince Amukamara: "Who knows how this is going to go? There's always going to be some uncertainty."

As part of the annual mission to educate players and coaches on new rules, wrinkles and points of emphasis, the league's officiating crews are popping in at training camps across the country. This week in Bourbonnais, referee Adrian Hill and his crew visited with the Bears to explain what's ahead on a number of rules-related topics.

After hearing from Hill and his team on the pass-interference topic, Amukamara came to this conclusion: "What I took away from the meeting — and I'm not mad about it, I get it — was that this is an offensive league. It is. I can't even waste my energy talking to the refs. It's never going to go the defense's way. That's just how it is. We just need to play smarter."

The genesis

All of this, of course, is a significant reaction to what happened in the final two minutes of the NFC championship game in January. With 1 minute, 49 seconds to play and the Saints driving for a potential winning score, Drew Brees fired a third-and-10 pass toward the right sideline to Tommylee Lewis. Rams defensive back Nickell Robey-Coleman clobbered Lewis well before the football arrived. Lewis never had a chance to catch the pass, but no flag was thrown.

No pass interference. No automatic first down.

Instead of having first down at the Rams 5 with a chance to run down the clock before attempting a winning field goal, the Saints had to settle right then for a 31-yard kick. That left the Rams time to answer. And they did.

The Saints lost in overtime 26-23. The Rams went to the Super Bowl.

In simplest terms, the missed PI call against Robey-Coleman was history-changing. "The NOLA No Call." The deep scar the Saints and their fans must carry with them.

As a result, the league has installed a safety net to help ensure such costly errors can be erased. Or at least reduced. Hill, for one, is appreciative of that backstop.

"If there is a clear and obvious error on the field, we now have the opportunity to correct it," the veteran referee said. "No official wants to be in a position where an error that could have been corrected has some type of game-changing impact."

Same as it ever was

League owners voted in March to approve the use of replay to review pass-interference situations. The next step is implementation. In essence, pass-interference reviews will be like every other reviewable play, subject to a coach's challenge for the first 28 minutes of each half, then initiated by the replay booth in the final two minutes.

And as Hill made clear in his meeting with the Bears and again in a session with reporters at Olivet Nazarene University, he and his crew will be doing nothing differently on the field this season.

The rule is the same as it has been. That's why the league's 2019 video detailing rules changes and new points of emphasis didn't include a single clip of any play



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An incomplete pass is signaled after the Rams' Nickell Robey-Coleman (23) defended the Saints' Tommylee Lewis in the NFC title game Jan. 20.



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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

'It's never going to go the defense's way. That's just how it is.'

— Prince Amukamara, shown after a pass interference call in the Bears' playoff loss against the Eagles

'What they've told us is that nothing will really change on the field.'

— Kyle Fuller, shown knocking a pass away from Eagles receiver Alshon Jeffery during the playoff loss

involving pass interference. The way those flags are thrown — or not thrown — isn't changing.

"I'm honestly not too worried," Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller said. "It all depends on the play. I'm more so looking forward to see just how this goes around the league with the replays. But what they've told us is that nothing will really change on the field."

The great unknown is how involved Riveron and Yurk will want to get when reviewing challenged PI plays.

Hill offered a reminder that, as with every play subject to replay review, there will be a collaborative discussion on what exactly happened between the on-field referee, the replay official in the booth in the stadium and either Riveron or Yurk in New York.

But those discussions, while usually open and productive, don't always end with a majority-rules vote. So how will the bigwigs in New York apply the provision that requires clear and obvious video evidence to overturn the call on the field?

Said Hill: "At the end of the day, if my boss tells me that it's clear and obvious, then it's clear and obvious."

The powers that be

Two years ago, in his first season in his current role, Riveron was a letter-of-the-law constructionist in legislating the league's hard-to-understand catch/no-catch rules. As a result, a pile of plays that sure looked like catches were ruled incomplete. The most prominent was Jesse James' 10-yard go-ahead touchdown for the Steelers in the final minute of a Week 15 game against the Patriots.

James' score was overturned — the ball touched the ground as the tight end dived across the goal line — costing the Steelers a victory that ultimately cost them the No. 1 seed in the AFC.

History-changing technicality? That argument can be made.

Bears fans, of course, most remember Zach Miller's 25-yard touchdown catch in New Orleans in 2017, a terrific go-ahead grab in the second half at the Superdome.

When Riveron reviewed the play with a frame-by-frame microfocus, he saw the football "come loose" in Miller's hands as the 245-pound tight end and 203-pound defensive back Rafael Bush crashed into the end-zone turf together. Gravity plus a collision plus the ever-so-subtle movement of the ball during that sequence meant only one thing in Riveron's eyes: No catch. No touchdown.

Riveron later put out a 50-second video explaining his ruling, asserting the ball was never 100% secure in Miller's hand while he was in midair. And when the leather touched the turf as Miller hit the ground, Riveron ruled the Bears tight end did not have control.

"The ball is on the ground. We know he did not regain control," Riveron explained. "Therefore, it is an incomplete pass regardless of what happens after this."

Last season, the NFL tweaked the catch-rule language to reduce such controversy. And upon doing so it acknowledged that Miller's catch, under the revised guidelines, would have been worth six points.

So might the early stages of the pass-interference review produce some similar headaches? And can Riveron and Yurk truly be trusted with the gavel for this season's rulings?

'Clear and obvious'

Before meeting with the officials from Hill's crew Monday, Bears receiver Taylor Gabriel was preparing his checklist of questions and concerns. He was most curious to know just how closely officials would be dialing in on offensive pass-interference possibilities.

Said Gabriel: "I'm just talking about situations where you're not extending your hand to push off but where you may give the DB a little chicken wing to get room. That's football. Now is that going to be offensive pass interference? Are they going to review every little thing like that?"

"Or what about those times when the defender is flailing a

little bit and he falls because he's unathletic? It's not my fault that he fell. So are they going to start looking extra close at that too?"

Gabriel also wonders how the constant hand fighting between receivers and defensive backs might be cracked down on with slow-motion reviews.

"That's what we do all the time," he said. "Now when you take that under the hood to diagnose that, it's going to be tough to distinguish what's hand fighting and what's pushing off. My hope, I'd say, is that (to be called) it would have to be blatant."

Hill offered feedback.

"There's obviously always a lot of hand fighting," he said. "What we're looking for is a material restriction. We allow them to hand fight. That's fine. But if it's grabbing the arm, grabbing the jersey, it's a restriction. And that's the level where it turns into a foul."

Again, Hill emphasized, the officials on the field and in the replay booth will be looking for infractions that are "clear and obvious." Same as always.

"If there is a clear and obvious restriction — either offensively or defensively — that prevents a player from catching the ball or there's a clear and obvious push-off by the offensive player that creates separation to make the catch, that would be what we'd be looking for on the field," Hill said. "And that's what they'd be looking for on replay. ... It's not our goal to create some smoke and then put out the fire. This shouldn't really affect how we officiate the games. We're going to see the play, we're going to officiate to our standards and then we're going to review up to our standards."

Hill also downplayed the hysteria about whether the penalty rate might spike significantly in Hail Mary situations, when bodies cluster and contact is more prevalent.

"There might be 10 guys playing the ball. We can have contact and that's a perfectly legal play," Hill said. "We see players trying to get into position to catch a ball. And that's different than taking a guy and dragging him down."

'I must have missed it'

Amukamara is certain offensive players get the benefit of the doubt far more often than defenders. This week in practice, for example, Allen Robinson went over Fuller to bat down a pass on a slant route, and officials said it was a clean play by the Bears receiver.

But a few days later, when Fuller made a similar play against tight end Ben Braunecker, the yellow flag came out.

"That's frustrating," Amukamara said. "However, that makes our position so much more valuable. To play a clean game, to not touch the receiver after 5 yards, to go toe to toe, to break when he breaks down — that takes a special person to live life as a DB."

Amukamara can only hope the officials are special at what they do. On Monday, when he drew what he thought was a bogus PI call defending Anthony Miller, Amukamara protested and made it clear he never had touched Miller.

"And the official said, 'I must have missed it then, brother,'" Amukamara said. "That's the thing. Again, I'm not mad about it. It's just how it is. But, yeah, OK, you must have missed the call. But that call might have cost me my job."

In a moment of pure candor, Amukamara admitted his level of sympathy for the Saints in January was minimal.

"Honestly," he said, "as a DB, I was like, 'Yes! Finally! They let one go!' Now that one obviously was so blatant, it's not what you want. But I promise you, as a defensive player, there are far more calls missed the other way."

As a ninth-year veteran, Amukamara understood he needed to slow his griping and put the proper punctuation on his thoughts. So he folded his hands in front of himself, raised his eyebrows and went full politician.

"I know the NFL is doing their best with this," he said. "And I know they will do their best to get it fixed."

Amukamara smiled widely. We all shall see.

GOLF

Park Ridge perfectionist

Simpson's string of club titles ended at 26 last year, but she's eager to get a new streak started



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On golf

Over coconut shrimp and pot roast nachos at his downtown restaurant, Mike Ditka swapped golf tales with friends.

Ditka copped to the time he got so exasperated, he began flinging or breaking every club in his bag. With only a

7-iron left, he barked: "Let's go to Golf Galaxy after nine!"

Another time he and Lisa Simpson engaged in a money match that morphed into an episode of "Survivor." After 63 holes, Ditka was ready to call it a day.

"That all you got?" she replied.

Simpson, though, is forever grateful for the time Da Coach coached her. His iron-clad message contributed to one of Chicago's most remarkable sports dynasties.

At the time, Simpson had won more than a dozen consecutive club championships at Park Ridge Country Club. Resentment and jealousy were building inside the locker room. She felt it.

"Big time," she said.

Simpson received two anonymous, mean-spirited letters. Both carried this theme: *Why don't you step aside and let someone else win?*

She almost did. Bob Simpson recalled that his wife, a mother of two who rarely broke 100 until her mid-30s, contemplated bowing out. That is, until she told Ditka about the letters.

As Bob recalled, Ditka told her: "Don't even think about it. You're an athlete. Kick their (bleeping) ass!"

Asked about it now, Ditka said: "It all comes down to jealousy. If somebody is better than me, all it does is motivate me to get better. She's the nicest lady in the world. She doesn't rub it in."

And what did he remember telling her? "Keep beating their ass," Ditka replied. "Do it for another 20 years. And then you'll be too old to play, so it will be OK."

The butt kickings continued. Her victory in 2011 marked 20 straight. Four years later she surpassed the 23 Park Ridge titles won by Marge Ralston, whose sons flew in from California and Minnesota and asked to walk with Simpson during her final round.



ERIN HOOLEY / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lisa Simpson won 26 straight club championships at Park Ridge Country Club before the streak ended last year. This year's tournament starts Tuesday.

"I'm humbled," she told them. "You're nuts!"

She won her 26th straight in 2017. And then ... the streak ended.

A friend named Kelly Gust won last year with rounds of 92-81-82, calling it "surreal, an odd feeling ... as unfamiliar to her as it was to me."

The 2019 club championship begins Tuesday, and those in Simpson's camp expect a new streak to begin.

"She's got that pit bull in her," Jack Wambach said.

After post-round cocktails at a shaded spot club members dubbed the "Trouble Tree," John Conway pointed to Simpson and said: "That's a badass woman right there."

'I became obsessive'

Simpson should get carded if she asks for a senior discount on a movie ticket. She looks at least a decade younger than her 67 years. She drinks Miller 64 (low-cal) beer and hates being called "Grandma." She prefers "Grammy," in part because it sounds like the award.

Golf keeps her fit — and keeps her up at night. It consumes her.

As sons Mark and Matt developed into 3-handicaps who excelled at Maine South, family trips turned into golf vacations. They would go to Amelia Island, Fla., play

36 holes, have dinner and then play 36 holes of miniature golf.

The best part: They would play the Scotch Game (points awarded for low ball, proximity to the hole, etc.) at 50 cents a point for all 72 holes.

"I had to cheat to win," Bob joked.

Lisa credits Bob with teaching her the game, but as he put it: "I made her fall in love with golf — and then she taught herself."

"I became obsessive," Lisa said. "I read everything, watched everything."

And practiced incessantly.

"She'd be one of three people out here," Park Ridge club historian Kevin Buggy said at the range.

Her best score at Park Ridge, a tight, cleverly bunkered, turn-of-the-century course, is a 1-over 73. Her lowest tournament scores were 76-77-78.

Her good drives go about 210 yards, and her bad drives go ... who knows?

"She is steady, middle of the fairway," Buggy said. "She's never going to get in trouble."

Simpson is a perfectionist. When she sees a picture of herself hitting a tee shot, she doesn't care how her blond hair looks. She cringes if her positioning is off.

She met Diana Ditka, Mike's wife, at a golf event and they became "instant best friends," Bob said.

"They're both a little wacky," Mike

joked. "They have fun together. They enjoy life, that's the main thing. They don't take everything so damn seriously."

'She is determined'

Bob Simpson couldn't make it to last year's club championship, so after Lisa fell short with scores of 84-88-87, she simply texted her husband: "I lost."

He shot back the "loser emoji" with the finger-formed L.

"She is determined to get it back," Bob said.

Her top competition figures to come from Gust, 57, who joined Park Ridge shortly before having — get this — three kids in the span of a year. And not triplets.

Sometimes she would plop down son Patrick and twins Caroline and Nick next to the practice green with toys.

Other times, she said, "I was just glad to have four hours on the golf course."

She's less intense about golf than Simpson. Everyone is. When they play together in a team match at Bryn Mawr, for example, Simpson will ask: "Do you remember this par-3?"

Gust will think to herself: No, but I remember that Bryn Mawr has great homemade cinnamon doughnuts.

She never resented Simpson for her streak and resisted when members suggested the tournament format shift to match play, which can yield quirky results.

"The truest test is stroke play, and don't you want the best person to win?" Gust said. "People cheer for the underdog, but to me, you cheer for good golf."

After Gust two-putted on No. 18 for the four-shot victory last year, she drew applause from onlookers, including her 82-year-old mother, Mary Muno. Gust was a bit emotional but mainly drained from walking 54 holes over three days in early August with no mulligans or gimmies.

"I was excited to get off the golf course," she said. "It's like taking the ACT. Regardless of the score, you're really happy it's over with."

Gust's name appears on a plaque in the golf shop at Park Ridge.

The club also has designed a special plaque for Simpson that reads: "WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPION 1992-2017. A RECORD THAT MAY NEVER BE BROKEN."

Simpson wants to reclaim her title. Asked what motivates her, she spoke of her competitive spirit — and her 10-year-old grandson, Mason.

"If you don't win this year," he warned her, "you're gonna be 'Grandma.'"

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ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL		NATIONAL LEAGUE		SUNDAY	
at Atlanta	-105	Cincinnati		-105	
New York	-130	at Pittsburgh		+120	
at Chicago	-143	Milwaukee		+133	
at Colorado	-133	San Fran.		+123	
at Arizona	off	Washington	off		
at LA Dodgers	-148	San Diego		+138	
AMERICAN LEAGUE		SUNDAY			
Toronto	-147	at Baltimore		+137	
at Cleveland	-210	LA Angels		+190	
at Minnesota	-190	Kansas City		+175	
at Houston	off	Seattle	off		
at Texas	-185	Detroit		+170	
at New York	off	Boston	off		
INTERLEAGUE		SUNDAY			
at Phila.	-160	Chicago WS		+150	
at Tampa Bay	-160	Miami		+150	
at Oakland	-116	St. Louis		+106	

NFL PRESEASON

THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
NY Jets	2	at NY Giants	
at Buffalo	Pk	Indianapolis	
New England	1½	at Detroit	
at Cleveland	1	Washington	
at Miami	2½	Atlanta	
at Philadelphia	3½	Tennessee	
at Baltimore	4	Jacksonville	
at Green Bay	2	Houston	
at Chicago	3	Carolina	
at Arizona	2	LA Chargers	
at Seattle	2	Denver	
FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
at Pittsburgh	2½	Tampa Bay	
at New Orleans	2½	Minnesota	
at Kansas City	3½	Cincinnati	
at Oakland	4	LA Rams	
at San Fran.	3	Dallas	

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Saturday's qualifying for Sunday's race at Watkins Glen International; Watkins Glen, N.Y.; Lap Length: 2.45 miles

SP NO.	DRIVER	MK	MPH
1.	9 Chase Elliott	C	127.297
2.	24 William Byron	C	127.144
3.	18 Kyle Busch	T	126.976
4.	19 Martin Truex Jr	T	126.861
5.	42 Kyle Larson	C	126.779
6.	11 Denny Hamlin	T	126.726
7.	1 Kurt Busch	C	126.300
8.	48 Jimmie Johnson	C	126.124
9.	10 Aric Almirola	F	125.928
10.	2 Brad Keselowski	F	125.926
11.	34 Michael McDowell	F	125.589
12.	17 Ricky Stenhouse Jr	F	125.018
13.	14 Clint Bowyer	F	125.614
14.	20 Erik Jones	T	125.587
15.	4 Kevin Harvick	F	125.511
16.	37 Chris Buescher	C	125.505
17.	88 Alex Bowman	C	125.502
18.	41 Daniel Suarez	F	125.448
19.	12 Ryan Blaney	F	125.391
20.	95 Matt DiBenedetto	T	125.370
21.	22 Joey Logano	F	125.330
22.	21 Paul Menard	F	125.165
23.	8 Daniel Hemric	C	124.603
24.	96 Parker Kligerman	(T)	124.557
25.	6 Ryan Newman	F	124.474
26.	36 Matt Tifft	F	124.460
27.	13 Ty Dillon	C	124.343
28.	3 Austin Dillon	C	124.112
29.	47 Ryan Preece	C	123.755
30.	43 Bubba Wallace	C	123.547
31.	38 David Ragan	F	123.258
32.	15 Ross Chastain	(I)	122.889
33.	32 Corey LaJoie	F	122.725
34.	00 Landon Cassill	(I)	121.884
35.	51 Cody Ware	(I)	120.436
36.	52 Josh Billicki	(I)	120.383
37.	77 Reed Sorenson	C	115.640

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WNBA

EASTERN		W	L	PCT	GB
Connecticut	15	6	.714	—	
Washington	14	6	.700	½	
Chicago	12	9	.571	3	
New York	8	12	.400	6½	
Indiana	8	15	.348	8	
Atlanta	5	17	.227	10½	
WESTERN		W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	15	7	.682	—	
Los Angeles	12	8	.600	2	
Seattle	12	10	.545	3	
Phoenix	10	10	.500	4	
Minnesota	10	11	.476	4½	
Dallas	6	16	.273	9	

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 87, Atlanta 75
Indiana 86, Minnesota 75
Las Vegas 75, Dallas 70

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Connecticut at New York, 2 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAME

Minnesota at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

GOLF

PGA WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd of 4 rds; at Sedgefield CC; Greensboro, N.C.; 7,127 yds; Par 70 193 (-17)

Byeong Hun An	62-65-66
194 (-16)	
Webb Simpson	64-65-65
Brice Garnett	64-64-66
195 (-15)	
Ryan Armour	64-66-65
196 (-14)	
Viktor Hovland	66-66-64
J.T. Poston	65-65-66
Paul Casey	65-65-66
197 (-13)	
Fabian Gomez	67-64-66
Rory Sabbatini	63-68-66
198 (-12)	
Jason Kokrak	70-64-64
Andrew Landry	65-68-65
Brian Harman	67-65-66
Sepp Straka	65-66-67
Mackenzie Hughes	63-66-69
Patton Kizzire	65-64-69
199 (-11)	
Carlos Ortiz	69-64-66
Matthew Wolff	65-67-67
Johnson Wagner	63-69-67
Shawn Stefani	66-66-67
Brian Stuard	66-66-67
Si Woo Kim	66-65-68
Charles Howell III	66-65-68
Adam Svensson	68-61-70
Sungjae Im	62-67-70
200 (-10)	
Billy Horschel	68-67-65
Roberto Diaz	67-68-65
Aaron Wise	71-64-65
Corey Conners	69-66-65
Austin Cook	66-68-66
Russell Henley	69-64-67
Scott Stallings	69-64-67
Bud Cauley	65-66-69
Josh Teater	64-65-71
201 (-9)	
Scott Piercy	69-66-66
Kyle Stanley	65-69-67
Chez Reavie	66-67-68
Brandon Harkins	68-64-69
202 (-8)	
Anirban Lahiri	67-67-68
Brandt Snedeker	64-70-68
Vaughn Taylor	68-66-68
Paul Peterson	68-66-68
Denny McCarthy	65-69-68
Joaquin Niemann	67-66-69
Cameron Davis	66-67-69
Chesson Hadley	69-64-69
203 (-7)	
Daniel Berger	69-67-67
Weiss Roach	67-68-68
Scott Brown	67-68-68
Sebastian Munoz	69-66-68
Bill Haas	66-68-69
Roberto Castro	66-68-69
Boo Weekley	67-67-69
Collin Morikawa	66-67-70
Harold Varner III	66-66-71
204 (-6)	
Richy Werenski	68-68-68
Mike Weir	67-69-68
Russell Knox	67-68-69
Tyler Duncan	68-67-69
Jose de Jesus Rodriguez	67-67-70
Patrick Reed	68-66-70
John Chin	67-67-70
Seamus Power	64-69-71
205 (-5)	
Alex Cejka	69-67-69
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	64-72-69
Alex Noren	69-67-69
Branden Grace	67-68-70
Roger Sloan	69-66-70
Ted Potter	64-70-71
Joel Dahmen	65-68-72

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN		W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	12	9	3	39	41	29	
Philadelphia	11	7	6	39	41	36	
N.Y. Red Bulls	11	9	4	37	41	34	
D.C. United	9	6	9	36	31	26	
N.Y. City FC	9	4	8	35	37	27	
Montreal	10	12	3	33	34	44	
New England	9	9	6	33	34	41	
Toronto FC	9	10	5	32	38	40	
Orlando City	8	11	5	29	32	33	
Chicago	6	10	9	27	35	35	
Columbus	7	14	4	25	25	37	
Cincinnati	5	17	2	17	23	55	
WESTERN		W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	16	3	4	52	61	23	
San Jose	11	6	5	38	40	34	
Seattle	11	6	5	37	30	28	
LA Galaxy	12	10	1	37	30	34	
Minnesota	10	7	5	35	38	30	
Real Salt Lake	10	9	4	34	33	31	
FC Dallas	9	9	6	33	31	28	
Portland	9	8	4	31	35	32	
Houston	9	11	3	30	32	36	
Sporting KC	6	9	7	25	33	39	
Vancouver	5	11	9	24	25	42	
Colorado	6	12	5	23	39	48	

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta 3, LA Galaxy 0
N.Y. Red Bulls 2, Toronto FC 0
Orlando City 2, FC Dallas 0
Los Angeles FC 2, New England 0
Vancouver 2, Cincinnati 1
Colorado 6, Montreal 3
Chicago 1, Houston 0
Columbus 1, San Jose 1
Real Salt Lake 3, N.Y. City FC 1
SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Portland at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at D.C. United, 6:30
Sporting KC at Seattle, 9 p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
North Carolina	8	3	4	28	30	15
Portland	7	2	6	27	31	19
Chicago	8	5	2	26	26	19
Reign FC	6	3	5	23	13	15
Washington	6	5	3	21	19	14
Houston	5	7	4	19	16	26
Utah	5	6	3	18	11	14
Orlando	3	9	2	11	16	31
Sky Blue FC	2	10	3	9	10	19

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

North Carolina 1, Washington 0
Chicago 2, Utah 0
Sky Blue FC 1, Portland 1

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES

Sky Blue FC at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at Reign FC, 9 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP/WTA CITI OPEN

SF in Washington, D.C.; outdoors-hard

WOMEN

Jessica Pegula d. Anna Kalinskaya, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
Camila Giorgi d. Caty McNally, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

MEN

Nick Kyrgios d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 7-6 (0), 6-1.
#1 Stefanos Tsitsipas, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7).
#3 Daniil Medvedev d. Peter Gojowczyk, 6-2, 6-2.

ATP GENERALI OPEN

Final in Kitzbuehel, Austria; outdoors-clay

#1 Dominic Thiem d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 7-6 (0), 6-1.

WTA SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC

SF in San Jose, Calif.; outdoors-hard

Zheng Saisai d. #7 Maria Sakkari, 7-6, 6-2.
#2 Aryna Sabalenka, d. #5 Donna Vekic, 6-4, 6-3.

ATP ABIERTO MEXICANO DE TENIS

Final in Los Cabos, Mexico; outdoors-hard

#3 Diego Schwartzman vs. #5 Taylor Fritz, late

NFL PRESEASON

WEEK 1 THURSDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
New England at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Chicago, 7 p.m.
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WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN

3rd of 4 rds; at Woburn GC; Milton Keynes, England; 6,756 yds; Par 72 202 (-14)

Hinako Shibuno	66-69-67
204 (-12)	
Ashleigh Buhai	65-67-72
205 (-11)	
Sung Hyun Park	67-70-68
206 (-10)	
Morgan Pressel	69-71-66
Jin Young Ko	68-70-68
Lizette Salas	69-67-70
207 (-9)	
Carlota Ciganda	69-69-69
Bronte Lull	70-67-70
Charley Hull	67-70-70
208 (-8)	
Jing Yan	71-70-67
Jeongeun Lee	68-71-69
209 (-7)	
Anna Nordqvist	71-70-68
Caroline Masson	69-68-72
210 (-6)	
Sakura Yokomine	70-73-67
Pavariya Yuktuan	73-67-70
Ariya Jutanugarn	68-70-72
Celine Boutier	71-66-73
211 (-5)	
Kristen Gillman	71-74-66
Brittany Altomare	73-71-67
Sei Young Kim	70-73-68
a-Atthaya Thitikul	73-68-70
Jeong Eun Lee	70-71-70
Moriya Jutanugarn	67-74-70
Minjee Lee	71-68-72
Nelly Korda	70-69-72
Marina Alex	69-70-72
212 (-4)	
Hannah Green	73-71-68
Teresa Lu	73-70-69
Jenny Shin	69-73-70
Hyo Joo Kim	71-70-71
Georgia Hall	69-69-74
213 (-3)	
Jessica Korda	72-72-69
a-Yuka Yasuda	73-70-70
Ally McDonald	72-70-71
Olivia Cowan	73-67-73
Danielle Kang	66-72-75
214 (-2)	
Pornanong Phatlum	73-72-69
Angela Stanford	73-72-69
Karolin Lampert	73-71-70
Ayako Uehara	70-74-70
Minami Katsu	70-74-70
Miriam Lee	72-71-71
Yu Liu	72-71-71
Lexi Thompson	71-70-73
Megan Khang	67-74-73
Brooke M. Henderson	69-71-74
215 (-1)	
In Gee Chun	70-70-75
Annie Yin	74-70-71
Brittany Lang	73-70-72
216 (E)	
Momoko Ueda	75-69-72
Cheyenne Knight	73-71-72
Azahara Munoz	73-71-72
Anne van Dam	72-72-72
Su Oh	72-72-72
Jasmine Suwannapura	72-72-72
Xiyu Lin	74-69-73
Maria Torres	72-71-73
Caroline Hedwall	74-68-74
Nicole Broch Larsen	72-70-74
In-Kyung Kim	69-71-76

RANKING THE **BEST BEARS** PLAYERS EVER

#33 Ed Sprinkle

'I liked to mix it up' — 2-way standout known for streak of nastiness

BY WILL LARKIN

A quarter-century before "The Longest Yard" was released in theaters, one of its funniest scenes played out in an NFL game.

Ed Sprinkle, the almost unblockable Bears defensive end named "The Meanest Man in the NFL" by Collier's magazine in 1950, was giving the Chicago Cardinals all they could handle, so they tried a different approach.

Quarterback Paul Christman goaded Sprinkle by saying, "We're going to get you."

Sprinkle replied in typically feisty fashion: "I'm wearing No. 7, and I'm playing right end and I'll be here all day. You know where to find me."

On the next play, the Cardinals offensive line let Sprinkle through without touching him. Christman aimed the ball at Sprinkle's ... bare face and fired.

"Fortunately it didn't hit me because he could throw pretty damn hard," Sprinkle remembered in Richard Whittingham's 1991 book, "What Bears They Were."

The play was not typical but it was indicative of how Sprinkle's tenacity affected other teams. They always were on the lookout for No. 7. They had to be as Sprinkle loved to hit anyone in his path as hard as he could.

"Did you ever hear football being referred to as anything but a contact sport?" he said. "The guys are taking shots at you, and I was geared that way. I loved contact. I liked to mix it up. I believed in hitting somebody."

Sprinkle was undersized even for his time at 6-foot-1, 206 pounds, but nobody played harder. Nobody played closer to the edge of the rules either. In the days before face masks, he was known on defense for "The Hook," a clothesline maneuver in which he would tackle ball carriers high with their uncovered faces in the crook of his elbow.

On offense, Sprinkle played end. He loved to split out wide on a running play, sprint inside toward the action and destroy an unsuspecting linebacker with a vicious crackback block.

"I'd come back across the field and hit a guy from the blind side," Sprinkle said. "He'd have his eyes on the ball carrier ... and I'd just clobber him. I was devastating on that block. They wouldn't let me do it too much because I hit too many guys too hard."

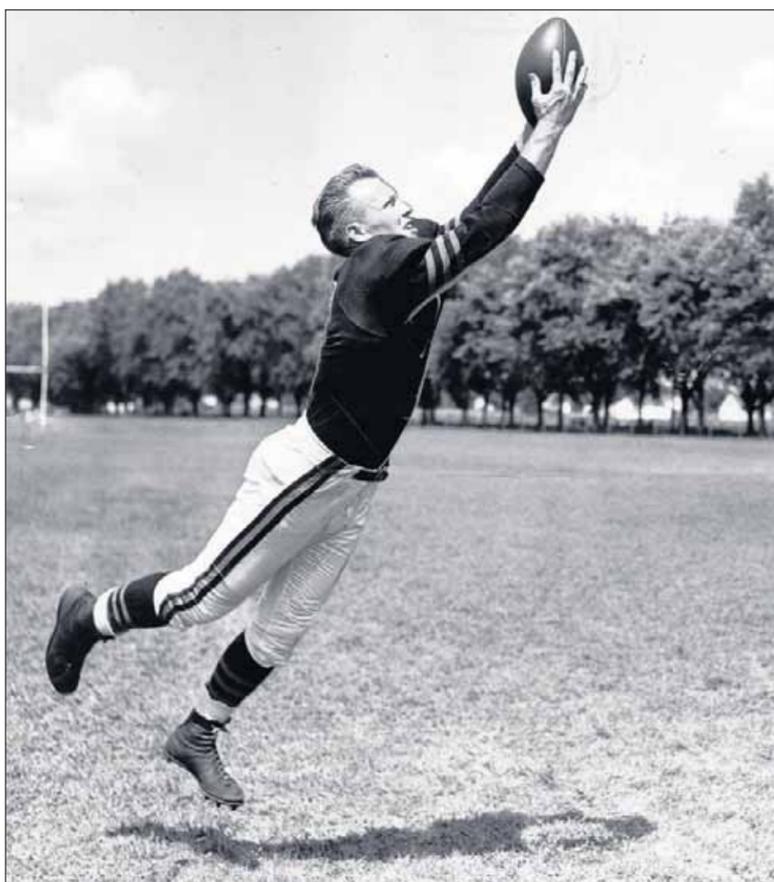
When his most trusted moves didn't work, Sprinkle got creative. During one game against the mighty Browns, he was having all sorts of problems getting around wide-bodied guard and future Bears coach Abe Gibron to get at All-Pro quarterback Otto Graham.

"So finally I just jumped over him," Sprinkle told Whittingham. "It surprised the hell out of him to see me going over the top of him. I got to Graham and sacked him. I was ecstatic. ... They really set their whole offense to protect Graham, and that was maybe the only time I ever got to him for a sack."

Sprinkle met other quarterbacks much more frequently.

"I wish they had recorded sacks in those days," he said. "I used to get to the quarterback a lot. ... Two guys I especially loved to chase down were Bob Waterfield and Norm Van Brocklin. They were both Rams then, and I know they remembered me long after they got out of football."

While Sprinkle made enemies across the league, he saved his hatred for the Packers.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ed Sprinkle, who played offense and defense for the Bears in the late 1940s and early '50s.

He terrorized them while making big plays every time he participated in the rivalry, which was at its nastiest during Sprinkle's 12-year career from 1944 to '55. The Bears went 17-6-1 against the Packers in that time, and Sprinkle became one of the all-time most hated Bears among Packers fans.

In 1946, Sprinkle returned a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown in a 10-7 win. In 1948, he caught two touchdown passes in a 45-7 rout and another in a 7-6 win. In 1950, his blocked punt led to the winning touchdown in a 28-14 victory. In 1952, he blocked a tying field-goal attempt in a 24-14 win.

In their 1997 book, "Mudbaths and Bloodbaths: The Inside Story of the Bears-Packers Rivalry," former Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporters Gary D'Amato and Chris Christl recounted the havoc Sprinkle played on the Packers.

"No question, Sprinkle had some great games against the Packers," they wrote. "In fact, he may have made more big plays in the rivalry than any other lineman."

The authors asked five Packers of the era about Sprinkle. All answered with awe.

"I would say Ed Sprinkle, pound for pound, was the roughest, hardest-playing football player I ever ran into," said running back Don Perkins, who played for the Bears in 1944, the Packers in 1946 and both teams in '45. "He was not dirty, but he played hard. If you were going to get hit by Ed, you were going to get hit."

Opponents couldn't wait to get a crack at Sprinkle. He constantly was targeted, but not many got the better of him. Longtime rival Charley Trippi of the Cardinals was one who did.

The Hall of Fame halfback punctuated a rare win over the Bears in 1951 by decking Sprinkle with one punch. After he was ejected and informed he would be fined, Trippi said: "It was worth it."

Sprinkle came to the Bears on Bulldog Turner's recommendation in 1944. Turner

was a few years ahead of Sprinkle at tiny Hardin-Simmons College in Abilene, Texas. The All-Pro center and linebacker thought Sprinkle, who played football, basketball and baseball at the school, was pro caliber and advised him to try out.

The Bears found room for Sprinkle right away, and coach George Halas even gave him his old number. After Sprinkle retired, Halas called him the best pass rusher he ever had seen.

"He and I got along real fine," Sprinkle said of the Bears founder in Jeff Davis' 2005 biography, "Papa Bear: The Life and Legacy of George Halas."

Davis wrote: "They did because Sprinkle played the game just the way the coach loved it. Hard, all-out and nasty."

When Sprinkle joined the Bears, they were a skeleton crew with so many players in the military for World War II. By 1946, everybody was back and the team was a juggernaut.

With Sprinkle giving the team an edge it lacked while winning titles in 1940 and '41, the 1946 team went 8-2-1 to win the Western Division and defeated the Giants 24-14 at the Polo Grounds for the NFL championship. During the title game, Sprinkle broke the noses of Giants quarterback Frank Filchock and running back Frank Reagan, and he separated running back George Franck's shoulder.

On offense, Sprinkle was used mostly for blocking. In his 12 years, he caught seven touchdown passes from five quarterbacks. One was All-Pro Johnny Lujack; three others — Sid Luckman, George Blanda and third-stringer Bobby Layne — became Pro Football Hall of Famers.

Some supporters believe Sprinkle should join them in Canton, Ohio. In a 2016 piece, longtime Dallas Morning News columnist Rick Gosselin compared him to Deacon Jones, Lawrence Taylor and Reggie White. Former teammate George Connor, a Hall of

SPRINKLE AS A BEAR

1944-55 | 12 seasons | 132 games

Bears record: 84-52-3 (.615).

Playoff appearances: 2; NFL champion in 1946.

Acquired: Signed as a free agent in 1944.

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Fame tackle and linebacker, also made the case.

"Eddie went 120 percent, 100 percent of the time," Connor told Davis. "They called Eddie dirty. He wasn't. Just tough."

Sprinkle retired at 33 when he became one of the few Bears to call Halas' bluff during contract negotiations. The two proud men could not bridge the difference between the coach's offer of \$14,800 and the player's request of \$15,000.

In 2014, the Tribune's Don Pierson ranked Sprinkle the fifth-best defensive lineman in Bears history behind Doug Atkins, Dan Hampton, Richard Dent and Steve McMichael. Sprinkle's four Pro Bowl appearances match Hampton, Dent and Fred Williams for second among Bears defensive linemen at Atkins' eight.

During his career, Sprinkle worked as an engineer for Inland Steel and coached youth football. In retirement he became owner and operator of the Gridiron Tile flooring company in the Mount Greenwood neighborhood.

The native of Bradshaw, Texas, died of natural causes at 90 on July 28, 2014, in Palos Heights. He was the last living member of the 1946 NFL champions.

Sprinkle roomed that season and seven others with Turner, who made a fine mentor as one of the smartest players in the league. Turner knew what every player on the field should be doing on every play, and he knew the type of attitude it took to succeed in professional football.

"Bulldog influenced me more than anybody," Sprinkle told Whittingham. "Let the other team fear you," he would say. "Walk tall. Walk proud." And when we went out onto the field, that's the attitude I had.

"I never feared an individual on a football field."

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

No passing on these greats

DBs Bailey, Law, Reed enshrined together in Hall

BY BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — What a defensive backfield in gold jackets: Ed Reed, Ty Law and Champ Bailey.

Law, Reed and Bailey entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night.

Also inducted were tight end Tony Gonzalez, center Kevin Mawae, late Broncos owner Pat Bowlen, Johnny Robinson and Gil Brandt.

"Fitting to be in here with Mr. Johnny Robinson and Champ and Ty," Reed said. "My DBs know it was always about us."

Reed and Law's voices frequently broke during their speeches.

Law spoke of his family's support, and his hometown, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, which also produced his uncle, Tony Dorsett, and Mike Ditka — both Hall of Famers.

"I know there ain't no crying in football," Law joked.

"We are a community



JOE ROBBINS/GETTY

Champ Bailey and his presenter Jack Reale unveil Bailey's bust during the former corner's enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday in Canton, Ohio.

built on love, strength, struggle, and that Quip-town pride," he said. "We did it, Aliquippa. We are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame."

Law became the first inductee from the Patriots' stand-out defense that won three Super Bowls in the early 2000s. One of the most versatile and physical cornerbacks the NFL has seen, Law was selected for five Pro Bowl teams and was a two-time All-Pro. He finished with 53 career interceptions, twice leading the NFL in that category, had more than 800

tackles, 169 passes defensed, five sacks, and scored seven times.

Perhaps Law's most noteworthy game came in the 2002 Super Bowl, when his hard-hitting style upset Rams receivers and threw off the "Greatest Show on Turf. That was emblematic of his attacking style — and soon after led to rules changes limiting how physical defenders could be against receivers.

Reed was just as big a playmaker for the Ravens, a safety who fellow enshrinee Ray Lewis called "a gift" to the Ravens and

himself. He was elected in his first year of eligibility, just as Lewis was last year, and called for unity in America, setting a standard like a team's — each pushing one another toward an achievement.

"Help each other, encourage each other, lift each other up," Reed said. "Encourage those around you. Encourage yourself."

Reed, a five-time All-Pro safety and member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team, was the 2004 Defensive Player of the Year and made nine Pro Bowls. He had 64 career interceptions, seventh overall; led the NFL in picks three times; and his 1,590 yards on interception returns is a league mark. His 13 non-offense TDs rank fifth all time.

In 2013, in his hometown of New Orleans, the Ravens won the Super Bowl.

Bailey played for the Redskins and Broncos in his 15-year career, and was a force in each of those seasons. He intercepted 54 passes, including one against the Patriots he returned for 100 yards in the 2005 divisional playoffs.

NFL NOTES

Raiders WR Brown sees foot specialist

Pro Bowler misses another practice; Colts' Luck still out

News services

The Antonio Brown watch continues.

For the second straight day, the Raiders wide receiver was nowhere to be seen Saturday during the seventh practice of training camp.

The Raiders have not specified an injury, with a San Jose Mercury News source indicating as camp opened Brown would be out "probably a week" after starting on the non-football injury list. Brown was removed from the NFL last Sunday. He participated in a walkthrough, and two days later, ran some pass routes against defenders in drills before calling it a day.

ESPN reported Saturday that Brown was scheduled to see a foot specialist Saturday.

The injury is not believed to be long term, the source said.

The only clue about what ails Brown was a since-

deleted Instagram post which showed two badly blistered feet. Considering Brown wasn't with his teammates on the field, it's conceivable he's getting checked out by a specialist.

Quarterback Derek Carr has no choice but to wait.

"We wish the healing process of whatever is going on will be fast," Carr said. "We want it to be fast, but at the same time you can't rush things for training camp when you know you have a season and hopefully a playoff run to think about, right?"

Luck out another week: Colts coach Frank Reich announced that quarterback Andrew Luck will remain off the practice field due to a left calf injury will last at least another week.

Luck missed the Colts' OTAs and minicamp and has only practiced three days in training camp since originally injuring his calf back in April. He approached the Colts on their off day Monday and said he wanted to stop practicing until he felt his calf was 100%.

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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Comics Dave Pasquesi and TJ Jagodowski of the legendary improv duo TJ and Dave at the iO Theater in Chicago.

YES, AND

The Bentwood Comedy Festival — named for the chairs — comes to iO with a improv lineup featuring some of Chicago's finest comics

BY ZACH FREEMAN

A simple chair. For most of us, they're used almost exclusively for sitting, but put them on stage with a trained improviser (or better yet, improvisers) and they can become anything: a car, a refrigerator, even another character in the scene. But when it comes to sharing stage time, not all chairs are created equal. To paraphrase Diddy, it's all about the bentwoods, baby.

And at the second annual Bentwood Comedy Festival — named for the (generally acknowledged) perfect stage chair and landing at iO on Aug. 7-11 with an impressive lineup of improvisers, sketch writers and generally funny people — it should come as no surprise that the bentwoods are sure to be in abundance.

What may come as a surprise is that iO didn't start their own improv festival sooner. In the back offices at the iO complex on Kingsbury Street, iO co-founder and artistic director Charna Halpern acknowledges the question with a nod. And she has her reasons.

After putting on what she calls the first improv festival ever in the 1980s — which included classes taught by Del Close, Bernie Sahlins and Paul Sills — she was not interested in

coordinating another festival for a while. And then another festival started in Chicago.

"When the Chicago Improv Festival was going on, so many times people would say to me, 'What are you doing? Charna, why don't we have our own festival?'" Halpern said. "But Jonathan Pitts and Frances (Callier) were from iO many years ago and so I thought, 'Well I'm certainly not going to compete with them. They're doing their festival and they're doing it fine.'"

That changed in 2017 when Pitts announced Chicago Improv Fest was closing up shop after a 20-year run. "When Jonathan decided that he wasn't going to do it anymore I thought, 'OK, well maybe it's time

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NY architect's tower is a mixed bag

Chicago skyscraper is the height of urban living but lacks in style



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

Very tall and very thin, One Bennett Park looks from certain angles like the numeral 1, which is fitting since it's a building for the 1%.

The 69 condos cost anywhere from \$1.87 million to \$15 million. The most expensive of the 279 apartments, a four-bedroom with a private terrace, rents for (brace yourself) \$22,500 a month. Such eye-popping prices seem



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The south view of the One Bennett Park building, a new condo and apartment tower in Streeterville.

destined to make One Bennett Park a target for critics of income inequality, but it is undeniable that buildings like this keep popping up as more of the ultra-wealthy choose to live in cities.

We may not like them or wish they incorporated affordable housing, yet we ignore them at our peril.

So some basic questions are in order: Do these buildings add to,

or detract from, the skyline? What do they deliver at street level to people of all income levels?

Seen through that clarifying lens, One Bennett Park, the first Chicago high-rise of celebrated New York architect Robert A.M. Stern, emerges as a mixed bag. This tradition-minded tower is easily superior to its mediocre modernist neighbors. It also comes with a prized amenity, a revamped pocket park, and some exquisite interiors. But the tower doesn't match the skyline elan of the Art Deco and classically influenced skyscrapers that inspired it. It's a case study in how difficult it can be, even for the most skillful of architects, to transform the designs of the past into a compelling new synthesis.

Located at 451 E. Grand Ave., a few blocks west of Navy Pier, the 68-story, 837-foot tower will be

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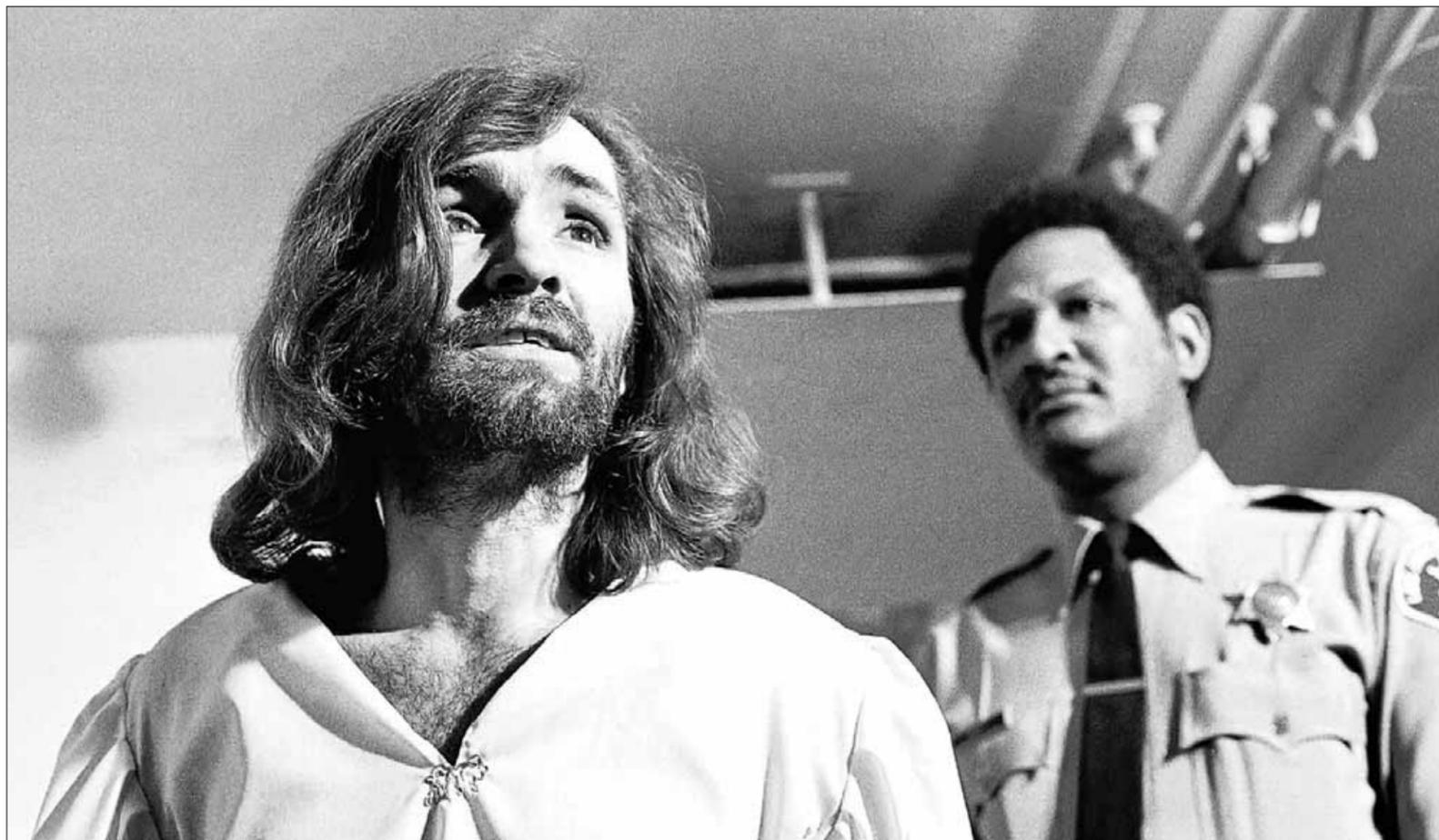
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GEORGE BRICH/AP 1970

Cult leader Charles Manson headed to California an aspiring musician, recording demos and making connections with the likes of the Beach Boys' Dennis and Brian Wilson.

The Manson musical legacy

'Once Upon a Time' subject has niche in pop, rock, rap

BY RANDALL ROBERTS
Los Angeles Times

Charles Manson was a failed songwriter who, like thousands of other would-be rock stars of the era, moved west to chase his dream of becoming a successful musician. Needless to say, it didn't work out that way.

That wasn't for lack of effort. As he and his murderous followers tore through California from

1967 to '69, the cult leader was not only working to foment an LSD-inspired race war but playing in bands, making demos and ingratiating himself with musicians, including the Beach Boys' Dennis and Brian Wilson.

In Quentin Tarantino's new film, "Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood," characters bump up against the Manson "family" of Charles and his followers and their legend. The film's

release is keenly timed to the 50th anniversary of the five-week series of murders that stunned Los Angeles.

After Manson's arrest and conviction, his sinister charisma became synonymous with evil, and a generation of artists drew meaning from his words, music and myth. Below, a semichronological annotated playlist of Manson-related music.

Grateful Dead, 'Viola Lee Blues'

"The night I dropped my first tab, the Grateful Dead was playing at the Avalon Ballroom," Manson re-

called, referring to the San Francisco venue, in "Manson in His Own Words," a book that compiled his jailhouse interviews.

He added of the 1967 concert: "Even without the acid, the performance would have blown my mind." Manson remembered the music creating "a frenzy in the listeners and dancers. Before I actually realized what I was doing I was out there on the floor innovating to the beat of the Grateful Dead."

Which song was Manson "innovating" to? He doesn't say, but if he stayed for the whole set, he likely danced to "Viola Lee Blues," a staple of their live shows of the time.

Charles Manson, 'Cease to Exist'

After busking in San Francisco during the Summer of Love and settling in Los Angeles at the end of the season, Manson hit up a music business contact he'd gotten from a former prison inmate. Soon Manson was recording demos around Hollywood across the fall of 1967 and into '68. The recordings didn't see release until after he and his followers were arrested.

"Cease to Exist" is a love song about submission written as only a narcissist could, from the 1970 album "Lie: The Love and Terror

Cult." Manson traded the rights to the song to Dennis Wilson for a motorcycle and some cash. The Beach Boys recorded a renamed version of it in 1968.

Though the best known of his musical work, "Lie" is hardly Manson's only album. After his conviction, the killer issued a number of jailhouse recordings, many released in limited editions. In the mid-1980s, former Black Flag singer Henry Rollins produced an entire album in collaboration with Manson, but the record was shelved.

Beatles, 'Piggies' and 'Helter Skelter'

When it was released in 1968, the Beatles' wild two-LP "White Album" stumped a lot of people. Not Manson, though. On the contrary, its meaning was crystal-clear: The Beatles were communicating to him and laying out the blueprint for his violent initiative.

He called the pending actions "Helter Skelter" after the Beatles song and had his minions write the phrase in blood at a crime scene. Ditto the George Harrison-penned "Piggies." At the location of music teacher Gary Hinman's death, the murderer painted "political piggy" in blood on a wall, according to the book "The Family," in

an apparent reference to the Beatles song.

Dennis Wilson, 'Album Tag Song'

One day in the spring of 1968, Dennis Wilson picked up two women hitchhiking on Sunset Boulevard. That was his first mistake. Patricia Krenwinkel and Ella Bailey were members of the Manson family. Soon they were partying at Wilson's house on Sunset in Pacific Palisades.

Mistake No. 2 occurred after Wilson left the two at his house while he went to a studio session. Upon return, nearly two dozen Manson family members, mostly women, greeted him. Manson was there too. He and the family would end up leeching off the Beach Boy for many months, costing Wilson thousands of dollars and irreparably damaging his reputation.

Beach Boys, 'Never Learn Not to Love (Cease to Exist)'

Manson's biggest run at success came when the Beach Boys released "Bluebirds Over the Mountain" as a 45 rpm single. For the B side, the band recorded (and renamed) Manson's "Cease to Exist." The cult leader had managed to get the once family-friendly surf group to sing the lyrics "cease to resist" and "submission is a gift, give it to your lover." The Beach Boys' label, Brother Records, nearly signed Manson to a recording contract — but Brian Wilson vetoed the deal.

N.W.A., 'Straight Outta Compton'

Founding N.W.A member Ice Cube was born the summer of the Manson family killings. By the time he was a teen, the crimes had seeped into the city's subconscious. The title track to the Compton quartet's 1988 album opens with Ice Cube describing himself as "a crazy ..." who would have liked nothing more than to kill his enemies and "mix them and cook them in a pot like gumbo." One measure of his danger? "A crime record like Charles Manson."

Across the decades, dozens of lyricists have used Manson as a metaphor for menace. Eminem describes himself as "part Manson, part Hannibal, part mechanical shark" in a freestyle verse, one of a number of Eminem's uses of the cult leader's character. On "Trap House," Lil Wayne boasts of having people "that'll kill for me — Charles Manson." Last year the rapper YoungBoy Never Broke Again opened the first verse of his track "Diamond Teeth Samurai" by depicting "(a) whole lotta killing, Helter Skelter like I'm Charles Manson."

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Why men should read 'Three Women'

BY JOHN WARNER

Bookstores, on the whole, tend to be gender segregated spaces. Romance for women. Men? See military history over there.

Clearly, these are generalizations, but if you look at the "Books for Dad" displays around Father's Day or the end-of-year holidays, you'd think that when it comes to reading, men are exclusively interested in golf, grilling, cars and war.

Perhaps we shouldn't expect anything different, as women reportedly read about 75% of the books purchased in a given year. For men, books are apparently only for special occasions commemorated with seared animal flesh and war.

Maybe I need to turn in my man card, but I'm not particularly interested in any of those subjects and, of course, I read all the time. Nevertheless, several years ago, I recognized my own habits were skewed towards reading male authors, something along the lines of a 65-35 ratio. So, for a year, I made a conscious effort to balance the scales. By two years after that, the scales had quite naturally tipped to the opposite direction as I became more and more drawn to what female authors had to say about the world.

As it turns out, it's really interesting to experience things from a perspective other than the one you've been walking around in. Put another way, it's actually nice to be enlightened about things that once seemed impossibly mysterious.

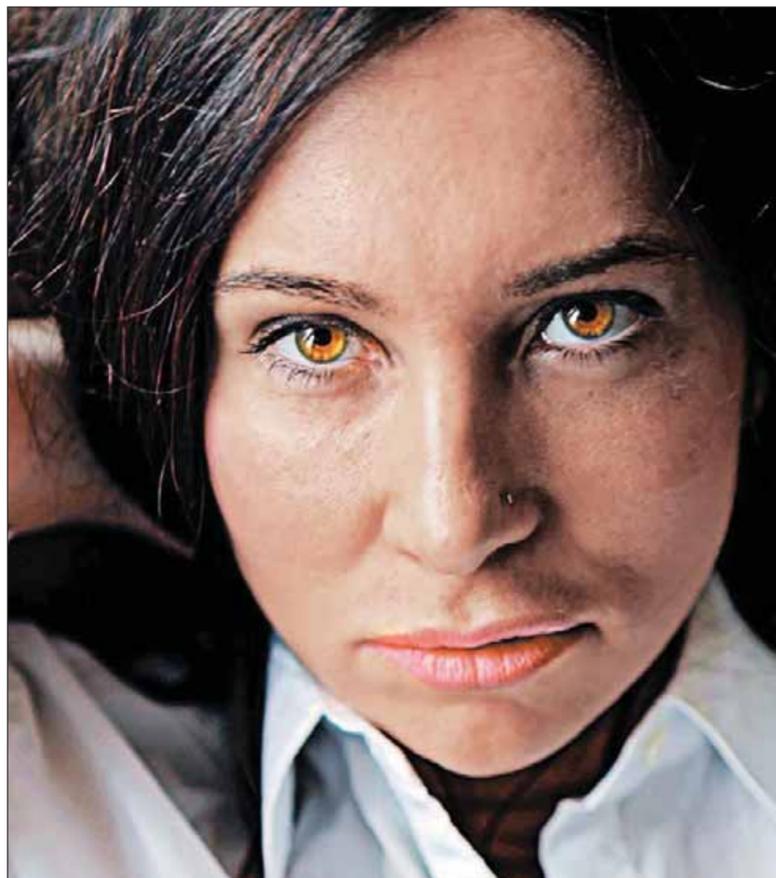
All of this is a long way 'round to recommending that men read Lisa Taddeo's "Three Women."

"Three Women" is a nonfiction exploration of female desire, a subject that is of more use and should be of more interest to the men that those war and golf books are meant for. And let me tell you something gents: This stuff is complicated.

Because of course it is. Why would we expect it to be any other way? Humans are complicated, and women are also human, but my hunch is that men are, well, let's call it *underinformed* as to the nature of these complexities.

As the title suggests, "Three Women" focuses on three women — a suburban Indiana mother (Lina), a North Dakota high school student (Maggie), and a sophisticated restaurateur (Sloane).

Taddeo says she spent eight years on the book, and it shows in its degree of intimacy. The facts of the women's stories may initially provoke moral judgment — Lina has an affair to escape a passionless marriage, Maggie becomes involved with her English teacher, Sloane's husband enjoys watching her have sex with other men — but whatever judgment one has quickly drains away as



AVID READER

Lisa Taddeo's "Three Women" should be read by everyone — especially men, says Biblioracle columnist John Warner.

Taddeo goes deeper into their lives.

The power and complexity of how desire organizes their lives is fascinating. As Taddeo weaves their stories together, a deeper understanding emerges. I genuinely felt like I knew the world a little better.

Taddeo isn't attempting a representative study of women and desire. Men reading "Three Women" should not think that they will have a Eureka moment that suddenly unlocks a deeper understanding of the women in their lives.

But as an experience beyond one's usual frame of reference, I think it's invaluable.

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The cliché we bibliophiles claim for reading books is that it helps us build empathy. Most of us don't have stories to tell that are as fascinating as the lives of these three women, but seeing the layers of other people's lives can allow us to reevaluate ourselves with a little more depth and understanding as well.

Don't be shy, fellas, try out some of those books for women.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph

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1. "The Algebra of Happiness: Notes on the Pursuit of Success, Love, and Meaning" by Scott Galloway
 2. "Queen Bee" by Dorothea Benton Frank
 3. "The Temptation of Forgiveness" by Donna Leon
 4. "Nobody Hugs a Cactus" by Carter Goodrich
 5. "Labyrinth of the Spirits" by Carlos Ruiz Zafón
- Kathy R., Hobart, Ind.
Nina Stibbe has a new novel, "Reasons to be Cheerful" that I haven't read, so I can't officially recommend that one, but "Love, Nina: A Nanny Writes Home" should fit the bill for Kathy.

1. "There There" by Tommy Orange
 2. "The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland" by Jim DeFede
 3. "Winter Loon" by Susan Bernhard
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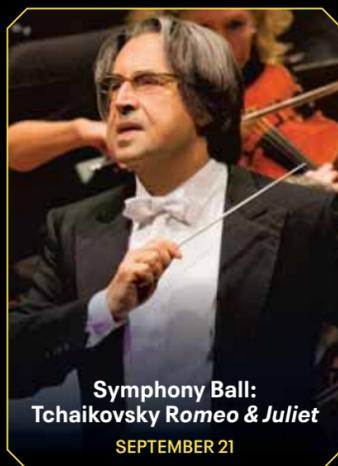
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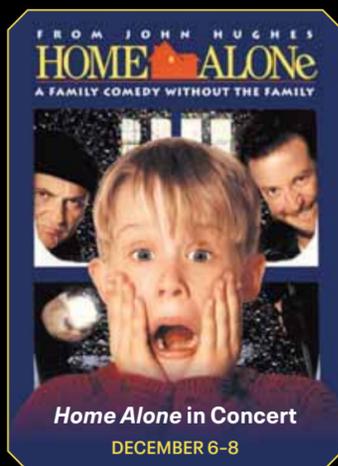
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BY BARRY PEARCE

A black girl walks through Lincoln Park in a snowstorm.

It sounds like the start of a bad joke, I know, but at some point, when she recalled that day, February 14, 1990, this was how she told it. *Girl* because, although the person in the story is twenty-one, it was hard for her, even a year later, to see that person as a woman. *Black* because *African-American* is a new identity in 1990, one she is test driving but cannot seem to buy.

I became *African-American* more than twenty years ago.

She is black, especially in Lincoln Park, a rich white neighborhood getting richer and whiter by the hour, and especially today, when her dark face glares against a night white with snow, like a period on an empty page or a hole punched in the pale sky. Half a foot of snow has locked up the city. The airports are open only for departures, and the snow is falling faster now, an inch an hour, in angry swirls that make it tough to see more than ten feet ahead. She stomps over unshoveled walks, seething, each step an act of will, as she pulls one foot, then another from the wet mess. She might as well be swimming. Her face is wet with snow that melts on contact and leaks under her collar. An invisible opening in her right boot, probably no more than a pinhole, lets the slush in. The slow soaking makes her anxious and then so angry she wants to rip off the new perfect-looking boots — electric-blue Docs, a gift from Dot — throw them in the road, and continue barefoot.

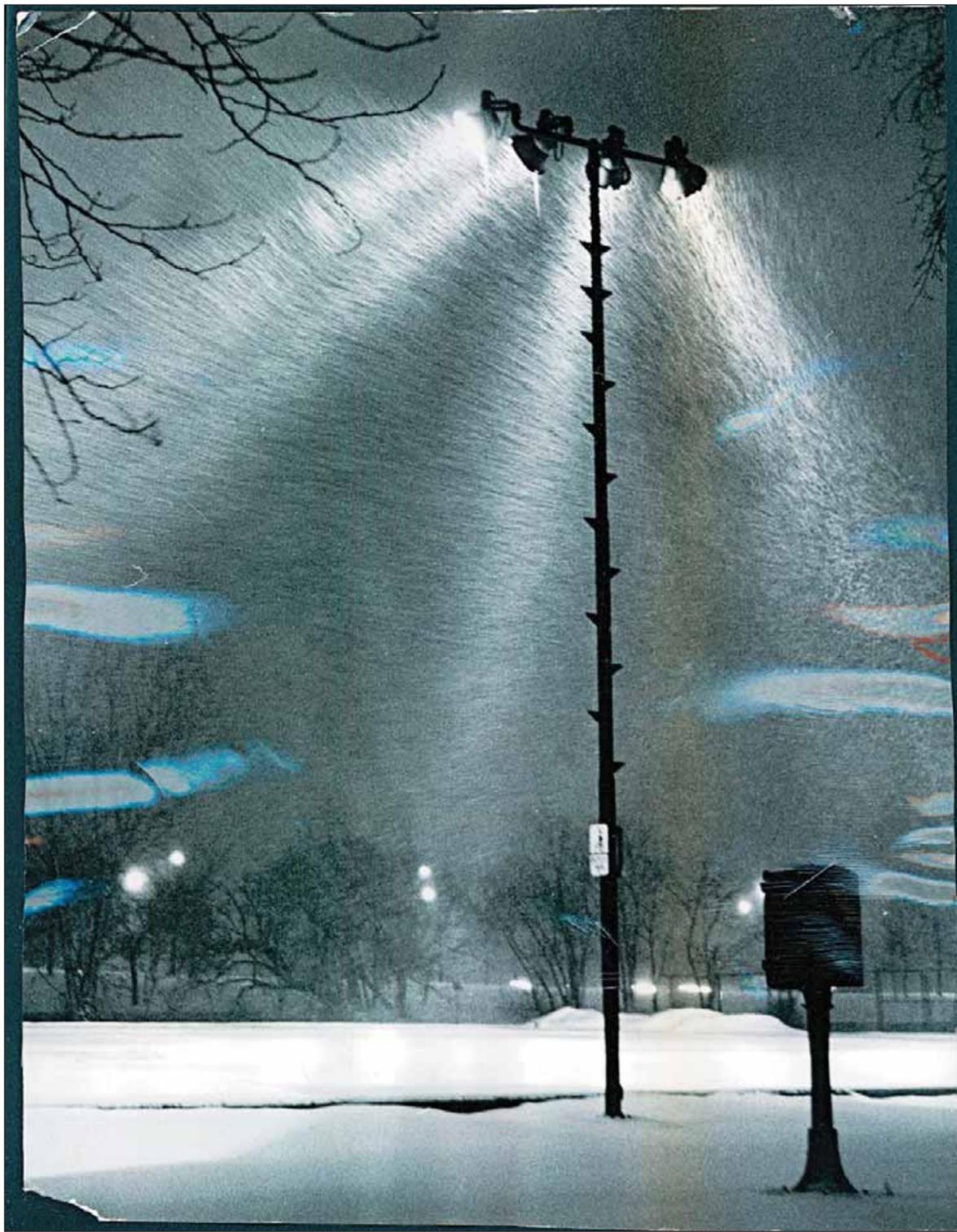
As if she does not stand out enough in that sea of white — the snow and the people, who navigate hazardous streets in surprising numbers because it is Valentine's Day. Down Fullerton, she walks in their narrow, trampled wake, between walls of tall Victorians whose steep steps and smug facades are so imposing, their skinny windows seem to watch her pass. Jutting her chin out, she does her best to act tough, but it's difficult to strut on ice. She turns onto Halsted, which is less oppressive, but feels no relief. The snow is slushier, and one block up, the Mexican valet she fought with hovers outside Dot's building. She cannot see his face but knows him, even at this distance in heavy snow, by the cut of his coat. Maybe he won't recognize her, she thinks, but of course he will. Half an hour ago, she threatened to run him over, and she is wearing a pea coat identical to his, both threadbare and dark blue, hers adorned with patches for Public Enemy, Social Distortion, and Grandmaster Flash.

Finding a spot here is a challenge at the best of times — in this weather, impossible. She drove around for forty minutes before she fought with the valet, circling the same frozen streets over and over, afraid to go more than fifteen miles an hour. Her car, a 1975 Olds Delta 88, tan with a silver replacement door, has poor traction and a high idle. She hardly touched the gas as she looked for a space, her foot covering the brake like a finger on a trigger. On Lill Street, she got lucky — a spot two blocks from Dot's. Halfway in, though, she decided it was too small and could not get out. She punched the accelerator, though she knew her spinning tires were only making the ruts deeper. A couple of passing frat boys in Dorothy Hamill haircuts and matching North Face gear — typical Lincoln Park — rocked her car back and forth until they pushed her out of the space.

"You're welcome!" one of them shouted as she pulled away, like he'd saved a baby drowning in a well and deserved her eternal gratitude. She raised her middle finger casually, driving off at a crawl.

She circled for ages without seeing a space she could get into. Around and around she went in the bleak landscape, heartburn raging from all the black coffee, brought on the drive from the South Side for heat more than caffeine. Her car is not much warmer than the street. The heater fan quit last month, and the wiper blades rotted long before that. She steered with her right hand as she looked for a spot and with her left, alternated between scraping ice from the inside of the windshield and snow from the outside. Even if everything worked perfectly, in this blinding mess she could not have seen much beyond her front bumper.

She remembered a puddle-jumper she took once, visiting her auntie in Tennessee. The pilot had maintained a holding pattern over the tiny airport in the valley below, waiting for wind shears to subside, then announced with an indifference that couldn't quite hide his terror that the plane was low on fuel and had to return to Memphis right away. She felt like that pilot tonight, as if she might die circling the neighborhood, or at least run out of gas. She did not have the money for more. There was enough in the tank to get her home to South Shore, but if she drove for another fifteen or twenty minutes, there would not be. She would be stuck. Dot would give her gas money, of course, but no, she could not ask for it after their argument, the only serious fight of their year together. Their petty dustups are usually her fault. She does not know why she starts them, except that Dot is so damn happy all the time. She has never met anyone happier or more secure, more present in the moment. She loves this about Dot and so it almost seems like someone else who starts the trouble, the bitch tossing rocks in that serene pool just to watch the ripples. Sometimes she thinks she does it for the makeup sex, so good it could be measured on the Richter scale. She never came with



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Snow falling, Lincoln Park

anyone before Dot. Now, it happens all the time, and occasionally, if they are making up, more than once.

She did not start this fight, however, Dot did, and there was no makeup sex after, no making up at all. They did not speak for three days, until Dot called this morning. It is always Dot who calls, though it has never taken her this long.

"You're not seriously leaving me alone on Valentine's Day?" she asked, and then, "Ya do know it's Valentine's, doncha?"

It was not an apology or an admission of guilt but enough to get her up to Lincoln Park for shrimp scampi — her favorite of Dot's culinary staples — enough to begin a thaw. She did not want a thaw. She wanted to stay mad. Before she even hung up, she was mad at herself for letting the anger fade, but what could she do? The mere sound of Dot's voice makes her instantly aroused. No one has ever had this effect. The phone shook in her hand as she thought about reconciliation and what, after the worst fight yet, could be the greatest coupling ever. She shook with anger, too, at the mental space Dot takes, the control she effortlessly exerts over her schedule, moods, thoughts. Her body becomes Dot's when this short white girl is inside her. Time stops. At the touch of a single fingertip, her nerves light like fireflies. In a moment, she no longer knows who she is — no past, no future, only Dot.

The week before their big fight, they had gone to the Art Institute, where Dot dragged her away from Monet.

"Jeez, was he in love with that haystack or what?" Dot groaned. "How many times do we need to see it?"

She could have spent the rest of her day poring over his many versions of the haystack in question, but deferred to Dot, who had grown up with art and possessed an intimidating, effortless knowledge of it, careless with a commodity that the girl from South Shore treated as precious.

They drifted toward Modern American, but as they were leaving Impressionism, Dot stopped before a sketch called "Woman with a Muff."

"This is more like it, don't you think?" Dot whispered behind her. Hot moist breath caressed her ear. "Do you like her muff?" Arms encircled her. A hand slipped beneath the bag draped across her front, one finger grazing her, ever so lightly, there. In the black-and-white drawing, a vague faceless figure hunched as if against the cold, or from age, though her long, lean frame did not look especially old, or young. It was hard to tell. She stood in a blank landscape, feet hidden under an old-fashioned dress, the ground on the ivory page bleeding into air. The woman held out her

hands, concealed in the muff, as if walking but seemed to hover in place, ghost-like, too, as if searching for something she'd dropped.

Staring at the sketch, her eyes watered. The dark figure seemed to dissolve and reform as Dot touched her. Her entire body tingled but remained as still as the cold marble statues they'd passed downstairs. She wanted to move but couldn't, held by Dot's touch, ecstatic and angry, turned-on and terrified. What if some guard or passing tourist saw? If she pushed Dot's hand away, she would be called a prude or, worse, Bettina, her churchy mother's name, so she pretended that Dot's touch wasn't a thing, that she didn't love it with every particle of her being, that it didn't mortify her to the point of physical pain.

"Amanda thinks you should pay some rent."

This was how their big fight started. Dot said it without looking up from the *Fit* magazine she thumbed on the couch, one of several vapid one-word titles she subscribes to, along with *People* and *Allure*. She makes fun of Dot's trashy reading but secretly likes her unabashed obsession with celebrity gossip, fashion, and fitness fads. There are no guilty pleasures for this girl, only pleasures.

"Even a hundred a month," Dot said, absorbed in a home workout plan that made use of tables, chairs, whatever was on hand.

She was warming her bare feet under Dot's thighs, still in the flannel pajamas Dot had given her. "Or she thought you could pay a utility bill — gas or the electric?"

Dot and Amanda, her roommate, grew up together in Lake Forest in homes airy and bloated as beach balls. Dot's trust fund was worth more than her lover would earn during the next twenty years, and Amanda Hugankiss — her nickname for the gushing, love-obsessed roommate — had a similar stash. Did Dot really not get what this would mean for her? It was as if Dot had been given a big present so early in life, she saw it as tiny, if at all, blind to the fact that most weren't so lucky. Her girlfriend certainly wasn't. After her freshman year at U of C, she moved back to her mother's cramped house at 79th and Stony Island, in South Shore, to stay in a converted pantry — her younger brother had her old room — because she could not afford college and housing. Her scholarship covered only tuition, and in Hyde Park, she was learning how costly a free ride could be.

"You know what it costs me, coming up here every week? How hard it is to find a spot in this yuppie hell?" She was furious that Dot not only asked her to pay rent for a place she didn't live but that she used

Amanda to do it. She crashed at Dot's two or three nights a week, sometimes four, but that was rare. "Maybe I should just stop staying over. You need me, *Dorothy*, you can drive your skinny ass down to Seventy-ninth."

It felt good to see Dot speechless, to sit in the driver's seat for a change, but the feeling didn't last. Dot's hurt expression grew cold and hardened. Her pupils looked big and black as drains.

"I'm fine with going to your house," she said. "Is your mom? She won't mind us spooning in your little pantry?"

I came out in 1995.

She is figuratively and quite literally, as Dot loves to point out, in the closet, where she curls her nearly six-foot body in a strategic ball to sleep on a child-sized mattress. The pantry dig felt mean during their fight, but she laughed the first time Dot pointed out the absurdity — *you know that for most lesbians the closet is just a metaphor, right?* Dot's casual use of the word is both thrilling and panic-inducing. *Lesbian? Me?* She has never described herself this way, though she has known since before she could write her name that she liked girls. Dot has been out since she was fourteen. She brandishes this fact and her gold-star status — *no, never with a guy, gross!* — like a backstage pass. Good for you, she wants to say, try coming out on the South Side. Hold hands with a girl and walk down Stony Island past the Black P. Stones who own the street, past Maryam and all those Nation brothers in bowties and tight froes, huddled around the mosque like prim, angry penguins guarding a hole in the ice. Take your girlfriend to the annual family picnic in Jackson Park, where the preachers — your mother's brother Aaron and Uncle Shawn, who married Auntie Mae — offer terrifying visions of the eternal pain that can follow one moment of sin.

It was a little easier in your corner of the North Shore, where your lefty lawyer parents saw it as a bonus that your girlfriend was *African-American* — savoring the term like the pricey Bordeaux they poured — and even your senile grandmother, stuck in 1971, the year she lost her husband, chatted with "Dot's special friend" as if they were kindred spirits. It was Granny she learned the old-timey nickname from, her eyes watering with suppressed laughter the first time she heard it. No one besides the grandmother — and now her — calls Dorothy "Dot." She said it in bed as joke the first time and it stuck. Now she uses "Dorothy" only when truly pissed.

"This isn't about my mom, *Dorothy*." She pulled her feet from under Dot's thighs and

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hid them under her own on the couch.

"What is it about?"

"It's about *this ain't my place*." She leaned into Dot's face to weight each word, and felt the urge to kiss her, a desire that only made her angrier.

"Are you sure? Cause you have a full drawer, clothes in my closet. Your name isn't on the lease, but you have the house keys."

Dot's expression remained colder and harder than she'd ever seen it, as if she had been practicing for this, though her voice cracked on the last words, a note of pleading or warning: *careful now, I'm not messing*. Her pupils, normally tiny specks, had become black holes that threatened to swallow anyone in their gravitational sway. Had she taken something? The idea that this drama might have been planned, cooked up with Valium and canned speech, angered her. In recent months, Dot had doled out spare keys, closet space, comfy pajamas, a drawer — practical little gifts that neither woman gave much thought, or so it had seemed. Now, those gestures looked like part of a carefully constructed plan to charge her rent. She said so, and next, Dot was ranting about love and commitment and time, stuff that had nothing to do with what she was asking for.

"How you going to put the squeeze on for a hundred bucks, then throw all this at me?"

"I feel like your hotel," Dot said, "not your lover."

This was infuriating, since Dot was the one acting like a hotel clerk, attaching a value to the nights she stayed over. Dot shifted focus so quick, it was tough to see the real story. And *lover*? Did anyone not working on a movie set call herself that?

Dot smeared tears across her cheeks. "Why are you always hiding?"

This from the girl who sheltered behind her roommate, nose in a magazine, to demand rent? Dot was swinging wild now, grasping at anything, like the drowning woman who when Dot was a lifeguard, clawed her blindly during an attempted rescue. Dot's anger and fear, whatever their murky source, needed a target, and her girlfriend made an easy bullseye.

She took the steps two at a time, ignoring the shrill cries from the apartment above. On Halsted, she leaned against the glass front of Chez whatever, the French place on the ground floor, and gulped cold air. A couple seated in the window froze but carefully avoided looking her way. She pressed her palms against the smooth surface and licked her lips, leering at their meals. The man instinctively encircled his with his forearms. Her disembodied smile flickered an instant on the glass, but she could not force a laugh as she turned to the sidewalk. What happened at Dot's tonight? She tried to make sense of it as she walked south, and three days later, walking north on the same street in what the radio called near-whiteout conditions, she still isn't

sure. Dot does not need help with the rent, and she isn't cheap. This is about control, she thinks, not money. Asking her to pay is an assertion of power, a way for Dot to stay on top, to possess her fully, as if there is a corner of her that this girl does not already fill. How carefully she must have planned the demand for rent. *The bottom drawer is yours. ... Hold onto those keys in case I'm late. ... Amanda thinks you should pay rent.*

A man carrying an unwrapped bouquet of flowers, bedraggled in the wind and snow, passes her, the tenth reminder on this short walk that she did not bring anything for Dot, who is slaving over dinner. Not even a rose or a little box of chocolates. If she'd had more time, she thinks, but the argument sounds weak even as she forms it. This, too, makes her angry. It's all about money, anyway, Valentine's Day, thinly disguised capitalist b.s. A holiday for suckers, and she is one of them, manipulated to feel guilty about not buying flowers, just as she was manipulated on the phone earlier today. Some flirting, a mention of Valentine's Day, and her favorite dish is all it takes. Next she's driving through a blizzard for two hours in a car with bald tires and no defrost, literally risking her life. She could have driven to Michigan in the time it took her rusted heap to get here. The Vulva — she winces at Dot's nickname for her Volvo, but can't help using it — is just the opposite, a safe suburban mom-mobile, gifted, not surprisingly, by Dot's suburban mom. Any mention that she does all the driving even though Dot's car is much more roadworthy elicits offers from Dot to come south, disingenuous because where would they go? It is sad, Dot says, that she can't reveal her love to the mother she lives with, but Dot enjoys the leverage, playing the magnanimous wronged mistress while her girlfriend rushes around like a servant.

Her extremities are frozen numb even as her exertions and wool sweater send a trickle of sweat between her breasts. She wants to strip off winter's awkward gear and simultaneously wishes she had more of it. Half a block up, the valet she fought with steps out of Dot's doorway. He bounces on his toes to scan the street before dancing back out of the snow. The valets never stand at the entrance to the French restaurant. They shelter in the apartment entry to the south, where they can smoke, hidden from the weather and their bosses while watching for customers. The restaurant does not have a parking lot. Its valets patrol the surrounding blocks for open spaces and guard them while their coworkers ferry cars over. They take up half the spots on Halsted, which is annoying at the best of times and infuriating tonight. Earlier, she drove past the valet in the pea coat four or five times, holding the same spot, before she braked and began to back into it.

"Hey, stop," he yelled, arms flailing. "Lady stop." A string of Spanish curses followed. He smacked her car's rusted trunk but was forced to retreat, her bumper at his knees. She reversed slowly,

waving him out of the way. He inched backward but would not leave the space until, finally, she had to stop or crush him. She leaned out the window, and in two languages, they screamed past each other. Only a piece of the car's nose jutted into the street. She considered leaving it that way, but what would the valets do to it when she was gone? She couldn't win this. She pulled back into traffic and shouted — *God! Damn! It!* — punching up on each word. A flurry of dark flakes — dried foam exposed when she'd torn drooping fabric from the ceiling — swirled in her car.

The valet has not yet recognized her walking toward him. She tugs her collar high and hunches down. She feels like a bug for yelling at him and wishes she was, and could scurry past unnoticed. The restaurant's parking scheme is outrageous, but it isn't his fault, some guy working the street in this weather for minimum wage, struggling to make it in a place where he can't speak the language. It wasn't her, all that yelling and cursing, backing into a person. If she could, she would turn around and go home just to avoid the valet. Part of her wants to avoid Dot, too, though another part aches to see her. Their fight was Dot's fault, but because she is nearly two hours late, she will be the one on the defensive, never mind the blizzard she drove through to get here or the hour it took her to park. Announcing that she has to leave after dinner won't help matters, but she has an eight a.m. class and with this snow, can't chance morning rush hour. She can't storm out either because she does not have enough gas to get home. The needle on her Delta dipped below the point of no return before she circled back to the spot where she finally fit, the one on Lill Street that had seemed too tight. She would walk home rather than ask Dot for gas money if she didn't think someone would find her frozen in a drift at the next thaw. What choice does she have?

Fifty feet away now, the valet pops out of the doorway. He bounces on his toes once again, scanning the street right to left, then freezes. He sees her. He steps forward and raises an index finger, pointing not at her but upward, as if to say, *one moment*. She braces for the confrontation. He jogs toward her but when he's almost close enough to touch, veers between two parked cars, plowing through a mound of snow. A Jeep has stopped in the street. Its driver hands his keys to the valet and walks to the restaurant.

She stands outside Dot's entryway, which reeks of the restaurant workers' cigarettes. The valet does not glance at her as he drives off, not once, but her relief is tinged with dread. Maybe she inflated this conflict to distract from the real one, upstairs. She cannot feel her fingers or toes but remains hunched in the cold while the jeep's taillights fade. A wet gust hits her like a fist. She shakes as snowflakes swarm in a shape that looks almost identifiable before dissolving into chaos once again.

When she told the story later, as she

often did, she began here. She did not mention the restaurant, not right away, or standing outside Dot's door. She did not mention Dot at all, at least not by name. She said only that she was walking up Halsted to a friend's place.

A black girl walks through Lincoln Park in a snowstorm, she started, to general if uneasy laughter. Perhaps a year after it happened, she began with this line, in third-person, and part of her liked the effect. From the first sentence, no one could tell if it was an off-color joke or true story, about her or someone else, or all of these. The distant perspective brought the girl into focus, but it made her uncomfortable, as if she was watching herself, or someone else, through the wrong end of a telescope. She changed it up after the first sentence.

I'm trudging through the snow, pissed after spending an hour to park in the storm of a lifetime, when this house on wheels, huge red Cadillac, slows down. The driver, white guy in a black suit, maybe fifty, rolls out the door. He's fat but more than that, nearly round, like literally almost as wide as he is tall. This image elicited louder laughter, as her listeners felt themselves on firmer ground. She left out the fact that it is Valentine's Day in early versions, but this detail slipped in later and she used it to make the red Caddie more comical.

The driver brushes off the white stuff collecting on his shoulders, nervous, like it could ruin a good suit, but he's no match — a fresh dusting sits there before the last one's gone. He purses his lips and squints into the wind like he spotted someone he wants to kiss hiding in a drift. Dude is just standing there, exposed — this is Halsted, no visibility — with that huge booty hanging in traffic. There were groans and more laughs. Finally, he gets a determined look, like, f— it, I'ma take a chance, and waddles forth. He grabs at the roof and door like they're life buoys, getting leverage where he can to shift all that weight on the ice.

Sometimes she did a duck walk here, which got a big laugh. Certain words always earned laughs, so she hit them hard: booty, buoys, waddle.

He's just ahead, in the street, as I'm walking up the sidewalk. We're about even when he turns in front of his car and throws something at me. My hand wheels around to grab it — lucky catch — but I can't tell what it is.

Be careful with that, boy, he says. I open my palm: his keys. He waddles a little farther, then climbs the curb in front of a fancy French restaurant.

Her audience gasped. There were groans of horror, expectant laughs. Oh, uh UH, exclaimed a woman around her age.

I realize a few things at once, she said. First, this cracker just called me boy, which would piss me off even if I was a boy. Since I'm not, it's like go-time. Second, he expects me to park his car 'cause black person in Lincoln Park? Got to be a maid or valet, right? Third, this restaurant and its idiot customers are the reason I spend an hour

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Rock veterans from Fanny and Runaways join forces

By KATHERINE TURMAN
Los Angeles Times

They were rock 'n' roll heroines who blazed parallel trails in an era where female musicians were practically an oxymoron. But somehow they didn't meet until more than 40 years into their respective careers.

Singer-drummer Brie Darling of Fanny and Runaways singer Cherie Currie were both in all-female bands, musical anomalies often enduring similar struggles and triumphs. But it wasn't until 2017 that another member of Fanny, Patti Quatro, sister and onetime bandmate of iconic bassist Suzi Quatro, introduced the two when Darling was seeking backing vocalists for her album "Fanny Walked the Earth," released that year.

Darling was immediately taken by Currie's "energy and charisma." If the mutual admiration and excitement was there, the trust wasn't immediate. "This business really hurts; people can destroy your self-esteem and trust



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Cherie Currie, left, formerly of the Runaways, and Brie Darling of Fanny have teamed up for a new album.

in yourself," Currie says. "We hear this stuff all the time; (women) always think, 'What's the motive? What's the agenda?'"

The skepticism was warranted; both women began playing music in their teens, the Runaways especially guided and misguided by older men with sometimes prurient interests who treated the group as a novelty. Both Fanny and the Runaways paved the way

for scores of artists, female and male too, without achieving either mass success or acceptance among fellow musicians or critics.

Yet Currie, now 59, and Darling, 69, remained in touch after the project wrapped, bonding over shared career disappointments and future hopes; they eventually decided to combine forces. "This Is Our Time," a song off their forthcoming debut al-

bum, "The Motivator," provides their rallying cry: "It's hard to get to the places we've never been, but it ain't over yet / We never thought of giving up; standing up, fighting for what should have been."

"It can be looked at as a feminist anthem," Darling says. "But it can be looked at as a personal anthem, because it's our story. Out of the Runaways, Joan Jett has a wonderful career; Lita Ford has a wonderful career; Cherie needs the same opportunity. Cherie and I are looking at each other, going, 'Come on, girl. Let's do it together. We can speak for women, we can speak for ourselves.'"

The #MeToo and Time's Up movements have sparked widespread, often galvanizing change, but in this venture, Darling and Currie forgo dwelling on past wounds or joining existing crusades. "We really feel like we're starting our own movement," says Currie. "It ain't over till it's over." People who think that their lives are washed up, you're just not,

until you take that last breath. Anything can happen."

Post-Runaways, when she was still a teenager, Currie was the victim of a brutal rape, assault and kidnapping, which she chronicled in her 1989 autobiography, "Neon Angel: A Memoir of a Runaway" (reissued in 2010). "I didn't think I was going to live through it. It's so important that you tell someone right when it happens," she says. "You should never be ashamed, you should never feel ashamed. It's never your fault." Her assailant received only a yearlong sentence, but in the decades since, she says, "I helped a lot of rape survivors and the rape survivors have helped me as well."

That power serves her well as songwriter and, now yet again, a musical pioneer — code for being a woman of a certain age. "Just because we're the ages we are, if somebody wants to put a stigma on that, screw them," says Darling. "We didn't run out of enthusiasm. We didn't run out of our voices."

Pearce

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searching for a spot while Orson Welles here pulls up in front. Sure, she sometimes said, depending on the crowd, drive right up and throw your keys at the nearest n—. The angrier the audience got, the more they loved what happened next.

There is so much I want to say, so much I can do with those keys — keep them, dump them. A line-drive to the head is my first thought. I'm weighing them in my palm, like treasure or a bomb, but he's walking away. He's almost at the restaurant door. In a minute, he'll be gone.

I tug my collar around my face and put on a deep a voice: Yes suh! Enjoy y'all virtuals suh!

I get in the car and start it.

This was the moment she built to, and the audience always exploded in laughter. There were hoots and hollers, often clapping.

I adjust the mirrors and the seat, crank the heat. I turn the radio to WGCI and can't believe it — Ice-T busting out "You Played Yourself," from an album I just bought, The Iceberg. It's too perfect. I pull onto a street that looks like an iceberg tonight, spinning the tires a little and singing along. I crank it on these lines:

Hype the snare, now I got a place to sit
And ride the track like a black mack in his 'lac

She described a rich leather interior that smelled new, though it must have been twenty years old, the profile of that pricey red barge cruising up Halsted, herself leaning behind the wheel, hand dangling over it, pure O.G. Her audience couldn't get enough, interrupting because they had to know, what did she do with the car?

I drive it home to South Shore, park it on 79th, and walk to Stony Island. Just to be nice, I leave the keys. I leave the engine running too, heat on, passenger window half open. It's Black P. Stones turf over there. Night this cold, who knows, but I give it half an hour until the car's history.

Wow, someone said. Whoa! The audience had a new take on her. Who was this girl? Questions flew: What about the friend you were meeting? What about your own car? What if you got pulled over?

My plans no big thing, she said. I know that my friend'll like the story so much, if she's upset, it won't be for long. I can get my car in a few days. She isn't sure she can get it out of the spot she struggled into, anyway, and she doesn't have enough gas to make it home.

Cops stop me, I'll say, wasn't no theft. This was a gift, pure and simple, and I don't know nothing about no valet. I never said who I was. Crazy person hands you their keys and tells you be careful, it's a present, right? Can I be arrested for holding onto a present? Be a sin not to. She shrugged then, as if her take was the reasonable one, the prospect of grand theft no big deal.

Amazed laughter rose, less hearty but laced with admiration. It was the response she wanted, but her story had problems, and in time, they bothered her. It was true, for instance, that loitering on Halsted, she never claims to be a valet, but she did not tell her audience that she is standing where the valets always stand. She did not say that she fought with one of them earlier or that she is wearing a pea coat identical to his. She is tall, and in a man's coat, with the collar tugged high and a wool hat pulled low, looks very much like a boy. This is her goal, though she won't acknowledge it for years to come. On another day, in another mood, being called a boy would please her, or at least a young man, which is what the owner of the car actually says.

Careful with that, young man. He smiles as he says it and tosses the keys cautiously — to her, not at her — his only option given the icy patch between them. She is outraged when she opens her palm but does not say a word (no yes suh or talk of virtuals) before his silhouette disappears through the restaurant door. He is not nearly as fat as she let on. His shape gets distorted over the years, growing to grotesque proportions next to a car that might or might not be a Caddie. It is a classy ride, for sure, but she is so angry and cold, trudging through the snow, she glimpses only parts — a door, a panel, rims — and not the make, not even as she gets in. What is she doing? Where is she going? She pulls out without knowing she does it, propelled by a strange inertia. Something thrilling and terrifying is in motion, and she can't control it.

She is not cool and confident, cruising up Halsted, with tunes at full bore. She clutches the steering wheel like a lifeline, perched on the edge of a deep seat, accelerating and braking erratically, continually checking the rearview mirror. She is afraid to adjust the seat or the radio, tuned low to a classical station. Almost immediately, she wants to turn back, but some part of her resists the urge. I'll turn around at the Drive, she thinks, and then once she's on it, at North Avenue, at Michigan, Grand. Every minute makes her later, the trip back to Dot's farther, the consequences of what she is doing harder to face. The journey is slow, excruciating and yet seems to happen in a flash.

As she drives, panic rising, she tells herself the story of what just happened, is still happening, practicing how she will deliver it later. It has to redeem her, this story, to win over Dot, who no doubt is already livid. In her mind, she plays up the humor, makes the car's owner a little meaner, a little fatter. She did not want to keep Dot waiting, she hears herself say, but once she caught those keys, it was as if she had no choice. The story becomes funnier and smaller, silly, outrageous, but not, after all, such a big thing. Telling it calms her, helps her to regain control. She will turn around and go back to Dot's, she thinks, as soon as she has it down. Already she can hear her girlfriend's musical laugh, grudge-

ing at first, then louder, then raucous, and finally, out of control.

She cannot get the story quite right, however, not now and not during the many years that she told and retold it. She tested it on coworkers, friends, strangers met at parties and bars. Details were added and altered, others cut. The narrative evolved until one day she realized she did not know the girl at its center. The story became whatever she needed it to be, an amusing anecdote, a joke, a way to break the ice or puff herself up, a loose accumulation of useful lies. I hated her, as much for the lies as for her behavior on that day. I hated her for telling it to every audience except the one that mattered, the one it was meant for. I hated her for making it about race and class, gender and economics, when really it was a story about love.

In her defense, most stories lie. Life doesn't fit neatly into beginning, middle, end, or past, present, future. Sometimes there is no middle. The end might happen during the beginning, or before it. The past can be present, and the present past, or completely absent. Tense itself is a lie. Putting her story in the past helped render it less significant with each telling, until her biggest moment, a disaster she is still living, became a comical speck on the vast surface of a life. She did not know she was lying or that the form of the story itself was false, only that she could not tell it right. After years of trying — every listener a stand-in for Dot — she stopped. In her thirties and forties she did not repeat the story, but the more she tried to contain it, the larger it grew, like a leak sealed with a plug so big it only makes the hole larger.

She could not tell the story, it turned out. I had to. Telling it required time and distance she did not possess. It required not so much understanding that girl on Halsted — in many ways, she remained a mystery — as seeing her clearly. It meant forgiving her after years of hating her. I finally understood, a quarter of a century later, that bad luck played as big a role in what happened as stupidity. She is stupid, but everyone is dumb at twenty-one. Your first relationship is supposed to be with the wrong person. It is supposed to crash in a tsunami of heartache and pain. You are supposed to see it as enormous when it ends, think that nothing will ever be the same, then watch its power diminish until, looking back, you feel no more than a bittersweet pang. Is it her fault that in this story the reverse is true?

Looking into Dot's eyes during a fight, she thinks *Valium*, not *fear*, although with distance, it became apparent — the consuming love and fear of losing it that turn Dot's pupils into wide black drains. Only later did she comprehend that asking for rent makes Dot vulnerable, is an attempt to cede not gain control. The little gifts — a drawer, some hangers, pajamas, keys — look coarse up close, like points in a petty plan, but from a wider vantage, they coalesced into something beautiful, the vision of a life shared. Dot is asking her — halfway to asking her, a quarter step from asking her — to move in.

She tells herself that standing Dot up on Valentine's Day is a minor mistake, another fight that will fade in time, and when Dot doesn't answer her phone, she tells herself that she simply needs to call more often —

twice a day, then three times, four. When this fails, she tells herself that sitting outside Dot's building will work.

In early March, a tidy box of clothes and books appears on the porch in South Shore, tied up with a string and labelled with her name like a package at Christmastime. A note folded inside asks her not to call again. She smiles bitterly. The only time Dot has been to her home, and she wasn't there. No matter, she tells herself, and does her best to brush off this enormous love like a crumb. Easy come, easy go. Plenty more fish in the sea. She has no idea — how could she at twenty-one? — that this is a moment when her life permanently changes, that she will never love anyone this deeply again.

She does not know why she trudges back the next day to the spot on 79th where she abandoned the car. Criminals supposedly feel an urge return to the scene of the crime, but surely for her that would be Lincoln Park. Classes are cancelled at U of C, a first, and she has nothing else to do. Maybe she simply wants confirmation that the theft happened. Ten hours later, under a glaring winter sun, it does look like theft, though the trip last night was so quick, she was so furious and scattered, it almost seems as if someone else committed the crime. *Did that occur?* she thinks, and not, *Did I do that?* Already it has the feel of a dimly remembered event that took place so long ago, you wonder if it could be imagined.

The snow stopped in the night, and temperatures fell. Yesterday's soupy mix has become a solid crust that crunches underfoot as she walks down Stony Island. A numbing wind cuts through her mom's thick parka, the kind of cold that makes your eyes water. She wears her mother's enormous sunglasses and hat, too. It's not likely that someone saw her parking last night, or would remember her if they did, but why take a chance?

She turns onto 79th, where the drifts are deeper. She left the car about a mile down, on the edge of a patch so notorious, it's known in the neighborhood as "Terror Town." What does she intend to do, get gas and drive it back to the North Side? She could probably leave the car on a side street near the restaurant without arousing suspicion — the mistake of an incompetent valet on a chaotic night.

An idea occurs to her. The car had a full tank of gas when she left the North Side. Could it still be running? Is that even possible? Ten hours is a long time, but it's a big luxury car fuel, no doubt, a huge tank. How much fuel gets used, idling in park? She isn't sure, but the possibility that it's still running makes her heart race. She imagines herself climbing inside it to get warm. Her pace quickens, though she is exhausted from not sleeping and so cold she can't feel her feet.

At Yates, she does not wait for a signal to cross, but when she gets to Phillips, she can't find the car. She tromps two blocks east, backtracks, crosses 79th. From across the street then, she recognizes the two beaters that haven't moved since last night and between them, a hole where she left it. She stares, for a moment not believing what's plain as day at this distance, then turns to begin the long cold walk home.

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About Barry Pearce

Barry Pearce's parents emigrated from Ireland in the '60s. They had one child in Dublin and six more in Chicago, where the family lived on the South Side, first in South Shore and then in Chrysler Village — a pocket of rowhomes built to house workers at a nearby plant.

He earned a BSJ from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and an MFA in creative writing from New Mexico State University. He has published short fiction in journals including *The Colorado Review*, *The Cimarron Review*, and *Other Voices*. He works as a freelance ghostwriter and, occasionally, as a teacher. His story, "Chez Whatever," is part of an unpublished collection of linked stories called *The Plan of Chicago*.

The Nelson Algren Literary Award

The Chicago Tribune's Nelson Algren short story contest, which has been held annually since 1981, drew more than 3,000 entries this year. Other recipients of Algren honors include: finalists Stephanie Green ("Host Mother"); Elizabeth Poliner ("Sabelle"); Abhijith Ravinutala ("Definitions"); Dalia Rosenfeld ("If You Do Not Shave This Rabbit, He Will Get Stoned"); and Steve Trumpeter ("A Pamphlet for This"). The winner receives \$3,500; finalists receive \$750 each. Stories are posted at chicagotribune.com/literaryawards.

More sinfulness in the Second City



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

Booze will flow with meaning at a Friday party for Karen Abbott when she happily returns to this city that has provided her several fine parties in the past and given her more than enough memorable characters to fill the pages of the books she writes.

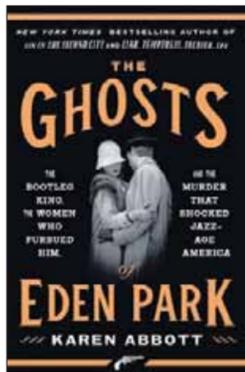
"Chicago has always been good to me," says the Manhattan-based author. "It has not only given me great stories but some of the most fascinating people I have ever known."

The latest is George Remus. Long dead, he comes vividly to life across the 300-some pages of Abbott's new "Ghosts of Eden Park: The Bootleg King, the Women Who Pursued Him, and the Murder That Shocked Jazz-Age America" (Crown).

Once you meet him, you will never forget him.

Here he is early in the book: "He used the courtroom as an arena, leaping and prancing and prowling the length of the jury box. During the cross-examination of his clients he tore at his remaining rim of hair, sobbing and howling with abandon ... Detractors derided him with a nickname, 'the Weeping, Crying Remus,' but admirers coined one of their own: 'the Napoleon of the Chicago Bar.'"

Had Remus kept to his legal shenanigans, he might be a minor historical curiosity. But he was not content with leaping, prancing and prowling in courtrooms. With the arrival of Prohibition in 1920, he moved to Cincinnati and there created the most successful bootlegging operation in the country.



Karen Abbott

He was 44 years old and, Abbott writes, "had spent the first half of his life gathering momentum for the second. He was the embodiment of the new decade, a harbinger of its grandest excesses and darkest illusions."

Before Al Capone got his act together, Remus was without rival, dubbed by reporters and gleefully carrying the title "King of the Bootleggers."

Abbott compellingly details his life and times, rise and fall, delusions, paranoia and, frankly, his genius. Though he is firmly the book's star, there are others to grab your attention: second wife Imogene who, though glamorous and loved (Remus called her his "little honey bunch"), was wickedness incarnate; Mabel Walker Willebrandt, the assistant attorney general of the United States and "the most powerful woman" in the country, who goes after Remus with determination and paves the road for him to land in courtrooms and



George Remus is the subject of Abbott's latest book.

jail cells; and Franklin Dodge, Willebrandt's best investigator, whose affair with Imogene results in the adulterous couple's attempt to steal not only Remus' money but his life.

There are cameos from Clarence Darrow, Capone and some of the other famous people who helped define this madcap American era. It is a raucous and captivating story told with great style, the result of Abbott's way with words, tireless research and unique subject. Its courtroom sections, using trial transcripts, are better than most any "Law & Order" hour.

If Remus did inspire, as many believe, F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby," part of the reason were his lavish parties, especially the New Year's Eve bash in 1921-22. Attempting to barge their way into Cincinnati high society, he and Imogene opened their new mansion, which they called the "Marble Palace," to 50 of the city's most prominent

couples.

"Servers looped through the chattering couples, offering Remus' best whiskey and champagne and gin and vodka and beer," Abbott writes. "In a gesture emblematic of the times ... Remus lit guests' cigars with \$100 bills ... One guest found a \$1,000 bill tucked beneath his plate, waved it in the air, and lo and behold, the same party favor had been planted for each reveler."

But wait, there's more. As parting gifts, each man received a diamond stick pin and each woman was presented with keys to a new Pontiac car.

There will be new no car keys for the guests at Friday's party, though each person will receive a copy of Abbott's book. It's a benefit for The Chicago Brewseum (chicagobrewseum.org), hosted by its founder, Liz Garibay, a trained historian, podcaster and writer. It takes place from 6-8 p.m. at Binny's Lakeview. This setting is more than appropriate, for

Binny's was once the Ivanhoe, which began its life as a speakeasy. It later became a gathering of dining rooms and bars and, as you will see during the party, the "catacombs," a labyrinth-like tunnel system peppered with cozy nooks where people once enjoyed pre- and post-dinner drinks.

"I just couldn't imagine a better setting," said Garibay. She has been a fan and friend of Abbott's since the beginning, which can be marked by the 2007 publication of Abbott's first book, "Sin in the Second City: Madams, Ministers, Playboys, and the Battle for America's Soul" (Random House).

"Karen is a great writer," she says. "I adore her style and her affection for history and its characters is so in line with mine. I know it's a cliché, but she writes page-turners."

A native of Pennsylvania, Abbott was a freelance writer living in Atlanta with her husband when she started exploring her family's history. Researching a great-grandmother, who vanished forever after arriving in Chicago from Pittsburgh in 1905, Abbott encountered Minna and Ada Everleigh, who ran the Everleigh Club on Chicago's South Side. It was for more than a decade, starting in 1900, the most opulent and famous brothel in the world.

Her next book, 2010's "American Rose" (Random House), was a biography of entertainer Gypsy Rose Lee, who often performed in Chicago and had a torrid love affair with that fascinating if largely forgotten local impresario Mike Todd.

There wasn't much Chicago in her next, 2014's "Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy" (Harper Perennial), about four unlikely women — a socialite, abolitionist, farmgirl and widow — who were spies during the Civil War.

But now comes Remus. Abbott discovered him not in her usual manner, which is digging through dusty archives, court transcripts, faded news clippings or sitting in musty libraries.

She found Remus on TV. "I was watching HBO's 'Boardwalk Empire' and there was this minor character (played by Glenn Fleshler) named George Remus who dominated all the scenes he was in," Abbott says. "He was so strange I thought he might be fictional."

She began to dig and discovered that only was Remus real, he had spent his formative years in Chicago where, Abbott writes, "He remembered his father coming home drunk from the corner saloon and evolving, week by week, into a mean and abusive alcoholic; he vowed that he would never drink a drop of alcohol."

He never did. The "King of the Bootleggers" was a teetotaler.

Abbott's Chicago visit, which includes Saturday stops at Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville (2 p.m.) and the Book Cellar in Lincoln Square (6 p.m.) is part of a national tour to promote the book. That's an indication of her publisher's enthusiasm for it, a feeling fueled by lavish pre-publication praise from such writers as Eric "Devil in the White City" Larson, who says, "Prose so rich and evocative, you feel you're living the story ... Gatsby-era noir at its best," and such publication as Kirkus Reviews, which calls it "A spirited history ... An entertaining tale ripped from the headlines of Jazz Age America."

Remus died a quiet death in 1952. The local paper echoed his previous fame and his past glories in the headline of his obituary: "Another Gatsby Passes."

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'Auschwitz' exhibition illuminates dark era

New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage displays items and photos



HOWARD REICH
Tribune arts critic

NEW YORK — What was Auschwitz?

To Primo Levi, the chemist whose memoir "Survival in Auschwitz" unflinchingly chronicled what happened there, "It was all incomprehensible and mad."

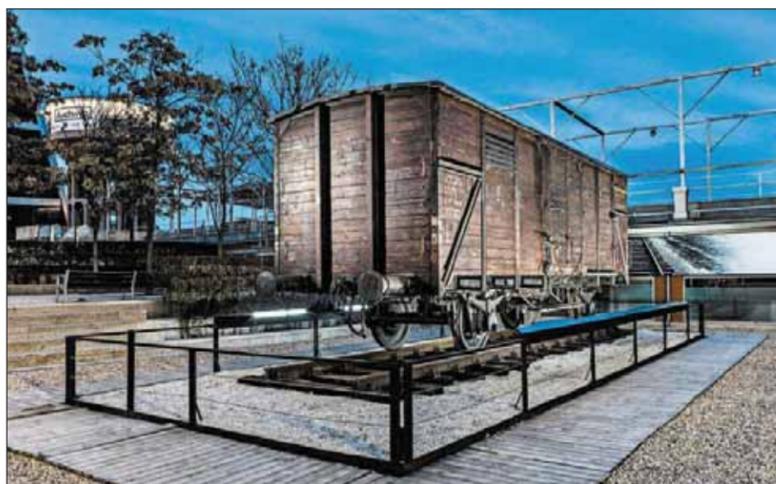
To Viktor E. Frankl, the psychiatrist and Auschwitz survivor who penned "Man's Search for Meaning," "the very name stood for all that was horrible: gas chambers, crematoriums, massacres."

To Auschwitz survivor and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel, "Auschwitz was not an institution that came down from heaven ready-made," he told me. "It was made, conceived, thought-through by human beings against other human beings."

Considering that 1.3 million human beings — mostly Jews, but also Poles, Roma and others — were deported to Auschwitz during the Holocaust, and that only a small percentage survived, Wiesel did not exaggerate when he told me Auschwitz was a "capital of crime."

Its staggering figures, extreme deprivations and pervasive humiliations exceed our ability to understand even now, 74 years after Auschwitz was liberated.

Which is why "Auschwitz: Not long ago. Not far away" — a monumental exhibition at New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage — is fundamental to illuminating this dark



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Up to approximately 80 people were crammed in a freight car when they were deported to Auschwitz. Upon their return, the freight cars were filled with their possessions.

place and time. For in addition to the heartbreaking words of survivors and victims affixed to its walls, the exhibition presents precious objects, photos, drawings and ephemera from one of the most notorious places on Earth.

Opened in May and running through Jan. 3, the exhibition includes more than 700 original items and 400 photos, most drawn from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Poland, plus private collections and institutions from around the world. These include the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, which has lent items seen in North America for the first time, and nearly 100 rarities from the Museum of Jewish Heritage collection. (The exhibit was conceived by Musealia, a Spanish firm that creates large-scale exhibitions, and the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, and curated by experts from around the world.)

All of this is presented in an 18,000-square-foot display spread across 20 galleries.

Battered shoes, torn dresses, smudged eyeglasses, concentration camp uniforms and other artifacts attest to Auschwitz's toll in

painfully human terms. Outside the museum stands an original German-made Model 2 freight train car used to ship Jews to their deaths in ghettos and extermination camps across Nazi-occupied Poland.

Of course, as Wiesel said, Auschwitz did not arrive from on high "ready-made." Its origins derived from millennia of anti-Semitism, its arrival hastened by a virulent incarnation of this hatred in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"The Jew stands in our history as our metaphysical opposite," Nazi ideologue Alfred Rosenberg observed in 1923, as quoted in an exhibition wall panel. "Never before have we really understood this. For the first time in history, instinct and insight united in a clear understanding. As a result the Jew faces the abyss."

Adolf Hitler and his millions of followers put those words into action.

"The art of all truly great national leaders at all times consists in not dividing the attention of a people, but in concentrating it upon a single foe," he stated in 1925, as quoted in the exhibition.

And so Auschwitz emerged in June 1940, the faces of its inmates docu-

mented in 50,000 mug shots taken until 1943, when the Nazis mostly stopped photographing the mass of humanity brought here to die. The SS tried to destroy the evidence before fleeing in 1945, but 30,000 images were preserved. A few of these faces stare at you silently in this exhibition.

Visual documentation of Auschwitz's horrors is limited but eye-opening, the exhibit including drawings by Jan Komski, a Polish man who was placed on the first transport to the death camp in 1940, escaped in December 1942 and was sent there again in 1943. His renderings of women getting shaved and tattooed, of executions and a crematorium's interior will linger forever in the memory of anyone who sees them.

Ditto the drawings of David Olere, a Polish-born, French-Jewish artist sent to Auschwitz in 1943 and assigned to the Sonderkommando, the unit ordered to take corpses from the gas chambers into the flames.

How was it possible for German authorities to give such commands?

American Army psychologist Gustave Gilbert described in his diary an interview with Hitler aide



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Artist Alfred Kantor's depiction of arrival in Auschwitz: "Throw away your baggage and run to the trucks."

Rudolf Hess, Gilbert's chilling testimony on view at the exhibition for all to read.

"In answer to my rather naïve questions as to how many people could be done away with in an hour, etc.," Gilbert wrote of the query he posed to Hess, "he explained that it was possible to exterminate up to 10,000 in one 24-hour period. ... I tried to figure out how this was done, but he corrected me: 'No, you don't figure it right. The killing itself took the least time. You could dispose of 2,000 in a half-hour, but it was the burning that took all the time.' He related all of this in a quiet, apathetic, matter-of-fact tone of voice."

Remarkably, Sonderkommando Alberto Errera — called "Alex the Greek" in Auschwitz-Birkenau — hid a camera and took photos in June or July of 1944. The film roll containing four images of Crematorium 5 was hidden inside a tube of toothpaste and smuggled to Krakow.

Those images are shown in the exhibition, incontrovertible testimony on what humanity is capable of doing. They are difficult to see but essential to view.

"We dislike talking about

our experiences," wrote author Frankl, in describing how he and fellow Auschwitz survivors felt.

"No explanations are needed for those who have been inside, and the others will understand neither how we felt then nor how we feel now."

But we try, and this exhibition opens that terrible world to us.

"Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away" runs through Jan. 3, 2020, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York; 646-437-4202 or mjmnc.org.

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Michael Haas, author of "Forbidden Music: The Jewish Composers Banned by the Nazis," will present a multimedia talk on that subject; free with admission, reservations required; 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 12 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie; 847-967-4800 or www.il-holocaustmuseum.org.

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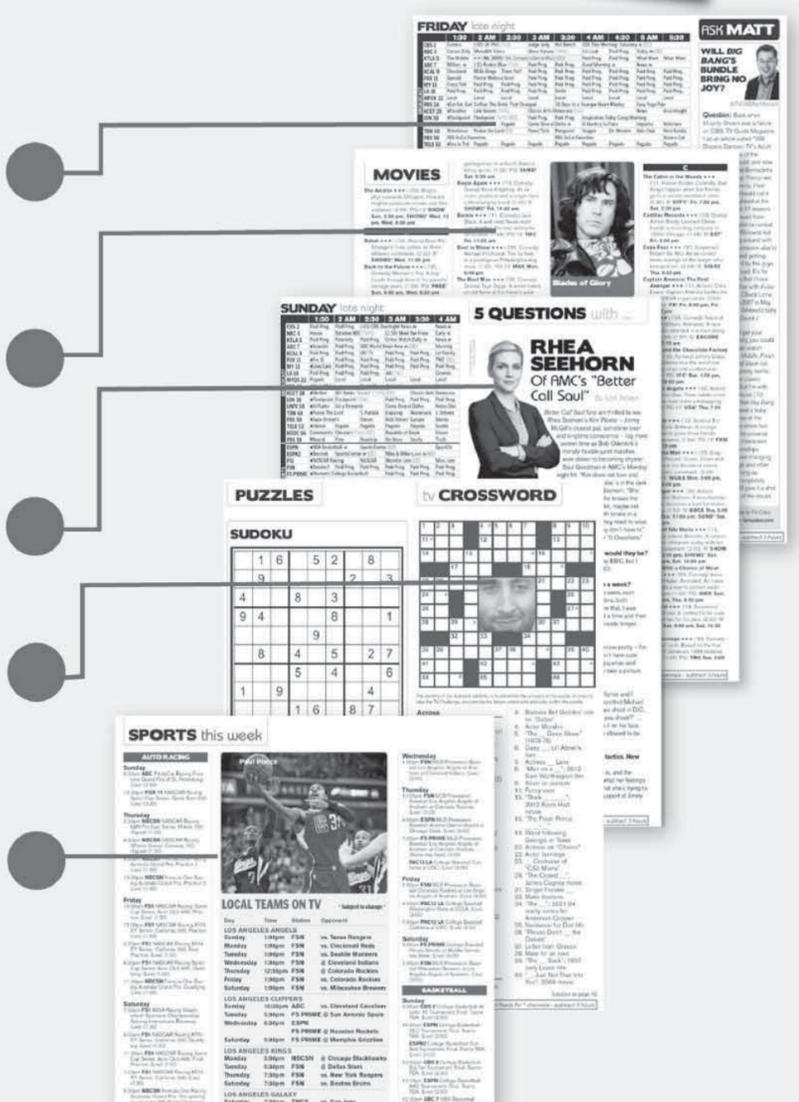
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Park could be loved to death

Bennett Park is an escape — and very close to Navy Pier

BY BLAIR KAMIN

It's no secret the blocks between Navy Pier and North Michigan Avenue are dull with a capital "D." They're filled with bland high-rises, underused public spaces and the circular hole in the ground that was to form the foundation of the unbuilt Chicago Spire.

Bennett Park, the 1.95-acre, privately owned park alongside the new One Bennett Park skyscraper, aims to enliven this sorry stretch. And there is good reason to think it will succeed once it opens Tuesday.

Indeed, I worry that this little park will succeed all too well and be trampled by residents from adjoining high-rises and tourists going to and from the pier. "Loved to death" is the phrase landscape architects use to describe this kind of thing.

Designed by Brooklyn-based landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburgh, whose Chicago credits include the popular 606 trail and Maggie Daley Park, Bennett Park replaces an open space that had the opposite problem — it was ignored to death. That park, by San Francisco-based Hargreaves Associates, formed a green roof atop an underground garage between Illinois Street and Grand Avenue.

Conceived as an amenity that would be bookended by two residential towers — Chicago developer Dan McLean built only one of them, to the west — the park consisted of sloping surfaces that resembled folds in a piece of origami. Despite its topographical and horticultural variety, it



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A fourth-floor overlook affords views of the children's play area and open space of Bennett Park, the privately owned park to the west of One Bennett Park, a new condo and apartment tower in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood.

never took off with the public.

So it made sense for city officials to allow One Bennett Park's developer, Related Midwest, to build a 68-story skyscraper on the empty site to the east of the park in exchange for public benefits such as remaking the park.

If nothing else, the park contrasts vividly with the adjacent tower, a well-proportioned but fussy design by New York architect Robert A.M. Stern Architects. The park tweaks the skyscraper's formality with funky plantings, spongy blue-green play surfaces and rustic play areas. It also disrupts

the straight lines of the street grid with its curving paths and earth mounds.

The idea is to get you to slow down and enjoy urban life — an escape in the city, not an escape from the city, as Van Valkenburgh likes to say. Chances are that Bennett Park will fulfill that promise.

Although the park is fenced and mounded, the public is invited in through breaks in the fence and by the landscape itself. On the park's east side is a "play garden" for children of different ages (wood huts for little kids, a "climbing forest" for older ones, plus a hill outfitted with slides). In the middle is an oval

"lawn bowl," rimmed by mounds and shrubs that provide a strong sense of enclosure. On the west side is a "shady grove" that offers another opportunity for solitude.

The park also provides meeting places for people and pets (separate fenced dog runs for small and large dogs, each outfitted with concrete benches).

At this stage, the design lacks the visual poetry of Van Valkenburgh's comparably sized Teardrop Park in lower Manhattan, an award-winning landscape set amid residential high-rises that beautifully reinterprets the geology of New York state. Once the trees and shrubs grow in, however, as they've done at five-year-old Maggie Daley Park, Bennett Park should become less visually disjointed.

How Related Midwest manages this space will be as important as the growth of its plants.

With the park bringing an oasis of green to a desert of public space, heavy use seems inevitable, but over-use could tear it apart. It will be interesting to see how Related handles things and how the company strikes a balance between the residents who buy or rent its apartments and the public it's also obligated to serve. What's going to happen, for example, if kids in the park play loud music and those who live in the skyscraper's pricey apartments and condos demand quiet?

Bennett Park is a welcome addition to the cityscape precisely because it's a public amenity open to all, not a private refuge. It's essential that it stays that way.

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Improv

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now," said Halpern. "We still need our festival and I have so many people who were sad that there wasn't going to be a festival. So we decided to try it."

And so the Bentwood Comedy Festival was born last year. Her staff came up with the name. "Everyone uses bentwood chairs," she said.

"(They're) very light and when you're changing a scene quickly and everyone's moving around ... you can pick it up in the air, you can lift a whole bunch of them and so they're perfect for the stage."

Chairs and all, last year was a great success. But it was also two weeks long. "Everyone said, 'I'll do it! I'll do it! I want to do it!'" said Halpern. "So that's why we ended up making it two weeks the first time, which is way too long."

This year they've trimmed the festival to a tight(er) five days. "I thought, 'This year, let's just not go crazy!'" she said with a laugh. "I only have a certain amount of theaters!"

There's still a ton of talent crammed into those five days, with almost 80 groups in total and up to five stages going at once. A number of those shows will be returning headliners, including improv/sketch collective 3Peat, comedian Jordan Klepper and Chicago legends TJ & Dave.

For his part, Klepper — known for "The Daily Show," "The Opposition with Jordan Klepper," and, most recently, the docuseries "Klepper" — can't wait to get back on the iO stage. "I lived in Chicago for nearly 10 years and performed at iO for almost all of them," he said. "Coming back to Chicago feels like coming back home, iO is the

Mecca of long-form improv, so what better place to get on stage and pretend to be a doctor/shoe salesman/floating apparition of death?"

He'll be performing with longtime friend Tim Baltz, who he calls "one of the best improvisers out there," before joking, "I plan on putting that to the test to see how he can hold me up in every scene we're in."

3Peat member Nnamdi Ngwe is also excited to be back. "We had a great time performing at the Bentwood Fest last year," he said. "Chicago showed us a lot of love."

There's sure to be more love this year. And just a reminder to the uninitiated giving out that love: improvised means improvised! When I asked Halpern about the biggest misconception about improv comedy, she didn't hesitate. "People think — it's so good — usually people think it's written," she said. "People go, 'Come on, that was set up!'" Yeah, we sit and write every single show.

And if you go, you can expect the performers to deliver. "Another misconception that the mainstream audience has before they come is they think that sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't," said Halpern. "And that used to be, 40 years ago. But we've gotten so good that it always works. And it's either damn funny or effing hilarious."

Get ready for five days of effing hilarity.

The Bentwood Comedy Festival is Aug. 7-11 at iO Theatre, 1501 N. Kingsbury St.; ticket for shows (no festival passes) at 312-929-2401 and iOimprov.com/chicago

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in the spotlight Tuesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the adjoining park, which Related Midwest, One Bennett's developers, have remade as part of the deal that allowed the skyscraper to rise to such heights. The park was redesigned by Brooklyn-based landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburgh, who previously shaped Chicago's Maggie Daley Park and The 606 trail. But Stern's tower, open since March, is the core of this enterprise. (Chicago's GREC Architects carried out Stern's design.)

Nattily dressed, often acerbic, and a prolific producer of books as well as buildings, Stern already has made an impact on Chicago and its suburbs. His previous commissions here include single-family houses on the North Shore and Chicago's ubiquitous bus shelters, a heavy-handed combination of classical elements and industrial age-infrastructure. Architects, he is fond of saying, need to look backward in order to move forward. In that spirit, One Bennett Park's name honors the late Edward Bennett, Daniel Burnham's co-author on the influential 1909 Plan of Chicago and a significant architect in his own right.

Given the skyscraper's jaw-dropping condo and apartment prices, it may seem hard to believe that Stern and Daniel Lobitz, a partner at his firm and his co-designer on the project, faced cost constraints. But they did, at least in comparison to Stern's best-known residential high-rise — 15 Central Park West, a two-tower 2008 condo development off Manhattan's Central Park that cost nearly \$1 billion and still counts CEOs, hedge fund honchos and celebrities among its residents.

Reflecting Manhattan's supercharged real estate market, prices at 15 Central Park West are stratospheric, which enabled Stern to clad the New York tower in Indiana limestone, a material widely admired for its texture, subtle coloring and durability. At



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One Bennett Park is an exception among clunky modernist and postmodern high-rises.

Can anything new avoid the trap of coming off as an unsatisfactory imitation? Sometimes yes and sometimes no, as One Bennett Park makes clear.



The neo-Art Deco style Peshtigo Court entrance at One Bennett Park.

One Bennett Park, in contrast, projected sales per square foot only justified covering the bottom 50 feet of the tower in a Kansas limestone the architects selected for its visual warmth and rich veining. The rest is clad in less expensive (and less alluring) panels of pre-cast concrete.

Using that lesser material on a prominent tower that practically invites comparison with some of

Chicago's finest Art Deco towers — 333 N. Michigan Ave., the Palmolive Building, and the Chicago Board of Trade — is a risky move. Those 1920s standard-setters are chiefly clad in Indiana limestone and benefit from the setback silhouettes, strong vertical lines and elegant facade decoration that are hallmarks of the Art Deco style. A comparable level of quality infuses the grand New

York hotel towers, like the Waldorf Astoria, that also influenced Stern's design for One Bennett Park.

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The project, which consists of the hybrid apartment-condo high-rise along Grand and an adjoining low-rise along Illinois

that houses elements including a loading dock and a parking garage entrance, is a civilized work of urban design. That makes it an exception among the clunky modernist and postmodern high-rises around it.

Owing to the presence of an underground garage beneath the aforementioned park, there is no hulking parking garage podium to blight the sidewalks. The tower comes straight down to the surrounding sidewalks and does much to enliven them with precisely honed, chamfered arcades of limestone as well as gracefully linear Art Deco decoration. Motor courts for the apartment and condo entrances (the former on the small street called Peshtigo Court, the latter on Grand) are a pleasure to behold even if you don't own a Rolls-Royce to pull into them.

Higher up, though, the architecture is a disappointment, and not simply because of the materials.

While the broad outlines are solid — a mountain-like massing achieved by notched corners and setbacks that creates a kind of campanile for the area west of Navy Pier — God is not in several of the details. Stacks of dark metal window surrounds strive to create powerful vertical lines, but they resemble skin blotches. Between the surrounds, precast concrete panels bulge outward, a cosmetic visual trick. The overall effect is leaden instead of soaring, mannered rather than direct — a grid of windows tarted up with awkward applique.

A certain amount of quirkiness is desirable in a residential high-rise, but quirkiness is no substitute for quality.

Also underwhelming is the tower's west-facing crown — a stumpy reprise of 333 North Michigan's elegantly sculpted top. (You might think that an enormous penthouse sits behind the double-height windows atop One Bennett Park. Actually, the windows conceal mechanical equipment and a "slosh tank" that helps the tall, thin tower maintain its equilibrium in the face of high winds.)

While the vast majority

of the public will never experience One Bennett Park's interior, it should be noted that Stern and his team have done superior, even exquisite, work there. A prime example occurs in the high-ceilinged lobby, which comes with elegant walnut paneling and granite portal surrounds. These traditional design elements are freshened by an airy, hanging installation by artist Tomas Saraceno, his first permanent work in Chicago. The lobby feels fresh, not stodgy.

The same can be said for the condominiums, which occupy the 42nd to 66th floors; the apartments, which go from the 4th floor to the 39th; and separate amenity areas for the condos and apartments. Throughout One Bennett Park, where the floor plans and numerous details bear his mark, Stern has used skills he honed in the design of single-family homes as well as an understanding of how affluent families in Chicago prefer to live.

You don't feel like you're in an anonymous high-rise when you encounter an elegant formal stairway that connects two amenity floors. The condos and apartments, like many homes today, have island kitchens that open to family rooms. They also have discrete window openings rather than continuous ribbons of windows, as in modernist buildings. The views are still extraordinary.

And the amenities, like a saltwater pool and a "corridors room" where condo owners have drinks with guests — offer the bells and whistles you expect with the high prices. You know you're in rare economic air when a Related Midwest executive refers to a stone-clad loggia, outfitted with grills, as "the cathedral of the barbecue."

Like I said, One Bennett Park was built for the 1%. It is beautifully furnished, city-friendly, and, on the skyline, a flawed transformation of tradition. How ironic that a tower notable for its sky-high prices would produce an aesthetic let-down.

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In-laws too self-focused to interact

Dear Amy: My husband and I are frustrated with his father and his father's second wife, who came into the picture when all the children were adults. We have been trying for almost a decade to connect and make getting together more bearable. It's not working, and I'm ready to throw in the towel.

Amy, they just refuse to engage with us! My husband has explained his job every visit for the last two years because they don't listen to his response. They never ask about me; I may as well be invisible. They talk about themselves constantly, interrupt you when you talk, and basically talk over others.

My husband and I recently told them that we are expecting a baby. Not only did they not ask how I was doing with the pregnancy, but 10 minutes later his wife was talking about her health problems.

I feel like we are at an impasse. I can't stand to be treated like I don't matter, and I don't want to force myself to be around people who aren't supportive, especially as a first-time mom. My husband is angry with their behavior, which upsets both of us.

Should I go to family events a few times a year and suck it up, or should my husband and I try again to explain that their relationship with us is falling apart because of their behavior?

— Try, Try Again?

Dear Try, Try: You might as well convey to your in-laws the way you feel when you are with them. Doing so might make you feel better, but you must also understand that it is not likely to inspire change.

The presence of a grandchild might nudge them toward a different focus, but again, people who are completely self-absorbed tend to dive into their self-regard, regardless of the audience. These future grandparents will miss out on a lot. Yes, show up at family events a few times a year and tolerate the behavior, which you cannot change. Reward family-focused and generous behavior with the quality of your attention.

Dear Amy: I have a friend from over 20 years ago who essentially invites himself to stay with me, in my one bedroom/bathroom home, for his vacation. He recently did this for the third time, although I explained my unease with the arrangement.

He doesn't rent a car and expects me to drive him around and come up with things to do while he's here. He brags about being a tightwad and how he NEVER drives.

How do I dissuade him without hurting his feelings? I am a single female, by the way. We were never more than friends and, even then, not very close.

— Put Upon

Dear Put Upon: Please forward me your contact info, because I could use a vacation and you sound extremely accommodating. Your "friend" isn't behaving like a friend, and he is counting on your inability to deliver a truthful reaction to his imposition.

Please, learn to say no. An effective "no" need not be embellished with details or excuses. You simply say, "No, you won't be able to stay here. But let me know if you come to town and maybe we can have dinner while you're here."

Practice this — on paper, in the mirror, with other friends — until you are more comfortable delivering your "no."

Dear Amy: Parents describing themselves as "Put Upon" wrote to you about their daughter and son-in-law's financial dependence, as well as the SIL's passivity in terms of being helpful at family gatherings. They reminded me of myself — only I identified with the son-in-law. Is it possible that he has been so overwhelmed by his wife's financially controlling parents that he is practicing passive-aggressive behavior?

For me, it began when our car had to be replaced. I had a used Volkswagen in mind because I could afford it and would be able to maintain it. No, that wasn't good enough for my in-laws. I wasn't financially capable of being the husband they wanted for their daughter and later, not financially capable of being the father they wanted for their grandchildren.

When I finally and passionately laid all this out for them, they said they only did what they thought best.

Maybe these parents should back off a few notches.

— Been There

Dear Been There: Very wise advice.

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Make college session count

Visit with your junior's counselor requires family preparation

BY CINDY DAMPIER
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If you're the parent of a high school junior, you've already heard about the puzzling, stress-inducing maze that parents and kids face as the college or postsecondary planning process starts. And you're probably pinning your hopes on one person, a friendly guide with the skills of a postsecondary shaman, who can help your family through it: Your child's college counselor.

Make that the college counselor who likely is serving a caseload of around 300 students at a big city high school, and is planning on exactly one lengthy, structured family visit with you and your student during the year.

Job one as you enter your child's junior year? Make that visit count.

Start by knowing what to expect, says Jones College Prep counselor Brian Coleman, the American School Counselor Association's 2019 School Counselor of the Year. "It's important to dispel as many of the myths as possible, as quickly as possible," Coleman says. Misconceptions about what a counselor can do for you, he says, are "why so many people get frustrated in the process."

The Tribune consulted with Coleman and Jayne Fonash, president-elect of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, for their wisdom on cutting through the noise and maximizing your relationship with your child's counselor. And maybe even finding a little peace of mind along the way: "Ultimately, you're launching a child into the world," says Fonash, "and that process should be rewarding for a family."

First, talk among yourselves. Before you visit the school counselor, Fonash says, "you need to sit down and have a family conversation about what this is all going to be like."

Part of that conversation, Fonash and Coleman say, should be about finances. "Leveling with your child about money can be awkward, and a lot of people avoid it," says Coleman. "But without a full and clear picture of their situation, it's impossible for the student to make an informed decision." If you haven't set your child's expectations about the family's ability to help pay for a postsecondary education, now is the time to open up.

Name your expectations. Be clear about what you hope to get from your counselor, and expect her to let you know if she isn't able to provide those services or that level of attention. "Some people think, 'Oh, you should be able to make a call to this school and help my child get accepted,'" says Coleman, "and I have to say, 'No, that's very far from the amount of leverage I have.' I'm more equipped to give you the basics of how to put together a college list and the tools to do so."

Fonash says it's "not unreasonable to expect a counselor to have contacts on the admissions side" — people they can call to get more information about a specific program, for instance, if your child is considering applying to the school. But since counselors will not be directly acquainted with every school and program, it's important to realize that, if you feel your child needs more one-on-one support in coming up with a list of programs or applying, you might need to consider a private counselor.

Make sure the counselor knows your kid. "Ask, 'How do you know my child?'" says Coleman. "And see if the answer makes sense based on what you know about your child. The counselor should not be offering opinions without basing it on some lived experience with the child. It doesn't have to be perfectly congruent with what you see or



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Eric Melton, school counselor and department chair of student services at Schaumburg High School, meets with a student in February. College counseling works best collaboratively.

teachers see, but it should make sense."

Fonash suggests juniors make an appointment to meet with their counselor early in the school year — even though counselors will be busy helping seniors through the final stages of postsecondary planning. "This is the person who's going to shepherd them through the process, write their recommendation letter, and making sure you have a face-to-face with that person early in the year is a good idea."

Expect a status check. Your child's counselor should "help the student take stock of where they are academically and personally, outside the classroom," says Fonash. "Are they taking the most challenging courses that they have a reasonable expectation to do well in? Are they involved in the community outside the classroom? And is there a balance to all of that so that they still have time for eight hours of sleep a night? I often ask whether students are sleeping, because it's a way to check in on school/life balance."

Explore all the options. A good initial visit with your child's counselor, Coleman says, should in-

clude discussion of many options — including different kinds of colleges, as well as work options and gap year service programs, which have been growing in popularity in the U.S. "We focus a lot on college," he says, "but what does that mean, what kinds of other programs are out there? For some students who may not be developmentally ready for that, a service year program might be a better fit." And fit — in terms of academics, social-emotional factors and finances — should be your criteria in adding colleges to your list, rather than blindly aiming for the name-brand schools you may have heard of.

Ask about next steps. "There should be some kind of a plan, on paper or electronically, that outlines what you'll be doing for the next two years, and what you need to be doing when," says Fonash. A school counselor should be ready with a plan that outlines overall milestones for the student and family. Planning for standardized tests — and whether to consider taking them more than once to improve scores — should be a part of the conversation. Hint: Both counselors we interviewed suggest taking it easy on the retakes — one extra try is

probably enough. "You'll be a more interesting person to a college admissions staff if you spend time doing something for your community, outside of school, than if you spend hours and weeks just prepping for a standardized test," says Fonash. She also recommends that students make time for journaling, which can help release stress and create a log of experiences that become fodder for college essays once junior year is over.

Help your child take charge. Coleman suggests increasing your awareness of how your child interacts with nonfamily adults, and increasing their exposure to adults outside their immediate circle. "You want to see that your child knows how to show agency, ask questions and just make conversation in an adult way, which will help them when they are talking to college admissions officers or people at a college fair."

The ability to interact in a grown-up way, Fonash says, is an important step in the right direction. "You want to see your child taking charge of this process, and being proactive. After all, it is her future."

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Author Beth Finke, center, with her Seeing Eye dog Whitney, teaches a memoir-writing class to seniors in Chicago. From left are Michael Graff, Mel Washburn, Finke, Bob Eisenberg, Pat Clickener and Marc Levenstein.

'You're capable, but other people don't see you that way'

Blind memoir teacher helps Chicago seniors preserve their stories

Teachers aren't supposed to have favorites and Beth Finke knows this — she's been teaching for more than a dozen years, after all.

But Wanda, Finke will tell you unapologetically, is the exception.

"She has taught me so much," Finke said. "She's my favorite and the whole class knows it, and that's OK."

Wanda is 98 years old. She was among the first class of freshmen at all-black DuSable High School when it opened in Bronzeville in 1935, 19 years before Brown v. Board of Education declared segregated schools unconstitutional. Wanda knew Nat King Cole when he was just Nat Cole. She knew Dinah Washington as Ruth Jones and Redd Foxx as John Sanford. Classmates at DuSable, all of them.

"Wanda brings a slice of Chicago history with her," Finke said.

Finke, 60, teaches memoir-writing classes to senior citizens. On Wednesdays, you'll find her at the Chicago Cultural Center leading a free course sponsored by the city. (That's the class Wanda attends.) On Mondays and Thursdays, she teaches four other classes: two in Lincoln Park, one in Printer's Row and another in Edgewater. (You can find her schedule at bethfinke.com/memoir-classes/.)

It's a gig Finke began after writing her own memoir, "Long Time, No See" in 2003, about going

blind at age 26, a complication from the Type 1 diabetes she was diagnosed with at age 7. She started seeing spots on her honeymoon in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1984. A year of treatments couldn't save her sight.

Shortly after losing her sight, she lost her job with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's study abroad program. She struggled to adjust to a new life without sight and she struggled to find work. She signed on as a nude model for art students. She crafted stories in her head while she sat perfectly still. Eventually, she got her words down on the page.

After "Long Time, No See" was published, Finke gave a talk at Barnes and Noble at Old Orchard Shopping Center. The following week, Joyce Gallagher, executive director of senior services for the city of Chicago, called Finke to ask if she'd teach memoir writing to seniors. Gallagher had attended Finke's talk at Barnes and Noble. She invited Finke to lunch to discuss the offer over egg salad sandwiches. Finke said yes.

She's been teaching — and learning — ever since.

"Not being able to see them means when I sit there in class, I really listen and focus on what they are reading," she said. "I picture them as the people they are describing in their essays. I don't think about what they look like or what they aren't able to do anymore or how old they are. I get lost in their writing."

Her students write about grieving for spouses with whom they spent decades. They write about children who died far too young. They write about unhappy childhoods and happy childhoods and a city that has changed, dramatically, in their lifetimes.

"It's such powerful writing and so flattering that they trust the class enough to be able to write these things down and read them and cry in class," Finke said. "And they get to know each other and get along with each other through their stories."

One student, Audrey, inspired by a writing prompt about letters, unboxed and pored over love letters that her parents shared after her mother moved from South Carolina to Chicago during the Great Migration. Her would-be husband, Audrey's father, stayed in South Carolina while Audrey's mother worked as a hotel maid in Chicago. Eventually they reunited in Chicago, married and had Audrey. Audrey has their courtship preserved in letters.

"That was kind of magical to me," Finke said.

(I'm using students' first names only to respect their privacy.)

One Halloween, Finke asked writers in her Edgewater class to answer, in 500 words, "What are you afraid of?" One student, in her 90s, wrote about growing up in China, where her father was a missionary.

"She and her sister are among those in Iris Chang's acknowledgments in 'The Rape of Nanking,'" Finke said. The nonfiction book details massacres and atrocities committed from 1937-1938, during the Second Sino-Japanese War. Finke wrote a second memoir, "Writing Out Loud: What a Blind Teacher Learned from Leading a Memoir Class for Seniors" in 2017.

She writes about the logistics of teaching while blind. (Her computer reads emails and other texts aloud to her. She learned to type in high school and doesn't need to see the keyboard to craft responses and edits for her students. Her computer reads back her words to her so she can check for typos and other mistakes.)

She shares her students' work and the lessons she's gleaned from it. She writes about Wanda. She shares excerpts from Wanda's friend and DuSable classmate Minerva, another student from Finke's Cultural Center classes.

"I am happy that I lived to see this year 2008 when I may cast a vote in an election I never expected to see," Minerva wrote more than a decade ago. "Furthermore, I am very glad that Barack Obama's grandmamma did not raise him up on a diet of humble pie like I was."

You get the sense — talking to Finke, reading her own memoirs, watching her teach — that all of her students, quite frankly,

are her favorites.

Finke has attended a handful of memorials for her students who've passed away. Invariably, someone stands up and reads an essay written for Finke's class.

Death doesn't scare Finke, she said. She's bothered more by loneliness, grief, longing — emotions she and her students explore together.

"I think I can relate to my students better than some people can," Finke said. "When I lost my sight at 26, it didn't age me, but it put me in this category where certain things take me a little longer than the average person. I need more help sometimes in public than the average person. I think I can relate to this feeling of knowing you're capable, but other people don't see you that way. People look at you sometimes and assume you're not capable."

Finke offers a Beth Finke Masterclass curriculum on her website in the hopes that more people will teach memoir writing, and the hopes that more people will write their memoirs. Within the curriculum, she reminds would-be instructors why memoir writing is such an important endeavor.

Among the benefits she lists:

"Provides them a safe space to make sense of the human dynamics around them.

"Assures participants that what they have to say is worthwhile."

"Provides them with something new to discuss with friends and family — weekly writing prompts can spark new conversation.

"Helps them review and make sense of their own lives.

"Grants them permission to write the truth as they see it."

Finke encourages her students to print out their essays and collect them in binders. She doesn't want them lost to history. She wants her students' families to read them.

Wanda, Finke said, takes bundles of her essays to Staples every few months and has them made into books, which she gives to her family members.

Last month, I attended one of Finke's Lincoln Park classes. Toward the beginning, the students explained why they were there, learning to write and share their stories.

"My mother, as a gift to her children, wrote her own memoir and sent it to us in letter form," a student named Bill said. "Over a period of about 20 years, every week we'd get a new installment. And it's one of the great treasures of my life."

"And it stimulated in me, this notion, even though I have no children, of how much a memoir can mean."

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

SOCIAL GRACES

Guidelines for gifts to your children's teachers

By Christen A. Johnson
Chicago Tribune

Q: Is it OK to give your child's teacher a gift, and if so, how much is too much?

A: It is absolutely appropriate to express appreciation to your child's teacher in the form of a gift. Though a simple handwritten note from you or your child is often the best gift you can give, it is OK to

spend a little money if you want. The amount you spend, however, should be in alignment with what other parents spend, so as not to be misconstrued as a bribe or an attempt to encourage favoritism to your child.

In the case of buying gift cards, I suggest \$20 to \$25 from any one individual. If parents are contributing to a group gift, then \$5 to \$10 from several parents would

make a nice collective gift card.

— Shelley Hunter, the "Gift Card Girlfriend"

A: What a lovely gesture. In most situations, teachers absolutely can receive gifts from parents, although rules vary from district to district, so you might check if your school district has any restrictions.

While gifts are appreciated, educators have told us again and again that the

absolute best gift is a thoughtful thank-you note from you or your child. Better yet, both of you could write one. Teachers often keep these letters in a "feel good file" to return to during the inevitably stressful moments of the job.

If you decide to give a gift, Amazon and Target gift cards are particular favorites. How much you spend is really up to you and your budget, but keep in mind that showering the teacher



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with pricey gifts could potentially make some children feel left out.

Teachers are overworked and underpaid, and often bear the brunt of criticism about our schools,

so no matter what you choose to give, the acknowledgment will be appreciated.

— Hannah Hudson, editorial director of WeAreTeachers

THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

Movies, concerts, a hot dog fest and more

By WEB BEHRENS

Monday

MILLENNIUM PARK SUMMER FILMS: 'INSIDE OUT' AND 'THE MUPPET MOVIE' Take your seat in the famed Frank Gehry-designed pavilion or spread out on the lawn to watch great movies on a 40-foot LED screen. This week, DCASE delivers a twofer! The Oscar-winning Pixar hit "Inside Out," which provides a look at the complexity of human emotions, appears as a matinee at 10:30 a.m. on Monday. On Tuesday evening, tap your toes to "Movin' Right Along" and sing (quietly) along to "The Rainbow Connection" while watching "The Muppet Movie" at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. At Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion, 201 E. Randolph St. Free. <https://tinyurl.com/gbxqhb7>

Tuesday

MILLENNIUM PARK THEATRE: BARREL OF MONKEYS Barrel of Monkeys brings its zany brand of intergenerational writing and performance to Millennium Park this week, giving kids of all ages (but geared for those 7-17) the opportunity to help imagine a show and see it performed. The creative writing workshops are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. from Monday through Wednesday; the Monkeys writing coaches-cum-actors take over Thursday with an open-to-the-public dress rehearsal at 5 p.m.; full performances are at 1 and 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Workshops are held at various Millennium Park locations, including the South Boeing Gallery; the performances are at Cloud Gate Plaza. <https://tinyurl.com/y6bwvwoh>

Wednesday

LEONARDO GARDEN CONCERTS Local musician Leonardo takes the spotlight this week on two consecutive family nights at the Chicago area's big gardens. His original rock tunes contain great messages for kids, from cheering on young readers to calling out bullying behavior. Hear a preview on his site, then meet him Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe (free admission; \$20-\$25 parking); and Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle (\$5 admission after 4:30 p.m.; free parking).



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TOP PICKS

Saturday, Aug. 10:
BUD BILLIKEN PARADEFriday, Aug. 9:
MEET 'KITTEN LADY'
HANNAH SHAW

Friday

CHICAGO HOT DOG FEST Look away, vegetarians! (Or really, anyone who can't abide processed meats.) That classic American cookout staple, the humble hot dog, is the star of this popular festival, thrown by the Chicago History Museum. The three-day Hot Dog Fest lures hundreds of families to Lincoln Park, to the area just adjacent to the museum. Family entertainment includes Bollywood Groove, The Jesse White Tumblers and the School of Rock. You can also learn about the history of the hot dog — what else would you expect from the History Museum? — in addition to more typical games and inflatables. Friday through Sunday at the intersection of Stockton and LaSalle

drives. There is a \$5 suggested donation for admission, which benefits the museum. Save on food and drink tickets by purchasing online in advance. <http://tinyurl.com/ya3kzwwd>

MEET 'KITTEN LADY' HANNAH SHAW

Her name is Hannah Shaw, but she's best known to her many thousands of fans as "Kitten Lady." An animal activist, she's harnessed her YouTube and Instagram fame to become an author. Meet her Friday evening when she discusses "Tiny But Mighty," her brand-new book about helping adorable little furballs. At 7 p.m. at Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville. Free to attend, \$25 for "Tiny But Mighty." <https://www.andersonsbookshop.com/event/hannah-shaw>

Saturday

BUD BILLIKEN PARADE The oldest and largest African-American parade in the country celebrates its 90th anniversary this weekend. Run by Chicago Defender Charities, the Bud Billiken Parade marches through Bronzeville, focusing on fun and gearing kids up to return to school. After the parade, head to Washington Park for the "It Takes a Village" Family Fair, with entertainment, arts and crafts, school-supply giveaways and more. The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. along Martin Luther King Drive, heading south on a 2-mile route from Oakwood Boulevard to 55th Street. (If you can't make it, you can watch it live on ABC-7.) www.budbillikenparade.org

FREE ADMISSION TO THE ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM As part of the Holocaust Museum's yearlong celebration of its 10th anniversary, it offers free admission on the 10th day of each month in 2019 — great timing for this summer-break weekend. Among the exhibits currently showcased is "Purchased Lives," an in-depth look at the history of slavery in the U.S., which closes Aug. 25. Or check out "Make a Difference," pictured, a permanent exhibit geared for families with kids aged 8-12, which teaches about real-life figures like Rosa Parks. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Free on Saturday (typically \$6-\$15). <https://tinyurl.com/y55s7vdw>

Sunday

THIRSTY EARS FESTIVAL At a certain point, most of the street fairs blur into one indistinguishable mass, but Thirsty Ears, now in its fourth year, stands apart. Held in Ravenswood, it's the city's only street fest dedicated to classical music. Programming includes inventive options such as silent films screened with live accompaniment. The Thirsty Ears KidZone delivers a Lucky Trikes concert (Saturday), a Dinder Brothers Family Circus performance (Sunday) and an instrument petting zoo (both days). The fest begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, along Wilson Avenue between Hermitage and Ravenswood. The \$10 suggested donation benefits the nonprofit ACM School of Music. <https://tinyurl.com/y2zaaw3>

Make a difference for kids who can't afford school supplies

By RANDI STEVENSON

For many, school supply shopping conjures up fond memories of stuffing a cart with Crayola products and begging your mom for the most tricked-out three-ring binder. For others, even getting ahold of the essentials is out of reach.

According to analysis of the Census Bureau's 2016 American Community Survey, one-third of Illinoisans are poor or low income, making it hard for these families to afford school supplies this time of year. Below is a list of ways to help out in Chicago and beyond, either with supplies or monetary donations.

ChildServ Backpack Drive: The more than 100-year-old nonprofit donates backpacks and supplies to about 700 kids each school year. Join the cause by dropping off items from ChildServ's wish list through Sept. 1 at their office near O'Hare International Airport.

Shop on Amazon: No, really. The e-commerce behemoth's sister site, AmazonSmile, boasts the same products and prices as the original, but will donate 0.5% of your purchase on eligible products to a charitable organization of your choice. Or support their current partner charity, Develop Africa, by purchasing/donating school supplies on their list.

Cradles to Crayons: The nonprofit provides kids living in homeless or low-income situations with essential items. They're currently looking for back-to-school shoe and book donations. A \$33 monetary donation provides daily essentials for one child, and those looking to volunteer should check out the organization's Giving Factory.

Operation Backpack:



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Run by Volunteers of America of Illinois, last year's drive collected more than 2,000 backpacks. The organization focuses on children in foster care and children of veterans. You have until Aug. 16 to drop off filled backpacks at their South Loop office.

Support a classroom: Through donorschoose.org, teachers can start fundraisers for specific classroom projects for which they need funding, such as more flexible furniture, new headphones or additional books. Sort by project type, amount of money needed or grade level to find your perfect philanthropic fit.

Host a drive through WCPF: Go all in and host a school supply drive on your own through the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation. The nonprofit provides hosts with everything they need to have a successful drive and takes care of distributing supplies to schools and individual families in need.

Adopt a student through HOW: Housing Opportunities for Women will host its annual Adopt a Student Drive, benefiting kids and teens with housing instability and homelessness who face challenges keeping up with school work. Fill out an

application to get matched with a student through Aug. 15. You can also make a monetary donation that will go toward students not matched with a donor, or drop off general supplies at box locations throughout the city.

CAC Backpack Drive: Grab a few friends and stuff a few backpacks chock-full of supplies. The Chicago Children's Advocacy Center will collect filled backpacks until Aug. 23 at its center in the Illinois Medical District neighborhood. Help CAC meet this year's goal of 400 backpacks.

Back 2 School Illinois: For those who want an alternative to donating physical supplies, Back to School Illinois will use your donation to provide families with the goodies they need to start the school year. According to B2SI, in 2018 the organization distributed more than 1 million supplies to 35,233 families.

Host your own drive: Createthegood.com, an AARP website that connects people with volunteer opportunities, offers a handy dandy step-by-step guide to hosting a school supply drive, from a basic school supply list to materials for promoting your event.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Gear, strategies for your high school freshman

By KATHERINE ROTH
Associated Press

Up through eighth grade, preparing for school is largely a question of checking off items from a recommended list of supplies.

Preparing for high school? That's something different that takes a little more thought and a lot more involvement by your teenager.

"High school is about setting kids up to be more independent, and schools often don't tell you specifically what supplies you need at this point," says Amy Tokos, a professional organizer who runs the Omaha, Nebraska-based Freshly Organized.

"It's a time when kids get to explore what they want to do, a time of trial and error, and more unstructured time. And it's important for families to remember the goal: It's for you to have a college student in four years who knows how to organize themselves and how to be successful at school," she says.

The right supplies matter. And beyond that, talk as a family about strategies for doing well and feeling good in high school, the experts say. Time management and self-care, like getting enough sleep, for instance, seem to be among the big issues that come up early in high school.

Gear

Backpack: High schools are big and often kids don't use their lockers, so investing in a good backpack is important. It should be sturdy, with padded shoulders and places for pens and pencils, a calculator, and a padded section for a laptop or tablet. Avoid packs with wheels because that'll encourage kids to carry too much, says Tokos.

Electronics: Most high school kids will need some kind of laptop or tablet.



APPLE

A student uses an iPad with an Apple Pencil. In preparing for high school, the right supplies matter. Most high school kids will need some kind of laptop or tablet. Each school is different, so check with a school counselor.



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The weekly planner pages in the Order Out of Chaos academic planner.

Each school is different, so check with a school counselor about policies and recommendations, says Ellen Delap, a professional organizer based in Texas, who runs Professional-Organizer.com. And invest in a sturdy case for protection. "These things do break," she notes.

Planner: Even though many schools post assignments online, a paper planner helps kids visualize their days and weeks, say Delap. Leslie Josel, another organization pro, who runs the New York-based Order Out of Chaos, adds: "It's not just about long- and short-term assignments, it's also

about managing when that work can be done amid sports and clubs and all the other activities that come up."

Filing system: It sounds big and overwhelming, but having a system in place can be super valuable once volunteer forms, subject

study guides and college information all start rolling in, says Tokos. Get a file box that holds about 12 hanging files and is open on top, so students can keep it in their bedroom or study area, she says.

Papers, binders and plastic sheet protectors: Every kid is different, and by high school lots of kids know what works for them in terms of notebooks and binders. But it may take some trial and error figuring out what works best in ninth grade, says Tokos. Josel recommends a binder with an accordion folder section, and plastic protector sheets for crucial papers like that Spanish verb list or the periodic table. Delap recommends binders with slash pockets, where papers can be filed quickly. She and Josel both recommend color coding binders or folders by subject.

Extras: Josel urges families to consider getting

headphones for their kids, because she says they often help kids study better. Sometimes ambient sounds or music (though not new music, she says) helps them focus. Kids can get busy now putting together a playlist for every subject, timed for around a half-hour to 45 minutes, so they focus for that long on a subject, and then take a short break before starting in on the next one. She also suggests a portable, three-sided privacy shield that kids can use while working at the kitchen or dining room table to avoid distractions.

Helpful conversations

Parents should focus on asking, not telling, the experts say. And make sure kids are involved in selecting their gear and figuring out the ground rules and systems they'll need.

Study plan: Josel recommends helping kids think about how they study best, before the deluge of high school assignments. Her "personal homework profile" sheet, available free at orderoochaos.com, asks kids where and when they study well, for instance, and whether they do better working under the pressure of a tight deadline or incrementally over time.

Screens: Get everyone involved in coming up with ground rules the whole family can live with regarding screen time. Tokos recommends designated "power hours" with no electronic distractions for 45 minutes at a time so kids can focus on homework, allowing a 15-minute break at the end so kids can check their phone if they'd like, before focusing once again on their work. And begin a no-screens-in-the-bedroom policy well before school starts, says Delap.

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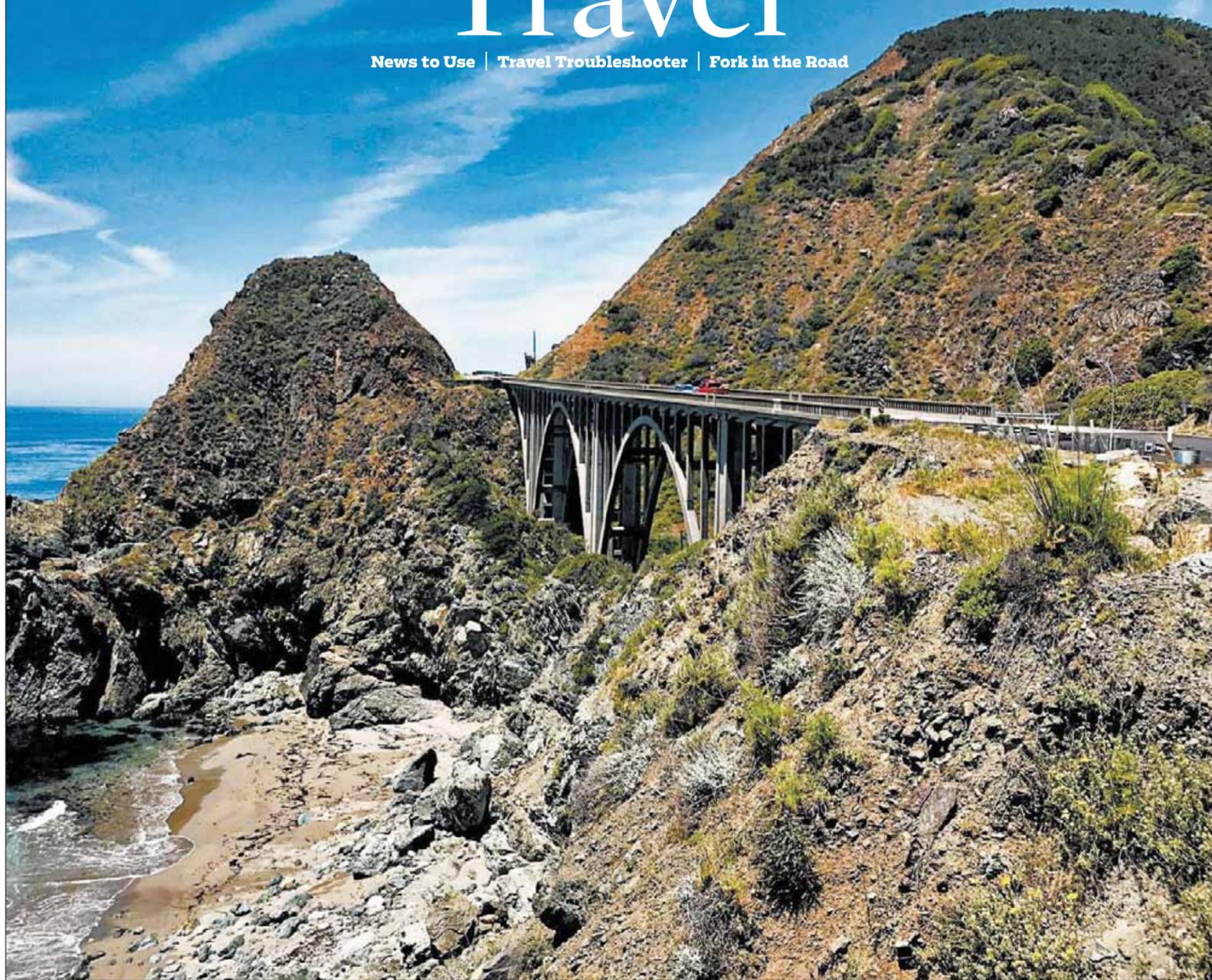
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A road trip down the scenic Pacific Coast Highway was part of the fun on a family trip out West to visit college campuses.

A campus-visit vacation

College searches can be a great excuse for a family trip — and a 57-hour train ride

BY JOHN CARPENTER

When my daughter put two California colleges on her list, I casually wondered whether it would be cool to take the train there from Chicago and drive down the Pacific Coast Highway from Berkeley to Pomona. Her eyes lit up, and the decision was made.

Parenting tip: When your 17-year-old agrees to spend 57 hours on a train with you, followed by three days in a car, you say yes and book the tickets as fast as you can.

This tendency of mine to turn school visits into diversionary adventures might seem like parental avoidance. I look at it as an aging dad shaking his fist at the modern college-search stress machine.

The plan was this: Sally and I would ride Amtrak's venerable California Zephyr to the Bay Area, where my wife, Mary — whose love for me does not extend to my fondness for rail journeys — would arrive by air and join us. After a tour of Berkeley and a few days in San Francisco, we'd rent a car and drive south, making time for a short hike in Big Sur and stops in Monterey and Santa Barbara. After a night in the Los Angeles suburbs, er, the bucolic foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, we'd hightail it home in the traditional manner, uncomfortably folding ourselves into an airborne metal tube.

The first thing you need to know about taking a 2,438-mile train ride is that patience is both required and rewarded. Also, reserving a sleeper car is highly recommended. It's not cheap, but all meals were included for a grand total of \$1,119.

Our Superliner Roomette was tight but efficient: two comfortable seats facing each other, with a pop-up table between. At night, those seats slide down to make one bed, while an upper bunk drops from above. Both beds are

made up with mattresses, sheets, blankets and pillows — hardly a four-star hotel but comfortable enough.

And there is something lovely about sleeping on a train. The gentle rocking of 2 million pounds of steel surging across the Midwestern prairie at 70-plus miles per hour is oddly soothing. And when you feel a stop, you can pop up on an elbow and groggily look out at, say, Holdrege, Neb., at 2:30 a.m.

I'll be the first to admit that I pull out my phone in idle situations that might otherwise involve conversing with strangers. But I found the polite conversation that the dining car requires refreshing. Sally and I were seated with two strangers for each of the seven meals we had on the train, and all were pleasant, interesting companions. Even better was watching my daughter smoothly rise to the challenge of seven consecutive "So what do you want to study in college?" questions. (She isn't sure yet.)

Especially memorable was meeting the grandson of a recently deceased literary legend, who was returning from the funeral. Our conversation continued in the cafe car, where he offered my daughter kind and helpful observations on his own college experience.

A big allure of the Zephyr is the scenery, specifically the two giant mountain ranges it crosses. After a morning stop in Denver, the train begins its long, wandering path through the Rockies, with breathtaking views around every turn. Later come the Sierra Nevada mountains of eastern California, where we oohed and aahed at the sweeping vistas through Donner Pass.

In Berkeley, I booked the Graduate hotel thinking it was a playful take on the college town's role in the famous 1967 movie. Spoiler alert: It isn't. It's actually part of a Chicago-based



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The writer's daughter, Sally Carpenter, soaks up the scenery as Amtrak's California Zephyr climbs into the Rockies.



GETTY

Students gather around the fountain pool at the University of California at Berkeley.

chain of boutique, college-adjacent hotels. A key part of the campus visit is staying near campus, and we were able to enjoy a comfortable home base and get a good sense of both the town and the University of

California, Berkeley, which was across the street.

Few things make one look more like a dorky tourist than participating in a Segway tour. But an outfit in San Diego once let my daughter ride one

the cioppino my daughter ordered, which exploded with flavor.

Day 2 of our 500-mile drive was everything you'd expect from one of the world's great motorways. With mountains on our left and the broad, majestic Pacific on our right, it was all we could do to not stop at every scenic turnout.

When researching hiking options along the Big Sur coast, we found the Jade Cove Trail online. We had to ask some locals for help finding it in real life. A short walk later through some thick vegetation, and there we were atop a sheer cliff, peering over a breathtaking green, rocky inlet.

We searched for a path down and spotted a rope disappearing over the edge. No thanks. We found a more accessible inlet and dipped our toes in.

We got our taste of Southern California beach culture in Santa Barbara. Mary used her frequent flyer miles to book the Californian, an upscale, elegantly casual spot across the street from Stearns Wharf. It was worth the splurge, but there were any number of worthy options along Cabrillo Boulevard, the beach strip.

Claremont, home to Pomona College, was our final stop. We had to put up with nearly three hours of LA traffic to reach it, but that memory took a backseat as we cruised the streets lined with dreamy purple jacaranda trees. Our hotel, Hotel Casa 425, was another excellent walk-to-campus find.

For a story about college visits, I know I haven't said much about the colleges. They were great. And lovely. Far better, though, was the unhurried time for conversation ... and silence.

I'll always remember the smile I had trundling down an old wooden staircase behind my wife and daughter, the kind of women who'd rather stop and put their feet in the Pacific than push through to the next hotel.

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Venture into Europe's top university sights



RICK STEVES
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When touring any city, it's fun to drop in on the local university. But in Europe, universities can be essential sightseeing, as some are home to great architectural, artistic and cultural treasures.

One of Europe's top university sights is the Book of Kells, tucked away in the library of the venerable Trinity College in Dublin. This famous illuminated manuscript is a 1,200-year-old version of the four Gospels, elaborately inked and meticulously illustrated by faithful monks who went to great lengths in creating the 680-page book.

To make the vellum pages, they laboriously scraped and dried the skin of an estimated 185 calves. To get the most vivid pigments, they used powders from crushed bugs and precious stones. They wrote in Latin calligraphy and adorned the pages with big, flowery letters, detailed illustrations and animals crouching between sentences or intertwined with letters — a jungle of intricate designs, inhabited by tiny creatures both real and fanciful.

If you visit, you won't be alone: As this is a popular sight with long lines, it's best to buy timed-entry tickets in advance (see www.tcd.ie/visitors).

More than any country in Europe, Great Britain is synonymous with prestigious universities. While several are worth touring, from a sightseeing point of view, I enjoy Cambridge, near London. Two of Cambridge's highlights are the King's College Chapel and Wren Library.

The 500-year-old chapel



Coimbra University's King Joao's Library, in Portugal, is one of Europe's best surviving Baroque libraries.



The main building at the University of Salamanca in Spain features an ornate facade dating from the 16th century.

is England's best surviving example of late Gothic architecture, a style emphasizing perpendicular lines. It boasts the largest single span of vaulted roof anywhere — 2,000 tons of glorious fan vaulting — and the most complete collection of original 16th-century Renaissance stained glass in existence. Scenes from the New Testament decorate the lower panes,

while corresponding stories from the Old Testament are in the upper windows. Adorning the altar is the Adoration of the Magi, one of many versions painted by the famous Flemish Baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens.

The Wren Library, at Trinity College, features the light and airy design of Sir Christopher Wren, the architect who designed St.

Paul's Cathedral in London. Unlike other libraries at Cambridge, this one is on an upper floor, allowing it to be flooded with light. The 12 display cases contain a rotating collection of items, such as early editions of Shakespeare's plays, handwritten works by John Milton, Sir Isaac Newton's notebook and prism, and A. A. Milne's original "Winnie the Pooh."

Another treasured library is the elegant King Joao's Library (Biblioteca Joanina), at Coimbra University in Portugal. This Baroque display showcases 40,000 books in 18th-century splendor. Accessible only during appointed times, the library gives visitors 10 minutes to view this 300-year-old temple of thought. The interior is all wood, including reading tables inlaid with exotic South American woods, bookshelves built with clever hideaway staircases,

and even "marble" (actually painted wood) on the arches of triumph that divide the library into rooms. The painted ceiling demonstrates the illusions of Baroque's trompe l'oeil.

Since the library's books all date from before 1755, a major job here is preservation. The zealous doorkeeper opens the big front door sparingly to keep out humidity, and only long enough to let visitors sneak quickly out. At night, resident bats come out to devour book-eating insects, providing a chemical-free way of protecting the collection.

In Salamanca, home to Spain's oldest university (established around 1218), the highlight is the school's grand entrance facade. The intricate stonework is a great example of Spain's Plateresque style, represented by delicate, detail-packed, filigree-like carvings.

The facade has three

sections. The bottom celebrates the "Catholic Monarchs," Ferdinand and Isabel, who granted money for the building. The modest middle section celebrates their grandson, Charles V, who commissioned this facade and decorated it with the complex coat of arms of the mighty Habsburg Empire. The top shows the pope flanked by Hercules and Venus — a statement of intellectual independence from medieval church control. Buried amid the ornamentation is a tiny frog on a skull that students look to for good luck.

Founded around the same time as University of Salamanca, Italy's University of Padua is one of the first, greatest and most progressive schools in Europe. Independent of Catholic constraints, this haven for free thought ushered in intellectuals from all over the continent, including Copernicus, who studied here, and Galileo, who taught here.

Students lead tours of the university, highlighted by a peek at Europe's first great Anatomy Theater (from 1595). Because of the church's strict ban on autopsies, the university operated on a "don't ask, don't tell" basis. Despite that, more than 300 students would pack this theater to watch professors dissect human cadavers — mostly bodies of criminals from another town.

From ancient autopsy rooms to glimmering Gothic chapels, medieval manuscripts to dark Baroque libraries, Europe's universities can provide an intimate setting to experience some of history's most impressive artifacts.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

I canceled my ticket — where's my refund?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT | King Features

I recently booked a flight from Kathmandu to New York via Dubai on Emirates through the U.S. Emirates site. I canceled the flight within 24 hours and requested a refund.

Under U.S. regulations, Emirates owes me a full refund. But Emirates is claiming that the Department of Transportation's 24-hour rule applies only to flights departing the U.S. The airline points to its policy on the website as "proof" that it doesn't qualify.

I contend upon reviewing the policy that it applies to all scheduled U.S. airlines; and foreign airlines with flights departing or arriving in the U.S., when the flights are booked directly on their U.S. website and the flights are booked more than seven days out. The only exclusion for flight departures outside the U.S. is for charter airlines.

Thus, my flight is due a full refund under this regulation, and Emirates' refusal to provide it constitutes an unfair and deceptive practice under the DOT guidance.

— Scott Cocking, New York

A: I agree with your interpretation of the 24-hour rule. According to guidance issued by the DOT, both U.S. and foreign providers must comply with the rule. I think foreign airlines are trying to get off on a technicality, and the DOT may need to further clarify its rule in order to put an end to the confusion.

For now, though, let's deal with your issue. When you asked Emirates for a refund, it cited the following policy from its site: "For itineraries booked on emirates.com/us that originate from the U.S., where the booking is made seven days or more prior to flight departure, you may request a refund within 24 hours of booking without penalty." So, for the 24-hour rule to apply, your flight must originate in the U.S. — not Nepal.

You called and wrote to the airline and eventually it refunded your taxes and fees. That wasn't enough for you — or me.

Why should an airline offer a refund within 24 hours? It's the right thing to do. Most tickets are completely nonrefundable, so once that day has passed, you're stuck with your ticket. What's more, I'm unaware of any credible evidence that the 24-hour rule has cost the airline industry a dollar — or a dirham. The 24-hour rule is just common courtesy, which is why it surprises me that Emirates, an airline with a great reputation for customer service, is denying you a full refund.

The resolution to your case involved a multi-pronged approach. First, you were relentless with your refund request, which is always important when a company says "no." You called, you wrote and you appealed. By the way, I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Emirates customer service managers on my consumer advocacy site. After I reviewed your

paper trail, my advocacy team and I thought you should get the DOT involved. You can learn how to file a complaint with the DOT at www.transportation.gov/airconsumer/file-consumer-complaint.

The DOT reached out to Emirates on your behalf. Initially, the airline turned it down. The DOT then clarified its policy with Emirates, which resulted in Emirates issuing the full refund. I think you've just set an important precedent for other air travelers. If an airline sells tickets from a U.S. site — even if the flight doesn't originate in the U.S. — it is bound by the 24-hour rule.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Touring in the US is a dream come true

BY JAE-HA KIM
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Monsta X has been nominated for their first MTV Video Music Award for their English-language single "Who Do U Love?" They will become the first K-Pop group to perform at the iHeartRadio Music Festival later this year.

A highlight of 2019 for the group was performing in Oslo for South Korean President Moon Jae-in and King Harald V of Norway, where the countries' dignitaries celebrated the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between South Korea and Norway.

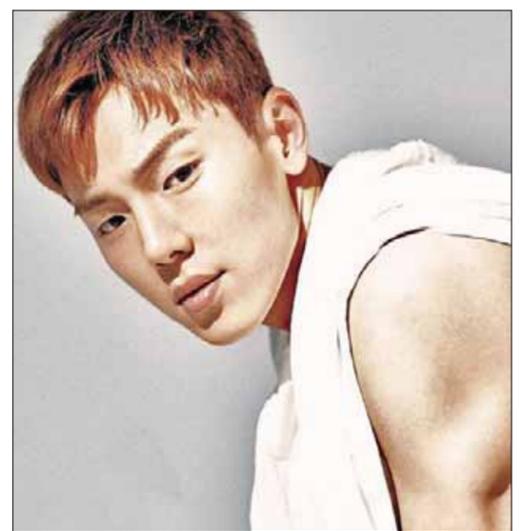
Currently on the North American leg of their world tour, group leader Shownu (born Son Hyun-woo) took a breather to talk with us about life on the road. An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: When you were a child, did you think that international success outside of Asia was a possibility?

A: I always dreamed about it, but it seemed like something that would be impossible to achieve. One of our goals from the beginning was to set a milestone in the United States. Since we were kids, we have listened to music from (American) artists like Usher and Michael Jackson. To have a chance to perform in the U.S. is a dream come true moment for us.

Q: You were in Europe recently. Pick one city and tell us how you felt being there.

A: In London, I felt so



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much history. There's so much great pop music that has come out of England.

Q: How much time do you have for sightseeing when you're on tour?

A: Usually we don't have much time when we are abroad. Our schedules are packed until the end of the year and it is kind of difficult to find time as a tourist. But when South Korean President Moon Jae-in invited us to perform during his summit with the Norwegian prime minister, I spent some time (exploring). It was beautiful to see the amazing scenery there. I hope to explore more countries if I have a chance in the future.

Q: What do you do to remain healthy on the road?

A: I try to exercise regularly as much as possible and get enough sleep.

Q: What is on your travel bucket list?

A: I wish to visit Canada in the future and do a show there.

Q: Do you work on new songs while you're touring?

A: Not just me, but generally all of our members work on new music while we are on tour. We exchange ideas and share our thoughts whenever, if

something comes up.

Q: If you could travel anywhere to see a concert, whose would it be?

A: I love Bruno Mars and John Legend. It would be wonderful to have a chance to watch their shows.

Q: You collaborated with French Montana on "Who Do U Love?" and with Steve Aoki on "Play It Cool." What was that like?

A: Steve is like a big brother and one of the EDM pioneers. Doing a song with him that is part of his set is amazing. French is one of the most brilliant rappers out there and his flow — especially at the end when he says "Montana ... Monsta X" — really moves me.

Q: What would you like to say to your fans?

A: I have all the best memories from our last tour and I am sure we will have even more great memories this year as well. It's a great honor for us and we still can't believe that this is happening. We are so thankful to (our fans) for helping us achieve such goals. It means so much to us. Thank you!

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

GOING SOLO

Why traveling alone is the way to do it

BY RANDI SHAFFER

I can vividly remember the exact moment I decided I was never traveling with people again.

It was a crisp fall day in Germany, and I was sitting at Berlin Schoenefeld Airport, propped up on my backpack in a state of exhaustion. I was waiting for a budget airline to carry me through my layover in Iceland and back home to Chicago after a long-weekend birthday trip I'd booked in a dramatic flurry after a really bad breakup.

Let me back up: Earlier in the year, I'd taken a 10-day, four-country journey through Europe with my then-boyfriend. It was a mostly miserable experience that left me feeling incredibly insecure about my ability to travel and enjoy it.

After moping around for several months because this jerk had completely convinced me I was an inflexible and boring stick-in-the-mud, I spontaneously booked a flight back to Europe as a way to kind of reclaim the continent. I wanted to prove to myself that I did know how to travel and that I was a fun person.

I bought my plane ticket on a whim, figuring I'd find somebody willing to venture over to Germany with me for a few days.

Turns out, it's a little tricky to find a friend to accompany you on a somewhat last-minute short trip across an ocean. I couldn't find anyone able or willing to tag along. So, about half a year after that bad breakup, I ended up traveling overseas alone for the first time on a four-day whirlwind adventure to Berlin.

I came back from that trip feeling completely fulfilled. I proved to myself that I am capable of enjoying travel, and I was not the reason my 10-day trip in Europe sucked; the problem was my travel companion.

Because I had such a great time alone in Germany — dancing on beer garden tables, shoving countless pretzels into my face and posing for an impromptu photo shoot at the open-air East Side Gallery with new friends I'd met at my hostel — I decided to try it again a few months later.

I nervously booked another solo trip, this time to Mexico. I already knew I

was capable of traveling alone and keeping myself safe, so why the nerves? I was genuinely concerned that my Berlin trip was a one-off fluke, and that it had set the bar so high that any future solo trip wouldn't measure up.

Turns out, I had nothing to fear. My trip to Tulum — filled with cenote snorkeling, Mayan jungle ruin tours and seemingly endless beachside mojitos — was just as good as, if not better than, my trip to Berlin.

Here are some of the many reasons I've become a big fan of solo travel:

Plans are in your hands:

A lot of compromise is involved when traveling with friends. Maybe you don't want to spend the time and money at a museum or devote an afternoon to shopping for luxury goods. Maybe you like making a spreadsheet full of the attractions you want to see, or maybe you prefer to dive headfirst into a destination with no plans at all. Maybe you want to wake up at 6 a.m. to sight-see. Maybe you want to stay up until 6 a.m. to party. If you're traveling alone, there's only one person you have to please: you.

Another bonus: Solo travelers can take off whenever they want. I've missed out on so many potential trips in the past because I couldn't find a friend able or willing to take the time off work. If you're going alone, you can book your trip whenever it works best for your schedule.

You control the budget:

Your money, your rules. You don't want to pay for a posh hotel room? You don't have to. Same goes for dropping \$75 on a single meal. You can be as thrifty or as spendy as you want, and nobody's going to fight you over it.

I can't tell you how many times I've shelled out more cash than I've felt comfortable spending, just because I was pressured into it by my travel companions. On the flip side, I've also had to skip things I wanted to do because of other people's financial constraints.

You meet more people:

If you're traveling with a friend or significant other, odds are you're going to spend the bulk of that trip



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Randi Shaffer poses for a photo at the open-air East Side Gallery in Berlin, where she took her first solo international trip.

talking to that person. Sure, you might chat with a couple of strangers and make a new acquaintance or two. But for the most part, you have built-in companionship.

Solo travelers are pretty much forced to strike up conversations with strangers — talking to travelers at your hostel bar, asking passersby to take your photo, bumming an iPhone charger off the person next to you on the bus.

This mandatory mingling has yielded some pretty amazing friendships for me. I traveled solo to Nashville, Tenn., and ended up making friends in my hostel room. I even met up with one of those friends on my trip to Germany. On that same trip to Germany,

I made friends at my hostel bar. I ended up reconnecting with one of those people on a subsequent trip to San Francisco.

At this point, I've amassed a broad enough network that I can visit friends on pretty much every continent. I wouldn't have met most of them if I hadn't been traveling by myself.

A chance to live in the moment, self-reflect:

I can think of such incredibly vivid moments during my solo travels that I'm convinced I wouldn't have remembered if I'd had company.

Allowing the heavy feeling of isolation to flood my senses as I trudged through a German Holocaust me-

morial, for example, letting the tears flow freely.

Lounging on a towel in a grassy patch near a Mexican cenote and listening to an upbeat song through my headphones as the sun dried my hair.

Sitting peacefully with an aromatic latte at a Nashville coffee shop while watching the morning rush.

Traveling solo means a lot of time alone with your thoughts. You get to experience life around you, uninterrupted, and you get to take it in as you please, without feeling self-conscious about a friend or family member's presence.

That's not to say traveling alone doesn't have its downsides. Travel tends to be a bit costlier when

you're not splitting the bill for accommodations, food or gas.

And, naturally, there are times I find myself getting lonely and wishing for a companion — someone to take photos with or talk to during long train rides. A witness for some of those "you're not gonna believe me, but ..." moments would be nice as well.

But once the trip is over and I wearily collapse onto my backpack at the airport, idly flipping through blurry iPhone photos as I wait for my flight home, those downsides dissipate, and I'm reminded why solo travel is the best option for me.

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Disney reimagines resort with Dali-inspired designs

BY DEVOUN CETOUTE
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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — One of Walt Disney World's many resorts just got a fresh face, with designs and colors inspired by famed Spanish artist Salvador Dali.

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort recently completed a multiyear reimagining, marking the official debut of a new tower and new restaurants.

The Gran Destino Tower is on the southeastern shores of Lago Dorado, the resort's 22-acre "Golden Lake." The tower offers 545 guest rooms, a two-story lobby and a rooftop restaurant and lounge. Gran Destino Tower takes its name from the Disney film "Destino," which was originally a collaboration between Walt Disney and Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dali.

Drawing inspiration from the animated short, Disney said "the tower is a whimsical, magnificent visual feast, diverse in its design and execution."

The starting rate for a room in the tower is \$234 a night and it goes up to \$1,382 for the presidential



Guests dine under live olive trees on the rooftop of the new Gran Destino Tower at Walt Disney World.

suite.

The lobby of the tower is designed in the Catalan Modernism style, which means guests arriving can see wooden screens with rows of Moorish hanging lanterns and bronze screens inspired by Spanish tile patterns. On the first floor of the lobby is the Barcelona Lounge, which serves coffee and cocktails. The new guest rooms and suites feature a wall covering in each room inspired by Spanish tile medallions.

On the rooftop of the

tower is Toledo — Tapas, Steak & Seafood and Dahlia Lounge. The Spanish-inspired menu is served under live olive trees and a vaulted ceiling.

As part of the reimagining of Coronado Springs, three new pedestrian bridges extend to Lago Dorado. In the middle of the lake is a new outdoor restaurant, Three Bridges Bar & Grill.

Coronado Springs' guest rooms were also updated with new fixtures, furnishings and lighting.



STEVEN DIAZ/WALT DISNEY WORLD PHOTOS

The Gran Destino Tower at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort features a soaring lobby.

NEWS TO USE

Tour Midwest for cool events

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:

- Lake Geneva, Wis., will be hopping Aug. 14-18 during Venetian Festival. The annual shindig features lots of live music, a water ski show, carnival rides, fireworks, lighted boat parade and more. www.venetian-fest.com
- They bill Irish Fest in Milwaukee as “the world’s largest celebration of Celtic music and culture.” See for yourself at this year’s installment, Aug. 15-18 at Henry Maier Festival Park on the lakefront. There will be 100 entertainers across 17 stages, including traditional Irish music, indie-folk, Celtic rock and more. There will also be cultural exhibits and Irish sports and traditional Irish food and drink. www.irishfest.com
- Ashley for the Arts, an outdoor charity event, will be held Aug. 8-10 in Arca-

- dia, Wis. There will be three stages of music with headliners including Billy Ray Cyrus and Lady Antebellum. Other attractions include a car show, a hot-air balloon launch, kids’ activities, food booths and more. www.ashleyfort-hearts.com
- The Great River Tug Fest takes place Aug. 8-10 on the Mississippi River. The main event unfolds on the 10th when teams compete in a tug-of-war with a 2,000-plus-foot rope stretching across the river from Port Byron, Ill., to LeClaire, Iowa. Other activities during the big weekend include live music, a carnival, fireworks and more. tinyurl.com/y59kdlwl
- The Peacetree Music Festival will be Aug. 9-10 at the Sesquicentennial Bandshell in Kenosha. Fourteen musical acts will perform in what’s described as “A Gathering of Peace, Love and Music.” The event raises money for the Kenosha Achievement Center. www.peacetreemusicfestival.com
- The annual Blues, Brews



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Fireworks light up the sky during Venetian Festival in Lake Geneva, Wis.

- & BBQ festival takes place Aug. 16-18 at Petersen Park in McHenry. Among blues acts performing will be The Dave Specter Band. www.mrbbb.com
- Bicyclists looking for an early fall outing will find it in the 50th annual Harmon Hundred held by the Wheeling Wheelmen. The Sept. 8 ride on quiet country roads starts from Wilmot, Wis., and offers

- routes of 25, 50, 75 and 100 miles. tinyurl.com/q6y9v3l
- Antique Acres in Cedar Falls, Iowa, hold its 55th annual Old Time Power Show Aug. 16-18. Vintage tractors, trucks, cars and motorcycles will be on display, and there will be a Parade of Power, tractor pulls and demonstrations of threshing, horse plowing, butter churning, blacksmithing and more.

- www.antiqueacres.org
- There’ll be lots of pickin’ and grinnin’ Aug. 15-18 during the Winding Creek Music Festival in Russiaville, Ind. The festival focuses on bluegrass, folk and old-time music and will have at least a dozen bands performing. There are also workshops and lots of opportunities for jamming. www.windingcreekbluegrass.com

- The Bayfront Blues Festival draws about 20,000 people each year to Duluth, Minn. This marks the 31st year for the fest, which will be Aug. 9-11. Among the acts will be Bobby Rush and The Kentucky Headhunters, both Grammy winners, and Chicago guitarist Lurrie Bell. www.bayfront-blues.com
- The Michigan tourism folks have info on nine notable golf schools in their state at tinyurl.com/yxnlapbn.
- Get your sweet tooth on and head to Ohio to drive the Butler County Donut Trail. The trail in the southwest part of the state includes 12 family-owned businesses with 372 years of donut-making experience. www.get-tothebc.com/donut-trail

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Phil Marty is a freelancer.

GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Nepal. Tourism is a major industry for Nepal, and the country’s capital and largest city is a stepping-off point for many trekkers.

Swiss go all out to celebrate vineyard workers

By JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

VEVEY, Switzerland — Swiss residents and tourists alike are partying like they haven’t since 1999. The town of Vevey recently kicked off the 12th “Fete des Vignerons,” or Winemakers Festival, the latest installment in a centuries-old tradition of celebrating vineyard workers — which nowadays takes place only once a generation. Festival organizers have

pulled out the stops for the celebration in Vevey, a lakeside town near Switzerland’s famous terraced vineyards that are listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Among the big-ticket items in the \$100 million budget for the festival is a purpose-built arena — big enough to hold 20,000 people, or more than the entire town’s population. Towering over Lake Geneva, the venue is hosting an Olympics- or Super Bowl-style show with

dancers, music and other festivities. This year, organizers are going high-tech with what’s billed as the world’s largest outdoor LED-lit stage. Above all, it’s a colorful celebration of Swiss-ness tied up in a festival for winegrowers. People dress in costumes to represent facets of life in the vineyards: insects such as ants and grasshoppers; or pests such as raisin-pecking starlings; young lovers frolicking among the vines; droughts and storms that

confound winegrowers. The festival features parades, music and lots of alcohol consumption but the centerpiece is the awards given to winegrowing standouts. The festival has its roots in a competition that began in the 17th century to ensure quality wines from the region, with a grading system that often got censorious. The fest began a more upbeat approach by “crowning” standout winegrowers in the first formal festival in 1797.



VALENTIN FLAURAUD/KEYSTONE

Vevey, Switzerland hosts the 12th “Fete des Vignerons,” or Winemakers Festival, through Aug. 11.

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Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Kentucky's Appalachian Region is one of the stops on the state's Culinary Trail. Visitors can pick up a passport at any of the participating parks and, after ordering the signature meal, have their passport stamped. Once they have visited all nine parks, they can turn in their passports to receive Kentucky-branded merchandise.

BLUEGRASS BITES

Kentucky resort parks serve up authentic, regional eats along the state's Culinary Trail

BY PATTI NICKELL
Tribune News Service

CARLISLE, Ky. — As the server set my main lunch-course before me, I had to resist the urge to wrinkle my nose in distaste.

After all, I thought of goetta the same way I thought of haggis, Rocky Mountain oysters and eel pie — all food items on which I would gladly pass.

I had tried goetta once before and didn't like it. However, since I was here specifically for the purpose of eating it, I bravely picked up my fork and cut off a piece.

Expecting the worst, I found instead that it was quite delicious — nothing like the tasteless blob of meat I had tried before. I kept cutting off pieces until, to my surprise, the goetta was gone.

To those who may not be familiar with goetta, it's a meat and grain sausage, composed mainly of meat, pork, peppers, onions, pin oats and spices, and cooked for several hours. It's a common dish in Cincinnati, thanks to the city's German heritage, and by extension, across the Ohio River in northern Kentucky as well.

You might ask what is a German dish that many in the Commonwealth of Kentucky have never heard of — let alone eaten — doing on the menu at a Kentucky State Resort Park? It just happens to be the featured dish at one of the stops along the state's Culinary Trail. From now through the end of October, visitors to nine of Kentucky's 17 resort parks have an opportunity to try "Kentucky Proud" dishes that are a signature of the individual park's region.

In partnership with the Kentucky Department of Tourism, chefs at the participating parks are offering guests a chance to explore the commonwealth's diverse culinary heritage. That means everything from burgoo and barbecued mutton at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park in Dawson Springs to Kentucky bibb lettuce salad with benedictine dressing and Hot Browns at Rough River Dam State Resort Park in Falls of Rough. And yes, goetta at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park in Carlisle.

Now in its second year, the Culinary Trail operates in a similar fashion to the



The menu at Natural Bridge State Resort Park in Kentucky's Bluegrass, Horses, Bourbon and Boone (as in Daniel) Region offers an all-Kentucky lineup from local beer cheese to creamy grits.

commonwealth's renowned Bourbon Trail. Visitors can pick up a passport at any of the participating parks and, after ordering the signature meal, have their passport stamped. Once they have visited all nine parks and sampled the fare, they can turn in their passports to receive Kentucky-branded merchandise.

Knowing I couldn't possibly get to all nine parks before the summer was over, I decided to choose three, beginning with Blue Licks in the Northern Kentucky River Region. Known primarily as being the site where the last battle of the Revolutionary War was fought, it has earned culinary cred with its menu for trail visitors.

Along with the goetta, there is a tomato pie appetizer. (Blue Licks' recipe calls for vine-ripened tomatoes placed in a pie crust along with onion, grated cheese, mayonnaise and salt and pepper to taste.) You won't find anything more delicious — unless it's the park's dessert, Transparent Pie, a favorite of Kentucky native George Clooney. It's golden, custardlike appearance is the result of sugar, butter, cream and vanilla all baked in a pie shell.

The park's featured



Goetta, a German dish popular in southern Ohio, is the featured dish at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park across the Ohio River in northern Kentucky.

drink has another Clooney connection. The Kentucky Rain cocktail is made with Casamigos tequila, the brand founded by Clooney and his amigo Rande Gerber, and sold to Diageo in 2017 for a whopping \$700 million.

What to do after eating: Take in the informative museum on the park grounds. Learn the history of Kentucky from prehistoric times through the Revolutionary War. Exhibits range from the largest collection of Native American artifacts in any Ken-

tucky State Park to the kettle used by Daniel Boone to collect salt from the Licks.

Next it was on to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg for a taste of the Kentucky Appalachians Region. If there is a more scenic spot in the entire commonwealth, I'd be hard pressed to say where. Sitting on the terrace overlooking Dewey Lake with one of mixologist Lee Ann's specialty bourbon cocktails and looking at the sunset came close to being a transcendental experience.

Of course, I was here to eat, and the Music Highway Grill in May Lodge, with its floor-to-ceiling windows offering a panoramic view of the lake and surrounding forest, provides a meal that will more than sate your appetite. The salmon patties entree might not be fresh from the lake, but the appetizer of soup beans with melt-in-your-mouth cornbread definitely represents the region.

I saved room for the generous portion of blackberry jam cake with cara-

mel icing. Afterward, I took my coffee out to the terrace and listened to the music of the night — a symphony of frogs and other nocturnal creatures that provided background sounds for the ballet of dancing fireflies.

What to do after eating: Head for the gift shop to pick up a copy of "White Squaw" and learn the tragic story behind the park's namesake pioneering woman settler. If it's elk season (fall is the best time), take one of their escorted elk tours (the area has the largest concentration east of the Rockies). If it's not elk season, try your hand at bird-watching (spring warblers, eastern bluebirds and American Redstarts are prolific).

While you're here, take the 20-minute drive to Van Leer and join the tour leaving from Webb's Grocery Store to Loretta Lynn's Homeplace immortalized in the film "Coal Miner's Daughter."

My final stop on the Culinary Trail was Natural Bridge State Resort Park in the Bluegrass, Horses, Bourbon and Boone Region. This park is a quick hour's drive from Lexington, and a visit here can be easily combined with the neighboring Red River Gorge for a double feature of jaw-dropping scenery. Scenery aside, the Culinary Trail stops at the park's Hemlock Lodge, and if I had to choose one that offers an all-Kentucky lineup, this is it.

The town of Winchester takes pride of place here with the featured beverage being Ale-8-One (mixed with bourbon) and the appetizer, beer cheese, both of which originated here. The entree is Kentucky beef and the dessert, a rich bourbon chocolate cake. But it's the sides that adhere to the canon of commonwealth cuisine: a salad of Kentucky limestone bibb lettuce with sorghum vinaigrette dressing, spoonbread and that most southern of all staples, creamy grits.

What to do after you eat: Take the sky lift to the top of the 65-foot tall natural sandstone arch for a view of what has come to be known as Kentucky's Land of the Arches.

If a park experience at one of the nine participating parks is in your summer plans, consider the Culinary Trail. Your taste buds will thank you.

HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

Redoing your driveway?

Here's a rundown of the most common materials

BY DANIEL BORTZ
The Washington Post

Whether you're repaving your driveway or building one from scratch, selecting the right material is crucial. There are a handful of options to choose from, though, and each has its pros and cons.

Here's what you need to know about the most common materials.

Concrete

Cost: \$5 to \$6 per square foot

Life span: 25 to 50 years

Pros: Concrete is tops when it comes to durability and versatility. Composed of various types of stone aggregate held together by water and a lime-based binder, concrete provides a smooth, stable and secure foundation that holds up well in any climate and requires little to no maintenance, says Allison Bean, editorial director at home improvement website TheSpruce.com.

"Not only does the material readily move water, concrete also stays relatively cool when exposed to direct sunlight," says Hunter Macfarlane, a project expert at Lowe's.

Cons: In addition to being relatively expensive, concrete is "not the most attractive building material," Bean says.

Eco-friendliness: Concrete is intended to be a solid surface that nothing can penetrate — including water, Macfarlane says. Large impermeable surfaces can send excess rainwater into sewer systems and waterways instead of into the ground, taxing and polluting water systems. "On the whole, concrete is one of the least environmentally friendly choices for a driveway or hardscape," Jean-Paul LaCount, founder and editor of the Chic Ecologist, a green-living

news and information website, said in an email.

The good news: "Consumers can choose 'low-carbon' concrete mixes, and they are now more readily available than ever," says Wes Sullens, codes technical development director at the U.S. Green Building Council.

Gravel

Cost: \$1 to \$3 per square foot

Life span: Up to 100 years (depending on winter-weather conditions)

Pros: Gravel is a great option for the budget-conscious, especially people with longer driveways, Bean says.

Another selling point: "Gravel compacts much better than plain rocks," creating a more stable surface that sheds water easily, Bean says.

Cons: Most gravel driveways need to be regraded every year or two, depending on how much traffic passes through, Bean says, adding that gravel driveways tend to hold up better in warmer climates.

Eco-friendliness: "Having the second-lowest impact out of the bunch, gravel can be sourced locally and provides a porous surface for (rainwater) absorption," LaCount says.

To minimize the environmental impact, Sullens recommends using recycled gravel.

Asphalt

Cost: \$2 to \$5 per square foot

Life span: 12 to 20 years

Pros: Mainly composed of rock, sand and asphalt cement, asphalt has a number of attractive quali-



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Properly installed, an asphalt driveway will feel comparable to concrete at a much lower cost. But it's a poor option for the eco-conscious.

ties as a driveway material. When properly installed, an asphalt driveway "will feel and act much like concrete but is much cheaper," Bean says.

Also, because asphalt is a petroleum product, similar to tar, it's flexible and less likely to crack under the elements, according to Bean.

Cons: Though extremely durable, asphalt driveways have to be sealed every few years, Bean says, and can get very hot during the summer.

Eco-friendliness: "Asphalt is probably the least environmentally friendly out of the bunch," LaCount says. "Consisting of oil and other petroleum byproducts combined with stone particles, I probably don't need to explain how both the drilling, processing and application of oil products are harmful to our environment."

Though some asphalt can be considered "porous," Bean says, it doesn't allow rainwater to reach the water table below.

Paving stones

Cost: \$15 to \$30 per square foot

Life span: Up to 100 years

Pros: Capable of lasting up to a century when laid properly, paving-stone driveways "have a lot of character, making them a great option for added curb appeal," Bean says. Made of tough granite, flagstone or other stone, pavers require little maintenance and prevent water from pooling. Live in an area with heavy snowfall? A heating system can be installed beneath the pavers to keep snow from accumulating, says Joe Raboine, director of residential hardscapes at Belgard, a national landscape design and products provider.

Cons: The cost. Paving stones are expensive, and installing them is labor-intensive, so you'll have to shell out a good chunk of cash to use this driveway material.

Eco-friendliness: Paving stones, sourced from quarries around the world, can be relatively eco-friendly. You'll want to use local stones that are harvested nearby, if possible, and ensure the provider followed environmental protections during extraction. When installing, consider using sand or small rocks between

stones, rather than a cement-based filler. This will improve permeability, allowing more rainwater to soak into the ground.

Brick

Cost: \$5 to \$10 per square foot

Life span: About 25 years

Pros: A standard building material for driveways, clay brick easily stands up to normal usage and moderate weather, Bean says.

Cons: Brick driveways require regular maintenance. They must be pressure-washed twice a year, Bean says, and the bricks should be resealed after each washing to prevent the clay from flaking or peeling.

Eco-friendliness: "Often confused as an environmentally friendly building material, most bricks today are made from mined clay heated in energy-intensive kilns," LaCount said. "Bricks laid with mortar or other impervious filler will have the same runoff issues as concrete and asphalt, so gapping with sand or dirt would be a way to increase the eco-factor of this material."



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Create a dorm room you'll like chilling in

BY DAVID SYREK
Chicago Tribune

College is just around the corner, so it's time to start thinking about what your new home will look like. The goal is to create a hip home away from home that you can chill in after a long day of classes. Finding the right stuff to create a cozy living space that lets your unique personality shine can be more than overwhelming.

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Tea-length dress better than capri pants



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Hi! Do you put tea-length dresses in the same category as capris — a no? Looking at a dress online for my son's wedding and it looks attractive. Help!
— Bobbie W.

Dear Bobbie: Your question really made me think: What is it that makes me love tea-length dresses that hit at midcalf when I think pants (capris) that hit the leg at the same place are awfully unflattering? I think it is the flowy fabric and movement of the skirt that makes tea-length a flattering (especially warm weather) look. By contrast, capri pants draw the eye to the legs in a way that makes them look short and stumpy. My opinion on tea-length, however, comes with an asterisk. If the dress or skirt is of a heavy fabric (wool, knit) or straight, I think it can verge into dowdy and can bring with it that stumpy problem. In a recent People magazine there was a photo of five stars wearing tea-length dresses. Four — in flowy fabric with big skirts — looked great. The fifth, a Lisou dress on Gwyneth Paltrow in a heavier fabric with a more tailored, straight skirt, was unflattering. If there were any doubt that the tea-length is having a high fashion moment, just check out the stylish Brit royals. Both Kate Middleton and Meghan Markle were recently photographed looking fabulous in tea-length.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Do you have to give a wedding gift to a destination wedding if there's no (expletive) way? When it's already a big financial



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Tea-length dresses can be more flattering than capri pants, which also hit the leg at midcalf.

stretch to get to the (expletive) destination?
— Claire W.

Dear Claire: Tell me how you really feel. It can cost well over \$1,000 to attend a destination wedding — with airfare, hotel, and transport to and from the airport. Ouch! I think that couples would do their guests a big favor by spreading the word that they really don't want or expect guests to add to their already considerable expense by buying a gift. Brides.com says this would give you the option of not giving a gift. However, "You may still want to send a little something as a ges-

ture, whether it's a pretty frame or a bottle of wine or just a card with a nice note." I would especially favor the card idea with a heartfelt note. Or how about a handmade gift made with love. Other etiquette experts say you should give a gift of some sort, even a modest one. Emilypost.com, for example, says, "Every wedding invitation carries the obligation of a gift." Period. I've had young relatives who had to go into debt or drain their savings to attend a wedding of a close friend. That certainly can mar the happiness of being there to share the big moment. Personally, I'd like to

choose my own vacation destination and not be pressured to go on an expensive journey to celebrate a wedding.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I like the look of buffed nails, but the shine seems to disappear pretty quickly with the nail buffers I've tried, even the electric ones. Any suggestions?
— Barbara M.

Dear Barbara: Since you're not working with polish that actually adheres to the nail, the buffed shine (even with the use of a buffer and nail buffing cream) is not going to last very long. At least not in my

experience. Any readers have a better answer that will make the buffing stay shiny longer?

Angelic readers

Many readers had suggestions after I griped about losing socks in the laundry. Most of them told me I needed a mesh lingerie bag (and I ordered one immediately for \$4.99 on amazon.com). Thanks for the bag suggestion: Jean S., Janet S., Randa-Lynn G., Linda L., Jerry B. and Bonnie Z. Alice B. washes her socks in a pillowcase and ties the top in a knot. She and Helen M. also suggest a safety pin (at the toes) and

Leila Robb points out there are sock lock products that hold the two socks together. (I'd just lose the locks and am too lazy to bother with safety pins.)

Reader rant

From Kathy McD: I keep hoping to find some discussion in your column about the state of dental "enhancement" these days, specifically the optic white shade of teeth veneers and implants that people choose to spend thousands and thousands of dollars on to improve their appearance. Alas, they seem only to call attention to the falseness of their smiles. News broadcasters are the worst offenders, but there are plenty of regular folks who fall victim to the mistaken belief that whiter is better. I can recall my mother insisting on natural-looking dentures long before implants were available. In her day, nothing screamed false teeth more than completely flat and uniform dentures that were an unnatural shade of white. I have seen TV commercials where the person's teeth were whiter than the whites of their eyes! C'mon, people! Beautiful teeth, even false ones, should be natural looking. Stop calling attention to your fake teeth!

From Ellen: Kathy, you are so right. Many people who are spending thousands for implants and veneers wrongly go for bright white, which screams phony. I understand the temptation to go super white, but choosing a shade slightly darker will look more natural, and any good aesthetic dentist should tell you so and give you some options.

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By **CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON** | Chicago Tribune

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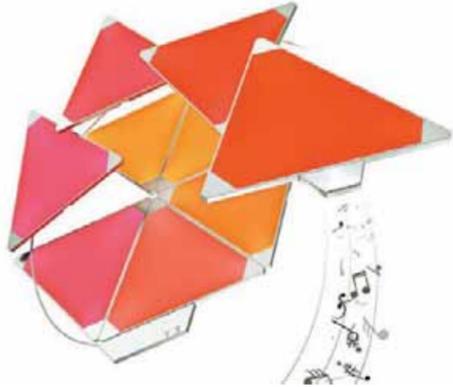
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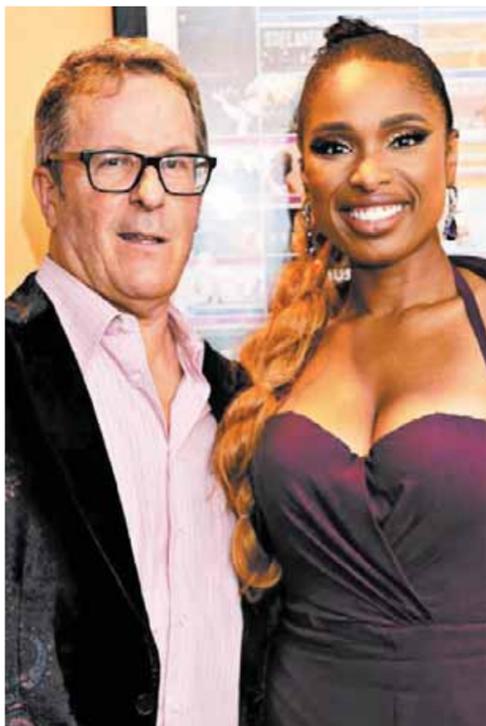
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Ravinia President and CEO Welz Kauffman with Jennifer Hudson.



Marilyn Vender, Ravinia Women's Board chair, and Michael Vender



David Moss, from left, Marta Sangiorgi, and Nikki and Brian Wilkinson

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BY CANDACE JORDAN



Jennifer Hudson wows crowd at Ravinia Gala

Chicago's own Jennifer Hudson headlined the July 14 Ravinia Women's Board Gala, one of the most successful in its 53-year history. The Oscar- and Grammy Award-winning artist made her Chicago Symphony Orchestra debut before a crowd of more than 7,000. The elegant gala, which attracted nearly 800 guests, raised more than \$1.1 million to support the festival and its Reach*Teach*Play education programs.

In a most dramatic fashion, Hudson opened her concert at the back of the house with a powerful rendition of "How Great Thou Art." She made her way to the stage as trumpet players followed behind.

Hudson, dressed in her favorite color, purple, presented a set that featured tributes to Prince and Whitney Houston and included "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," her signature song from her Oscar-winning role in "Dreamgirls." Hudson announced it was her first time singing Stevie Wonder's "If It's Magic" and the crowd responded with wild applause. During her "absolute favorite song," Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," she encouraged the audience to sing along. During the performance, Hudson's four backup singers, the Hudsonettes, each performed their own rendition of "One Night Only" by Deena Jones.

"Jennifer often comes to Ravinia as an audience member to watch our headliners perform, and it's that love of music that makes her connect so beautifully with an audience. This is an event that people will be talking about for years," said Ravinia president and CEO Welz Kauffman.

The Ravinia Women's Board started its education programs over 40 years ago. They include Reach*Teach*Play, which now serves more than 85,000 people annually and provides school-based orchestra education to underserved communities in Lake and Cook counties. It also includes programs such as Jazz Scholars (for high schoolers) and Sistema Ravinia (for elementary schools).

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

MORE ONLINE: Find more photos and video of this event at www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace

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Girlfriend balks at being his everyday 'delivery girl'



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I live with my boyfriend, who recently needed me to bring lunch to him at work on a day that he forgot to bring it. I was more than happy to bring him a nice, freshly heated meal.

Today, when we woke up, he asked me to drop off lunch for him at work again. I told him that unless he forgot a lunch or was running late, this is using me as a delivery girl.

He then huffed that he would ask his sister instead. His sister has five to seven kids that she looks after during the day, so I told him that it would be unfair, and that it was also unfair to expect me to drop my schedule when he has every ability to bring his lunch.

He walked off without a response. He walks away without a response quite a bit, which is hurtful to me. Do I not deserve a response to at least say that he heard what I said, or that he disagrees, or agrees, or he'll think about it? Was I wrong about it being presumptuous to expect me to deliver him lunch when he didn't forget it and had time to pack it? And, if I wasn't wrong, was my explanation rude?

Gentle reader: As living together is often touted as a tryout period prior to a more permanent arrangement, it might be productive to examine the lessons learned about your boyfriend's behavior, as Miss Manners assures you that your own was proper.

Dear Miss Manners: My friends and I, all professionals, have been meeting

periodically for lunch for over 20 years. From the beginning, we split the bill four ways.

Perhaps the assumption was that it would all even out over time, but it has not. There are clear subsidizers and subsidizees. (Yes, I am a subsidizer.) Occasionally, a subsidizee will contribute a few extra dollars. Otherwise, we continue to split the bill evenly. No one complains. We all enjoy each other's company very much.

Unexpectedly, at the end of a recent lunch, our waitress asked if we would like separate checks. I responded, "Yes, please." My friend, who styles himself as The Nicest Guy You Know, chastised me, saying that separate checks would place an extra burden on the waitress.

I replied that she would not have offered if that were so. (The restaurant was not particularly busy.) The waitress left and returned shortly with four checks.

I must ask that Miss Manners assume that my friend's motivation was solely concern for the waitress. Was he nevertheless being overprotective, or was I inconsiderate, as he claims?

Gentle reader: If the waitress is offering to perform a service — one that is much needed — why would you not graciously take her up on it?

It is probably not convenient for her to write down numerous food substitutions either, but she does it. Or the restaurant will take a stand against it and clearly state so.

Miss Manners suggests that you assume the same for this situation. Unless there is a policy against it, it is probably far less annoying to give you separate checks — computers are so handy for things like this — than it is for her to sit and

wait while everyone squabbles over who had the main course chopped salad and who only had it as a side.

Dear Miss Manners: Sadly, my fiance's father died last week. Despite having told his grown children that my fiance's ex-wife should not come to the funeral, she showed up anyway.

Before his father's dementia got to the point that he didn't know people, he wanted nothing to do with this woman, and she was not welcome in his home. My fiance's oldest sister had stayed friendly with her, and in the last two years has invited her to visit, despite knowing how her father felt.

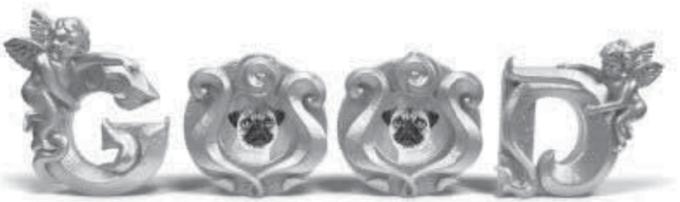
In the 10-plus years since their divorce, my fiance has sacrificed going to certain family events in order to avoid her. Am I wrong for being upset that both my fiance and his father have been so blatantly disrespected?

Gentle reader: Not wrong, just too late. If the ex-wife has already attended the funeral, Miss Manners does not foresee you getting much satisfaction out of being upset in the aftermath.

If your fiance's relationship with his sister is not such that he can ask her to help him with an uncomfortable situation, then proceeding as you have — avoiding the ex-wife as best you can — seems to be the only recourse. The fact that you will be soon replacing her should be of mild consolation.

To send a question to the *Miss Manners* team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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Outdoor garden and patio at The Clare in the Gold Coast.



Shelia Rock has lived at The Clare for eight years.

Not your granny's retirement home

Chicago developers up their game as more seniors demand posh amenities

BY NATALIE WADE

Luxury, new technology, mental stimulation, fine dining — some seniors moving into retirement communities bring with them high standards.

And their demands are being met as more Chicago developers up their amenity game, challenging the traditional retirement experience and

countering the stereotypes people may have about senior living.

“Many people in the past would think of a place that seemed like an institution that wasn’t very well run, where the people were not paid a working wage, and the workers were not attached to the outcome,” said Terry Watson, who teaches courses about

the senior market at Centered International Realty Corp, based in Chicago.

“Baby boomers have changed everything — I mean absolutely everything — when it comes to senior housing,” Watson said. “They don’t just want bingo like you would think back in the day. They

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ELITE STREET

Cubs GM Hoyer buys Ravenswood home for \$3.09M

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Chicago Cubs executive vice president and general manager Jed Hoyer and his wife, Merrill, on June 25 paid \$3.09 million for a six-bedroom, 7,500-square-foot mansion in the North Side Ravenswood neighborhood.

The purchase is a trade up for Hoyer, who with Cubs president of baseball operations Theo Epstein worked to assemble the team’s World Series-winning team in 2016 and has brought the team to the playoffs every year since. Hoyer and his wife have their five-bedroom, 5,300-square-foot house in Lincoln Park on the market for \$2.5 million, and it currently has a contract to be purchased.



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Cubs general manager Jed Hoyer

Although Hoyer declined to comment to Elite Street on his new purchase, he previously had said he wanted a bigger house, particularly a larger lot for his sons.

Indeed, the Hoyers have

achieved that objective. Their new house sits on a lot that measures 50 feet by 161 feet, which is very good-sized for the city. Built in 2006, their new house has 5 1/2 baths, an open floor plan, oversized windows, a second floor lofted family room with 20-foot vaulted ceilings, two mudrooms, a kitchen with commercial-grade appliances, a lower level with a home theater/golf simulator, and two heated garages, one of which is attached.

Hoyer’s new house had been listed in February for \$3.2 million.

Jeffrey Lowe of Compass represented both Hoyer and the seller of the house that Hoyer purchased.

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JEFF LOWE

Cubs GM Hoyer and his wife, Merrill, paid \$3.09 million for a six-bedroom, 7,500-square-foot mansion in the Ravenswood neighborhood.

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Nema Chicago, tallest center, was designed by architect Rafael Viñoly. Its exterior pays homage Chicago's street grid, and the interior is loaded with community amenities.

Chicago's tallest residential tower welcomes 1st residents

BY RANDI STEVENSON

Chicago's tallest residential building recently welcomed its first renters — and their views are some of the best in the city.

Located at the far south end Grant Park, Nema Chicago boasts 800 luxury rental units and 70,000 square feet of community amenities. Nearly half of the units are already leased.

The 76-story tower is the latest member of the Nema family, joining Boston and San Francisco, all developed by New York-based Crescent Heights.

Designed by world-renowned architect Rafael Viñoly, Nema's sleek exterior pays homage to the city's grid structure, drawing inspiration from the Willis Tower.

Studios and one- and two-bedrooms units are located below the 48th floor. The Skyline Collection sits above and consists of larger two-, three- and four-bedroom units. Studios start at \$1,800 per month, one bedrooms at \$2,250, two bedrooms at \$3,400 and three bedrooms at \$6,900. Four-bedroom pricing is avail-



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able upon request.

Like most of the city's newly constructed residential high-rise buildings, amenities abound at Nema, including a fitness center, yoga studio, boxing ring, golf simulator, rooftop and

indoor pools, expansive outdoor deck and lounge areas, and curated artwork by local and renowned artists throughout the building.

*Images have been digitally enhanced.

Be careful when hiring family members to list properties

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
Tribune Content Agency

Q: The listing agent for my mom's beach house is my brother-in-law, so I'm stuck. He doesn't seem to either know how to market the property to the right type of buyer or doesn't want to spend the money to do so. I'm willing to do whatever I can on my own to reach the type of buyer necessary. Do you have any suggestions? I'm sending you the listing information separately.

A: This is a great example of why sellers need to tread carefully when hiring family members or friends to list their properties for sale. And, why, if you are going to go in that direction, the ground rules of the engagement need to be carefully spelled out in advance, just in case the sale doesn't go as planned.

But first, we took a look at the listing information you provided and did a routine search for the property on the internet. (We have intentionally omitted location details.)

The property seems to have been listed on the local multiple listing service as well as on many online sites. The home has about 45 photos attached to the online listing and has an extensive description. The photos appear professionally taken, and the home appears staged and cleaned up.

The home is an expensive property right on the beach that may have been affected by recent storms. There are around 15 listings of homes in or around your price range. Some homes are priced higher and some lower. Many of them are right on the water just like your mom's. It appears that about five homes have sold in and around the same price range during the last six



DREAMSTIME

If you hire relatives to sell your home, all plans should be discussed and then agreed to in advance.

months and only about 10 sold in the last year. And the home has been on the market for about five months.

Other than the home not selling fast enough, you didn't give us any details as to why you think your brother-in-law isn't doing a good job. It seems from our cursory search that there is more inventory selling than there are buyers looking.

If 10 homes sold in the area in the last year and there are 15 listed, we could roughly state that the inventory will take around a year and a half to clear out (if no new homes in the area come on the market).

The question to focus on is why Mom's home hasn't sold yet. The home certainly looks good on the listing and shows quite well (indications that your brother-in-law is doing a good job), but there may be other factors at play, including whether the price is too optimistic, whether recent storms affect the willingness of a buyer to close on a home right by the ocean, and whether insurance costs are too high.

All of these issues — and many more — play into how fast a home sells and at what price.

You may not have any great options: If you're eager to sell, you may want to lower the list price for the home. Despite what

you may be reading online, some markets around the U.S. are experiencing a soft or softening real estate marketplace. Essentially, there are many more homes for sale than buyers out there willing to take a leap and close on a home.

You should talk to your brother-in-law and try to get a sense of the market, where it was, where it seems to be going and what types of properties are selling and what types of properties are not selling. Given the unique nature of real estate, it's quite possible that your type of home is just not selling right now.

Over the years, we've received many letters from readers complaining about their brokers not doing enough to sell their homes. In reality, often agents and brokers are doing the best they can, but the buyers simply aren't there.

But it brings us back to the main point, which is it can be rewarding or difficult to work with family members or friends. Keeping open lines of communication is a good way to avoid resentment, which can destroy relationships needlessly.

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Buying a home? Here's what to expect at the closing.

For most homebuyers, the process of house hunting, arranging financing, finding the right home, and making it through an offer and inspection is a months-long process. So it's fitting to call the day it all finally concludes "the closing".

In short, the closing is when ownership and money are legally transferred, providing the seller with funds for the sale and the buyer with a deed in their name and keys in their hand.

Depending on the state and the parties involved, the location and number of people around the table can vary. Sometimes both seller and buyer participate at the same time, while other times the two parties' closings are handled separately.

In either case, others attending the closing might include the real estate agent(s) and representatives of the title insurance company, the lender, the escrow company, and any representing attorneys.

Generally this happens in person at the offices of the title company, the lender, or an attorney. But some companies have begun allowing electronic signatures, executed either ahead of time or on the day of closing.

The most prevalent activity at closing is reviewing and signing documents, with you penning your John Hancock at least a dozen times, and likely twice that. These signatures execute three categories of transactions: transferring the real estate into your name, finalizing your home loan, and executing title insurance.

As homebuyer you'll also need to bring a check (usually certified or cashier's) to cover any down payment, closing costs, or other agreed upon contributions to close the deal, unless arrangements were made to pre-wire these funds.

Ask your agent or lender in advance for a checklist of what to bring and what to expect, as it's the smartest way to help you navigate this big day with as little stress as possible.

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10 things to buy when moving into a new home

BY KATHRYN WEBER
Tribune Content Agency



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After searching for a new home, packing up and going through the process to buy it, you finally arrive at the day to move in. Of course, you'll have your previous belongings, but there are some new items you should consider at move-in time. They will make your home safer and give you peace of mind as you settle in.

New locks. Whether you choose to get brand-new locks or have a locksmith re-key the current ones, it's important to have these changed. When moving into a new home, there's really no telling how many copies of the house keys have been made. Another option? Install electric passcode locks. This way, you won't need a key to enter the house, and no one will have your passcode.

A garage keypad. A garage keypad is extremely handy to have and gives you another way to enter your house when you don't want to have keys, or simply need to get into the garage easily. Have your local garage door installer or electrician wire it up.

An alarm service. Some homes are wired with alarm systems and simply need to be reactivated with your account information. However, if you move into a new house and want an extra layer of security quickly, opt for a wireless service.

A new dryer hose. One of the most common sources of house fires is the dryer hose. If your new home has one left from the previous owners or you're bringing your own, consider getting a new one so you're assured it doesn't have holes, tears or any buildup that can cause fires.

Air filters. Install new, high-quality air filters

When you move, consider having the locks changed at your new home.

when you move in. This allows you to get a fresh breath of air and not recirculate the previous owner's air. Plus you just don't know when they were last changed. Afterward, your move-in date can be the date that you change them monthly.

New cleaning supplies. It's always nice to start fresh at a new home with a new mop, broom and other cleaning supplies.

New toilet seats. It may seem silly, but somehow changing the toilet seats to ones you prefer, such as one-touch closing, is a nice way to feel clean and fresh from day one of move in.

Fire safety items. If the home you move into doesn't have a fire extinguisher, this is a great time to install a new one or replace an existing one. Next, replace all the batteries in smoke detectors so you know you're protected.

A first-aid kit. If your home doesn't have a first-aid kit or you didn't move one from your old house, start safe with a new one that's fully stocked with fresh supplies.

Extra lighting. While stocking up on lightbulbs, don't forget to add a rechargeable flashlight and a set of nightlights. Because you'll be in a new house, strategically placed nightlights will help you navigate in your new house if you get up in the night; flashlights at the ready will prove useful should the electricity go out.



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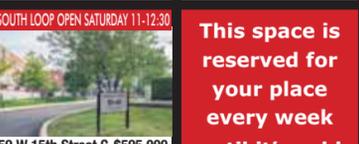
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ITW exec sells Winnetka mansion: Michael Larsen, CFO of Glenview-based manufacturing giant ITW, and his wife, Jennifer, have sold their six-bedroom, 9,754-square-foot Winnetka mansion for \$3.17 million and have paid \$4.25 million for a 6,807-square-foot house in a more secluded area of Winnetka.

In 2014, the Larsens paid \$3.2 million to buy the stone and brick mansion that they just sold, buying it directly from the home-builder. The three-story mansion has seven baths, four fireplaces, custom millwork, transitional-style wallpapers from Phillip Jeffries, Thibaut automatic window treatments, a lower level with a home theater and a sport court, a master suite with dual walk-in closets, a white marble kitchen with professional-grade appliances and a butler's pantry, a reception foyer with gold leaf ceiling and herringbone floors, and an attached three-car garage. Outside is a blue stone patio and landscaping by Scott Byron.

The Larsens first listed the mansion, which is a block from the well-known house featured in the 1990 film "Home Alone," in January for just under \$3.5 million. They closed on the sale June 26.

The Larsens' new home is on a 1.78-acre parcel in Winnetka's Indian Hill area. The vintage home had not been publicly listed for sale and currently is undergoing renovations, according to a permit recently filed with the village of Winnetka.

The Larsens' listing agent, Jena Radnay, declined to comment on the transactions.

2 homes once owned by retired Bears linebacker Lance Briggs sell at fore-



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Michael Larsen, CFO of Glenview-based manufacturing giant ITW, and his wife sold their six-bedroom Winnetka mansion for \$3.169 million.

closure auctions: Two north suburban homes formerly belonging to retired Chicago Bears linebacker Lance Briggs have sold at foreclosure auctions in recent months, with the larger one — a five-bedroom, 5,158-square-foot, English-style house in Northfield — selling for \$1.4 million.

In both cases, Briggs' lenders put forth the winning bids on the homes, but in both cases, the lenders wound up losing substantial amounts on the properties.

Briggs, 38, retired from the Bears in 2015 after a 12-year career. Since retiring, he has worked as an analyst for NBC Sports Chicago.

With the larger home, Briggs' lender, CitiMortgage, paid almost \$1 million less than the \$2.3 million



GOOGLE MAPS

An English-style house in Northfield that was once owned by Lance Briggs. It sold at auction for \$1.4 million.

that he had paid for it in June 2008. Briggs lost the house to foreclosure and, at a sheriff's sale in March, CitiMortgage paid \$1.4 million for the house. It was built in 2007 and has seven baths, three fireplaces, a first-floor master suite with his and hers walk-in closets, a family room with skylights, a library, a first-

floor guest bedroom, a three-car heated garage, an elevator and a lower level with a wine cellar and a media/game room with a lighted bar area.

Briggs had tried to sell the home while it was facing foreclosure. He listed it in 2016 for \$2.5 million and later reduced it to \$2 million.



GOOGLE MAPS

A condo in Northbrook owned by Briggs sold at a foreclosure auction for \$305,000.

Court records show that Briggs' lender had been owed about \$1.78 million.

The smaller home is a condo in the Northbrook Greens development in Northbrook that Briggs bought in 2006 for \$371,500. He listed it in 2015 for \$239,900, but ultimately lost it to foreclosure several months ago. It

sold to lender Deutsche Bank National Trust on May 8 for \$305,000. Court records show that the lender was owed about \$332,000.

Briggs' lawyer, Cyrus Hosseini, did not respond to a request for comment.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Retire

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want Pilates, they want yoga. ... They want to be able to entertain, outside space, walk-in closets, lots of daylight, outdoor access." Watson said they're also demanding more and newer technology.

"This is not just the trend, this is becoming the standard," he said.

The Clare, a 53-story independent living community on the Gold Coast features a gym, pool, outdoor garden, beauty salon, art studio and four unique dining options, from a bar to a high-end restaurant on the top floor, overlooking downtown.

"They don't want cafeteria-style food. They want restaurant (style), gourmet eating. They want hotel-quality food," Watson said.

"The gourmet dinners, they're just amazing. ... My cooking skills have diminished significantly since I've been here," said Sheila Rock, a resident at The Clare for eight years.

The building boasts picturesque views in a prime location, which is becoming more important as seniors demand access to cultural events and higher education facilities. Situated near Loyola University's downtown campus, the school alerts residents when public lectures are scheduled.

"That location just brings up so many opportunities for our residents that most people in a retirement community don't have — proximity to different cultural events, arts, music, walking distance to Northwestern Hospital, shopping — you know, all the things that downtown brings," said Executive Director Kyle Exline.

The Clare offers independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing, all in the same building. In most cases, residents simply get on an elevator when they need care.

"The other trend that you're seeing a lot of seniors want is aging in place,



NATALIE WADE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

The lobby of Belmont Village at Lincoln Common. Belmont Village will welcome its first residents in late August.



Many senior living facilities are upping their amenity game. Belmont Village in Lincoln Park boasts a sports lounge with themed decor, including framed jerseys.

where they don't have to keep moving. They want one facility. Where, as their medical needs increase, the facility can handle those needs," Watson said.

Rock chose The Clare because of the medical expertise and care they could offer for her husband's changing needs. "My husband had already begun to exhibit some symptoms of dementia," she said. "I was of a mind that we really had to get someplace where he could get care. I didn't want to be in a situa-

tion were I had to have care in our home, and I didn't want to be traveling every day."

Rock said she didn't have to compromise her own needs, and she takes advantage of many of the cultural and wellness programs The Clare offers.

"We have a lot of educational programs that are offered in art, music and we always have somebody here to talk about the up and coming operas," Rock said. "We have wonderful athletic programs that keep us

in shape — keep us alive — and there's a lot of volunteer opportunities."

With so much at her fingertips, Rock said her family doesn't have to worry and might even be a little jealous.

"They love it; they're already talking about getting old and moving in. I have four kids and 12 grandchildren and my grandchildren love coming here. They have stayed with me during Lollapalooza, to go shopping and sometimes just for dinner," she said.

But the luxury doesn't come cheap. Continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) such as The Clare, where residents can "age in place," are pricey. At The Clare, all the added frills make for an entrance fee that starts approximately \$40,000 above the \$250K average, according to seniorliving.org. And it can double or triple from there.

The entrance fee guarantees care at a discounted rate throughout your residency, even as needs

change. An additional monthly fee, which The Clare declined to specify, covers services and amenities, including dining plans, utilities, linens, social events, transportation, etc.

The entrance fee for new residents at Belmont Village is equal to one month's rent, which starts at \$6,500. This includes meals and snacks, weekly housekeeping, activities and transportation, and basic personal care, such as assistance with activities and daily living.

As retirement standards rise, it becomes easier to find improved quality in some of the more affordable senior housing options, Watson said, though most of these options are in the suburbs.

The majority of Chicago's high-end senior homes, including Sunrise Lincoln Park, Brookdale Lake Shore Drive and Belmont Village, are located in or near Lincoln Park.

Belmont Village, which will welcome its first residents in late August, will

attempt to provide everything under one roof, focusing on memory care as a core mission but offering a wide variety of enrichment programs.

"We have assisted living for residents that may be independent but require some assisted living service, such as medication management," said Patricia Will, CEO of Belmont Village. She said the facility also has programs for mild cognitive impairment and those who need more assistance.

The facility, which looks more like a luxury condo building than a retirement home, boasts swanky amenities such as a sports lounge, art parlor, outdoor patios, theater and gym that partners with HealthPRO Heritage, all of which are fashionably furnished.

"Today's seniors, they're design-savvy, they're living longer and healthier lives, so they're therefore more active. So the design trends, they run parallel with design trends of other demographics," said Mary Cook, CEO of Mary Cook Associates, a Chicago-based commercial interior design firm.

During a viewing of one of Cook's first senior home projects, she recalls a potential buyer wanting "a great place to party down, and a state-of-the-art place to work it off tomorrow."

Located a few blocks from DePaul University, like The Clare, Belmont Village hopes to eventually collaborate on programming with the university.

Will said that while the facility isn't yet serving many Baby Boomers, she expects that will change. "I think 10 years from now, when (they) start to come of age for senior living and care, they will be coming full force."

To that end, Chicago will likely see even more of these high-end senior communities.

"If there's one quote you could say the baby boomers live by, it's 'do not go gentle into that good night,'" Watson said.

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Take it outside

Best all-in-one vehicles for summer camping

BY TRAVIS LANGNESS
Edmunds

The vehicle you drive every day can be a platform for the exploration of the nation's campsites if you consider factors such as space, appropriate on- and off-road capability and general comfort. Some auto manufacturers now also offer specific features that make their vehicles particularly camping-friendly.

Edmunds has picked five of its favorite models based on the above qualities and listed a recommended trim level for each, along with its listed manufacturer suggested retail pricing, including destination fees. Make sure to research discounts or current incentives that might be available in your area.

TWO-ROW CROSSOVER SUV

2019 Subaru Forester

Subaru owners have been installing rooftop tents for years, and now Subaru has finally given them an official weight rating to go by.

The current Forester has an in-motion maximum weight of 176 pounds on the roof rack and a static rating (when you're parked) of 700 pounds. This information will help in your search for the right rooftop tent and bolster your confidence on the road while it's up there.

Plus, the Forester has plenty of interior space for other campers and camping gear and standard all-wheel drive to help get you off the beaten path.

Forester Sport starting MSRP: \$29,770



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The 2019 Subaru Forester is now rated to carry rooftop tents.

THREE-ROW CROSSOVER SUV

2020 Kia Telluride

The new Telluride is one of Edmunds' favorite three-row crossover SUVs.

It's got a rugged exterior look to go along with its available all-wheel-drive system. And if you opt for the top-level SX, you can get it with a towing package and a 110-volt power inverter, which is great for charging devices at the campsite.

What's more, it's one of the most comfortable vehicles in its class. So getting to the campsite will be a breeze, no matter how far away it is.

Telluride SX AWD starting MSRP: \$45,535



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MIDSIZE PICKUP

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It's perfectly sized for the bed and allows for a full-size mattress and off-the-ground sleeping. The Ridgeline is also roomy and comfortable, which helps during those long trips to the campsite.

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Few vehicles on the road offer as much usable interior space as the Sprinter. Then there's an endless list of available aftermar-

ket options that allow you to customize it for your outdoor needs. This Mercedes is also available with four-wheel drive.

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Whether you're setting up shop in a parking lot with a nice view or traveling off the beaten path for a few weeks as summer winds down, there are lots of vehicles to choose from.

Figure out the size and capability you need first, and once you do, go see the best North America has to offer.

Travis Langness is a reviews editor at Edmunds.



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Have your tires checked before getting out of town, because an underinflated tire can lead to unsafe handling and reduced fuel economy.

What to check for that final summer road trip

BY LARRY PRINTZ
Tribune News Service

Are you planning to hit the road for the last hurrah of summer? Make sure you do a little prep work first.

Your car likely has gotten a workout this summer, so before leaving, have all your car systems checked, including tires, belts, brakes, air conditioning, battery, wipers and cooling system.

An underinflated tire can lead to unsafe handling and lower fuel economy. So check your tires. The

proper inflation is posted on the driver's side front door jamb on newer cars and trucks. Also, make sure your vehicle's spare tire is inflated and usable.

While you're at it, check the tread. Take a penny and place it upside down several places across the tire. If the top of Abe Lincoln's head is showing, replace the tire.

If a tire is worn on both edges, it is underinflated. If it's worn in the center of the tread, it's overinflated. If you spot cups or dips in

the tread, have the suspension or steering systems checked.

If the wipers are streaking, replace them. If you can't remember the last time your vehicle's cooling system was flushed, check your records and your vehicle's owner's manual. Be sure to use the proper coolant. Many newer vehicles specify a new, longer-life engine coolant, not the traditional green type. Finally, replace any dried-out, cracked hoses.

Once your car is ready,

be sure to pack books and have music playlists to wile away the hours. If you have children, bring along their favorite toys and books and take along a goodie bag to reward best behavior.

Take a phone charger that works with your car and have your destination plugged into your GPS or Google Maps.

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The 2020 Hyundai Palisade handles well and offers a quiet ride.

Palisade handily gets job done

BY LARRY PRINTZ
Tribune News Service

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Times change, but great ideas never really do. What does change is the technology or design that completes the idea.

Consider our current fascination with SUVs and crossovers, family-friendly transportation that counts seven-passenger sedans, station wagons and minivans as predecessors. They all offer three rows of seating, two of which fold flat for cargo hauling, contained in a boxlike shape. Dull but dependable, they are essential for the mundane tasks of daily life.

What they lack in glamour they make up for in usefulness, like the 2020 Hyundai Palisade.

OK, maybe that's unfair, for the Palisade has presence, if merely from its size, bold grille and interlocking light design. Crisply chiseled, it looks confident while retaining civility and a dollop of wackiness. Check out the bright work that accents the side windows.

And while it effectively updates the Santa Fe XL it replaces, it also employs a new old idea: the Atkinson Cycle engine. Invented by Englishman James Atkinson in 1882, it uses fuel more efficiently than a conventional engine but generates less power as a result. (This is why it's commonly used on modern gas-electric hybrid vehicles, where the electric motors can make up for an power deficit.)

2020 HYUNDAI PALISADE

Base price:

\$31,550-
\$46,400

Engine: 3.8-liter Atkinson Cycle V-6

EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 19/24 mpg

Cargo capacity: 18-86.4 cubic feet

The Palisade's 3.8-liter V-6 switches between Atkinson and Otto cycles to improve fuel efficiency or provide more power. For instance, highway cruising may find it in the former mode, while towing would require the latter. Rated at 291-horsepower, it's mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission that funnels its power to the front wheels or all four. Towing is rated at 5,000 pounds.

A transmission cooler, trailer pre-wiring and sway control are standard. Regardless, you'll never notice it switching modes, but you will notice its fuel efficiency. This big boy returns 19 mpg city, 26 mpg highway with front-wheel drive.

Acceleration is more than adequate, although the smooth-shifting transmission seems reluctant to downshift most of the time. Hyundai provides a number of driving modes, with the Sport driving mode enhancing the fun-

to-drive factor, but this is not what you'd call the driving enthusiast's choice. It is, perhaps, the family and commuter's choice. It's an easy vehicle to drive smoothly, and the interior is exceptionally quiet.

The MacPherson strut front suspension, multilink rear suspension, and front and rear stabilizer bars return an exceptionally balanced ride/handling compromise. The steering is nicely weighted and progressive in feel. The ride is so compliant you won't notice most road irregularities.

The Palisade is loaded with little conveniences meant to outdo its competition. Some you might expect, such as the second-row seats fitted with heat and ventilation, the power-folding third-row seats and standard Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

Others are unexpected. There's a one-touch button that moves the second-row seat to allow third-row access.

Then there's the Qi wireless charging pad, and the in-car intercom system that allows the driver to speak to the second or third rows through the audio system speakers.

Certainly the 2020 Hyundai Palisade checks all the boxes in a way the Santa Fe XL couldn't, with roomy three-row seating, a punchy yet fuel efficient engine, smooth driving experience, an excellent infotainment system and enough USB ports to charge the phones of the local football team.

Undercarriage washing vital as salt sticks around into spring



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: In a recent column, T.L. mentioned taking extended vacations every spring. We have taken several extended vacations in the winter. I found that it is imperative that I get the undercarriage thoroughly washed before leaving the car parked for a long time. Before I started doing that, the rotors became severely rusted and sometimes damaged. The problem is likely the salt that T.L.'s car had been exposed to before it was parked. Even if it has not snowed for several days or even weeks, there is usually salt residue on the roads until we get heavy spring rains.

— D.M., Morris, Illinois

A: Excellent advice. I used to plow small parking lots with a 4x4 pickup and seldom washed the undercarriage. When I was selling it, the buyer bargained us down due to the amount of rust underneath.

Q: The sway bar in my 12-year-old Corolla has loosened, causing much rattling. I'm told I can replace it for a reasonable cost but that it isn't necessary and won't cause any problems even if it fails. My question for you is will this rattling cause other problems in the car?

— S.K., Chicago

A: The rattling probably will do no harm, but I would still suggest getting the sway bar (more properly called an anti-sway bar) replaced. Its job is to force the outside wheel down when cornering. Without



TOM SHERLIN/AP

It's a good idea to have the undercarriage of your car washed thoroughly until spring rains wash away the salt from the roads.

the sway bar, that wheel tries to rise off the road.

Q: Here's how to fix the problem of snow filling the bridges of your wiper blades: Lower your window all the way, lean forward close to the steering wheel, and stick your arm out and around to the front side of the windshield. The next time the blade swings left, jam your fingers under the squeegee and raise it up 2 or 3 inches off the windshield, so that as it swings back to the right and out of your reach, it snaps back down against the windshield.

In heavy show, you might have to do this twice or even three times. And watch where you're going.

— S.T., Chicago

A: Risk your safety and that of others just to clear the snow from one wiper? You have got to be kidding. Spend a couple more dollars and buy beam blades! Hospital stays are way more expensive.

Q: W.S. in Lake Forest, Illinois, suggested a fan to exhaust hot interior air out of the car. That's like sucking the air out of the balloon. Horst, my German-born brother-in-law who reminds me

that he's an engineer, complains that the A/C hasn't worked in his truck since day one. Dealership states nothing is wrong every time. I mentioned opening windows to vent hot air out. I open my window a hair; he closes it. This little game went on for a while until I couldn't tolerate the heat.

I opened the glove compartment, retrieved the manual, read aloud the section about cracking the windows open to vent the hot air out of the vehicle. Lo and behold, the air conditioning works great.

— O.W., Chicago

A: Any engineer worth his salt should know that a vehicle moving through the air will cause negative air pressure (vacuum) outside versus the air pressure inside the vehicle. It is similar to what keeps airplanes from falling. Lower air pressure above the wing causes lift — the Bernoulli effect.

You may want to ask your brother-in-law what railroad he worked for.

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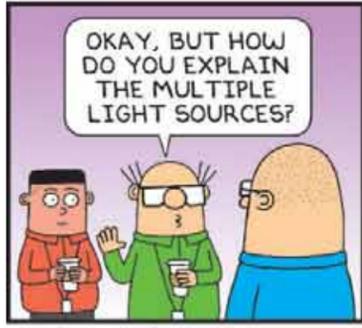
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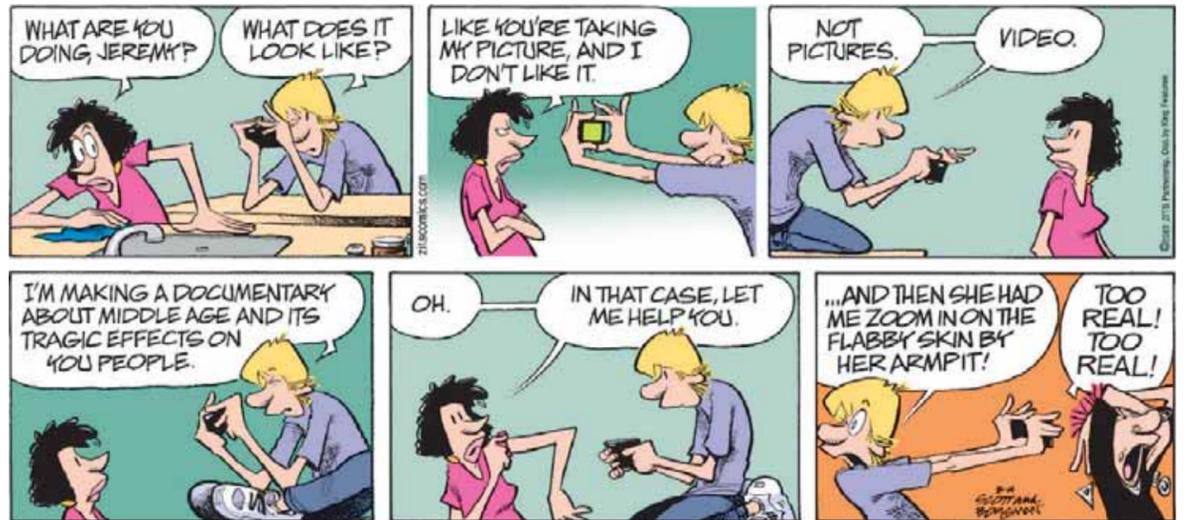
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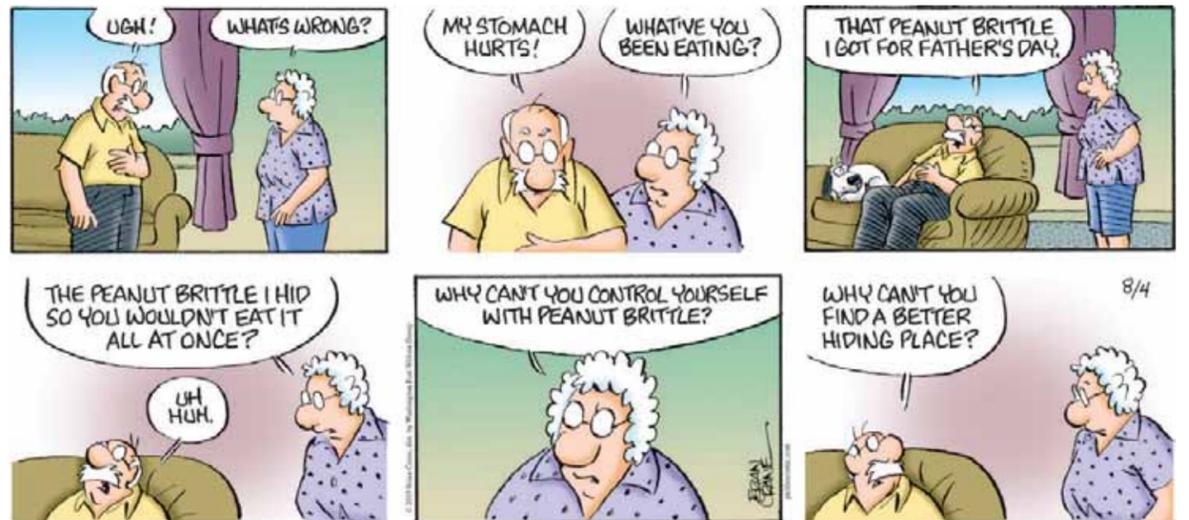
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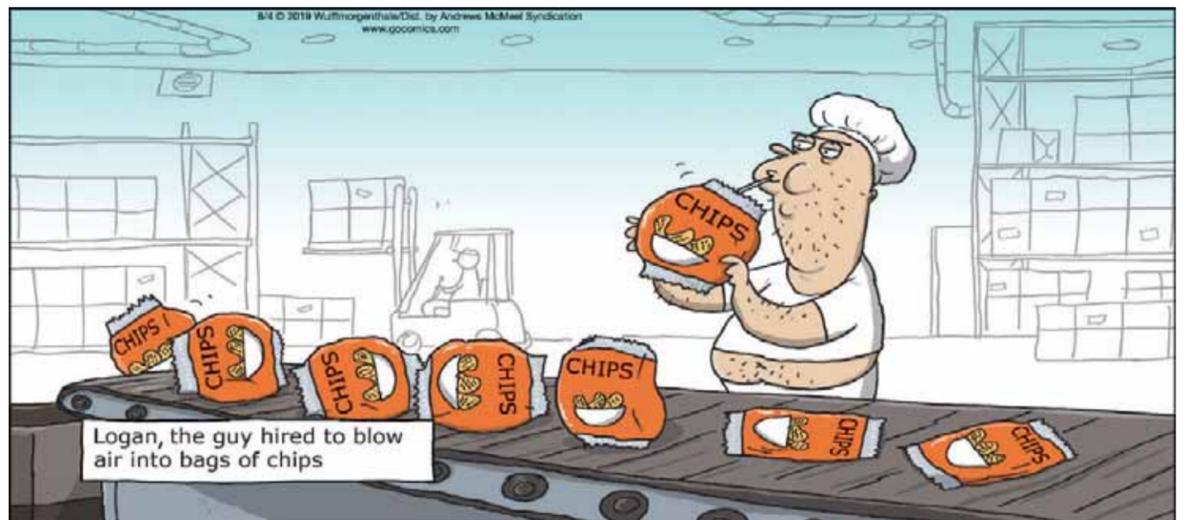
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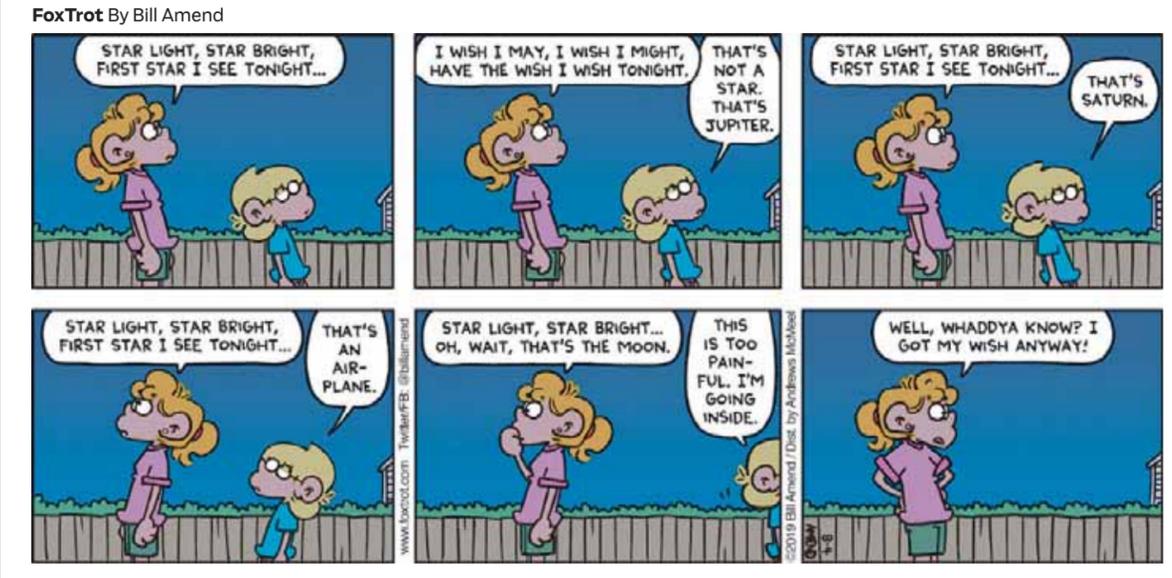
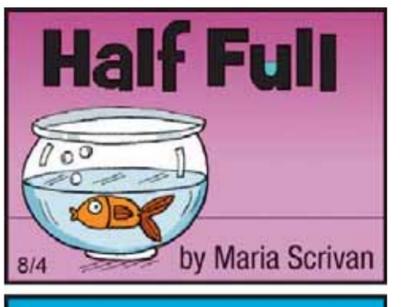
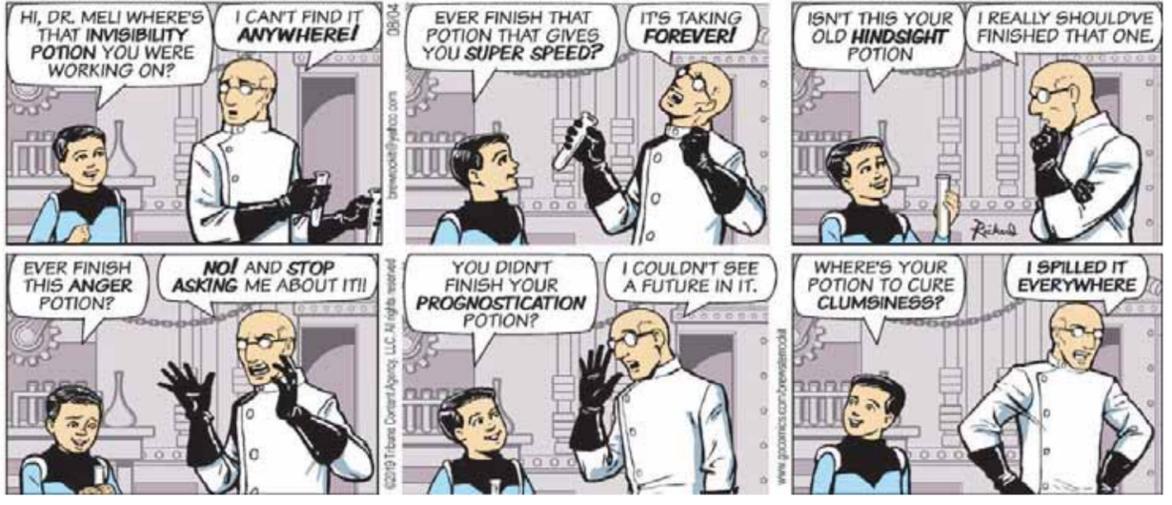
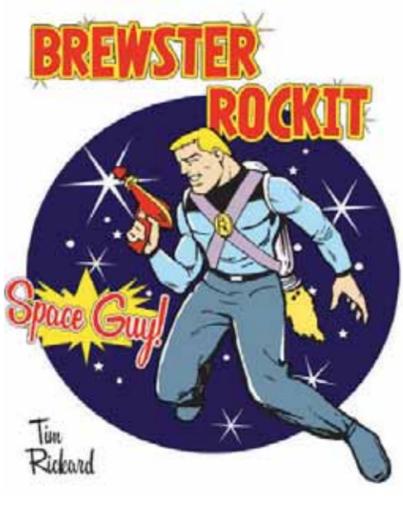
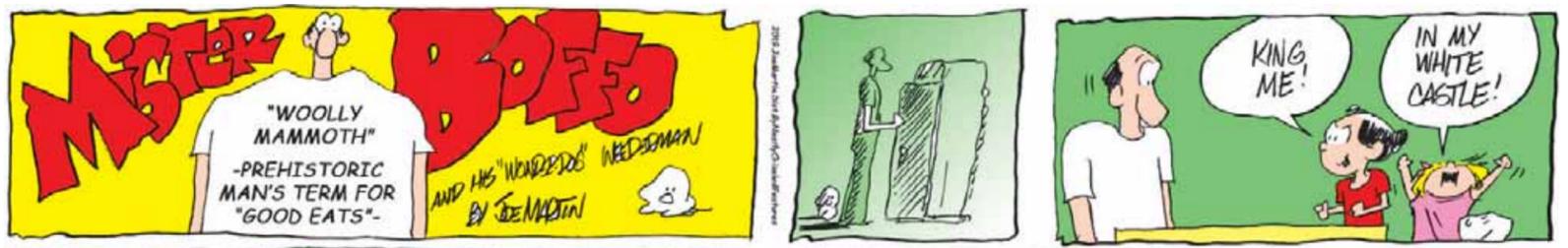
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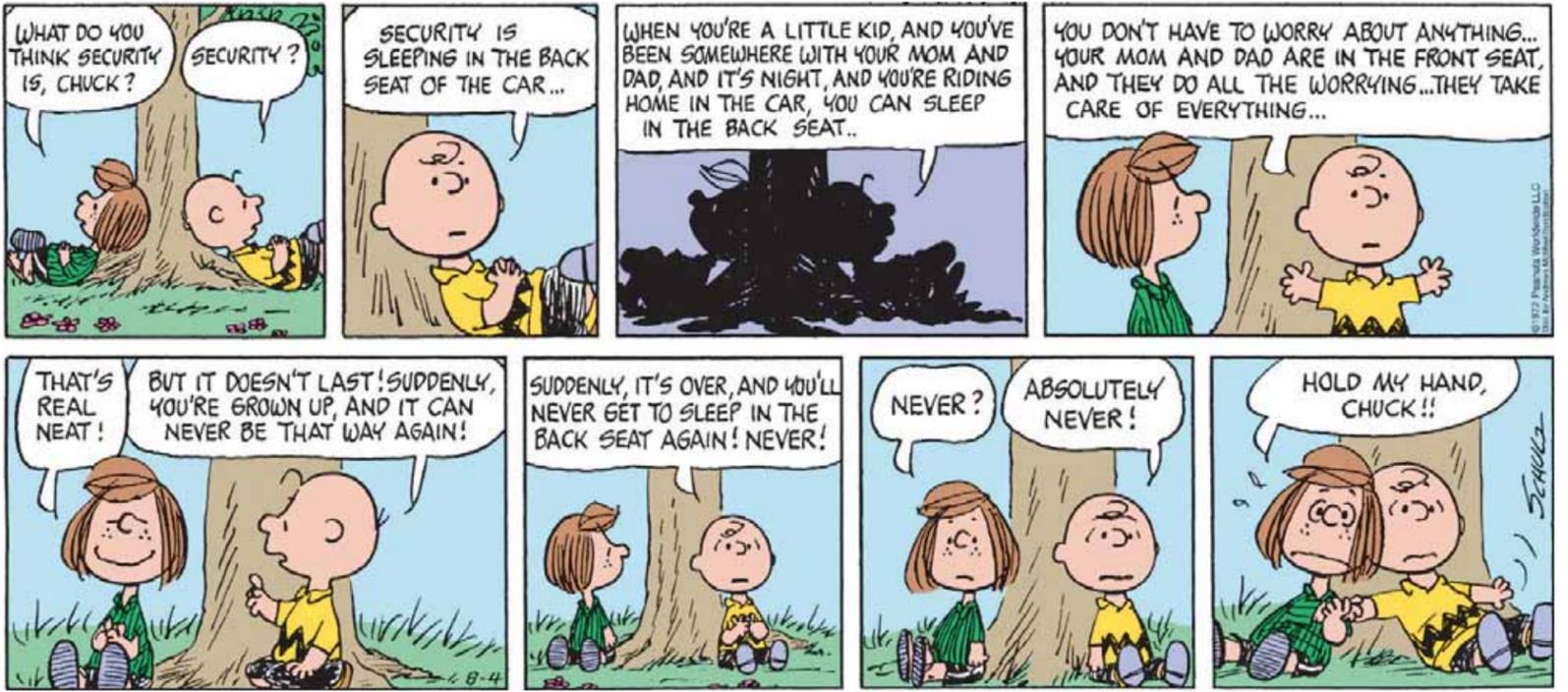
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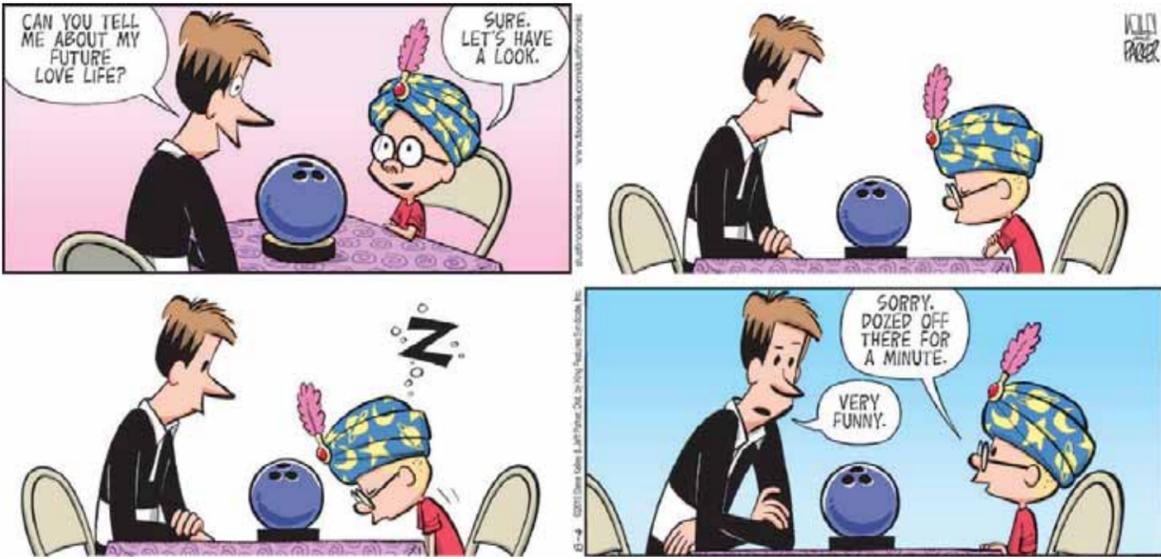
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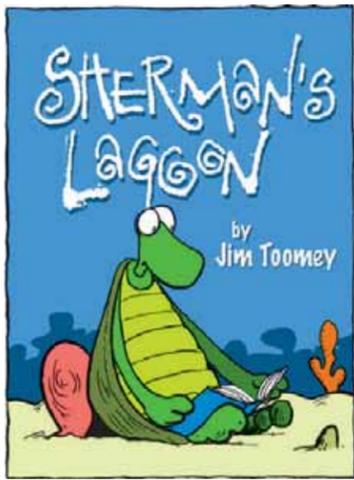


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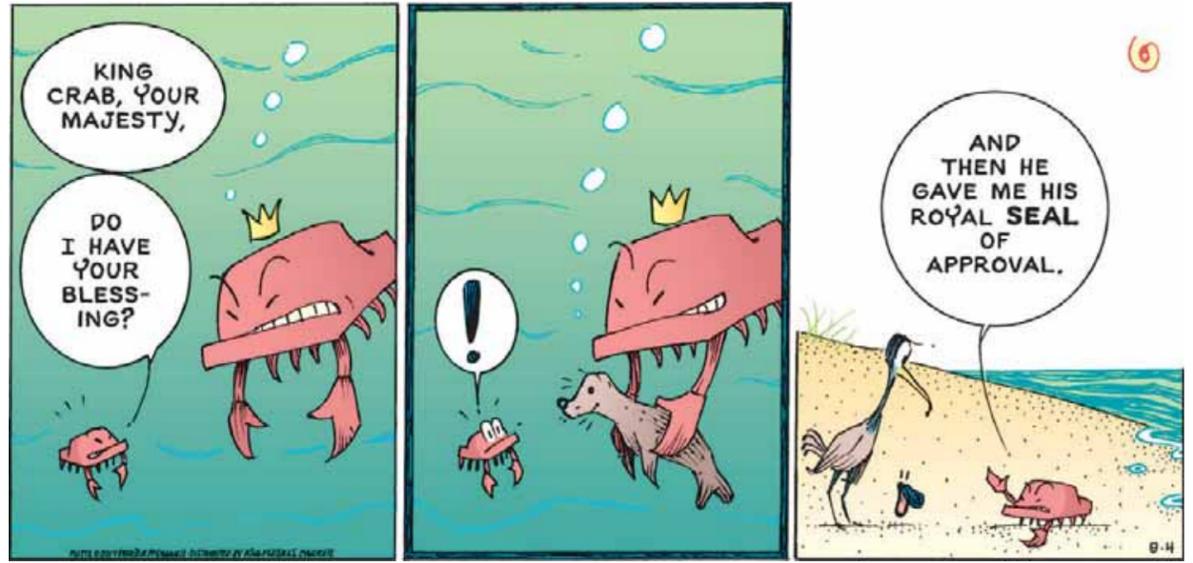


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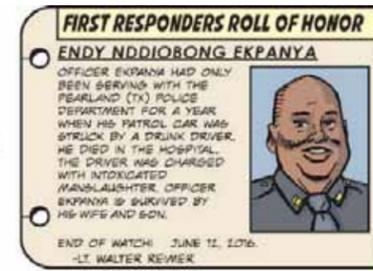




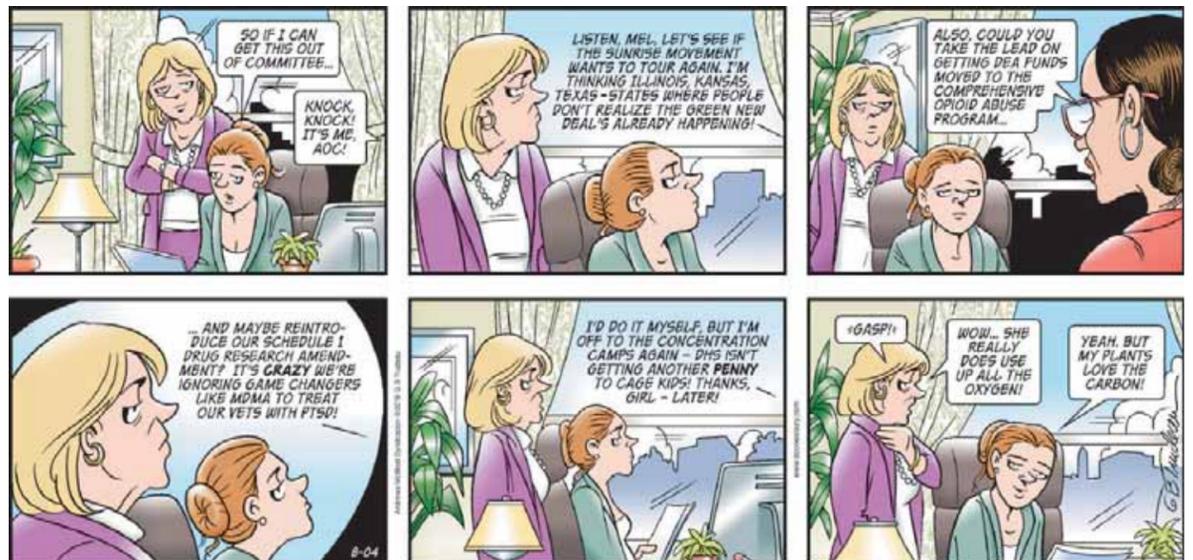
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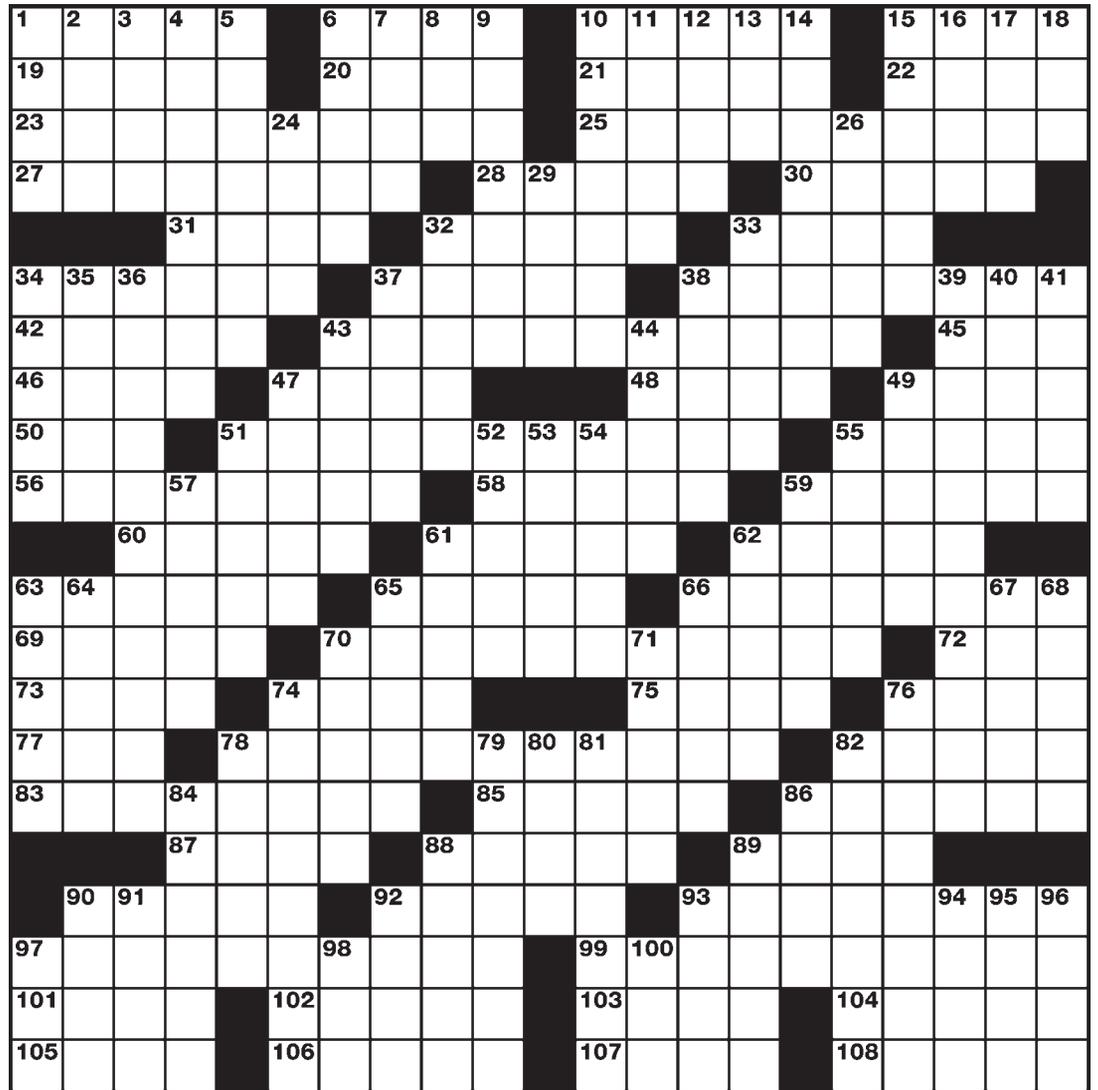
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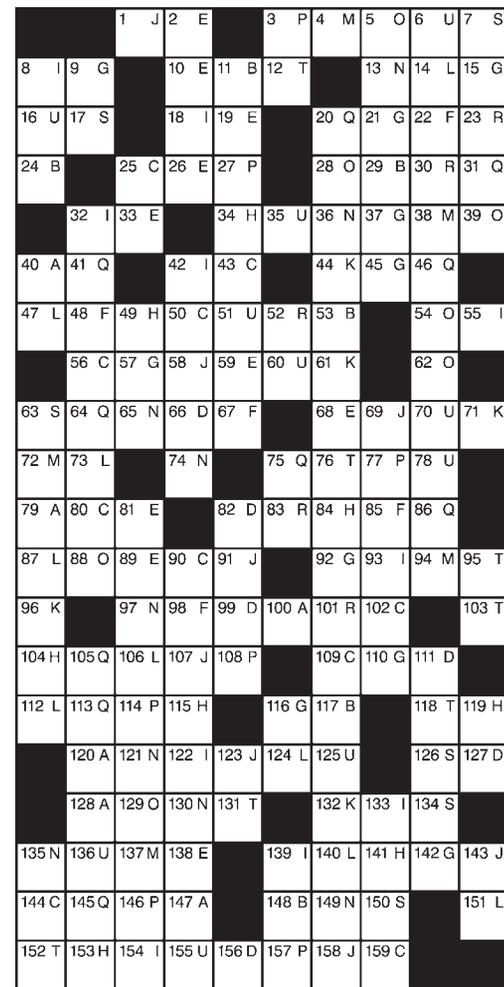
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1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues Words

- A. Trusted guide 100 40 147 79 128 120
- B. Shocked and upset 148 24 29 11 117 53
- C. Not married 50 43 25 109 144 56 90 80 159 102
- D. Kind of property 99 111 127 82 156 66
- E. Kind of expert 19 138 2 59 68 89 81 26 10 33
- F. Reluctant 67 22 98 85 48
- G. Lacking logical sense 116 92 57 15 110 142 21 9 45 37
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- I. Become calmer: 2 wds. 122 42 32 18 93 55 139 154 133 8

- J. Substitute: hyph. 143 1 107 158 91 69 123 58
- K. Kept going: 2 wds. 96 44 71 132 61
- L. Or else 106 47 112 73 14 87 151 124 140
- M. River flowing into the Caspian 94 4 137 72 38
- N. New Testament book 130 13 97 121 135 74 65 149 36
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- R. Wine or river 83 52 30 23 101
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A Hat for All Seasons

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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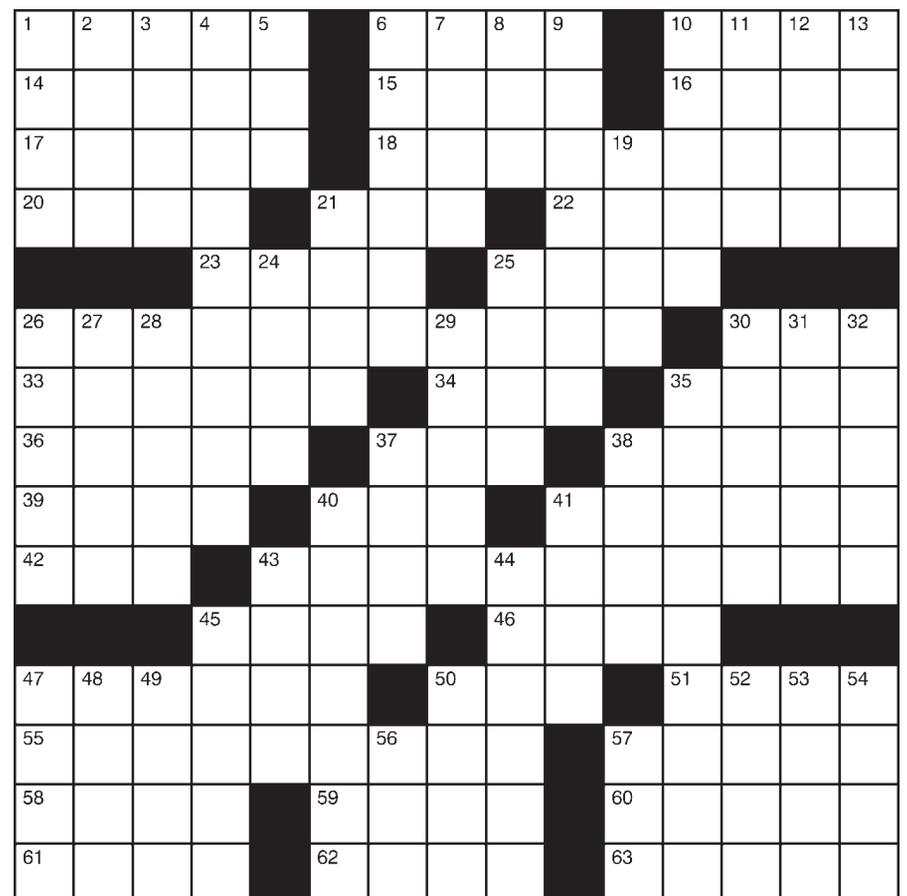
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23 English college
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26 Knievel's headgear
30 U.S. dept.
33 Horse lead
34 Terminate
35 Stratford citizen
36 Songwriter Harold
37 — Beta Kappa
38 Two-footed animal
39 Raise
40 Extinct NZ bird
41 Moon goddess
42 Martini specification
43 Hunter's headgear

- 45 Vegetarian's villain
46 Title for a baroness
47 Falls behind
50 Pester for payment
51 No gentlemen these
55 Spanish headgear
57 Flapper's headgear
58 Anglo-Saxon serf
59 Baltic inhabitant: abbr.
60 Sharp
61 At hand
62 Command to Fido
63 Approves

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- 1 — Benedict
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3 Ecclesiastical figure
4 Sailor's headgear
5 Hesitant sounds
6 *Non compos mentis*
7 French statesman
8 DDE's command
9 Extremely loyal
10 Tropical headgear
11 Hungry
12 Seasoned
13 Fruit drinks

- 19 Theater sign
21 Danish physicist
24 At that juncture
25 Atlanta arena
26 Leafy vegetable
27 More uncommon
28 Ease
29 Hungarian composer
30 Czech author
31 Vernon Castle's partner
32 Viper
35 Derby-like headgear
37 Pound, e.g.
38 Droplet
40 Virus disease
41 Musial
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44 Like spring terrain
45 Bishop's headgear
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Walk-Off

By C.C. BURNIKEL

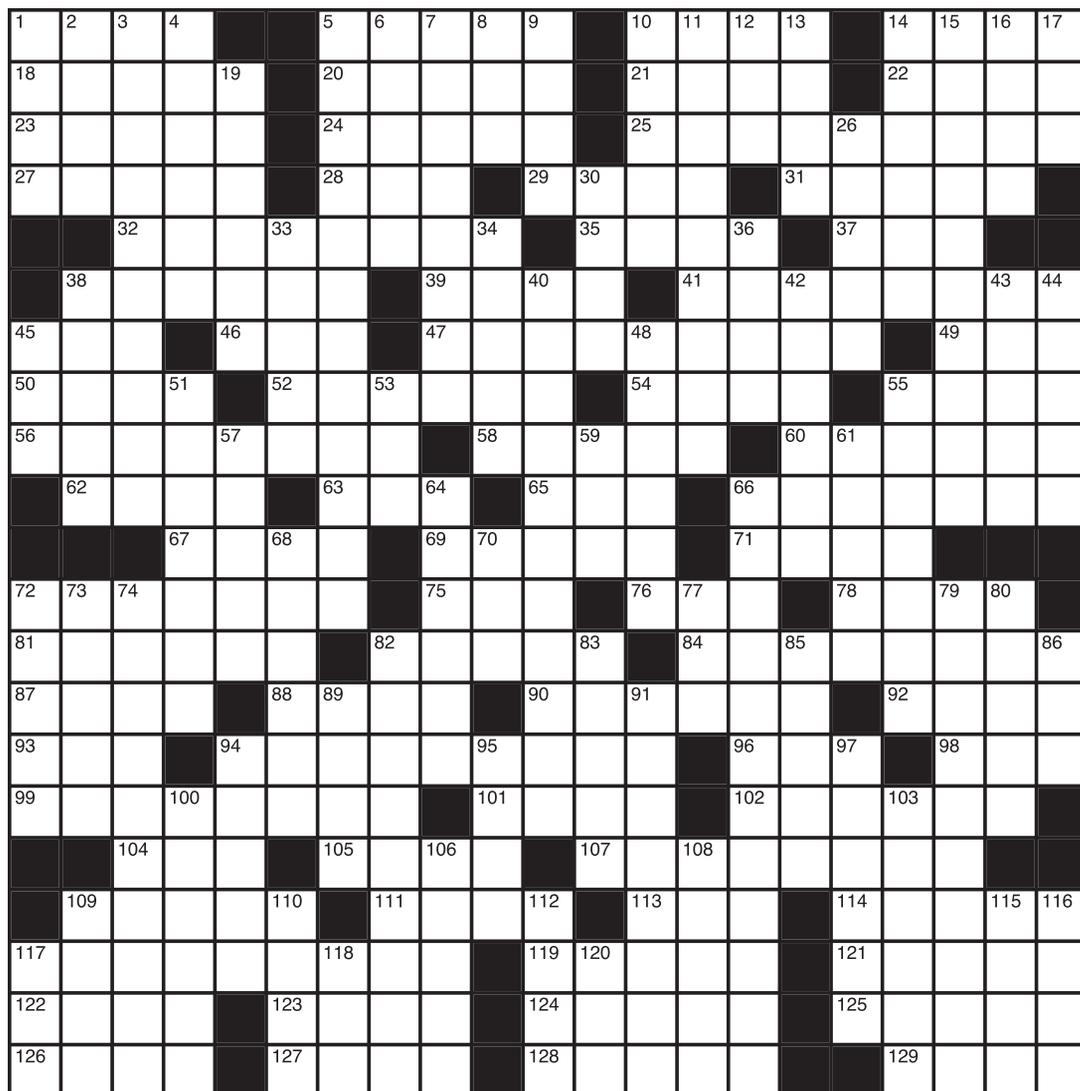
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 24 Ski resort hangout
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 27 "Ozark" or " Fargo"
 28 Young Darth
 29 Goose that sometimes nests in lava fields
 31 Lies for, maybe
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 105 "Mae West Lips Sofa" sculptor
 107 Thai chili sauce
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 114 Lunar path
 117 Acknowledges the applause
 119 Early life stage
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 123 Ancient France
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 126 Have the nerve
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 128 Cigna rival
 129 "Frozen Fever" queen

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 44 "Somebody That I Used to Know" singer
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 51 "You don't have to remind me"
 53 Jacuzzi feature
 55 Nana and Toto
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 61 St. Peter's Basilica sculpture
 64 Movement in Brahms' Serenade No. 1
 66 University of California city
 68 Throat lozenge
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 72 Sat at a light
 73 Winner at Gettysburg
 74 "Sweet Love" R&B singer
 77 AA flying rival
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 86 Bar code?
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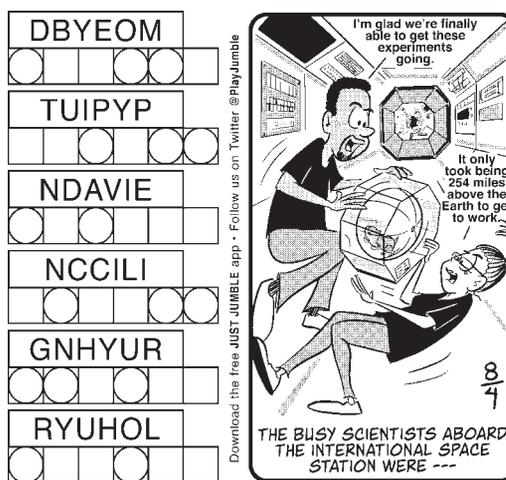
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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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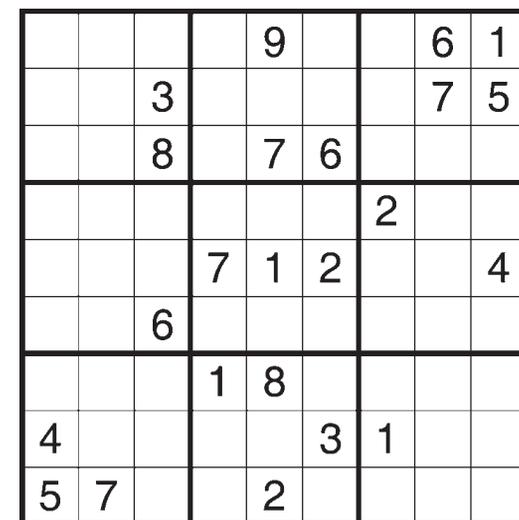
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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**



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ANSWER
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WEIGHT LOSS CALLS
FOR A NEW STYLE



FASHION

MUST-HAVES FOR
FESTIVAL SEASON

AT AGE 50, NAOMI WATTS HAS
NO TROUBLE LANDING BIG ROLES

AGE DEFYING

Watts proves ‘aging out’ is going away

Associated Press

It's often said that actresses have trouble finding meaty roles as they get older, but at age 50, Naomi Watts is flourishing, with two key projects that share a common theme — strong women determined to have their voices heard.

Watts can be seen in the Showtime limited series “The Loudest Voice,” in which she stars as Gretchen Carlson in the dramatization of the sexual harassment scandal around the late head of Fox News, Roger Ailes.

Watts also stars in the film “Ophelia.” It's a retelling of Shakespeare's “Hamlet” with a different perspective. Directed by Claire McCarthy, written by Semi Chellas and adapted from Lisa Klein's book, it's a female-driven project — which was part of the appeal for Watts.

“We've put to bed that theory that, you know, you age out after 40,” she said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. “It's a great time for women of my age. So that's again a very heartening thing that we're witnessing in this lifetime.”

And Watts still has more coming up, including her role in the upcoming “Game of Thrones” prequel to air on HBO. The Oscar-nominated actress talked about the pressure of following the juggernaut series, playing a TV anchor in “The Loudest Voice” and how women are uniting more in Hollywood in the #MeToo era.

The following is an edited transcript of the conversation.

Q: In “Ophelia” you play Hamlet's mother, but the prince isn't the protagonist of this story.

A: This has been changed to the point of view of Ophelia's and in the play that we know, she was significantly different: quite young and pure. I mean she's still young pure and chaste and tragic, and then a little bit mad. And we find, I think with Shakespeare's works, often the women are a little bit one-dimensional, they're either like that or the opposite, overly sort of emotional or powerful and crazy. And so, it was nice to see a re-imagining, that you can take a story like that and just turn it on its head. And it speaks to a new era and new generation.

Q: How did you tap into playing the role of Gretchen Carlson to become a TV personality?

A: She was someone that worked really hard and was highly, highly educated. She was not just a pretty face. So it was an impressive act, how she managed to survive against all odds. And obviously as an actor again, looking for complicated women, how did she manage that and succeed and transform and turn it into something that, I mean, let's look back 10 years from now. She's made an impact on history.

Q: Are you worried about living up to the fan hype of “Game of Thrones,” and how are you feeling about the role?

A: Goose bumps all over! I'm excited and I'm sorry I



CHRISTOPHER SMITH/INVISION

Naomi Watts has roles in the Showtime limited series “The Loudest Voice” and the “Game of Thrones” prequel for HBO.

can't say anything. It is intimidating, having just come off the last series where the world was blowing up over it, everything was “Game of Thrones”-related, all the advertising on TV, every article, everybody's jumping on that bandwagon. So it's scary but hopefully those fans come along and get to find

something new and interesting in this world as well.

Q: You recently posted a sweet tribute to your former partner, Liev Schreiber, on Father's Day that many found inspirational. Is it important to maintain a strong relationship?

A: Absolutely. Always the

children first. I mean there's no question that they will do better if there is synchronicity. If it's acrimonious, they pick up on it, you know.

Q: You also frequently post about your girlfriends — some of them famous. What do those friendships mean to you?

A: It's so much the era of women supporting women and it's heartening, it really is. It makes you feel good, particularly for the younger generation. And we want to collaborate with each other. Women together collectively can make powerful things happen and tell great stories. And we've always had great stories.

After weight loss, on the hunt for new style



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I'm about to have a birthday and I'd like to do something for myself. I've recently lost 55 pounds (with 20 pounds more to go)! I've been searching online on how to find my style. How do I find my style without so much confusing information and YouTube videos and spending so much money?

— Francine J.

Dear Francine: I have struggled to answer this question for years and have concluded that there is no easy or right answer. But before I offer some suggestions, have you patted yourself on the back for the amazing discipline it took to lose that weight? You're my hero. I know it wasn't easy. First of all, you don't want to spend much money on clothes that fit your body now but won't fit once you lose the last 20. It is going to take some time online to see what style and individual pieces appeal to you and that you think might flatter your new figure. But you're worth it. Invest in yourself by devoting time to that project. Keep a file of screenshots or photos you've taken of women whose look you are drawn to. Browse Pinterest. Stop at a magazine rack and take phone photos of models wearing pieces that you think will suit you. Online you'll find loads of lists of recommendations of items every woman needs in her closet — a crisp white shirt, black trousers that really fit, a trenchcoat, a flattering jacket, etc. I like Tim Gunn's list of 10 essential items. Perhaps you'll want



THOMAS BARWICK/GETTY

After losing weight, take some time to find new styles that appeal to you and that you think might flatter your new figure.

to start with those basics.

Once you've put together your style file, take advantage of a free department store personal shopper service by making an appointment at a store like Nordstrom or Bloomingdale's. They'll ask you to fill out a questionnaire. Show the shopper the look file you've assembled. Be explicit about your budget. Then, try on a whole lot of clothes the shopper has pulled for you. Don't feel obligated to buy. Add pieces slowly. Have the shopper alert you to sales that suit your shopping list. If personal shoppers are good at their job, they'll realize that building a long-term rela-

tionship is the goal. One more thing: There are services like Stitch Fix that, after you complete a style profile, will send you a box of clothes selected for you by a stylist. Returns are free. If you don't buy anything, there's a charge of \$20 per box. From your question, I think you'd be better off with face-to-face, hands-on help.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: Have you noticed the suits that men wear now have very tight slacks? Most unattractive and wonder why they are making suits like this? Are they trying to copy women? What ever happened to

slacks that have a little bit of room for both genders?

— Helen B.

Dear Helen: I've noticed! I agree that they're not flattering on those of us who aren't model-thin. Stores with large inventories of suits and slacks for both genders *do* carry clothing that has "a little bit of room" because most people think precisely what you do of these teeny styles: not for me.

Angelic Readers

So many of you have come to the rescue of Dolores S. who couldn't find a gray eyebrow pencil or

eyeliner to naturally enhance her sparse gray eyebrows without looking like she drew them on. Joyce P. writes, "My choice for a neutral brow color that works on any skin tone is the PrismaColor brand 'Ebony Graphite Drawing Pencil' (art supply stores or amazon.com, 12 for \$7.94). It creates a very soft, extra smooth line and can be feathered (or drawn) on as needed to make your brows as dark or as light as you wish. The tip shouldn't be too sharp; just a little blunt."

Bonnie Z. has the same frugal recommendation — a tip she learned from a model.

Suzanne K. likes Cover Girl "Perfect Blend Pencil Crayon" in charcoal (drugstores, Target, under \$6). Christina O. writes, "I love my gray hair and so wish they would make more products to accentuate it." She uses Revlon Colorstay charcoal eyeliner and, for brows, La Femme Brush on Brow in gray (cameraready cosmetics.com and other online sites, \$6.30). Christina adds, "A little trick I use for applying the Brush on Brow is to apply it directly after I have put moisturizer on my face. It seems to make it stay all day and looks much nicer."

Ann K. uses Anastasia Beverly Hills Brow Wiz in taupe (sephora.com, \$21). Leslie H. uses Anastasia Dipbrow Pomade in ash brown (ulta.com, \$18). "I also bought their brush, \$18 each. The pomade sticks to my eyebrow hairs, dark and invisible. So, no look of drawn-on brows, which I am not fond of."

From Barbara L.: "I've given up the pencils, cheap or expensive. Just as the point gets properly rounded and goes on fairly smoothly, it's time to sharpen or toss it. I experimented with eye shadow powders in the smokier tones and found there are various shadings of gray or gray-brown that go on well (with angled eyebrow brush or even a soft, flattish eyelid contour brush) and stay on. Right now I'm using a kit of varying brownish/taupe shadows by Revolution brand and a couple of brushes I had on hand. I don't spend a lot, probably got this batch at T.J. Maxx."

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@llenn@gmail.com.

Festival fashion essentials

BY JESSICA MOAZAMI | Chicago Tribune

Summer is synonymous with music festivals. Sure, you're going to hear the hot, new bands and a few favorite throwbacks, but seeing who's wearing what — and being seen — is just as important as the music. From Lollapalooza to Woodstock 50, festivals are a full-on fashion show, and there's a lot of pressure to get it right. Even a seasoned festivalgoer needs a little help, so here's our breakdown of fashion essentials and a few of the practical things you will need.

Jessica Moazami is a freelance writer.



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MELISSA

Get a chunky, comfortable sandal: Summer's counterpart to the "dad" sneaker is the "grandad" sandal. Chloé's Sonnie canvas, mesh and snake-effect leather sandals, \$695, net-a-porter.com, and Melissa's Melissa Papete + Rider sandals, \$79, shopmelissa.com



ZARA

Let it rain: Zara's lightweight transparent Snoopy raincoat is water-resistant, so you can stay dry while you dance the night away, \$29.99, zara.com



NET-A-PORTER

Tie-dye anything: From shorts to sundresses to Prada's tie-dye bucket hat and visor, tie-dye is summer's hottest pattern, \$340 and \$280, net-a-porter.com



NET-A-PORTER

Rock a halter dress: Tibi's two-tone coated cotton-poplin halter dress adds edgy style to a summer classic, \$650, nordstrom.com



NORDSTROM

Get a fanny pack: Virgil Abloh's Off-White has taken over as summer's must-have brand. The Diagonal Fanny Pack comes with a detachable caution-tape shoulder strap so it can also be worn as a crossbody bag, \$950, nordstrom.com



KODAK

Document the day in style: Kodak's Printomatic instant print camera produces a water-resistant, tear-resistant, adhesive-backed, 2-inch-by-3-inch prints in a flash, \$69.99, bloomingdales.com



TOPSHOP

Put your best face forward: Quay mashes together aviator and shield trends for their Quay X JLO Empire sunglasses, \$60, topshop.com

Keep calm and bring the right cooler

BY LINDSEY M. ROBERTS

Special to The Washington Post

Summertime finds many of us grilling in the backyard or roasting s'mores around a campfire.

Ashley Rodriguez, though, as producer of the James Beard Award-nominated video series "Kitchen Unnecessary," is passionate about getting people cooking outside over a fire year-round.

"I believe that the more time people spend outside, the more they'll realize we do need to take care of this land," she says. "Get outside, cook over a fire, get back to our roots and enjoy this incredible bounty."

One necessary tool for adventures in dining alfresco is a good cooler. Seattle-based Rodriguez values durability and portability in a cooler: "There's so much gear, depending on where you're going and what you're doing."

Cliff Jacobson, a professional canoe guide and author of outdoors books out of River Falls, Wis., advises thinking about how long the food will need to be cold. Better thermal efficiency comes with trade-offs: The more insulation, the longer it stays cold, but the bulkier the cooler will be.

Make sure all the airspace is filled once the food is in, using insulated material such as bubble wrap if necessary, Jacobson says. No matter how well-made the cooler is, sometimes parts break. If you're at the campsite and the latches fail, set something heavy on the lid and contact the manufacturer when you get home.

Jacobson has a collection of coolers for his outdoor adventures; as an Eagle Scout, he likes to be ready for anything. (Of course he hardly ever brings a cooler



Coleman's Steel-Belted Portable Cooler.



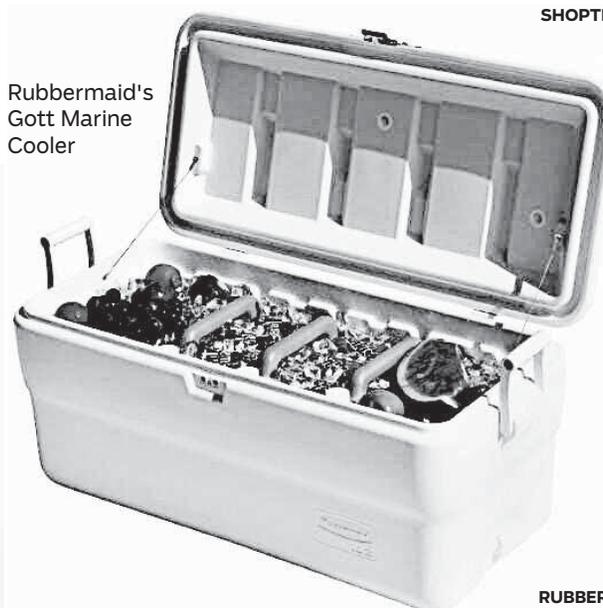
The Picnic at Ascot Collapsible Picnic Tote.



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Rubbermaid's Gott Marine Cooler

Foster & Rye's Metal Cooler on extended wilderness canoe trips — there's nowhere to replenish the ice.) For a long camping stay with a lot of food or a fishing trip where the catch needs to be hauled, he recommends Rubbermaid's Gott Marine Cooler (\$180 for 102-quart cooler, amazon.com). "I like Gotts a lot," he says. "They have stood the test of time."

In 2015, Becky Finn moved her store Picnic Fashion from Cape Cod,

Mass., to West Palm Beach, Fla. She immediately found that it was harder to keep food cool outside in the lower latitude. For a picnic, she trusts the 18.5-by-10.5-by-11.5-inch Collapsible Picnic Tote (\$58, shoptiques.com).

"The cooler collapses for easy storage and is completely insulated and guaranteed leakproof," she says. "It has a large capacity for a family."

If you think you can't

bring ice cream camping, think again. Tyler Malek, head ice cream maker and co-founder of scoop shop Salt & Straw in Portland, Ore., and author of a new ice cream cookbook, likes to pack it up in the Coleman Steel-Belted Portable Cooler (\$92.99 for 54-quart cooler, amazon.com). The retro-looking steel is rust-resistant and the handles have comfort-grips. He says that ice cream, packed with dry ice on top, will last up to

two days.

"There's different coolers for different purposes," says Rodriguez, also a cookbook author. We talked to her after she went fishing for the morning, and she brought the Backpack Cooler from Barebones (\$80 for 18.5-quart cooler, barebonesliving.com).

"Day to day, that's the one I grab most often," she says. "I can wear it on my back. I'm hands-free to carry my fishing pole."

Ashley English, author of "A Year of Picnics: Recipes for Dining Well in the Great Outdoors," is fond of Foster & Rye's Metal Cooler (\$62.99 for 11.5-by-12-by-9.25-inch cooler, wayfair.com), which is "compact enough to be easily carried to picnicking spots."

Often, coolers are stored in garages and can get hot. Metal coolers such as this one should be brought inside to cool before being packed with food and ice.

Family, food big hit with Howie D

BY JAE-HA KIM

Tribune Content Agency

Nearly 20 years after their last No. 1 album, the Backstreet Boys debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 with their latest release, "DNA."

As the group prepares to kick off its North American tour, Howie D (born Howard Dorough) is also celebrating the July 12 release of his debut children's album, "Which One Am I?"

"Being in a boy band, I am constantly being asked which band I am in or which member of X band I am," says Dorough, 45, who lives in Florida, with his wife, Leigh, and their two sons. "(The title track) is essentially a spoof on those interactions."

Q. What was the first trip you took as a child?

A. My first trip was actually to Puerto Rico. My mom's family is from there, so we went to visit them. That's when I fell in love with the island and my Latin heritage.

Q. How did your upbringing shape who you became?

A. Growing up in a multi-ethnic family, I was always challenged with trying to see where I fit in between my different ethnicities. When I was younger, people always assumed I spoke Spanish, given the way I look. I didn't grow up speaking Spanish and didn't start learning the language until high school. These encounters challenged me to learn more about my background and also to never judge a book by its cover. I continued learning Spanish in college. I certainly don't consider myself to be proficient, but I can definitely get by when I am with my family in Puerto Rico.

Q. What is your favorite vacation destination?

A. The Caribbean! I absolutely love the beach, especially the beaches in Puerto Rico. It doesn't get better than that. They have an unbelievable rain forest called El Yunque. I would also recommend visiting Old San Juan. It has the true feel of the Caribbean. For a winter getaway, I have to go with Park City or Lake Tahoe. I've been snowboarding for almost 20 years now.

Q. What untapped destination should people know about?

A. I recently went to northern Montana for the first time and visited some friends. The scenery was so beautiful. Everything from the mountains to the fresh-water lakes had me in awe. The people were also especially friendly.



NICOLE HENSLEY

Q. What are your five favorite cities?

A. Orlando, because it's where I grew up; Los Angeles, where my first son was born; Monmouth Beach, N.J., where my in-laws are from — and where you can find the best Italian food outside of Italy — and Old San Juan, because of the beautiful Spanish history on the island. Also, Whistler, Canada, where I first learned to snowboard.

Q. Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A. Portland, Maine. It is a great small town that has a lot of character and is on the water. There are great people and a fun atmosphere.

Q. What would be your dream trip?

A. I would love to go take a cruise around the Amalfi Coast. I love Italy, and I would love to see more of it.

Q. What is your best and/or worst vacation memory?

A. Aside from my recent Montana trip, a Hawaii vacation many years ago takes the cake. I went with my parents, siblings and my wife, Leigh. I've been blessed to not have a worst vacation memory. When you're with loved ones, every day is a vacation.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

Cultivating style

The no-fail way to live with plants

BY **BONNIE MCCARTHY**
Los Angeles Times

The house plant craze has grown into one of this year's hottest trends: home decor that ushers in lush, botanical themes without the worry of watering.

"A lot of people are afraid of bringing live plants inside," said Dabito, the Los Angeles-based designer and artist who photographed who helped Instagram queen and high priestess of house plants Justina Blakeney photograph her signature urban jungle-inspired look for the book, "The New Bohemians."

The solution? Dabito explained: "When you bring in artwork, wallpaper, textiles and even artificial plants, you get the idea of greenery without buying plants you feel you need to babysit."

Propagating design

In addition to the fear factor, Los Angeles-based interior designer Nell Alano also credits cultural influences like Coachella (think: flower crowns), the resurgence of 1970s style, decoupage artist John Derian, and fashion designers like Gucci's Alessandro Michele for igniting an interior super bloom.

"If you walked through a Gucci boutique, it felt like you were surrounded by a botanical garden," Alano said of the 2018 debut of the high-end Italian design company's forward-looking 2018 home collection: The theme was an Eden-like paradise of vivid garden florals, bold botanicals and wildlife.

Now, it's a trend that can be spotted at every price point. "I was really happy to see CB2 and Target incorporate nature and botanical themes as well, in everything from shower curtains to small area rugs," said the designer. "I think people are craving it right now."

"For a while we've had that washed-out, gray, white, beachy, deconstructed look," said Los Angeles-based interior designer Aly Daly, "and I think design is

moving a little bit away from that. We want pretty things again, details are becoming more and more important."

Garden variety

The types of plants, palms and blooms being emulated are less important than the earthy vibe they impart and our unbridled enthusiasm for blurring the boundaries between inside and out. Everything goes. Some of the most directional designs favor twists on traditional florals and riffs on rainforests and tropical getaways.

Nancy Fire, New York-based founder of Design Works International and design director for HGTV Home, said when it comes to choosing which botanicals to bring home, it's a jungle out there.

"We're seeing oversized," Fire said.

"Big, botanical leaves, and jungle-esque (prints) with birds, butterflies, dragonflies and creepy, crawly insects."

Leaf shape, texture, pattern and color are also important elements in the new designs and line drawings offer yet another interpretation. "It almost looks like a sketchbook that is half colored in," she said. "I wish I could say that there is one type (of botanical style), but it's definitely about variety."

Plant-based style

When it comes to incorporating the look, Fire said, "We're seeing accent walls with splashy, oversized wallpaper (prints)...or gallery walls using beautiful, botanical florals that are more modern in feeling, not the old English botanicals you would see out of a book."

But not everyone who wants in on the trend knows where to start.

"A lot of people are stumped," said Dabito. "It can feel overwhelming." His advice: "If you are free-spirited, bold, go with wallpaper, something really green and botanical." He suggests trying temporary wallpaper, especially handy for the rental life. "It's



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really easy to install and adds so much impact in a small space."

For those who are shy about introducing color and botanical motifs, Dabito said, "Start with artwork. Get a few pieces of artwork, see how it feels in your space." If it works, consider going further by layering with prints



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and patterns on decorative accessories, bedding, tableware, window coverings, upholstery – and yes, even live plants.

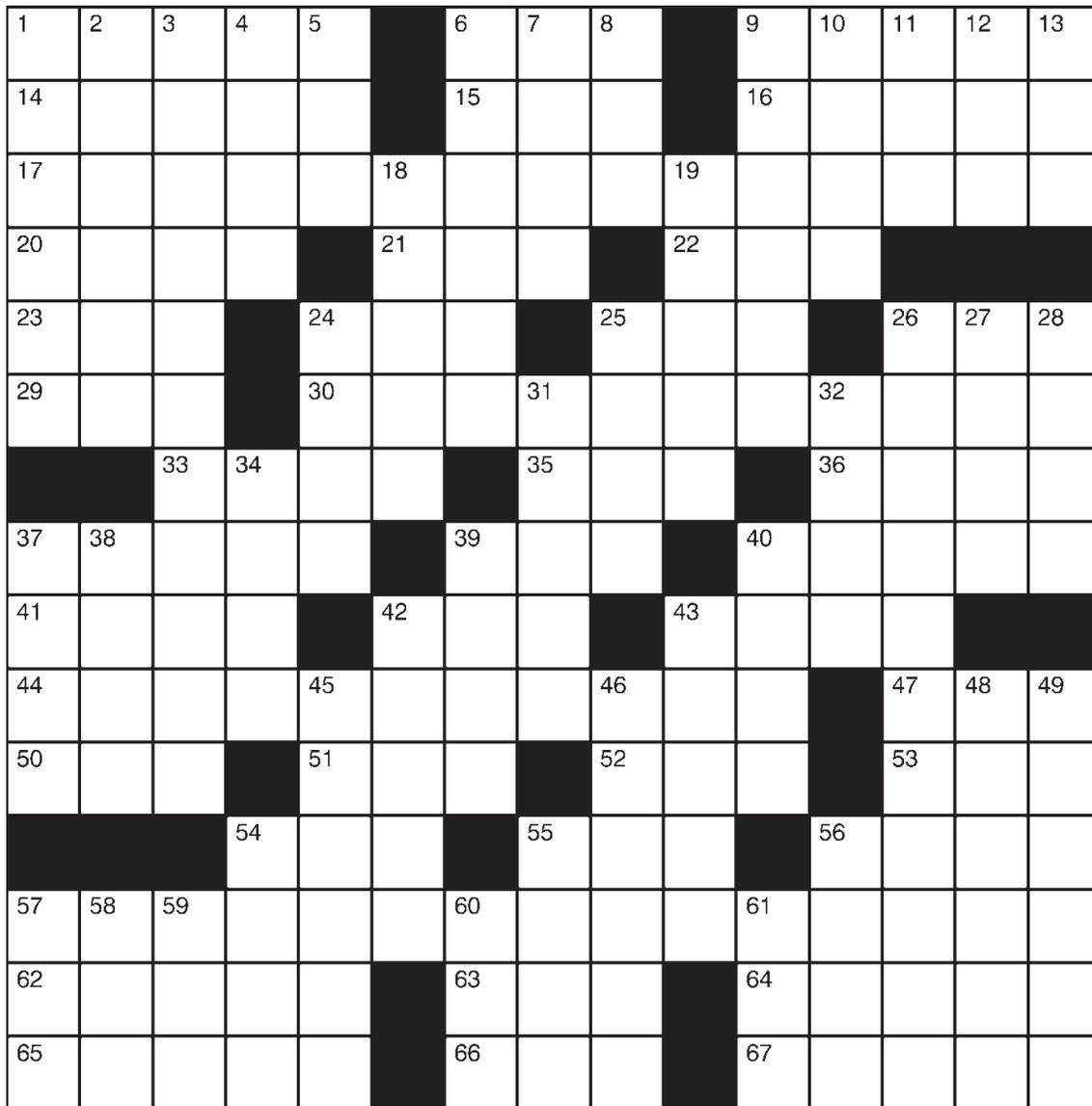
"Anything you can do to bring nature into the home makes it feel, even on a subconscious level, more of a connection to the earth," said Daly, "and I think that

can have a soothing effect.

"Even a super slick, modern place can benefit from adding natural elements. It brings some softness to it."

"People are looking for the bright spots in life and I think the influence of nature really offers one," Alano said.

Go-Togethers



ACROSS

- 1. OH political family
- 6. Disseminate
- 9. Amphitheater
- 14. See eye to eye
- 15. Mil. offshoot
- 16. Like some floors
- 17. Milk and honey
- 20. Something unique
- 21. Harem chamber
- 22. Triumphant gesture
- 23. Dietary info.
- 24. Reverence
- 25. Preserve
- 26. Hiatus
- 29. ___ Clemente
- 30. Common folk
- 33. Disavow
- 35. Biblical affirmative
- 36. Furnace
- 37. Stone marker
- 39. Endless years
- 40. Philosophy
- 41. Newcastle product
- 42. Colony member
- 43. Greek letter
- 44. Vicissitudes
- 47. ___ de plume
- 50. Author of The Franchise Affair
- 51. Western Hemisphere grp.
- 52. Humdrum routine
- 53. Twosome
- 54. Sea eagle
- 55. Comparative ending
- 56. Aleutian island
- 57. Bitter potion

62. Scent

- 63. Actor's milieu
- 64. Annoyed
- 65. Tooth and consequences
- 66. Lava leftover
- 67. Lowell and Lowell

DOWN

- 1. Small drums
- 2. Items of business
- 3. Uninhibited
- 4. Region: abbr.
- 5. Black or Yellow
- 6. Abrupt
- 7. Greek mountain
- 8. Cooking utensil
- 9. Be present at
- 10. Ceremony
- 11. Building extension
- 12. Born: Fr.
- 13. Sales gimmicks
- 18. Not on your life!
- 19. Former Czech mate
- 24. English composer
- 25. City on the Orne
- 26. Repartee
- 27. Nautical term
- 28. Hang
- 31. Japanese city
- 32. Worth or Wayne
- 34. Singer Fitzgerald
- 37. Rabbit's tail
- 38. Bend the elbow
- 39. Termini
- 40. Price
- 42. A Bell For ___
- 43. Bury
- 45. Kind of spruce
- 46. Garland
- 48. Vent
- 49. Shapes
- 54. Jane Austen classic
- 55. Roman calendar date
- 56. Field: prefix
- 57. Roll of bills
- 58. Metal source
- 59. Legendary bird
- 60. Explorer Johnson
- 61. Chips accompaniment

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BACK TO
BEVERLY
HILLS



2019

TV's most famous ZIP code is back. *Beverly Hills, 90210*, which ended its wildly successful decade-long run in 2000, returns Aug. 7 on Fox. Here's what we know so far about the six-episode reboot, titled *BH90210*.

1. Jason Priestley, 49, Shannen Doherty, 48, Jennie Garth, 47, Ian Ziering, 55, Brian Austin Green, 46, Gabrielle Carteris, 58, and Tori Spelling, 46, are back! (Original cast member **Luke Perry** died earlier this year at age 52.)



1991



2. The reunited cast will be playing fictionalized versions of their real selves working on a reboot of the TV show, with only occasional glimpses of them in character as Brandon, Brenda, Kelly, Steve, David, Andrea and Donna.

3. The beloved diner the Peach Pit will be back, but in a new location.

4. Get ready to hum along: The original theme song will also return.

MELISSA McCARTHY ISN'T FUNNY



With McCarthy, 48, and **Tiffany Haddish**, 39, in the cast, *The Kitchen* (in theaters Aug. 9) may sound like a comedy. But it's actually a gritty crime drama set in New York City in 1978 about three Hell's Kitchen housewives who, when their mobster husbands are sent to the slammer, take mafia matters into their own hands. **Elisabeth Moss**, 37, rounds out the trio. "She's so good," says McCarthy, who had never worked with the *Handmaid's Tale* Emmy winner. "Everything she does is so intense—and then she's like a super-weirdo. She's so funny—it's very irritating."



KEVIN COSTNER IS A REAL DOG

This Is Us TV star **Milo Ventimiglia**, 42, moves into the fast lane in the heart-tugging tale *The Art of Racing in the Rain* (in theaters Aug. 9). He stars as a race car driver named Denny Swift, but the real scene stealer is his character's dog, Enzo (voiced by Costner, 64), who narrates the story—and looks up to Denny so much, he hopes to be reincarnated as a human in his next life. "I really loved the journey of where Denny started and where he ended, and everything we get to experience along the way," says Ventimiglia, who co-stars with **Amanda Seyfried**, 33.

WALTER SCOTT ASKS

ANN CURRY



The former *Today* anchor, 62, is tapping the power of social media to solve medical mysteries and help patients connect with doctors. She's hosting *Chasing the Cure* (Aug. 8 on TNT and TBS), which uses medical crowdsourcing to save lives.

Where did the idea originate? We're in this moment where through social media people are able to connect in ways never before possible. *Chasing the Cure* is about connecting people to help people.

You're not a doctor. How do you see your role? I'm a patient advocate. I'm fighting for the patients to ensure that we have the best team we can get. We're going to bring people who need help in front of the best panel we can put together in a manner that we hope will decrease their pain and maybe even find them a cure.

What is the digital platform component of this? That's actually one of the biggest pieces of this puzzle. We're going to get tens of thousands of people coming to us digitally presenting cases. What we'll create on the digital platform is a way for people to communicate with medical professionals, with everyday people, with people who might know something. Not just in this country, but in other countries as well.

What is life like for you after *Today*? Basically, I'm doing what I want, which is really great. And the way I choose what I do is to choose those projects that will have the greatest positive impact for humanity. What's been joyful for me is that I'm able to do things that I feel really contribute. It's been an incredibly rewarding time.

Who's her next "big interview"?
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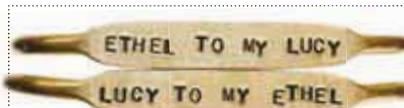
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Lucy!



For one day only, fans of the beloved redhead and her legendary sitcom can laugh along with Lucy Ricardo's exploits on the big screen. On Aug. 6 (Lucille Ball's birthday!), ***I Love Lucy: A Colorized Celebration*** will be screened in movie theaters nationwide, featuring five full-length, colorized episodes and a documentary featurette. Visit Parade.com/lucy for ticket info and to find a theater near you. And, every day, remember Lucy with these fun picks.

—Megan O'Neill Melle



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ANIMALS

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What do Chuck Norris the pig, Rojo the llama, Elroy the golden Lab, Confetti the mini horse and Cezar the cockatoo have in common? They're all service animals who just want to help their humans live their best lives.

Here are their stories. *By Leanne Potts*

The lunch crowd at the Country Cabin in Jacksonville, Fla., was tucking in for a meal when an unusual patron walked into the restaurant.

It was a miniature horse, just under three feet tall. Walking on a leash.

The horse's human, Cheryl Spencer, introduced Confetti, who is Spencer's guide horse, to her fellow diners. Confetti, an 18-year-old mare, goes everywhere with Spencer, who is blind: to her job, on planes, on the city bus, to the doctor. They even went to a Tom Jones concert last year.



Confetti

Confetti's job is to be Spencer's eyes. "When I need her, she's with me," Spencer says. "I couldn't be as independent without her."

Animals and humans have worked together since we lived in caves, but the latest wave of furry and feathered helpers takes the animal-human relationship to a new level, says Jessi Gold, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry at Washington University in St. Louis. "The idea that animals can help emotional health is definitely more widespread," she says.

Can they really help? At least one study confirms that therapy animals can improve our social and communication skills, ease our anxiety, brighten our mood and make us more empathetic. Other studies show that just hanging out with a friendly dog lowers our stress: our breathing gets more regular, our heartbeat slows down and our muscles relax.

You may feel more relaxed just reading about some of these animals who are making lives better.



Chuck Norris

THE PIG THAT TEACHES EMPATHY

The kids at the Sapling Center, a drop-in facility for at-risk youth in Hazard, Ky., burst into smiles when Chuck Norris walks into the room. No, not the Chuck Norris of 1990s TV fame. This Chuck Norris is a therapy pig. A Juliana miniature pig, to be precise (happyhonkerfarm.com), and he works with kids at the center suffering from anxiety and emotional trauma. "He has an incredible calming effect on them," says Angie Bush, a licensed counselor who's the director of youth services at the facility.

Many of the 50 or so kids Bush sees have trouble connecting to others. They're withdrawn and fearful, and hesitant to trust. "Chuck bridges the gap," Bush says. "He comes up wagging his tail and nudging the kids with his nose, and their barriers melt." The kids take care of Chuck, feeding him and walking him. It teaches them empathy and independent living skills, Bush says. "He's a catalyst for them to pick up life skills."

Chuck works 15 to 20 hours a week. He has an employee badge, with his photo and name, that he wears on his harness. He's the ultimate ice breaker, entertaining the kids by ringing a bell on cue, and he can sit, stay and come, just like a dog.

Why a pig? "Pigs have an ability to empathize, they're highly intelligent and they're good with children and old people," Bush says. The novelty of a therapy pig trumps a more predictable animal like a dog, she says. Because how can you resist a wiggly spotted pig who likes hugs? Chuck's therapy certification included an obedience class, which he took along with a gaggle of dogs. Chuck finished the class two weeks before his canine classmates. "He mastered the skills much faster than the dogs," Bush says.

Take that, border collies.

DOGS THAT EMPOWER

Dogs have been guiding the blind, comforting the sick and calming the distressed for more than a century. There are nearly 16,000 dogs working as assistance animals in the U.S. Throw in therapy and emotional support dogs, and that number goes into the hundreds of thousands.

Cori, a Lab/golden retriever mix who teaches kids with disabilities how to swim, worked with a 4-year-old boy with autism who was terrified of the water. "A nonverbal child is hard to reach," says Judy Fridono, Cori's owner and the founder of Escondido, Calif.-based Puppy Prodigies (puppyprodigies.org). "A dog is better than a human teacher because the communication between dog and child is different. It's more powerful."

Since drowning is one of the leading causes of death for kids with autism, teaching them how to swim is not a luxury but a life-saver. Fridono asked the boy to throw a ball into the pool for Cori. The dog jumped into the pool to get the ball, and within minutes the boy was in the pool too, holding onto Cori's jacket. The boy was swimming a few weeks later. There's no denying it, says Fridono: "Dogs are magical beings."

Lauren Armstrong certainly thinks so. The 22-year-old Ph.D. student in audiology was just paired in May with a golden Lab named Elroy to be her ears. Trained by nonprofit Canine Companions for Independence (cci.org) to assist the hearing impaired, Elroy has changed Armstrong's life in many ways.



Elroy

"He's helped me become more independent and given me a new confidence," she says. "He wakes me up in the mornings to an alarm that I can't hear, helps me with cooking and even when I am driving. Recently he alerted me to a police siren long before the car passed us!" Elroy goes with Armstrong to her audiology appointments and will attend her graduate school classes this fall in Knoxville, Tenn. Best of all, she says: Elroy has learned to alert her when her name is called at her local coffee shop. No more cold coffee!



Cori



Cezar

THE CALMING COCKATOO

Chris Driggins, a veteran who was battling post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) long after his Army career ended, found comfort with a cockatoo named Cezar. They were both lonely, withdrawn and wary of people. He and Cezar became inseparable, and the two of them began to heal one another. "My nightmares stopped. I wasn't anxious anymore," Driggins says.

Inspired, Driggins founded Parrots for Patriots in 2015 (parrotsforpatriots.org), and since then he's placed more than 220 parrots with veterans. "Parrots are more sensitive than a cat or dog, and they're smarter," Driggins says. "They bond with a person totally." Since parrots can live around 60 years, they also help break through a traumatized vet's fear of loss. A veteran's "cup is full of sadness. A bird lives for decades, so a vet can bond with him with less fear of losing another companion," Driggins says.

THE KISSING LLAMA



Rojo

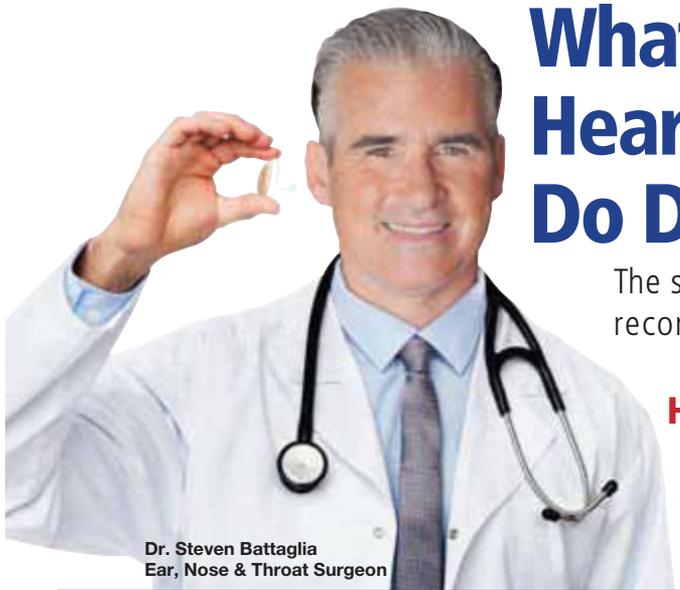
When therapy llamas Rojo and Smokey walk into an assisted living facility, a memory care center or a room full of kids with autism, everyone wants to pet them. "Kids hesitant to even be in the room with the llamas get comfortable enough to ask to hug and walk them," says Shannon Joy of the Mtn Peaks Therapy Llamas and Alpacas in Woodland, Wash.

Joy tells of an elderly woman in a nursing home who hadn't spoken in months. When Rojo nuzzled her, she laughed, touched him and said he was adorable. "The staff was teary-eyed," she says. "It was the first time the woman had responded to anyone." The llamas break down barriers in ways a human can't for those who are withdrawn or mistrusting, she says.

Joy and her mother started Mtn Peaks 12 years ago (rojothellama.com). The llamas do two to three visits a week; four years ago, they did their 1000th visit. "I've lost count of how many places we've been to." One of the highlights of a visit from the llamas: carrot kisses. A person puts a carrot in their mouth. A 400-pound llama takes it from them and touches their lips.

"It brings down the house," Joy says. "It's pure, genuine joy."

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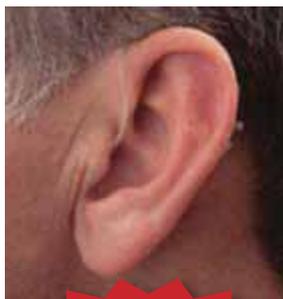
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THE HAPPY HORSE



Mercury

Five-year-old Fatima Butler had been living with her family at the Ronald McDonald House in Gainesville, Fla., for two months while her big brother, Christopher, had a heart transplant and brain surgery. She needed a little pick-me-up—and she got it when in walked Mercury, a therapy horse who looks like a My Little Pony toy come to life. Fatima kissed the horse, and the horse nuzzled her back. Then her family FaceTimed her brother so he could see Mercury too. "He was smiling," says Michael Butler, the children's father. "It was nice to see him smile, after all he's been through."

Mercury is one of 21 trained therapy horses from Gentle Carousel, a nonprofit that sends the tiny equines to console around 25,000 people a year in hospitals, hospice programs and anywhere there's been a trauma (gentlecarouseltherapyhorses.com).

Debbie Garcia-Bengochea, the group's education director, tells of a girl dying from a heart ailment whose last wish was to have a tea party with horses. "We brought them in tuxedos and put sparkles in their manes and tails and told her it was fairy dust," she says. "The little girl was over the moon. Sometimes you can't fix things, but you can make someone smile and give them a happy day."

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Ask Marilyn

By Marilyn vos Savant

Who owns the Great Lakes? Could a boater from the U.S. or Canada enter a foreign country while going for a ride?

—Tom Borski, Webster, Mass.

Four of the Great Lakes—Erie, Huron, Ontario and Superior—are split between the U.S. and Canada. (Lake Michigan is entirely in the U.S.) Until 2017, American boaters did indeed need to be concerned about venturing into foreign waters and getting into trouble with customs authorities. But that anxiety was eased with a Canadian law that allows boaters from the U.S. to cross the watery border freely unless they anchor there, contact another vessel, land in Canada, etc. This harmonizes with American law.

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To make the dressing, combine in a small bowl the juice from 1 small grapefruit (preferably red), 1 small jalapeño, seeded and thinly sliced, and a pinch of sea salt. Let stand at least 20 minutes.

On a large serving platter, arrange 1 small bunch watercress or baby spinach (about 2 cups) and 1 small bunch arugula (about 2 cups). Top with 2 cups cubed watermelon and 1 pitted, peeled and sliced avocado. Strain dressing over salad, reserving jalapeño. Arrange jalapeño over salad. Sprinkle salad with 4 chopped mint sprigs; drizzle with 1 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil and juice of 1 lime to taste. Top with slivered almonds, if desired. Sprinkle with pink Himalayan salt. Serve immediately. **Serves 2.**

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