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Feds eye who's who in Sandoval case

Video gambling owner pitching racetrack casino has links to family with ties to mob figures

BY DAVID HEINZMANN

A major video gambling operator who is asking the state for permission to build a southwest suburban horse track and casino has long-standing business ties to a banking family whose financial involvement with mob figures helped sink a Rosemont casino, the Tribune has found.

Gold Rush Gaming owner Rick Heidner has partnered in numerous real estate deals with Rocco Suspenzi, chairman of the board at Parkway Bank and Trust. Together, they have bor-

rowed millions from the bank in deals for convenience stores and gas stations in several states.

In 2003, the FBI and the Illinois Gaming Board exposed Suspenzi and son Jeffrey for concealing their own ownership stake, as well as that of a reputed mob figure, in the infamous Emerald casino project. At the same time, Parkway Bank made a seven-figure loan to another reputed mobster to finance his secret stake in the casino, according to Gaming Board re-

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State Sen. Martin Sandoval, then-chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, in 2014.

Players connected to construction, transportation, video gambling ...

BY JASON MEISNER, JAMIE MUNKS AND DAN PETRELLA

Federal agents who swooped into state Sen. Martin Sandoval's offices in the Capitol last month were armed with a search warrant naming a veritable who's who of political power players.

The document, made public Friday, sought information on construction magnates, transportation officials, lobbyists and power company bigwigs. It included a video gambling and racetrack boss, a clout-heavy red

light camera company, a member of the tollway board and at least three suburban mayors. Even a swanky suburban cigar lounge and a businessman nicknamed "Shadow" were among the targets.

While no one has been charged, the sheer breadth of information that the FBI was seeking in the Sept. 24 raid indicates the investigation could perhaps turn out to be the biggest since Operation Board Games, the sweeping probe

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Scene of 2013 mass shooting now thrives

Cornell Square Park in Back of the Yards still a vital resource

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND JEREMY GORNER

There was a time when Deonta Howard's family worried whether he would ever want to play in a park again.

After all, Deonta was just 3 when he was shot as he played "Ring Around the Rosie" at Cornell Square Park in the fall of 2013. Two gunmen sprayed the basketball courts with an AK-47, injuring 13 people in one of Chicago's worst shootings.

Six years after the eruption of gunfire at the park in the Back of the Yards neighborhood, the last of the seven men convicted in connection with the gang revenge shooting was finally sentenced earlier this month to prison.

Despite its bloody history, the sprawling park at 51st and Wood streets remains a vital resource for its South Side neighbors, a place of optimism and pride, community activists say.

Craig Chico, the president and CEO of the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, credited current leadership at the park and a collaboration of neighborhood groups — soccer teams, regularly scheduled anti-violence events that bring movies, cookouts and an upcoming Halloween Fest — for helping to maintain calm.

Not that violence in the neighborhood doesn't remain a concern, but Deonta, for one, still enjoys regularly going to the park. The boy with the scar on the right side of his face — a constant reminder of the bullet that hit his cheek that night — has played football and pickup

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AFTER FLOODING, RACE TO HARVEST

Late planting has Ill. farmers in tight spot as cold weather nears

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

Mark Tuttle cuts straight to the point when describing the field and weather conditions he has faced this year on his farm in southern DeKalb County.

"In one word, I'd say: 'miserable,'" said Tuttle, who grows corn, soybeans and wheat on about 1,000 acres near Somonauk, about 25 miles southwest of Aurora.

Tuttle has plenty of company.

Historic flooding and heavy spring rains that left wide swaths of farmland muddy, soaked or underwater left many Illinois farmers scrambling to plant their crops after they waited for waterlogged fields to dry.



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Top: Greg St. Aubin stands in a cornfield in Manteno that's still too green to harvest in October. Above: Brendan Surprenant shows a soybean that grew in a previously flooded field in Manteno.

In a state where agriculture remains an essential part of the economy, the wild swings in weather and repeated rounds of drening rains during the spring — and another batch in September — have put millions of acres of crops at risk.

The soggy weather damaged crops and, in some cases, left entire fields submerged for weeks, unable to be planted at all. Many farmers were unable to plant corn and soybeans until June.

Farmers who overcame the conditions to plant weeks

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Join us later this month as we celebrate the Chicago Tribune's longstanding commitment to the literary arts with a series of awards recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of critic and historian Henry Louis Gates Jr., novelist Rebecca Makkai and journalist Sarah Smarsh. Gates will receive the Tribune's Literary Award for lifetime achievement, while Makkai and Smarsh will each receive a Heartland Prize for their most recent books.

Smarsh, author of "Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth," will appear in conversation with Tribune columnist Mary Schmich on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 12:30 p.m. A program featuring Makkai, author of "The Great Believers," and Tribune columnist Rick Kogan will follow at 4:30 p.m. Gates will talk with Tribune publisher and editor-in-chief Bruce Dold on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m.

Gates is widely celebrated as one of the foremost authorities on the history of African American literature. Credited with discovering the earliest known literary works by African American writers, Gates is also celebrated for the work he has done to make history accessible and appealing through his PBS show, "Finding Your Roots," and through his numerous, acclaimed documentaries. In his newest book, "Stony The Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow," Gates argues that the roots of contemporary structural racism can be traced to this transformative period following the Civil War. He demonstrates yet again why he is one of America's most powerful voices on race and history.

"Heartland," a National Book Award finalist, is required reading for anyone seeking insight into the realities of American poverty. Stories from Smarsh's own life as a fifth-generation member of a Kansas wheat farming family are contextualized with incisive sociological analysis. It's a powerful portrayal of a very real divide in the United States: one between the working class and the American dream.

"The Great Believers" was lauded in these pages as "a swing for the literary fences, a vast, ambitious epic," representing "a grand fusion of the past and the present, the public and the personal." The novel, set in Chicago and Paris, depicts both the height of the American AIDS epidemic and its aftermath for those who loved and lost during the worst of its ravages. The book was a finalist for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

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The FBI is conducting a corruption probe against state Sen. Martin Sandoval, but he has not been charged.



JOHN KASS

When the FBI knocks, is a cigar still just a cigar?

All I wanted was to sit in a comfy leather chair and enjoy a fine maduro cigar.

But the fellow who edits this column was on the phone, with supreme worry in his voice.

"I just don't want you to end up in some FBI surveillance photo," he said.

He was concerned about the FBI lighting up my favorite cigar store — Casa de Montecristo in Countryside — in the corruption probe of Illinois politicians including state Sen. Martin Sandoval, D-Whispering Vic.

Sandoval has not been charged and neither has the cigar store. But a "Countryside cigar lounge" was mentioned in the search warrant for Sandoval's office.

Some politicians under federal investigation have apparently visited the place. But the last thing I want to do after I'm done with a column is talk to politicians. That's why I have a cigar, to cleanse my mind of what they've done to us.

"You know the kind of surveillance photo I mean," said worried man. "The grainy kind with you with a stogie with a couple of guys outside that cigar store doing a walk-and-talk."

I don't walk and talk with a cigar. I sit in a chair, preferably in silence.

"Don't you have anything to say?" he asked.

I was a Sphinx. The Sphinx said nothing. The Sphinx just puffed on his cigar.

A few days before, the Sun-Times lit up the place with a rather melodramatic piece about Sandoval and other politicos under investigation who reportedly hang out downstairs in "the ultimate man cave" with a Frank Sinatra Rat Pack vibe and "attractive" waitresses.

But I haven't seen any attractive waitresses downstairs. Perhaps that's because I don't go downstairs.

I go during the afternoon and upstairs sit with Pat and Bill and Joe and Rich and Dr. Tom and John and, sometimes, Virgil the skycap.

We might watch the news, a ballgame and soccer on Saturdays.

After the rather turgid Sun-Times piece, but before the Sandoval war-

rant was released on Friday in unredacted form, we who sat in the cigar place wondered where all the attractive waitresses and the Frank Sinatra vibe were hiding.

"Waitresses?" I asked. "You see any waitresses?"

"Frank Sinatra vibe?" said another guy, a retired school principal. "You see any Rat Pack?"

All I saw were old-school guys in chairs silently smoking cigars. Why were we there?

Because cigar smokers have been rudely driven out of all the parks. You can't have a cigar in a park on a fine warm day, even if you're 100 yards away from the nearest human, without some woke-scold rushing up to you threatening to call the police.

And now it's cold. We're not alpha enough to smoke a cigar in our own homes. We don't even dare think about it.

You think Frank Sinatra wouldn't have a cigar at home if he felt like it? But we don't.

Try as I might, I couldn't find the waitresses the Sun-Times gushed about. Perhaps I looked in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"There was one waitress kind of pretty downstairs a while ago, on Halloween one year she wore some kind of pixie costume," said the Other Pat. "But the guys downstairs are old, and they'd have heart attacks even thinking about a pixie."

The FBI isn't a pixie. And that big federal bus rolling from Chicago to Springfield and back again isn't driven by a pixie. It's driven by a guy named Rico.

Rico worries many politicos, including those who never touch a cigar.

The Sandoval warrant mentioned others only cryptically, but they include lobbyists, suburban mayors, asphalt kings and a lobbyist/consultant known for his whispering ways.

For all I know, the whispering one might be singing loudly to a federal grand jury.

We'll find out soon enough when the indictments, if any, are announced.

Only one racketeering case has

been indicted publicly, that of Ald. Edward Burke, courtesy of federal informant and former Ald. Danny "Happy Endings" Solis.

The rest of it appears to be a complicated Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act case, aka RICO, which is apparently looking at some Illinois politicians as if they were in some vast criminal racketeering enterprise.

Illinois politics as a vast criminal enterprise? Who would ever think of such a thing?

Naturally, in any such investigation, the FBI would take surveillance photos, which has my editor worried.

"You don't want some photo out there with you and some fat guys smoking cigars with those untucked polo shirts, or the Italian sweaters with the elastic on the bottom," he said.

I thought I heard him laughing. But a Sphinx has no ears.

Besides, I always wear a jacket and tie to work, like a true Man of the West. But after the column is done and I have a cigar, I prefer going untucked. And those loose polo shirts and Italian sweaters sure are comfortable.

Hey, I'm down from 276 at Christmas to 239 now with my (bleeping) salads for lunch, no (bleeping) beer, no (bleeping) pasta. No (bleeping) bread except for that horrid Ezekiel stuff. But I still am rather portly and have 39 more pounds to go, at least.

At a diner near the Tribune, I had a no-carb breakfast with a retired FBI agent friend and told him about my editor's surveillance worries.

"If you're in a surveillance photo," he said, "you'll probably have it framed at home."

And I'll have a cigar, somewhere else.

Because sometimes, a cigar is just a cigar.

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The smell of pot is variously described as piney, musty or faintly foul, perhaps with notes of lemon grass, fire or wood.

Chicago smells like weed. And it's not even legal yet.



MARY SCHMICH

A lot of people have been wondering lately what Chicago's going to look like once pot shops open up in the state.

Will the Magnificent Mile become the Green Mile? Will the cannabis dispensary replace the corner Starbucks? Will buses full of jolly cannabis tourists roll around town alongside the gangster and architecture tours?

Valid questions. But here's an equally pressing one: What's Chicago going to smell like?

When I moved to Chicago, the city had a unique aroma, one that was variously attributed to stockyard sewage, steel mill emissions and the odor of the legendarily stinky wild onion, the "checagou," that supposedly gave our city its name.

Fortunately, that smelly stew — imagine rotten eggs mixed with blood, feces and a dollop of garlic — has vanished on the winds of history. Less fortunately, a new smell has blown in on the winds of change, and that's the smell of weed.

By weed I don't mean the odiferous wild onion. I mean that thing called pot, cannabis, marijuana, Mary Jane, reefer. In the past few months, the smell seems to be everywhere even though smoking it isn't even legal yet.

I've smelled it on train platforms and sidewalks, in stores and a couple of times in restaurants, and it's bound to get more prevalent.

When I started detecting the *eau de Chicago cannabis* fragrance several months ago, I thought I might be imagining it. I'm more sensitive to smells than many people. In fact, an editor of mine, noticing that I often

described smells when I wrote, once told me I reported with my nose.

But I've been asking around and other people say they've noticed the increase too, a function, no doubt, of the fact that legal weed is on the way. Hey, why not start now?

"I work just outside the Loop and live in River North and the scent overwhelms the chocolate smell from Blommer's chocolate factory," says one man.

It's common enough, reports another friend, that when his 8-year-old son smelled it and wondered what it was, his 13-year-old daughter was able to explain.

"Innocence lost," he says. "I'm sure they probably feel like it's normal. Also, it's been a long time since the smell of it made me think, 'well, all riight!' It's like hearing party noises through the apartment wall."

Some people enjoy the whiffs of weed here, there and everywhere.

"I don't like to smoke pot," says one friend, "but I actually like the smell. Is that weird?"

No weirder, I suppose, than liking the smell of bacon even if you don't like bacon.

"I love it," says another. She did note, however, that the prevalence of weed smell "diminishes the cool factor."

A woman who lives in the South Loop calls the smell there "pervasive."

"I find it amusing," she says, "but I also feel sad that so many people don't want to be fully engaged with their environment."

So what does weed smell like?

It's variously described as piney, musty or faintly foul, perhaps with notes of lemon grass, fire or wood. One of the most common descriptions is skunky.

"Super-skunky these days," says a woman who is not a fan of super-skunky.

A lot of people don't like the smell of smoke, period, whether it's ciga-

"I work just outside the Loop and live in River North and the scent overwhelms the chocolate smell from Blommer's chocolate factory."

rette smoke, barbecue smoke or weed smoke.

"I'm sensitive to smoke of all kinds," says a friend who lives in California, "and it's become a problem for me here. On hot nights I have to close up my home rather than use the breeze to cool it down. It has created some bad feelings for me, toward my neighbors, I'm sorry to say."

The smell of weed in Chicago and its environs may be growing, but it's hardly brand-new.

A man who rides a motorcycle to and from his job in the West Loop says he has noticed for a long time "that people enjoy a little smoke on their ride home from work."

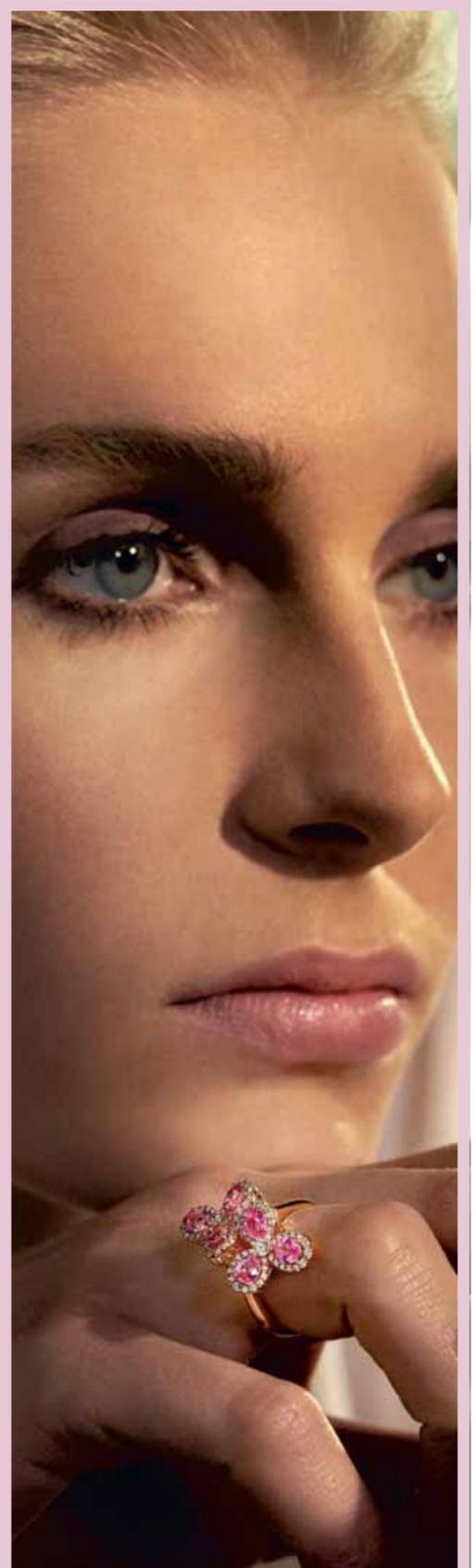
Does it worry him to be on the road with potentially impaired riders?

"Yes, definitely," he said. "The smells become 'avoid me' signposts."

One consequence of the growth of legal weed is that marijuana breathalyzers are on the way, part of the effort to keep impaired drivers off the road.

I have no problem with the legalization of weed or with its responsible use. But in this newly aromatic age, let's remember that smells are like noise: Do whatever you want as long as what you want doesn't invade other people's space.

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Sister Stephanie Baliga instructs clients outside a food pantry at the mission on Oct. 1.

Running nun leads marathon team

It's raising money for Mission of Our Lady of the Angels

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

Sister Stephanie Baliga no longer runs for herself, but for her community and for God. So she was undeterred as the predawn thunderstorm rolled in.

The thunder roared, the sky flashed a bright blue and the obliquely falling rain whipped across her glasses. But she didn't flinch. She only smiled.

"Why wouldn't I smile?" she asked. Running gives her time to meditate, an opportunity to clear her mind and talk to God.

It's a form of prayer, she said.

That's why she doesn't listen to music when she runs outside. This early Sunday morning, the falling rain and her thoughts were her soundtrack.

And just before 5 a.m., with an American flag bandanna tied around her head and an Illinois track and field jacket shielding her from the rain, she took off running through the Chicago streets.

Each practice run is precious as she prepares to lead the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels charity team in the Chicago Marathon on Sunday. Baliga is the organizer and co-founder of the team, which has run in the Chicago Marathon since 2011 to raise money for the mission and raise awareness of its community work.

This year her team is running to raise money to complete renovations for the three-story school building adjacent to the church. The team, which includes more than 100 runners from across the country, hopes to raise more than \$200,000, Baliga said.

Six decades ago, a tragic fire swept through the parish's Catholic school and killed 92 children and three nuns.

Today, the mission uses the building that replaced that one to provide social services to the community, including a weekly food pantry, free community meals, after-school programming and emergency assistance.

"Jesus asked us to be able to help our neighbor and treat others the way we want to be treated," Baliga said.

"And we believe that's what we're doing here in West Humboldt Park, being able to bring the hope of Christ through the love of Christ to a neighborhood that's in much despair and difficulty and incredibly difficult circumstances."

There have been at least 24 homicides in the Humboldt Park community area this year, more than any other area except the adjoining Austin community area, according to Chicago police data.

"We're trying to bring the presence of Jesus to this neighborhood that needs a lot of hope and a lot of love," Baliga said.

A sanctuary in a violent neighborhood

One recent Saturday morning, dozens of neighborhood residents filled the wooden pews of the church sanctuary. Every week the mission holds a prayer service followed by a community lunch.

Baliga led the service this morning, with peace as the focus.

Dressed in her religious habit, she read Scripture to the crowd before posing a question. "When you hear the word 'peace,' what do you think of?" Baliga asked.

"I think of no gun violence and no killings," a young girl answered.

"I think of love," Kelly Longstreet, 51, chimed in.

Longstreet, who said he's lived in the neighborhood for more than 30 years, said the value of the mission goes beyond the services it provides. Amid the chaos, it's a place where people can find "peace and tranquility" and not worry about anything, he said.

"Look what you're surrounded by," Longstreet said as he gestured to the saints etched into the blue stained-glass windows. "Angels."

From running to serving

The cosmic shift in Baliga's life started with an identity crisis.

As a University of Illinois distance runner, she measured her self-importance on her running and academic achievements.

But when she broke her foot during her sophomore year, she was forced to reevaluate who she was.

"I started to contemplate my life," she said. "Who am I? What am I doing? My main identity could not be running anymore."

During her sophomore year on a spiritual retreat, she had an awakening.

It took Baliga a few years to figure out exactly what God was asking her to do, she said. But soon after graduating college in 2010, she joined the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago at the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels.

And through the Catholic Church, Baliga discovered the answer to the one question she had been searching for.

"I learned my identity is a daughter of God, and I'm loved by God," Baliga said. "And as I discovered that, I found that God was calling me to dedicate my life to the church, and I discerned that was by becoming a sister."

Now, Baliga has merged her passion for running with her love of God to serve her community.

When the fatigue inevitably kicks in, and the finish line beckons during the 26-mile run on Sunday, she'll draw inspiration from within.

"All of the work that we're doing is for the greater glory of God, so when we're running, and it starts to hurt, we'll make that last charge to not slow down for the mission and for Jesus."

Do teachers want a deal or a strike?

Mayor says CTU not negotiating in good faith; union calls city offer 'half-baked'

BY GREGORY PRATT AND HANNAH LEONE

An attorney who has done extensive work for the Chicago Teachers Union shared a link on Facebook this week about an upcoming rally with this curious message: "Brothers @ sisters - the strike is on."

Not so fast, a union official responded, adding a comment to clarify that attorney Robin Potter's post was "not accurate" and that the Oct. 17 strike deadline was still ahead. Potter doesn't represent the union and isn't involved in contract talks, the union officials were swift to point out.

"While CTU is organized and ready if need be ... (it) has not officially determined 'it is on' yet," union organizer Martin Ritter wrote.

But even before the CTU formally set that walkout date last month, the union has seemed to walk a line between rallying its members to support a strike and demonstrating it's negotiating in good faith to avoid one.

Late Friday, the sides appeared to be as far apart as ever, with Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson putting out a joint statement saying it "appears that CTU is refusing to negotiate in good faith, and instead is determined to strike at all costs."

The union responded by saying that the city's latest offer was "half-baked and wholly deficient."

"Their so-called 'final offer' covers mandatory bargaining subjects over which the CTU can legally strike," CTU corporation counsel Robert Bloch said in a prepared statement.

The union's tone changed Saturday, with President Jesse Sharkey saying the CTU has offered to accept a phase-in of two of its key requests for class size caps and enhanced staffing of case managers, nurses, spe-

cial education aides and counselors.

Prior to Saturday's shift, the union said CPS's earlier offer would "preserve a grossly inadequate status quo that drives desperate shortages of resources and undercuts student needs."

"Nearly a week before our strike deadline, the mayor has handed over a final offer that is not just inadequate, but is an insult to teachers and support staff and utterly fails our students," Sharkey said in the same release.

The CTU has also pushed for — and Lightfoot has pushed back hard against — using its contract to address broader issues in the city, such as a scarcity of affordable housing.

And Lightfoot's negotiators have also complained that the union representing CPS support staff members, rather than accepting an offer "that agreed to the Union's positions on almost every outstanding issue that you identified," presented a counterproposal that "actually increased your demands."

The city's offer "was done in an effort to get a deal done and to avoid the threatened disruption to student learning," according to a Wednesday letter from a city negotiator to leaders of Service Employees International Union Local 73, which represents about 7,000 CPS bus aides, special education assistants, custodians and security personnel. That group, along with about 2,500 Chicago Park District employees also represented by SEIU Local 73, has also agreed to walk off the job Thursday without new contracts.

The letter, obtained by the Tribune, also states that it "makes no sense to us" that only one more bargaining session was scheduled before the strike date and urges SEIU's CPS group to agree to additional meetings. Previously, SEIU officials have complained about the slow

pace of talks too.

Lightfoot and the union have been at odds since the election earlier this year, when CTU endorsed Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle for mayor and was among her staunchest allies.

Some mayoral allies believe the union's approach to contract negotiations is colored by anger over the election and a desire to diminish Lightfoot's standing with the public.

In the past, Lightfoot has downplayed any rancor between her and the union, and has conspicuously avoided criticizing CTU the way she has Chicago's Fraternal Order of Police.

Union leaders have strongly objected to murmurs that their strike footing is in any way a reaction to the defeat of their endorsed candidate. CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates called that line of questioning "deeply insulting to 25,000 grown-ups who are in charge of children."

"At this point, I have to think that the pettiness is coming from the fifth floor (at City Hall), because they did not get the endorsement," Davis Gates said. "There is no way in hell that you get grown people with grown people responsibilities to not get a salary over an endorsement."

Teachers didn't vote to strike over an endorsement, she said, but over more resources for their students.

Davis Gates said though members voted en masse to strike, they don't take it lightly.

"There is nothing romantic about a strike. A strike is sacrifice. A strike is painful," Davis Gates said.

As to whether they're spending more energy preparing for a resolution or for a strike, she pointed to the 40 rank-and-file members in the room she'd just left to take a phone call. As she spoke, the bargaining teams were going over contract proposals and counterproposals, going back and forth, she said.

"They want a settlement,"

Davis Gates said. "The whole point of a collective bargaining process is to get a settlement."

But heading into the weekend, the sides appeared no closer to reaching an agreement. On Friday, CPS provided the union with a 71-page offer to settle outstanding issues. CTU rejected 14 of the district's proposals, according to negotiations documents obtained by the Tribune.

In some instances, the CTU rejected CPS' offer and said it stands behind its first proposal in January.

Michael Frisch, a top Lightfoot adviser who's negotiating with the union, said the administration is "extremely disappointed by the union's failure to provide counteroffers on most of the key issues and instead their refusal to move off of their initial position that they espoused back in January."

"Our offer is not limited to just pay and benefits. We included approximately 70 proposals to address the CTU's demands about working conditions in the schools, and the lives of students and families," Frisch said.

The union, meanwhile, announced a Friday evening news conference with a release that again underscored its demands haven't been met.

"Despite CPS assurances that it 'hears' and 'appreciates' teachers and support staff, the mayor has refused to put her promises for equity and educational justice in writing in an enforceable contract — the only way to hold CPS and City Hall to their promises," the CTU release said.

As for Potter, the CTU attorney, she told the Tribune that her "strike is on" Facebook post was misunderstood and "much ado about nothing."

"It doesn't mean a strike's in progress. It just means CTU is strike-ready," Potter said. "That's all. Not a big deal."

Chicago Tribune reporter John Byrne contributed.

2019 Chicago Marathon: What to know



When: Sunday

The course: The course is open for 6 hours, 30 minutes. Runners start and finish the race in Grant Park, and the course has spurs out through the city. (Note: the route is subject to change.)

RACE START TIMES

- 7:20 a.m.: Men's wheelchair
- 7:21 a.m.: Women's wheelchair
- 7:22 a.m.: Handcycle
- 7:23 a.m.: Athletes with disabilities
- 7:30 a.m.: Wave 1 (red)
- 8 a.m.: Wave 2 (blue)
- 8:35 a.m.: Wave 3 (orange)

PARTICIPANTS

Tracking: Runners can sign up to track live results. Or download the official mobile app. Results available at chicagomarathon.com.

Security and safety: As in years past, only participants displaying their race bibs, event staff with proper credentials and ticketed guests will have access to the race start and finish areas in Grant Park. Marathon participants are asked to use the transparent bags they receive from the pre-race expo to expedite the security screening process.

SPECTATORS

Starting line: Spectators will not be able to escort runners to the start line or greet runners at the finish line. The closest viewing area to the start is on Grand Avenue, between Columbus Drive and State Street, or anywhere along State Street between Grand Avenue and Jackson Boulevard.

Throughout the course: Suggested spectator viewing areas are available on the race's official website, chicagomarathon.com.

Finish line: To view runners closest to the finish of the race, go to the Bank of America Cheer Zone at Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road.

Watch on TV: NBC-5 and Telemundo Chicago will broadcast live from 7-11 a.m. and livestream at nbcchicago.com and telemundochicago.com from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Listen: WSCR-AM 670 from 7-11 a.m.

Post-race party: Spectators can reunite with runners at the 27th Mile Post-Race Party at Grant Park's Butler Field. Access to this area will be available to spectators starting at 9:30 a.m. through gates on Jackson Boulevard and Congress Parkway. Bag screening is required.

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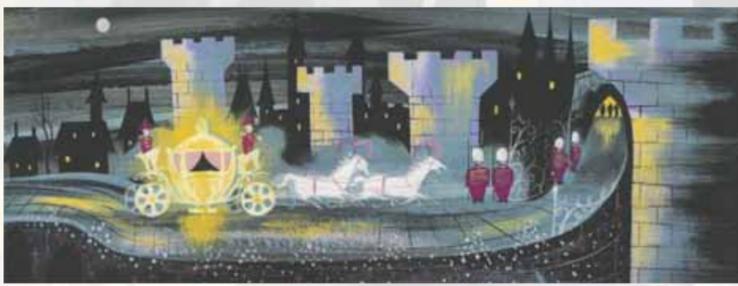
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Ex-wine director of restaurant group accused of sexual assault

Lawsuit names Arnold and Lettuce Entertain You

BY MORGAN GREENE AND JOSH NOEL

A former publicist for Chicago-based restaurant group Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises alleges she was sexually assaulted by the corporation's wine director and then retaliated against after she reported it to company officials, according to a complaint filed Tuesday in Cook County Circuit Court.

Emily Wong, who worked for Lettuce Entertain You from March 2017 through November 2018, was put on leave days after reporting an assault by Ryan Arnold, who at the time was the company's divisional wine director and was on track to be promoted to company partner, according to the complaint.

"I just want to reinforce that it's OK to come forward with these things and to stand up for yourself," Wong told the Tribune. "And I think that a lot of women are afraid. And quite honestly, rightfully so. Looking back at all of the blowback I've received and everything that occurred to

me in the last 11 months is hard, it's not an easy task. But this is the right thing to do to change the culture."

Wong is suing both the restaurant chain and Arnold, who left Lettuce Entertain You within a few months of the alleged assault. His departure also came just months after he helped open Bar Ramone, a high-profile project in River North and the company's first wine bar.

The complaint accuses Arnold of sexual assault, battery and false imprisonment, as well as Lettuce Entertain You of liability for employing Arnold, negligent supervision, retaliatory discharge and violation of the Illinois Whistleblower Act. Both Lettuce Entertain You and Arnold are accused of sexual harassment.

Arnold's lawyer called the allegations "absolutely untrue." In a prepared statement, a Lettuce Entertain You representative said it "took every appropriate step to investigate and respond to Ms. Wong's concerns the moment they were brought to our attention," but declined to discuss specific allegations.

At the time of the alleged assault, Arnold oversaw the wine programs at more than a dozen Lettuce Entertain You properties. Wong was Arnold's primary publicist, "working to promote Arnold's esteem within the community and enhancing his profile as one of nation's premier sommeliers," according to the lawsuit.

According to the lawsuit, the assault happened Nov. 5, 2018, when Wong visited Arnold's home to discuss a media query and a trip to New Zealand offered to Arnold and Wong in exchange for adding a company's wines to Lettuce Entertain You menus.

Arnold and Wong talked about the trip over glasses of Champagne at Arnold's apartment, before dinner at Owen & Engine, where they shared another glass of wine and then returned to Arnold's home, where Wong had left her keys, the complaint states.

The two had more wine, less than a glass each, and Wong and Arnold were sitting on his couch when Arnold kissed Wong, according to the complaint. Wong initially kissed back, but withdrew consent and told Arnold "no," the complaint says.

Wong then pushed Arnold away, according to the complaint. Arnold stood and "aggressively pushed" Wong back on the couch, then "forcefully lifted" Wong's shirt and bra and touched her body, the complaint says.

Wong again told Arnold to stop as he continued to kiss her, according to the complaint. Arnold continued to touch Wong, including forcing his hands inside her jeans and sexually assaulting her, despite at least five rejections of his advances, the suit says.

Arnold eventually stopped after learning Wong was menstruating, which allowed Wong to leave, the complaint says. While waiting for a ride, Wong called a fellow Lettuce Entertain You employee and relayed what had just happened, according to the complaint.

Five days later, on Nov. 10, Arnold told Wong he would not participate in a magazine photo shoot scheduled to take place in the coming week, with "the intention to intimidate" her into "engaging in a conversation," according to the complaint.

Wong said in an interview she originally reported the assault directly to LEYE and did not think filing a police report was necessary. As a publicist, Wong said she understood there could be public blowback and believed the matter could be handled by the company appropriately and legally.

On Nov. 12, Wong shared details of the assault with two supervisors, the lawsuit says. One of the supervisors asked Wong to speak with Lettuce Entertain You's head of human resources. Wong was asked whether she thought Arnold should

be fired and was told "firing him would be drastic, would an apology work?" according to the complaint. At least three times, Wong was told the prospect of firing Arnold was "drastic," according to the lawsuit.

Wong was later told to avoid the restaurants where Arnold worked and not to participate in two restaurant events for media, according to the complaint. On Nov. 14, Wong met with two Lettuce Entertain You human resources executives and was told, "The thing is no one will ever know who's telling the truth or what really happened that night except you and Ryan," according to the complaint.

On or about Nov. 21, Lettuce Entertain You locked Wong out of her company email and created an automatic reply on her behalf, referring callers to Wong's supervisor, according to the complaint.

About that time, Wong was also placed on a paid leave status, according to the complaint. Within days, other employees were performing Wong's job responsibilities, "constructively terminating her position," the complaint says.

In the aftermath of Wong's departure from the company, she said her finances and career took a hit, but the emotional cost was greater. She moved back to California to recalibrate, relied on a close group of friends and family, and sought professional therapeutic help.

In deciding what actions to take next, Wong said she was scared, and she cycled through the possible repercussions — especially as a member of a tight-knit industry. Lettuce Entertain You, based in Chicago, owns, manages and licenses more than 130 establishments in Illinois and elsewhere across the country.

"It could impact many different facets of my life," Wong said. "Be it being employed in the future, being seen as someone who could be a troublemaker in the future. All of these different variables. ... Lettuce is a powerhouse."

But Wong, who is currently working with a PR company in New York, said she hopes her action sparks policy change and prevents similar incidents in the future.

"My hope is that if this has happened to any other women in the past, that they feel emboldened to come forward" ... without fear of retaliation, she said.

In a prepared statement, Arnold's lawyer, Patrick M. Cummings of Chicago firm Ciardelli, Cummings & Campagna, said: "In our country anyone can make allegations, and for whatever reason. All Mr. Arnold can do is to prove in court that they are absolutely untrue, and that is what we will do. It would be inappropriate to discuss any of those allegations at this time but I am confident the truth will come out in the litigation."

Cummings would not confirm where his client currently lives or works. An article in Food and Wine in March said Arnold was to become wine director of a company with 11 restaurants in Austin, Texas, and Aspen, Colorado.

In a prepared statement, Lettuce Entertain You Executive Vice President and General Counsel Jay Stieber said: "We care deeply for our employees and our reputation is built on integrity, transparency and strong values. Although we cannot comment on pending litigation we took every appropriate step to investigate and respond to Ms. Wong's concerns the moment they were brought to our attention."

"We are committed to the principle that every employee shares a mutual responsibility to treat each other with respect and dignity, and to providing a work environment that is free of harassment of any kind."

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Lightfoot to reopen detective bureaus, add to patrols

Will put 151 cops back on street under new reorganization plan

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JEREMY GORNER

Mayor Lori Lightfoot will reopen two old detective bureaus and put 151 cops back on the street under a reorganization plan that includes the creation of a new department to merge operations currently done by the Chicago police and fire departments and the city's 911 center.

Lightfoot Budget Director Susie Park said Chicago police, fire and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications each currently do their own payroll, information technology work and human resources, but those functions would be consolidated under a new Office of Public Safety Administration.

Currently, the city has three detective regions known as Area North, Area South and Area Central. Lightfoot will reopen the Harrison Area on the West Side and Grand Central Area on the Northwest Side in an attempt to increase collaboration by detectives and patrol officers, the mayor's office said.

As part of the plan, 11 uniformed fire personnel also would go back on the street, the mayor's office said.

The plan will need to clear the City Council as part of Lightfoot's budget

for next year. If approved, the agency is expected to launch in May so that the new structure can be in place in time for traditionally violent summer months.

"Our police, firefighters and emergency responders work together day and night to protect their fellow residents, and through these reforms, we're building a unified and collaborative public safety system to ensure Chicago's first responders have the resources and supports they need to better keep our communities and residents safe," Lightfoot said in a statement.

Lightfoot chief of staff Maurice Classen said the department over the years filled civilian jobs with police officers when the hiring process was too slow. That led to there being numerous cops doing civilian jobs instead of working on the streets.

"At its core, we realize we have too many sworn officers at headquarters doing civilian jobs," Classen told the Tribune. "We need to move more sworn back to the street."

The new public safety office will have about 280 civilian employees from the finance, human resources, IT and logistics divisions, and they will be based at police headquarters in

Bronzeville, the mayor's office said.

Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, OEMC Executive Director Rich Guidice and Fire Commissioner Richard Ford all praised the moves in a statement.

"The Chicago Police Department welcomes any opportunity to increase efficiency and better align our department around the core functions of improving community safety and building partnerships within the neighborhoods we are sworn to serve and protect," Johnson said.

Ford added: "Our members are trained to the highest standards to protect their fellow residents and this new focus puts them where their training will serve the most good to themselves and the public."

The new agency also will provide data analysis for overtime management at each department, the mayor's office said, and develop long-term strategies with City Hall to decrease overtime, a priority for Lightfoot.

Administration officials said they are optimistic that the moves will help cut the city's overtime costs by reducing travel times and putting officers back on the streets, though they did not have estimated savings.

In 2018, the city's public safety overtime costs



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot's plan will need to clear City Council for next year's budget.

reached \$200 million, the mayor's office said.

Last month, Lightfoot said she's "angry and frustrated" with the department's overtime expenses, which totaled \$676 million in the first six months of the year. The Police Department is staffed with about 13,400 officers of all ranks, the largest roster of cops since the 2000s.

"When you've got 13,000 sworn members, there should be no reason why they blow their budget," Lightfoot previously said.

In 2012, Chicago police closed the Harrison and Grand Central Area facilities to detectives as part of then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel's plan to ease a budget gap that amounted to \$636 million. In addition, three patrol district stations were shut down.

Then-police Superintendent Garry McCarthy at

the time said the changes would save the city millions, though other specialized police units use the two old area detective facilities.

The 341 detectives who had worked there at that time moved to three other buildings on the North, South and Far South sides. Those facilities were then renamed Area North, Area Central and Area South.

In 2016, Johnson floated the idea of moving detectives back to the Harrison and Grand Central areas, but that idea didn't come to fruition until now. Johnson was once a detective sergeant assigned to the Harrison Area bureau in the West Side's East Garfield Park neighborhood, and in the same building as the Harrison patrol district station.

The Grand Central Area was housed on the Northwest Side in the same building as the Grand Central patrol district station, 5555 W. Grand Ave.

Detectives housed in the "area" facilities investigate myriad serious crimes, including homicides, shootings and sexual assaults.

Detectives currently assigned to Area North are responsible for investigating crimes in nine of the city's 22 patrol districts. The nine districts are on the North, Northwest and West sides.

Those working out of Area Central investigate crimes that occur in eight

districts on the South and Southwest sides, parts of the West Side, the downtown area and the Near North Side. Detectives assigned to Area South investigate crimes in five districts in other parts of the South Side, including those bordering northwest Indiana and the south suburbs.

The Fraternal Order of Police, the union that represents detectives and other rank-and-file officers, took issue when this arrangement was announced as a result of the Harrison and Grand Central Area closures.

The FOP was concerned it would mean slower response times for detectives to get to crime scenes.

Under the current arrangement, for example, detectives working the Area North bureau in the Lakeview neighborhood have to travel 8 or 9 miles to get to violent crime scenes in some parts of the West Side, which routinely tally among the highest numbers of shootings and homicides in the city each year.

Moving detectives back to Harrison and Grand Central could likely ease some of those issues.

Classen said the FOP has been briefed on Lightfoot's plans and expressed cautious optimism. The FOP declined to comment.

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Johnson: 'I never thought and never said the shooting of Laquan McDonald was justified'

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

Flanked by members of the Chicago Aldermanic Black Caucus, Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson distanced himself from the decision-making process following the October 2014 fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, speaking to the news media for the first time about viewing the police dashcam footage of the police shooting.

"I was a senior member of the department, but I was not involved in any superintendent-level decisions on discipline following uses of force," Johnson said at a Saturday morning news conference at the department's South Side head-

quarters.

The Wednesday release of Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's investigation into the department's handling of the shooting brought fresh attention to Johnson's role as deputy chief of patrol at the time of the shooting. Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke was convicted of second-degree murder last fall and sentenced to 6 3/4 years in prison for firing 16 shots at McDonald in a shooting that would divide the city.

The Tribune in 2016 exclusively obtained thousands of confidential reports from the inspector general's investigation, reporting that Johnson, while a deputy chief of patrol, was among top brass

who viewed the video of McDonald's shooting about 10 days after the incident and didn't raise any objection to Van Dyke's actions, according to an interview by Ferguson's investigators with a police lieutenant who was in attendance.

In response to the Tribune's 2016 reporting, Johnson, at the time, disagreed through a spokesman with that lieutenant's characterization about the meeting, but did not elaborate.

Johnson is now speaking out three years later amid pressure for police reform from new Mayor Lori Lightfoot and criticism from some aldermen following the public release of Ferguson's report. Lightfoot reiterated her support for

Johnson following his news conference Saturday.

Johnson said his role as deputy chief did not give him access to the investigations by Internal Affairs or the Independent Police Review Authority. He said it would have been "improper" to comment when he wasn't privy to the full scope of the investigation.

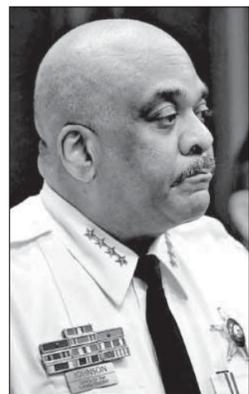
Johnson said he participated in an "after-action" review that focused on "officer training and equipment issues." He said he was not part of the initial review immediately after the shooting.

"To be clear, I never thought and never said the shooting of Laquan McDonald was justified," Johnson said.

Ald. Jason Ervin, 28th, chairman of the black caucus, also spoke at the news conference, voicing support for Johnson. He was joined by at least nine aldermen who are part of the caucus.

"We are here to support the superintendent. We believe him to be a man of integrity," Ervin said. "From what we know and understand about how the department works, no deputy chief of patrol is in the chain of making these decisions."

Lightfoot also voiced support for Johnson in a statement released Saturday, writing that she has "full faith and confidence" in him as superintendent. The mayor also said she's had conversations with Johnson over the years



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Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson.

about McDonald's killing and the police response.

"Based on these discussions and my knowledge from other sources, there is nothing that gives me pause about the superintendent's conduct related to that tragic event," the statement read.

Scene of park shooting now thrives

Park, from Page 1

basketball at the park and once attended summer camp there, his mom said.

It's a welcome respite for a mother trying to keep her now 9-year-old child engaged in the world and off electronic devices.

"It should be a place where you can be a kid. It's a nice park, and I hate for that to have happened, giving the park a bad name. ... Other kids are probably scared to go out and play," said Deonta's mother, Shamara Leggett, 30. "Parks are important. Nowadays kids are stuck to video games. The park is where they can be themselves and meet people."

'You don't want to know'

It took just a few hours to come up with the plot to avenge Bryon Champ's shooting — but seven people were needed to pull it off.

After a gang rival shot the 21-year-old in the leg late on the afternoon of Sept. 19, 2013, Champ quickly enlisted the help of a gang with which he was affiliated. By 9 p.m., the group had gathered at 52nd Street and Marshfield Avenue, and decided on a plan: send three of them out in a Chevy Malibu in hopes of finding the gunman in the area.

They found the rival hanging out near Cornell Square Park, Cook County prosecutors said.

At 10:15 p.m., 45 minutes before the park's closing time, Champ, wielding an AK-47 assault rifle, and Tabari Young, armed with a .22-caliber handgun, charged toward the basketball courts — still crowded that Thursday night as spectators watched a pickup game — and opened fire.

Neighbors heard the rapid-fire explosions from blocks away. Mothers at the park said it sounded like the Fourth of July.

Deonta was the youngest of the 13 shot.

A Chicago Tribune article spoke of a "blood-soaked" scene riddled with shell casings.

As many as 60 officers converged on the park, but it took some 30 minutes for enough ambulances to respond to all the wounded.

Police officials called it a "miracle" that no one was killed.

Seven men in all would be charged for varying roles in a shooting that once again portrayed Chicago in an unflattering light on an international stage. All the defendants pleaded guilty to charges that included aggravated battery with a firearm and conspiracy to commit murder, yet it took six long years for the prosecution to close out.

On Oct. 4, Young, 28, tall and bookish-looking with eyeglasses, said little during the brief hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building as the judge sentenced the last defendant to 21 years in prison.

In another courtroom on that same day, jurors convicted the second of two men for the 2015 killing of 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee, another tragic example of retaliatory violence escalat-



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Cornell Square Park, shown this month, was crowded on Sept. 19, 2013, when two gunmen arrived and began shooting.



Deonta, now 9, gets ready for school on Oct. 3. He still goes to the park.



Mary Washington said her son Cory, who was also shot in 2013, still walks with a limp.

ing because of a back-and-forth gang conflict.

In the months and years before, Champ, the ringleader, had been sentenced to 28 years in prison; Brad Jett, who acted as a lookout, to 15 years; Darren Curtis, the getaway driver, to 13 years; Quinton Humphries, who provided the car, to seven years; Kewane Gatewood, who retrieved the assault rifle from under his bed, to a little more than four years; and David Logan, who helped hide the guns after the shooting, to two years.

To this day, some of the victims still struggle, both physically and mentally.

Mary Washington, whose son Cory was shot, said he still walks with a limp and remains hypervigilant about his surroundings.

"He suffered so much," Washington said recently as she sat on her front stoop

about two blocks from the park. "When he got shot, he almost lost his leg."

She had little to say about her son's emotional state.

"You don't want to know."

Continued safety concerns

Don Jerome has policed the streets around Cornell Square Park for seven years, first as a lieutenant, then a captain and now as commander of the Deering District.

He came to know many residents, including Leggett, who used to live close to the park and whom Jerome remembers as a familiar face.

That her son was among the victims added to the shock of an already unusual shooting, he said.

"I just happened to know her," Jerome said recently. "I realized, oh my goodness,

it's her child."

Though he was not working on the night of the shooting, Jerome recalled the increased police presence around the park in the days that followed.

"It's crazy. It's at a park. And there were people out there and, you know, a lot of innocent people involved," said Jerome, who patrolled the district on the overnight shift in those days. "Even if it's later at night, people still gravitate toward a park or out near the park."

This summer, at least three shootings took place within two blocks from the park, but the last nearby homicide occurred in June 2018 when a man was shot multiple times in the 5000 block of South Wood Street, according to Police Department data.

Such conflicts have continued to fuel the fears of some parents who live near the park, said Anthony Mar-

tinez, the coach of the youth football team that draws most of its 80 players — including Deonta and his older brother — from the blocks around Cornell Square Park.

The three-year-old team reluctantly moved its practices after its first year when parents raised safety concerns, he said.

The team offers much-needed structure and guidance for its young players who face gang conflict and the threat of violence every day, the coach said.

"We get a lot of troubled kids, but at the end of the day, we put that in their heads: If you don't act right at school and at home, you won't play," said Martinez, 31. "And they want to play."

For the community groups working around the park, the parents' worries reflect both that more work needs to be done and how consistent that effort must be to address decades of violence.

"I call it change in increments," said Oscar Contreras, who helps run programming for the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council and has been working in the community for decades.

While not downplaying the parents' concerns, Contreras noted that hundreds of families come out on summer nights at the park to watch movies together.

"Once upon a time, you would go there and there would be 20 guys on the basketball courts, and people were intimidated," he said. "It's changing. (The park director) is pushing programming and relationships, and it's getting a better perception. ... What's making the difference is all the groups working together."

Chicago Park District staffers have been supportive, said Chico, the neighborhood council's CEO, even staying around to take part when community groups hold events in the park that run late into the evening.

Earlier this month, during an exceptionally warm start to the fall, a group of kids scampered around the newly renovated play lot, enthralled by an animated game of tag. Delighted squeals and laughs filled the area.

Older teens chilled on manicured lawns eating pizza. Two little boys played basketball one on one. And a soccer league game was just

starting up.

Jerome, the police commander, has noticed the change. He credited his officers for trying to connect with residents by playing weekly pickup basketball games and hosting holiday parties at the park. They've moved the local community policing meeting to the park field house.

The old-school cop has grown convinced that getting to know residents works.

"I was always skeptical. It's hard to quantify, but you literally can see the change," he said. "... That park really has cleaned up. ... I would say it's a success story. We're not going to let our foot off the gas. If a gang conflict heats up ... we'll intensify our efforts in that area."

'I got shot in the park'

On a recent morning, Deonta, called "Tay-Man" by his family, slowly woke up, stretching and yawning as he got ready for school. As his mother ironed his dark blue polo shirt, the fourth grader brushed his short hair while sitting on his bed, his legs dangling over the side.

In a half-slumber, he went down the hall to wash his face, listening as his mother talked to a reporter about the shooting and how, despite it all, Deonta still goes to the park.

"I shoulda stayed in the house," Deonta quipped from the bathroom about the night of the shooting.

His mother said Deonta doesn't talk much about what happened. When kids at school ask about the scar under his nose, he simply tells them, "I got shot in the park."

Some physical issues still linger. Damage to his jaw requires that he regularly visit an orthodontist and wear a special retainer to help his teeth grow in correctly. He might need cosmetic surgery around his lip and nose. And his right eye frequently tears up.

Overall, though, her son is thriving, his mother said. He doesn't like to miss school and loves math, but reading can be a bit of a struggle.

He is devoted to Fortnite, an online video game, and begs his mom to buy more "skins," or costumes, for his character.

Deonta also enjoys playing basketball — a game his older brother taught him at Cornell Square Park, where most of his friends play, his mother said.

When asked if he feels safe there, Deonta slowly shakes his head side to side, indicating no.

But a few minutes later when a reporter mentioned earlier seeing two boys about his age playing basketball at the park, he perked up.

"What did they look like? Were they wearing the same clothes?" he asked.

His mother smiled. He was talking about the twins, his friends from the park, she explained.

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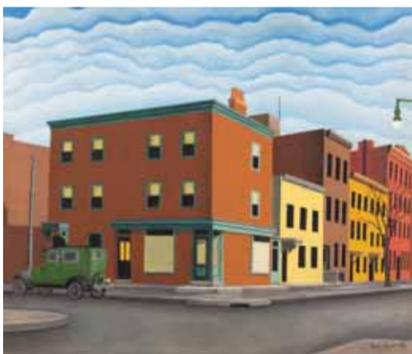
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Soybeans are harvested in Manteno on Oct. 10. As of Oct. 6, only 11% of Illinois soybeans were harvested, according to the USDA crop progress and condition report.

Race is on to harvest soybeans, corn

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later than usual now face a severely delayed autumn harvest. The lagging harvest has put still-growing crops in danger and has farmers worriedly checking weather forecasts as November inches closer.

As of Oct. 6, only 13% of Illinois corn had been harvested, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The numbers were slightly worse for soybeans, with only 11% harvested, according to the USDA crop progress and condition report. And just 19% of winter wheat has been planted. The quality of the crops also has been affected, with nearly one-quarter of the corn and soybeans in Illinois rated poor or very poor, according to USDA statistics, an uptick of 15% from a year ago.

Farmers across Illinois, especially in the rural communities north of Interstate 80, have yet to harvest much of the corn and soybeans that are the lifeblood of the state's agricultural economy. A weekend cold snap, with the possibility of frost, figures only to complicate matters.

"We're delayed severely right now," said Aron Carlson, who has been farming in Winnebago County west of Rockford since 1991. "Typically, you'll see the combines rolling even in northern Illinois here around the 15th of September. That's pretty common. Now we'll be pretty lucky to be done by Christmas."

Across the state, 1.5 million acres of farmland were not planted at all. That is tenfold more than what goes unplanted in a normal year, according to John Sullivan, the director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

"There were many farmers who didn't pull out a tractor in the whole month of May," Sullivan said.

For those who did eventually get corn and soybeans into the earth, the "protracted planting season means a protracted harvest," Sullivan said.

"Normally, they'd be going hot and heavy right now," Sullivan said. "But there are many, many, many farmers who haven't turned a tap yet. We're way, way off where we traditionally are."

Tuttle said he grew sweet corn this year for Del Monte Foods, but representatives recently came out and, because of wet, muddy soil, were unable to harvest the corn for market on their tight timeline. Now Tuttle, whose farm was pounded with 6 to 8 inches of rain at the end of September, must wait for the ground to dry out in order to harvest himself and figure out a plan for the passed-up corn, likely turning it into feed.

"It's so wet, you just can't do anything," Tuttle said.

Crops on the line

The perils of a late harvest and the ramifications of lower-than-usual harvest numbers are significant. Illinois ranks No. 1 nationally for soybean production and No. 2 for corn (behind Iowa). Since many crops remain unharvested as Halloween approaches, farmers are hoping to avoid a frost, which can damage or destroy corn and soybeans still out in the field.

For Carlson, the Winnebago County farmer, the spring rains made planting difficult. He tried to put some of his



Greg St. Aubin holds corn with kernel tips still too moist for harvest on Oct. 10.



A flooded soybean field in Manteno is shown Oct. 10.

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corn and soybeans in at the end of April, but constant rain and occasional snow meant he "didn't get very much in." Carlson said he planted for a few hours toward the end of May, but wet soil conditions and more rain postponed planting even more.

"Finally," Carlson said. "We did get the rest of it in, in June."

Many crops, especially in the northern reaches of the state, have not yet reached maturity, farmers said. And as some of the crops reach maturity, the wet, mucky conditions make it difficult for farmers to bring their heavy harvesting equipment into the fields.

In some areas of the state, especially in the waterlogged counties along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, some farmers were unable to plant any crops at all since fields were either under-

water or still too wet to plant.

Tuttle said he believes most of his soybeans will be OK this year, but the corn will be more susceptible if a midautumn frost hits. A light frost, he said, will nip the leaves of the corn, but a hard frost may be devastating.

Commodity prices, at least so far, have been mostly stagnant, Sullivan said. Even with the late harvest, if farmers are able to recover and production numbers are respectable — the USDA is forecasting as such — then a lack of supply will not come into play.

The global trade war with China, which both Carlson and Tuttle mentioned as a major concern, has dropped demand for U.S. crops.

Whether the challenges of a late harvest will eventually mean higher prices for consumers in the U.S.

remains to be seen, Sullivan said.

"We have a wait-and-see attitude," he said.

AccuWeather, which had representatives tour Midwestern farms in August, predicted subpar corn yields for 2019, mainly because of the year's difficult weather patterns.

The private weather service estimated that yields in the nation's top five corn-producing states — Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska and Indiana — may see yields down 6% to 19% compared with 2018.

AccuWeather said its forecast differs from the USDA because its analysts are concerned that late-planted corn either will not yield well or may be affected by frost.

An unrelenting rain

Illinois has experienced periods of extreme precipitation each of the last four years, according to data from the USDA. In 2018, the state experienced precipitation more than 2 inches above normal in February and June, with above-normal rains again in August and September. In April 2017, the state received rain 3 inches above the norm.

The graphs for statewide rainfall over the previous three years look like a rollercoaster at Six Flags, with wild peaks well above normal, then drops to the norm or even below in other months.

Most areas of Illinois have received between 6 and 20 inches of precipitation above normal so far in 2019, according to the Illinois State Climatologist Office. A March report by a team of Midwestern researchers suggests extreme bouts of precipitation and flooding could be the new normal in the Great Lakes region due to climate change. While the United States has seen annual precipitation climb 4% between 1901 and 2015, Great Lakes states have experienced a 10% rise over this same period.

"I hope this is not the new normal," Sullivan said. "I do have concerns about it, I'll be honest with you."

Carlson said the late September deluge also set his harvest back even more, noting that "a crazy amount of rainfall" meant "the wet areas were just getting wetter."

More than 30 counties, primarily in the western and southern parts of Illinois, were declared state disaster areas by Gov. J.B. Pritzker because of flooding. And in August, the USDA declared all 102 Illinois counties an "agricultural disaster," which opened up access to new federal resources and aid. The disaster declaration meant farmers were eligible for low-interest FSA emergency loans to help restore or replace property, pay for living expenses, reorganize family farming operations or refinance certain non-real estate operating debts.

The federal relief has helped mitigate some of the effects of the historic flooding and punishing rains, Sullivan said.

In DeKalb County, Tuttle said he hopes to have his soybeans harvested by Halloween, with his corn to follow. In a normal year, he said, he'd be wrapping up all of his harvesting by now. The race to beat the harsh Midwestern autumn weather is on.

"It's just not good," Tuttle said.

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Sanguinetti drops bid, setting up potential suburban matchup

BY RICK PEARSON

Former Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti of Wheaton on Friday ended her bid for the Republican nomination for the west and northwest suburban 6th Congressional District seat, setting up a potential general election contest between first-term Democratic Rep. Sean Casten and former GOP state representative and unsuccessful governor candidate Jeanne Ives.

In a statement, Sanguinetti acknowledged difficulties in raising money, saying that while she “firmly” believed she could win the nomination, “the question in my mind is at what cost.” “There has been enough destruction in the Republican Party from past election cycles and I choose not to contribute further to it by engaging in a costly and negative campaign against

my opponents,” Sanguinetti said.

Earlier in the week, Gordon “Jay” Kinzler, a transplant surgeon from Glen Ellyn who has previously sought other offices, announced he would run in the Republican primary for Casten’s seat.

But Ives appears to be the party’s front-runner for the seat. She has shown some fundraising prowess and has received some national conservative endorsements.

Her campaign said she raised \$340,298 since she entered the race on July 18 through Sept. 30. Casten, of Downers Grove, raised \$700,000 from July through September and had \$1.4 million in cash on hand to start October, his campaign said.

Sanguinetti, who entered the race in April, had raised only \$103,647 through June 30. She had not yet filed a

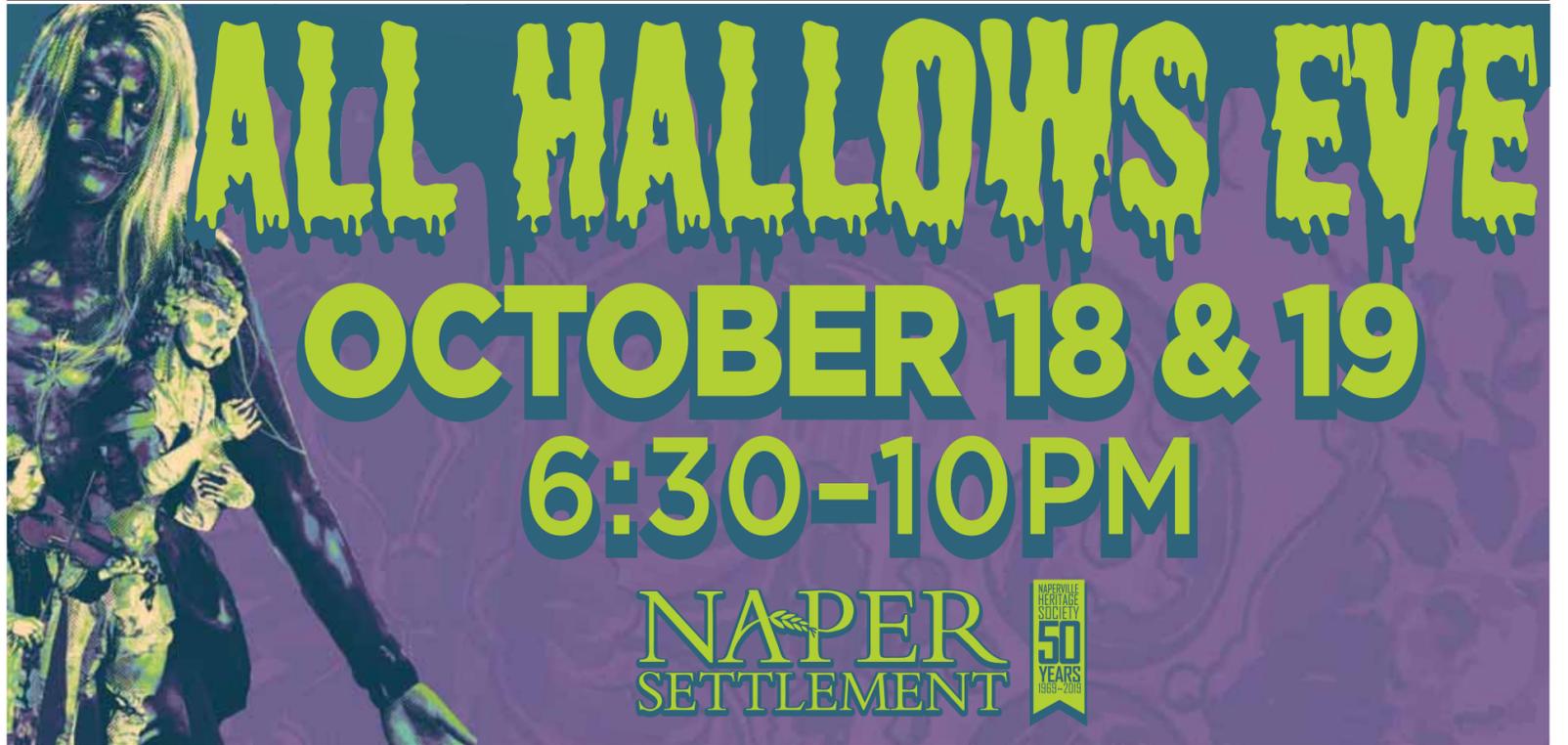
third-quarter report.

Sanguinetti was seeking a second term as Rauner’s lieutenant governor but the GOP team was defeated by Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton in November.

In a statement, Casten campaign manager Chloe Hunt linked the end of Sanguinetti’s campaign to the politics of a party led by President Donald Trump.

“Evelyn Sanguinetti dropping out of the race is a clear indicator that the extreme far right partisan ideology and support of Donald Trump and his hateful rhetoric and policies is wildly out of touch with the concerns of the 6th Congressional District,” Hunt said.

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The good, bad of Lincoln Park Zoo's new gateway



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

When architecture works, it delights our eyes and lifts our spirits. And when it doesn't work, it's frustrating for all concerned — architects, clients and the broader public. A Lincoln Park Zoo visitor center, now nearing its first birthday but still a work in progress, reveals both sides of this complex coin. Called the Searle Visitor Center and located at the east end of the 49-acre zoo, off Cannon Drive, the \$9 million building was designed by Chicago's Ross Barney Architects, whose

credits include the acclaimed downtown riverwalk. The center houses an orientation space with retractable glass walls, a storage area for wheelchairs and strollers, office and back-of-house space, a lounge for zoo members and public restrooms. At its best, it reflects the skill of the firm's namesake, Carol Ross Barney, at shaping vibrant public spaces.

Barney and her consulting structural engineer Bob Magruder gave the center a fabulous canopy. It consists of interconnected steel panels that balance each other like a crazy teeter-totter or set of diving boards. The panels are infilled with a lovely laser-cut pattern that resembles the branches of a tree. The canopy seems to levitate. You see it and ask: "How did they do that?"

Now the frustrating part: The canopy sweeps over a 46-foot-wide entrance to the zoo, but the motorized gate that controls access has broken three times, zoo officials say. The gate, which was designed to keep people and animals from climbing it, is stuck in a partly closed position and must be supplemented by a chain-link fence. The impression it conveys is anything but welcoming.

That's a real problem for an organization that prides itself on being one of the nation's only free zoos. The nitty-gritty of why this mess happened is complex and best saved for the end of this column. But the problem is a shame because the visitor center, on the whole, is a big improvement over the one it replaced. It also tells us a lot about how zoos and



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The motorized eastern gate of Lincoln Park Zoo has broken three times and is stuck in a partly closed position. Officials plan to retract the gate and install a picket-fence gate.

architecture have changed during the last 25 years.

When the visitor center's predecessor, the Gateway Pavilion, opened in 1995, it housed the usual things you associate with such a building: an information center, a gift shop, and the like. Designed by Chicago architect Kathryn Quinn, the pavilion was an eclectic postmodern confection adorned with swan sculptures that recalled the gift of four mute swans that began the zoo in 1868.

But the zoo quickly outgrew the pavilion, and last November, it was replaced by the Searle center, which was five times larger than the earlier building. To make way for the center, the zoo also ditched an attractive 2002 gateway, consisting of rugged stone blocks that supported a sculptural arch of twisting vines, by Chicago's Woodhouse Tinucci Architects.

Barney's design, a pair of buildings clad in Indiana limestone and glass, eschews the overt historical references of its predecessor. But it's not a sleek, steel-and-glass work of modernism. The nature-inspired pattern of its canopies and gate practice mimesis, the act of representing the natural world in art. The pattern also reflects how zoos increasingly view themselves as oases of nature in an urbanizing world.

But the real world and its problems still lurk outside.

Before reaching the center, visitors must pass through concrete Jersey barriers that slow traffic on Cannon Drive and protect the zoo from out-of-control drivers or terrorists who would plow through a crowd. The barriers may be necessary, but they mar the center and a landscaped entrance plaza by Jacobs/Ryan Associates of Chicago. The barriers were installed, zoo officials say, at the recommendation of the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications and eventually will be replaced. The sooner, the better. They're the equivalent of buying a designer dress and accessorizing it with a cheap piece of jewelry.

What follows is a mixed bag. To Barney's credit, the center is not an object sitting in space. Instead, it shapes space, forming a gateway because the public restrooms are placed to the south of the entrance and the other functions (the orientation space, the members' lounge, etc.) are set to the north. Barney arranged those functions in a "U" shape, forming an intimate courtyard. The canopies spread dramatically over both of these spaces. The canopies, which are undergirded by steel tubes and connected

by steel rods, balance each other. The ingenious design casts shadows, provides shade and speaks to the zoo's desire to harmonize with nature.

So why doesn't the gate work?

During construction, Barney said, zoo officials decided that the gate needed to be reinforced in case an animal escaped and tried to climb it. As a result, the weight of the gate, which is made of laser-cut aluminum, tripled. The original motor apparently couldn't handle the extra load. The last breakdown was in August, zoo officials said. They plan to retract the gate and place it along the visitor center's east side.

A conventional picket-fence gate — one of four options presented by Barney's firm, zoo officials said — will be installed in time for the ZooLights festival in November. Unlike the original gate, which took too long to shut, the new one will close quickly "in the event of an animal emergency," the officials said.

Whether it's the animal world or the human world, marrying form and function is never easy.

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5 people shot, 4 fatally, by neighbor at Northwest Side apartment building

BY ALICE YIN AND JEREMY GORNER

Three men and one woman are dead, and another woman critically injured, in a shooting in an apartment building on Chicago's Northwest Side by a neighbor who was known to have "anger management issues," police said.

Police earlier said all five shooting victims were dead but later clarified that the last of the shooting victims remains in critical condition.

Authorities said the man left his apartment in the 6700 block of West Irving Park Road, went to a neighbor's apartment in the same building and, "for reasons we don't yet know," shot and killed four people as they sat around a table eating dinner.

The man, identified as a 67-year-old construction worker who has lived in the building for about 15 years, then went to another neighbor's apartment and shot a

woman, who was in critical condition and was undergoing surgery, according to authorities.

Police said the suspect is in custody, and a weapon has been recovered.

The victims were all adults, police said, but none has been identified.

First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio, of the Chicago Police Department, said the man believed to be the shooter has had run-ins with neighbors in the past.

"Most of the occupants inside the building have had problems with him in the past but nothing obviously of this magnitude," Riccio said. "... He's had confrontations with people in the building before. We don't know what set him off tonight."

Neighbors told police that prior incidents in the building involving the alleged gunman ranged from people making "too much noise to exchanging dirty

looks to bumping into each other in the stairwell," Riccio said.

It wasn't clear how the gunman gained access to his neighbors' apartments, but Riccio said there was no forced entry.

At the site of the shooting just east of Oak Park Avenue, yellow police tape blocked off three tan brick apartment buildings on the south side of West Irving Park Road. Officers paced the balconies of all three floors in the middle structure, and the door to one unit was cracked open at the end of the hallway.

The police activity drew out waves of neighbors who were stunned by the mass shooting.

They described the apartment complex as a quiet dwelling where people are cordial but keep to themselves mostly.

"Up to this point, we enjoyed living here," said Bill Popper, 67. "It's been normal, a nice area."

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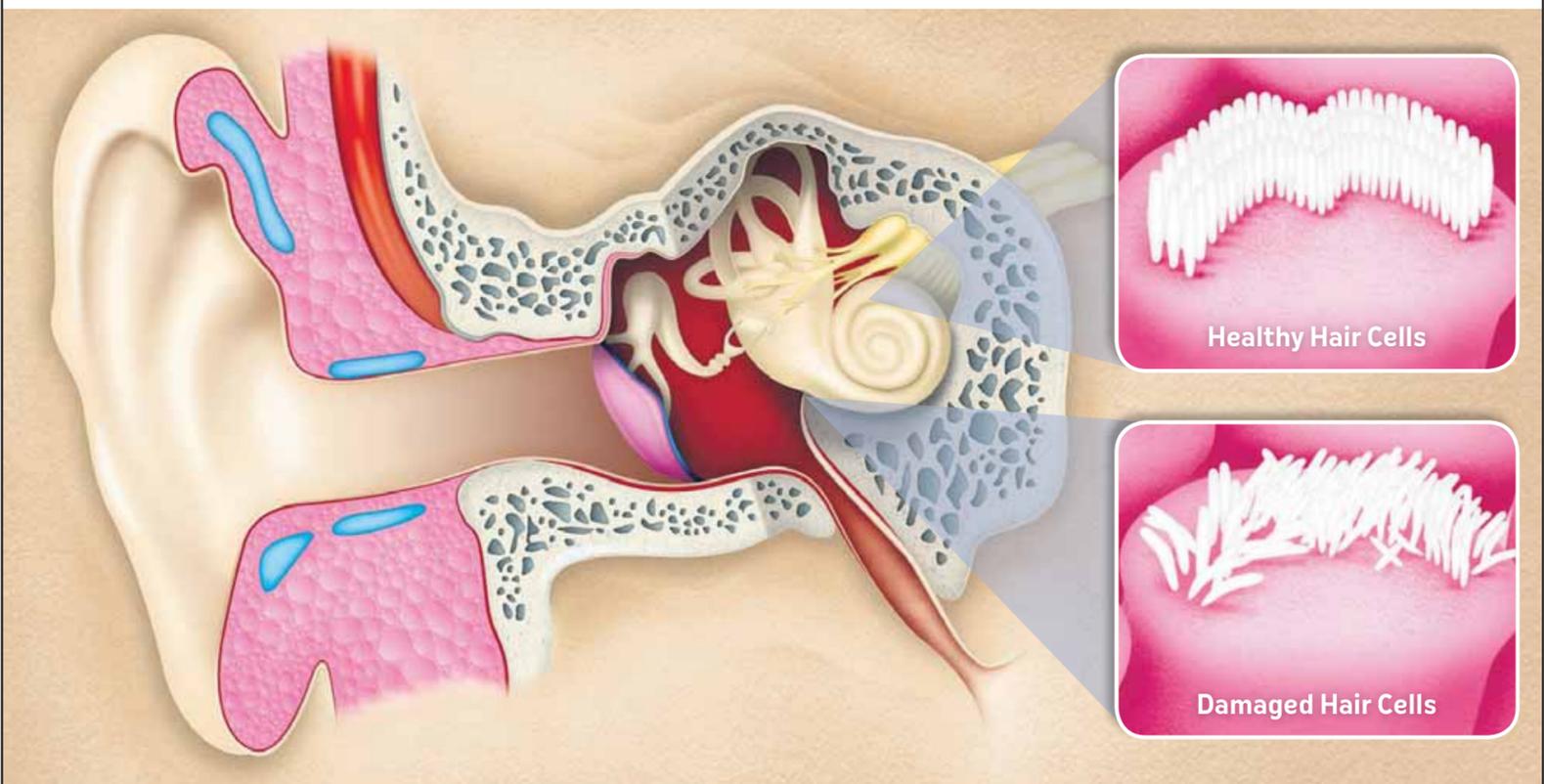
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A wide range of players

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that wound up bringing down Gov. Rod Blagojevich a decade ago.

The wide net cast in the Sandoval raid was closely followed by related federal law enforcement action in suburban McCook, Lyons and Summit — all towns in the senator's district.

Agents also visited Bluff City Materials, a Bartlett sand and gravel operation owned by a major Sandoval donor; the Tribune has reported. And Sandoval's connections to utility giant Commonwealth Edison — where his daughter, Angie, works as a senior account representative — have also been probed.

But while it's difficult to extrapolate from a single search warrant where the various pieces of the investigation will fall, the focus has a familiar ring at the federal courthouse on South Dearborn Street.

"If you look at it, what they were seeking was really at the intersection of money, politics and influence," said Jeffrey Cramer, a former federal prosecutor. "And when you're at 219 S. Dearborn and you get that intersection, that's what makes cases."

Cramer, now managing director at Berkeley Research Group, also noted the document tied together several industries long known for graft — including road building and gambling — as well as towns such as Cicero and Bridgeview that have been fertile ground for federal corruption squads in the past.

The release of the full Sandoval warrant — earlier made public by Senate President John Cullerton with the specific names and entities blacked out — caused immediate fallout in Springfield.

Sandoval abruptly resigned his post as chairman of the powerful Senate Transportation Committee, a move resisted by Cullerton as recently as Thursday. Neither Sandoval nor his lawyer could not be reached for comment.

Hours later, Berwyn Ald. Cesar Santoy, an architect who was also named in the warrant along with his development company Arq Design Build Inc., stepped down from his seat on the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority board of directors.

Santoy's attorney, Brendan Shiller, said Santoy has been assured he is not a target of the federal probe and that he hopes to rejoin the board soon once "the legal concerns" clear up.

The shock waves marked the latest in a series of political corruption scandals that began to unfold nearly 11 months ago when FBI agents raided the City Hall offices of Ald. Edward Burke, Chicago's longest-serving City Council member and the then-powerful chairman of its Finance Committee.

Weeks after agents hauled away computers, boxes and files from Burke's office, it was revealed that his longtime colleague, then-Ald. Daniel Solis, had worn an undercover wire for the FBI while cooperating for more than two years.

Burke is awaiting trial on sweeping federal racketeering charges alleging a series of schemes to use his vast clout to steer business to his private law firm, essentially transforming city government into a criminal enterprise. Solis, meanwhile, has not been charged but has disappeared from the city scene after decades at the political forefront.

How the investigation into Sandoval fits into the Burke probe — if at all — remains a mystery. But as is often the case in city and state politics, myriad connections exist between the key players, including campaign donations, jobs and the use of the same high-powered lobbyists.

One common thread appears to be lobbyist Victor Reyes, a former political enforcer for former Mayor Richard M. Daley and founder of the Hispanic Democratic Organization, the Daley-backed patronage army. Sandoval was elected to the Senate in 2002 with the back of Daley and HDO.

Though not named in the warrant, Reyes' Roosevelt Group represents several of the

companies that agents sought records on during the raid of Sandoval's office — including Bluff City Materials and Reliable Materials Corp. of Lyons, firms that were both founded by Michael Vondra, a Sandoval campaign supporter and "asphalt king."

Also on the list of "items to be seized" in the raid were records related to Safespeed LLC, a red light camera company that does millions of dollars of business in Chicago's suburbs and has been a major Sandoval donor over the years. Records show Reyes has been the company's chief lobbyist in Springfield as it has sought to expand its network of cameras, many at suburban intersections in Sandoval's district.

Safespeed was the subject of a Tribune investigation two years ago that revealed Sandoval had interceded with the Illinois Department of Transportation on Safespeed's behalf while also taking tens of thousands of dollars in campaign donations from the company and its owner.

The warrant showed the FBI sought records on five unnamed IDOT officials during its search of Sandoval's office, though it was not clear if it was connected to Safespeed.

An IDOT spokesman told the Tribune on Friday that the agency has not been contacted by law enforcement about the Sandoval probe.

Safespeed, meanwhile, issued a statement Friday in which it did not directly reference the company or its executives being named in the search warrant. The statement, attributed to CEO Nikki Zollar, said the firm does "not tolerate wrongdoing or public corruption and we support efforts to root it out."

"We base our culture on safety and partnering with law enforcement and we conduct our business ethically and with integrity. We do not condone any departure from these core values," said the statement sent by company spokesman Dennis Culleton.

The firm did not respond to additional questions about its involvement in the investigation.

Reyes was one of the influential players to surface in the FBI's bombshell 2016 search warrant affidavit that laid out the investigation of Solis, the then-chairman of the City Council Zoning Committee, who began cooperating when he was confronted by federal law enforcement.

The document, made public in March, details recorded conversations from 2015 in which Solis sought campaign donations from Reyes for his "Taste of the 25th Ward" fundraising event.

Reyes complained on one call that Solis had never steered any business his way despite his support, while other city aldermen returned his favors, according to the affidavit.

"How 'bout anything, Danny?" Reyes was quoted as saying. "How 'bout anything? Not just the big one. How about one f—— thing?"

Reyes did not respond Friday to messages seeking comment.

While some of the details of what agents were seeking in the Sandoval raid were previously known, others came to light only after Cullerton's decision to release the full document on Friday.

Among the new revelations was that the FBI targeted information about Rick Heidner and Gold Rush Gaming. Heidner, a major video gambling operator who is seeking to build a southwest suburban horse track and casino, recently won state approval for harness racing dates in December 2020. The racino would be built on land near Interstate 80 and Harlem Avenue that used to be the Tinley Park Mental Health Center.

Gold Rush has video gambling machines at several locations in Lyons, McCook and Summit, according to the company's website.

Since 2014, Heidner's Gold Rush has contributed \$18,100 to Cook County Commissioner Jeffrey Tobolski, who doubles as the McCook mayor and is also named in the



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FBI agents carry materials from the Capitol in Springfield on Sept. 24. The raid was at the offices of state Sen. Martin Sandoval, D-Cicero.



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Rick Heidner's Gold Rush has contributed \$18,100 since 2014 to Cook County Commissioner Jeffrey Tobolski, above. Tobolski also is the mayor of McCook.

warrant.

Gold Rush has donated another \$11,500 to Sandoval; \$8,550 to Lyons Mayor Christopher Getty and his village party's campaign fund; and \$1,500 to a campaign fund that lists its treasurer as Summit Village President Sergio Rodriguez, who was named in the warrant as well.

The warrant showed the FBI also rifled through Sandoval's office looking for items related to Vondra and about 20 of his businesses and associates, including John Harris, the former chief of staff to imprisoned ex-Gov. Blagojevich.

Vondra and his businesses have contributed tens of thousands of dollars to the campaigns of Sandoval, Tobolski and Getty, election records show.

Sandoval has introduced several pieces of legislation over the years that would allow for more widespread use of recycled asphalt shingles in road paving projects — a specialty of Vondra-owned company Southwind RAS.

When he called for Sandoval to step down as Transportation Committee chairman last week, Gov. J.B. Pritzker noted that Sandoval had put forth an infrastructure proposal that included language on recycled asphalt shingles.

Sandoval's plan was rejected, and the amendments he put through were ultimately not part of the \$45 billion "Rebuild Illinois" package the governor signed into law, Pritzker said.

Another angle of the probe has been Sandoval's ties to ComEd, which employs a roster of high-powered lobbyists — many of them former Illinois legislators — to wield influence in the Capitol.

ComEd's parent company, Exelon, disclosed Wednesday in a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filing that it received a federal subpoena last week demanding communications with Sandoval, tying the senator to the ongoing federal probe of ComEd and its lobbying activities in Springfield.

The Tribune has reported that the FBI executed search warrants in mid-May at the homes of former ComEd lobbyist Mike McClain of Quincy, a longtime confidant of House Speaker Michael Madigan, and former 23rd Ward Ald. Michael Zalewski.

The information sought by the FBI included records of communications

among Madigan, McClain and Zalewski about attempts to get ComEd lobbying work for Zalewski.

Also in mid-May, the FBI raided the Chicago home of Ald. Marty Quinn's brother, Kevin, a political and government operative Madigan parted ways with last year amid sexual harassment allegations.

After his ouster, Kevin Quinn began receiving thousands of dollars in checks from current and former ComEd lobbyists with ties to the speaker, including McClain, the Tribune has reported.

The documents released by the Illinois Senate on Friday also include a list of items seized by the FBI in the Sandoval raid, including a flash drive with "Landek written on it," and a statement of economic interest and other documents referring to Cicero.

State Sen. Steve Landek, who also is mayor of Bridgeview, said Friday in an interview that he shared a legislative assistant, Tammie Zumwalt, with Sandoval. The federal documents showed mail addressed to Zumwalt was taken along with other items.

Landek said the information on the flash drive likely was about office bills, rents, phones and potentially some information about legislation he has carried for the municipal league. He said he has not been subpoenaed in his roles as mayor or senator, nor has the village of Bridgeview. He said he also has not been interviewed by authorities.

Federal agents also were looking for materials related to Puentes, a business owned by Sandoval that counts Cicero among its clients, and Monarca, a company owned by Sandoval's wife, Marina, the warrant shows.

Cicero Town President Larry Dominick declined to comment through town spokesman Ray Hanania. Hanania said the town has not received any subpoenas related to the Sandoval raid and is not the unnamed municipality listed in the warrant. A spokesman for Michael Del Galdo, Cicero's town attorney, said Friday that Del Galdo has had no contact with federal authorities about the matter.

Among the more unusual aspects of the warrant was the inclusion of the nickname for Vahooman "Shadow" Mirkhaef, owner of a truck and container storage and repair facility in McCook that has donated heavily to the campaigns of Sandoval and others. Mirkhaef's attorney, Sergio Acosta, declined to comment on Friday.

And there's the Countryside cigar lounge, an apparent reference to Casa de Montecristo, where many of the players mentioned in the Sandoval warrant are known to socialize.

Cramer, the former federal prosecutor, told the Tribune it all shows that investigators are looking into far more than "just one track of wrongdoing."

"Sandoval's in the middle, and they have all these different spokes coming out, multiple threads," he said.

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Owner has troubling business connections

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cords. Rocco Suspenzi invoked his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination at a state hearing.

The Tribune also found that Heidner has a similar real estate partnership with Dominic Buttitta, who pleaded guilty to running an illegal bookmaking operation and skimming money from his South Elgin strip club between 2005 to 2009.

On Friday, Heidner's name surfaced in a federal search warrant executed at Democratic state Sen. Martin Sandoval's Capitol office last month. Information related to Heidner and Gold Rush was on FBI agents' lengthy list.

In 2012, the Gaming Board granted Heidner's Gold Rush a license to operate video gambling machines. Two board members recently told the Tribune that Heidner's ties to the Suspenzis would have been an obvious red flag, but they had no recollection of being informed of the real estate deals by the agency's investigators.

"If that was brought to the board's attention, it would have been a definite no," said Maribeth Vander Weele, who served on the Gaming Board when Gold Rush's license was approved without dissent.

"It certainly would have been a big factor," said former Judge Aaron Jaffe, who was Gaming Board chairman at the time. "But I don't recall hearing anything like that."

What Gaming Board investigators knew about Heidner at the time remains secret because Illinois gambling statutes exempt gaming license applications from open records laws. The Gaming Board, which declined to comment Friday, rejected the Tribune's request to see the license application Heidner submitted for Gold Rush.

The Tribune found the business, financial and legal connections between Heidner and the Suspenzis, as well as Buttitta, in public land, court and business registration records. Nearly all of the documents were available from online databases maintained by government agencies across the country.

Heidner declined an interview through his attorney, who did not respond to written questions. Rocco Suspenzi and Dominic Buttitta could not be reached for comment.

Now Heidner is part of a team that wants to build a harness racing track and casino in Tinley Park. He's partnered with the owners of Hawthorne Racecourse in Cicero.

The Illinois Racing Board has approved the horse track portion of the project. Heidner has not yet submitted an application to the Gaming Board for a casino license.

The racino was included in the massive gambling expansion that lawmakers and Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker approved over the summer. Critics of gambling expansion say Illinois risks repeating the troubles of the past if the Gaming Board does not receive significantly greater resources to police the industry.

They point to the Emerald debacle nearly two decades ago as the worst-case scenario of what can go wrong in a state long plagued by corruption: a swirl of insider dealing, mob influence and attempts to deceive state regulators. When the investigation ended, Rosemont lost its gaming license, which was eventually awarded to Des Plaines and became the Rivers Casino.

Jaffe complained for years that his agency was understaffed to deal with the advent of video gambling in 2012. If the Gaming Board voted on Heidner's license without knowing of his ties to Suspenzi, that does not bode well for the state policing the more complicated schemes that may come with sports betting and new casino licenses, said Jeff Cramer, a former assistant U.S. attorney who looked into the ill-fated Rosemont casino deal.

"There are bright people who work there, but they are not equipped to do deep-dive investigations. This is one small example. Put that on steroids," Cramer said. "It won't be just people from Illinois. They'll be coming from Ukraine. They'll be coming from Macau. You see private equity companies and funds being set up to take advantage of gaming. If the people and sources of funds are known on Day One, those people and sources of funds could change on Day 30."

Cramer prosecuted Jeffrey Suspenzi on Parkway-related bank fraud and tax evasion charges in 2006. Federal investigators probing the bank as part of the Emerald case found that Jeffrey Suspenzi, then an assistant vice president of the bank, had embezzled nearly \$500,000 from a client's line of credit. He pleaded guilty in 2006 and served a two-year sentence of supervised release.

Reached by phone Friday, Jeffrey Suspenzi declined to answer questions about his family's ties to Heidner.

"That was a very long time ago, and I don't have anything to do with that," he said.

Former FBI organized crime expert James Wagner said casinos have traditionally been a magnet for organized crime and money laundering because of the enormous amounts of cash that flow in and out of their coffers daily.

"There is every reason to be concerned about the Outfit getting their hands into the gaming expansion," said Wagner, who also ran the Chicago Crime Commission for several years. He advised state investigators on the ties between Emerald investors and the Chicago Outfit, as the mafia here is known.

Emerald's tainted history

Investigators had been suspicious of Rosemont's casino bid from the start. After an East Dubuque casino along the Mississippi River went out of business, lawmakers and then-Gov. George Ryan decided to move the gambling license to Rosemont, a suburb near O'Hare International Airport controlled for a half-century by Donald Stephens.

The mayor known as "The Don" had long



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Hawthorne Racecourse President Tim Carey, left, and Gold Rush Gaming owner Rick Heidner speak Sept. 17 with the state Racing Board.

lobbied for a casino to add to his convention center and the indoor stadium now known as Allstate Arena.

He also was no stranger to allegations of mob ties. The mayor once bought a hotel from Outfit kingpin Sam Giancana, who also loaned the money.

Stephens was acquitted in a 1980s mail fraud trial. His co-defendant in that case, construction company owner Isaac Degen, is a longtime member of Parkway Bank's board.

Gaming Board investigators scolded Stephens after discovering that he had moved ahead with building a parking garage for the casino before he had a gaming license, in violation of state law. The parking garage was partly financed by Parkway under Suspenzi's leadership. Some of the construction was done by a company linked to John "No Nose" DiFronzo, a Chicago mob boss.

In 2003, Gaming Board investigators learned from federal authorities that the Suspenzis had a secret ownership stake in the Emerald that included Vito Salamone, who the board and the FBI contended had links to organized crime.

Rocco Suspenzi told the Tribune at the time that the partnership with Salamone was initiated when his son Jeffrey Suspenzi brought him to their offices at Parkway to discuss the idea. Their ownership was hidden behind the disclosed stake of Salamone's brother, Joseph, who owned an Oak Park grocery store. Rocco Suspenzi said he had only known Vito Salamone previously as a customer of the bank.

The Gaming Board brought in Abner Mikva, a former federal appellate judge and White House adviser, to preside over the Emerald proceedings. In a late 2005 report, Mikva described how the Suspenzis and Parkway Bank facilitated the secret involvement of reputed mobsters in the casino's ownership.

"... (T)here was in fact a secret memorandum of agreement, not provided to the Gaming Board, which showed that (Vito Salamone), as well as officers of the Parkway Bank and Trust Company, were sharing in the ownership interest," Mikva wrote.

"Rocco Suspenzi was the chairman of Parkway Bank and Trust, and he as well as the Salamone brothers and Jeffrey Suspenzi were all subpoenaed to testify in this proceeding. All of them refused to testify, claiming their Fifth Amendment rights when asked questions about the secret agreement or any other questions pertaining to Emerald," he added.

Mikva's report also described how another reputed mob figure, Nick Boscarino, used a Parkway loan to secretly invest \$1.5 million in the Emerald project. The report also detailed ties between Vito Salamone, Boscarino and Stephens to DiFronzo and other figures the FBI claimed were linked to organized crime.

Ties between Gold Rush's Heidner and a key player involved in the Emerald scandal should be a cause for concern, said Barry Gross, a former chief deputy in then-Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office. He helped lead the state's probe of the Emerald in hearings before the Gaming Board.

"Absolutely, based on their history ... it should be a red flag," said Gross, who is now retired.

Heidner-Suspenzi partnership

The Suspenzis' secret ownership in the failed Rosemont casino was made public in May 2003, setting off a media firestorm.

Six months later, Heidner formed two new limited liability corporations with the Suspenzi Family Corp. — the same instrument Rocco Suspenzi used for part of the Emerald stake his family had shared with Vito Salamone, who had alleged mob ties.

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— Former Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Cramer

State records show that the Suspenzi Family Corp. is controlled by Rocco and wife Toni.

Together, the Heidner-Suspenzi LLCs bought several commercial buildings in Illinois and at least four other states. In most cases, the purchases were financed with loans from Parkway, land records show.

In late January 2012, Heidner filed papers with the Illinois secretary of state to remove the Suspenzi name from the LLCs they shared. In most cases, the Suspenzi Family Corp. was also removed from the listed corporate managers.

Two weeks later, the Gaming Board approved Heidner's video gambling license. The name changes appear to have been cosmetic. Numerous records show Heidner and Suspenzi continued to do business together.

For instance, outside of Illinois, Heidner did not change corporate names. In New York, Florida, Texas and California, they are still doing business as Heidner Yormark Suspenzi Properties LLC.

In addition, an affidavit filed in a 2017 slip-and-fall lawsuit at a Hillside strip mall revealed that the complex was owned by one of Heidner's other business entities, the Suspenzi Family Corp. and West Chicago businessman Terry R. Yormark, court records show.

Jeffrey Suspenzi also was named in the case because he was the registered owner of the snow removal contractor whom the owners employed to plow the strip mall, records show. The case was settled.

Over the years, Heidner often has turned to Parkway Bank to finance his projects. In May 2012, four months after Heidner removed the Suspenzi name from several LLCs, a bank trust that Heidner, Yormark and Suspenzi controlled borrowed \$6 million from Parkway, using the Hillside strip mall as collateral, land records show.

More recently, in September 2018 Heidner borrowed \$350,000 from Parkway against a Franklin Park strip mall he owns.

Rocco Suspenzi is still chairman of the board of the holding company that owns the bank, according to state corporate filings. Federal banking records show the Suspenzi family owns about 14% of Parkway's stock.

Property deal with a bookie

In 2005, Heidner and Buttitta formed Heidner-Buttitta Properties LLC. Together, they borrowed \$956,000 to buy a building in Elgin that is leased to a bar and grill currently known as D Hangout. Heidner's Gold Rush supplies video gambling machines to the bar.

At the time the two created the corporation, Buttitta was deeply immersed in what federal authorities said was a yearslong criminal conspiracy to run an illegal gambling operation out of his strip club a few miles away. Federal prosecutors brought charges just days before Heidner was granted a state video gambling license.

Authorities alleged that between 2005 and 2009, Buttitta ran an illegal "sports bookmaking operation" out of Blackjacks Gentlemen's Club in South Elgin. Buttitta and his son, Anthony, hid gambling "agents" on the payroll of the strip club to make it appear as though they had legitimate sources of income, prosecutors alleged.

Investigators also found that between 2002 and 2009, the Buttittas collected \$3.7

million from dancers who were required to pay a daily fee to perform at the club. The money was never declared as taxable income, and they destroyed the daily logs of those payments, according to court records.

Charges came down on Feb. 2, 2012. A week earlier, Heidner had removed Buttitta's name from their corporation — on the same day he removed the Suspenzi name from several corporate entities.

On Feb. 16, the Gaming Board awarded Heidner a license to operate video gaming machines.

On Feb. 23, Buttitta pleaded guilty to conspiracy and tax evasion crimes.

Heidner's plan to expand his gambling business

Earlier this year, Heidner hosted a fundraiser for Cubs star Anthony Rizzo's cancer charity at his Barrington-area home, a 20,000-square-foot house sitting on 14 acres.

Heidner has been in the public eye because of his various business interests.

At a recent Chicago budget town hall meeting hosted by Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Heidner stood in line with others during the question period and beseeched the mayor to grant him a private meeting so they could discuss bringing video gambling into the city. Heidner bills Gold Rush as the state's third-largest video gaming operator, with more than 480 locations.

In the meantime, he is pushing forward with a plan to build a harness-racing track and casino on state-owned land near Interstate 80 and Harlem Avenue that used to be the Tinley Park Mental Health Center.

At a Sept. 17 Racing Board hearing, Heidner made a detailed presentation on the racetrack casino he plans to build with Hawthorne Racecourse President Tim Carey.

Drawings showed a hotel and entertainment complex to complement the gambling and racing operations. Racing Board members expressed enthusiasm for the prospect of having a new track to help prop up the lagging horse racing industry.

Heidner made a previous attempt to enter the horse racing industry with a failed bid to buy the bankrupt Balmoral Park in Crete in 2016. Heider told the Racing Board it was during that process that he became deeply enamored of people in the horse industry.

In pushing to build a new track in Tinley Park, Carey said that he and Heidner would "give the horsemen what they lost with Balmoral and Maywood," a track that closed in 2015.

As the hearing drew to a close, Racing Board Chairman Jeffrey Brincat discussed the proposal.

"I enjoy seeing a presentation from my friend Tim Carey, and ... what I hope is going to be a new friend, Rick Heidner," Brincat said. "But that's not why the administration has us up here. It's to look out for Illinois racing."

One board member asked whether staff had conducted a background investigation of Heidner, and was assured that nothing objectionable had been found.

A week later, the Racing Board awarded Heidner's venture racing dates for December 2020.

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Giuliani's dodgy pals indicted and Trump demands Fox News behave



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The week in review

President Donald Trump continued to face a congressional impeachment inquiry in the calm and straightforward manner we've come to expect and ... I'm kidding, he just melted further into a gurgling puddle of liquefied lies, forcing the nation and

a good part of the world to look back on the week and ask: "What the (BLEEP) just happened?"

Dodgy Giuliani's dodgy pals picked up for doing pro-Trump crimes

In the midst of an impeachment inquiry is probably not the best time for two associates of a president's personal attorney to get indicted on campaign finance charges and arrested while trying to flee the country.

But that is just what happened last week, and it fits fairly well with the Trump administration's motto: "Every 10 minutes, a new Watergate."

Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, who were helping Rudy Giuliani in his conspiratorial "investigation" into Ukraine and former Vice President Joe Biden, were charged Thursday with campaign violations that include a \$325,000 donation to a pro-Trump political action committee.

It appears the two were helping deliver Russian money to Republican candidates, which hints at why so many Republican lawmakers have their lips permanently attached to President Donald Trump's butt.

Giuliani was spotted having lunch with Parnas and Fruman at — you guessed it! — the Trump International Hotel in Washington hours before they attempted to board an international flight.

It all sounds dodgy as the dickens, but don't worry. I'm sure we'll learn it's all Hillary Clinton's fault any moment now.

Trump tells Fox News to shape up if it wants to be state-run media

President Donald Trump pushed ever-closer to a breakup with his BFF Fox News after the network dared to release a poll showing majority support for Trump's impeachment and removal from office.

The Fox News poll found that 51% of Americans think Trump should be impeached and removed from office, up from



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Rudy Giuliani, speaks to the Organization of Iranian American Communities during their march to urge "recognition of the Iranian people's right for regime change," outside the United Nations Headquarters in New York in September.

42% in July.

It hurts when (Fox &) Friends turn their backs on you.

Trump responded Thursday via tweet: "From the day I announced I was running for President, I have NEVER had a good @FoxNews Poll. Whoever their Pollster is, they suck."

In his next tweet, he said Fox News "doesn't deliver for US anymore. It is so different than it used to be. Oh well, I'm President!"

Look, Fox News, if you want to maintain your standing as the president's top propaganda outlet, you better fire those pollsters and stop dishing out anything even close to the truth.

If only the Kurds had stayed at some Trump properties...

Trump did to the Syrian Kurds last week what he has done to all manner of contractors, wives and adult film stars: turned his back on them.

After announcing he was pulling U.S. troops from northern Syria and abandoning our Kurdish allies who defeated the Islamic State, Trump gave Turkey the green light to attack and put nearly a half-million people near the border at risk.

Trying to downplay America's relationship with the Kurds, Trump said "they didn't help us in the second World War, they didn't help us with Normandy." It was

an interesting comment coming from someone who, to the best of my recollection, didn't help us with Vietnam.

The Kurds' best chance for getting Trump to care about them is to quickly let him build a Trump Tower in northern Syria. Otherwise, all bets are off.

Madigan ally's door knockers and the knocks on doors by the FBI

Nothing says democracy quite like a politician harassing constituents into signing something they don't want to sign.

A Tribune report last week detailed how Southwest Side residents were hassled repeatedly by 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn's foot soldiers, who went door to door pressuring people to sign affidavits revoking their support for a college student who was running against Quinn.

It didn't matter whether the residents had actually given the student, David Krupa, their support in the first place. Quinn's people just wanted to scoop up as many revocations as possible in the hope they would somehow snag enough to take Krupa off the ballot.

"They kept coming and coming and coming to my house. ... Three times a day for a very long time," one woman said.

Quinn is Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's guy. Which probably explains the subtlety of this approach.

Of course the only annoying door

knocks Madigan is worrying about right now are the ones coming from FBI agents raiding the homes of his friends and confidants. Maybe karma's real after all.

Environmentalists gripe about minor fish-slaughtering cyanide spill

Once again, lake-hugging environmentalist are trying to interfere with good old-fashioned capitalism by suing an Indiana steel mill over something silly such as releasing "a plume of concentrated cyanide and ammonia" into a Lake Michigan tributary.

Yes, the spill at ArcelorMittal's Burns Harbor mill earlier this year killed thousands of fish. And yes it led to several beach closures and the shut off of a nearby drinking water intake.

And yes, the lawsuit filed by the Chicago-based Environmental Law and Policy Center and the Hoosier Environmental Council claims the mill broke environmental laws more than 100 times over the past four years.

And yes, when you put all that together it does sound really, really bad.

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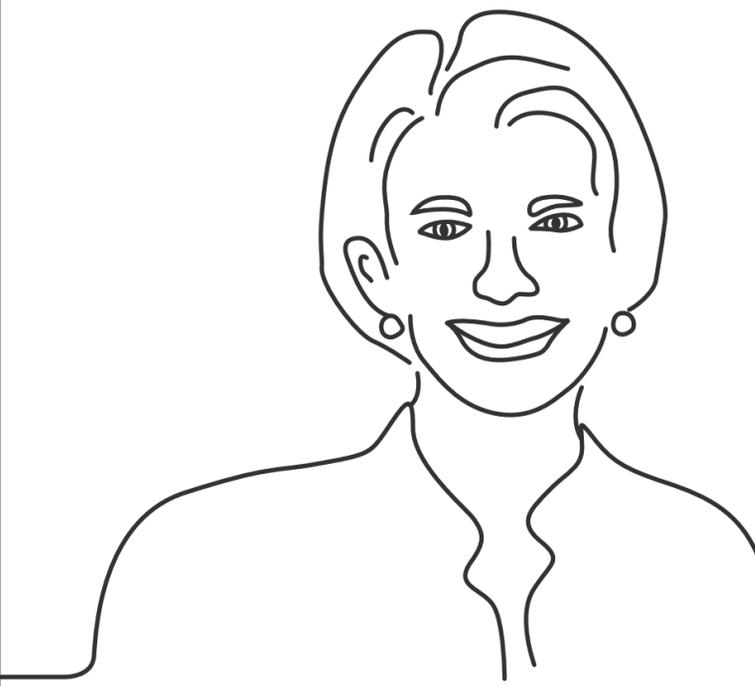
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People walk by the NBA flagship retail store in Beijing, China, on Wednesday. The NBA is trying to salvage its brand in China amid criticism of its handling of a controversial tweet that infuriated the government and has jeopardized the league's Chinese expansion.

NBA-China controversy shows how money trumps free speech



CLARENCE PAGE

China's clash with the National Basketball Association over a short tweet reveals an unfortunate truth. Contrary to our best American hopes that China's success with market capitalism would weaken that government's chokehold on free speech, it appears to have done more to seduce us.

That's because lots of money hangs in the balance and, as much as the NBA may be the most prominent American business being targeted by Chinese authorities, it is hardly alone.

Apple, for example, late Wednesday removed a smartphone app used by pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong in the tech giant's latest surrender to China's autocratic government. The app, HKmap.live, allows protesters and others to track Hong Kong police movements through crowd-sourced information.

The Beijing government also complained via its state-run news outlet, People's Daily, that Apple allowed a song advocating Hong Kong independence to be available on its platforms. The government doesn't like too much chatter about independence, whether spoken or sung.

The government also has banned

some fashion brands and suggestive T-shirts. Recent crackdowns have included Winnie the Pooh. Too bad. It wasn't his idea to be used as a political symbol by satirists because of his alleged resemblance to President Xi Jinping.

But none of those episodes has received as much attention as the message that Daryl Morey, general manager of the Houston Rockets, tweeted on Oct. 4 in support of anti-Beijing protesters who have jammed Hong Kong streets for the past four months: "Fight for Freedom. Stand with Hong Kong."

The tweet was quickly deleted and the NBA league announced its "regret" that many Chinese, particularly those who live outside Hong Kong, were offended by the tweet. Since the Chinese government doesn't allow free press or free speech, it is very hard to say how many were delighted by the message.

The NBA's apologetic response struck many critics as downright cowardly in light of the NBA's high tolerance for political dissent in past cases. Los Angeles Lakers superstar LeBron James has routinely traded insult tweets with President Donald Trump.

Two of the league's most successful coaches, Steve Kerr and Gregg Popovich, have spoken out on gun safety and immigration issues, but avoided taking sides in the China controversy. Yet Trump did not wait to criticize both and some others in the NBA for "pandering" to China.

Yet, the president — who is outspoken on just about every other issue on earth and beyond, including trade and tariff negotiations — was uncharacteristically mute on human rights in Hong Kong.

The president, like NBA owners and China's leaders, has his eye on the bottom line. With the world's largest population and one of its biggest economies, China will not be ignored, especially by the NBA, which says that country's professional basketball fans number about twice the U.S. population. The NBA also has a \$15 billion deal with a Chinese livestreaming company.

A big dent was put in that revenue stream when Chinese businesses and government retaliated against the objectionable tweet by canceling events, tearing down posters and declining to air the big exhibition game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Brooklyn Nets on CCTV, the Chinese national television network.

Money talks. But what I find even more troubling is the apparent erosion of resistance to China's efforts to force Americans to censor themselves.

Deadspin published a memo from a senior ESPN news executive telling anchors to avoid political discussions about China and Hong Kong, and instead focus on the related basketball issues. CNN reporter Christina Macfarlane was interrupted by a Rockets media official when she asked Rockets stars James Harden and Russell Westbrook in a news conference whether the recent events had changed their

thoughts about speaking freely on political issues. Macfarlane herself was quickly shut down for asking a question that was insufficiently related to basketball. She later received an apology.

The sad truth of all this fuss, ethically speaking, is that Morey was right and the Chinese government was wrong. The demonstrators in Hong Kong deserve the right to free speech and were promised more democracy when the city was handed over by the British than Beijing has been willing to grant.

There was a time when we in the free world hoped that a taste of free market capitalism would bring enough rewards to all Chinese people and that they would crave more freedoms. Instead, China is now so economically huge — and growing — that its leaders have been content to bully their way around the block, and the globe.

The result for the past 40 years has been a mixture of free market capitalism and authoritarian governance that displays the worst lessons of capitalism. Essentially, everybody has their price, so take the profits and shut up about your political leadership.

That's a pretty persuasive message. All it requires is an absence of moral courage.

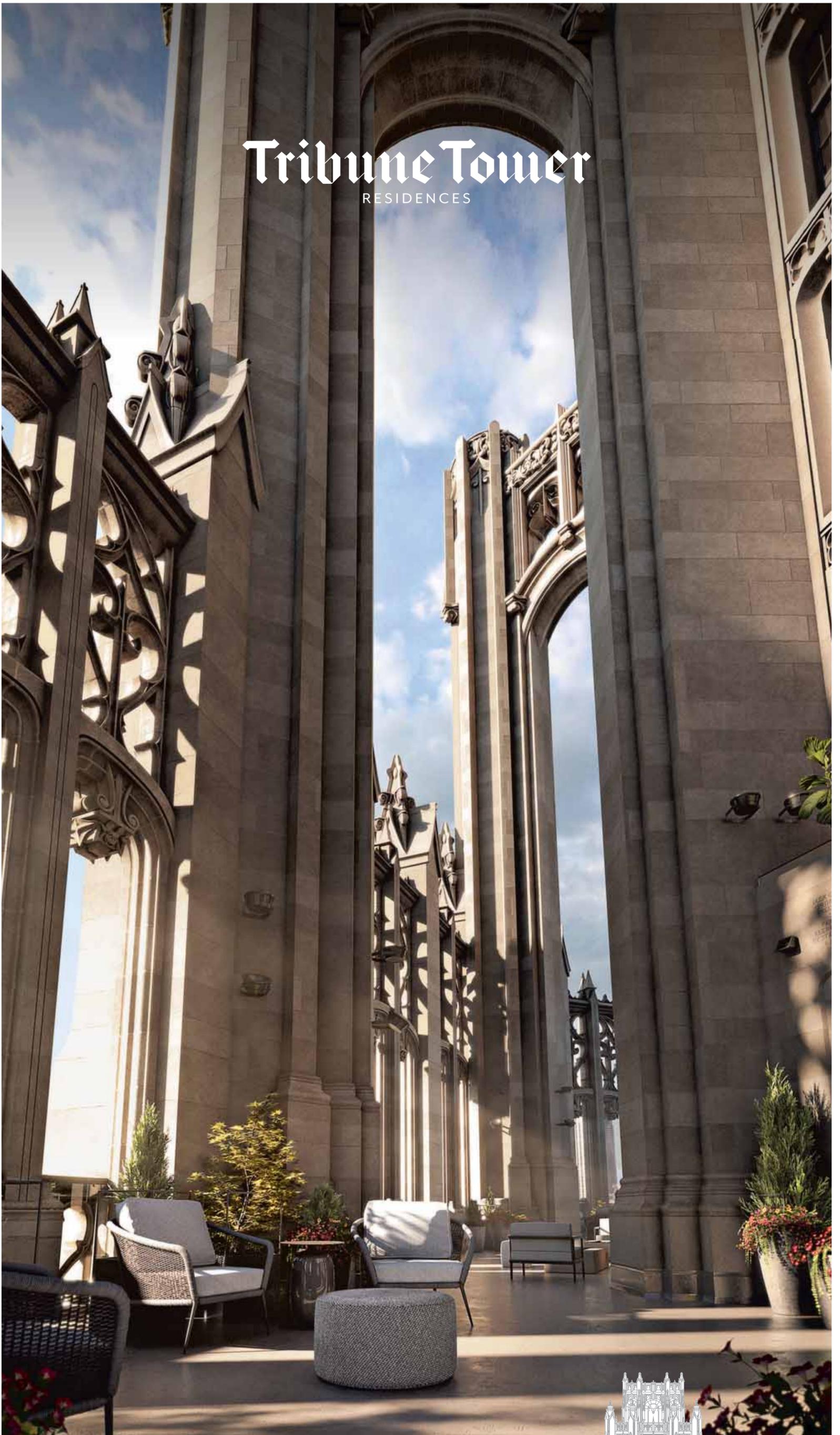
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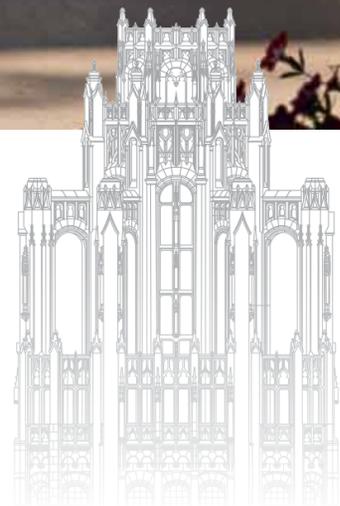
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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



Yes, the Bears are off Sunday. No, they don't have a 'bye'

Permit me to buck at least 87 years of tradition today and register my objection to the use of the term "bye" to describe an off date on a football team's schedule.

The online etymological dictionary tells us that the use of "bye" in sports comes to us from the sport of cricket where, since the 1700s, it has referred to "a run scored on a ball that is missed by the wicket-keeper" — in other words, a benefit for a team that occurs without any particular action taken by that team.

Borrowing from that sense of automatic advancement, the word "bye" began being used in the 1860s in bracket-style tournaments to refer to a situation in which certain teams or players, usually those with the highest seeds, are allowed to sit out a game or two in early rounds of the tournament while the other contestants battle to move ahead. In that sense, a "bye" is a presumed victory against an imaginary opponent superimposed onto a larger bracket.

The earliest reference I could find in the news archives to "bye week" as a synonym for "week off" was a 1932 article about high school football in the Los Angeles Times. Writer Irving Eckhoff used it to refer to a gap when all teams in the Los Angeles city league were idle.

I found scattered usage of "bye week" in the archives until the mid-1960s,

when the National Football League discontinued the practice of giving teams open dates during the season. The term increased in popularity in the 1990s when the NFL resumed taking weeks off and many college teams followed suit. It now appears in the official NFL schedule and has been blessed by The Associated Press Stylebook editors.

But they aren't and have never been "byes." The Bears aren't playing this Sunday, but they won't be credited with a victory over an imaginary opponent or gain some other advantage while taking their rest. It's just a break, a day off — a fact that's acknowledged in the terminology we use for basketball, baseball and hockey teams when they're between games.

Yes, there are more important controversies roiling the world. And yes, language evolves despite the protestations of pedantic curmudgeons. "Enormity" can still mean "extreme wickedness" but is now widely accepted as a synonym for largeness. In casual usage, to the horror of many of us, "literally" has become an acceptable equivalent to "figuratively." And even smart people can get away with saying "it begs the question" when they mean "it poses the question."

That doesn't mean I'm going to refrain making a futile plea to sports journalists: Say "bye bye" to "bye."

Speaking of 'bye,' it's time for Eddie Johnson to say farewell

About 10 days after Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke shot and killed Laquan McDonald in 2014, Eddie Johnson, then the department's deputy chief of patrol, joined other command-level officials to view the ghastly dashcam video of the incident. This was more than a year before a judge ordered a release of the video, which showed Van Dyke firing 16 shots at McDonald — the first coming as McDonald was angling away from him, most of the rest coming while McDonald was lying inert and fatally wounded on the pavement. The public was enraged.

The video record didn't match the accounts by Van Dyke and other officers on the scene who said McDonald had been attacking Van Dyke when the shooting occurred. Johnson went on to become the superintendent of the department in 2016. Van Dyke was convicted last October of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery.

Wednesday, the release of a trove of documents related to city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's investigation of the case confirmed old news reports about Johnson's attendance at the viewing of the video. "There was never no question whether the shooting



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Bears fans Michael Dibartolomeo, left, and Jeremy Schmidt enjoy cocktails before the Packers-Bears season opener at Soldier Field on Sept. 5.

was justified," Lt. Osvaldo Valdez told investigators. "Everyone agreed that Officer Van Dyke used the force necessary to eliminate the threat, and that's pretty much it."

You've probably seen the video. I certainly have. Scores of times. Frame by frame. Those who saw it and exonerated Van Dyke with "no question" forfeited their moral authority, and that's pretty much it.

"He should not be able to keep his job because of this," Ald. Jeanette Taylor, 20th, told the Sun-Times. "He knew. This is another way that our communities feel like we can't trust the people who are supposed to protect us."

School strikes don't have to disrupt sports

As the Thursday Chicago Teachers Union strike deadline approaches, "coaches and athletes in sports from football to cross-country are nervously watching the clock,"

wrote my colleague John Keilman on Thursday. "For many, the most important part of their season will be disrupted if teachers and support staff take to the picket lines, spoiling months of hard work and potentially damaging some students' chances to play in college."

Why? Because the Illinois High School Association, which governs interscholastic sports, "with limited exceptions, does not allow teams to compete if their school districts are embroiled in a walkout," Keilman wrote.

But the exception — "IHSAA rules say if a team begins postseason play before its district enters a strike, they can continue despite the walkout" — reveals the rule itself to be arbitrary and lacking principle.

News stories from around the country suggest that whether or not certain extracurricular activities can continue during teacher strikes in other states is a matter often left up to the unions and school

district officials. Some think that paying the modest stipends of coaches — who are often also teachers — and letting the games go on diminishes the leverage of the strikers; others see it as a show of good faith to the community that increases public support for the strikers.

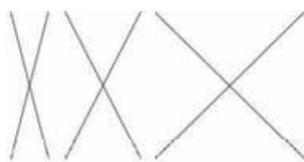
Who's to say? Well, it sure shouldn't be the Illinois High School Association.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's reader poll to select the funniest tweet was "If you can't remember having to buy an entire crummy album for one good song, you're too young for me," by @brittwastaken.

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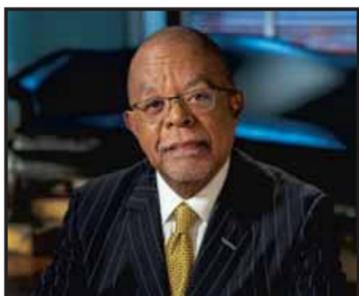
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THE START LINE

Runners in Chicago's first marathon dodged traffic and waited for a train and an open drawbridge

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

At 2 p.m. on a fall afternoon, the crack of a gunshot at the Evanston Golf Club sent more than a dozen men running. They didn't intend to stop until they made it to Chicago. It was Sept. 23, 1905, and they were attempting a feat that would be the first of its kind in the city: a marathon.

Endurance contests had already sparked the public's curiosity. One 6½-day race in Chicago in 1880 pitted humans against horses. Once the marathon was featured in the first modern Olympics in Athens in 1896, it spread — first to Boston, then other cities, including Chicago.

Modern-day runners and spectators would hardly recognize it.

Seven runners — fewer than half those who started the 1905 race organized by the Illinois Athletic Club — managed to finish, even though the course was short by today's standards. The 25-mile route from the northern suburbs to the Washington Park racetrack wouldn't grow to 26.2 until after the 1908 London Olympics.

On the way, they dodged traffic. It wasn't just the hundreds of spectators following in cars and on bikes: A passing train forced all but a small lead group to stop and wait at Devon Avenue. Stragglers got another forced break when the Rush Street bridge opened for a passing steamship.

Runners were given credit for time spent waiting, but it wouldn't change the outcome. As the two leaders circled the racetrack, J.J. Kennedy, closing fast, "gave the crowd a scare for fear the premier honor in the big event would go to New York," the Tribune reported.

But Chicago's Rhud Metzner, a 23-year-old running the distance for the first time, held him off with 30 seconds to spare, finishing in three hours and 15 minutes.

More than twice as many runners turned up the following year, among them the silver medalist in the marathon at the 1904 Olympics, cyclists, a mail clerk and a coal heaver, the Tribune reported.

The winner, Dennis Bennett, a glass blower from Canada, told the Tribune the course from Ravinia Park to the Illinois Athletic Club's Michigan Avenue headquarters was among the finest he'd seen, even though the city's roads filled his shoes with pebbles that left his feet cut and blistered.

"When I hit the cobblestones

on Michigan Avenue I thought I'd have to run in on my hands, my feet were so sore," he said.

He still crossed the finish line a mile ahead of his nearest rival in 2:41:33 as a band played "The Maple Leaf Forever."

Finishing at all was no small feat in the days before runners had access to high-tech footwear, time-tested training techniques and the sports drinks and gels today's marathoners rely on for a midrace energy boost. Some did without or sucked on lemons and oranges.

Others tried booze. Brooklyn runner John Lindquist drank whiskey while building a seemingly insurmountable lead during the 1907 Illinois Athletic Club marathon. After each drink, he "dashed ahead with an amazing vigor until the thousands that thronged the thoroughfares marveled at his vitality and speed," the Tribune reported.

But by the time he got to mile 23, Lindquist couldn't keep his eyes open. His trainers sang songs to try to keep him awake and guided the apparently unconscious runner through 2 full miles before he collapsed, the Tribune reported in a story headlined "Sleeping Runner Loses Marathon."

The following year's winner, French-born Chicago runner Albert Corey, had better luck with Champagne.

The novelty of the event also drew throngs of spectators, most of whom, unlike today, were there to watch the action, not cheer on a friend.

Crowd estimates for the Illinois Athletic Club's amateur races topped 100,000. In January 1909, as many as 4,000 people paid to watch two professionals in a 26.2-mile duel around a track: local star Corey and Italian runner Dorando Pietri, who nearly claimed gold in the marathon at the 1908 Olympics but was disqualified after officials helped him across the finish line.

"Marathon racing always has been popular here and this city has turned out some of the best of the amateur distance men. But never has the local public had the opportunity of seeing such an event in its entirety and never has a man of Dorando's reputation



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Athletic trainers examine runner Albert Corey during the 1907 Illinois Athletic Club marathon in Chicago. The marathon started at Ravinia Park in Highland Park and ended at the Illinois Athletic Club headquarters on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago.



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Marathoner Johnny Hayes in an undated photo. Hayes won the 1908 Olympics and raced in Chicago the following year at White Sox park. Hayes came in second in the 1909 race that was the first real marathon in Chicago, being 26 miles.

appeared here in a race of this nature," the Tribune wrote.

Fortunately for Pietri, who had already packed four marathons into less than two months during his U.S. racing tour, but unfortunately for the spectators, it wasn't much of a contest. Corey began having problems with his shoes less than 3 miles into the race. A barely sweating Pietri won by about 8 miles.

One physician who examined Corey's feet said he strained an arch; the other "pronounced his ailment nothing more serious

than an acute attack of 'cold feet,'" the Tribune reported.

The occasional dull race did little to dampen runners' enthusiasm. Top Chicago runner and Olympian Sidney Hatch won three marathons and was runner-up in another in 1909 alone. One victory, in 2 hours and 44 minutes, was a record for the fastest marathon run indoors by an amateur at the time, the Tribune reported.

By then, runners were competing so frequently that the organization that launched the

marathon in Chicago tried to shut it down out of fear for the athletes' health.

"Local Athletic Body Decides Long Grind Is Injurious to Contestants," one December 1909 headline said.

The Illinois Athletic Club called off plans for future marathons. Athletes who were determined to race at every opportunity were kicked off the roster. Officials said they would consider letting runners stay if they promised to limit themselves to one marathon a year, the Tribune reported.

It did little to halt runners who wanted to keep racing. The club itself organized a couple of marathons in the years that followed, amid shorter races sometimes dubbed "modified marathons."

But the race's novelty eventually wore off, and events featuring the full 26.2-mile distance grew more sporadic in Chicago during the 1920s, then lapsed.

By the time it returned to Chicago during the 1970s jogging boom, it was a different race. Once a curiosity for a few dozen competitors, today the event is among the world's largest marathons, bringing more than 44,000 runners, from elites to everyday citizens seeking a challenge, to Chicago's streets.

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EDITORIALS

Pritzker's pension suture can be one step toward a full healing

Take a firefighter with 20 years on the job and a retirement eligibility age of 50. Add annual increases to his or her pension check that outpace the cost of living. Toss in investment returns in the local firefighters pension fund that fall short of expectations. And consider: That pension fund might be supporting more retirees than it has active employees paying into it.

What do you get when you hit the "total" button? Relentless pressure on local taxpayers to keep that firefighter's pension benefits flowing for several decades.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker is getting behind a proposal that could begin to ease pension pressure on property taxes. A Pritzker task force recommends consolidating the suburbs' and



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker announces Thursday he's getting behind a proposal to consolidate more than 600 pension funds.

downstate's roughly 650 separate funds for firefighters and police into two main accounts. Pooling the assets of all those local funds would deliver greater annual investment returns, and perhaps reduce the expensive gaps

taxpayers have to fill when investments fall short.

Pension problem solved? Not even close. But it's a step toward bending the curve. Hundreds of municipalities face the pension monster that is gobbling up resources — and driving

employers and other residents to flee Illinois. Pritzker says he'll push lawmakers to pass legislation during the fall veto session, which begins Oct. 28. That's ambitious.

How it would work: Local pension funds would remain autonomous in their day-to-day administration. The firefighter who retires at age 50 and collects benefits still would have a pension fund overseen by a local board. But the assets of most funds outside Chicago would be consolidated and invested. According to the Illinois Department of Insurance, more than \$14 billion in suburban and downstate police and fire plans could generate an additional \$820 million to \$2.5 billion in investment returns during the next five

years, if they are pooled. Any projection, of course, assumes market returns that may materialize — or not.

Get it done, Springfield. Illinois is behind already. Other populous states have far fewer pension funds. New York has nine. California has 86. Texas has 140. Illinois has more than 650 outside Chicago. Some 24 pension funds across Illinois have only one active participant, meaning one current employee, paying into them. Imagine the wasted overhead costs.

Opposition to Pritzker's consolidation proposal has emerged from some police unions and from the cottage industry of financial advisers and investors who make money off the hyperlocal setup here. But that opposition should not

derail a reasonable proposal to help taxpayers. Chicago's police and fire funds are not included in proposals so far to consolidate; the task force says these large funds would not necessarily benefit.

A footnote, underlined: This plan does not address the unfunded liabilities already accrued, such as the state's \$134 billion in unfunded liabilities from its five funds, or Chicago's \$30 billion. Only more drastic reforms, such as amending the Illinois Constitution's pension protection clause to slow the growth of benefits *not yet earned*, would begin to ease those huge burdens facing taxpayers.

So onward, Governor. Go for consolidation. But let Illinoisans vote on the only meaningful fix for pensions long term — an amendment.

Recalling Eric Morse, the boy who refused to steal candy and was dropped to his death

Twenty-five years ago Sunday — Oct. 13, 1994 — one of the most heartbreaking crimes in Chicago history startled Americans. From the Tribune's first report:

Two boys, ages 10 and 11, asked a 5-year-old to steal candy for them, then dropped him to his death from a 14th-floor public housing complex window when he refused, Chicago police said.

The older boys had taken Eric Morse and his 8-year-old brother to a vacant apartment in the decrepit high-rise. In signed confessions they later admitted that they did, in fact, kill Eric because he had refused to steal candy for them. During a 2001 civil trial in which they testified as witnesses, one of the two said Eric was terrified and hurt after being repeatedly thrown down a flight of stairs, stabbed in the face with a butter knife and sprayed in the eye with a disabling chemical. As Eric struggled for his life, and as his brother tried to pull him back inside, Eric had shouted, "I want to go home." The other youth specified that Eric had been lifted by his legs and dangled outside the window before he was dropped.

Eric's mother would testify that the her tearful 8-year-old came to her: "Mama, Eric fell. Come on." She said she found Eric lying face-up and breathing but unresponsive to her entreaties. He was pronounced dead a half-hour later.

The free fall of Eric Morse lasted some 3.5

seconds and still reverberates: His name routinely appears on lists of young victims — Benjamin Wallace, Dantrell Davis, Hadiya Pendleton, Tyshawn Lee ...

— of notorious Chicago slayings. The older boys were found delinquent in juvenile court and sentenced to the maximum five years' incarceration. The Chicago Housing Authority demolished the high-rise in 1997.

But our focus today is on Eric, and 1994. He was one of 114 children ages 16 or younger who were slain in Chicago that year.

We wrote after his death that the 5-year-old, in his resolve to do right rather than wrong, had confronted all of us with a hard question: how to nurture more children who have his moral sensibilities. That question endures in a city that loses too many of its young people to their dangerous choices and the sometimes fatal consequences.

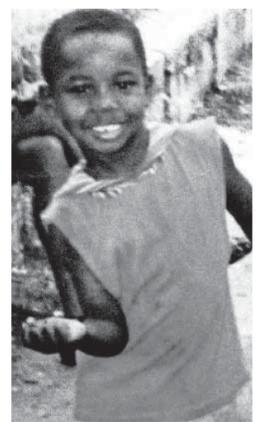
We hope Chicagoans, and all those Americans who followed this case 25 years ago, never forget the boy who refused to steal candy.

During his funeral at Holy Angels Catholic Church, the priest said Chicago could end its violence if each of us has the courage to choose right over wrong that Eric had displayed.

The memory of Eric Morse is but one reason among a relentless surge of reasons for all of us to work to stanch the bloodshed: Every year here, hundreds of young Chicagoans still are hitting the ground.



SCOTT STANTIS



FAMILY PHOTO

Eric Morse was 5 when he was dropped from a 14th-floor window at the Ida B. Wells public housing complex by two boys, ages 10 and 11, in 1994.

BILL HOGAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

As an elitist, I enjoy a good impeachment. Especially if followed by a trial in the Senate, overseen by the chief justice in a black robe with gold stripes. ...

But as much as I'd love to sleep soundly again knowing someone took the president's finger off the nuclear button, his Sharpie away from government maps and his Twitter pulpit away from global trade, impeachment is a bad idea. Because it supports the populists' narrative. The main reason Trump won wasn't economic anxiety. It wasn't sexism. It wasn't

racism. It was that he was anti-elitist.

Hillary Clinton represented Wall Street, academics, law schools, policy papers, Davos, international treaties and people who think they're better than you. People like me. Trump represented something far more appealing, which is beating up people like me. A poll taken a month before the 2016 election showed that only 24% of voters disagreed with the following statement, "The real struggle for America is not between Democrats and Republicans but

between mainstream America and the ruling political elites." I'm guessing that 24% number is even lower now. ...

Impeaching Trump without a chance of convicting him in the Senate is even more likely to damage us elites. Not only does it fail to save us from a madman, but it allows him to claim exoneration, sending a message that this was all elitist theater. And if there's one thing all populists hate, it's theater.

Joel Stein, *The Washington Post*

PERSPECTIVE



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Native Americans walk at Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive in Chicago on Oct. 12, 1970, after being refused permission to join the Columbus Day parade as a protest.

Will Columbus Day give way to Indigenous Peoples Day?

BY MALINDA MAYNOR LOWERY

Increasingly, Columbus Day is giving people pause.

More and more towns and cities across the country are electing to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day as an alternative to — or in addition to — the day intended to honor Christopher Columbus' voyages.

Critics of the change see it as just another example of political correctness run amok — another flash point of the culture wars. But as a scholar of Native American history, and a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, I know the story is more complex than that.

The growing recognition and celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day actually represents the fruits of a concerted, decadeslong effort to recognize the role of indigenous people in the nation's history.

Columbus Day is a relatively new federal holiday. In 1892, a joint congressional resolution prompted President Benjamin Harrison to mark the "discovery of America by Columbus," in part because of "the devout faith of the discoverer and for the divine care and guidance which has directed our history and so abundantly blessed our people."

Europeans invoked God's will to impose their will on indigenous people. So it seemed logical to call on God when establishing a holiday celebrating that conquest too.

Of course, not all Americans considered themselves blessed in 1892. That

year, a lynching forced black journalist Ida B. Wells to flee her hometown of Memphis, Tennessee. And while Ellis Island had opened in January of that year, welcoming European immigrants, Congress had already banned Chinese immigration a decade prior, subjecting Chinese people living in the U.S. to widespread persecution.

And then there was the government's philosophy toward the country's Native Americans, which Army Col. Richard Henry Pratt so unforgettably articulated in 1892: "All the Indian there is in the race should be dead. Kill the Indian in him, and save the man."

It took 42 more years for Columbus Day to formally become a federal holiday, thanks to a 1934 decree by President Franklin Roosevelt.

He was responding, in part, to a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, a national Catholic charity founded to provide services to Catholic immigrants. Over time, its agenda expanded to include advocacy for Catholic social values and education.

When Italians first arrived in the United States, they were targets of marginalization and discrimination. Officially celebrating Christopher Columbus — an Italian Catholic — became one way to affirm the new racial order that would emerge in the U.S. in the 20th century, one in which the descendants of diverse ethnic European immigrants became "white" Americans.

But some Americans started to question why indigenous people — who'd been in the country all along —

didn't have their own holiday.

In the 1980s, Colorado's American Indian Movement chapter began protesting the celebration of Columbus Day. In 1989, activists in South Dakota persuaded the state to replace Columbus Day with Native American Day. Both states have large Native populations that played active roles in the Red Power Movement in the 1960s and 1970s, which sought to make American Indian people more politically visible.

Then, in 1992, at the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage, American Indians in Berkeley, California, organized the first "Indigenous Peoples Day," a holiday the City Council soon formally adopted. Berkeley has since replaced its commemoration of Columbus with a celebration of indigenous people.

The holiday can also trace its origins to the United Nations. In 1977, indigenous leaders from around the world organized a United Nations conference in Geneva to promote indigenous sovereignty and self-determination. Their first recommendation was "to observe October 12, the day of so-called 'discovery' of America, as an International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas." It took 30 more years for their work to be formally recognized in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which was adopted in September 2007.

Today, cities with significant native populations — such as Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles — celebrate either Native American Day or Indigenous

Peoples Day. And states such as Hawaii, Nevada, Minnesota, Alaska and Maine also have formally recognized their Native populations with similar holidays. Many Native governments, including the Cherokee and Osage in Oklahoma, either don't observe Columbus Day or have replaced it with their own holiday.

But you'll also find commemorations in less likely places. Alabama celebrates Native American Day alongside Columbus Day, as does North Carolina, which, with a population of over 120,000 Native Americans, has the largest number of Native Americans of any state east of the Mississippi River.

Just last year, the town of Carboro, North Carolina, issued a resolution to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day. The resolution noted that the town of 21,000 had been built on indigenous land and that it was committed to "protect, respect and fulfill the full range of inherent human rights," including those of indigenous people.

While Columbus Day affirms the story of a nation created by Europeans for Europeans, Indigenous Peoples Day emphasizes Native histories and Native people — an important addition to the country's ever-evolving understanding of what it means to be American.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Republicans, stand up to Trump

During America's infancy, Europeans wondered how long our nation's democratic experiment would last. At this watershed time in the history of our democracy, Republicans play a major role in our fate. We applaud the few brave Republicans who have stood up to President Donald Trump. Both parties know he is corrupt and undeserving of our highest office.

Our Congress has a much higher power to answer to than the bully who presides in the White House. Republicans need to collectively unite against him. Trump is eroding the best of what our democracy has created. In fact, in three short years, it seems we are becoming like czarist Russia, with a leader who thinks he is above the law. If Trump is impeached, the Republicans will still lead this country, so they have nothing to lose — only their integrity.

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We must stand up to tyranny that now is on our shore!
— Nancy Dowdy, Berryville, Virginia

The media need to become savvier

According to "The Elements of Journalism," a collection of essays on journalistic practices and ethics, "Journalism's first obligation is to the truth." Fulfilling that obligation is an entirely different matter. Press coverage of President Donald Trump, especially media scrums, tests the limits of that guiding principle nearly every day. How can you report the truth when Trump is unable to distinguish it from lies and smears? Despite the media's attempts at fact-checking, Trump's falsehoods take center stage, and as the saying goes, you cannot unring the bell.

The rules of the game have changed, and it appears that journalists have not kept up. The consequences of this slow response are striking. Trump not only controls the narrative, most of which is demonstrably false, but also he molds perception by using the press as his conduit to deceive. The remedy may sound severe and conflict with other journalistic foundational precepts, but failure to adapt borders on dereliction. Unless the White House agrees to

reinstate daily presidential briefings and restore traditional presidential news conferences, the press should restrict coverage. Absent containment, the president's agenda of mass media manipulation will only amplify.

— Jim Paladino, Tampa, Florida

Increase, don't cut, foreign aid

It is often said that we ought to put people over politics, but it seems that this principle has been openly rejected by the current administration in regards to foreign aid funding.

The United States has always treated humanitarian aid as a mechanism to help innocent people in need, but that might all change if Americans don't speak out against current tides in the government. President Donald Trump said during the 2018 United Nations General Assembly: "Moving forward, we are only going to give foreign aid to those who respect us and, frankly, are our friends."

Although appealing at surface level, this proposal would transform humanitarian aid into a political tool used for geopolitical influence, putting the lives of thousands of families at risk simply due to the fact that they were born in a country that the U.S.

didn't consider an ally.

Beyond the moral ramifications of allowing innocent people to pay the price for their government's mistakes, a proposal to give aid only to allies would also stifle American economic growth. When the U.S. uses its foreign aid to revitalize broken economies and help people escape poverty, new markets are able to form, which directly benefits American trade interests.

For example, since the U.S. invested \$10 billion over 16 years into Colombia through Plan Colombia, a foreign aid initiative aimed at combating Colombian drug cartels, exports from Colombia to the U.S. have increased 400% and are valued now at around \$15 billion per year.

Reducing global poverty helps both the recipient of aid and the United States, meaning we should be expanding foreign aid rather than limiting it. Both Illinois U.S. senators have upheld this sentiment: Sen. Tammy Duckworth's co-sponsoring of the Reach Every Mother and Child Act and Sen. Dick Durbin's co-sponsoring of the Global Fragility Act should be applauded.

But there is still more to be done. We as Americans must use our voices to stand up for the world's poor.

— Aditya Prathap, Borgen Project ambassador, Palatine

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NATION & WORLD

Turkey takes key Syrian border town

Capture is a pivotal gain for troops since invasion began

BY MEHMET GUZEL
Associated Press

CEYLANPINAR, Turkey — Turkey's military said it captured a key Syrian border town under heavy bombardment Saturday in its most significant gain since an offensive against Kurdish fighters began four days ago, with no sign of relenting despite mounting international criticism.

Turkish troops entered central Ras al-Ayn, according to Turkey's Defense Ministry and a war monitor group. The ministry tweeted: "Ras al-Ayn's residential center has been taken under control through the successful operations in the east of Euphrates" River. It marked the biggest gain made by Turkey since the invasion began Wednesday.

The continued push by Turkey into Syria comes days after President Donald Trump cleared the way for Turkey's air and ground offensive, pulling back U.S. forces and saying he wanted to stop getting involved with "endless wars." Trump's decision drew swift bipartisan criticism that he was endangering regional stability and risking the lives of Syrian Kurdish allies who brought down the Islamic State group in Syria. The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces was the main U.S. ally in the fight and lost 11,000 fighters in the nearly five-year battle against IS.

Turkish troops and allied Syrian opposition fighters have made gains recently



BADERKHAN AHMAD/AP

Relatives mourn a Syrian Democratic Forces fighter's death Saturday in Qamishli, Syria, near the captured town of Ras al-Ayn.

capturing several northern villages in fighting and bombardment that left dozens of people killed or wounded. The invasion also has forced nearly 100,000 people to flee their homes amid concerns that IS might take advantage of the chaos and try to rise again after its defeat in Syria earlier this year.

The Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF, called on the United States to carry out its "moral responsibilities" and close northern Syrian airspace to Turkish warplanes.

"We don't want them to send their soldiers to the front lines and put their lives in danger," the statement said. "What we want is for them" to close the airspace

for Turkish warplanes.

During a meeting Saturday in Cairo, the 22-member Arab League condemned what it described as "Turkey's aggression against Syria" and warned that Ankara will be responsible for the spread of terrorism following its invasion. The league said Arab states might take some measures against Ankara. It called on the U.N. Security Council to force Turkey to stop the offensive.

The Turkish offensive was widely criticized by Syria and some Western countries, which called on Turkey to cease its military operations.

Foreign Minister Heiko Maas announced Saturday that Germany would curtail

its arms exports to Turkey. Maas told the weekly Bild am Sonntag that "against the background of the Turkish military offensive in northeastern Syria, the government will not issue any new permissions for any weapons that can be used by Turkey in Syria."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Friday that Turkey won't stop until the Syrian Kurdish forces withdraw below a 20-mile-deep line from the border.

During the capture of Ras al-Ayn's residential center, an Associated Press journalist across the border heard sporadic clashes as Turkish howitzers struck the town and Turkish jets screeched overhead. Syrian Kurdish forces appeared to

be holding out in some areas of the town.

The SDF released two videos said to be from inside Ras al-Ayn, showing fighters saying that it was Saturday and they were still there.

The fighting was ongoing as the Kurdish fighters sought to reverse the Turkish advance into the city, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Ras al-Ayn is one of the biggest towns along the border and is in the middle of the area where Turkey plans to set up its safe zone. The ethnically and religiously mixed town with a population of Arabs, Kurds, Armenians and Syriac Christians had been under the control of Kurdish fight-

ers since 2013. IS members tried to enter Ras al-Ayn following their rise in Syria and Iraq in 2014 but failed.

Most of the town's residents have fled in recent days for fear of the invasion.

Earlier Saturday, Turkish troops moved to seize control of key highways in northeastern Syria, the Turkish military and the Syrian Observatory said. Turkey's state-run Anadolu news agency said that Turkey-backed Syrian opposition forces had taken control of the M-4 highway that connects the towns of Manbij and Qamishli. The SDF said that Turkish troops and their Syrian allies reached the highway briefly before being pushed back again.

Kurdish news agencies including Hawar and Rudaw said that Hevreen Khalaf, secretary general of the Future Syria Party, was killed Saturday as she was driving on the M-4 highway. Rudaw's correspondent blamed Turkish forces for targeting Khalaf's car, and Hawar blamed "Turkey's mercenaries."

The Observatory said six people, including Khalaf, were killed by Turkey-backed opposition fighters on the road that they briefly cut before withdrawing.

The Turkish military aims to clear Syrian border towns of Kurdish fighters' presence, saying they are a national security threat. Since Wednesday, Turkish troops and Syrian opposition fighters backed by Ankara have been advancing under the cover of airstrikes and artillery shelling.

The U.N. estimated the number of displaced at 100,000 since Wednesday.

Leaning on myth, Trump defends a 'legendary' aide

As Giuliani said to face probe, his boss rails at 'deep state'

BY JOHN HUDSON
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump defended his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani on Saturday amid reports that federal prosecutors are investigating whether the former New York City mayor broke lobbying laws in his efforts to oust the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch.

"So now they are after the legendary 'crime buster' and greatest Mayor in the history of NYC, Rudy Giuliani," Trump tweeted. "He may seem a little rough around the edges sometimes, but he is also a great guy and wonderful lawyer."

In defending Giuliani, Trump revived one of his recurring conspiracy theories that a "deep state" of entrenched bureaucrats and law enforcement officers are continuing to undermine him and his associates.

"Such a one sided Witch Hunt going on in USA. Deep State. Shameful!" he said.

His vocal defense of the embattled attorney comes a day after he seemed to put distance between himself and the former mayor when asked if Giuliani still worked for him.

"I don't know. I haven't spoken to Rudy. ... He has been my attorney," the president said.

Following those remarks, Giuliani told The Washington Post that he was still Trump's lawyer.

The president's tweet follows a report in The New York Times that federal prosecutors in Manhattan are investigating Giuliani's efforts to have Yovanovitch recalled in a broader effort to pressure Ukraine into investigating former Vice President Joe Biden's son Hunter, who sat on the board of a Ukrainian energy company.

Two of Giuliani's associates, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, were arrested last week at Dulles International Airport on charges of campaign finance violations.

An indictment filed in the case alleges that the men, who were raising campaign funds for a U.S. congressman, asked him for help in removing Yovanovitch, at least partly at the request of

Ukrainian government officials.

Giuliani has admitted to trying to oust Yovanovitch but denies violating foreign lobbying disclosure laws because he was acting on behalf of the president, not a former Ukrainian prosecutor whom he has worked with who opposed Yovanovitch, he told the Times.

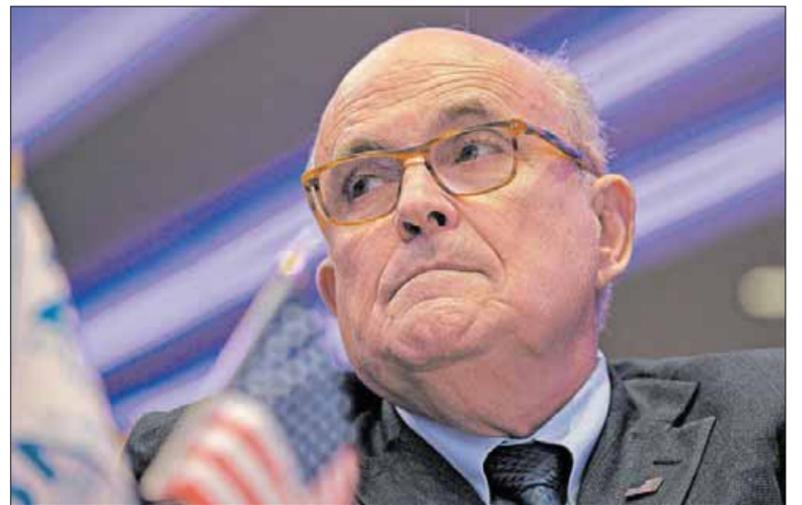
Yovanovitch testified before House lawmakers Friday.

Yovanovitch told lawmakers investigating Trump's dealings with Ukraine that there was a "concerted campaign" against her based on "unfounded and false claims by people with clearly questionable motives."

The diplomat was recalled from Kyiv as Giuliani — who has no official role in the U.S. government — pressed Ukrainian officials to investigate baseless corruption allegations against the Bidens.

Yovanovitch testified behind closed doors Friday for more than nine hours as part of the House Democrats' impeachment investigation. She left without answering questions.

New York Rep. Sean Pat-



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Federal prosecutors are said to be investigating whether Rudy Giuliani broke lobbying laws in his efforts to oust the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch.

rick Maloney, a Democrat, said Yovanovitch occasionally had to leave the room because she was overcome with emotion as she was "recounting how she was thrown to the wolves" in Ukraine.

"It is clear to me that she was fired because she was a thorn in the side of those who sought to use the Ukrainian government for their own political and financial gain — and that includes President Trump," Maloney said.

Lawmakers leaving the meeting would not provide specifics from the confidential deposition.

But they indicated that

Yovanovitch provided information that would help with the impeachment inquiry.

"It was compelling, it was impactful, it was powerful, and I just feel grateful for the opportunity to have received that information," said Democratic Rep. Denny Heck, who flew in from Washington state for the interview. He said the eight hours he was there "went like a New York second."

Yovanovitch "set a very powerful, courageous example," said Democratic Rep. Tom Malinowski of New Jersey.

Republicans leaving the

meeting focused their criticism on Democrats, arguing that the president's lawyers should be able to attend the hearings and cross-examine witnesses. "This process is a joke, and the consequences are huge," New York Rep. Lee Zeldin said.

Trump, in a July 25 phone call, told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that Yovanovitch was "bad news," according to a partial transcript released by the White House.

Neither Giuliani nor Trump has publicly specified their objections to her.

Associated Press contributed.



ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK OF POMPEII

A fresco unveiled Friday depicts a bloody fight between gladiators in the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, Italy.

Gory fresco of gladiators unearthed in Pompeii

BY GIADA ZAMPANO
Associated Press

ROME — Archaeologists excavating what may have been an ancient Roman drinking den in the ruined city of Pompeii said they have unearthed a well-preserved wall painting of gladiators in action, complete with realistically gory wounds.

The fresco is located in the northern section of Pompeii's archaeological park, in an area not currently accessible to visitors.

It was found on a wall beneath the stairwell of what was probably a tavern or wine shop.

"Very probably the fresco decorated a place used by gladiators, perhaps a watering hole ... also frequented by prostitutes," said Massimo Osanna, director general of the archaeological park.

"Of particular interest in this fresco is the extremely realistic representation of the wounds," said Osanna, adding that the outcome of the fight is unknown. The

losing gladiator is holding up his finger to "implore for mercy," he noted.

The gladiators' fresco is the latest finding in the Pompeii park, which has yielded dozens of discoveries in the last two years. But the site in recent years has also received bad publicity due to decay and poor maintenance.

Italy's Culture Minister, Dario Franceschini, hailed the discovery Friday, noting that "a few years ago Pompeii was known around the world for its negative image.

Today's story is one of redemption."

Pompeii was a flourishing city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Last October, the finding of a charcoal inscription suggested that the eruption happened in October 79 A.D. rather than August of the same year, as was previously believed.

As part of a multi-million project funded by the European Union, Pompeii is undergoing its most extensive excavations since the 1950s.

Benghazi players playing a new song

GOP that demanded cooperation in 2012 now reverses course

By **MIKE DEBONIS**
AND **RACHAEL BADE**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Several key players in the House impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump were the strongest proponents of Republicans' iron-fisted oversight of the Obama administration, culminating in a two-year House probe of deadly 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi, Libya.

Now, faced with a politically charged investigation into a president of their own party, they have dropped their formerly stout defense of congressional prerogatives and have joined Trump in endorsing a campaign of massive resistance to the impeachment probe — a turnabout that has left many Democrats and even some Republicans aghast.

Among those who participated in the select committee that probed the attacks on U.S. facilities in Libya were Mike Pompeo — then a Kansas congressman and now secretary of state and a key target of the current Democratic investigation — and Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, who is the top Republican on the House Oversight Committee. The panel's chairman, then-Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, who has since left Congress, will serve as an outside lawyer for Trump.

"The notion that you can withhold information and documents from Congress no matter whether you are the party in power or not in power is wrong," Gowdy said in 2012, as a House panel moved to hold then-Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt for not cooperating with its probe of a botched gun-walking operation. "Respect for the rule of law must mean something, irrespective of the vicissitudes of political



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Benghazi Committee Chair Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., once insisted that cooperation from the executive was mandatory.

cycles."

Gowdy did not respond to requests for comment but criticized the House investigation last week in Fox News Channel appearances — calling its leader, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., "deeply partisan" and accusing him of leaking information "like a sieve."

In a 2016 addendum to the House Benghazi probe's findings, Pompeo and Jordan thrashed Democrats, saying they "showed little interest in seeking the truth" and "spent the bulk of their time trying to discredit the Republican-led committee and leveling baseless personal attacks." But in past weeks, the two have used similar tactics to undermine the House impeachment probe by, in Pompeo's case, accusing Democrats of "bullying and intimidating State Department

employees" in justifying a decision to block testimony and, in Jordan's case, accusing the probe's leader of misconduct and disqualifying political bias.

"There is obviously a massive hypocrisy here," said Jen Psaki, an Obama administration veteran who served as State Department spokeswoman during the Benghazi probe.

Pompeo, she added, "was one of the ringleaders of a massive political circus around Benghazi; he was responsible for dragging countless Foreign Service officers, civil servants — people who had been serving Democrats and Republicans for decades — in front of Congress, through the mud. Now he's claiming that he's defending the institution? That irony is not lost."

The State Department had no immediate comment.

The GOP's fealty to Trump just a few years after their steadfast defense of congressional oversight has cast a spotlight on their words and actions in the Benghazi probe as well as Republican-led investigations into the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service.

Those probes uncovered serious lapses inside the government that led to grave and sometimes deadly consequences, but they did not reveal misconduct at the highest levels of the Obama administration, as many Republicans had suggested they would. And while Republicans tussled with the White House for months over access to evidence, they ultimately obtained tens of thousands of pages of documents and dozens of witnesses for each probe.

The Benghazi probe culminated in an 11-hour October 2015 hearing featuring former secretary of state and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, a made-for-TV spectacle that didn't elicit significant new information about the attacks that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

The Trump administration has thus far refused to cooperate in any way with the impeachment investigation after months of stonewalling other probes launched by House Democrats.

Democrats viewed the appointment of a special Benghazi committee in 2014 as a political witch hunt aimed at damaging Clinton, and they debated whether to even participate after five other House committees had already reviewed the episode. Those

suspicious were borne out the next year when House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California credited the panel with lowering Clinton's approval ratings.

One Republican who served on the Benghazi panel and has since retired, Lynn Westmoreland of Georgia, argued that the situations are "different" because the panel was investigating an event rather than a person. And despite the ultimate scale of cooperation — running to 107 witnesses and more than 100,000 pages of documents by the panel's own statistics — Westmoreland maintained that "Obama stonewalled" the Benghazi investigation.

"We were just trying to investigate what happened," he said. "There wouldn't have been any criminal charges. I don't think there would have been any consequence to anybody for any of their testimony."

Westmoreland also argued — as have Gowdy, Jordan and Pompeo, as well as the Trump administration — that Democrats are upending precedent and sidelining Republicans by moving for a lightning-fast impeachment: "I just have a problem with the fact that it just doesn't seem like they're following the process. And when you have a bad process, you have a flawed product."

Kurt Bardella, a former spokesman and senior adviser for Republicans on the House Oversight Committee who is now an outspoken critic of Trump and his GOP supporters, called the oversight turnabout "a complete betrayal of everything that they claimed to stand for during the Obama years," and said Democrats should stand ready to confront Trump's congressional allies with their own words.

"I think that they should be challenged to explain what's different now versus then," he said.

Ariz. official charged in human trafficking fraud

Women allegedly lured to US, kept in squalor in 'baby mill'

By **JONATHAN J. COOPER**
Associated Press

PHOENIX — An Arizona politician ran an adoption fraud scheme that promised pregnant women thousands of dollars to lure them from a Pacific Island nation to the U.S., where they were crammed into houses to wait to give birth, sometimes with little to no prenatal care in what prosecutors called a human smuggling case.

Paul Petersen, the assessor of Arizona's most populous county, was charged in Utah, Arizona and Arkansas with counts including human smuggling, sale of a child, fraud, forgery and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

The charges span about three years and involve some 75 adoptions. Investigators also found eight pregnant women from the Marshall Islands in raids of his properties outside Phoenix, and several more are waiting to give birth in Utah, authorities said.

"The commoditization of

children is simply evil," said Utah Attorney General Sean D. Reyes.

The adoptive parents are considered victims along with the birth mothers, and no completed adoptions will be undone, authorities said.

Petersen's attorney, Matthew Long, defended his client's actions during a recent court hearing in Phoenix as "proper business practices" and said they disagreed with the allegations.

Petersen served a two-year mission in the Marshall Islands for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Reyes said. He was later recruited by an international adoption agency while in law school because of his fluency in Marshallese, according to a 2013 Phoenix Business Journal story.

Prosecutors say Petersen used associates there to recruit pregnant women by offering many of them \$10,000 each to give up their babies for adoption. Petersen would pay for the women to travel to the U.S. days or months before giving birth and live in a home that he owned until deliv-



Petersen



RICK BOWMER/AP

Authorities say Paul Petersen used homes like this one in West Valley City, Utah, to lodge pregnant women from the Marshall Islands. They received little to no prenatal care.

ering the baby, according to the court records.

The expecting mothers were often crowded in the homes, with Marshallese women Petersen employed helping with things like translation, transportation, legal documents and applications for Medicaid benefits, prosecutors said.

Women got little to no prenatal care in Utah, and in one house slept on mattresses laid on bare floors in what one shocked adoptive family described as a "baby mill," according to court documents.

Petersen sold the house this spring as complaints

mounted from neighbors in the working-class area in suburban Salt Lake City, said new owner Alanna Mabey.

She was told it had been used as a rental, and since purchasing it she has found trash like dirty diapers in the bushes, she said. The news about how prosecutors say expecting mothers were treated there is "horrible," she said. "It makes me sick to my stomach."

In Arkansas, it wasn't uncommon to find a dozen Marshallese mothers on the verge of giving birth in one house, said Duane Kees, the U.S. attorney for the western

district of Arkansas.

"Many of these mothers described their ordeal as being treated like property," Kees said. "Make no mistake: this case is the purest form of human trafficking."

Arkansas has one of the largest concentrations of Marshallese immigrants in the U.S. and the women would then be flown there or back to the Marshall Islands after giving birth, authorities said.

Petersen charged families \$25,000-\$40,000 per adoption and brought about \$2.7 million into a bank account for adoption fees in less than two years, accord-

ing to court documents.

Petersen's Mesa, Arizona, home is worth more than \$600,000 and located in an affluent, gated community.

The Utah probe began after investigators got a call to a human-trafficking tip line in October 2017. Staff at several hospitals in the Salt Lake City area would eventually report an "influx" of women from the Marshall Islands giving birth and putting their babies up for adoption, often accompanied by the same woman.

The scheme defrauded Arizona's Medicaid system of \$800,000 because the women had no intention of remaining in the state when they applied, according to Arizona prosecutors.

Under a compact between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Marshallese citizens can enter the U.S. and work without a visa, unless they're traveling for the purpose of adoption, authorities said.

Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich said adoptive parents who went through Petersen's agency have nothing to worry about.

"No one's going to go back and redo adoptions or any of that kind of stuff," Brnovich said.

'Big deal': Big 3D printer, big 3D-printed boat

By **DAVID SHARP**
Associated Press

The world's largest 3D printer has created the world's largest 3D-printed boat. And the University of Maine has demonstrated that it's seaworthy.

The university unveiled the 25-foot, 5,000-pound boat that was printed at the university's Advanced Structures & Composite Center. It's an example of how the massive printer can create larger prototypes to assist companies in product

development, said Habib Dagher, founding director of the composites center.

"This new printer is going to allow us to innovate so much faster by having prototypes made faster than in the past," Dagher said.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, christened the boat by smashing a bottle of Champagne on its bow at the event Thursday in Orono. Later, she and Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, climbed aboard for a demonstration in the university's W2 Wave-Wind basin

"ocean simulator," which looks like a giant indoor swimming pool.

The boat is named 3DDirigo, a play on Maine's motto, "Dirigo," which is Latin for "I lead."

The printer, also unveiled, is 70 feet long and will grow to 100 feet with an extension, Dagher said. The university and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee are collaborating on the printer project.

"This is a big deal. This is probably the biggest day for this university since

Stephen King matriculated in 1965," King joked, referencing the best-selling author who graduated from the school.

The 3D printer, which can gobble up 500 pounds of plastic polymer pellets per hour, is proving useful as demonstrated by the patrol boat.

The printer cost \$2.5 million with additional funding going toward installation, commissioning and material testing, with most of the funding provided by the Army.



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A polymer 3D printer created the 25-foot, 5,000-pound boat, which was unveiled Wednesday in Orono, Maine.

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'PREPARE FOR THE WORST — ENJOY THE PRESENT'

At Fortitude Ranch, the cabin is for vacationing and the shelters for surviving

By **FREDRICK KUNKLE**
The Washington Post

LOST CITY, WVa. — Drew Miller, who heads a survivalist camp, sometimes talks as if time is divided into two periods.

There are the good days, which are generally now. And there are the bad days, which could come anytime through deadly epidemics, economic collapse, nuclear war or political upheaval.

In good times, the treehouse at Fortitude Ranch is a place for children to play. In bad times, Miller said, it would become a guard tower.

In good times, the mountainous landscape offers an inviting place for hiking, ziplining or disc golf. Bad times: The ranch's wooded slopes would become fields of fire to protect the camp's inhabitants from their most dangerous threat — other people.

"It's just human nature," Miller said. "The worst enemy you face in a pandemic could well be your neighbor."

Miller, along with about 100 other people who he says have purchased Fortitude Ranch memberships, believes that underground bunkers, stockpiled food, and semiautomatic weapons will see them through an apocalypse, however it may come.

Some preppers — people who invest significant amounts of money and time in preparing for anything from a natural disaster to the collapse of civilization — think the end may come sooner than later. In addition to worrying about overpopulation, climate change, economic collapse and war, some also fret about politics. With impeachment in the air and tensions building toward the 2020 presidential race, preppers warn that violence could erupt in this fiercely polarized nation.

"You know, people use the term 'civil war,' and that seems hard to imagine, but what started World War I? Some guy assassinated a minor archduke," Miller said. "Stuff escalates unpredictably."

The scenario most often advanced by ranch members concerns the possibility of a disputed election. There's fear among some members that if President Donald Trump loses, he might blame cheating and refuse to step down. Others believe that if Trump wins, his opponents might also blame the outcome on fraud, triggering unrest. It's not a scenario Miller thinks likely, but he's heard it from both sides.

Trump, in one of a series of tweets trying to discredit the impeachment inquiry launched by House Democrats, has stoked tensions further, suggesting his removal from office could trigger a "Civil War like fracture."

That's the scenario David Jones, a Fortitude Ranch member who's also something of a celebrity prepper, believes could set off unrest. Jones, 62, a former Alaska state trooper and Army veteran, is known as the "NBC Guy" because of his military background in nuclear, biological and chemical warfare. He has also worked in state and federal emergency management agencies. He has a podcast and was one of this year's featured speakers at Prepper Camp, a three-day symposium that attracted more than 1,000 off-the-gridders, survivalists and homesteaders to a private campsite last month in North Carolina. Jones said he foresees turmoil, and perhaps violence, whether Trump wins or loses.

"You see, the veneer of civilization is very thin," Jones said.

Fortitude Ranch occupies more than 50 acres within the George Washington National Forest. Its serene setting belies talk of catastrophe. On a recent tour, there were green mountain vistas just below the clouds and a stillness broken only by the soft patter of rain on leaves.

Members, who pay about \$1,000 per person per year to be a part of the community, are encouraged to use the ranch's two large rustic cabins here as vacation lodgings. In the event of emergency, however, they would head to 10-by-10-foot rooms in underground shelters, some of which are constructed of metal culverts. Altogether, the compound here

can hold up to 500 people.

The organization also has two sites in Colorado. It's working to set up a fourth in Wisconsin. The motto: "Prepare for the Worst — Enjoy the Present."

The camp is a reflection of a survivalist movement that has grown in recent years, although reliable numbers are hard to find. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which analyzes community preparedness, doesn't track survivalists. And many preppers are reluctant to identify as such or discuss their activities, fearing that attention could attract marauders when things go south — or "s--- hits the fan," in prepper parlance.

The number of preppers also tends to expand and recede in sync with social crises, both real and imagined. (Remember Y2K?) But interest appears to have grown since the Great Recession. Google searches for terms such as "survivalist" began ticking upward in mid-2008 as the economic crisis deepened. Reality TV — "Doomsday Preppers" on the National Geographic Channel in 2011 and "Apocalypse Preppers" on the Discovery Channel in 2013 — fed the end-of-days craze and fed off it.

24/7WallSt.com, a financial news website, estimated in 2013 that there are 3.7 million preppers and a multibillion-dollar market that includes "bugout gear" such as freeze-dried foods, water purification systems, crossbows and tools. Businesses such as the Ready Store and the website Doomsday Prep have built on the movement, too.

David Sanders, Doomsday Prep's owner, launched the Atlanta-based online store in 2012. Although Sanders declined to provide exact sales figures, he said that except for a flat year or two around 2015, the business has had annual growth of about 25%. His orders increase in sync with disasters or other bad news, such as the outbreak of Zika virus.

The bitterly divided political atmosphere is a driver right now, Sanders said. But his typical customer is someone who thinks about enduring a power outage for a few days, not a nuclear holocaust, although the website sells supplies and equipment for that, too.

"Preparedness is a choice for empowerment, security and peace of mind," he said. "Why would anyone not choose that?"

Miller's experience with doomsday scenarios goes back to the Cold War. He's a retired colonel in U.S. Air Force intelligence. He's also a cryptocurrency consultant and author of a post-apocalyptic novel, "Rohan Nation: Reinventing America after the 2020 Collapse." He's disdainful of



In good times, the treehouse at Fortitude Ranch is a place for children to play; otherwise, it's a guard tower.



This underground shelter, under construction at the ranch, is where members would head in an emergency.

the recent prepper craze, especially the reality TV shows that often focus on the most wide-eyed survivalists and hold them up for ridicule.

"It really hurt preppers," Miller said. Fortitude Ranch, he said, offers a more sober and realistic strategy for survival that draws on his own professional military experience. "I've been a prepper a long time," he said.

Miller, 61, grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska, about an hour's drive from the U.S. Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base, a prime target for the Soviet Union. Yet, Miller said, he didn't dwell on the threat of nuclear annihilation, even after reading somewhere that Soviet ICBMs were accurate only to within about 60 miles.

"I thought, 'Oh, that's great. They're going to aim for Offutt, and it's going to land in Lincoln,'" Miller said.

He volunteered for the Civil Air Patrol when he was 13 years old. He entered the U.S. Air Force Academy, graduating in 1980 with a double major in history and international affairs. He obtained masters and doctorate degrees at Harvard. His dissertation argued that NATO troops could survive a Warsaw Pact nuclear blitz at little cost if the allies built 10,000 inexpensive shelters using metal culverts with some dirt on top.

"Three feet of earth is kind of the magic number," Miller said. "That's why at Fortitude Ranch

we have shallow underground facilities. No one's going to drop a penetrating multi-megaton nuclear warhead in our area."

Miller has analyzed other lethal threats, too, particularly pandemics, that he thinks are more likely to occur than another civil war. He noted that the 1918-1920 "Spanish flu" pandemic alone killed an estimated 30 million people. The next such outbreak could be started with a genetically engineered pathogen that has been designed to be more lethal and resistant to treatment, Miller said.

He also wants to ensure Fortitude Ranch could survive natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina; the eruption of a supervolcano, such as the one below Yellowstone National Park; or widespread civil disorder, such as occurred during the 1977 New York City blackout when rioting broke out and nearly 2,000 businesses were burned or looted. He wants the ranch to be prepared for nuclear attack, economic collapse or an electromagnetic pulse, a massive burst of energy that could fry the nation's electrical grid.

There are stockpiles of food, ranging from homemade preserves to cafeteria-sized cans and buckets of emergency rations, and a small greenhouse, along with seeds specially created to withstand long shelf lives. There are also chickens, milk goats and — at the Colorado location — cattle.

The ranch also has radio gear and solar- and propane-powered electrical generators, along with supplies of coal, kerosene and wood. Down the hill from the main bunker is a burn pit to dispose of contaminated bodies during a pandemic. Miller said he's already tested the pit with a dead goat.

Miller and assistant camp managers are armed, and members receive training in using AR-15 semiautomatic rifles or pump-action shotguns for self-defense, but he emphasized that his group is not allied in any way with anti-government militias.

"We're not gun nuts," Miller said.

Miller has never had to shoot at anyone, although he came under rocket and mortar fire while serving in Iraq.

But he said he is prepared to do whatever is necessary defend himself, his family and members of Fortitude Ranch. There's a saying among preppers — "72 hours to animal" — that suggests anyone can become dangerous when desperate.

"I think it's more like 72 seconds," Miller said.

And yet his worst nightmare is imagining a mother arriving at the camp's gates with a starving child during a pandemic and asking for help. Survival discipline, he said, requires even they be turned away.

"There's going to be so much panic," Miller said.



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Drew Miller believes that underground bunkers, stockpiled food and semiautomatic weapons will see survivalists through an apocalypse.

Binge eating videos tap into appetite

Some find it 'fun, soothing' to watch others indulge

By **LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — While trying to lose weight, Becky Beach found assistance in an unlikely place: thousands of online videos featuring people binging on massive amounts of ramen, burgers, chicken wings and seafood boils brimming with crab and lobster.

The South Korea-rooted video trend is known as "mukbang," and it has spread to the U.S. and around the globe on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram.

"I watch one whenever I feel like eating sweets or bad foods," said Beach, a Dallas-based product designer for a Fortune 500 company.

She has lost 10 pounds and views up to three mukbang videos a day. "It's just satisfying to watch."

Ashley Cobb, a math teacher in Washington, D.C., is also a fan after one of her eighth-graders turned her on to the videos.

Cobb said it's "fun and soothing" to watch people dip food in sauce and "eat with so much enjoyment." The footage transports her to "a different place" and "has a way of making you leave reality for a second, sort of like a good book."

Such glowing feedback is pure gold to top creators like Bethany Gaskin in suburban Cincinnati. The 44-year-old, who has 2.2 million subscribers to her Bloveslife channel on YouTube, is a top earner, clearing more than \$1 million in ad money as she eats her way through seafood boils, ginormous servings of barbecue ribs and other drool-worthy spreads.

She recently put out a Cajun butter dipping sauce, Bloves Smackalicious, and counts Cardi B and Amber Rose among her 1.1 million



BRITTANY MARSICEK

This image made from a video by Brittany Marsicek shows Marsicek, 28, left, and Chantal Plamondon, 27, at filming of their Mukbang Monday channel.

followers on Instagram.

"I started off trying to cook in videos," Gaskin said. "I cook really well, then people wanted to see me eat. I unapologetically eat whatever I want, however I want, food dripping down my chin."

Gaskin has some advice for critics who say the excess of mukbang promotes an unhealthy lifestyle: "If you don't like it, don't watch."

The word mukbang is a mashup of the Korean words for "eating" and "broadcast," translating in English to "eatcast."

Livestreams in South Korea started sprouting up around 2009. It didn't take long for fans to catch on and YouTubers to cash in.

"The core principle behind mukbang is that eating is a social activity," said Victor Chang, marketing manager for the South Korea-based fried chicken restaurant chain Bonchon. It's "a way of connecting

people through meals even when they are miles apart." The company's wings appear frequently in videos.

The mukbang phenomenon is not focused on fancy food. It's "more about the 'treat yourself' moment and the simple joy of casual conversation over a no-frills, delicious meal," Chang said.

Some mukbangers avoid speaking in their videos, using specialized microphones to heighten the crunches and slurps. Others like Gaskin are in it for the chatter. Visiting with Gaskin on YouTube as she talks, dips and eats feels like catching up with a neighbor over the backyard fence.

At 4-foot-11 and about 130 pounds, Gaskin said she's able to put away the amounts of food that she devours on camera due in part to her high metabolism. During a 30-minute video, she said she may actually eat for only 11 to 15 minutes.

Gaskin, who grew up poor in Chicago, was making circuit boards for the military in January 2017, when she put up her first mukbang video. She retired from her day job that May. Her husband, Nate Gaskin, retired after 20 years at General Electric to help manage her mukbang career, which is packed with speaking engagements, Make-a-Wish visits with sick kids and brand deals.

To round out the family affair, their two sons — the youngest is 18 — are earning incomes from mukbang.

So does Nicholas Perry, 27. He's a classically trained violinist who gave up that career struggle for mukbang in 2016. He started with videos focused on the vegan lifestyle he followed for about five years. Then he gave up veganism for junk food-fueled mukbangs that go deep into his personal life. He messily answers viewer questions, burps and chows down with regular

"mmm, mmm, mmmms."

Perry has three mukbang channels under the handle Nikocado Avocado, with 1.72 million subscribers on the largest. He would not reveal how much money he earns.

"One of my friends told me to try it out," he said from his home outside Philadelphia. "I thought she was crazy. I said to myself, 'Who on Earth is going to watch me eat food? Sure enough, my very first mukbang got like 50,000 views in a couple of weeks, which was a lot for me at the time, and everybody was asking, when's the next mukbang?'"

After gaining weight, Perry tries to counter all the fast food with exercise and nutrition off screen.

"I just want to do this for a couple more years," he said. "It IS very unhealthy."

Brittany Marsicek, 28, a dancer, actor and YouTuber, has a 2-year-old Mukbang Monday channel with Chantal Plamondon, 27.

The two focus on vegan food, but Marsicek eats and chats her way through non-vegan videos on some Wednesdays when she goes solo or teams up with her boyfriend.

Marsicek and Plamondon often film in their cars while munching from food containers, rather than making videos featuring a spread of food and people who mostly "just gorge," Marsicek said.

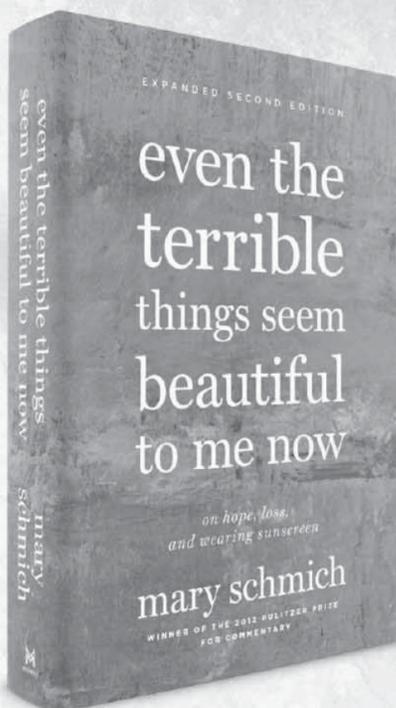
Consumer psychologist Michal Strahilevitz, an associate professor of marketing at Saint Mary's College of California, said mukbang "may seem crazy" at first, but "watching people binge eat is a whole lot healthier than binge eating yourself."

"Of course, there's also the risk that this is modeling bad behavior and making it socially acceptable, particularly with younger viewers."

Beach's assessment? At least as it applies to her weight-loss goals: "It's weird, but it works!"

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3 dead in California fires as first responders gain control

BY CHRISTOPHER WEBER AND MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Three people have died at the scene of Southern California wildfires last week, authorities said Saturday, as firefighters aided by diminishing winds beat back a blaze on the edge of Los Angeles that damaged or destroyed more than 30 structures and sent a blanket of smoke across a swath of neighborhoods.

Los Angeles officials said the fire in the city's San Fernando Valley area hadn't grown significantly since Friday, and ground crews were tamping down lingering hot spots. Thousands of people remained under evacuation orders, though many were allowed to return home Saturday.

One man who tried to fight the blaze died of a heart attack, and one firefighter reported a minor eye injury.

The fire's cause is under investigation, and authorities warned that the threat of flare-ups remained.

At the site of another blaze east of Los Angeles, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department said a second body was found at a mobile home park where 74 structures were destroyed Thursday in Calimesa. Officials previously reported one death at the community east of Los Angeles.

The department said one of the Calimesa victims has been identified as Lois Arvikson, 89. Her son Don Turner said she had called him to say she was evacuating, but he never heard from her again. Authorities are working to identify the other victim.

Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey said the bulk of the fire at the city's edge had moved away from homes and into rugged hillsides and canyons



MARCO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP
Firefighters Brett Palmer, left, and Anthony Ayala hose down a hot spot Saturday in the San Fernando Valley.

where firefighters were making steady progress slowing its advance.

Television footage showed plumes of smoke rising from the area but no walls of towering flame, as a water-dropping helicopter moved in to dump another cascade on the blaze.

"The bulk of the fire has moved toward wildland," Humphrey said.

Firefighters worked under sunny skies, but air quality was poor as smoke dispersed over much of greater Los Angeles. Air quality officials urged people to limit outdoor activities.

East of Los Angeles, firefighters were also gaining ground on a blaze that ripped through a Riverside County mobile home park, destroying dozens of residences.

In Northern California, the lights are back on for 98% of customers who lost power when Pacific Gas & Electric switched it off in an effort to prevent wildfires.

Some 100,000 residents were ordered out of their homes because of the wind-driven wildfire that broke out Thursday evening in the San Fernando Valley, though authorities began lifting evacuation orders in many areas Saturday. It spread westward

through tinder-dry brush in hilly subdivisions on the outskirts of the nation's second-largest city.

Interstate 5, the main north-to-south corridor in the state, was shut down for much of the day Friday, choking traffic until finally reopening.

The smoky scent spreading through much of Los Angeles was a reminder of the threat of a fire season just beginning.

The region has been on high alert as notoriously powerful Santa Ana winds brought dry desert air to a desiccated landscape that only needed a spark to erupt. Fire officials have warned that they expect more intense and devastating California wildfires due, in part, to climate change.

Fire danger remained high for much of Southern California, with warnings in place for large swathes of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties west of Los Angeles.

The cause of the Los Angeles blaze wasn't immediately known, though arson investigators said a witness reported seeing sparks or flames coming from a power line near where the fire is believed to have started, said Peter Sanders, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Fire Department.

MARSHALL EFRON 1938-2019

Witty star of 1970s' 'Great American Dream Machine'

BY HARRISON SMITH
The Washington Post

Marshall Efron, an irreverent actor, humorist and radio broadcaster who lampooned consumerism on the quirky 1970s television series "The Great American Dream Machine," then single-handedly reenacted stories from the Bible on "Marshall Efron's Illustrated, Simplified and Painless Sunday School," died Sept. 30 at a senior care center in Englewood, New Jersey.

He was 81. The cause was cardiac arrest, said his longtime writing partner, Alfa-Betty Olsen.

A roly-poly comic force with a drooping walrus mustache, Efron dabbled in the counterculture of 1960s San Francisco before becoming a humorous mainstay of Pacifica's listener-supported radio stations in Los Angeles and New York. He went on to develop a reputation as an adroit voice artist, manic improviser and acerbic critic of corporations and conservative politicians.

Efron was best known for his work on "The Great American Dream Machine," a variety show that mixed animated shorts, comedy sketches, documentary segments and musical performances. Premiering in 1971 on the newly formed broadcaster PBS, it evoked series like "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" but added a left-leaning, politically charged edge.

Episodes featured Chicago author Studs Terkel moderating a conversation with ordinary people over drinks; Kurt Vonnegut reading from his novel "Slaughterhouse-Five"; Chevy Chase and Ken Shapiro lip-syncing orchestral music while painted in whiteface; a profile of Evel



WNET 1970
Actor Marshall Efron in "The Great American Dream Machine."

Knievel; and humorous sketches from Efron, who was sometimes described as the series' host.

Perhaps his most memorable segment centered on "modern baking through modern chemistry," as a toque-wearing Efron read the ingredients of a Morton lemon cream pie and tried to replicate the dessert from scratch.

"Dream Machine" proved expensive to make and, despite drawing acclaim from critics and stars such as John Lennon, it was canceled after two seasons.

Efron's next major television project was the CBS children's series "Illustrated, Simplified and Painless Sunday School" (1973-77), an occasionally absurdist retelling of Bible stories. Olsen said she created the show after CBS offered the duo a Sunday morning time slot.

"I said, 'It's Sunday morning, let's do Bible stories,'" she recalled.

Efron played every character on the series, including both David and Goliath and the voice of God. At least one episode began with a tongue-in-cheek disclaimer that the show "may not be suitable for adults"; nonetheless, the

dialogue was often laden with Easter eggs for older viewers, including references to Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" and Meredith Willson's "The Music Man." ("We've got trouble, right here in Nineveh City.")

Marshall Harold Efron was born in Los Angeles on Feb. 3, 1938.

"School wasn't much fun for me," he told The New York Times in 1971, explaining that he was picked on for being short and heavyset. "I started being funny as a kid to avoid being pushed around."

Efron graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, received a master's degree in English from the University of California, Berkeley in 1964, and spent one year in law school before turning to acting.

He also connected with Ken Kesey and the Merry Pranksters and was described in Tom Wolfe's book on that group, "The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test," as "the round Mercury of Hip California."

In 1967, he moved to New York, where he appeared in Broadway productions of "The Great White Hope" and "Much Ado About Nothing." He was also featured at radio station WBAI, where he hosted a program called "Satirical View" and sometimes filled in for broadcaster Steve Post.

He also appeared in director George Lucas's feature film debut, the science-fiction thriller "THX 1138" (1971), and did voice work for movies including "Ice Age: The Meltdown" (2006) and "Horton Hears a Who!" (2008), as well as cartoon series such as "Kidd Video," "The Biskitts" and "The Smurfs," as Sloppy Smurf.

Survivors include a sister.

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California governor signs bans on new fur sales, circus animals

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California will be the first state to ban the sale and manufacture of new fur products and the third to bar most animals from circus performances under a pair of bills signed Saturday by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

The fur law bars residents from selling or making clothing, shoes or handbags with fur starting in 2023. The Fur Information Council of America has threatened to sue.

The law doesn't apply to used fur products or fur used for religious or tribal purposes. It excludes the sale of leather, dog and cat fur, cowhides, deer, sheep and goat skin and anything preserved through taxidermy.

Meanwhile, California joins New Jersey and Hawaii in banning most animals from circus performances. The law exempts domesticated dogs, cats and horses and does not apply to rodeos.

Police in New Hampshire: Man, woman shot at church wedding

PELHAM, N.H. — A gunman opened fire at a wedding ceremony inside a New Hampshire church Saturday shooting two people including the presiding bishop before guests tackled the shooter and pinned him to the ground until police arrived, authorities said.

Dale Holloway, 37, has been charged with first degree assault for shooting Stanley Choate, 75, in the chest at the New

England Pentecostal church, according to the state's attorney general office. A second person, Claire McMullen, 60, was shot in the arm. Choate, the presiding bishop at the wedding, is in serious condition at Tufts Medical Center in Boston.

"This does not seem to be a random event, at least at this point," Pelham's Police Chief Joseph Roark said during a news conference Saturday afternoon.

Texas cop doing welfare check kills black woman in her home

FORT WORTH, Texas — A black woman was fatally shot by a white Fort Worth, Texas, officer inside her home early Saturday after police were called to the residence for a welfare check, authorities said.

The shooting occurred after a neighbor called the police to report that the front door to the home was open. In body camera video released by police, two officers search the

home from the outside with flashlights before one shouts, "Put your hands up, show me your hands." One shot is then fired through a window.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office identified the slain woman as 28-year-old Atatiana Jefferson.

The officer does not identify himself as police in the video. He's been placed on administrative leave pending a probe.



SCOTT THRELKELD/THE ADVOCATE
Debris hangs from the side of a Hard Rock Hotel under construction Saturday in New Orleans. The hotel collapse, on the edge of the French Quarter, left one person dead and two others missing, authorities said. About 20 people were injured, authorities said.

Rescues underway as multiple natural disasters rock Japan

TOKYO — Helicopters plucked people from their flooded homes on Sunday as rescue efforts went into full force in wide areas of Japan, including Tokyo, after a powerful typhoon unleashed heavy rainfall, leaving at least four dead and 17 missing.

Typhoon Hagibis made landfall south of Tokyo Saturday and moved northward. More than 100 people were also injured in its wake, according to public broadcaster NHK, as the numbers kept growing.

News footage showed a rescue helicopter hovering in a flooded area in Nagano

prefecture where an embankment of the Chikuma River broke. The chopper plucked those stranded on the second floor of a home submerged in muddy waters.

A stretch of Fukushima, in the city of Date, was also flooded with only rooftops of residential homes visible in some areas. Parts of nearby Miyagi prefecture were also under water.

The Tama River, which runs by Tokyo, overflowed its banks.

Authorities warned of a risk of mudslides. Among the reported deaths were those whose homes were

buried in landslides. Other fatalities included people who got swept away by raging rivers.

Some 286,000 homes were without electricity. Several train service in the Tokyo area resumed early morning, although others were undergoing safety checks and were expected to restart later Sunday.

The authorities had repeatedly warned Hagibis was on par with a typhoon that hit the Tokyo region in 1958. The typhoon six decades ago had left more than 1,200 people dead and half a million houses flooded.

Xi 1st Chinese president in decades to visit Nepal

KATHMANDU, Nepal — Xi Jinping on Saturday became the first Chinese president in more than two decades to visit Nepal, where he is expected to sign agreements on infrastructure projects.

Xi arrived from India, where he met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra

Modi. Nepal is expected to tread cautiously while building relations with neighbors India and China.

India has extensive influence on Nepal's economy and politics, while China and Nepal share a border covered with high mountain peaks.

Jiang Zemin had been

the last Chinese president to visit Nepal, making the trip in 1996, but other Chinese leaders, including premiers and foreign ministers, have since paid visits to the Himalayan nation.

Trans-Himalayan connectivity and an extradition treaty will be on the agenda during official talks Sunday.

Knife suspect held under UK's Mental Health Act

LONDON — Police said Saturday that a man who allegedly lunged at shoppers with a knife at a northwestern England mall has been detained under the Mental Health Act.

Five people were hurt during the attack Friday at the Arndale Centre in Manchester. Three of the injured needed hospital treatment, but none of the injuries are believed to be life-threatening.

Police arrested the 41-year-old man on a charge of "the commission, preparation and instigation of an act of terrorism."

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he was "shocked by the incident."

The incident revived uncomfortable memories of another attack in 2017 only a few hundred yards away. A suicide bomber killed 22 people after targeting a concert by pop star Ariana Grande at Manchester Arena.

Wheelchair trek: A Georgia man on a long trip across southern Georgia has set aside most of October so he can make the journey by wheelchair. News outlets report Paul Rockwell recently embarked on a 218-mile road trip from Savannah to Plains. His goal is to move 10 miles each day and arrive in Plains in time to see former President Jimmy Carter teach Sunday school Oct. 27.

Rockwell is traveling across Georgia by wheelchair to raise awareness for the Emmaus House, a Savannah food shelter. He was born with cerebral palsy, but that hasn't stopped him from taking on challenges. Previously he's competed in the Boston Marathon and walked the length of Georgia's 100-mile coast.

OBITUARIES

ROBERTA 'BOBBIE' NOONAN 1933-2019

Founded south suburbs day care chain in 1963

BY GRAYDON MEGAN



NOONAN ACADEMY

"Bobbie" Noonan and husband Joseph were founders of a not-for-profit school educating 300 students.

about her start in the preschool and child care business when she was a young mother living in Worth with six children under 5 years old, soon to have a seventh child.

Her eldest son, Jim, began attending preschool at a preschool in Alsip.

"To help us with the tuition of Jim's preschool, I did publicity for the school," she told the Tribune. "I became very interested in the school because I would go to learn about it before I wrote the press releases. I wanted all my children to have the same good start that Jim was experiencing by attending preschool."

At about that time, she learned the preschool was for sale, with property that included a little house. The Noonans bought it in January 1963, the first step in a long team effort and partnership, as she focused on curriculum and administration and her husband, an accountant, focused on financing, mortgages and building matters.

She threw herself into the work with characteristic energy, taking correspondence and night courses.

She eventually enrolled at Moraine Valley Community College, now in Palos Hills, to get an associate degree. She went on to St. Xavier University in Chicago for a bachelor's degree and then a master's in curriculum and administration.

From there she found a distance learning program through what was then Nova University in Florida that allowed her to take Saturday classes locally and

eventually earn a doctorate. Her dissertation looked at the effects of nutrition on learning and behavior and persuaded her to shift her school menus to natural foods without added sugar.

She later worked at Moraine Valley, heading the school's early childhood education programming from 1973 through about 1990.

She also took training in Montessori methods of early childhood education.

"I wanted to deepen my knowledge and add their techniques to my school, so I took the coursework," Noonan told the Tribune. "... it's been proven that the early years are the best years for learning. We have a fun approach, allowing children to learn through play. We literally expose them to everything."

Noonan's approach has been effective, as evidenced by employees who have been with the schools for decades, by the alumni who have come back to join the staff, and by the alumni who have sent children and grandchildren to one of the Bobbie Noonan's Child Care schools.

The eight Illinois schools are in Alsip, Frankfort, Homer Glen, Joliet, Lockport, Palos Hills and two Tinley Park locations. Florida schools include one in Bonita Springs, two in Cape Coral and one in Fort Myers.

Nevell said family and staff are committed to continuing the schools and carrying on Noonan's legacy.

"She was a very simple lady that knew what worked," Dunn said. "She wanted to make sure our kids (at Noonan Academy) knew how to love God, the family, the country. Her motto was to make leaders of tomorrow, soldiers for Christ."

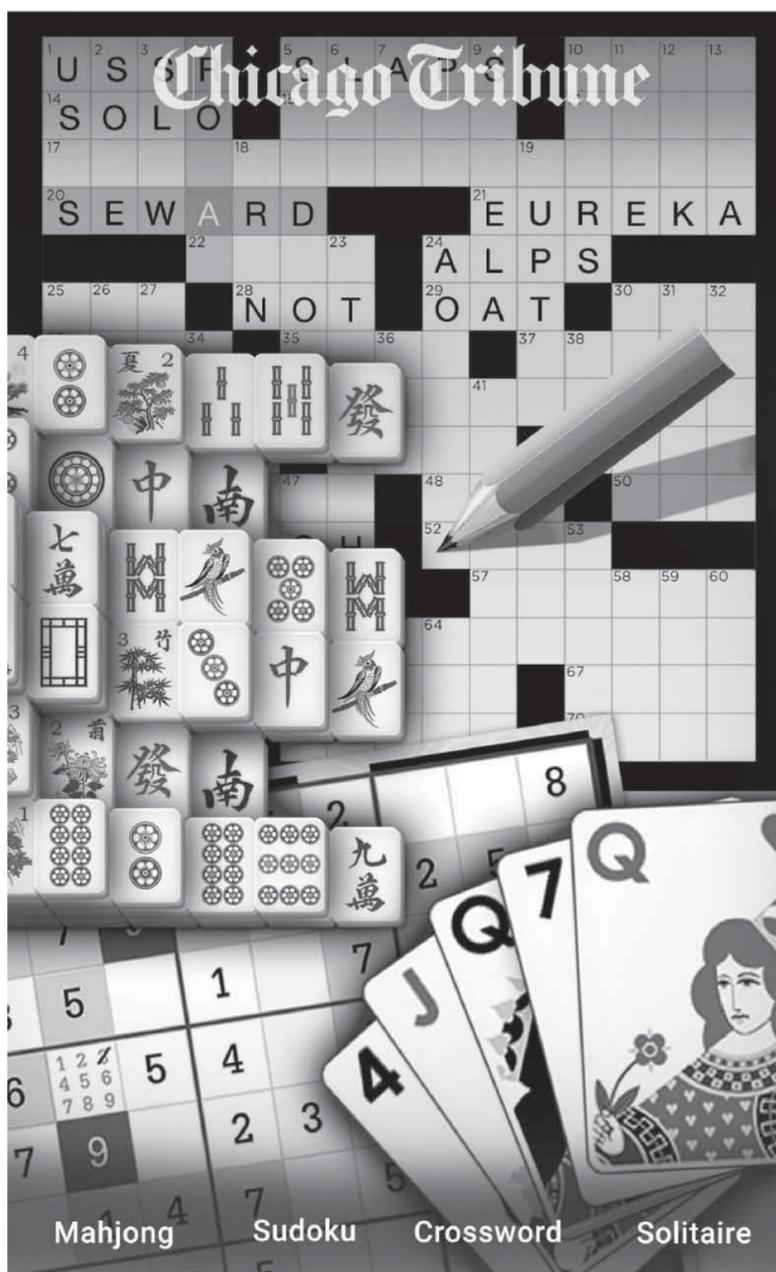
Noonan is also survived by daughters Kathy Riddell, Pat Arena, Mary Karstens and Nora Ferrill; her other sons, Jim and Mike; a sister, Patricia Pfendler; brothers William, Ronald and Martin Lamneck; 19 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

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ON OCTOBER 13 ...

In 1962 "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" by Edward Albee opened on Broadway.

In 1981 voters in Egypt participated in a referendum to elect Vice President Hosni Mubarak the new president, one week after the assassination of Anwar Sadat.

In 1987 Costa Rican President Oscar Arias was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts on behalf of a Central American peace plan.

In 1988 Egyptian novelist Naguib Mahfouz was named recipient of the Nobel Prize in literature.

In 1991 the Senate Judici-

ary Committee heard conflicting testimony from friends and associates of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill, the University of Oklahoma law professor who had accused Thomas of sexually harassing her.

In 1995 British physicist Joseph Rotblat and the anti-nuclear group he founded, the Pugwash Conference, won the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1997 a jet-powered car driven by British Royal Air Force pilot Andy Green streaked across Nevada's Black Rock Desert at speeds topping 764 mph, faster than the speed of sound. However, the car couldn't complete two runs within the 60 minutes required by record-keepers. (Green offi-

cially broke the record two days later.)

In 1999 the Senate defeated the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, 51-48.

In 2000 South Korean President Kim Dae Jung was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 2001 Ukraine's defense minister and air defense chief offered to resign, conceding that the military was involved in the explosion of a Russian airliner over the Black Sea on Oct. 4 that killed 78 people.

In 2003 the U.N. Security Council approved a resolution expanding the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Afghanistan.

In 2004 President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry met in the third and final debate of the presidential election, held at Arizona State University.

In 2006 Republican Bob Ney, a six-term congressman from Ohio, became the first lawmaker to plead guilty in connection with the Jack Abramoff influence-peddling scandal. (He was sentenced to 30 months in prison.)

In 2014 Dallas nurse Nina Pham, 26, contracted Ebola from Thomas Eric Duncan, the first person in the U.S. to die from the virus.

In 2016 Bob Dylan was named the winner of the Nobel Prize for literature, the award's first writer whose work is primarily in popular music.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	INDIANA
Oct. 12	Oct. 12
Powerball 12 29 34 53 65 / 23	Lotto 8 16 23 29 30 34
Powerball jackpot: \$90M	Daily 3 midday 266 / 6
Lotto 14 30 37 38 44 45 / 04	Daily 4 midday 5895 / 6
Lotto jackpot: \$7.5M	Daily 3 evening 612 / 0
Pick 3 midday 816 / 5	Daily 4 evening 5624 / 0
Pick 4 midday 3960 / 8	Cash 5 12 13 20 22 23
Lucky Day Lotto midday 07 15 22 28 37	MICHIGAN
Pick 3 evening 679 / 1	Oct. 12
Pick 4 evening 9484 / 8	Lotto 06 10 11 26 34 44
Lucky Day Lotto evening 05 12 18 22 34	Daily 3 midday 302
Oct. 11	Daily 4 midday 9754
Mega Millions 14 22 30 37 60 / 08	Daily 3 evening 495
Mega Millions jackpot: \$60M	Daily 4 evening 5796
Pick 3 midday 226 / 3	Fantasy 5 08 09 14 17 25
Pick 4 midday 4367 / 3	Keno 05 07 09 10 16 17
Lucky Day Lotto midday 02 15 29 36 42	28 29 30 32 33 35 37 41
Pick 3 evening 189 / 1	43 52 53 58 61 64 67 78
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Death Notices

Abraham, Jr., Marty

Marty Abraham, Jr., age 73, of New Port Richie, Florida, passed away on October 10, 2019 in Hudson, FL. Born and raised in Chicago, IL, beloved son of the late Marty and Carmen Abraham. Survived by his children Michael, Alexandria and Danielle Abraham. Dear brother to Judi (Patrick) O'Leary, Art (Janie), Phil (Mary), and Helene (Tony) Grunder. Marty enjoyed shooting the breeze and telling jokes with family. Memorials may be given to a charity of your choice.

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Bank, David G.

David G Bank, 84, of Schaumburg, Illinois passed away peacefully on October 8th, 2019 with his family at his side. David was born on June 2nd, 1935 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin to parents Leon and Helene Bank. He graduated from St Rita High School and then married his high school sweetheart, the late Carole (Mooi) Bank. They were married on Valentine's Day, 1958 and lived in Schaumburg for 50 years. David led an interesting life that included being in the US Army; as a high school boxer, first-place winning marathon runner, bonsai hobbyist, voracious reader, seventh grade Catechist, and lover of all sports but especially the Cubs and Chicago Bears. David was a long-time member of the local writers group the Schaumburg Scribes and has written many stories about his own life. He and Carole loved their two Welsh corgis and spent many hours walking the dogs and visiting friends in Schaumburg's parks. David loved his siblings, nieces and nephews and they will remember fondly the fun and love they shared over the years. David retired from Lucent Technologies in 1994 after 38 years with AT&T Engineering. David is preceded in death by his best friend and wife, Carole; his loving parents Leon and Helene (Radtke) Bank; his devoted sister Carol L'Herault (Bank) of Wisconsin; sister-in-law Karen (Cervinka) Bank of Illinois, nephew Matthew L'Herault and their two Welsh corgis: Humphrey and Gunther. David is survived by his loving brother Larry and sister-in-law Glenda of South Carolina; his fun-loving nephews Marc (Gina), Mitch (Sara), Marty and Marshall L'Herault and Lary (Rhonda) Bank, and niece Michelle Bank. He will be missed by his family, friends and neighbors. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 16 at 10am at St Matthew Catholic Church, 1005 E Schaumburg Road with a Catholic Mass to follow at 11am. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in David's name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

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Barci, Patricia M. 'Pat'

Patricia M. "Pat" Barci (née Olson), age 68, late of South Holland. Beloved wife of Emil "Ernie" Barci Jr.; devoted mother of Emil III (Sabrina) Barci; proud grandmother of Camila Barci; loving sister of her twin brother Richard and the late Robert Olson Jr.; kind aunt of Jackie Goldblatt and Richard Olson Jr.; dear niece of Ida Jansen; best friend for over 50 years of Karen, Nancy, Jeannie, and Earleen. Visitation Sunday from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, 9:15 a.m., from **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)** 15801 S. Cottage Grove Ave., four block North of 162nd St. (Rte. 6) Dolton / South Holland, to Holy Ghost and SS. Mary and Jude Church Mass 10 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. (708) 841-2300 or www.thornridgefuneralhomes.com

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Baumhart, S.J., Fr. Raymond C.

Fr. Raymond C. Baumhart, S.J. October 10, 2019. Age 95. A Jesuit for over 70 years. He was born in Chicago, Illinois. Before entering the Society, Ray graduated from DePaul Academy in Chicago and attended DePaul University while working as the Associate Director of the Chicago chapter of the Boys Club



(now named Boys and Girls Clubs of America), an organization which provides after-school programs and mentoring for young people. In 1943 he transferred to Northwestern University (from which in 1945 he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration) and enlisted in the Navy. Ray began his navy career by studying at Northwestern and, in 1944, studying Business Administration at the Harvard Business School. He went to sea on the President Polk, a troop transport ship, as a junior officer in 1945. Ray was honorably discharged from the Navy and entered the Society in 1946.

In 1963, Ray was the first clergyman to earn a Doctorate in Business Administration from Harvard University. His dissertation was on business ethics. After ordination and the completion of coursework for his doctorate, Fr. Ray spent over three decades at Loyola University Chicago. He taught personnel management, business ethics, and statistics (1962-1966), was assistant dean (1963-1964) and dean of the School of Business Administration (1964-1966). He then spent two years (1966-1968) researching and writing at the Cambridge Center for Social Studies (a Jesuit think tank aimed at work on business ethics and social justice). Fr. Ray returned to Loyola as the executive vice president (1968-1969) before becoming the acting vice president of Loyola's Medical Center (1969-1970). He had a major hand in the 1969 opening of the Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois. In 1970, Fr. Ray became the twenty-first (and longest serving) president of Loyola University Chicago (1970-1993). His tenure saw the university grow in both enrollment and physical space. When Fr. Ray was elected president, Loyola University owned 31 buildings and when he left office, the university owned 83 buildings. Flanner Hall, Maguire Hall, Halas Sports Center, and the Crown Center are four examples of campus buildings constructed during his presidency. Additionally, Fr. Ray oversaw the merging of Mundelein College with Loyola in 1991. After a well-deserved sabbatical, Fr. Ray served on Cardinal Bernardin's and [then] Cardinal George's advisory cabinet, became the Director of Evangelization and Christian Life for the Archdiocese of Chicago (1994-2000), and served as a personal consultant to Cardinal George (2000-2011). He also served the Loyola University Jesuit Community as superior of the Jesuit residence (2006-2007) and treasurer of the community (2007-2011). In 2011, Fr. Ray was missioned to Colombiere Center to pray for the Society of Jesus, pray for the Church, and care for his health.

Ray was always a gentleman. He graciously greeted and conversed with those he encountered. He had a big smile and an infectious laugh. In all of his jobs and ministries, Ray humbly practiced servant leadership and encouraged (and empowered) others to do the same. He was greatly admired and respected by colleagues and counterparts alike for his insights, strategic planning, and gentle but direct capacity for making decisions, large and small. He was a very effective mentor to many younger Jesuits as they prepared for or began their administrative service to the Society or in one of our apostolic works.

Visitation is Thursday, October 17, 4-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Colombiere. Funeral Mass Friday, October 18, at 10:45 a.m. at Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI with burial to follow. Memorial gifts to support the Jesuits may be made to the USA Midwest Jesuits, 1010 N. Hooker St., Chicago, IL 60642. Visit www.jesuitsmidwest.org to read full obituary, sign guestbook, or make an online memorial gift. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500.

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Becherer, Phyllis

Phyllis Becherer left this life on Sept 3, 2019 at age 92. Born on Halloween 1926, Phyllis was a long time Des Plaines resident. She worked for years at Nickey Chevrolet before its closing in the 1970s. She then worked at Cabrini Retreat Center until age 75. She'll be remembered for her easy way and always wanting to make people smile with a joke or story. A mass will be held at 10 am on Oct 25 at Cabrini Retreat Center, 9430 Golf Rd, Des Plaines, IL

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Boness, Vicki Ann

Vicki Ann Boness, nee Vespa; beloved wife of Robert W. Boness; loving mother of Andrea Boness and Steven Boness with Charles Brigolin; dear grandmother of Cade, Bryce and Delia Boness; sister of the late John Vespa. Memorial Visitation Wednesday, October 16th, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. S. of Ogden) Downers Grove. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at www5.komen.org. For information 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Boyles, Susan Laidlaw 'Sue Mom'

Susan Laidlaw Boyles, age 72, passed away on Tuesday, October 2nd 2019 in her home surrounded by her family in Baroda, Michigan after fighting a long battle with lung cancer. Susan was born on September 7th, 1947 in Evanston, Illinois. She had a long, successful career in IT, and because of her determination and intelligence, she was able to raise her two children on her own, send them to college and help them raise their families. She is survived by her two children, Thomas and Kathleen, and four grandchildren; Tyler and Eve Sircher, Saoirse Ceridwan Boyles and a baby Boyles grandson who is due to be born in March 2020. Susan was a wonderful woman who was deeply committed to her family, loved reading and nature, especially loved dogs and easily won the hearts of everyone she came into contact with. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Susan did not want to have a funeral service so our family and friends will be gathering at Grandpa's Place in Glenview, Illinois on Saturday, October 19th, from 5pm-10pm for a celebration of her life. We love you mom.

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Brown, Marilyn

Marilyn Brown, 90, daughter of the late Harry and Esther Kaufman, Loving wife of the late Ellis Brown, Loyal sister of the late Dorothy Lipton (Sherman), Adrienne Berman (Bill), and the late Jacqueline Turkin. Devoted mother of Jay (Lonnice), Ben (Alison), Jack (Julie) and Marc. Adoring Grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 4. Marilyn gave so much to so



many in need throughout her years, she was always there for friends and family in need - she didn't need to be asked. She worked tirelessly for her family and instilled a work ethic and strength to her boys. She was invaluable as the personal secretary to the superintendent of Evanston Public Schools in the 1960s. She overcame her lack of typing skills with great problem-solving ability, loyalty and excellent delegation skills.

In her later years she was a voracious reader and observer of politics and current events; and of course enjoying the photos, videos and stories of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be missed dearly.

Private funeral service. For information and condolences, please contact **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom.com

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Bruning, Edwin C

Edwin C. Bruning of Naples, FL, formerly of Inverness, IL, passed away the morning of June 20, 2019, at Bentley Care Center in Naples, FL, after a few months in hospice care. Ed's joy of travel and community involvement led him to the love of his life, Joan Bruning, with whom he was married to for 60 plus wonderful years. He is survived by his wife, Joan, his brother Nick, his three sons, Win, Jim and Jon, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Born in 1930, in White Plains, NY to the late Paul and Vashti Bruning, he received his undergraduate degree from Amherst College and his MBA from Harvard Business School. After serving in the Army, he started his working career with the Bruning Company, becoming AM International, leaving as VP, and then venturing into banking. Being very involved in the community led to many areas of involvement, serving 33 years on the Northwest Hospital board and past chairman, 36 years on the Beloit College board and receiving an Honorary Doctorate Degree in '03, serving on several bank boards (Countyside Bank, 1st National Bank, FNN Bank Corp and Barrington Bank & Trust). His love of golf not only led to being a Director of the Western Golf Association, as well as past member at Inverness Golf Club and Bonita Bay Club, but allowed travel throughout the world to enjoy the game with family and friends. He so enjoyed being with family, traveling much of the world and being well read on current events and news in general. His love, kindness and demeanor has touched so many lives which will be truly remembered and forever missed.

A memorial service is being held at Barrington United Methodist Church, in Barrington, IL, on Saturday, October 19th, with a visitation at 10 am and service at 11 am.

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Cahill, Mary C.

Mary C. Cahill (nee Schlueter) of Naperville, IL passed away peacefully on October 10, 2019 in her home surrounded by her immediate family after a two-year battle with cancer. A dedicated and caring nurse, Mary was her own best advocate throughout her fight and found strength in her wonderful oncology care team at the University of Chicago. Mary was born in Dubuque, IA and grew up boating on the Mississippi River with her loving family. After earning her nursing degree and moving to Chicago, Mary spent time caring for patients at hospitals in the city and eventually met her husband Bob. After settling in the Western Suburbs, Mary spent time caring for her two children and teaching her husband how to captain a boat before going back to work as a nurse for DuPage Medical Group - a role she held for ten years. A woman with many interests and gifts, Mary was a gracious host, avid gardener, loving dock neighbor, regular yoga and pilates goer, shopping and wine enthusiast, expert decorator, dedicated parishioner, and a friend to all. Her boat was her "happy place" and it's where our fondest memories of her will forever live. She is survived by her husband Robert Cahill, children Meghan Chesnut (nee Cahill) and Stephen Cahill, son-in-law Caleb Chesnut, loving mother Thelma Schlueter (nee Fleege), and brother Daniel (Lynn) Schlueter. She is preceded in death by her father Philip Schlueter, siblings Steven and Karen Schlueter and stepfather John Arling. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Mary Cahill to the University of Chicago Medicine payable to the "University of Chicago" and sent to the following address: University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Data, Mary Cahill Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Court, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615. Or, you can donate online at: giving.uchicago.edu/mary-cahill Visitation will be held at Friedrich Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville on Tuesday, October 15, 2:00 until 9:00 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 16, at 10:00 AM at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. Private burial services will take place at SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Naperville, IL. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.overman-jones.com



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Canning, Jacqueline

Jacqueline Canning, formerly of Hinsdale; beloved wife of John Canning; loving mother of Jennifer, John, Ricky, & Robyn. A private burial at Aledo Cemetery will be held by the family at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside.

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Coombe, Jack Duncan

Jack Duncan Coombe, 97, passed away October 9, 2019. He was a longtime resident of Northbrook, who spent his last years as a valued resident of Belmont Village Senior Living in Glenview. During his time there, he made many meaningful



friendships. He was born in Baltic, MI, on March 1, 1922, son of the late Harry and Susan Ruth Coombe. Jack was the beloved husband to the late Margaret "Peg" Coombe with whom he shared 70 years of a beautiful married life.

Jack graduated with a B.A. from Northwestern College in 1955 and later did graduate studies in philosophy at Roosevelt University.

One of Jack's greatest contributions was to his country during his years of service in the military. He was a WWII veteran who served in the U.S. Navy from 1940 to 1946 and served in Pearl Harbor, Midway, Solomon Islands campaign, Philippine Island campaigns, and Saipan and Okinawa invasions. He often mentioned being one of the last survivors of Pearl Harbor. He was a genuine American hero.

Jack was born into show business. His father was a comedian and his mother was a dancer. At the young age of six, he was put on stage in theaters with audiences, some as large as a 1,000 people. Jack's career included being a creative writing teacher at grade schools and high schools. His industry work included being a performer in vaudeville, stage, radio and TV. Jack was also a comedy writer for CBS, NBC and AFRN. For 20 years, He co-hosted the Northbrook community television show, Talk Around Town, where he and his co-host interviewed local individuals, elected officials, and celebrities.

Jack was the author of nine books, both fiction and non-fiction. The topics he covered were the Civil War, WWII naval history, Western novels, the history of radio, and his own life stories.

Jack's contributions to his community and to the world will be greatly missed, and his unique and beautiful spirit will be remembered.

The Memorial Service, with military honors, will be held on Wednesday, October 16th, 1:00 p.m. at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Croneigh, Barbara G.

Barbara was born April 27, 1929 in Chicago to Harry and Gertrude Gustafson. She passed away peacefully at her home October 12, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Barbara's source of joy and pride was her family, and their love for each other. Barbara is survived by her children, Cindy (John) Burrell, Sandy Jones, John



(Petra) Croneigh, Marilyn (Michael) Soper, and Nancy (Robert) Caravello; grandchildren, Matthew (Tada), Mark, Cassia (Mike), Christy, Chandler, Kevin, Michelle (Mauricio), Benjamin, Caleb, Eddie, Jackson, Colby, Jessie, and Michael; great grandchildren, Vipin, Corbin, and Mirren; and many extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother. Visitation will be 12pm until the funeral service at 2pm, Thursday October 17 at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 149 W. Main St. (Lake Cook Road), Barrington. The burial will be held privately Friday October 18th. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, www.komen.org Please visit www.davenport-family.com to send condolences.

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Crosoli, Rose A.

Rose A. Crosoli, nee Giordano. Beloved wife of the late Ronald J.; loving mother of Rod (Florence) and Debra (Pasquale) De Sena; fond grandmother Laura, Andrea (Aaron), Rosanna (Elio), Silvana (Jay) and Marc (Kym); dear great-grandmother of many; dear sister of the late Calogera (Michael) Macaluso, Leonard (Rose) Giordano and Laura (Joseph) Alongi; sister-in-law of the late John (Gwen) Crosoli; fond aunt of many. Visitation Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin Monday 8:30 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Domitilla Church in Hillside, IL for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum. For info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

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Diamond, Dr. Seymour

Dr. Seymour Diamond, 94. Beloved husband for 71 years of Elaine, nee Flamm; devoted father of Judi (late Nathan) Diamond-Falk, Merle Diamond, and Amy (Charlie Morye) Diamond; cherished grandfather of Brian (Katie) Diamond-Falk, Emily (Alex Horowitz) Diamond-Falk, and Max (Debbie), Michael, Jacob, and Zach Barack; proud great-grandfather of Zevon, Oliver, and Veronica; loving brother of Idelle (late Fred) Applebaum and the late Alfred Diamond, MD and Ann Diamond; will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and colleagues. Dr. Diamond was one of the first headache specialists in the world, founding Diamond Headache Clinic, the first private headache clinic in the US. He was the past executive chairman of the American Headache Society, as well as the National Headache Foundation, the largest not-for-profit to advocate for patient care. Dr. Diamond was a gold level duplicate bridge player and a lifelong White Sox fan - but mostly he was the best husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother. He will be deeply missed. Funeral service Sunday, Oct. 13, 11 AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Headache Foundation, www.headaches.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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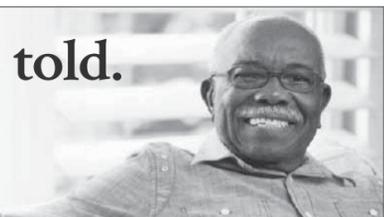
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Dods, Heidi

Heidi Dods, 74, of Burr Ridge lost her long and courageous battle with congestive heart failure and diabetes on October 11, 2019. Heidi was born in Crimmitschau, Germany on October 5, 1945. In 1950, her family escaped East Germany by crawling under barbed wires at night to go to a better life in the west. She then immigrated in 1960 to the United States with one of her favorite memories being seeing the Statue of Liberty as she sailed into New York Harbor. Heidi resided in Wisconsin for a few years and then moved to the Chicago area where she met the love of her life, her husband Bill. They had one daughter, Pam, and were married for 49 years. Heidi had a great love for animals and took in any stray that needed a home. She enjoyed nights at the casino with Bill, dining and laughing with the many friends they met there. Things that Heidi was most proud of were her US citizenship in the 1980s (she was so proud to be an American) and her family. Her face lit up around her grandchildren and she loved to brag about them and all their activities and achievements. She truly had a heart of gold and will be missed by many, especially her husband Bill, her daughter Pam, son-in-law Kevin Rohrbacher, and grandchildren Jake, Luke and Grace. She was preceded in death by her mother Gertraude and brother Hans. Wake services will be held at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th Street, Countryside on Thursday, October 17th, 4:00-8:00pm and Friday, October 18th, 4:00-8:30pm, with a prayer service held at 8:30pm. Interment private. For info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com



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Felder, Sidney F.

Sidney F. Felder, 93, formerly of Freeport, Illinois, was born in DeKalb, Illinois to George and Mary Ann Felder. He passed away October 11, 2019. He was the beloved husband for over 69 years of Betty Felder nee Graham; loving father of Christine (Gene) Helfrich and Douglas (Candice) Felder; cherished grandfather of Mark Felder, Lisa (Christopher) Hain, Bethany Felder, Brian Felder, Todd (Sarah) Helfrich, Benjamin (Christynne) Helfrich, and Daniel Helfrich; and proud great grandfather of three. Sid graduated from DeKalb High School and served in the Navy from 1944-1947. He received his bachelor's degree in education from Northern Illinois University. He taught history, physical education and coached basketball, cross country and track & field for many years beginning at Malta Junior High, and then at Durand High School and Freeport High School. A visitation will be Friday, October 18 from 9 am until time of the Mass at 10 am at St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook. Interment will be private at Calvary Cemetery in Freeport, IL. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Franklin, Ronald M.

Ronald Franklin, 66, of Buffalo Grove, beloved husband of Maria (nee Kiefer) Franklin; loving father of Ashley A. (Steven Kirschbaum) Franklin and Adam E. Franklin; cherished grandfather of Emma Kirschbaum; dear brother of Rosemary (John) Rhodes; and fond uncle to many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. For Celebration of Life service go to www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Golab, Claudia S.

Claudia S. Golab, age 71. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth J. Golab. Loving mother of Julie (Scott) Moore. Dear sister of Lydia (Don) Marczewski, Odilia (Keith) Burton, Virginia (Phil) Cannizzaro, Celia (Tom) Witowski and Bill Swidergal. Beloved daughter of the late William and Victoria Swidergal. Dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will meet at St. Damian Church, 5300 W. 155th Street, Oak Forest, Illinois on Saturday, October 19, 2019 for the Memorial Mass at 11:15 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to the **McKenzie Funeral Home**, Oak Forest, Illinois. For information: 708-687-2990.

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Goldstein, Judith Ann

Judith Ann Goldstein nee Sher. Adored mother of Elena, David, and Michael Goldstein. Cherished Gramma Judy of Ezra and Sam Henderson. Dear sister of the late Don Sher.

Judy was a loving listener and advisor to her family and friends. She was very supportive of her friends, and enjoyed helping others learn and grow. She began her career as an elementary school teacher, and continued her teaching as a substitute as she devoted an increasing amount of time to raising a family. Judy was also independent and willing to forge her own path, going back to school in her early 40s to earn her doctorate in psychology. She was an engaged, empathic therapist to her clients. Judy loved gardening, reading, folk music, chocolate, and drinking vodka and tonics with her friends. They thought of her as fabulous, steadfast, open-minded, and accepting. We will miss her open mind and caring heart.

At Judy's request, her ashes will be scattered by her children at their homes in New York and New Zealand, so she will always be close to those who love her. A celebration of her life will be held in the summer of 2020. For those who would like to attend, please contact Michael Goldstein at mike.h.goldstein@gmail.com.

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Graf Jr., Ronald J. "Butch"

Ronald Jerome "Butch" Graf Jr., age 48 of Brookfield, formerly of Cicero. U.S. Navy Veteran. Beloved father of Wyatt J. and Whitney J. Graf, loving son of Ruth (Leonard) Bolec-Rutka and the late Ronald Jerome Graf Sr., cherished grandson of Adolf "Joe" Kopp, special partner of Amy Cenani, dear brother of Christina, Laura Jean, Ronald Jay, Pamela (Brian) King, Jeff and John Allen, fond nephew of Richard Bolec, dear uncle of Cody, Nick and many other nieces and nephews, fond cousin to many. Ronald was a police explorer for Miami Dade County and a police officer and fireman for the Town of Cicero. He was also a truck driver for Airgas. Visitation Tuesday, October 15, 3:00pm-9:00pm at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside. Funeral Service 7:00pm. Funeral Wednesday, October 16, 10:00am Prayers at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**. Interment with Military Honors 12:00pm at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood. Family and friends are asked to meet at the cemetery Public Information Center by 11:45am. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500.



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Graham, Mona M

GRAHAM, Mona M. nee Young, passed peacefully on October 5, 2019 at 87 years old. Preceded in death by her parents (Elizabeth & Frank), Siblings (Frank, Rudolph, Elizabeth and Audrey) & her partner of 20 years (Walter F. Clarke). Mona was born in Hartford, CT & served in the Marines during the Korean War. She spent over 20 years in Chicago area (Executive at First National Bank of Niles), & then California, as co-owner of Backstop Pizza restaurant. She settled in Bradenton, FL in 1995. Mona was a spitfire with a kind heart - always willing to help anyone in need. Mona was a survivor & helped others of the tragic Hartford Circus Fire in 1944, as well as a Breast Cancer Survivor. She was a mother figure, mentor and friend to many. Mona was loved by all & she will be greatly missed by her family & friends. Survived by twelve nieces and nephews, great nieces & nephews, and devoted goddaughter Ariane Andler. Mona is also survived by her partner's children, grandchildren, & great-great grandchild whom Mona loved & considered her own: Children: Walter, Jr. Clarke (Tammy); Mike Clarke (Perian); Doug Clarke (Lisa); Grandchildren: Riley, Jackson & Michael Jr.; Great-Grandson: Aiden. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or Tidewell Hospice.

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Greenlaw, Malcolm S. 'Mel'

Malcolm S. Greenlaw, age 93, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2019 at Tabor Hills Health Center in Naperville, IL. He was born on September 13, 1926 in Chicago, IL, the only son of the late Walter and Luella Greenlaw. Mel attended IIT in Chicago and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. While in IL, he worked his entire career at the Electro-Motive Division (EMD) of General Motors. During his career at EMD, he met and married his wife Claris. They retired to Myrtle Beach in 1991. After the passing of his wife in 2011, Mel returned home to IL to live with his eldest daughter and her family in Naperville. Mel is survived by his daughters, Cheryl (husband, Robert Carey) Greenlaw of Naperville, IL and Susan (husband, John Bilton) Greenlaw Bilton of Little River, SC; his grandchildren, Alexandra Carey, Zachary and Elizabeth Bilton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. All services are private. **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Naperville, was entrusted with arrangements. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com



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Groenhof, Thomas

Tom always kept our lives interesting, to say the least. He would say "laughter is the best medicine". There were many things to find humorous with him, whether it be the fact he would go to bingo 4 hours early every week, cry to his Hallmark or Lifetime movies, or the way he would say "garbage". He never forgot a birthday or the name of your cousin's brother-in-law's dog, or if he did, he would go through the alphabet to figure it out. Tom had a heart of gold and made us all richer with his presence. We lost our lucky charm, Thomas Jacob Groenhof, on October 8th, 2019 due to heart failure at Edward Hospital. Tom was born June 6, 1951, in Oak Park, Ill to Henry Groenhof and Marcella M. Groenhof (nee Berg) at 7:26am. He grew up in Garden Grove, Calif and Addison, Il. He graduated from York High School in Elmhurst, Ill., in May 1970, as part of the Visual Aids Club. Tom worked alongside his mom for Lift Parts Manufacturers. He then worked for 20+ years at Fischer Scientific, where he found a second family. Tom shared great times with his many friends at American Legion Post 13. Tom loved bingo, garage sales, flea markets, the Lotto, and most of all living. He would talk to anyone about anything and made sure nobody was ever a stranger. If he knew someone had a hobby or collection, he would make a point to pick something up for them during his travels. Tom had a great love for cars, always talking about his El Camino and collecting model cars. Tom never had a family of his own, but he lived with brother Dave, sister-in-law Tammy, and nieces-Hailey, and Makenzie for 10 years and before that, he would spend the night every weekend. He treated the girls as his own and was a proud godfather to Hailey. Tom is survived by 6 siblings, Kathy Maki, Kenny (Nancy) Groenhof, Nancy (Bob Kato) Lloyd, Marcia (Mike) Mason, Joan (Earl) Vatch, Dave (Tammy) Groenhof. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews: Erica, Raymond, Dawn, Laura, Danny, Lindsey, Michael, Matthew, Sarah, Justin, Dana, Lisa, Hailey & Makenzie. Tom leaves behind his dog, Cory, (the duo nicknamed Sticky and Stinky) and so many others his presence has impacted. Tom was preceded in death by his father, Henry Groenhof, mother, Marcella M. Groenhof, his brother-in-law "Sandy" Lloyd, his good friend, Owen, his beloved dogs, Cindy and Katie, and many others. Services at Anderson Memorial Home, 21131 W. Renwick Rd., Plainfield, Ill 60544 include a Wake Monday, Oct.14 from 4-9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct.15, 10-11 a.m. Visitation from 10-11 :00 am 11:30 am (Service) Tom will be laid to rest in Plainfield Cemetery per his wishes. (www.andersongoodale.com) (815-577-5250)

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Hart, Sharon Harris



Sharon Harris Hart, born and raised in rural West Virginia, and well-known fashion designer, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2019, in her home in Chicago, surrounded by family and close friends. Acknowledged and admired for her entrepreneurial energy, creativity, and timeless fashion designs for women, Sharon Hart founded and maintained a successful business, known for classic, custom-made women's clothing. The best-dressed women in Chicago wore Sharon Hart's clothes. Sharon was previously married to John Hart (Carol Prins). Sharon's grandmother taught Sharon early on how to make her own clothes, a talent that later won her the reputation for being the best-dressed girl in school, and eventually led to Sharon, at the age of 18, entering and winning the crown at the Miss West Virginia contest. Following college, Sharon traveled to Europe where she was inspired by haute couture, which was to become her business model as she parlayed her talents and launched a successful fashion design business in Chicago. Sharon was soon after named by Polo magazine as "The newest and most spectacular fashion success story", and then by Town and Country magazine "The Outstanding New American Designer of the Year". Sharon summed up her life by saying, "I've lived a very exciting life. I've been a diabetic for almost 60 years, it's something I couldn't change, but I never thought it would hold me back. I've made my choices, and it hasn't been all roses, but the thing is, I just don't blame it on anybody else. I love experiencing whatever I can do. I've been very happy with my life." This multifaceted, caring, loving woman almost never talked about herself, because she always had a question about "you". While making haute couture, Sharon Hart taught Fashion Design at the Art Institute of Chicago, wrote a social column for the Chicago Sun Times, and found time to be a board member for Traveler's Aid, the Lincoln Park Zoo, and the Chicago Historical Society. Sharon loved art, travel, flowers and gardening, classical and jazz music, and fine dining. Sharon never let up because she felt that there was so much to love about life! Sharon Hart was fearless, independent, and giving. Towards the end of her life, Sharon would play her favorite song first thing in the morning, Frank Sinatra's "I did it my way". Celebration of Life at a later time. Donations in memory of Sharon Harris Hart can be made to the organization or charity of each individual's choice. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Hartigan, Joan

Joan Hartigan nee Wolschon; beloved wife of the late William; devoted mother of John; cherished sister of the late Eugene (Margaret) Walschon; active member of St. Pascal Church and Girl Scout Troop #33. Visitation Tuesday 9 AM until time of prayers 10:30 AM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin) to St. Pascal Church. Mass 11 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Pascal Church. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Hegner, Betty D.

Betty D. Hegner of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on October 6, 2019, in the presence of her loving family. She was 87 and born in 1932 in Billings, Montana. Betty is survived by her children, Chehalis (Arthur Ganson) Hegner and John (Rebecca) Hegner; step-grandchildren, Cat Ganson, Shawna Roberts, Maggie (Jason Funk) Roberts; her great-grandchild, Macey Jean; and brother, Raymond (Jeanne) Suiter. All are welcome to join in celebrating Betty's life! A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00am on October 19, 2019, at Heritage House: 21225 US-14, Harvard, IL 60033. Visitation to follow from 12-3 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to one of Betty's favorite charities: Turning Point of McHenry County, www.turnpoint.org/donate. Do you have a memory of Betty you'd like to share? The family requests that you call 815-306-4552 and leave a message telling how she touched your life. For information and full obituary, please call the funeral home at 815-459-3411 or visit www.davenportfamily.com where family may leave an online condolence message for the family.

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Held, Harold C.

Harold C. Held, age 96, of LaGrange Park, IL; beloved husband of the late Evelyn (nee Beeler) for 67 wonderful years; loving father of David (Mary Lou Flor), the late Thomas, Michael (Ann), Kathryn (Thomas Adams), Timothy (Susan), Philip (late Jean), Julie (Anthony) Ciaccia, Stephen (Marybeth), and Kevin (Michael) Held; dear grandfather of twenty; great-grandfather of thirteen. Visitation 3 to 9pm Friday, Oct. 18 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers 9:15am Saturday Oct. 19 from the funeral home to St. Francis Xavier Church, LaGrange. Mass 10am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to St. Francis Xavier Church. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfnerals.com

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Held, Jeffery Scott

Businessman and inventor Jeffery Scott Held, 64, of Chicago and Nantucket, MA, died Friday, Sept. 27, in Chicago. Jeff was born in Racine, WI, Dec. 24, 1954, to John and Mary Suzanne Held, and was married to the former Gay Fraker Phillips of Chicago and Nantucket. He had been awarded more than 20 U.S. and foreign patents pertaining to environmental quality, medical sanitation, highway and airport safety, and product purity. He was an honors graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) in 1976 and studied at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Survivors include his wife, Gacy; his father, John; Racine; sisters Lisa Held, Racine, and Wendy Kunz (David), Woodbury, MN; and brother Kurt (Patty), St. Louis, MO. Contributions in his memory may be made to the RISD Malcolm Grear Endowed Scholarship Fund, Attn: Amanda Wright, 2 College Street, Providence, RI 02903, and the Nantucket Land Council, P.O. Box 502, Nantucket, MA 02554.

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Herbig, Joan H.

Joan H. Herbig, nee Pavlik, of Romeoville, formerly of Lemont, passed away October 9, 2019. She was the heart and soul of her family. Beloved wife of the late Harry H. Herbig, Jr.; loving mother of Camille (Kent) Boskovich, Donald (Jodi Wail) Billig, Sandra (Dennis) Voltarel, and Peggy Halper; dear stepmother of Pete (Kathleen) Herbig and the late Evelyn (Oscar) Lopezalles; adored grandmother of Brent, Amanda, Kyle, Ryan, A.J., Gabby, Jax, Emily, Joe, and Natalie; and dearest sister of Geri Tischer. Visitation Monday from 3 - 8 p.m. and Tuesday morning from 10 - 11 a.m. at **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 108 Illinois St. Lemont. Funeral services Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate> Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Hickey, Norma E.

Norma E. Hickey nee Hardtke age 87; beloved wife of Ronald J. Hickey; loving mother of Kathy (Joel) Kreger, Keith (Michele) Hickey, Kevin Hickey, Kurt (Kellyann) Hickey, Kerry (Kathy) Hickey and Karen (Dave) Kamykowski; cherished grandma of nineteen and great-grandma of nineteen. Visitation Monday October 14, 2019 3 pm to 9 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Tuesday October 15th; Lying in State 9 am; Funeral Service 10 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church 4660 W. 94th St. Oak Lawn; Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or kosaryfuneralhome.com

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Hocking, Donald P.

Donald P. Hocking, age 71 of Westmont. Beloved son of the late Louise and Donald Hocking. Dear brother of Clara L. Martin. Loving uncle of Cheri (Ray) Olszewski. Great uncle of Theresa and Drew. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org would be appreciated. Visitation Monday, Oct. 14th 3PM-8PM at **Adolf Funeral Home** 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. Chapel Service Tues. Oct. 15th 10AM at the funeral home. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery-Darien. (630) 325-2300.

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Hughes, Joseph

Joseph Hughes, age 87, of Schaumburg for 50 years. Beloved husband of the late Margaret R. Hughes. Loving father of David (Karen) and Michael J. (Ginny) Hughes. Cherished grandfather of Tiffany, Michael Jr., Steven, David Paul, and Bryan. Joe was born in Longton, County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent, England May 6, 1932 to the late Joseph and Florence Hughes and passed away October 4, 2019 at 11:11 AM at home with his granddaughter Tiffany at his side.

Joe was an avid motorcycle rider and was a member of many motorcycle clubs, including the American Gold Wing Association. Joe also served in the Royal Air Force in England.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, October 18th from 3:00 - 6:00 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 West Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral information or online condolences www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.



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Hunt, Mary Elizabeth

Mary Elizabeth Price Hunt, 94, passed away peacefully October 4, 2019. Daughter of the late Griswold Andrews Price and Mary Harriet Price (nee Odell). She is remembered as an Evanston native, mother and educator at North Shore Country Day School. Liz was a graduate of The North Shore Country Day School, Smith College and the Graduate Teachers College of Winnetka, where she earned her M. Ed. She taught English at Sunset Hill High School in Kansas City, MO, then served under many Headmasters at NSCDS in many different capacities. In 1996 she received the School's Foster Price Hannaford award in recognition of her lifelong service to North Shore. She loved books, crossword puzzles and the Arts. She sang with the Music Institute of Chicago for more than twenty years. On May 19, 1951 she married the love of her life John W. Hunt. Her family was everything to her. Loving mother of Harriet W. Hunt (James Brown), Lewis G. Hunt (Terry), and the late Mary Newcomb (Michael). Proud grandmother of Elizabeth and Sarah Newcomb, Caroline and Andrew Hunt, William Brown and Julia and Jamerson Harrell. She was closer to no one than her sister, the late Virginia Price Ware. Memorial Service Saturday, November 9, 3pm, Elliott Chapel - Presbyterian Homes, 3131 Golf Rd., Evanston, IL. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to North Shore Country Day School, Development Office, 310 Green Bay Rd., Winnetka, IL, 60093. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Jensen, Thomas J.

Thomas J. Jensen 87, dearly beloved husband of Lois Jean Jensen, (nee Parffrey) for 66 years, passed away on Wednesday October 9, 2019, joining his late son Dean and parents Cora and Chris B. Jensen in eternal life. Dear brother of Robert (late Joan) Jensen. Loving father of Marylou (Neal) Connors, late Dean (late Patricia) Jensen, Don (Kathleen) Jensen and Debbie Jensen. Loving grandfather to Angela (Scott), Kristy (Dan), Nick (Jennifer), Tom (Kim), Michael (Cory), Jeff, and James. Proud Great-Grandfather of Patrick, David, Clayton, Jude, Lucy and Jack. Visitation Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 8:30 a.m. until time of Service 10:30 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Johnson, Lester H.

Lester (Les) Harvey Johnson (89), beloved husband of the late Sonia, was born in Chicago on June 3, 1930 and died peacefully on October 9, 2019.

Les was active in the Oak Park community and with Grace Lutheran Church. He worked within the banking and insurance industries and tried his hand at dairy farming in WI. Later he moved to Williams Bay, selling real estate until retirement.

Later in life, Les sailed the world, three times over, serving as a dance host for cruise lines. Other dancing included the Willowbrook Ball Room and a local Scandinavian Dance Troop. He also ushered at the Chicago Symphony, with frequent visits to the Lyric Opera.

Les is survived by his three children, Paul (Allison), Lesley (Glynis) and Kevin Johnson; and six wonderful grandchildren, Blake (Lisa), Cameron, Lauren, Garrett, Lindsey and Adam Johnson.

A private memorial and interment will be held.

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Jones, M. Shirley

Shirley Mae Jones (nee Green) passed away on October 9, 2019, age 85, wife of the late Walter; mother of Ginny (John), Steve (Michelle), Diane (Jim) and the late Sherry; grandmother of Kean, Lindsay, Kaelyn, Jack, TJ and Mark. Funeral services private. Info @ www.williams-kampp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Kasuba, Dr. Romualdas

Romualdas Kasuba, Ph.D., P.E., Dr. (Hon), October 10, 2019. Age 88. United States Army Veteran. Dean Emeritus, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Devoted husband of Elena Nijole Kasuba, nee Mekys. Loving father of Dr. Vida Kasuba and Dalia (Mark, CAPT. U.S.N.- Retired) Metzger. Cherished grandfather of Romas and Lukas Metzger. Relatives and friends will gather Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. for Mass of Christian Burial with Military Honors to follow at the Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis Mission, 14911 127th St., Lemont, IL. Private interment St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery.

Petkus & Son Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com

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Kolozsy, Karen Gardiner

Karen Gardiner Kolozsy, age 66, loving wife and mother, passed away at her home in Brookfield, surrounded by her family and friends on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. She was born on November 19, 1952 in Oak Park, Illinois to Charles and Francine Gardiner. Karen attended Hinsdale Central High School where she was a record-breaking swimmer. She went on to obtain her undergraduate degree in German at Drake University. Karen was Vice President for her family business, Gardiner Metal Company, and also worked as a sales and office manager. Karen is survived by her loving husband Ed, her two children, Michelle (Mark) and Charlie (Jenna), her sister Linda (Stuart), her stepmother Betty, and her cats Kona and Louie. She is preceded in death by her brother Scott. Karen was a loving and selfless mother. She cherished being a hockey mom and supporting all her children's endeavors. On March 18, 2017, Karen married Ed Kolozsy at St. Colette Church by Father Brian Simpson. Karen and Ed were together for 8 years and married for 2.5 years. Karen and Ed loved dancing, car shows and going to Vegas for the Rockabilly convention. Karen enjoyed traveling, especially to the beach. She loved going out to eat and spending time with her friends and family. Karen will forever be remembered for her kindness, sense of humor, and compassion for others. Memorial will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 9:00 am until time of her service 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm at Meadows Funeral home, 3615 Kirchoff Rd., Rolling Meadows. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to PAWS or Young at Heart Pet Rescue. Info (847)253-0224 or www.Meadowshf.com

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Kounavis, Nikolaos 'Nick'

Nikolaos "Nick" Kounavis, age 87, of Chicago IL formerly of Krini, Patras, Greece. Loving Husband to Panagiota "Patty". Devoted father to Dennis, Peter, and Rev. Fr. Demetrios (Presv. Katerina) Kounavis. Loving pappou to Niko. Nick has many siblings and relatives here and in Greece, and will be missed by all. A visitation will be held Sunday, October 13, from 4:00-9:00PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago IL, 60646. The funeral service will be held on Monday, October 14, at 11 AM at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona St. Chicago, IL 60625. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Holy Cross Church, 7560 Archer Rd. Justice IL, 60458 would be appreciated. May his memory be eternal. For more information please go to www.smithcorcoran.com or call 773-736-3833.



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Kraus, Hugette J. 'Cookie'

Hugette J. "Cookie" Kraus, age 77, of Glencoe. Beloved wife to the late Larry Kraus. Loving mother to Samuel Aiello, Nicole Belluomini, and stepmother to David Kraus. Dear Nana to Amanda, Sammy, Daniel, Nicholas, Julia, and Gianna. Devoted sister to Anne (Lionel) Cohen, Edna Cardy, Evon (Marc) Swanson.

Adoring aunt to many nieces and nephews, and hair stylist and friend to many. Visitation Saturday, October 19, 2019 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:30 a.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. In lieu of flowers, make a memorial contribution to: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Ste. 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Interment private. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.



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Krueger, Robert W.

Passed away at age 94. Beloved husband of Marion Krueger. Services were held October 4, 2019. Arrangements by **Cooney Funeral Home**. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Lenters, Patricia

Lenters, Patricia nee Jeserich, 73, of Chicago. Beloved wife of Arnold; cherished daughter to the late Benjamin and the late Clara; loving sister of Gerald (Phyllis) Jeserich. She was a Chicago Public School teacher at the John M. Smyth School/ Joyner Child Parent Center for over 30 years; a longtime member of and Deacon at Fourth Presbyterian Church where her memorial service will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions appreciated to Chicago Lights Tutoring c/o Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611. Info 773-561-6874 or www.drake-andsonfuneralhome.com

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Lesiak, Joan A.

Joan A. Lesiak, 86, of Loves Park, IL, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away peacefully, Sunday, October 6, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Joan was born January 2, 1933 in Chicago, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Sakosky) Polan. She married the love of her life, Edward Lesiak, on March 30, 1958. Joan worked as a receptionist for Densply. She enjoyed cooking and finding new recipes in magazines. Most of all, she adored her grandchildren.

Joan is loved and missed by her daughter, Janet (Denny) Svehla; son, Joseph (Anne) Lesiak; grandchildren, Lucas, Spenser (April), and Sarah, Joseph Jr., Jake, John, Jack, and Jett; sister-in-law, Darlene Polan; nephew and niece, Phillip and Gail, as well as numerous nieces and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Edward, daughter, Dorothy Lesiak, and brother, Kenneth Polan. A visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m., Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at **Sunset Funeral Home**, 8800 N. Alpine Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115. A chapel service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Saint Adalbert's Catholic Cemetery, 6800 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714. To share a condolence, please visit www.sunsetfhmemgardens.com.

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Lespinasse, Bruce King

Bruce King Lespinasse, 69, of Chicago died Sept. 29, 2019. Loving son of the late Victor K. & Aline. Beloved brother of Victor (Liz), Noelle (Rudiger), Victoire (Paul) & Michelle (James). Passionate about family, friends and the Cubs! Magna cum laude of Loyola U. Frequent lecturer at Holy Name Cathedral Act II Speakers Forum. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce's name to: Lurie Children's Hospital 312-227-7273 or Holy Name Cathedral 312-573-4427 are appreciated. For info and to RSVP for the memorial gathering, email: victordr111@gmail.com

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Liebrott, Matthias

Matthias "Matt" Liebrott age 83 formerly of Mt. Prospect. Beloved husband of the late Magdalena Liebrott; loving father of Matthias J. (Jane) Liebrott; cherished grandfather of Mattison (Shane) Leever, Mackenzie Liebrott (Nick Pool), Kyle (Leslie) Senescu and Erik (Sarah) Senescu; great grandfather of Atlas Pool, Owen and Macie Senescu; dear partner of Rose Schneider. Visitation Tuesday October 15, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd., (Rt. 83) & Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.

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Loy, Erwin F.

Erwin F. Loy, age 88; beloved husband of the late Ruthie M. Loy; loving mother of Michael (Elaine) Loy, Sr.; cherished grandfather of Joseph, Stanley, Elaine and Michael, Jr. (Ashley) Loy; great grandfather of Stanley, Madison, Olivia and Ava Grace. Visitation Tuesday, October 15th, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Retired Plaster with Local 74, for over 50 years. Funeral Wednesday, October 16th, 9:15 AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St., (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to Divine Savior Church. Mass 10:00 AM. Memorials to the Leukemia Research Foundation, 191 Waukegan Rd., Suite 105, Northfield, IL 60093, www.allbloodcancers.org appreciated. Interment Assumption Cemetery. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldandullivan.com



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Marr, James

James Marr, formerly of Chicago and recently of Berwyn, age 95. Beloved brother of Corinne (the late Raymond) Svoboda, the late Carmella, and the late Laverne; proud uncle of niece Cheryl and nephews Kenneth, Wayne, Allen, Glenn and their families; sweetheart to his loving Elizabeth. Jim's true ambition was to be a pitcher for the Chicago Cubs and, in the early 40s, was successful in competing against the Cubs' farm team as a leading pitcher for the Kingsport Cherokees and in retiring many of their batters in the season's opening game. In returning to Chicago as an experienced baseball player, he decided to train and foster the youth living on DeKoven Street by forming the MZ Aces Baseball Team. Over the next few years, the team's winning games in its league were rewarded with trophies and brought together families and neighbors during each baseball season. Raised as the son of a printing typesetter, Jim later formed Continental Printing Company which he owned and operated for fifty years and especially enjoyed printing the quarterly Catholic publications of the Mother Cabrini Messenger. An avid golfer, Jim also was a bowler and sponsor of the Continental Printing Bowling Team within the Printing Craftsmen's Association, and it, too, won several trophies over time. He looked forward each year to hosting all of his family and friends to Berwyn's Maple Street 4th of July Block Party and was an avid supporter of various American Indian and Veterans' foundations. His generosity to all and love of helping others will be greatly missed, yet, hopefully, richly rewarded in Heaven. Visitation Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1431 N. North Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60610. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1200 Horsford St., Ste. 101 Hudson, WI, www.lung.org OR the V.F.W., 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111, www.vfw.org. For further information, please call 312-421-0936 or www.michalifuneralhome.com.

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Mattick, Howard Dale

Howard Dale Mattick died Oct. 5, 2019 at home surrounded by his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Londa (nee Donn) Mattick, daughters Dana (John) Chambers, Darcie (Robert) Klinedinst, grandchildren Elisabeth, Katharine, and Mark. He was a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, served as a communications officer in the US Navy aboard the USS Kitty Hawk, co-owner of Mattick Business Forms, Sr. Account Executive for American Solutions for Business, and a member of the Thorngate/Ivanhoe Country Club. He was predeceased by his parents Walter and Clara Mattick, sister Diane Weichelt and brother Richard Mattick. Celebration of his life at Bethany Lutheran Church, 76 W Crystal Lake Ave, Crystal Lake on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Visitation 10-11 AM, Service 11 AM. Luncheon to follow. Donations may be sent to Bethany Lutheran Church or cancerresearch.org.

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Mattson, Edna

101, of Park Forest died peacefully October 5. Born in Worcester, MA, she married Leonard Mattson in 1943. She was actively involved in Trinity Lutheran Church and the Garden Club of Park Forest. She is preceded in death by Leonard, survived by children Janis (the late Richard) Marcotte, Susan (Stephen) Tousey, Richard; grandchildren Scot, Brian, Jason, Anne, Eric, Jeffrey; great-grandchildren Rachel, Gavin, Stephanie, Rhys, Owen, Hadley, Annika, Enzo. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. November 2nd at The Church of the Holy Family, 102 Marquette, Park Forest. Donations can be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church

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McDill, Antonia Alexandra 'Toni'

(Laverne) Antonia Alexandra McDill, 70, was born October 2, 1948, in Lake Village, Arkansas, and passed away September 27, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois. Beloved only child of Thelma Nesmith and Joel A. McDill, Jr. who predeceased her, she is survived by many cousins and their families throughout the country and New Zealand.

Toni is remembered by scores of lifelong friends as loyal, loving and kind and is already deeply missed. A celebration of her life will be held in Chicago in early 2020. Toni attended Lake Village and All Saints Episcopal School in Mississippi. She studied at The Ray Vogue School of Photography and earned a B.A. in film from Columbia College in Chicago. She worked as a successful photographer and multimedia producer, talent director and director, as well as bartender and private investigator.

Toni was Chicago's Leading Female Magician and served as president of The Wizard's Club of Chicago. During her 30 year professional career, she was a member of the Society of American Magicians, The Houdini Club and the International Magicians Society. She won many awards, including the Beyond The Five Senses E.S.P. Award, the Bob Sharpe Stage Contest Trophy, and two-time winner of the Roy Blass Close-Up Magic Contest.

Toni was a prolific writer, producing such varied works as poetry collections, plays, novellas, and erotica. Her final work is a family cookbook of Southern recipes called 'Y'all Gonna' Love This: My Southern Comforts. Her works are listed under A.A. McDill on Amazon books, and include such titles as Tell Me A Story, Linen Made of Ashes, Leaving Skokie in Ten Minutes, and Night's Glow.

Toni cared deeply about all animals and especially adored the cats, rabbits and guinea pigs with whom she shared her home over the years. They were well-loved members of her family. Toni was a staunch champion of animal rights throughout her life and volunteered her time and energy at two local no-kill rescue organizations in Chicago. You can honor Toni's memory by making donations to touchdownananimal.org and friendsofpetrails.com in her name.

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McDonald, Marjorie Ann Neff

Marjorie Ann Neff McDonald, a long-time resident of Glenview, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 7, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Joseph McDonald; loving mother of Ann (Tom Wojciechowski), Julie (Matthew Weber), Susan Corcoran, Thomas, Moira (Kevin Whitelaw), Ellen, Erin (Matt) Heppner, and Heather (Ignazio) Moresco; preceded in death by her beloved son Tim and son-in-law Tim Corcoran. Loving grandmother of Ethan, Margaret and Elaine Heppner, Rory Ann and Finn Corcoran, Aidan and Ean McDonald Wojciechowski, Brian and Hope Whitelaw-McDonald, Luca and Enzo Terry, and Giovanni and Viola Moresco. Devoted sister of the late Virginia Sullivan, Loretta Garvey, Ralph and Ken Neff and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services will be Saturday, October 19. Visitation 11:00 am and Funeral Mass 12:00 pm at Saint Catherine Labourer, 3535 Thornwood Ave, Glenview, IL 60026. Interment private All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of sending flowers for the services, it would honor our Mom if you spend time working in your own garden, thank a teacher who influenced you, or to make a donation to either Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly <https://www.littlebrotherschicago.org/donate/ways-to-give/> or Misericordia <https://www.misericordia.com/giving/>. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

Heather (Ignazio) Moresco; preceded in death by her beloved son Tim and son-in-law Tim Corcoran. Loving grandmother of Ethan, Margaret and Elaine Heppner, Rory Ann and Finn Corcoran, Aidan and Ean McDonald Wojciechowski, Brian and Hope Whitelaw-McDonald, Luca and Enzo Terry, and Giovanni and Viola Moresco. Devoted sister of the late Virginia Sullivan, Loretta Garvey, Ralph and Ken Neff and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services will be Saturday, October 19. Visitation 11:00 am and Funeral Mass 12:00 pm at Saint Catherine Labourer, 3535 Thornwood Ave, Glenview, IL 60026. Interment private All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of sending flowers for the services, it would honor our Mom if you spend time working in your own garden, thank a teacher who influenced you, or to make a donation to either Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly <https://www.littlebrotherschicago.org/donate/ways-to-give/> or Misericordia <https://www.misericordia.com/giving/>. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Meskill, Dennis J.

Age 57; Devoted son of John and Bridie, nee Mannion; Loving brother of John, Mike (Anita), and Colleen (Paul) McCarron; Cherished uncle of Declan (Sarah), Rebecca, Breege, and Michael; Beloved great-uncle of Graeme; Dear nephew, cousin, and friend to many; Proud member of Carpenters Union Local 13; Visitation Monday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Albert the Great Church, 8000 S. Linder Ave., Burbank, IL; Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre; In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, www.misericordia.org, or Little Company of Mary Hospice, www.lcmh.org would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Miller, Gerald

Gerald Miller beloved husband of the late Marie. Loving father of Michael & the late Laura Miller. Dear grandfather of Michael & Kelly. Arrangements by **Giancola Funeral & Cremation** 800.975.4321 www.giancolafuneral.com.

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Miller, Jo

Jo Miller, nee Lambrecht, age 94, of Wheaton. Preceded in death by husband, Tom; loving mom of Tom (Kathy), Midge Miller and Katie Loffredo; grandmother of Monica (Ryan) Lewis, Maureen (Rob) Pritchard, Michael and Matthew Loffredo; great grandmother of Rebecca Lewis; sister of Mary (Don) Wehling and the late Bill (Ticky) Lambrecht. Graduate of Mundelein College. Visitation at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., Thursday, October 17, 2019. Prayers 10:15 A.M., Friday, October 18, 2019 at the funeral home, going to St. Michael Church. Funeral Mass 11:00 A.M. Interment St. Michael Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials to Evans Golf Scholarship Program, 1 Briar Rd., Golf, IL 60029 (make check payable to Evans Scholars Foundation). Funeral info (630)668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com

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Minor, Carol Ann

Carol Ann (Powell) Minor, 76, of Lake Bluff, passed away Monday September 23, 2019 after a brief illness. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend who will be dearly missed. She quietly lived her life in service of others - as a teacher she wanted every student to realize they had something special to offer. We can fortify her legacy with random acts of kindness in gratitude of others. The memorial service will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made directly to Mayo Clinic, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905 or Friends of Lake Bluff Parks - Beach, 355 W. Washington, Lake Bluff, IL 60044. Info - **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest**, (847) 234-9649 or www.RTFunerals.com.

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Moench, Clarence E

Clarence "Uncle Babe" E. Moench, passed away peacefully at home, Veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corp. beloved brother of Melvyn and the late Gilbert (Winifred) and Walter; loving son of the late Walter and Adelaide; fond uncle and great uncle of Pamela (William) Weber, Douglas (Debra) and Derek (Helena). Doggie dad of many rescue dogs. Funeral Monday October 14th, with visitation at 9:00 am until time of service, 11:00 am, at **Grein Funeral Directors** 2114 W Irving Park Rd. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. 773-588-6336 or greinfuneraldirectors.com

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Montero, MD, Jose Renato

Jose Renato Montero, MD, age 78, of Oak Brook, former Pathologist at Glen Oaks and Hinsdale Hospitals; past President and member Bolivian Medical Society; beloved husband of Rosa Isabel, nee Butron; loving father of Vania (Adam)

Montero Wit, Alex Renato (Maya Salameh) Montero, MD and Michael Gustavo (Hillary Gerber) Montero; proud grandfather of Jacob Alexander and Samuel Joseph Wit and Alexander Renato and Isabella Catherine Montero. Visitation Monday, October 14, 2019, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church, Oakbrook Terrace. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Office of Development, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Moody, Richard L. 'Dick'

Richard "Dick" L. Moody, 78, of Buffalo Grove passed away peacefully at home on October 8. Born October 11, 1940 in St. James, MN, he was beloved husband of 55 years to Beverly, loving father of Lora (Marty) Clausen and the late Brian Moody, proud papa to three grandchildren, and admired relative and friend of many.

After graduating from Gustavus Adolphus College and then University of Michigan with a Master's in Actuarial Science, Richard enjoyed his 27 year career at Hewitt Associates as a consulting actuary and partner. Richard was admired for his bright mind, remarkable work ethic, and kindness. He was a generous philanthropist and volunteer to the Lutheran church and many local and global needs. He inspired all who were blessed to know him. Memorial Visitation Friday, October 18 from 3-8 pm at **Kolssak Funeral Home**, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road) Wheeling. Memorial Service Saturday, October 19 11:00 am at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1111 N. Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070. Inurnment Private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (address above) or Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 West College Avenue, St. Peter, MN 56082. For info and condolences www.funerals.pro or 847.537.6600.

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Moore, Sr., John Richard

John Richard Moore, Sr., 97 passed away in June 2019, surrounded by his family. John, a long time resident of Des Plaines and Chicago, Illinois was a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He was the son of James Lumpkin Moore of Athens, Georgia and Viola Beatrice Laurell of Marseilles, Illinois. John graduated from West

End High School and then enrolled at Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee, taking advantage of their work study program. John completed three years of college before serving in the US Army Air Forces from 1942 through 1946. After his discharge, he returned to Tennessee, first studying at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, then returning to Maryville, graduating in 1947. It was during his last year at Maryville that he met his future wife, Constance G. Hawkins, also a student. They wed in 1949 at Emory University in Georgia where she worked as a librarian. John studied for a master's degree at the University of Tennessee Knoxville during this time.

John taught science at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, William and Mary College (now Old Dominion University) in Norfolk, Virginia, and Cumberland College (now University of the Cumberlands) in Williamsburg, Kentucky. In 1957 John moved to Des Plaines, Illinois, where he worked as a telecommunications engineer for companies including ITT Kellogg and Western Electric, building on the training he had received from the Army at Yale and Princeton during the war. When many of his contemporaries were beginning to look forward to retirement, John earned a Master of Library Science degree from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest, Illinois and worked as a librarian into his 70's, retiring as the head of the Science and Technology Department for the Chicago Public Library. During this time, John received the Claude Pepper Award for achievement after the age of 50.

John belonged to many groups over his lifetime: genealogical groups all over the eastern U.S., as well as the Swedish Cultural Society in America, the Swedish American Museum, the Des Plaines Valley Geological Society, the Chicago Academy of Sciences, the Special Libraries Association, the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, the Chicago Map Society, and the Western Society of Engineers; he held offices within many of these organizations.

John hiked in the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina and enjoyed the trails and lakes in the Forest Preserves around Chicago, where he taught his children how to identify trees and other plants. He was a serious advocate for conservation and the environment. He enjoyed geology and collected rocks and minerals. He was a gardener most of his life and after retirement volunteered at the Chicago Botanic Garden. He enjoyed traveling in the U.S. to visit family and friends, and visited many states while conducting genealogical research. John also traveled to many countries with his wife before she passed away. He enjoyed cartography in his later years. John was a prodigious reader of all subjects. He particularly enjoyed biographies of former U.S. Presidents and other influential people, but no subject was off limits. John was a prolific letter writer well into his 90's. His letters were greatly appreciated, and often read out loud, by many generations of family and friends. John was an enthusiastic follower of college and professional sports teams from all over the US. He walked everywhere, and even in later life ran errands on foot in his neighborhood. John enjoyed chatting with everyone, no matter who they were. A friend once said that "John knows everyone in America." He enjoyed good health and an enthusiasm for life well into his 90's, and was noted by everyone for his excellent memory and kindness. John may hold the record for spending a long life in the US and yet never owning a pair of blue jeans. Most people saw him dressed in slacks, a dress shirt, frequently a tie, and polished black shoes.

John will be missed by his family and everyone he knew. His survivors include his children: John Moore, Jr of Chicago, Linda (Don) Schmidt of Leo, Indiana, and Deborah Moore, also of Chicago; his grandchildren, Birgit Swanson, Dirk Schmidt and Austin Schmidt; and many of his extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his younger sister, as well as most of his contemporaries, beloved relatives and friends alike.

He will be buried in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, next to his beloved wife.

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Newman, Elizabeth 'Betty'

Elizabeth "Betty" Newman, age 88, of LaGrange, formerly of West New York, NJ. Beloved wife of Robert "Bob" Newman for a wonderful 67 years. Loving mother of Kathy (Jeff) Pergande and the late Nanci Jean Newman. Devoted grandmother of Jason (Laura) Pergande and Kristin (Bobby) Kaye. Cherished great-grandmother "GGM" of Kaitlyn and Molly Pergande and James, Henry, and George Kaye. Dear sister of Charlotte Tawczynski. Fond aunt and friend of many. Family and friends are invited to meet on Wednesday, October 16th directly at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs for 11am Mass. Interment private. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. For further info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Niemi, Nancy L.

Nancy L. Niemi, age 81, of Chicago died October 1, 2019. Born December 19, 1937, she grew up in Bloomington, IL Graduate of the University of Colorado. Survived by her husband, Albert M. Niemi, Jr. and brother James C. Brubaker (Celeste), niece, nephew and their families and countless friends. Services will be private.

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Nowicki, Daniel John

Daniel John Nowicki, 64, of Spring Hill FL, former resident of Bolingbrook IL, passed away peacefully on September 20, 2019. Beloved husband of Jeanette (nee Hazen) for 42 years. Loving father of Alicia, Jordan, and Cameron. Dear brother of Paula (late Leonard Brauer) Nowicki, Karen (James) Pattison, and Jeffrey (Karen)

Nowicki. In addition, he will be missed by numerous other loving relatives and friends. Dan was preceded in death by his parents, John and Patricia Nowicki, in-laws Neal and Geraldine Hazen, and infant son, Adam. Dan was a graduate of Elmhurst College and had a career as an Accountant, retiring in 2017. He loved the outdoors, especially the Florida beaches, and had become a fan of the Tampa Bay Rays MLB team. His family will remember him as "chief" and for his quick wit and great sense of humor. A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at 10am, Saturday October 19, 2019 at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Bolingbrook IL.

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O'Donnell, Peter J. 'Granny's Petey'

Beloved husband of Karen (nee Winter); loving father of Ann (Dana) Wetherbee, Timothy (Gayle Deringer), Daniel, and the late Peter; proud and cherished grandfather of Jessica and Shannon; great grandfather of Hanna, Caden, Dylan, Jaylah, and Bella; fond brother of the late Helen Miller; dear uncle and cousin of many. Retired member of Pipefitters Union Local 597. Proud member and longtime volunteer at the Irish American Heritage Center. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Wednesday, family and friends are asked to meet at Queen of the Rosary Church in Elk Grove Village for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Irish American Heritage Center are appreciated. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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O'Halloran, Patrick

Patrick J. O'Halloran; beloved son of Margaret nee Sweeney and the late Al; life long friend of Patrick and Rose Henehan; dear cousin and friend to many; Visitation Monday 10 AM until time of Mass 11 AM at Our Lady of Victory Church, 5212 W Agatite Ave. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Arrangement entrusted to Gibbons Family Funeral Home. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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O'Neill, James Michael

Age 75, of Beecher formerly of Chicago, passed away on October 3, 2019. Loving father of Kathleen (Adam) Roberts and Carrie (Jeff) Mueller; beloved brother of Elynn (late Bob) Bard, late Maryann O'Neill and late John O'Neill; cherished grandfather of Jessica and Sarah Mueller and Anna and Joshua Roberts; dearest uncle of Adam (Melissa) Drews, Laura Drews, Patrick (Katie) O'Neill, Margaret (Andrew) Clark and Elizabeth Ackerman. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and worked for LTV Steel Mill for many years in Chicago. A visitation will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church 7151 W. Sauk Trail Frankfort, IL 60423 on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 from 9-10AM with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Jude's Children's research Hospital would be appreciated. For information www.kurtzmemorial-chapel.com or 815-806-2225

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Petraneck, Robert 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" A. Petraneck, age 74; beloved husband of Carrie; devoted father of Robert (Jill), Scott (Lisa), and Mark (Michele) Petraneck; loving grandfather of Joshua, Ryan, Owen, and Carson; fond brother of Stephen (Sue) Petraneck and Gail Anderson; also, many nieces, nephews, and friends. Bob proudly retired from General Motors, Electromotive Division after nearly 40 years of steadfast service. He enjoyed an active retirement and will be sorely missed.

Visitation Wednesday from 3-8 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien. Lying in State on Thursday from 9-10 A.M. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 725 75th St, Darien, until time of service at 10 A.M. Interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to The National Kidney Foundation are appreciated. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Reutenauer, Carol L.

Carol L. Reutenauer, age 84, of Plainfield, passed away on October 8, 2019 at home with her family by her side. Survived by her husband, Ronald Reutenauer; son, Scott (Rita); daughters, Janice (Scott) Schwebel and Linda Galvez; grandchildren, Marina and Sierra Reutenauer, Steven, Nicolle and Sean Schwebel,

and Matthew, Emily, Dylan and Amanda Galvez; sister, Marilyn (the late Duane) Whyte; loving aunt to many. Family and friends will meet at 11:45 am on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Rd., Elwood, IL 60421 for a committal service to begin at 12:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org

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Rexroat, Alec John

Alec John Rexroat, age 73 of Harvard, IL, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family and friends. He is survived by his beloved wife Jeannie, his three daughters Michelle Skeffington, Jennifer Cianciarulo, Megan Hansen and his nine grandchildren. A memorial service is scheduled for Alec on November 10, 2019 at 12:00 noon with a reception to follow at The Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Alec's life. The Rexroat family requests donations be made in Al's honor to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation.

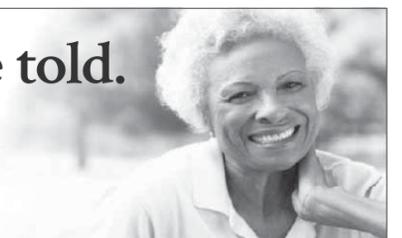
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Richards, Hunter W.

HUNTER W. RICHARDS, cherished son of Michael Richards & Paige (nee Schwertman); loving brother of Ady & Grayson; adored grandson of William (late Patricia) Richards & Tom (Cathy) Schwertman; dear nephew of Nicholas and Judson Schwertman; Godson of Edward (Lauren) Morse; The Richards family would like to thank Hunter's extensive medical team for their care and compassion. Donations to the Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley Region in Hunter's name are greatly appreciated instead of sending flowers. Visitation Thursday, October 17 4-8 p.m. at ZARZYCKI MANOR CHAPELS, LTD., 8999 S. Archer Avenue, Willow Springs. Funeral Friday, 8:30 a.m. from the funeral home to The Church of St. Cletus, Mass 10 a.m. (708) 839-8999 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com.



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Ronin, Robert L.

Robert L. "Bob" Ronin. Beloved son of the late Beverly and Leonard Ronin. Loving brother of the late Donald (Nancy) Ronin. Adored uncle of Betsy (Joe) Zowada and Patty (Joe) Flaherty. Devoted great uncle to Nick Zowada, P.J., Shannon, Jack, Danny, and Joey Flaherty. Friend to all who knew him. Funeral services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's name may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1 N. LaSalle Street #1200, Chicago, IL 60602 or www.jdrf.org. Info., 847-901-4012 or visit Bob's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Rosenston, Kenneth S.

Rosenston, Kenneth S., age 90, passed away October 5. Son of the late Hyman and Mildred Rosenston; beloved husband of the late Maureen (nee McCarthy); brother-in-law of Maurice (Sheila), Marguerite, and Marcia (Martin) Mahoney; uncle to Martin and Michael Mahoney and Moira and Shale McCarthy; dearest friend of Dorthea Barber. Wake October 20 from 1-3 at Lutheran Home, Chapel area, 800 W. Oakton, Arlington Heights. Donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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Schoon, Maria

Maria Schoon, nee DiMucci, 78, of Glenview, passed away 7 October 2019. She was the beloved wife of Roy C. Schoon for 42 years and loving mother of Sarah Schoon. She was a teacher at Loyola Academy for 30 years and had a love for languages, travel, book clubs and exercise classes. Visitation: Thursday, 17 October from 4-8pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Rd, Glenview. Visitation also will be held Friday, 18 October from 9:15am until Mass at 10am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview. Interment is at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Schroeder, Richard G

Richard G. Schroeder beloved husband of Christine nee Wozniak; loving father of Kimberly (Adam) Jenkins and Dr. Cynthia Schroeder; devoted grandfather of Alexander and Lucas; cherished brother of Thomas (Deborah) Schroeder; dearest uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Service Tuesday 11:00 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park IL 60487 Interment Private Please Omit Flowers Funeral info (708) 532-3100.

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Seebeck, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Bryan Seebeck was born in West Point, Mississippi, on August 9, 1965. She grew up in West Point until her family moved to Kenilworth, Illinois, in 1974. Elizabeth was working at Hanson Park Elementary School in Chicago when she and John Seebeck fell in love. They married in 1991, raising four loving sons: Lyle, Ray, Johnny and Henry. Elizabeth passed away October 11 after a thirty-three month battle with ovarian cancer.



There will be no public service for Elizabeth but donations in her memory can be made to:

Elizabeth Seebeck Scholarship Fund
c / o Near North Montessori School
1434 West Division Street
Chicago, IL 60642
<https://www.nnms.org/giving/elizabethseebeckfund>

Elizabeth was one of four children. Her mother and father, Neville and John Bryan, met at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, and were married in 1958. Elizabeth was the third born after brother John III and sister Margaret; the youngest, Charles, arrived five years after Elizabeth. Among the four Bryan siblings are 13 children and one grandchild. Elizabeth's father, John Bryan, passed away last October.

The family's West Point, Mississippi, roots were deep and remain firm today. Elizabeth's paternal grandmother, Mur (Catherine Wilkerson Bryan), enjoyed 19 grandchildren from her four children. This family continues to grow, as do the loving bonds of the many cousins, aunts, uncles, and children.

It was Mur who influenced Elizabeth's life work of helping others. Elizabeth was a college Education major (Vanderbilt, 1987), who began special education work in high school. Elizabeth's service for others later found two specialized and accomplished tracks. The first was deaf education, including a Master's Degree from Gallaudet University in 1992. The second was public Montessori in Chicago Public Schools.

Every person Elizabeth came into contact with felt her warmth, light, beauty and interest in them. They drew lessons from her patience, kindness, generosity, intelligence and sense of humor. Elizabeth knew how to have fun and led all family, school and other activities and occasions with both creative design and high human participation that left everyone wanting more.

Her husband of twenty-eight years followed her lead in raising their four sons. John and the boys were always first for Elizabeth. They were the beneficiaries of her constant love and passion for learning, teaching, travel, yoga, nature and art. No birthday, Valentine's Day, Father's Day, or major holiday was neglected by Elizabeth in showering her love on these five lucky men.

The Montessori method, that is, child-centered learning and full personal development, mattered to Elizabeth. The first classroom for all Seebeck boys was Montessori and remained so until junior high or high school. Elizabeth reinforced Montessori in the home, on the ice, in the field, in the alley or at the farm. She arranged travel for the boys to watch whales migrate, eagles feed, and geysers burst.

Elizabeth brought this passion into Stagg Elementary School and, later, Oglesby Elementary School in the Auburn Gresham neighborhoods of Chicago. Rallying friends, recruiting teachers and tapping into the fervent love and drive of the parent community, Elizabeth was the face and heart of the Oglesby Montessori Foundation, which provided strategy, administrative and curriculum design for early childhood Montessori classrooms in these schools. This work continues today and the love for her in this community abounds.

Elizabeth is survived by her mother, husband, four children, three siblings, and twelve nieces and nephews. The love of her West Point family, Neville's Jonesboro, Arkansas, family and John's immediate family is equal to that of the countless friends, peers, children and people she met along her happy and beautiful life.

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Seeler, Robert S.

Robert S. Seeler, 84, of Sugar Grove, passed away Saturday October 12, 2019 at Delnor Community Hospital. He was born June 19, 1935 in Chicago, IL the son of the late Ferd and Helen Seeler.

Visitation will be held Saturday 1-4 p.m. October 19, 2019 at **The Healy Chapel**, 370 Division Dr., Sugar Grove, IL 60554. Interment and Memorial Services will be held at a later date. For further information please call (630) 466-1330 or visit our website at www.healychapel.com to sign the online guestbook.

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Slavick, Eileen Tauber

Eileen Tauber Slavick, nee Lakin, age 91. Beloved wife of Lester Slavick and the late Ronald Tauber. Cherished mother of Michael Tauber and Judy (Lawrence) Zager. Loving "Nana" of Sari, Brian, Sydney and the late Ronni. Dear sister of Lila (Raymond) Cohen. Interment private. Memorial service Sunday October 13, 1:30 pm at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe. Reception to immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Eileen's name to housingforward.org or journey-care.org would be appreciated. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**. www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Slowik, Marion L.

Marion L. Slowik, of Schaumburg. Beloved wife of the late Frank; loving mother of Tom (Susan), Linda (Larry) Stetz, Diane (the late Raymond) Kosmicki and Christopher (Kandee); caring grandmother of 9 and great grandmother of 12; fond sister of Jack (Eileen) Hopkins. Visitation Wednesday 3:00pm until 9:00pm at **The Countryside Funeral Homes and Crematory**, 333 South Roselle Rd., Roselle, Funeral Thursday 9:15am at the funeral home to St. Marcelline Church for Mass 10:00am. Following Mass, burial will be in St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com or (630)529-5751

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Spagnola, William "Billy"

William "Billy" Spagnola; Beloved husband of Sylvia nee: Di Benedetto; Devoted father of Christopher (Mary) and the late Michael; Dear grandfather of Christine, Adrianna, Anelisa, Harrison and Jackson; Fond brother of Josephine Spagnola, Philip (Rosalie) Spagnola and the late Marion (the late Anthony) Gianpetro; Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday, October 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at St. Giles Church, 1045 N. Columbian, Oak Park followed by Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Arrangement by Ralph Massey Funeral Director For info 773-889-1700.



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Spector, Mildred W.

Mildred W. Spector (nee Werth), age 103, loving daughter of the late Leo and Anna Werth; beloved wife of the late Solomon Spector; devoted mother of Alice (Mel) Williams and Allan (Anne) Spector; adored Grandma Millie of Lisa (Randy) Soltz, Dr. Jonathan (Tracy) Williams, Marissa (Harris) Eisenberg and Stephen (Laura) Spector; cherished great-grandmother of Seth and Cameron Soltz, Paxton, Harper, and Madden Williams and Hailee and Charlotte Eisenberg; dearest sister of the late Archie (Ruth) Werth, Hannah (David) Choldin, Esther (Harry) Eller and Erwin (Elaine) Werth; treasured aunt to many nieces and nephews; the family is grateful to caregivers Anna De Ramos and Nimfa Crow for their dedication, kindness and companionship. Mildred was a special and dynamic woman, devoted to her family, friends and faith. We will remember her not in grief, but in gratitude. Chapel service Sunday, Oct 13, 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The City of Hope. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520



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Stepanek, Joseph

Joseph Stepanek, 103 years old of Antioch, IL; formerly Bedford Park. Died Oct. 9, 2019 at his home. Loving son of the late Michael and Emily Stepanek. Beloved husband of the late Betty Ann (nee Craig). Cherished father Joseph Stepanek, Cathleen (Keith) Rehr, and Joann (Bruce) Gottermeyer. Adored grandfather of 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great grandchildren. Fond brother of the late Laddie and Jerry Stepanek. Memorial visitation from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with a Masonic Service at 3:00 p.m. Sun., Oct. 20, 2019 at the STRANG FUNERAL HOME OF ANTIOCH, 1055 Main St. Antioch, IL 60002. In Joseph's honor, memorial donations can be made to the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr, Antioch, IL 60002. INFO 847-395-4000 or www.strangfh.com.

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Taliani, Ann Marie

Ann Marie Taliani, nee Fosco, age 92; passed away October 11, 2019 with her loving family at her side. Beloved wife of the late Albert S. Taliani; loving mother of Sandra (Jerome) Rasnak, Cindy Stone and Linda Taliani (Brett) Neubert; dear grandmother of Samantha and Madeline; cherished sister of Alex, Angela, Georgianna and Rosemary. Funeral Services, Wednesday, October 16th, 10:00 AM Visitation until time of Funeral Mass 11:30 AM at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave. Clarendon Hills. Entombment Private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to PAWS Chicago, <https://my.pawschicago.org/Ann-Taliani/Donate> are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale**. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Tesmond, Donald J.

Donald J. Tesmond of Chicago, IL and Palm Desert, CA lived life to the fullest and, at 91, peacefully passed at his Chicago home on October 9th. He is the beloved husband of Ruth, nee Doecker, of Ottawa, OH for 67 years. Don was an avid tennis player and golfer. He served as Superintendent of Matteson and Richton Elementary School District #159 for 27 years during which the enrollment base grew from 250 to 2000 students. Prior to that he was Principal of Atwood Heights and Meadow Lane Schools. He was a graduate of Leo High School '46, St. Joseph's College '50, and completed post-grad work from the University of Chicago Teaching College '62. Don and Ruth retired to the Deep Canyon Tennis Club, Palm Desert CA in 1992. Don is the proud father of JoAnne, Dale (Fran), Karen (Jack) Gavin, Don (Beth), Barb (John) Trunk, Joe (Traci) and Lisa (a resident of Misericordia Home in Chicago, IL), loving grandpa of Dave (Kate), Julie (PJ) McGrath, Lauren (Dan) Lonergan, Sara, Jonathan (Libby) Trunk, Dan (Gretchen) Trunk, Drew (Taylor) Trunk, Molly (Scott) Loy, Kara Gavin (preceded in death), Jack (Liz) Gavin, Matt (Kate), Rick, Tyler, Trevor and Tara and great-grandpa of Jack, Will, Ben, Liam, Grace, Patrick, Moira, John, Charlie, Henry, Clare, Blair, Annabelle, Lilah, Graham, Rosie, and Elle.

Visitation Monday, Oct 14th, **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 West 111th Street, Chicago Ridge, IL from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.; Mass Tuesday, Oct 15th, at 10:30 a.m. St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago; Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave, Chicago, IL <https://www.misericordia.com> would be greatly appreciated; Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**; For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Woodward, Therese G.

Therese G. Woodward "Aunt Babe", 93, passed away on October 8, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late Richard and Margaret (nee: Marx); dear sister of the late Richard (the late Angela (nee: Couture)); cherished aunt of Joan (the late George "Buck") Riley, Nancy (Vincent Najdowski) Woodward and Michael Woodward; dearest great aunt of Renee (Scott) Webb, Daniel Riley, Jaime (David) Henneman and Joseph Woodward; great-great aunt of Natalie Webb and Nicholas Henneman. Therese was born in Chicago on January 3, 1926 and resided in Chicago, Forest Park and Des Plaines. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Chicago on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Following graduation she worked as a secretary at General Electric in Chicago and Oak Brook for over 40 years. After her retirement she volunteered at Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines for approximately 20 years. She was an adventurous woman, widely traveled (especially London) and held a private pilot's license when she was in her 30's. She was a devout Roman Catholic and loved God above all. We will miss the affection you bestowed on us, Aunt Babe, and we wish you peace, happiness in the Lord's arms, and a tearful "so long". We were truly blessed to have you as our aunt. We will love you, forever. The family would also like to thank Lexington of Streamwood and Journey Care Hospice for the care and support you have shown over the last few months. Arrangements and services were held privately at **The Countryside Funeral Homes and Crematory**, Bartlett, Illinois.

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Wyszomirski, Margaret J.

Margaret J. Wyszomirski (nee Camara), 93, of Third Lake, IL., formerly Chicago IL., was born into eternal life on October 9, 2019 at home surrounded by family. She was born on June 15, 1926 in the village of Haro, Spain, that remained always first in her heart, and to which she returned many times over the years. She led a full and active life: mother, wife and a participant in many organizations, but one in particular stands out, the International Women Associates. She will be sorely missed. She is survived by her son Stanley (Christine), daughter-in-law Isidra, grandchildren Katrina, Michelle, Thomas and Tesia, and great grandchildren Jackson and McLaren Rose. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, Stanley, a son Charles and her brothers Juan Mari and Celso. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 11:00 am, at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 4200 N. Sheridan Rd, Chicago IL 60613. Visitation will be one hour prior to Mass beginning at 10:00 am. She will be laid to rest at St. Boniface Cemetery in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the International Women Associates. **Bradley Funeral Home** is serving the family. 847-473-3966. Please sign our guestbook: bradleyfnorthchicago.com

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Ziegweid, Theodora "Teddy"

Theodora "Teddy" Ziegweid, a former long-time Hinsdale resident passed away on September 27, 2019, at St. Patrick's Residence in Naperville. Beloved wife of the late John. Sister of Karen (Gary) Cunningham and Donna (the late Ron) Pickett.

Aunt of Deena Wolfe, Leesa Robertson, Andrea Mac Dougal, Heather Revis, Eulynna Jarmoc, David Budde and the late Christopher Townsend. A funeral mass will be held at 1:45 pm on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. 4th St., Hinsdale, IL 60521. Interment private. Arrangements entrusted to **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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SUNDAY, OCT. 13

NORMAL HIGH: 64°

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RECORD LOW: 25° (1988)

Cool and windy through Columbus Day

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 52 | **LOW** 36

■ Gusty winds continue. Cold morning and strong winds may challenge marathon runners with early morning wind chills in the mid 30s.

■ Scattered morning clouds become more numerous in the afternoon. Slight chance of an afternoon shower, especially north and NW.

■ Continued cool with a high in the low 50s. Temps range from upper 40s north to upper 50s south.

■ Breezy west winds 15-25 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Clouds and winds diminish overnight.

■ Below normal low in the mid 30s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



After a beautiful start to the week, including three consecutive 70-degree days from Tuesday through Thursday, the cold front that passed Friday lead to much colder temperatures and breezy conditions. Rapid temperature change is often accompanied by strong gusty winds. High temperatures reaching 70 have been replaced by highs in the 50s and the mention of wind chill in the forecast. A warmup is on the way with temperatures reaching the 60s during the work week.

The best chance for light rain will be north and northwest of Chicago this afternoon. Dry weather will be in place for Columbus Day with slightly warmer temperatures. Scattered showers can be expected Tuesday. October is continuing the trend of above normal precipitation with the annual total more than 13 inches above normal.

MONDAY, OCT. 14

HIGH 53 | **LOW** 35

A mostly sunny Columbus Day with increasing evening clouds. W winds 6-10 mph with gusts to 15 mph. High in the low 50s. Becoming mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain overnight. Light S winds.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

HIGH 60 | **LOW** 41

Mostly cloudy with scattered light rain showers. South winds turn NW late 8-12 mph with gusts to 20 mph. Warmer with a high near 60. Mostly cloudy overnight with NW winds 10-15 mph and gusts to 25 mph.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

HIGH 52 | **LOW** 39

Partly cloudy with a breezy northwest wind diminishing by late afternoon. Cool with a high in the low 50s, more than 10° below normal. Partly cloudy overnight with light NW winds becoming W. Low near 40.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

HIGH 57 | **LOW** 45

Mostly sunny, breezy and warmer with a high in the upper 50s. West winds become SSW in the afternoon, gusting to 20 mph. Partly cloudy skies overnight with gusty SSW winds and a low in the mid 40s.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

HIGH 64 | **LOW** 50

Mostly cloudy and warmer. Chance for showers by late afternoon. Gusty south winds 10-20 mph. Seasonable high in the mid 60s. Showers continue overnight with cloudy skies and a low near 50.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

HIGH 63 | **LOW** 56

Scattered showers as a warm front settles over the area. Cloudy with a low in the low 60s but temps may vary from N to S across the front. Showers overnight with a chance for a t-storm.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
The weather in central Europe is comparable to what we get here in the Midwest, but we never hear about tornadoes there.
Allen James, Chicago

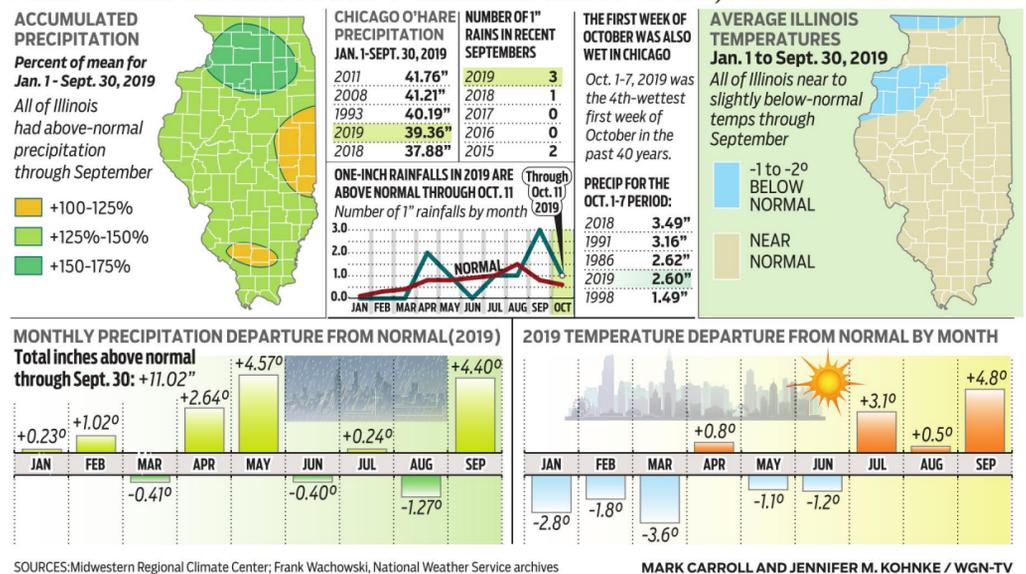
Dear Allen,
Although the climates of central Europe and the Midwest are similar in many ways, tornadoes are rare events there. No-where else on Earth do the forces that cause severe weather come together to the extent they do in the central U.S. With tropical moisture to the south, cold air to the north and a high mountain range to the west (to dry the air at midlevels and intensify storms), the region is ideal for tornado development. As a result, three of every four tornadoes on Earth occur in the U.S. There are no international standards for detailing tornadoes, and statistics are sketchy. This is part of the reason we hear little about foreign tornadoes.

Write to: ASK TOM
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MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su	69	40	su	72	50
Carbondale	su	63	34	su	61	42
Champaign	su	63	35	su	62	42
Decatur	su	63	35	su	62	42
Moline	su	63	35	su	62	42
Peoria	su	63	35	su	62	42
Quincy	su	63	35	su	62	42
Rockford	su	63	35	su	62	42
Springfield	su	63	35	su	62	42
Sterling	su	63	35	su	62	42
Indiana	su	67	39	su	65	42
Bloomington	su	70	40	su	69	47
Evansville	su	63	36	su	62	40
Fort Wayne	su	66	38	su	63	41
Indianapolis	su	64	35	su	59	39
Lafayette	su	58	38	su	54	38
Wisconsin	su	62	34	su	62	40
Green Bay	su	44	32	su	47	36
Kenosha	su	47	34	su	52	40
La Crosse	su	43	32	su	51	38
Madison	su	44	32	su	51	38
Milwaukee	su	44	32	su	50	38
Wausau	su	39	30	su	44	33
Michigan	su	62	41	su	63	38
Detroit	su	62	41	su	63	38
Grand Rapids	su	62	41	su	63	38
Marquette	su	62	41	su	63	38
St. Ste. Marie	su	62	41	su	63	38
Traverse City	su	62	41	su	63	38
Iowa	su	60	29	su	60	45
Ames	su	60	29	su	60	45
Cedar Rapids	su	60	29	su	60	45
Des Moines	su	60	29	su	60	45
Dubuque	su	60	29	su	60	45

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Ablene	pc	84	63	sh	84	67
Albany	pc	65	48	pc	69	40
Albuquerque	su	73	46	su	75	49
Amarillo	su	79	49	su	84	51
Anchorage	su	43	28	pc	42	29
Asheville	ts	73	46	su	75	45
Aspen	su	60	31	su	61	28
Atlanta	ts	72	55	pc	77	58
Atlanta City	cl	66	57	pc	72	49
Austin	cl	73	57	sh	86	73
Baltimore	cl	64	55	su	76	50
Billings	pc	58	41	su	55	31
Birmingham	sh	69	51	pc	78	60
Bismarck	pc	36	19	pc	39	33
Boise	pc	64	36	su	62	37
Boston	pc	68	54	sh	69	48
Brownsville	cl	85	73	pc	92	77
Buffalo	su	64	44	pc	53	40
Burlington	su	63	47	pc	64	38
Charlotte	pc	72	60	pc	80	52
Charlston SC	pc	80	71	ts	80	69
Charlston WV	cl	71	43	su	70	41
Chattanooga	pc	77	45	pc	78	52
Cheyenne	su	63	35	su	65	26
Cincinnati	su	67	42	su	66	40
Cleveland	su	66	48	pc	54	43
Colo. Spgs	su	68	39	su	73	41
Columbia MO	su	65	39	su	69	55
Columbia SC	ts	85	66	pc	83	60
Columbus	su	67	42	su	63	38
Concord	pc	66	41	sh	66	37
Corps Christi	pc	83	74	pc	91	77
Dallas	pc	78	59	sh	82	69
Daytona Bch.	pc	85	68	pc	85	70
Denver	su	71	42	su	73	38
Duluth	cl	44	32	cl	43	36
El Paso	pc	83	61	sh	78	59

WORLD CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	pc	84	75	pc	85	73
Palm Springs	su	88	69	su	89	63
Philadelphia	pc	69	54	pc	74	46
Phoenix	su	91	64	su	90	67
Pittsburgh	pc	66	44	su	62	37
Portland, ME	pc	65	50	sh	61	42
Portland, OR	pc	62	43	pc	63	43
Providence	pc	69	49	sh	72	44
Raleigh	sh	75	62	pc	79	51
Rapid City	su	50	28	su	51	32
Reno	pc	72	36	su	71	40
Richmond	sh	70	57	pc	79	49
Rochester	su	68	46	pc	54	38
Sacramento	pc	80	43	pc	80	46
Salem, Ore.	pc	64	39	pc	63	39
Salt Lake City	pc	66	42	su	67	41
San Antonio	pc	83	68	cl	91	74
San Diego	su	71	58	pc	70	56
San Francisco	pc	62	47	pc	61	47
San Juan	su	88	78	sh	88	78
Santa Fe	su	67	40	su	69	39
Savannah	pc	85	69	ts	85	69
Seattle	cl	58	45	pc	60	44
Shreveport	sh	70	57	cl	77	66
Sioux Falls	cl	44	28	pc	59	39
Spokane	su	54	36	pc	56	32
St. Louis	su	64	39	su	74	52
Tucson	su	89	59	su	87	61
Syracuse	su	65	48	pc	56	38
Tallahassee	pc	89	68	pc	89	70
Tampa	pc	89	71	pc	89	72
Topeka	su	64	39	su	74	52
Tulsa	su	89	59	su	87	61
Tulsa	su	73	49	pc	80	64
Washington	sh	67	55	pc	77	49
Wichita	su	70	45	su	75	56
Wilkes Barre	pc	61	43	pc	61	43
Yuma	su	90	66	pc	90	64

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LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	55	34	Midway	55	37
Gary	56	36	O'Hare	54	35
Kankakee	56	32	Romeoville	55	34
Lakefront	55	34	Valparaiso	55	34
Lansing	54	33	Waukegan	54	35

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PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	0.0"	0.0"
Normal to date	0.1"	0.0"

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Marijuana sales to face tight supply

Product shortages expected after shops open on Jan. 1

By ALLY MAROTTI

When marijuana shops open their doors to the public in January, shoppers at the back of the line might notice something missing once they get inside: the weed.

Nearly every state that allows recreational marijuana had some

shops run out or run low in the first days of sales. In Colorado, some customers were greeted with signs telling them to check back the next day. In Nevada, higher-than-expected sales in the first week left shelves near empty.

On Jan. 1, it will be Illinois' turn. "I'm fully anticipating there's going to be product shortages in the early days," said Kris Krane, president and co-founder of 4Front Ventures, which owns a growing facility in Elk Grove Village and Mission South Shore dispensary in the South Chicago

neighborhood. "There just isn't going to be that much product available on Jan. 1."

Like elsewhere, interest and demand for weed is expected to be strong, but factors specific to Illinois also could lead to shortages. Many of the state's 21 growing facilities are expanding capacity, but construction takes time. Furthermore, the state so far has licensed only seven of them to grow recreational weed, and it takes a cannabis crop about three months to grow.

Additionally, the number of

patients in the state's medical marijuana program roughly doubled in the past year, and continues to grow. Those patients will be shopping at the same stores as recreational customers.

Illinois law requires dispensaries to make sure they have enough cannabis for medical patients. That means if supplies run low, retail locations might start limiting how much recreational customers can buy, require appointments or sell only to medical patients.

Dispensaries that run out of

products for patients once recreational sales start could face up to \$10,000 fines. Mark de Souza, CEO of Revolution Global, which owns a growing facility and a retail location in Illinois, said some stores already see shortages of certain products.

"When you're out of it, you put up a sign that says 'Recreational inventory sold out,' but it's a tough row to hoe," he said. "I really hope the industry puts their patients first."

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ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Arielle Rausin, 26, founder of Ingenium Manufacturing, uses her custom wheelchair racing gloves during training at the National Training Center for Wheelchair Track at the University of Illinois in Champaign on Oct. 3. Rausin is an elite wheelchair racing athlete who will compete at the Paralympic Trials at the Chicago Marathon.

A firm grip on her goals

U. of I. grad has sold thousands of her 3D-printed gloves — a key piece of gear she'll use in the Chicago Marathon

By LAUREN ZUMBACH

As a kid, Arielle Rausin had little interest in sports — even before the car accident that paralyzed her from the waist down at age 10.

She remembers being forced to participate in gym class at her Florida middle school, un-

til she met a teacher who invented ways for her to play alongside her classmates.

"It was the first time I realized sports could be really fun even though I was in a wheelchair," said Rausin, 26.

She joined the cross-country team and discovered she liked to race, even when that meant pushing a regular wheelchair around the grass course. She

got her first racing wheelchair in high school. By the time Rausin graduated, she'd landed a spot on the University of Illinois' wheelchair track team and a place in its business school.

That's where she got the idea for a class project that she has since turned into a growing business and a key piece of gear she'll rely on when racing the



Chicago Marathon on Sunday.

Rausin, who will compete in the marathon's elite wheelchair racing field, is the founder of a company that uses 3D printing technology to make the gloves wheelchair athletes wear when competing. In the three years since launching Ingenium Manufacturing, she says she has sold more than 4,000 pairs to athletes in 31

countries, while continuing to chase her own athletic goals at races around the world.

It started with an assignment for a course on 3D printing at the university's Urbana-Champaign campus. Rausin had to choose an item to scan and print. Her coach suggested she try to make a

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Why are so many nurses going on strike?

Frustration grows amid recent wave of hospital mergers

By LISA SCHENCKER

When more than 2,200 nurses went on strike at the University of Chicago Medical Center last month, it was a first for the large, renowned hospital.

But it likely won't be the last time nurses in Chicago, or elsewhere, walk off the job, experts say.

Swelling support for unions, as well as widespread disparities between pay for executives and rank-and-file workers, have emboldened employees in a number

of industries to strike in recent months.

Chicago teachers, Chicago Public Schools support staff and Chicago Park District workers plan to strike for Oct. 17. United Auto Workers began a national strike against General Motors on Sept. 16.

Nurses may be particularly motivated to strike by a number of factors specific to the profession.

Hospitals have been increasingly merging and acquiring one another, which can create feelings of insecurity for workers, said Robert Bruno, a professor of labor and employment relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In the Chicago area last year, Presence Health hospitals became part of Amita Health

and Advocate Health Care merged with Wisconsin's Aurora Health Care. University of Chicago Medicine acquired Ingalls Memorial Hospital in 2016.

Nurses also know that they're in high demand — a situation that's expected to intensify as baby boomers age and need more health care, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Enrollment in nursing schools isn't growing fast enough to meet projected demand. Many nurses are nearing retirement age, with about half of them age 50 or older as of 2018, according to a survey by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and The National Forum of State Nursing

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Betsy Overland, center, holds a sign as motorists drive by and honk while she and other registered nurses chant near the University of Chicago Medical Center, where nurses held a one-day strike Sept. 20.

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Ex-manufacturing worker gets year in prison for theft

Stole company trade secrets after taking job in China

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Robert O'Rourke started at a McHenry County manufacturing company as an intern more than 30 years ago and worked his way up through a variety of positions, including plant metallurgist, quality assurance manager and the last 25 years as a salesman.

This week, O'Rourke, 59, of Lake Geneva, Wis., was sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison. In February, a federal jury in Chicago found O'Rourke guilty of seven counts of theft, agreeing with prosecutors who alleged he spent more than two years trying to retaliate against his employer, now known as Charter Dura-Bar Inc., by stealing trade secrets he planned to take with him to a new job at a Chinese competitor.

On Sept. 21, 2015, O'Rourke was stopped at O'Hare International Airport by federal authorities just before boarding a flight to China and documents were seized, according to the prosecutor's sentencing memo.

Afterward, O'Rourke was able to travel to China on several more occasions, his attorney said in a sentencing memo.

O'Rourke downloaded the company's proprietary

manufacturing process and customer information, prosecutors said.

The Trump administration started a program last year to fight economic theft from China, an initiative that includes pursuing trade secret cases. Federal authorities worry Chinese spies and foreign agents are stealing ideas and technologies from companies in the U.S.

In 2012, Dura-Bar was acquired by Mequon, Wis.-based Charter Inc., a steel and iron production company. As part of the transition, Dura-Bar asked senior employees to stay with the company and sign non-compete agreements that prevented them taking similar jobs within three years of leaving the company. O'Rourke agreed to stay with Dura-Bar for two years, prosecutors said.

"In exchange for his compliance with this agreement, including staying with Dura-Bar through December 2014, defendant was paid a retention bonus of \$127,000, which was also the amount of his annual salary," the prosecutor's sentencing memo stated.

Prosecutors said when O'Rourke didn't receive the promotion or salary he was promised after the Charter acquisition, he began a two-year mission to seek revenge.

O'Rourke, during his career at Dura-Bar, had helped the company develop business in China. After

the acquisition by Charter, Dura-Bar's Chinese plant was shut down because it was unprofitable, but O'Rourke stayed in contact with Chinese competitors, prosecutors said.

Hualong, a Jiangsu, China-based rival, began talking with O'Rourke about employment opportunities in January 2014. In August 2015, O'Rourke accepted a position with the Chinese company as vice president responsible for technology, research and development of new products, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said O'Rourke downloaded trade secrets without authorization on Sept. 13, 2015, two days before leaving Dura-Bar. It was one week later that federal authorities stopped him at O'Hare with the stolen information.

Dura-Bar President Pete Murray said in a statement that the company takes the charges seriously and finds the sentencing appropriate, but the company declined additional comment.

Anthony Masciopinto, O'Rourke's attorney, said in email that he and O'Rourke will evaluate whether or not to appeal the verdict.

O'Rourke was also fined \$100,000 by U.S. Northern District of Illinois Judge Andrea R. Wood.

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Before tariff hike, a rush on Parmesan

BY COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press

MILAN — U.S. consumers who appreciate the tang of aged Italian Parmesan cheese as an aperitif or atop their favorite pasta dish are stocking up ahead of next week's tariff hike and as dairy producers in the two countries square off.

The Italian agricultural lobby Coldiretti said Friday

that sales of both Parmigiano Reggiano and Grana Padano, aged cheeses with a distinctive granular quality that are defined by their territory of origin, have skyrocketed in the United States by 220% since the higher tariffs were announced one week ago.

The new tariffs — up from \$2.15 per kilogram to around \$6 a kilogram — take effect Oct. 18. Parmesan

cheese is on a long list of EU products targeted by the Trump administration for retaliatory tariffs approved by the World Trade Organization for illegal EU subsidies to aviation giant Airbus.

Coldiretti says American consumers as a result will pay over \$45 a kilogram, instead of \$40 — which is expected to hurt sales in the U.S., the second-largest export market after France.



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ZBIGNIEW BZDZAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Arielle Rausin, 26, practices at the National Training Center for Wheelchair Track at the University of Illinois in Champaign on Oct. 3, ahead of Sunday's Chicago Marathon.

Gloves

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racing glove.

"I thought it would be a prototype," Rausin said. "I was shocked when it worked and was durable and strong."

At first, she carried a backup in case they splintered midtraining session. But the gloves held up and she raced in them for the first time at the 2015 Boston Marathon.

"Right then, my teammates started saying 'Hey, can you make me a pair?'" she said.

As Rausin and her teammates competed with them, other athletes would email and ask for the gloves.

"I realized it was something other people could benefit from too," she said.

There are two main styles when it comes to gloves that protect athletes' hands when pushing racing wheelchairs: soft gloves, made from rubber and leather, and hard plastic gloves.

Which is best comes down to what works for the athlete, coaches said. But many prefer plastic because the hard surface absorbs less energy when athletes push the wheel than soft materials tend to, said Teresa Skinner, executive director of ParaSport Spokane, a Washington-based organization that provides athletic programs for kids and adults with physical disabilities, including track and field and road racing.

"Whatever energy you apply to the rim is actually going to driving the chair forward," she said.

Before 3D printing was an option, plastic gloves had to be molded and sculpted by hand. That means they're custom-built to the athlete's liking, but because they're made by hand, it's virtually impossible to get the left and right gloves exactly symmetrical or perfectly duplicate a worn-out pair, said Adam Bleakney, Rausin's coach at the University of Illinois.

After logging thousands of miles with one set of gloves, "even a small, minute change feels like miles of change," Bleakney said.

The 3D printer makes it easier to replicate gloves, and they're lighter. Over the course of a marathon, which requires roughly 10,000 arm strokes, even small differences add up, Bleakney said.

All but a couple of the 28 members of the University of Illinois team now use 3D printed gloves, Bleakney said, as do some athletes at Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association in Lake Forest.

"When top athletes are using them, and you see the success those athletes have, we look for best practices," said Cindy Housner, the association's executive director and founder.

Initially, all Rausin's gloves were custom-made. She still makes custom gloves for elite athletes but wanted to offer an option that would be accessible to a wider audience, including beginners and youth athletes, and designed a version sold in a range of sizes online.

Those gloves sell for \$150, though Rausin said she gives racers under 18 a discount since the cost of equipment — particularly racing wheelchairs — can be a barrier to entry in the sport.

Soft gloves from Harness Designs, a popular brand, cost \$190. Custom-molded gloves are even more expensive if an athlete or coach can't make them on their own, Rausin said. She tried to make her own pair in high school but spilled boiling water on her leg when trying to heat the plastic and stuck with soft gloves until joining the U. of I. team.

A Canadian company, Revolution Sports, also has begun making 3D printing gloves, but Rausin said it hasn't affected sales and thinks the competition is good for innovation.

Innovation can be slow when it comes to gear for adaptive sports because the lack of visibility makes it easy for people to underestimate the potential market, Skinner said.

"Regardless of how big it gets, I so appreciate that she decided to take on this project and turn it into a business and continues to promote the sport with technology that should have

been there a long time ago," she said.

Rausin wants to keep developing products for people with disabilities, and not just athletic equipment. Many products on the market today were designed decades ago by medical companies, she said.

They're functional, but "weren't designed with the 2019 user in mind," she said.

Founding her own company means she can try to fill those needs. It also makes it easier to keep chasing her athletic goals, scheduling work around twice-daily practices and travel to races like Sunday's Chicago Marathon, which serves as the U.S. Paralympic Team Trials.

The top two American men and women across the finish line will represent the U.S. in the marathon at the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo, provided they also have completed a marathon below a certain time standard: 1 hour, 34 minutes and 57 seconds for women, or 1 hour, 19 minutes and 32 seconds for men.

Rausin's fastest time — 1 hour, 40 minutes and 51 seconds, set at Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minn., in June — ranks fifth among American women in the Chicago Marathon's elite field.

It's more than an hour and a half faster than her marathon time as a college freshman, in 2012. Though she raced in high school, there weren't many programs for adaptive sports in her area and Rausin said she didn't start training seriously until joining the U. of I. team.

When she graduated in December 2016 and watched friends start careers, she wasn't sure continuing to train and race at a high level was the right call. Then she qualified for the national team at the Boston Marathon the following spring and decided to chase her goal of qualifying for the Tokyo Games.

"I'm only young once, and I'll only have this body once," she said. "There's a lot of time later in life for all the things I want to do."

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build and for growers to be able to fully supply it. But the first days of legal marijuana sales carry with them an excitement that draws people to wait in line, even on a cold January day.

"On the opening day and weeks, there's a novelty to it and a kind of celebration to it that spikes a sell-off not unlike the new Apple phone coming out," said Andrew Freedman, co-founder and partner at the San Francisco-based consulting firm.

Jason Erkes, spokesman for Chicago-based Cresco Labs, said he expects cannabis supplies to level off after the initial buying frenzy calms down. Cresco has three growing facilities in the state, all of which have been or are being expanded. It also owns five retail locations and is looking to open five more.

"It's important to remember that Jan. 1 is the first day that cannabis can be sold, but nobody ever thought that every business would be up and running the first day," he said.

Many local municipalities still have to decide if they'll allow recreational sales, and the industry is at odds with the state on whether they should be allowed to relocate existing shops and still sell recreational cannabis from those storefronts.

And if municipalities ban recreational shops, it puts more pressure on stores

nearby.

A lack of places to buy recreational marijuana in January will likely contribute to the supply issue, Freeman said. That happened in Colorado, too.

"You're going to just see really high prices when compared to medical and the illicit market prices at the beginning," he said. "There's a spike in demand, there's a lower supply in the regulated (market), so the price goes up. That happens everywhere."

Having a highly regulated medical cannabis program will likely help smooth the roll out of recreational sales, Freedman said. He also said it's better to have products sell out in the early days than to have too much weed, like the situation that unfolded in Oregon.

An overabundance of licenses to grow resulted in so much marijuana in Oregon, many worry it could end up being sold on the black market or smuggled across state lines. Krane from 4Front Ventures said the best thing to do is give the system time to work, and not over-correct by handing out more licenses.

"Recognize what's coming," he said. "Don't panic when it happens, because it's simply a product of this transition period."

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Small vape stores suffer amid reports of illnesses

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
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NEW YORK — The thousands of shops that sprang up in cities and towns across the country over the past decade to sell vaping products have seen a stunning reversal of fortune, with their sales plunging in just two months amid news reports that vaping has sickened nearly 1,300 people and killed 26.

People who turned to vaping products to help them quit smoking have been turning away, even teenagers who used the products illegally, although the U.S. Centers for Disease Control says most of the people who suffered lung injuries from vaping were using products containing THC, a component of marijuana.

One estimate says 200 vaping stores have closed, while some owners report the loss of nearly three-quarters of their revenue. Some vape shops have been forced to lay off staff. Many owners, former smokers themselves, fear customers will go back to smoking cigarettes.

Spike Babaian says business is down as much as 70% at her three New York vaping shops since reports about people being sickened by vaping products began appearing in August.

Babaian just closed a fourth store rather than take a chance on renewing her lease. She worries about not being able to recoup the lost revenue.

"We can never undo the government going on the news and saying it's not safe to vape. The damage has been done," says Babaian, who has been in business for eight years.

Federal health officials have yet to pinpoint the exact cause of the illnesses and deaths. While they search, they are advising

Americans to refrain from using any vaping products.

Steve Nair has had to lay off five of the 40 employees at his eight vaping stores in four states; his sales are down by half.

"I had to meet with them a few weeks ago and say, 'Things aren't looking good,'" Nair said.

The stories are similar at the estimated 15,000 to 19,000 small businesses across the country that sell vaporizers and vaping fluids used as a substitute for smoking.

Sales dropped precipitously as customers were frightened away by the first government reports of people sickened or dying after vaping. The CDC has since said most of the nearly 1,300 illnesses reported were due to liquids containing THC, which gives users the high they're seeking from marijuana. Those products are sold illegally on the black market, not in neighborhood stores.

Many people are still shying away from mainstream vaping products and the impact on the industry is pronounced. Greg Conley, a spokesman for the American Vaping Association, an industry group, says 200 stores closed since Aug. 1, a number he calls "a conservative estimate."

Calls by government officials including President Donald Trump and the governors of states including Massachusetts, Michigan and New York for bans on sales of vaping products are increasing owners' anxiety. A four-month ban on sales is in effect in Massachusetts. In New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo wants to ban sales of flavored vaping liquids. Those products are targeted because of their appeal to youthful vapers, but they account for the majority of sales to all users, including adults.

"That would probably

put us out of business pretty quickly. We sell only these products; there's nothing else to fall back on," says Nair, whose stores include one in Buffalo, New York.

The CDC reported in 2017 that nearly 7 million adults, or 2.8% of the country's adult population, used vaping products. Last year, it counted 3.6 million middle and high school students who were using vaping products. Under Food and Drug Administration regulations, retailers cannot sell vaping products to people under 18, and more than a third of the states have higher minimum ages. Store owners are required to verify a customer's age when they enter a store.

While the industry might not elicit much sympathy because of criticism that it sells nicotine products to minors, industry groups warn of the potential consequences of any ban for the many smokers who used vaping to quit cigarettes.

Indeed, some owners are hearing from some former customers that they've gone back to cigarettes. Owners fear they've lost that business forever, but they also worry about the health of people who they've gotten to know well.

"They're just gone. We lost about half our customers," says Todd Donk, who has one Zook's Vapor store in Bartlett, Tennessee. He averaged about \$30,000 in sales each month before customers fled.

"One guy told me yesterday, 'my family told me to go back to smoking. They'd rather see me smoke than vape,'" Donk says.

Owners are hoping that as more people hear the CDC's determination that the majority of illnesses weren't caused by products sold in vaping shops customers will return.

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Strikes

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Workforce Centers. Employment for registered nurses is expected to grow 12% between 2018 and 2028, versus 5% for all occupations, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. In the Chicago area, registered nurses had median annual pay of \$77,710 in 2018 — about the same as high school teachers.

The University of Chicago nurses strike occurred the same day as nurse strikes at a dozen Tenet Health hospitals across the country. University of Chicago nurses are back at the bargaining table with the hospital, but their union hasn't ruled out another strike if talks don't progress. The nurses are seeking lower nurse-to-patient ratios, among other things.

for better patient care, for better wages and respect," said Ogunleye, who's been at Mount Sinai for 15 years. "Without the union, we cannot do it." Unions historically were known for representing certain types of workers, such as those in manufacturing. But in recent years, unions have worked to make inroads in fast food, retail, graduate education, journalism and the gig economy.

Support for unions, however, is at its highest point in 20 years, according to Gallup. About 64% of people surveyed in August said they approved of labor unions, according to Gallup. Democratic presidential candidates have also been vocal about their support for striking workers, with Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaking at a recent Chicago Teachers Union rally.

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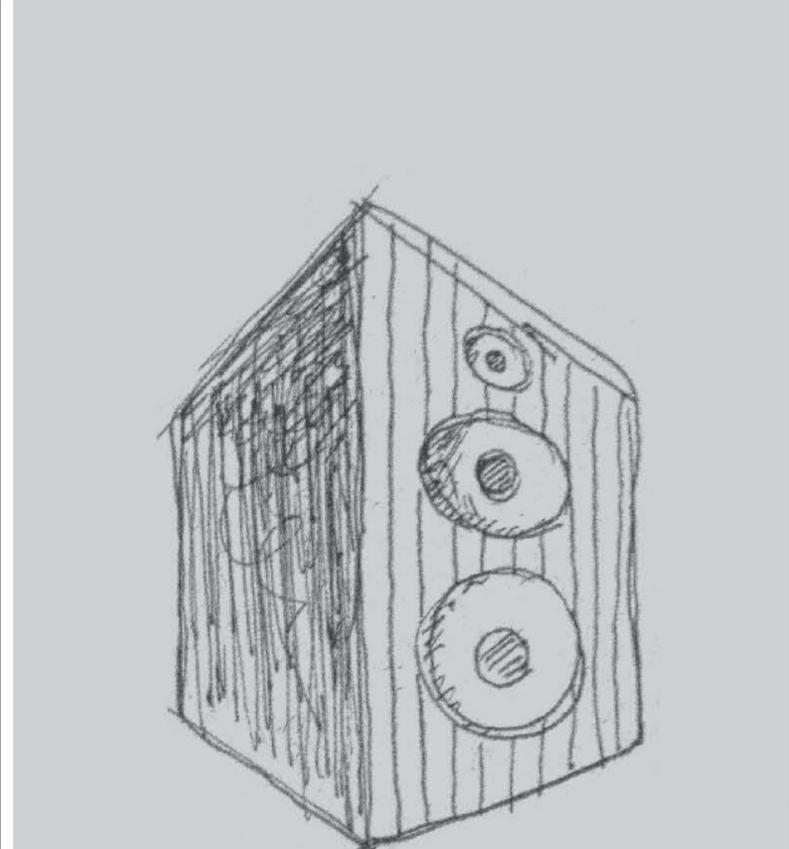
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Customer service agent

- Pay: \$9/hour (plus benefits)
- Preferred education: High school
- Essential skill: The gift of gab

When you dial a company's help line, the call typically goes to a mega call center somewhere. But increasingly, customer service calls also route to home-based agents, who answer questions, complete forms and log complaints through their computers. Hours are flexible and few firms require specific education or experience. Training (usually paid) is provided, and you will be expected to have phone and Internet service that meet minimum standards. Also expect to undergo a credit and background check. SYKES Home Powered by Alpine Access, Convergys and West Corporation rank among the major employers. All three are highly rated by the Better Business Bureau, usually hire agents as employees rather than contractors, and offer benefits such as paid vacation and medical insurance to full-time workers.

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- Pay: \$10-\$12/hour
- Preferred education: High school
- Essential skill: Ability to juggle calls and clients

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- Pay: \$11-\$17/hour
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- Essential skill: No reservations about making reservations

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No one likes a nervous job candidate

No matter how much preparation you've done for an interview, chances are you may still face one of the greatest obstacles to a successful interview — your own nervousness.

"A certain level of nerves is good," says Cathy Goodwin, career coach. "A certain amount of nervous energy will give you an edge and motivate you to perform better. It's good to have a little bit of stage fright."

But too much stage fright can keep you from having a great interview. Follow these steps to keep your confidence up while still maintaining your edge during an interview:

Be in the moment. React only to what the interview asks you, and not to your own thoughts on how you're doing.

"Respond to the question asked and don't think about how you responded to the question before," says Lynn Berger, a corporate and personal coach. "People start to think about 'Oh, I could have said, I should have said,' and they lose their train of thought and don't respond to the question at hand."

Interview your interviewer. Anticipate a two-sided conversation in which you're seeking as much information about the company as they are seeking about you.

"Figure out what you need to know about them before accepting an offer. Knowing that, it becomes a lot more equal. It's less about you being grilled and more about it being a conversation," says Nancy Linnerooth, a career coach. "You'll be more relaxed, thinking not 'What do I do with my hands,' but more of 'What do I need to know?'"

Practice. If you practice responses to interview questions you anticipate you'll be asked, you'll feel more secure during the real interview. Just don't rehearse too much — if you memorize rote responses to questions, you'll panic if you make a mistake.



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Act your age

Finding a job when you're older requires a little honesty and a little finesse. Here are a few tips:

- **Don't run from your age.** Embrace it. Employers who interview older adults are looking for employees who are stable, dependable and mature. If you show up for an interview dressed in clothes from H&M and filled with stories of your weekend kayaking adventure, you're probably projecting the wrong image.
- **Keep the resume or job application brief.** No one wants to read "War and Peace" when she's looking for a store greeter.
- **During the interview, discuss your career as a whole.** Use specifics when discussing the last several years. Use anecdotes and stories to illustrate your ability to adapt to any situation. Highlight your willingness to work as a member of a team.
- **Suggest your maturity as a positive for the employer.** Younger employees will see someone who projects strength and wisdom and who, let's face it, has no interest in taking their job.
- **Use younger references when possible.** It will illustrate your willingness to work with people younger than you and will help boost your overall image.



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Don't snooze on idea of an in-bed workday

There are many things to do in bed aside from the obvious — binge-watching “Curb Your Enthusiasm” while eating leftover Thai food, of course — but Cynthia, a director at a Chicago-based university, has taken the creature comforts of bed to the next level. Her bed is often where she works.

OK, contain the moral outrage for a minute. We're talking about regular work — answering calls, reading proposals — the same tasks and duties most of us face every day. And while she does have an office away from her home, Cynthia's studio condominium in Lincoln Park is the place where she puts in numerous hours before or after work. With little room for a couch in her condo, much less a desk, and an already-sore back from sitting at a desk all day at the office, Cynthia says she decided to upgrade her sleeping situation with the purchase of a new mattress with an adjustable base so she could check her emails, communicate with her team and attend to other work-related tasks from the comfort of her bed.

And the result?

“Life-changing,” she says.

While Cynthia, who didn't want her real name used, still works out of her downtown office each day on an 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. schedule, she says her bed-desk setup is an efficiency dream come true. Armed with a small platform that she puts on her lap for her computer, Cynthia says she has some of her most productive work sessions before and after she puts in hours at the office.

“I have my laptop on a small table next to my bed or right next to me in bed — which is probably why I'm still single — so it's there when I have an idea or want to work on something,” she says. “And it's not like I have to make myself uncomfortable to type or look at my screen. I just adjust my bed so I'm sitting up and I'm set. And really, I don't have the space for a desk, so it makes sense to make the most of the space I have.”

Style points

Bob Muenkel, vice president, retail engagement, for Nectar Sleep, says sales of adjustable bases for beds began heating up 10 years ago but he doubts the bump in sales correlated with an increase in work-at-home options for employees. “I think an adjustable base bed is a lifestyle purchase. It may be one of the many things that can enhance the life of a remote worker, but I don't know if people buy it specifically for use when they work,” Muenkel says.

But if one's lifestyle does include working from home, Muenkel says a bed with an adjustable base can make a lot of sense. “It would certainly enhance that work-at-home

experience for the right person,” says Muenkel, who adds that the cost of adjustable bases has dropped substantially in recent years and that today's models are often enhanced with amenities like massage functionality and USB ports.

Muenkel, a remote worker himself with a home office, says he can see the benefits of getting multiple uses out of an adjustable base bed for those who live in small spaces. “When you have less space, you need to get more function out of the things that are in that space, so it may be even more useful — whether it's for working or watching TV — to have a bed that allows you to perform more functions,” he says.

Sore loser

Since she switched her combined working and sleeping space, Cynthia says she no longer has the back and neck pain she had when working at a desk all day, then coming home to a seat on her couch or old bed. “It would be nearly impossible to sit at home and do some work without being in pain,” she says. “Now, it's the perfect situation. I can adjust the mattress so I'm sitting at a normal angle like I'm sitting on my chair at my desk. But it's not a desk and it's not a chair. There's no gap behind my lower back or at my shoulders. And I'm not pushing my chair back and forth or moving around. I stay in one place and I'm perfectly comfortable. It's all one piece. I'm have 100-percent support.”

Still, it's not always the best work option, especially when Cynthia says she has to participate in a teleconference while working at home. “I can't lay in bed on a call. I put on makeup and a professional top — from the waist up, I'm good,” she says, adding that she's thinking about getting a green screen to place behind her and then choosing the proper photo — the wall behind her desk at work, perhaps? — to “make it look more professional.”

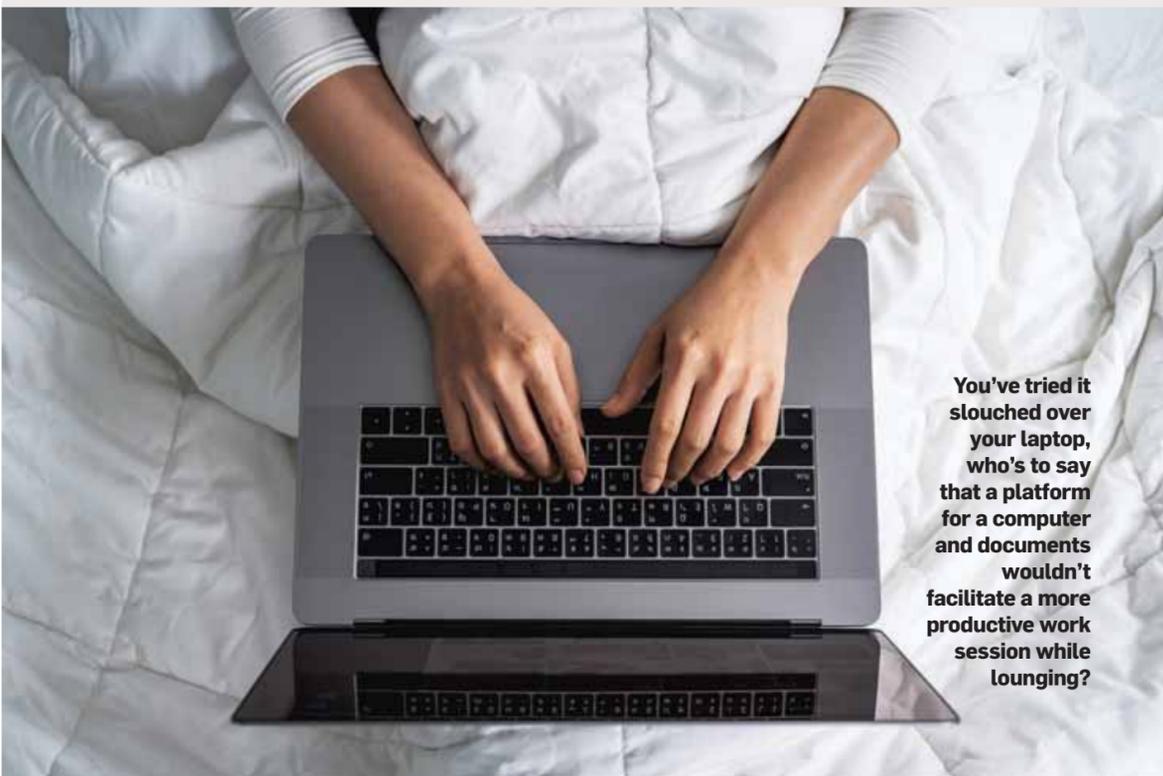
Pillow talk

Cynthia says she highly recommends the bed-desk concept to others and would use it in her office at work if she could.

In an era of workplace setups that include desk-and-chair combos that offer standing, bouncing, pedaling, treadmilling, walking and more, can a bed in every office be the next big thing?

“That's probably an HR nightmare and no one would ever want to leave their desk,” Cynthia says. “But at home, it's perfect. I'm telling you — get the right bed and the right setup — amazing.”

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*



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BEARS AT THE BYE WEEK

Belief vs. doubt

Matt Nagy searches for answers following tough loss to Raiders

BY DAN WIEDERER

As Matt Nagy left the United Kingdom on Monday, he did so with an appropriate blend of agitation and optimism. The Bears coach was still seething over a 24-21 loss to the Raiders a day earlier — and rightfully so after his team fell into a 17-point first-half hole, then blew a lead in the final minutes.

But Nagy is by nature an optimistic and energetic leader. Thus he had no intent of letting his competitive ire fester, of becoming overly frustrated at the many deficiencies restricting his team.

For better or worse, the open date on the Bears schedule had arrived. And in the middle ground between Nagy's aggravation and positivity was a chance for him to exhale, to zoom out, to formulate an honest assessment of who these Bears really are.

What exactly is it that they do well? And what is it that they don't?

Where do they ultimately want to go this season? And what detours must they make certain to avoid?

"It's not about complaints," Nagy said. "It's about answers."

One could imagine the driven coach fighting to remain resolved and self-assured, like an '80s sitcom character at a crossroads, listening to differing opinions of imaginary characters floating above

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The Bears sit at 3-2 after five games for the second straight season under coach Matt Nagy.
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Irish hang on; Illini fall apart late

Notre Dame fights off a late USC rally to win 30-27. Illinois pulls within 3 points of Michigan but fades in the fourth quarter to lose 42-25. **Page 5**

INSIDE CHICAGO SPORTS

■ Berwyn native Laura Michalek reflects on winning the Chicago Marathon 40 years ago, when she was 15. She followed up her historic race win with a babysitting gig. **Back Page**

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YOUNGRAE KIM/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE
 Stacy Fitzgerald and sons Jack, 14, and Brendan, 10, pose after Brendan's youth football game Sept. 8 in Northfield.

FOOTBALL

Fitzgerald rooted in game of football

Wildcats coach's wife defending sport under siege

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

It's late Sunday afternoon. The Bears-Raiders stunner is now a box score, clearing the slate for a Chicagoland Youth Football League game in Northfield.

A mother and father watch from the press box at Robert Naughton Field, fixing their eyes on the quarterback. The name across the back of the No. 15 jersey: FITZGERALD.

Pat Fitzgerald is here because of a lull in the schedule; his Northwestern team won't suit up for another 12 days.

Stacy Fitzgerald is always here. The quintessential football mom sometimes operates the game

clock and constructs the tent for weigh-ins. She fills the ice tubs on hot days.

"She is unbelievable," Pat says. "The sacrifice, the dedication. She's a rock star."

Stacy grew up in more of a soccer family but is a strong advocate for the game that has made her husband wildly successful, a game her three sons love even more than her butter-scotch granola.

It's also a game under siege because of declining participation and a movement in Illinois to ban tackle football for children younger than 12.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PAUL SULLIVAN

Tanking part of rebuilding

The 100th anniversary of the Black Sox reminds us of the fundamental rule of sports fandom: If I am going to invest my money and emotions rooting for your team, I trust you will reward my loyalty by trying to win.

It's been a century now since any team has failed to live up to that. No team has been alleged to have thrown games, much less a World Series, since the 1919 Sox. Former Reds manager Pete Rose was banned for life for betting on baseball, but no one accused him of intentionally trying to lose games.

But even if no one actually is throwing games, we can't really say they're all trying to win. This is the era of tanking-for-the future, after all, and this year the Marlins, Orioles, Blue Jays, Mariners, Tigers, Royals, Pirates and White Sox were all at various stages of rebuilding plans.

Losing now to win later is a goal of almost a third of MLB franchises, and they all have marketing plans to make it seem honorable.

In an ironic bit of timing, with stories about the Black Sox anniversary all over the internet, Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf found himself embroiled in a controversy last week about a remark he allegedly made a couple of decades ago to former Marlins President David Samson.

On a podcast, Samson said Reinsdorf told him: "You know what? Here's my best advice to you: Finish in second every single year because your fans will say, 'Wow, we've got a shot, we're in it.' But there's always the carrot left. There's always one more step left to take."

Naturally, Reinsdorf, through a spokesperson, said he had no recollection of making the remarks and denied the suggestion he believes it's better to finish second than first.

But even if he did say it, Reinsdorf certainly would not have been the first owner to think that way. According to Ken Burns' 1994 documentary, "Baseball," late Philadelphia Athletics owner Connie Mack once said: "It is more profitable for me to have a team that is in contention for most of the season but finishes about fourth. A team like that will draw well enough for the first part of the season to show a profit for the year. And you don't have to give the players raises when they don't win."

Even Bill Veeck, the beloved owner of the Sox for two stints, could be accused of trying to do just enough to keep the customers happy without trying to win it all. Veeck invented the concept of rent-a-players in the early stages of free agency in the 1970s, acquiring stars in their option years with the intention of letting them go after the season instead of paying them market value.

In 1977 the Sox acquired outfielder Richie Zisk from the Pirates for Goose Gossage and Terry Forster. Zisk became a local folk hero, leading the "South Side Hit Men" to 90 wins and a third-place finish after leading the American League West in mid-August.

The Sox ultimately fell out of contention, and after career highs of 30 home runs and 101 RBIs Zisk signed a lucrative free-agent deal with the Rangers. That '77 team still lives on as one of the most popular in Sox history, but one former advertising executive in Chicago, who asked to remain nameless, relayed a story that questions Veeck's reputation as a "fan's owner."

Assigned to the White Sox advertising account shortly after Zisk left, the exec was sent to Comiskey Park to meet Veeck and find out what the Sox wanted for their upcoming ad campaign. After discussing business for a while the ad exec let his fandom get the best of him. He asked Veeck why he'd let Zisk get away.

"I'll never forget his answer," he said. "He said: 'Let me tell you something, kid. Richie Zisk doesn't bring one more person into this ballpark. What you want to do is finish just good enough that the fans keep coming. You don't want to win it all, be-



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White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf is overseeing a rebuild on the South side. The Sox are one of several teams currently in a rebuilding phase.

cause if you do, then everyone wants more money.' It shattered me. I'd been a Sox fan growing up."

Veeck is long gone, so you can believe the tale or not. If true, Veeck at least had the excuse he was trying to win on a shoestring budget.

Now all 30 teams are highly profitable, and some don't even pretend they're trying to win. Any team that announces a rebuild basically is asking for immediate relief from media and fan criticism for at least a few years while the farm system grows.

And since there's no need to spend money on free agents during a rebuild, stars can go through the entire winter with only a few suitors.

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw theorized at the All-Star Game "maybe two" of the current rebuilds might work out.

"The other eight are just in the pits for 10 years," he said. "It's just not sustainable. I think we have to figure out a way to get every team competing to some extent, every year. At the end of the day I think that would solve a lot of problems."

During a Rays-Astros playoff telecast last week, announcer Bob Costas credited the Astros and Cubs as the two teams whose success convinced others to emulate their game plans through tanking, though he didn't use the actual "T" word.

Astros pitcher Gerrit Cole, who was sent to the Astros for prospects in 2018 during the Pirates' rebuild, told me at the All-Star game that the Astros' rebuild was different than others because the team already was bad when they started theirs, unlike the Marlins, who dumped stars Giancarlo Stanton, Christian Yelich and Marcell Ozuna in the 2017-18 offseason to kick off their rebuild.

"Some people would say they are just taking advantage of the rules," Cole said of rebuilding general managers. "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. ... Right now players are getting pinched on both sides, and at least 50% of the league doesn't give a (bleep) about winning, so I think the fans end up suffering."

How many teams will actually compete to win in 2020 by spending this offseason?

As we've seen the last two years, most of the high-ticket players don't get signed until late in the offseason, such as Bryce Harper and Manny Machado last winter. Contrast that to the NBA's recent off-season, when a free-agent frenzy quickly saw stars Kyrie Irving and Kevin Durant team up with the Nets and Kawhi Leonard sign with the Clippers.

"I'm a sports fan," Nationals starter Max Scherzer said. "That was an exciting day for everybody. Everybody was saying 'Where is Durant going to sign?' Everybody had fun with that. So when you think about that, you would hope baseball recognizes that and that's a moment in our off-season we hope to bring back into our game."

"It's something we seem to be moving more and more away from, and something that I think will be addressed (in CBA negotiations between the union and owners)."

Scherzer believes the luxury tax serves as a de facto salary cap and will be "paramount" in those negotiations.

"The players are very cognizant of what's going on with the economic situation," he said. "Because it's not (bleeping) the peripheral players, it's (bleeping) everyone, and every player is aware of what's going on."

Kershaw conceded "teams have a right to not pay guys when they're getting older," a trend that's increased with advancement of analytics.

"In the analytics age, they're going to pay guys in their primes, the younger guys," he said. "The problem with that is baseball has always been a sport where you get underpaid on the way in and you get overpaid on the way out — relatively speaking, not to the real world — so if that's not going to happen anymore, then we've got to figure out away to get these younger guys paid during their peak years. ... It's another conversation."

Perhaps the notion of winning at all costs is not as seductive to owners as it once was.

Or maybe it's just a lot easier to justify not winning by marketing it as a rebuild.

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Dead-ball October

Manager Mike Shildt and the Cardinals analytics department are wondering what happened to the juiced baseball.

Shildt said the team's front office has found the ball is flying 4 1/2 fewer feet on average in the postseason, raising more questions about the makeup of the baseballs after hitters clubbed a record 6,776 home runs in the regular season — a rise attributed to unusually far-flying balls. The numbers don't leave much doubt, says data journalist Rob Arthur. He was among the first to suggest tweaks to the ball might have caused home runs to spike as early as 2015, and he thinks something is off this October too.

Arthur published a story Thursday at Baseball Prospectus showing the post-season baseballs have more air resistance than the regular-season balls, according to data pulled from MLB's own tracking system. Arthur projected home runs were down 50% through Wednesday's games compared with what would have been expected in the 2019 environment. —Associated Press

Report: Angels employee supplied Skaggs drugs

PR staffer tells DEA he gave late pitcher opioids

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Angels say they don't know whether a longtime public-relations official had been providing drugs to late pitcher Tyler Skaggs, as detailed in a report Saturday on ESPN's "Outside the Lines."

Eric Kay, a 24-year employee in the Angels PR department, told the Drug Enforcement Agency he provided opioids to Skaggs and used them with the pitcher for years, according to ESPN. Kay reportedly watched as Skaggs snorted three lines of crushed pills in his hotel room in Southlake, Texas, the night before he was found dead.

Kay also told the DEA he believes several other Angels players used opioids, ESPN reported.

"We have never heard that any employee was providing illegal narcotics to any player, or that any player was seeking illegal narcotics," Angels President John Carpino said Saturday in a statement. "The Angels maintain a strict, zero-tolerance policy regarding the illicit use of drugs for both players and staff. Every one of our



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs, 27, was found dead July 1 before a series with the Rangers. He died after choking on his vomit with a toxic mix of alcohol and painkillers in his body.

players must also abide by the MLB Joint Drug Agreement. We continue to mourn the loss of Tyler and fully cooperate with the authorities as they continue their

investigation."

Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room July 1 before the start of a series against the Rangers. The Tarrant County Medical

Examiner's Office said the 27-year-old died after choking on his vomit with a toxic mix of alcohol and the painkillers fentanyl and oxycodone in his body.

Major League Baseball issued a brief statement: "MLB was unaware of any of these allegations. MLB will fully cooperate with the government investigation and conduct its own investigation when the government investigation is completed."

Kay, 45, has been on administrative leave from the Angels since July, and ESPN reported he is undergoing outpatient drug treatment. Kay didn't immediately respond to a message from the Associated Press.

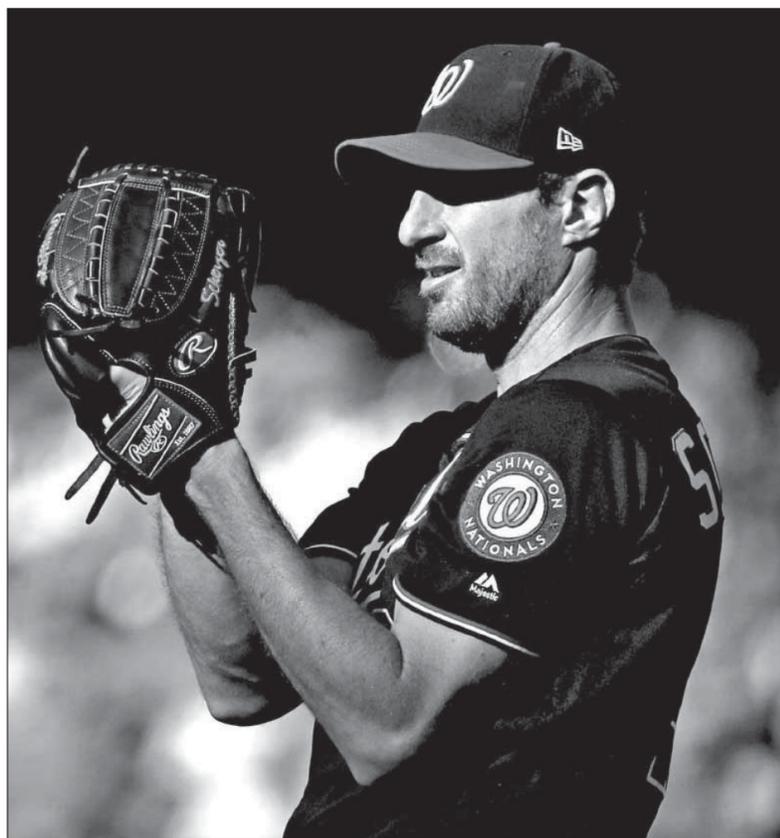
Kay also claimed two Angels officials were aware of Skaggs' drug use, including Kay's longtime boss, Tim Mead, a 40-year Angels employee. Mead left the team in June to become president of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Mead told ESPN he was unaware of Skaggs' drug use.

ESPN says Kay told investigators he illegally obtained six oxycodone pills and gave three to Skaggs shortly before the team left Anaheim for its trip to Texas.

MLB and the players union plan to discuss the possibility of implementing more widespread testing for opioids in the wake of Skaggs' death.

BASEBALL



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY

The Nationals' Max Scherzer carried a no-hitter through six innings on Saturday.

NLCS

Sensational Scherzer

No-hits Cardinals through 6 as Nationals take 2-0 series lead

BY JAY COHEN
Associated Press

Max Scherzer was strength and fire. Anibal Sanchez was artistry and deception. Two different styles, two absolute gems for the Nationals.

Scherzer followed Sanchez's near no-hitter with a try of his own, and the stingy Nationals beat the Cardinals 3-1 on Saturday for a 2-0 lead in the NL Championship Series.

"We really want to win here," the hard-charging Scherzer said. "So that's what's going to happen, we're going to compete and win."

Scherzer didn't allow a hit until Paul Goldschmidt led off the seventh inning with a single that left fielder Juan Soto played conservatively with a 1-0 lead. A day earlier, Sanchez held the Cardinals hitless until Jose Martinez had a pinch single with two down in the eighth.

Sanchez and Scherzer also began the 2013 ALCS with consecutive no-hit bids of at least five innings for the Tigers against the Red Sox.

They are the only pitchers to accomplish the feat in postseason history.

"For me, I'm just in the moment. I'm not trying to do anything great. I'm just trying to stick within my game," Scherzer said.

Scherzer, a St. Louis native who played college ball for the University of Missouri, struck out 11 and walked two in seven innings.

It doesn't get any easier for the Cardinals. Ace Stephen Strasburg gets the ball for the wild-card Nationals when the best-of-seven series moves to Nationals Park for Game 3 on Monday night. Jack Flaherty pitches for the Cards.

"They have a pretty strong advantage right now," Cardinals right-hander Adam Wainwright said. "I've got a lot of confi-

dence in our hitters. I think our hitters are going to do something special in Washington."

The Cardinals got another solid performance from Wainwright, who struck out 11 in 7 1/3 innings.

But after getting only one hit in the opener, the Cardinals' inconsistent lineup managed just three hits against Scherzer and the Nationals bullpen.

"We trust in each other. We've been in this position before," Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina said.

The NL Central champions got their first run of the series when center fielder Michael A. Taylor misplayed Martinez's pinch-hit liner into an RBI double with two outs in the eighth. But Dexter Fowler flied out on Sean Doolittle's next pitch on a tough day to see the ball with the shadows from the mid-afternoon start.

Patrick Corbin got the first out of the ninth before Daniel Hudson earned his third save of the playoffs. The right-hander was reinstated from the postseason paternity list before the game after he missed the series opener to be with his wife, Sara, for the birth of their third child.

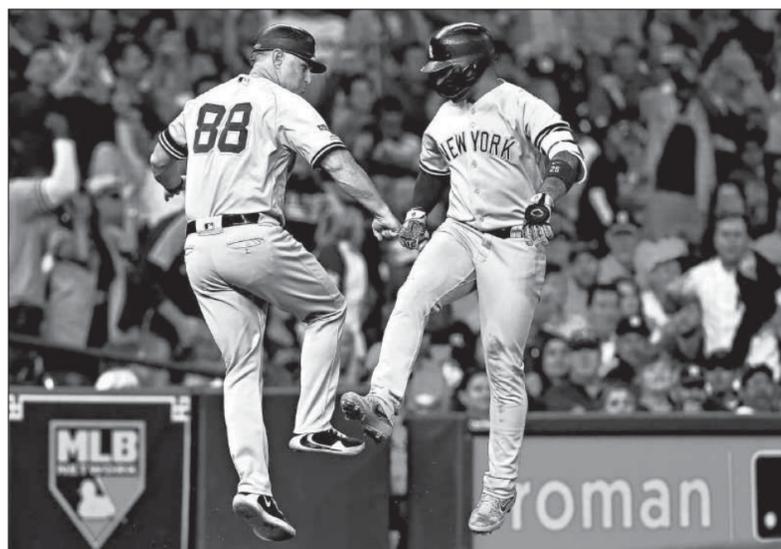
Corbin is expected to start Game 4 for the Nationals on Tuesday night.

Scherzer, who has pitched two no-hitters in the regular season, has a record five career postseason no-hit bids of at least five innings, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The three-time Cy Young Award winner came closest to finishing in Game 3 of the 2017 NL Division Series, getting one out in the seventh inning before allowing a hit.

There have only been two postseason no-hitters. Don Larsen threw a perfect game for the Yankees against the Dodgers in the 1956 World Series, and Roy Halladay pitched a no-hitter for the Phillies in the 2010 NL Division Series.

"It's a good ballclub, but we've got great pitchers," Taylor said. "They went out and executed pitch after pitch."

The Cardinals got one baserunner into scoring position while Scherzer was on the mound. Kolten Wong walked with one out in the first and stole second, but Goldschmidt and Marcell Ozuna struck out.



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ALCS

Torres blasts off against Astros

Gleyber Torres, right, is congratulated by Yankees third base coach Phil Nevin after hitting a solo homer off Zack Greinke in the sixth inning of Game 1 of the ALCS on Saturday night against the Astros at Minute Maid Park in Houston. The Yankees won 7-0. Starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka yielded one hit and one walk in six innings of work.

BLACKHAWKS

JETS 3, BLACKHAWKS 2 (OT)

Lehner, de Haan debuts spoiled

Hawks can't hold lead in 1st game for goalie, defenseman

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Robin Lehner and Calvin de Haan waited patiently to make their Blackhawks debuts, albeit for different reasons.

De Haan is the top-four defenseman acquired in the offseason from the Hurricanes whose nagging groin injury forced him to miss the entire preseason as well as the first two games of the season.

Lehner is the 2018-19 Vezina Trophy finalist who nonetheless found himself without a team after the start of free agency when the Islanders went in another direction. The Hawks quickly snagged him with a one-year, \$5 million contract to create a goaltending tandem with Corey Crawford.

Crawford started the Hawks' Oct. 4 season opener in Prague as well as the home opener Thursday, both of which ended in losses.

Which is at least partly why coach Jeremy Colliton went with Lehner on Saturday against the Jets at the United Center. Any nerves for Lehner before his first game in a Hawks uniform?

"I don't think nervous is the right word for it," Lehner said. "You just get excited to get out there and get going."

Lehner and de Haan brought veteran leadership and stability to the lineup Saturday but couldn't bring the Hawks their first win. Lehner made 30 saves, but Mark Scheifele's one-timer 47 seconds into overtime gave the Jets a 3-2 victory, dropping the Hawks to 0-2-1.

"We need to find a way to play with the style, the energy, the pace of the first 20 minutes," Colliton said. "We need to extend that into 60, and then I think we'll be in good shape. Disappointed obviously with the result. We wanted the two points and it's a divisional game. It's a mini step forward but certainly sour."

Colliton's decision to make Lehner wait for his first start was understandable. Crawford has been the Hawks' starting goaltender since midway through the 2010-11 season and, despite suffering concussions each of the last two seasons that cost him considerable playing time, he is healthy.

During the preseason, Colliton said both goalies would play a lot. Even if Crawford had been exceptional against the Flyers and Jets, it's possible Lehner still would have started. But Crawford allowed nine goals in the first two games, not all of which were his fault, allowing Colliton to make a change without facing

criticism.

The styles of Crawford and Lehner are strikingly different. While Crawford is smooth and technically superb, Lehner is in beast mode in the net. He moves across the goal mouth with a quickness that belies his 6-foot-4, 240-pound frame. But it's his size that helps keep the puck out of the net.

And his mouth.

Lehner is loud and proud patrolling the net, constantly shouting orders to his defenders. He's also not quiet in the locker room, as was evident after Saturday's loss when he gave an honest opinion of what he saw in front of him.

"I liked a lot of the game," he said. "We've just got to, when we're in some pressure and things are not going our way, we've just got to fall back, play simple, help each other out. We've got to support each other a little better. I thought it was two really good periods, the second, not so good. Clean up some details and we'll be fine."

Lehner played a solid first period, after which the Hawks led 2-0 on goals from Brandon Saad and Brent Seabrook. But the Jets put a power-play goal past him early in the second after Duncan Keith went off for slashing, then tied it with 8 minutes, 16 seconds left in the third after de Haan left Andrew Copp open in front of the net to take a pass from Kyle Connor and push it past Lehner into a wide open net.

"The first goal is unfortunate," Lehner said. "It squeaks through. But I was where I wanted to be in position, and somehow it goes in. Got to try to clean that up."

Lehner's best save came late in the second, when Mark Scheifele was all alone near the front of the left faceoff circle. Lehner didn't commit to either side of the net, then closed up the five-hole and used his body to block Scheifele's shot.

For the first time this season, the defense looked as general manager Stan Bowman intended with de Haan, Keith, Seabrook, Erik Gustafsson, Connor Murphy and Olli Maatta on the back end. They didn't give up many high-danger chances and used excellent stick play to frustrate one of the top offenses in the league.

De Haan was paired with Gustafsson, who can create offense but often struggles defensively. Despite a breakdown in the third period on the Jets' tying goal when neither covered Copp, Colliton was pleased with de Haan's impact.

"I liked him," the coach said. "He's steady presence back there. Makes a lot of simple plays. He's calm, he's under control and we need more of that."



MATT MARTON/AP

Jets center Andrew Copp, right, celebrates his third-period goal with Nikolaj Ehlers (27) and Kyle Connor (81) on Saturday night.

BLACKHAWKS

Dach in Rockford on conditioning assignment

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

The Blackhawks on Saturday sent Kirby Dach to Rockford on a conditioning assignment, the latest sign the No. 3 pick in the 2019 draft is getting closer to making his NHL debut.

Dach, 18, made his professional debut with the IceHogs on Saturday night in a 4-2 loss against visiting Grand Rapids. He didn't figure in either goal.

He suffered a concussion on Sept. 10 at the NHL Prospect Tournament in Traverse City, Mich., and missed the first two weeks of Hawks training camp. Dach began practicing with the Hawks on their European trip but didn't appear in any preseason games. Dach is not age-eligible to be sent outright to Rockford but can play there on a conditioning assignment for no more than 14 consecutive days because he's on the Hawks roster.

If Dach is in Rockford for the maximum term, he would be eligible to play in five games for the IceHogs, including Oct. 19,

when they face the Chicago Wolves at Allstate Arena in Rosemont.

The Hawks were not expecting to add a player of Dach's caliber in the June draft but jumped from No. 12 to No. 3 in the draft lottery.

They chose Dach over defenseman Bowen Byram and local product Alex Turcotte, neither of whom is currently in the NHL. The Avalanche selected Byram fourth but returned him to his junior team before the season. Turcotte, taken fifth by the Kings, is a freshman at Wisconsin.

Dach was by far the top forward prospect at the Hawks development camp in July, which led to expectations he would have a shot at making the opening-day roster. The concussion prevented that, but if Dach's stint in Rockford goes well, he should make his NHL debut soon.

Once Dach is back with the Hawks, they'll either have to keep him on the roster or return him to the Western Hockey League's Saskatoon Blades, his junior team for the last three seasons.

FOOTBALL



YOUNGRAE KIM/PHOTOS FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Brendan Fitzgerald, 10, runs to the sideline during a Sept. 8 game in Northfield. Brendan weighs 100 pounds and says he loves the “physicality” of football.

Fitzgerald

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“We believe we have a duty to protect children as they go through key development stages of their lives,” says Tregg Duerson, son of former Chicago Bears defensive back Dave Duerson, who took his own life at age 50. “We see this as parallel to other legislation that protects children’s health ... smoking, lead paint, seat belts.”

Last year Stacy completed a four-year term as president of the North Shore Trevars Youth Football Program, for which Ryan, who just turned 13, and Brendan, 10, suit up.

Brendan weighs 100 pounds and says he loves the “physicality” of football. He’s bummed that more of his friends don’t play. “Half the kids, they say their moms won’t let them.”

How does Brendan react to that?

“I just walk away,” he says.

Ryan is the most football-mad of the three; he loves to dissect film with his dad.

“Football does have a lot of injuries because it’s a contact sport,” Ryan says. “I’m not going to come down with a concussion in volleyball. But anyone can get a sprained ankle running downstairs to get some water.”

Jack, 14, is a giant for his age, checking in at nearly 6-foot-5 and 205 pounds. He plays “up” at Loyola Academy, a freshman tight end on the junior varsity team. Eight years in the sport, he says, and he has never been injured.

Jack sounds like his dad when he speaks of the “life lessons” of football, namely “teamwork, sportsmanship, perseverance and discipline. ... Playing in the NFL would be great, but that’s not the end goal. I want to play for my dad and get a good education.”

The boys began playing tackle football in second grade, same as when Pat first participated in Orland Park.

Stacy grew up six blocks from Pat; they met in high school. She learned football by quizzing him as he prepared for games at Sandburg.

Asked if she ever has checked whether her kids want to participate in flag football, Stacy replies earnestly: “In addition?”

When should you allow your kid to play tackle?

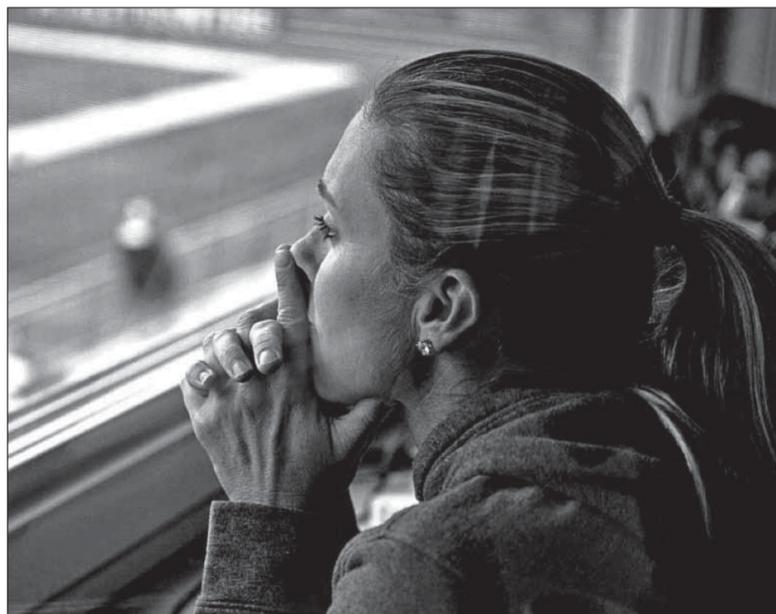
As he watches Ryan operate as an option quarterback, Pat says the game hasn’t changed much from his days as a peewee linebacker: “The kids that are the biggest and fastest usually win.”

But a lot of the rules have changed, and for that he is grateful.

The Chicagoland Youth Football Program adopted a policy in 2012 that any player who exhibits a concussion symptom — including a headache or dizziness — is removed from the game and cannot return unless a certified athletic trainer or licensed physician clears him.

More recently, kickoffs were outlawed. Each team gets two chances for an “onside kick” — a 10-yard, do-or-die play. Tacklers who engage in helmet-to-helmet contact are penalized and forced to leave the field for a two-play “cooldown.” If it happens twice, the player is ejected.

“I really, truly think our game has never been safer,” Pat says. “When I was playing it was: ‘How many fingers do I have up? What day is it? What is the score?’ You



Stacy Fitzgerald, wife of Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald, watches her youngest son Brendan’s youth football game from the press box Sept. 8 in Northfield.

answered a handful of questions and then went back in the game. That wasn’t (the fault) of the coach. That’s where the medicine was. Today if there’s anything above the shoulders, guys are taken right out of practice.

“My hope is we will look back when I’m old and say: That systemic shift saved youth sports.”

When is the right time to let a kid play tackle?

That is the question that vexes even football’s true believers. Guys such as Matt Bowen, who starred at Glenbard West and Iowa before playing seven seasons in the NFL as a safety and special teamer. Bowen and wife Shawn are mulling when to allow 9-year-old Grant to start.

“Do I believe in football? Yes,” says Bowen, who provides NFL content for ESPN.com. “But there are risks involved. CTE (chronic traumatic encephalopathy) is real. There’s no denying it exists in collision sports.”

“But I think we need more literature before dealing with absolutes.”

Bowen also coaches youth football and is a fierce advocate of tackling techniques that remove the head from contact. And how about this for helmet technology? The Elmhurst Bears Youth Football Club uses Riddell “InSite” helmets with sensors that provide data on what the company calls “head-impact exposure.”

“I’m in my office and I can grab my Iowa helmet,” Bowen says. “Didn’t even have air in it; it’s from the mid-’90s. I would never put a kid in this now.”

Pat Fitzgerald also played in the era of flying wedges on kickoffs and re-entering games after getting “dinged up.”

How did he and Stacy decide when to allow Jack, Ryan and Brendan to play?

“It has to do with the emotional and physical maturity of the young person,” Pat says. “My guys, being around the game, understanding the game, we believed they were ready in the second grade.”

“We also did AYSO soccer and it was three-on-three on a small field and there were heads colliding all over the place. We went to football and there was half — one quarter — of the contact. I think all youth sports have to be looked at the same way.”

‘It really isn’t what they’re seeing on TV’

On a gray September morning, Stacy sits alongside a football dad named Chris Prawdzik. Her youngest son, Brendan, is playing fullback and defensive end for a featherweight team.

Kids this age look more like lollipops in their helmets as they bop around the field. Compared with the college and pro football you’re accustomed to seeing, the tackling appears to be in slow motion. And the whistle blows almost as soon as there’s contact.

It’s no wonder Stacy tells parents who inquire about football: Come to a game.

“They’ll ask: ‘Is my son going to get hurt? What’s it like?’ I say when they are younger, everything is low impact. That’s when you learn the proper technique,” she says. “They come out and watch it and say: ‘This really isn’t bad. They are learning and have a great time.’”

“The camaraderie, being a teammate ... you have to work as a group of 11 to make a play run. In basketball, four can spread out and one can drive. But that’s the biggest seller — it really isn’t what they’re seeing on TV.”

Prawdzik says six players on Brendan’s team have suffered injuries — three from bike accidents, two from hockey and one from football.

“The first thing I say to parents is: I get it. I understand the concerns,” he says. “But the game is very, very different from what we grew up with. The equipment is better, and they are taught the proper (tackling) techniques — learning to keep their head up.”

“Until they hit puberty, they don’t get hurt. It’s bumps and bruises. Once they hit puberty, the injuries come.”

Prawdzik also advocates for flag football as an alternative to tackle and is wary of long-term risks.

After he heard Stacy say she had only read reviews of the movie “Concussion,” he told her: “You should see it. It’s an interesting study. It’s scary as (hell).”

Chris Nowinski began sounding the alarms on head trauma long before the 2015 film starring Will Smith. His critically acclaimed 2006 book, “Head Games: Football’s Concussion Crisis,” led to an

Emmy-winning profile on HBO’s “Real Sports” and his being named a finalist for Sports Illustrated’s Sportsman of the Year.

Before becoming an All-Ivy League defensive tackle at Harvard and pro wrestler, Nowinski played football at Hersey High School in Arlington Heights. He joked about the time a Northwestern assistant told him during its 1995 Rose Bowl season: *Sorry, now we can recruit better players.*

Nowinski, who has a doctorate in behavioral neuroscience and co-founded the Concussion Legacy Foundation, believes kids should wait until high school to play, if at all.

“We all know it’s a bad idea for joint development to allow young kids in the weight room,” he says. “They don’t bench press and develop upper-body strength, so their heads will be involved in tackling. And if a child is hit 500 times a year during peak brain development, I guarantee you it will change what that child becomes.”

“If you think weight training is bad for body development, it’s also a bad idea to play football for brain development.”

Nowinski has examined hundreds of brains of former football players, saying: “We struggle to find healthy brains in people who have had long careers.”

He rejects the argument that girls soccer is equally dangerous, saying the chief concern with football is not concussions. It’s CTE risk caused by an accumulation of hits to the head.

“A children’s brain is designed to absorb a handful of accidental impacts,” he says, “but it’s not designed to get hundreds of impacts every fall. And it’s not a good idea to put a 4-pound helmet on your child’s head and have him collide with other children wearing helmets.”

‘If it’s not illegal, he should be able to deal with it’

Ryan Fitzgerald, the 13-year-old quarterback, dreams big.

“Everyone should have the mentality to strive for the best,” he says. “I want to be better than Tom Brady and John Elway. I want to be a Hall of Famer.”

Elway once mistakenly went under guard instead of center. Brady was merely a part-time starter at Michigan. The position yields extreme highs and lows, and Ryan experiences all of them this Sunday afternoon, including a long touchdown pass and a strip-sack.

The seventh graders playing on what’s called the varsity team hit hard — and there’s a huge weight discrepancy on the field. The lightest player is 88.1 pounds and the heaviest is 278. The heaviest are called “stripers” because there’s a black stripe on their helmet, meaning they cannot barrel over smaller players with the ball; they can only play on the line.

Ryan has the ball in his hands on every offensive play and takes some tough hits. Twice an opposing player trots off for a “cooldown” after making helmet-to-helmet contact. In a separate cringeworthy moment, Ryan gets his head snapped back once he’s already down.

Is it hard for a mom to see this?

“As long as he’s OK,” Stacy says, adding: “If it’s not illegal, he should be able to deal with it.”

Ryan, who is 5-6 and 120 pounds, does not miss a play.

Asked about his love for football, Ryan says: “I can end up in a hospital or end up being player of the week. I’m always going to take that chance because I want to do something that’s fun to me.”

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Illini fight, but can't finish rally

Fall behind 28-0 in losing 6th straight in Big Ten play



SHANNON RYAN

— Here Illinois is again, applying metaphors to help assign some sliver of positive meaning to yet another loss.

“We’re at the half (point of the schedule),” coach Lovie Smith told reporters

Saturday after the Illini’s 42-25 loss to No. 16 Michigan at Memorial Stadium in Champaign. “There’s disappointment. But we showed in third quarter we can change things up. We can do that in the second half of the season as well.”

Time’s a tickin’ for that transformation. Illinois (2-4, 0-3 Big Ten) fell behind 28-0, then scored 25 consecutive points. . . But that can’t cover the fact the Illini lost their sixth straight to a Big Ten opponent and 24th straight to a ranked foe.

“It absolutely was a gut-check,” Smith told reporters. “We had to decide what we wanted to do. We chose to fight, fight harder.”

They’ll need that mentality to avoid an embarrassing blowout next week against No. 8 Wisconsin.

Here are three takeaways from the loss.

1. Too little, too late.

The Illini finally seemed to show a sense of urgency, which was lacking this season. Trailing 28-0, first-time starter Matt Robinson (more on him later) hooked up with receiver Josh Imatorbhebhe for a 23-yard touchdown with 55 seconds left in the first half.

Illinois scored three more times unanswered, capped by a 50-yard James McCourt field goal, a 1-yard Robinson touchdown run and running back Dre Brown’s 1-yard rushing score. Brown’s two-point-conversion run pulled the Illini within 28-25 with 12:50 left in the fourth quarter.

“There was a big momentum swing there,” Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh told reporters.

The Illini defense also got its act together — albeit briefly. The unit made five straight stops, and Jake Hansen and Stanley Greene each forced fumbles. Costly Michigan penalties helped too.

It was a good fight, but the rally fizzled.

2. Did quarterback Matt Robinson do enough to get another look?

Smith revealed shortly before kickoff that quarterback Brandon Peters wouldn’t play because he was still feeling the effects of a concussion that knocked him out of last week’s game against Minnesota. So much for the storyline of the Michigan transfer facing his former team.

Robinson and freshman Isaiah Williams split time in the first half, with Williams going 0-for-4 and not earning a first down on any of his four drives.

Robinson finished 16 of 25 for 192 yards and a touchdown. He was both inspiring — leading those scoring drives — and infuriating. As much as he sparked a shot at a comeback, he fumbled on consecutive fourth-quarter drives to seal the Illini’s fate.

Peters wasn’t exactly a game-changer when healthy, so it will be interesting to see how offensive coordinator Rod Smith chooses to proceed at quarterback against the Badgers.

3. The Illinois defense continued to allow big gains.

Credit the Illini for putting up second-half stops, but allowing 28 points in the first half put them at a massive disadvantage.

Michigan (5-1, 3-1) came in averaging less than 130 rushing yards per game but churned out a season-high 295 yards with three touchdowns Saturday. Hassan Haskins ran for 125 yards and a touchdown, and Zach Charbonnet added 116.

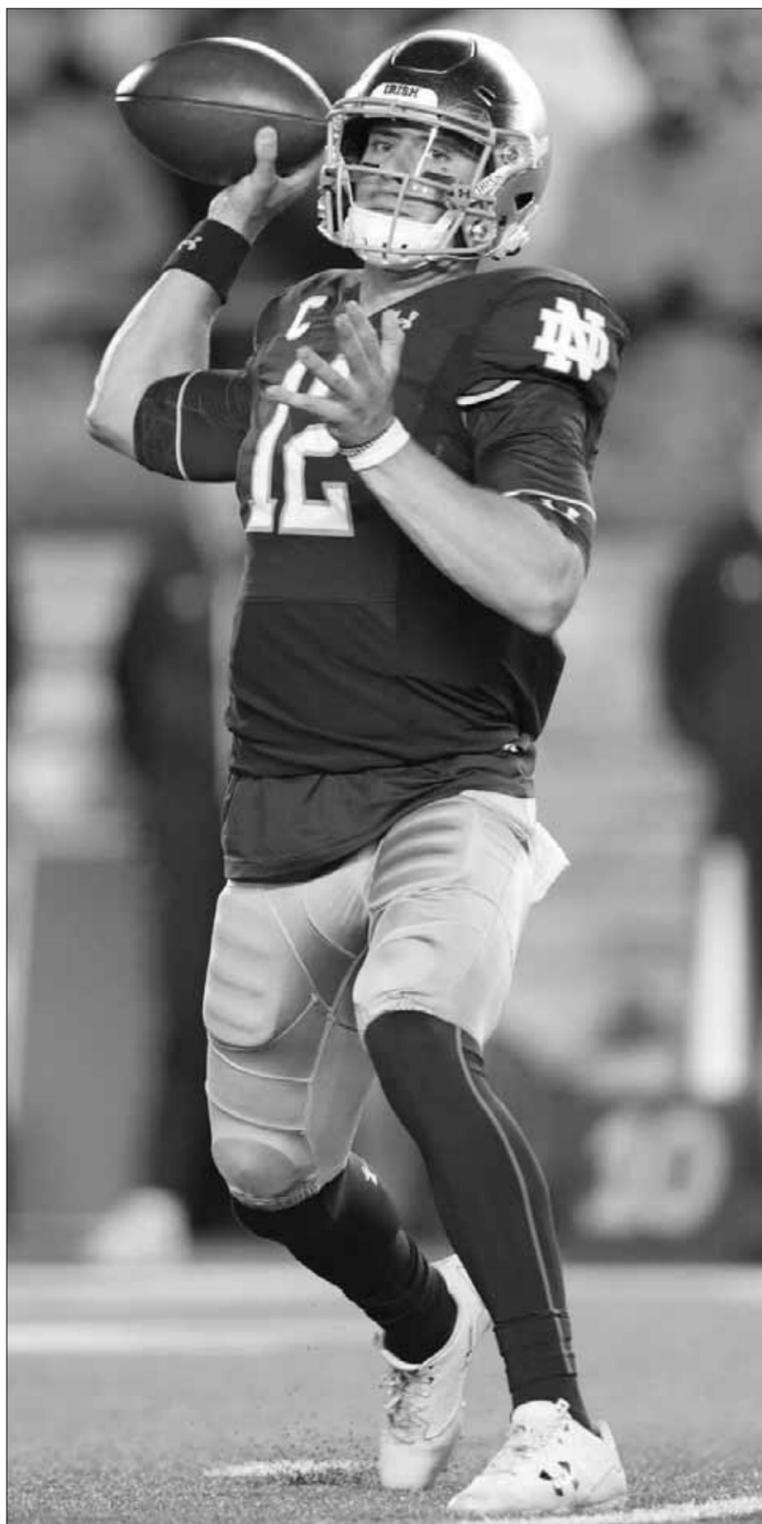
The Illini allowed 40-plus points for the third straight game, and Michigan racked up 489 yards of total offense to Illinois’ 256.

“We are doing a good job taking the ball away. That’s giving us a spark,” Smith said. “They pulled away late with us turning the ball over.”



MICHAEL HICKEY/GETTY

Michigan’s Zach Charbonnet runs the ball as Illinois’ Stanley Green tries to make a stop in the first half.



JOE ROBBINS/GETTY-AFP

NOTRE DAME 30, USC 27

Irish survive close battle

Notre Dame remains a long shot to make the College Football Playoff, even if the Fighting Irish win out. But at least they took down their rival before their home fans on a clear, crisp night. Notre Dame beat USC 30-27 in South Bend, Ind., and as the score indicates, it wasn’t easy. The Irish didn’t lock it up until tight end Brock Wright fielded an onside kick with 63 seconds to play. USC scored after the Irish went ahead 30-20 with 3:33 to play. Ian Book (above) scrambled for 17 yards on a third-and-10 and two plays later scampered home on a quarterback draw from 8 yards out. Book went 17-for-32 for a modest 165 yards but rushed for another 49 as the Irish improved to 5-1. The Trojans fell to 3-3. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL NOTES

Tide record now belongs to Tagovailoa

News services

Tua Tagovailoa threw four TDs and Alabama’s offense kept rolling in the Tide’s first game at No. 1 this season with a 47-28 victory over No. 24 Texas A&M.

Tagovailoa threw his first interception of the season but became Alabama’s career passing touchdowns leader with his first of the game, breaking a tie with A.J. McCarron. The junior now has 81 for his career and leads the nation with 27 on the season.

Alabama (6-0, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) trailed briefly in its first game this season against a ranked opponent when Texas A&M scored a touchdown on its first possession.

Tagovailoa then engineered four consecutive scoring drives, including three touchdown passes all on third down, and the Tide were on cruise control against the best pass defense they had faced so far this season.

Jaylen Waddle scored Alabama’s first touchdown on a 31-yard catch-and-run when he shook four defenders, and he also had four punt returns for 128 yards.

Kellen Mond passed for 264 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a score for the Aggies (3-3, 1-2).

Clemson rolls: After escaping with a one-point win over North Carolina on Oct. 5, No. 2 Clemson left no doubt against Florida State.

Trevor Lawrence threw three TD passes, two to Justyn Ross, and the Tigers won their 21st straight game by pounding the Seminoles 45-14.

Lawrence completed 17 of 25 passes for 170 yards, including 10- and 8-yard TD throws to Ross. Lawrence also ran for a touchdown. Clemson started 6-0 for the fifth straight year and beat the Seminoles (3-3, 2-2) for the fifth straight time.

Another shutout for Wisconsin: Jonathan Taylor rushed for two TDs and Wisconsin’s defense posted its fourth shutout of the season as the eighth-ranked Badgers cruised to a 38-0 win over Michigan State.

The Spartans’ defense held Taylor to 80 yards on 26 carries, marking the first time this season the Heisman Trophy hopeful was held under 100. But Michigan State was held to 149 yards, including 30 rushing.

Jack Coan completed his first seven passes for Wisconsin (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten) and finished 18 of 21 for 180 yards and a touchdown to win his eighth straight start since last season.

The Spartans (4-3, 2-2) lost back-to-back games against AP top-10 Big Ten opponents.

Sun Devils rally late: Jayden Daniels scored on a 17-yard scramble with 34 seconds left and threw three TD passes to ailing Brandon Aiyuk, leading No. 18 Arizona State to a 38-34 comeback victory over Washington State.

Arizona State (5-1, 2-1 Pac-12) trailed by three after Blake Mazza made a 31-yard field goal with 2½ minutes left. Taking over at their own 25-yard line, the Sun Devils moved quickly down the field behind Daniels’ passing.

SOUTH CAROLINA 20, GEORGIA 17 (2OT)

Bulldogs get bitten

Gamecocks take advantage of QB Fromm’s mistakes to slip past No. 3 Georgia

By CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Jake Fromm knew better than to blame Georgia’s first loss on Rodrigo Blankenship’s missed 42-yard field goal that ended the game.

It was four turnovers — on the usually rock-solid Fromm’s three interceptions and lost fumble — that put a big dent in the Bulldogs’ championship hopes.

Israel Mukuamu returned the first of his three interceptions 53 yards for a touchdown and South Carolina took advantage of the turnovers to beat No. 3 Georgia 20-17 in double overtime on Saturday.

“Not as clean as I want it to be,” Fromm said. “There were definitely some turnovers and some incomplections. We should have played more clean.”

Parker White’s 23-yard field goal in the second overtime proved to be enough when Blankenship was wide left from 42 yards. Blankenship’s second miss of the game sent South Carolina players charging onto the field to celebrate the upset.

The rowdy celebration continued in the locker room.

White missed a 33-yard attempt in the first overtime.

“I had confidence that I was going to get to go out there and have a chance to win the game for us in the next overtime,” he said.

It was a humbling loss for Georgia (5-1, 2-1 Southeastern Conference), which suffered a big hit to its national championship hopes. The Bulldogs were favored by 24½ points.

One of Mukuamu’s picks came on a pass Fromm was trying to throw out of bounds. Another, on the second play of overtime, bounced off the hands of wide receiver Tyler Simmons. White’s miss from 33 yards kept the game alive.

“You can’t beat anybody when you have a 4-0 turnover margin,” Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. “We didn’t force any on defense. We didn’t cause any problems on defense and we didn’t take care of the ball.”

South Carolina led 17-10 before Fromm led Georgia on a tying 96-yard touchdown drive capped by his 6-yard scoring pass to Demetris Robertson with less than two minutes remaining in regulation.

White, who made a 49-yard field goal in the first half, missed a 57-yarder with 40 seconds remaining to give the Bulldogs one final possession in regulation.

Fromm moved the Bulldogs to the South Carolina 38, in possible position for Blankenship to attempt a game-winning field goal. An illegal shift penalty pushed Georgia back five yards, ending the field-goal possibility as regulation ended.

South Carolina (3-3, 2-2) got its first win over a ranked opponent since beating No. 18 Tennessee in 2016. It was an important signature win for coach Will Muschamp over his alma mater.

“That was a great college football game, and you hate for anyone to lose in that situation, especially the way it happened,” Muschamp said, referring to Blankenship’s final miss. “My heart goes out to him in losing in that fashion.”

The Gamecocks won despite losing quarterback Ryan Hilinski to an apparent knee injury.

NIU 39, OHIO 36

Huskies end skid on late FG

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ohio — John Richardson kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired Saturday to give Northern Illinois a 39-36 victory against Ohio, snapping a four-game losing streak.

The teams scored two touchdowns apiece in a back-and-forth fourth quarter to arrive at a 36-36 tie with 3 minutes, 38 seconds remaining. Ross Bowers led the Huskies (2-4, 1-1 Mid-American Conference) on a 56-yard drive, and Richardson capped it with his field goal for the win.

Richardson, a Brother Rice alumnus from Orland Park, also kicked a 51-yard field goal late in the first quarter.

Bowers was 23 of 39 for 338 yards and a touchdown for the Huskies. Tre Harbison ran for 113 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries.

The Huskies’ Corey Lersch blocked the first punt of the game following an Ohio three-and-out, and Adam Buirge returned it for a Northern Illinois touchdown. Ohio answered with three touchdowns for a 21-10 halftime lead.

Harbison’s two touchdown runs in the third quarter gave the Huskies a 22-21 lead going into the wild fourth.

Nathan Rourke threw for 258 yards and two touchdowns for the Bobcats (2-4, 1-1).

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each shoulder.

To Nagy's right, there's the nagging naysayer, worn down and raspy and taking a drag from a cigarette as he contemplates the doomsday scenario of the 2019 Bears missing the playoffs.

To his left, there's the unwavering believer, hopped up on life and wearing an ear-to-ear "Be You" grin that sparkles like the "Club Dub" disco ball overhead.

The impassioned tug-of-war should give Nagy a golden opportunity to identify the proper mindset for the next leg of this journey, a chance to weigh all of the assertions from the two illusory Nagys.

The believer: What? Me worry? The playoffs don't start after five games, so time is very much on our side. Let's not forget, our record after five games last year also was 3-2. And just like last year, this five-game snapshot features a three-game winning streak sandwiched between a dispiriting Week 1 loss to the Packers and a three-point probably-shoulda-won upset loss on the road. Heck, last year, we even lost our sixth game as well. But what happened then? We rallied to win nine of our last 10, captured the NFC North crown and earned a home game in the playoffs. Why shouldn't we believe that's all possible again?

The naysayer: This isn't last year, man. You always say so yourself. It's a new year with new challenges. New expectations. New pressures. New hardships. The good vibes of 2018 aren't meaningless, but they also aren't some magic cure-all to the problems this team has. Last year started with low expectations and hopeful curiosity, creating an environment in which every small taste of success felt invigorating to the players and intoxicating to the fans. This year? There was Super Bowl talk and off-the-charts anticipation for months, dynamics that have made every stumble feel more unnerving, every defeat carrying so much more sting. In this city, impatience is quickly winning the battle with forgiveness. Mental exhaustion threatens to overpower this group's impressive ambition.

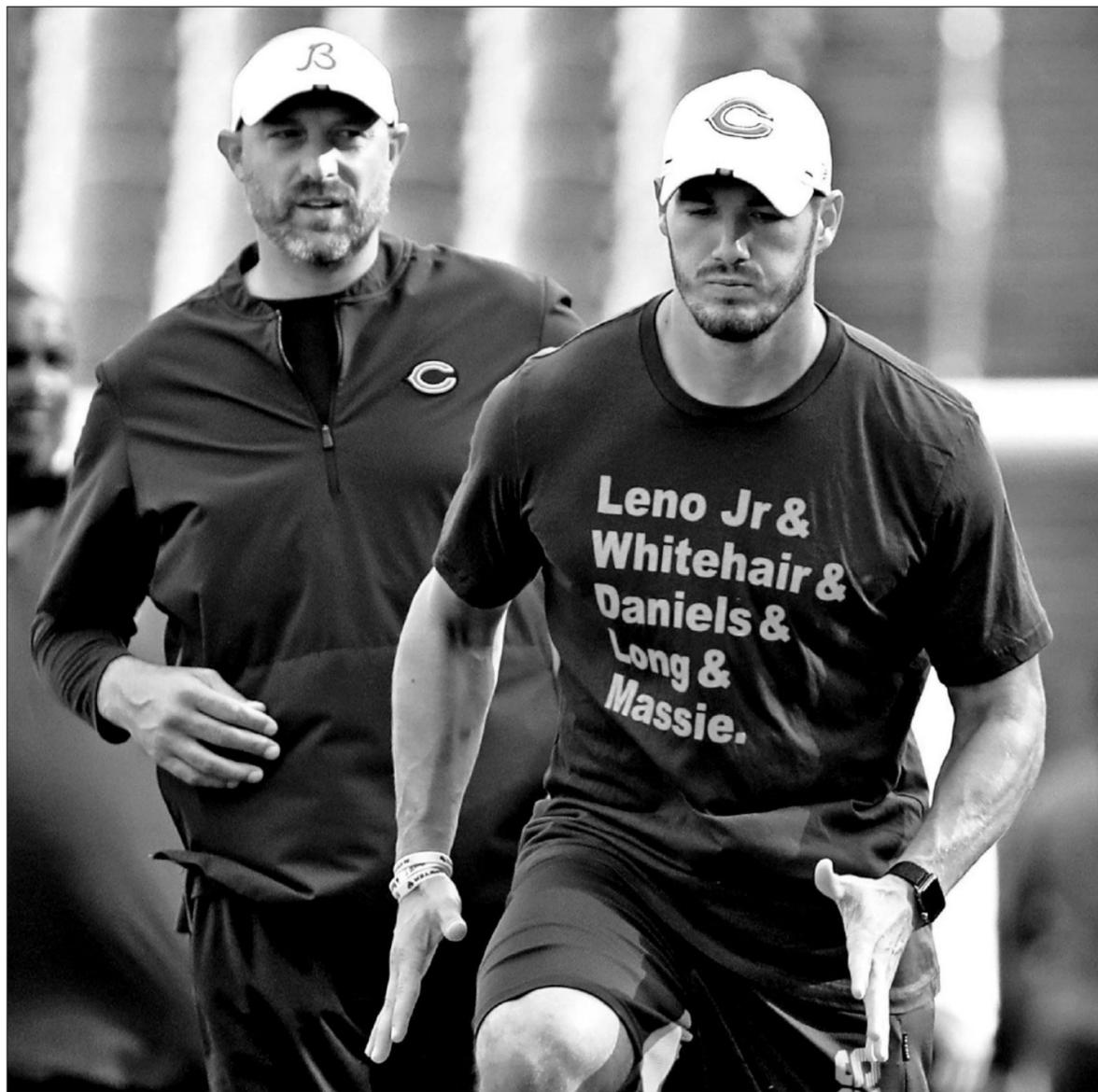
The believer: I'll say this, though. This team has impressive heart and unity and competitive pluck. How else do you explain stealing that final-second win in Denver? How else do you explain the focus to dominate the Redskins and Vikings? How else do you explain the fight it showed to turn a 17-0 deficit into a 21-17 lead in 12 minutes against the Raiders last weekend? That's what gives me the ultimate trust in our guys. That collective belief means everything.

The naysayer: Unless it doesn't, right? Going back to the first Sunday of 2019, this team has lost three times because of an inability to finish. Against the Eagles in the playoffs, after a poor punt late, the defense gave up a 60-yard touchdown drive on its final series and Cody Parkey double-dinked a makable game-winning kick. Against the Packers last month, Mitch Trubisky threw an inexcusable interception in the end zone on what could have been a game-tying and season-changing fourth-quarter drive. Last weekend, your special defense allowed Derek Carr and the Raiders to pull off a 13-play, 97-yard grand theft, a march that continued after a bad running-into-the-punter penalty on Kevin Pierre-Louis. If you ask me, that's a lot of evidence of game-losing lapses in game-winning moments. Heck, even the miracle in Denver came after blowing a late lead and required an officiating gift on the final drive.

The believer: I'll tell you this much: Our defense is the least of my worries. Through five games, it has produced 17 sacks and 10 takeaways while allowing eight touchdowns, comparable to the totals of 18, 14 and 11 in the first five games last season. The defense has played lights out in four of five games. So I'm willing to excuse the occasional letdown with the understanding that this group gave us the confidence and fuel to start all that Super Bowl talk to begin with.

The naysayer: But what if Akiem Hicks doesn't come back for a month or two, or even longer, because of the ugly elbow injury he suffered last weekend? What if Roquan Smith's personal issues aren't fully behind him and his potential Pro Bowl breakthrough never gets back on track? What if this defense, with more setbacks than last year and more frustration from constantly having to carry the offense, burns out a bit and is no longer elite but only very good? Top 10 instead of top three? Can you identify other team strengths that could compensate? Your offense has had two good quarters this season. Out of 20.

The believer: We're going to get this solved. I promise. I'm convinced I can find answers to jump-start a running game that ranks 26th in the league in yards per game and 29th in yards per play. I know, as I said after the game in London, that numbers like that don't lie. And I know that our 174-point scoring average is abysmal, putting us in a class with the Bengals and Broncos and Bills. But we'll get this figured out. We'll get David Montgomery going. We'll get Mitch back healthy and playing at a higher level. We'll start putting points on the scoreboard, and support for this team will spike again.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears coach Matt Nagy, above left, hopes that quarterback Mitch Trubisky's best days will begin once he returns. The Bears will need to open more holes for running back David Montgomery, middle, while receiver Allen Robinson, bottom, has been a reliable weapon.

The naysayer: Based on what? All we ever hear about Trubisky is that his best days are ahead and coming soon. Isn't it time his best days come *right now*? With your championship window open? Doesn't it irk you that in Season 3, Trubisky's career numbers (30 starts, 6,004 passing yards, 34 touchdowns and 21 interceptions) don't come anywhere close to the other 2017 first-round quarterbacks? Look at Deshaun Watson and his 27 starts, 7,228 passing yards, 56 touchdowns and 18 picks. Wouldn't he be a nice complement to this nasty defense? Wouldn't your old buddy and reigning MVP Patrick Mahomes (22 starts, 7,212 passing yards, 61 touchdowns and 13 picks) position this team to be the Super Bowl favorite?

The believer: I can't worry about those guys. And Trubisky certainly can't spend energy trying to keep up in that individual race. This is about *our* team and what we can do right now to become a true championship contender. And part of what we need to do is show Mitch some of the plays Chase Daniel made the last two games. Conviction throws. Shot plays. That touchdown-to-checkdown mentality with the gusto to give our playmakers a chance to make plays. You saw the 32-yard jump ball Anthony Miller won in London. You saw Allen Robinson's two touchdown catches. You saw Robinson's Cirque du Soleil 32-yard grab along the right sideline to convert a key third-and-8 from near our goal line. All we need are a handful of plays like those every game and the offense will start to roll. I know Mitch has it in him. Now I have to bring it out of him.

The naysayer: Have at it. And best of luck. Especially with that anemic running game and an offensive line that has been mediocre at best. I know you say time is on your side, but November is closing in fast. A sense of urgency is needed. From you. From everyone. Otherwise, you can kiss those Super Bowl dreams goodbye, and it will be an exhausting struggle just to stay in the wild-card hunt. Plain and simple: There's no time to waste.

The believer: Maybe so. But all this team can do right now is have a sharp focus on each task of each day. One thing at a time, attacked with confidence and purpose. That's how we rose to these heights to begin with. Maybe this city should take a few deep breaths and remember that in five seasons and 80 games under Marc Trestman and John Fox, the Bears enjoyed only one three-game winning streak. And that came in the first three games of 2013. In 21 games since my arrival, we've had separate winning streaks of three, five, four and three. This is a winning program now with a winning mentality and a winning edge. Struggles are never fun, but great teams and sharp leaders rise above their difficulties. I say bring on the Saints. Bring on Week 6.

With that, Nagy is left alone with his thoughts and his greatest gift: an energizing, think-big belief that must fire his players back up when they return to work Monday. From there, he also has to find a way to ignite an offense that has been lifeless through five games.



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THE 100 GREATEST MOMENTS IN BEARS HISTORY

Nos. 50-41

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Sixth in a series

50. Brown and out – twice

The Bears made a lot of their good fortune during their 13-3 season in 2001, and they also got some tips, deflections and breaks that went their way. Safety Mike Brown ended consecutive overtime games in the middle of the season with interception returns for touchdowns, and on the second one against the Browns on Nov. 4, he didn't break stride after reaching the end zone, running straight through the tunnel in the northwest corner of Soldier Field. It was a wild set of circumstances as the Bears were being blown out of both games. The week before, they trailed the 49ers 31-16 before rallying to force overtime. The 49ers won the coin toss, but Terrell Owens short-armed a throw from Jeff Garcia over the middle as linebacker Brian Urlacher closed in. The ball fluttered into the air and Brown picked it off, scoring easily. The Bears needed even more heroics the next week against the Browns as they trailed 21-7 late in the fourth quarter before a Shane Matthews touchdown pass and an onside kick. Running back James Allen caught a deflected Hail Mary pass in the end zone with no time remaining to force overtime. Defensive end Bryan Robinson deflected a Tim Couch pass, and Brown was in the right place at the right time again, catching the ball and scoring. "It's just weird, real weird," Brown said after the second pick-six, which gave the Bears their sixth straight victory. "If a book was written, I don't think they'd believe it."

49. Thanks for the memory

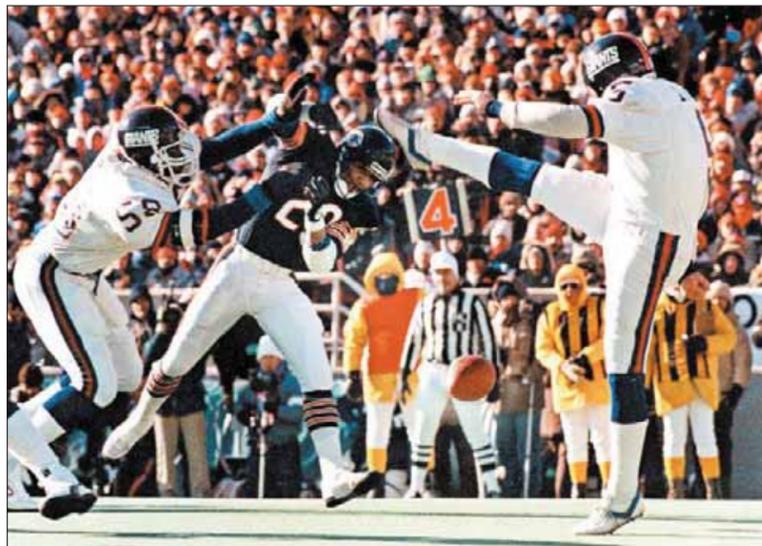
Twenty-one seconds was all it took David Williams to go 95 yards on the overtime kickoff on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1980, at the Pontiac Silverdome as the Bears defeated the Lions 23-17. It was a thrilling comeback as the Bears trailed 17-3. Williams' return was a highlight in a roller-coaster season that finished 7-9 with a 61-7 slaughter of the Packers the next week at Soldier Field. "We needed it bad. We were due for a win," Williams said, as the Bears had lost four of their previous five games. "Just had a good break on the return. We knew we had to win it somehow. In the past we have been down and everything has been going against us. We finally got the break we needed." The thrilling return made it the shortest overtime in NFL history. That has since been topped in the regular season and playoffs. In 2015, the Saints beat the Cowboys 26-20 in 13 seconds on Drew Brees' 400th career touchdown pass, an 80-yarder to C.J. Spiller. The Broncos toppled the Steelers 29-23 in 11 seconds in a 2012 AFC wild-card game when Demaryius Thomas scored on an 80-yard pass from Tim Tebow.

48. The whiff

Sean Landeta was the NFL's punter of the decade for the 1980s and the runner-up for that designation in the 1990s, but many remember him best for a ball that never came off his right foot. It was Jan. 5, 1986, and the Giants came to Soldier Field for an NFC divisional-round playoff game. It was scoreless in the first quarter when Richard Dent sacked Phil Simms, backing up the Giants into fourth-and-20 from their 12-yard line. It was a bone-chilling day: 18 degrees with a 16 mph wind that made the wind chill 3 degrees. Landeta caught the punt snap and went to kick the ball but whiffed. Shaun Gayle scooped up the ball at the 5-yard line and scored easily, putting the Bears on the board en route to a 21-0 victory. "It was the wind," Landeta said. "It wasn't anything else. Bad luck to have that happen in a playoff. Hopefully I won't be remembered for it, but it will be remembered." Landeta went on to play through the 2006 season, when he was 43. He was a first-team All-Pro selection three times and had the third-most punts in NFL history.

47. A historic hire

The Bears hired Lovie Smith on Jan. 15, 2004, as the 13th head coach in franchise history, replacing Dick Jauron. General manager Jerry Angelo's decision came down to Smith, then the Rams defensive coordinator, and Steelers offensive line coach Russ Grimm. Smith became the first African-American head coach for the NFL's cornerstone franchise and quickly turned around the defense with young linebackers Brian Urlacher and Lance Briggs and defensive backs Charles Tillman and Mike Brown. The Bears won the NFC North in his second season with an 11-5 record and a rookie quarterback in Kyle Orton. Smith was named AP Coach of the Year, then did even better the next year, when the Bears went 13-3 and advanced to Super Bowl XLI. They lost to the Colts, coached by Smith's mentor, Tony Dungy, in the first Super Bowl meeting of two African-American head coaches. The Bears would make only one more postseason under Smith in 2010, and he was fired after going 10-6 in 2012 and missing the playoffs. Smith had an 81-63 record in nine seasons; only George Halas and Mike Ditka had more wins as Bears coach.



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The Giants' Sean Landeta "whiffs" a punt attempt against the Bears on Jan. 5, 1986.



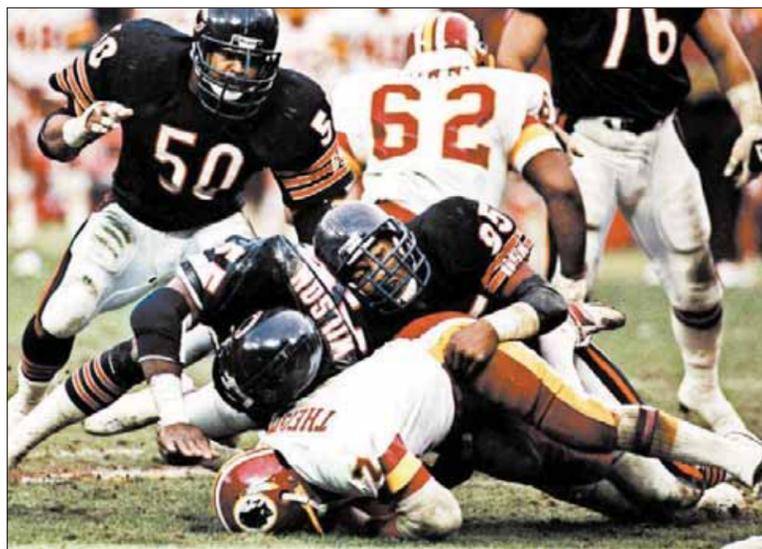
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Lovie Smith was announced as the 13th coach in Bears history on Jan. 15, 2004.



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Bears GM Jerry Angelo, left, and quarterback Jay Cutler on April 3, 2009.



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The Bears defense swarms Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann in the 1984 playoffs.

46. A motivating loss

The stage was set for the '85 Bears the season before when a team with veteran stars such as Walter Payton and Dan Hampton saw young players begin to flourish. Mike Ditka took the team to Platteville, Wis., for training camp for the first time to get away from distractions. Buddy Ryan's ferocious defense really got going, setting a league record with 72 sacks that still stands. But keeping Jim McMahon healthy proved challenging. He missed seven games as Steve Fuller started four and Bob Avellini, Greg Landry and Rusty Lisch one each. With Fuller at the controls, the Bears upset the heavily favored Redskins in Washington

to open the playoffs before traveling to San Francisco, where the offense was overmatched in a 23-0 loss. The Bears felt the 49ers, who went on to win the Super Bowl, rubbed it in by using beefy guard Guy McIntyre in the backfield as a fullback, which led them to put William "Refrigerator" Perry in a similar role the next season. "The 49ers said in the papers we ought to bring an offense the next time," Ditka said. "That loss was a tremendous catalyst for our 1985 season." The Bears went to Candlestick Park the following October to face the 49ers and sacked Joe Montana seven times in a 26-10 victory.

45. Breaking away

While Walter Payton chose an electrifying run against the Saints during his 1975 rookie season as his favorite, it's impossible to have a top 100 moments in Bears history without multiple Payton runs. His 18-yard run — yes, it gained only 18 yards — against the Chiefs on Nov. 13, 1977, at Soldier Field is the kind of stuff NFL Films is made of. Payton took a toss from quarterback Bob Avellini and headed right behind guard Revie Sorey. Determined he was headed nowhere, Payton spun around and broke three tackle efforts before crossing the line of scrimmage. He spun away from linebackers Willie Lanier and Tim Gray and cut back to the middle of the field, running over two more Chiefs before finally getting pulled down from behind at the 4-yard line. He broke seven tackles in all on the third-quarter run. The Bears were trailing 17-0 but scored quickly and rallied for a 28-27 victory.

44. The Cutler trade

Believing they were a quarterback away from returning to the Super Bowl, the Bears met the Broncos' steep price for Jay Cutler, whose relationship with new coach Josh McDaniels in Denver had quickly deteriorated. On April 2, 2009, the Bears sent the Broncos two first-round picks, a third-rounder and quarterback Kyle Orton for Cutler and a fifth-round pick. General manager Jerry Angelo had said after the Bears finished the previous season 9-7, one game shy of the playoffs: "We have to get the quarterback position stabilized, and we're fixated on that." The blockbuster deal for Cutler seemed to do that, energizing the fan base. "When you look at the history of the league, I can't recall a situation quite like this," Angelo said of a trade for a talented, young quarterback such as Cutler, who had three years remaining on his rookie contract. But the Bears would make it to the postseason only once in his eight-season tenure. Cutler was 51-51 as the Bears starter before departing after the 2016 season, never nearing his projected ceiling.

43. Man of the Year

Walter Payton was named NFL Man of the Year in 1977, an award that was first presented in 1970 to Johnny Unitas and was named after Payton beginning in 1999. It honors a player's volunteer and charitable endeavors while also factoring excellence on the field. Payton's legacy lives on today with the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation, which is dedicated to the emotional healing of neglected and underprivileged children. The Bears and Chiefs have each had five winners of the award, more than any other team. Dave Duerson, Mike Singletary, Jim Flanigan and Charles Tillman also were honored with the Bears.

42. The sack master

Richard Dent had a productive college career at Tennessee State with 39 sacks and was unheralded in the draft and lasted until the eighth round in 1983, when the Bears selected him 203rd overall. Dent had a quiet rookie season in which he started three games and had three sacks. The experience prepared him for a huge second season in 1984, when he set a franchise record with 17 1/2 sacks. Dent had five multisack games that season with a high of 4 1/2 in a 17-6 demolition of the Los Angeles Raiders at Soldier Field. The Bears knocked out Raiders quarterback Marc Wilson twice before halftime, and afterward coach Mike Ditka called it "the most brutal football game I've ever watched." Dent would add three more sacks in a playoff win over the Redskins and went on to have 17 sacks the next season, which he capped by getting named MVP of Super Bowl XX.

41. The Fridge's first TD

William "Refrigerator" Perry bulldozed into the end zone on a 1-yard run to break a 7-7 second-quarter tie with the rival Packers on Oct. 21, 1985, in a "Monday Night Football" appearance. The Bears went on to win 23-7, improving to 7-0. The touchdown came one week after Perry's debut in the backfield in San Francisco, where he carried two times for 4 yards. The Bears wanted to exact some revenge on the 49ers, who had used guard Guy McIntyre as a blocking fullback when the teams met the year before in what coach Bill Walsh dubbed the "Angus Formation." "They ran a big, fat offensive guard in the backfield against us last year," defensive lineman Dan Hampton said. "We thought we'd run a big, fat defensive lineman against them. They gloated just a little bit more than we liked last year." Coach Mike Ditka denied any kind of payback in using the Fridge in the backfield against the 49ers. "You think I'd do that?" Ditka said. "I'm not that kind of guy. I wouldn't try to get one up on people. I just don't forget very easy." Perry's greatest touchdown would come three months later in Super Bowl XX.




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New England	6	0	0	1.000	190	48	3-0-0	3-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	90	70	1-1-0	3-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Jets	0	4	0	.000	39	101	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-3-0	0-1-0	0-2-0
Miami	0	4	0	.000	26	163	0-3-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Houston	3	2	0	.600	131	110	2-1-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	1-2-0	1-0-0
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	113	115	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	111	118	1-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	1-1-0
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	98	76	0-2-0	2-1-0	1-3-0	1-0-0	0-2-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	161	123	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	92	122	0-2-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	0-2-0	1-0-0
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	.200	99	114	1-2-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Cincinnati	0	5	0	.000	80	136	0-2-0	0-3-0	0-2-0	0-3-0	0-1-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Kansas City	4	1	0	.800	148	113	1-1-0	3-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Oakland	3	2	0	.600	103	123	2-1-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
L.A. Chargers	2	3	0	.400	103	94	1-2-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
Denver	1	4	0	.200	90	106	0-2-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	141	111	2-1-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	131	90	2-1-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
N.Y. Giants	2	4	0	.333	111	160	1-2-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Washington	0	5	0	.000	73	151	0-3-0	0-2-0	0-4-0	0-1-0	0-3-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	115	116	3-0-0	1-1-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Carolina	3	2	0	.600	129	107	1-2-0	2-0-0	1-2-0	2-0-0	0-1-0
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	147	148	0-2-0	2-1-0	2-3-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
Atlanta	1	4	0	.200	102	152	1-1-0	0-3-0	1-1-0	0-3-0	0-0-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	119	93	2-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Detroit	2	1	1	.625	97	95	1-1-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	1-1-0	0-0-0
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	87	69	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Minnesota	3	2	0	.600	112	73	2-0-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	0-2-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
San Francisco	4	0	0	1.000	127	57	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0
Seattle	4	1	0	.800	133	118	2-1-0	2-0-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	2-0-0
L.A. Rams	3	2	0	.600	146	134	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
Arizona	1	3	1	.300	100	138	0-2-1	1-1-0	0-2-1	1-1-0	0-1-0



TOM FOX/TNS

Now in his fourth season, Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott has 78 touchdowns to go with 31 interceptions.

Risky business for Cowboys' Prescott

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Dak Prescott leaves little doubt he thinks he's a more confident and aggressive quarterback than, say, three years ago when the sudden star threw just four interceptions while leading the Cowboys to a franchise-record 11 straight wins.

Now that the 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year has six picks through five games in his fourth season, Prescott is also quick to dismiss any correlation between the frequency of turnovers and any tendency to take more risks down the field.

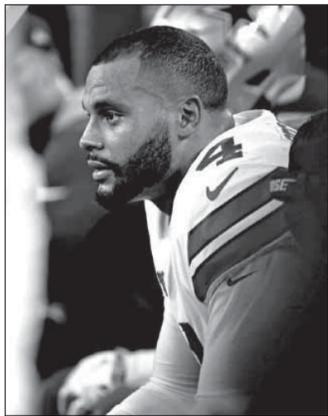
While he built his reputation on protecting the ball, Prescott isn't getting cautious coming off three interceptions to tie his career high in a second straight loss. The Cowboys (3-2) will try to stop that skid Sunday at the Jets (0-4).

"I'm not going to change the way I play this game," Prescott said. "I've got a lot of confidence in what I can do. A lot of confidence in these guys making plays whether it's 50-50 balls or just putting it in a tight window, knowing they're going to go get it."

The first interception in a 34-24 loss to the Packers last weekend should have been caught for a big gain by No. 1 receiver Amari Cooper, who might have scored had he made the grab.

Prescott acknowledged the second pick was risky, when Packers cornerback Chandon Sullivan made a leaping grab with Prescott trying to drop the throw between layers of the defense. The QB thought he would draw a pass interference penalty on the third interception.

While the four-game streak with at least one interception is twice as long as any previous run for Prescott, it's worth noting that the only interception in the third straight game — a 12-10 loss to the Saints — was a desperation pass on the final play.



RON JENKINS/AP

Dak Prescott has thrown six INTs through five games this season.

"If you look at the specific plays, that is how you have to evaluate it," coach Jason Garrett said. "He has been an outstanding decision-maker since he has been our quarterback. We anticipate him being able to continue to do that."

There's clear evidence Prescott is taking more shots down the field.

His average yards per pass attempt (9.4) and average yards per completion (13.5) are comfortably higher than his previous three seasons. Prescott is tied with Jameis Winston for average air yards per completion at 8.5, according to Pro Football Reference.

Still, the two-time Pro Bowler's reputation as a winner — second to Patriots star Tom Brady in regular-season victories since entering the league — has a lot to do with avoiding mistakes.

Prescott had 23 touchdowns with those four interceptions as a rookie and jumped to 13 picks with 22 TDs in his second season, when running back and fellow first-year sensation Ezekiel Elliott was suspended for six games and the Cowboys missed the playoffs.

The interceptions were back down to eight with 22 more touchdowns last season, when Prescott was sacked the second-most times in the NFL.

This year, Prescott is completing 70 percent of his passes with 11 touchdowns and a 106 passer rating. Both would be career highs for a full season. But he'd also like to see his next 25 games be something like his first 25, when Prescott threw interceptions in just six of them.

"It's not something I'm proud of, it's not something I like to see, regardless of it if happens for this reason or that reason," he said. "Ball security, job security is something I've always said and always believed in. It's not fun turning the ball over."

Tight end Jason Witten, in his 16th season after spending a year in retirement as a broadcaster, believes the Cowboys offense is more vertically oriented under first-year offensive coordinator Kellen Moore than before he left two seasons ago.

"I wouldn't say he is seeing things he didn't see before," Witten said. "I would say we are aggressively attacking as an offense. Everybody wants to be a vertical-attacking offense. Easier said than done. I think we have done that. That was the plan coming into this season."

When the offense was rolling up nearly 500 yards and more than 30 points per game during a 3-0 start, Prescott acknowledged a surge of confidence that led him to unleashing some throws he might have held in previous years. His second interception, against the winless Dolphins in Week 3, was such a throw.

Prescott said a surge in interceptions isn't changing that mindset.

"I get hot in the game, we're going to have a heat check," he said. "I'm sure Zeke gets going in the run game, we're going to call a few extra run plays. That's football. That's momentum."

Prescott is trying to reverse that momentum right now.

PREDICTIONS

Week 6

BY SAM FARMER | Los Angeles Times

Last week vs. the spread: 7-8. Season: 38-39-1.

Panthers (3-2) at Buccaneers (2-3)
8:30 a.m. Sunday | Panthers by 2 | O/U 47

Everything with the Panthers runs through Christian McCaffrey, but no one seems to be able to run through this Bucs defense. The Bucs do enough to protect Jameis Winston.
Buccaneers 28, Panthers 23



Bengals (0-5) at Ravens (3-2)
Noon Sunday | Ravens by 11 | O/U 48

No wonder the Bengals are winless. They can't stop the pass or the run. Ravens QB Lamar Jackson will wear down when he's running at this rate, but he can do this against the Bengals.
Ravens 24, Bengals 17



Saints (4-1) at Jaguars (2-3)
Noon Sunday | Jaguars by 2 1/2 | O/U 43

The Jaguars crumbled under the weight of the Panthers' run game. That's good news for Alvin Kamara. Teddy Bridgewater showed last week that he's more than just a game manager.
Saints 27, Jaguars 20



Texans (3-2) at Chiefs (4-1)
Noon Sunday | Chiefs by 4 | O/U 55

The Chiefs are going to try to keep the ball in front of them and make Deshaun Watson nickel and dime them. The Chiefs offense is next level no matter who's in.
Chiefs 34, Texans 27



Seahawks (4-1) at Browns (2-3)
Noon Sunday | Seahawks by 1 | O/U 46

The Browns were embarrassed against the run last week and now face a team that loves to grind it out on the ground. And when the Seahawks don't run, there's Russell Wilson.
Seahawks 27, Browns 17



Redskins (0-5) at Dolphins (0-4)
Noon Sunday | Redskins by 4 | O/U 42

Two horrendous teams. Give the edge to the Redskins because of the fleeting surge that often follows a coaching change and the fact they're playing the historically bad Dolphins.
Redskins 24, Dolphins 20



Eagles (3-2) at Vikings (3-2)
Noon Sunday | Vikings by 3 | O/U 44

Great matchup. This is the biggest test yet for Dalvin Cook and the Vikings' excellent ground game. Here's betting he does just enough to free up opportunities for Kirk Cousins at home.
Vikings 23, Eagles 21



Falcons (1-4) at Cardinals (1-3-1)
3:05 p.m. Sunday | Falcons by 2 1/2 | O/U 51 1/2

The Cardinals are riding high-ish after their first victory, but they, like the Falcons, are still a one-win team. Give the edge to Matt Ryan going against a vulnerable defense.
Falcons 27, Cardinals 24



49ers (4-0) at Rams (3-2)
3:05 p.m. Sunday | Rams by 3 | O/U 50 1/2

The Rams have had extra time to think about their back-to-back losses. They lost in Seattle but played their most complete game. They do enough at home to slow the 49ers' roll.
Rams 27, 49ers 23



Titans (2-3) at Broncos (1-4)
3:25 p.m. Sunday | Broncos by 2 | O/U 40 1/2

The Titans defense has struggled against the run. That opens the door for the one-two punch of Phillip Lindsay and Royce Freeman.
Broncos 23, Titans 18



Cowboys (3-2) at Jets (0-4)
3:25 p.m. Sunday | Cowboys by 7 | O/U 44 1/2

Dak Prescott has been a missing person the last two games, but playing the Jets is like a successful trip to the lost-and-found.
Cowboys 31, Jets 23



Steelers (1-4) at Chargers (2-3)
7:20 p.m. Sunday | Chargers by 6 1/2 | O/U 41 1/2

Maybe Devlin Hodges will surprise everyone if Mason Rudolph (concussion) can't play, but that's a big ask of an undrafted rookie.
Chargers 31, Steelers 17



Lions (2-1) at Packers (4-1)
7:15 p.m. Monday | Packers by 4 | O/U 45

Matchup is all about Aaron, but it's not just Aaron Rodgers. The Packers have found balance with Aaron Jones.
Packers 27, Lions 24



WEEK 7

THURSDAY, OCT. 17
Kansas City at Denver, 7:20 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCT. 20
Miami at Buffalo, noon
Houston at Indianapolis, noon
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, noon
Oakland at Green Bay, noon
L.A. Rams at Atlanta, noon
Minnesota at Detroit, noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, noon

SUNDAY, OCT. 20
San Francisco at Washington, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Tennessee, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
MONDAY, OCT. 21
New England at N.Y. Jets, 7:15 p.m.
Off: Tampa Bay, Cleveland, Carolina, Pittsburgh

SOCCER

FIRE

Nikolic ending his 3-year stint with team

Chicago Tribune staff

Nemanja Nikolic, the No. 2 goal scorer in Chicago Fire history, is leaving the club after three seasons, the striker announced Saturday.

Nikolic, 31, scored 51 goals in 96 MLS matches over three seasons with the Fire, second in franchise history to Ante Razov, who scored 76 goals in 155 matches from 1998-2004. In his first year with the Fire in 2017, Nikolic won the MLS Golden Boot with 24 goals, a club single-season record.

The Fire signed the Serbia native as a designated player via transfer from Polish first-division club Legia Warsaw in December 2016. Nikolic, who is out of contract, posted a statement on his Facebook page Saturday announcing the news and thanking the Fire and fans for their support.

"Americans say, 'Do your job!' I think I fulfilled my task," he wrote, in part. "Big thanks to all the Fire staff members I have worked with during my time in Chicago. ... And last but not least, the Fire supporters! The sport is for you. And you deserve the best. From day one, you have made me feel at home. Your friendship and support made this period special. You will always be a big part of my life. ... I wish you a bright and happy future!"

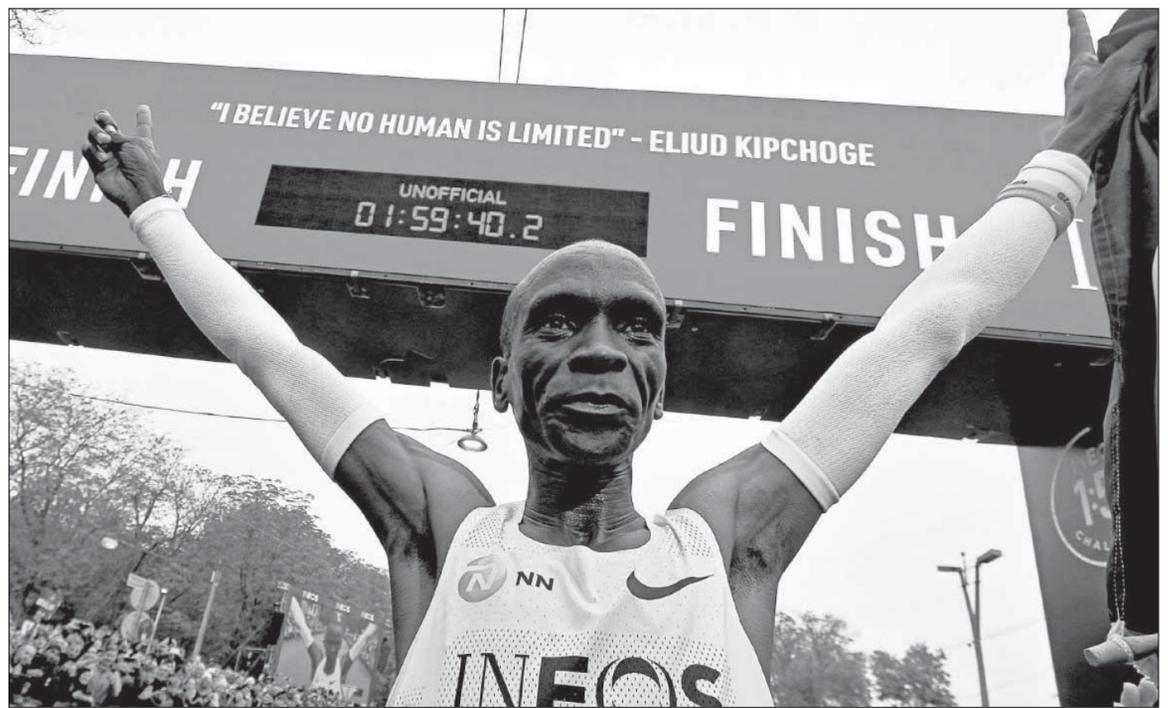
Nemanja's announcement caps a busy week for the Fire. They beat host Orlando City 5-2 on Sunday in their season finale, finishing at 10-12-12 and in eighth place in the Eastern Conference, three points out of a playoff spot.

On Tuesday, midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger, 35, announced his retirement after three seasons with the Fire. Schweinsteiger, a star for Bayern Munich and a World Cup winner with the German national team, joined the Fire as a designated player in 2017 from Manchester United.

An hour later, the Fire formally announced their return to Soldier Field starting next year, ending a 14-season run at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview.

And on Thursday, the club announced a deal for Spanish midfielder Alvaro Medran, 25, a product of Real Madrid's youth academy. The contract will run through 2021 with team options for 2022 and 2023.

RUNNING



RONALD ZAK/AP

Eliud Kipchoge celebrates under the clock after finishing the INEOS 1:59 Challenge after 1:59:40 in Vienna on Saturday.

He's unofficially the best

Kipchoge is 1st person to run marathon in less than 2 hours

By ERIC WILLEMSSEN
Associated Press

VIENNA — Roger Bannister, 1954. Neil Armstrong, 1969. Eliud Kipchoge, 2019?

Like the sub-four minute mile and walking on the moon, running a marathon in less than two hours had seemed impossible — until Saturday. So when Olympic champion Kipchoge broke the barrier, the question arose as to where to rank his achievement in historical context.

The Kenyan, 34, completed the 26.2-mile race in 1 hour, 59 minutes, 40.2 seconds at the INEOS 1:59 Challenge, an event set up for the attempt.

Ahead of the event, Kipchoge even compared the feat to being "like the first man on the moon." Afterward, he drew comparisons to Bannister, the late Briton who 65 years ago became the first athlete to run a mile in under four minutes.

"It is a great feeling to make history in sport after Sir Roger Bannister," Kipchoge said. "I am the happiest man in the world

to be the first human to run under two hours and I can tell people that no human is limited. I expect more people all over the world to run under two hours after today."

With all variables tailored to his advantage, it was still the full marathon distance but was not a regular marathon, which means the IAAF will not ratify his jaw-dropping time.

Different to an ordinary race, event organizers had set a nine-day window to be flexible and stage the run in the best possible weather conditions.

Also, 36 pacemakers accompanied Kipchoge in alternating groups throughout his run, with five running ahead of him in a V-shape and two others closely following.

Unlike a normal race, a timing car just in front of the pack also helped keep the scheduled pace and was equipped with a laser beam, projecting the ideal position on the road, parts of which also had painted stripes to indicate the optimum running line.

Furthermore, Kipchoge received drinks handed over by a cyclist to prevent him from having to slow down.

Even though his attempt was never meant to set an official world record,

Kipchoge was understandably delighted and twice punched his chest in celebration while smiling when he finished.

"That was the best moment of my life," he said before adding that he trained 4½ months for his race against the clock. "The pressure was very big on my shoulders. I got a phone call from the president of Kenya."

In a statement, President Uhuru Kenyatta said: "Hearty congratulations, Eliud Kipchoge. You've done it, you've made history and made Kenya proud. Your win today will inspire future generations to dream big and aspire to greatness."

Kipchoge said his mission went beyond athletics.

"We can make this world a beautiful world and a peaceful world," he said. "The positivity of sport. I want to make it a clean sport and an interesting sport."

Thousands cheered Kipchoge along the course in Prater Park, and there were celebrations in his home country before he had even finished.

Hundreds of joyous Kenyans brought traffic to a standstill in the middle of the capital of Nairobi as they gathered to watch the end of the run on a large screen.

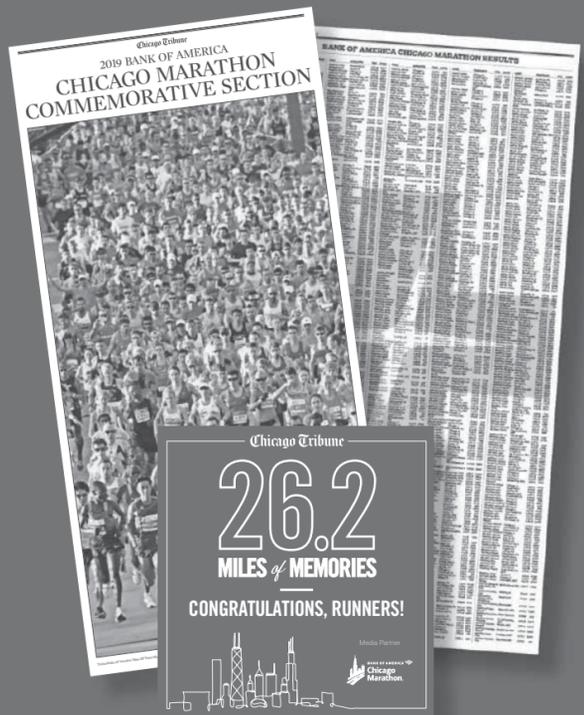
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Hou Verlander (R)	8:08p 21-6 2.58 25-11	1-0 13.0 4.15	2-1 16.2 3.78

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. **Vs. Opp:** Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2019 statistics.

AL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

N.Y. Yankees 1, Houston 0

Saturday N.Y. Yankees 7, Houston 0

Sunday: N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 8:08 p.m.

Tuesday: Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 4:08 p.m.

Wednesday: Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 8:08 p.m.

x-Thursday: Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 8:08 p.m.

x-Oct. 19: N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 4:08 p.m.

x-Oct. 20: N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 7:38 p.m.

NL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Washington 2, St. Louis 0

Oct. 11: Washington 1, St. Louis 0

Saturday: Washington 3, St. Louis 1

Monday: St. Louis at Washington, 8:38 p.m.

Tuesday: St. Louis at Washington, 8:05 p.m.

x-Wednesday: St. Louis at Washington, 4:08 p.m.

x-Oct. 18: Washington at St. Louis, 8:08 p.m.

x-Oct. 19: Washington at St. Louis, 8:08 p.m.

WASHINGTON 3, ST. LOUIS 1

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Turner ss	4	1	2	0	0	.294
Eaton rf	4	0	1	2	1	.179
Rendon 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.346
Soto lf	4	0	0	0	3	.226
Kendrick 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.258
Doolittle p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Corbin p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Dan.Hudson p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Zimmerman 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.304
Suzuki c	4	0	0	0	3	.000
Gomes c	4	0	0	0	0	.333
Taylor cf	4	1	2	1	2	.300
Scherzer p	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Adams ph	1	1	1	0	0	.333
Dozier 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	34	3	7	3	14	

ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Fowler cf	3	0	0	2	0	.069
Wong 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.192
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.345
Ozuna lf	4	0	0	0	2	.310
Molina c	3	0	0	0	1	.115
Carpenter 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.091
Edman rf	3	0	0	0	2	.240
DeJong ss	3	1	1	0	1	.208
Wainwright p	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Miller p	0	0	0	0	0	—
J.Martinez ph	1	0	1	0	0	.800
Helsley p	0	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	29	1	3	1	12	

Washington	001	000	020	- 3	7	0
St. Louis	000	000	010	- 1	3	0

a-singled for Scherzer in the 8th. b-doubled for Miller in the 8th. **LOB:** Washington 5, St. Louis 3. **2B:** Eaton (1), J.Martinez (1). **HR:** Taylor (1), off Wainwright. **RBI:** Taylor (1), Eaton (2), J.Martinez (1). **SB:** Wong (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 1 (Kendrick); St. Louis 2 (Ozuna, Fowler). **RISP:** Washington 1 for 3; St. Louis 0 for 3. **GDIP:** Molina. **DP:** Washington 1 (Turner, Kendrick, Zimmerman). **WASHINGTON** IP H R ER BB SO ERA Scherzer W-2.0 7 1 0 0 2 11 1.80 Doolittle H.2 1 2 1 1 0 1 3.18 Corbin H.1 1/2 0 0 0 0 0 7.56 Dan.Hudson S.3-3 3/2 0 0 0 0 0 0.000 **ST. LOUIS** IP H R ER BB SO ERA Wainwright L-1.7 7/2 3 3 3 1 11 1.80 Miller 3/2 0 0 0 0 1 0.000 Helsley 1 0 0 0 0 2 0.000

Inherited runners-scored: Miller 2-0. **IBB:** off Wainwright (Rendon).

FRIDAY: NATIONALS 2, CARDINALS 0

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Turner ss	5	0	1	0	1	.267
Eaton rf	5	1	1	0	2	.167
Rendon 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.348
Soto lf	4	0	1	0	2	.259
Kendrick 2b	4	1	2	1	0	.296
Zimmerman 1b	4	0	2	0	1	.368
Taylor cf	4	0	0	0	2	.250
Gomes c	3	0	0	0	2	.333
Sanchez p	4	0	0	0	2	.000
Doolittle p	0	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	37	2	10	2	12	

ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Fowler cf	4	0	0	0	1	.077
C.Martinez p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Wong 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.217
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.360
Ozuna lf	4	0	0	0	1	.130
Carpenter 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.125
Edman rf	3	0	0	0	2	.273
DeJong ss	3	0	0	0	2	.190
Mikolas p	1	0	0	0	1	.500
Arozarena ph	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Gallegos p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Miller p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Brebba p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Helsley p	0	0	0	0	0	—
J.Martinez ph	1	0	1	0	0	.750
Webb p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Bader cf	0	0	0	0	0	.200
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Inherited runners-scored: Doolittle 1-0, Miller 2-0, Brebba 2-1, C.Martinez 1-0. **IBB:** off Mikolas (Gomes), off Gallegos (Rendon), off C.Martinez (Kendrick). **HBP:** Sanchez 2 (Arozarena, Molina). **WP:** C.Martinez. **Umpires:** H, Mike Muchlinski; 1B, Chris Conroy; 2B, Bill Miller; 3B, Phil Cuzzi; Right, Fieldin Cubreth; Left, Chad Fairchild. **Time:** 3:24. **A:** 45,075 (45,538).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

HOW THE AP TOP 25 FARED

THE AP TOP 25 FARED

FRIDAY

No. 1 Alabama (5-0) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Texas A&M, Saturday.

No. 2 Clemson (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Saturday.

No. 3 Georgia (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.

No. 3 Ohio State (6-0) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Friday, Oct. 18.

No. 5 LSU (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Florida, Saturday.

No. 6 Oklahoma (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Texas at Dallas, Saturday.

No. 7 Florida (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 5 LSU, Saturday.

No. 8 Wisconsin (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State, Saturday.

No. 9 Notre Dame (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Saturday.

No. 10 Penn State (5-0) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Iowa, Saturday.

No. 11 Texas (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Oklahoma at Dallas, Saturday.

No. 12 Auburn (5-1) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday, Oct. 19.

No. 13 Oregon (5-1) beat Colorado 45-3. Next: at Washington, Saturday, Oct. 19.

No. 14 Boise State (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Hawaii, Saturday.

No. 15 Utah (4-1) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Saturday.

No. 16 Michigan (4-1) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Saturday.

No. 17 Iowa (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Penn State, Saturday.

No. 18 Arizona State (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Saturday.

No. 19 Wake Forest (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Louisville, Saturday.

No. 20 Virginia (4-2) lost to Miami 17-9. Next: vs. Duke, Saturday, Oct. 19.

No. 21 SMU (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Saturday, Oct. 19.

No. 22 Baylor (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.

No. 23 Memphis (5-0) did not play. Next: at Temple, Saturday.

No. 24 Texas A&M (3-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Alabama, Saturday.

No. 25 Cincinnati (4-1) did not play. Next: at Houston, Saturday.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Albany (NY) 38, Towson 21

Bryant 27, LIU 22

Bucknell 32, Colgate 14

CCSU 24, Columbia 14

Dartmouth 42, Yale 10

Fordham 30, Georgetown 27

Harvard 35, Cornell 22

Holy Cross 47, Brown 31

Iowa St. 38, W. Virginia 14

Marshall 31, Old Dominion 17

Monmouth (NJ) 45, Presbyterian 0

Morgan St. 34, Delaware St. 23

New Hampshire 20, Stony Brook 14

Norfolk 49, Howard 21

Penn 38, Sacred Heart 24

Richmond 24, Maine 17

Robert Morris 20, St. Francis (Pa.) 17, 20T

Temple 30, Memphis 28

SOUTH

Alabama St. 31, Jackson St. 16

Alcorn St. 42, Savannah St. 17

Appalachian St. 17, Louisiana-Lafayette 7

Austin Peay 28, SE Missouri 24

Bethune-Cookman 27, NC Central 13

Clemson 45, Florida St. 14

Duke 41, Georgia Tech 23

Elon 42, Delaware 7

FAU 28, Middle Tennessee 13

Florida A&M 42, SC State 38

Gardner-Webb 35, Hampton 27

Grambling St. 23, Alabama A&M 10

James Madison 38, Villanova 24

Kennesaw St. 45, Charleston Southern 23

Louisiana-Monroe 24, Texas St. 14

Marshall 31, Old Dominion 17

Miami 17, Virginia 9

Morehead St. 30, Jacksonville 22

Morgan St. 34, Delaware St. 3

Murray St. 31, Tennessee St. 17

NC State 16, Syracuse 10

Nicholls 45, Northwestern St. 35

Norfolk St. 49, Howard 21

San Diego 37, Davidson 17

South Carolina 20, Georgia 17

South Florida 27, BYU 23

Tennessee 20, Mississippi St. 10

The Citadel 35, W. Carolina 17

Tulane 49, UConn 7

UNLV 34, Vanderbilt 10

VMI 48, Samford 41

Virginia Tech 34, Rhode Island 17

MIDWEST

Ball St. 29, E. Michigan 23

Bowling Green 20, Toledo 7

Cent. Michigan 42, New Mexico St. 28

Dayton 41, Valparaiso 28

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3.	24	William Byron	C	192.258
4.	48	Jimmie Johnson	F	191.566
5.	10	Aric Almirola	F	191.551
6.	2	Brad Keselowski	F	191.493
7.	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	F	191.317
8.	14	Clint Bowyer	F	191.310
9.	12	Ryan Blaney	F	191.222
10.	22	Joey Logano	F	191.023
11.	20	Erik Jones	T	190.837
12.	42	Kyle Larson	C	190.776
13.	6	Ryan Newman	F	19

CHICAGO MARATHON

'I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW'

Laura Michalek should have been in for a long, painful day when she ran her 1st marathon at age 15. Instead, she won.

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

When Laura Michalek's friend suggested she run the Chicago Marathon just a few weeks before the race, she didn't think twice about saying yes.

She was a high school sophomore from Berwyn who had never run more than 10 miles at a stretch. Her idea of pre-race carb loading was pizza for dinner.

She should have been in for a long, painful day. Instead, she won.

Four decades later, she remains the youngest person and only Illinois runner to win the Chicago Marathon. The next-youngest champion, Alejandro Cruz of Mexico, was 21 when he won in 1988. The race's growth in the years that followed, from fewer than 4,000 finishers to more than 45,000, including global pros competing for a slice of more than \$800,000 in prize money, makes it hard to imagine anyone repeating the feat.

Race day — Oct. 21, 1979 — was humid and hot, with temperatures that rose to 77. Winds gusted at up to 20 mph. Michalek lined up well behind the leaders, toward the middle of the pack.

Michalek, then 15, had started running with a friend a few years earlier and joined Morton West High School's cross-country team that fall. When their meets didn't have enough girls for a separate race, she would run with the boys. She remembers feeling strong and capable, but nothing about her training was designed to prepare a runner for 26.2 miles.

"The challenge was the emotional part," she said. "Can I keep pushing, am I going to get through this, am I going to finish?"

"I didn't think about how to pace it or any of that. I had no expectations because I didn't know what I didn't know."

Around the halfway mark, finishing started to feel within reach. When she heard spectators shouting that she was in third place, her thoughts turned from finishing to the podium.

Defending champion Lynae Larson, of Brookings, S.D., held the lead. She had spent the year leading up to the race training harder than ever to defend her title and lower her time. But she had gone out too fast, and the hot conditions were taking a toll.

"After the 15th mile, I was drinking a lot of water trying to get out of heat exhaustion," Larson said. "I said, 'If someone passes me, I'll stop.'"

Bill Robinson, the founding president of the Chicago Area Runners Association, had been cycling near Larson but dropped back, found Michalek near Mile 18 and told her she had a chance to win.

"I just remember the unbelievable glow of satisfaction that young girl had, finding the amount of strength and commitment to do what she did. It was really inspirational," Robinson said.

With Robinson urging her on, Michalek caught Larson with about a mile to go, ran for the finish at what felt like a sprint and dived across the line feeling utterly spent.

She finished in 3 hours, 15 minutes, 45 seconds, one minute ahead of Larson and seconds ahead of Don Borling, 70, a pastor in Orland Park who remembers a young girl at the finish line but had no idea she was the women's champion — in part because she wasn't immediately heralded as the winner.

Two other women had crossed the line in front of Michalek, though they would be disqualified for failing to run the entire course.

Back then, there was no automatic timing system tracking runners' progress, making it much harder to prove a runner had cheated. It helped that race organizers knew one of the two women and were skeptical she was capable of running the time she claimed.

"I knew she was a runner but knew there was no way she'd done it," marathon founder Lee Flaherty said.

The race also had officials tracking the top men and women at key points along the course, said Allyn Miller, who worked for Flaherty and was involved in organizing the early marathons. If a top finisher hadn't been spotted on the course earlier, it would have raised red flags.

Attempts to reach the women who were disqualified were unsuccessful.

Michalek, initially told she had finished third, was receiving fluids intravenously in the medical tent when told she had been upgraded to first. Dan Cloeter, who won the men's race in 1977 and '79, recalls feeling her moment had been stolen.

"That girl trained hard for that, and you lose some of the glory you deserve," said Cloeter, a pastor who now lives in Osceola, Neb.

There were no elaborate post-race festivities for Michalek, who fulfilled a baby-sitting commitment that night.

"I didn't know how to celebrate. ... I was serious, I think a little too serious," she said.

She doesn't recall any official recognition from Chicago Marathon officials beyond a



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laurel wreath she was given at the finish and a pair of plaques she received in the mail.

But her victory hardly went unnoticed.

"Berwyn high school student, 15, outruns 2 marathon 'imposters,'" read a Chicago Tribune headline the next morning, with a story noting both the unusual disqualifications and Michalek's unconventional running resume: six months of training with her school team and victories in seven local 10-kilometer races.

Michalek said her hometown, where her mother worked as the city clerk, named a day in her honor, and she remembers classmates cheering when her principal announced her win at school the morning after the race.

But her win cost her a chance to participate in the high school state cross-country meet. She was disqualified for taking part in a non-IHSA race during the season but says she has no regrets about choosing to run.

"That race still informs me," she said. "I don't think about it every day — but almost every day."

Within just a few years, it would be virtually impossible to imagine another race like 1979, and not just because technology has made it easier to catch runners taking shortcuts.

The marathon's founders always thought its big-city location and flat, fast course

"When I've been afraid of things, I tend to step into it a little more than I would have otherwise because the outcome is going to be OK. And that has allowed me to have some beautiful experiences."

— Laura Michalek, right, during the 1979 Chicago Marathon

could make it a major event drawing corporate sponsors and runners from around the world. World-class runners and times would boost the event's profile, so race organizers hired a consultant to help scout top athletes, Miller said.

Women's times, in particular, dropped dramatically in the years that followed. In 1982, three years after Michalek's victory, winning the women's marathon in Chicago would require a time faster than 2 hours, 34 minutes. Three years after that, Joan Benoit Samuelson, fresh off winning gold in the first women's Olympic marathon in 1984, lowered the winning time to 2:21:21.

Women were outnumbered on the city's streets when the marathon was getting started, said Erma Trantor, an early Chicago Area Runners Association leader involved in organizing the inaugural 1977 marathon. She recalled hearing a male doctor on TV warning that running long distances could be harmful to women's health.

"This was the stuff women had to contend with. It was just so backwards and discouraging," she said.

But those attitudes were changing. As established marathons such as Boston's

dropped barriers to women's participation and new women-only races debuted, the growth was "exponential," said Kathrine Switzer, who became the first woman to run the Boston Marathon as a registered entrant in 1967. "It was thrilling because performances were improving as well as numbers," Switzer said.

By then, Michalek was done with the marathon. The 1979 race remains her only attempt at the distance.

She switched to rugby and triathlons at Southern Illinois University and after graduating worked as an AIDS educator, then a vintage furniture store owner.

She's now an auctioneer for charitable organizations in Tacoma, Wash., where she rarely skips a daily 5-mile run.

Though she never ran another marathon, she says her first reinforced the value she placed on finishing what she starts and left her more willing to go after challenges even when she wasn't sure of the outcome.

"When I've been afraid of things, I tend to step into it a little more than I would have otherwise because the outcome is going to be OK," Michalek said. "And that has allowed me to have some beautiful experiences."

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CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FEST/ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Left to right, from top: Haroula Rose, writer-director of "Once Upon A River"; Chicago International Film Festival's Vivian Teng, managing director; Mauricio Medina, script supervisor; Juan Linares, production coordinator; Ryan Saunders, theater traffic manager/associate programmer; Jackie O'Connor, sponsor manager; Orli Spierer, volunteer manager; Sam Flancher, programmer; Anthony Kaufman, senior programmer and Mimi Plauche, artistic director.

55TH CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Word on the street

... and behind the scenes, from 10 people who know

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

The red carpet's rented and ready, and while prepping for the 55th Chicago International Film Festival opening Wednesday and continuing through Oct. 27, I met a film festival staff member who has not only unrolled his share of red carpets in his day but vacuumed them. "People expect it to look sharp," he said quietly. "And nice. If there's a little crumb, it should be gone."

You'll meet him shortly, along with nine others connected to the festival. Some scout and champion the films (132 features and 57 short films this year). Others manage the budget (just under \$1.26 million, not including \$500,000 in various donated or "in-kind" goods and services) or coordinate a small army of volunteers (600, up 200 from 2018) or otherwise keep the nation's oldest continuous competitive film festival on whatever track it's running at the time.

CIFF, as the acronym goes, returns to its familiar multiplex home base: the AMC River East downtown, where the exterior signage remains confined to a couple of skinny rectangular banners indicating very little in the way of film-fest activity or festivity. Once you're inside, though, you're getting there.

From artistic director Mimi Plauche to sponsorship wrangler Jackie O'Connor, let's meet 10 among hundreds behind the festival.

The 55th edition opens with director and star Edward Norton's mystery, "Motherless Brooklyn"; the centerpiece gala screening belongs to writer-director Rian Johnson's "Knives Out," like "Motherless Brooklyn," a Toronto film festival alum. Closing night features the Buddy Guy documentary celebration "The Torch." In between all those — well, have at it.

Haroula Rose

First-time feature filmmaker

The Lincolnwood native has worked and traveled widely as a musician, actress, Fulbright scholar, writer, director and first-time feature filmmaker. "Once Upon a River" comes from Bonnie Jo Campbell's novel, and writer-director Rose's debut feature has been making the festival rounds, recently in Woodstock, New York.

Rose shot "Once Upon a River" in the fall of 2017, mostly near Antioch; the story's set in 1970s rural Michigan.

"I loved showing off the beauty of the Midwest," she said. "We set up camp, essentially, in these cabins along the river near Antioch. It's really cool there, and in October it's not so busy. Everyone was so generous, all these people who cut us a deal, helped us find period-appropriate vehicles. I don't know if you'd get the same blood, sweat and investment in New York or LA with an insanely low-budget project like ours. And now, a lot of these folks will finally be getting a chance to see the finished film at the Chicago festival."

Rose's "Once Upon a River" screens Oct. 21, Oct. 25 and Oct. 26.

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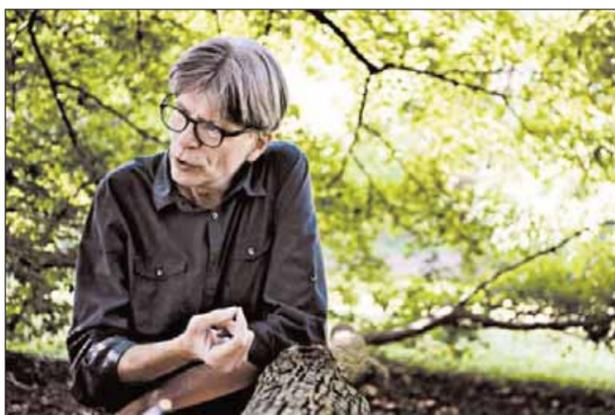
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For Pulitzer-winning author, trees are people too

Yet Richard Powers says he was 'tree-blind' just seven years ago

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

Richard Powers arrived at Morton Arboretum on one of those autumn days when you feel warmth and cold in the air at the same time, inches apart. Scarecrows, crucified across makeshift crosses, stood erected, pumpkins were piled, but trees were still green. Powers, a cult figure to some, a national treasure to others, walked down a path of wood chips into a shaded glen that narrowed then opened, rolled then flattened. There were thick trees and thin trees and trees that reached outward and trees keeping their branches to themselves. But it's all the same tree, if you don't know what you're seeing. Powers knows what he's seeing.



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Novelist and Evanston native Richard Powers stands under a maple tree at Morton Arboretum in Lisle in late September.

Oaks, he says, casting his head side to side, staring intently. He holds a strong Chicago accent, though he graduated high school in DeKalb a lifetime ago and

moved away from Urbana seven years ago. He continues down his path. For a long time, he says, with evident embarrassment, he wouldn't have been able to iden-

tify much of this place.

"I would have been happy to be in the shade. What is that saying? 'The tree gives shade even to him who cuts off its boughs'? I wouldn't have smelled what I am smelling right now — all of those compounds! I wouldn't have smelled that linden I smell nearby."

He speaks quietly, in a kind of hushed wonder, then smiles sadly and adds:

"I'm really not proud of this."

David Foster Wallace used to tell interviewers there was no smarter American author than Richard Powers. Margaret Atwood once said his command of the near-mythic aspirations in his books was so complete that if he were writing in the 19th century, "He'd probably be the Herman Melville of 'Moby-Dick.'" He certainly has a raft of awards to second those hosannas, including: Thirty years ago he received a MacArthur "genius" grant; in

2006, he landed the National Book Award; and last spring, he won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. But that Pulitzer, for his novel "The Overstory," which has since become a major bestseller, tells the story of environmental activists and the trees in their lives, boldly placing human characters and plant characters on an equal footing. Yet seven years ago, he said, taking pains to outline a real sense of shame, he had been "tree blind."

He is friendly but says nothing casually.

He comes to a four-way intersection in the forest and continues straight, walking and talking: Living in Urbana, teaching literature and creative writing at the University of Illinois, he never thought about trees. Until he took early retirement and left to teach at Stanford University. One afternoon, hiking in the Santa Cruz

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10 to get you going at the festival



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Tribune movie critic

Mission: Make a reasonable dent in the Chicago International Film Festival. Wednesday's the customary one-film opening day; the annual festival gets underway with writer, director and star Edward Norton's "Motherless Brooklyn." On Thursday the festival begins in earnest, with 16 offerings dotting the calendar.

You can approach this thing different ways. You can focus on movies you've probably heard about and may be coming soon to a theater or a Netflix queue near you. Or you can take a tip from someone who can recommend a less buzzy or mainstream film, based on an encounter at a film festival preceding Chicago's. The familiar vs. the unfamiliar. The known quantity vs. the wildcard. I'm not telling you anything you don't already know. Did you know my dog's name is Maisie? Well, there's something you probably didn't know.

Leaving the dog out of it: Here are 10 titles, including a couple of highly promising festival-related events, to take under advisement. Unless otherwise noted all events take place at the festival's home base, the AMC River East theaters, 322 E. Illinois St. For tickets and more information, go to chicagofilmfestival.com.

"The Truth," 8 p.m. Oct. 17. Working for the first time outside his native Japan, writer-director Hirokazu Kore-eda ("Shoplifters") adapts his signature, limpid style for a French setting in a tale of an imperious screen diva (Catherine Deneuve), her long-simmering daughter (Juliette Binoche) and the interplay between fact, fiction, memoir and fantasy.

"Present. Perfect," 8 p.m. Oct. 17; 2:30 p.m. Oct. 20. A remarkable found-footage documentary, Shengze Zhu's film follows two dozen Chinese citizens in their online lives as live-streaming online "hosts" of their own lives, interacting with viewers, scrambling to make a living, fending off boredom, striving for connection. The director came up through the School of the Art Institute; her film, which requires some patience but rewards it with a singular experience, took the top prize



CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL PHOTOS

"Knives and Skin," directed by UIC professor Jennifer Reeder, will screen Oct. 18 and 19 at the Chicago International Film Festival.



Ethan Hawke, from left, Juliette Binoche, Catherine Deneuve and Clemantine Grenier in a scene from "The Truth."

at the Rotterdam film festival.

"The Kingmaker," 8:15 p.m. Oct. 18; 1:45 p.m. Oct. 19. Imelda Marcos, former First Lady of the Philippines and eternal symbol of excessive footwear, goes under the microscope in Lauren Greenfield's unnerving portrait of power, privilege and never backing down, no matter the optics of your nation's suffering.

"Knives and Skin," 9 p.m. Oct. 18; 9:45 p.m. Oct. 19. The UIC film professor and local filmmaker Jennifer Reeder (who has an impressive six-minute Halloween-themed short, "The Dunes," streaming on Hulu) turns a young girl's small-town disappearance

into an eerie reverie on female adolescence, with dashes of David Lynch.

"Marriage Story," 8:30 p.m. Oct. 25. Coming soon to theaters and then to its Netflix streaming destination, Noah Baumbach's masterly study in what happens after the end of a marriage, but before the marriage is really over, inspires career-best work from Adam Driver and Scarlett Johansson.

"Waves," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20. Genuinely unpredictable and fiercely acted, director Trey Edward Shults' latest deals with a South Florida family rocked by tragedy and faced with a question every-



Eliza Scanlen stars in "Babyteeth," screening as part of the Chicago International Film Festival.

one must answer her or his own way: How much can you forgive within the confines of a battle-tested family?

"Black Panther" Oscar winner Hannah Beachler in conversation with University of Chicago professor Jacqueline Najuma Stewart, 4 p.m. Oct. (free). As part of the festival's "In Focus: Production Design" program, the woman who created Wakanda for the screen sits down with the newly appointed Turner Classic Movies host. Free; Chicago Cultural Center, Claudia Cassidy Theater, 78 E. Washington St.

"The Grand Budapest Hotel"

Oscar winner Adam Stockhausen master class. Even moviegoers who typically care little for production design went nuts for the visual felicities of Wes Anderson's masterwork. Stockhausen designed that world, in large part, and as part of the festival's "In Focus: Production Design" program he will conduct a master class. Stockhausen's worked with some real giants, all right: with Steve McQueen on "12 Years a Slave" and "Widows" and with Steven Spielberg on "Bridge of Spies" and the upcoming remake of "West Side Story." Noon Oct. 20, AMC River East.

"Babyteeth," 3 p.m. Oct. 17; 9 p.m. Oct. 26; 3:30 p.m. Oct. 27. You may know her as Amma Crellin from HBO's "Sharp Objects"; in this Australian drama, adapted from a play, Eliza Scanlen runs the show as a terminally ill teenager who falls for a drug dealer. Erratic but moving, director Shannon Murphy's crowd-pleaser also stars Ben Mendelsohn and Essie Davis.

"Shorts 1," 6 p.m. Oct. 17; 3 p.m. Oct. 21; Noon Oct. 26. Unscreened at press time, the festival's annual shorts program includes this collection of Chicago and Illinois work, spanning the topics of gun violence, a would-be Olympic fencer, and what a pregnant tour manager has to do to get her musicians back onto the damn van.

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Vivian Teng Managing director

"This is my 15th year, so nothing fazes me anymore," Teng said. When asked by strangers what she does for a living, she puts it this way: "I support what we do, everything other than programming, from the venue contracts to HR to hiring to working with our board, working with the marketing team — it's however I can support the films. How can we make sure they're shown properly? To make sure the directors have the best experience possible while they're in Chicago?"

"When I started out, we were still in multiple venues — Landmark Century Centre, Music Box and AMC River East and 600 North. The logistics were different. Now what I hear from patrons is: 'We're so glad you're in one place now. I can see three in a row here, easy!'"

Mauricio Medina Operations manager

Medina started volunteering for the Chicago festival in 2013. He managed one of the festival screening venues for two years, and then moved up to operations coordinator.

"I'd describe it as being the backbone of the festival," he said of operations management. "We're the ones setting things up behind the scenes: talking to vendors, getting all the stuff physically into the theater, making sure the screenings go smoothly, taking care of any problems with projection. Lots of customer service, and also lots of physical work, banners, lights."

"We arrange with assistants and coordinators when to pick things up, when to return them. We take the printed schedules all around the city, 20,000 copies so far, more coming."

Medina also boasts firsthand experience behind the vacuum. "Yes, I have vacuumed the red carpet," he said. "I like to make it look sharp. That's important."

Juan Linares Production coordinator

Linares is one of many seasonal contract hires working on the festival for two months.

"I'm part of the production team running the festival," he said. "My specific role, before the festival starts? I'm in charge of distributing schedules around the city. I'm also in charge of facilitating parties and events going on during the festival."

Best advice received on the job: "Just have fun and enjoy what you're doing because it gets hectic once it starts."

Nicest person he met at last year's festival? No contest: Steve McQueen (Oscar winner for "12 Years a Slave"), who came through with "Widows."

"You hear sometimes that big directors are pretentious or demanding," said Linares, "but he was all 'Hey, how are you?' Really engaging. Great tips."

"He did a master class and I got to hear him answer questions about his process. Somebody asked him: 'How did you come up with that shot? How'd you do this? How'd you do that?' He told him: 'You sit down. You think about it. You think about what your characters are going through. You don't s—t on command. It takes time.' I liked that."

Ryan Saunders Theater traffic manager, associate programmer

Saunders is entering his fourth year of festival traffic management.

"We work very closely with the print traffic manager," he said, "though we're working almost entirely with hard drives and digital copies of films now. (The AMC River East theaters no longer screen 16 or 35 millimeter films.) If the print traffic person's job is to bring films to the office, it's my job to make sure we take all the films to the theater; that they get ingested properly into the projectors; and that we transfer the DCPs (digital cinema packages) off the hard drives and onto the digital projectors."

Saunders says he "always tries to look at everything 48 hours in

advance and back up the film in multiple places before we ship it off to another film festival, for example. They're often encrypted, and many will have what's called a KDM (key delivery message), which is a time-stamped, projector-specific key that allows access. Without it, we can't play the film. Sometimes we'll have lots of time to screen it; the best-case scenario is when we get a KDM and it's open from the first day of the festival to the last. But sometimes the key won't open until an hour before showtime. And it closes immediately afterward."

It's "a lot of detail work. It's so intense emotionally, but we all do better work because of that."

Jackie O'Connor Sponsorship manager

"Nonprofits like ours have to run without making money," O'Connor said. "So we have to secure the funding. I work on developing, prospecting, nurturing potential relationships with corporate partners, individuals, often by looking at people within the organization and figuring out how their interests might line up with our needs. Citibank is coming on board this year, which is great. And so is PRG (PRG Worldwide Entertainment Technology Solutions), which means top-of-the-line microphones, upgraded lighting (for the post-screening interviews with the filmmakers), sound boards, cable for videographers and other gear."

Orli Spierer Volunteer manager

"I've worked at other festivals including South by Southwest (a monster-scale festival in Austin, Texas)," Spierer said. "Because Chicago's is smaller, you get to know the whole staff. Everyone gets really close, the festival's essentially all in one building and more people are local, and everyone gets to know each other. Our recruiting for volunteers went really well this year: 600!"

One volunteer gig beats the rest for volunteer interest, according to Spierer. It's called "theater ops." That's what happens, she

says, "in the theaters during the screenings, ushering the audience in, handing out audience ballots, helping get set up for Q-and-A's. They love it because oftentimes the volunteers get to watch a film during the shift. And then afterward they have to get the audience out as quickly as possible and get the theater ready for the next screening."

Spierer says they "try to stay out of AMC's way, since they have their own screenings happening during the festival. Some people get confused standing on line. We had a super-long line last year for 'Can You Ever Forgive Me?', 45 minutes long, and we finally started letting people in and we're checking their tickets and there was one poor guy who was holding a ticket for 'Venom,' which had already started."

Sam Flancher Programmer

When asked what a programmer does, this is what Flancher, who specializes in short films, says: "I tell people I watch movies all the time. The immediate reaction is: 'Dream job! Sounds incredible!' But then I get into the details and it starts sounding less incredible. I tell them: 'They're not all great movies.'"

Flancher estimates he watches between 2,500 and 3,000 shorts for festival consideration annually. " "

You get into a rhythm," he said. "You get up, you watch 10 and have some coffee. You move into a different room, you watch 10 more. I've learned to trust my gut, my own impressions. The best films are the ones that stick around in your head, the ones that linger."

Anthony Kaufman Senior programmer

The "senior" designation came this year; before 2019, Kaufman, who first made his name as a film critic, was just plain ol' "programmer." He focuses on documentaries and U.S. independent features.

In his search for films to consider for the Chicago festival, he

says, "you're trying to satisfy your own cinephile's interest in work that's formally exciting. And you're also trying to satisfy your audience, whether that's giving them an important issue to wrap their heads around or an exciting narrative. The sweet spot is finding interesting filmmaking that's also going to keep an audience engaged. Documentaries aren't just issues, they're also cinema."

At CIFF, he says, "the audiences are adventurous. They always surprise me, what they'll turn out for."

Mimi Plauche Artistic director

This week Plauche heads into her third festival as successor to her longtime colleague, Michael Kutza.

"We all have an awareness of our tastes as well as our limitations," she said of the programming staff. "Sometimes there'll be a film we see and talk about for months before we make a final selection. Since we're watching so much, we start asking ourselves: What are we seeing in terms of trends that indicates what's important to include and to share with our audiences? Often a film historically or culturally removed from the U.S. can look at power and power structures within a specific cultural context, but it resonates in a meaningful way with what's happening now in the U.S."

Plauche says she doesn't love the word "team," which is peculiar, since she's admired as a team player. But "the way we work as programmers is collaborative through and through. I never want to feel that we do 'the Mimi Plauche international competition' or 'the Anthony Kaufman documentary section.' We're all in this together."

For tickets and more information on the Chicago International Film Festival, go to chicagofilmfestival.com. The AMC River East 21 is located at 322 E. Illinois St. in downtown Chicago.

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Second City missed its shot at improv rap

Broadway embraces the freestyle phenomenon



CHRIS JONES
Tribune theater critic

Buoyed by the star power of Lin-Manuel Miranda, Broadway has suddenly discovered improvisational rap.

Reviews for the new, 90-minute comedy show "Freestyle Love Supreme" mostly have been ecstatic and filled with language such as "fresh," "exciting," "new" and "revolutionary." According to Ben Brantley in the New York Times, this is a show to "pump you full of hope."

"Freestyle Love Supreme" is, for sure, a lot of fun and performed by an accomplished crew. But for a critic from Chicago, the success of this show, which charges \$199 for an orchestra seat, raises a lot of complicated questions, beginning with this one: How did Second City miss out on the freestyle phenomenon and Broadway's sudden embrace of improv?

After all, much of the content of this show uses devices that have been popular in Chicago for at least 30 years, if not more.

Take for example one of the major scenes in "Freestyle Love Supreme," which involves questioning audience members to get the details of what they did in the 24 hours prior to coming to the theater. That material then forms the basis for the improv, which made up about 25 percent of the show on the night I was there. If you are a regular at Second City, or a former student there, you likely will know this as "A Day in the Life," a Wells Street staple for decades, and typically performed to music accompaniment.

Another 25 percent of "Freestyle Love Supreme" comes from an audience suggestion of a childhood memory — "biting my sister" on the night I was there. If you have been a regular at iO in Chicago this last decade or two, you likely will know that as a version of an improv game called "The Armando," as widely associ-



JOAN MARCUS PHOTO

Anthony Veneziale, from left, Chris Sullivan, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Aneesa Folds in "Freestyle Love Supreme" at the Booth Theatre in New York City.

ated with the great Armando Diaz and, of course, Del Close.

Even the show's organizational structure — a regular crew enhanced by celebrities who make irregular, unannounced and box office-boosting appearances — is straight from the Second City playbook. Many has been the ticket buyer at Second City in Chicago who has hoped that a visiting bold-faced name might appear in the post-show improv set — the pickings were especially rich back when the Oprah Winfrey show was still in town.

Heck, there are even "Freestyle Love Supreme" classes available, hawked from the stage. And teaching the work has always been a part of the Second City and iO business plans, thus explaining the hundreds, if not thousands, of young improvisers who move to Chicago every year to hone their craft. Both institutions make plenty from the spending of students at their bars.

Of course, "Freestyle Love Supreme" has a crucial difference from the kinds of improv you can see at these citadels of creative amusement in Chicago: The performers are rappers who improvise to an accompanying musical beat and, in this particular field, a mark of accomplishment is the ability to create spon-

aneous rhymes. Those are the laugh lines and applause magnets.

There is a long history of freestyle, of course, including such performers as Myka 9, Kool Moe Dee and Eminem, famous for his creepy ability to forge seemingly impossible rhymes spontaneously.

But Miranda has been especially good at performing and marketing this skill, freestyling everywhere from the Lyric Opera (with this writer as a pathetic beatboxer) to pretty much every late-night chat show in the land. It goes without saying that this is a difficult craft to learn and practice — most of the great improvisers, such as Chicago's legendary TJ Jagodowski and Dave Pasquesi, don't typically improvise in rhyme. Even the Chicago rappers GQ and JAQ (famous for "The Bomb-itty of Errors" and other attractions) usually work with scripted rhymes, not ones that need to pop into your head within a split second.

So why is it not Chicago bringing improv to a newly receptive Broadway?

The answers are myriad. An obvious one is that the improv field, initially dominated by white guys from the University of Chicago, was slow to diversify and that rap is associated with performers of color. To some, white

rappers still are a form of pernicious cultural appropriation, although not every performer in "Freestyle Love Supreme" is a performer of color. So that's one major reason. (As was reported in Rolling Stone, the company member Andrew Bancroft (Jelly Donut) has acknowledged through freestyle his debt to rappers of color.)

You could also argue that Second City's lack of development of freestyle rap is geographic; the musical base for the form was invented in the outer boroughs of New York City and thus has a situational logic there. On the other hand, the title of "Freestyle Love Supreme" references John Coltrane, and jazz is a historical referent for all this too. Chicago's bonafides there are unimpeachable.

Then there is the long-term reticence of Second City to tackle New York City: Baked into its name and aesthetic is a kind of reverse snobbery, a sense that it does its best work precisely because of its geographic remove from a coastal cultural center. Its forays into New York and Los Angeles (there have been attempts off-Broadway) have never been as successful as spin-off companies working in other cities with chips on their shoulders,

such as Toronto and Detroit. Improv in Chicago never has been about Broadway grosses, but, especially within the purist Del Close universe, the purity of the art form.

It's overstating the issue to say that Second City and iO revues never have contained freestyle rap — the performer Edgar Blackmon was revered for his spontaneous rhymes, and there have been others. "Improvised Shakespeare" at iO works almost entirely in improvised rhyme. You might remember a few moments within those mostly scripted Mainstage and e.t.c. revues, and people have freestyled at iO and elsewhere.

But Second City is a theater that has used and presented improv mostly within a scripted format, although, for the record, "Freestyle Love Supreme" is far more structured than many people realize. Still, put all that together and you'll see why improv rap has not been at the core of the Second City, or any of the other Chicago comedy institutions.

That merits rethinking. Broadway has this fall been presenting all kinds of populist entertainment: concerts, a mentalist (Derren Brown) a movie (Martin Scorsese's "The Irishman"), a David Byrne artistic endeavor. None of these are what has been considered traditional Broadway fare.

But that's changed in this era of must-see TV. What do these new ventures have in common? Live audiences are craving more intense levels of interactions for their entertainment dollar. They often prefer not to sit down in the dark and shut up. They want to be a part of the event, which explains not only all the performers with vocal fan bases, but the dizzying increase in shows depending on audience interaction.

In other words, the Broadway pump is primed for improv. And does not Second City have more celebrity alums than any other comedy theater on this planet? Would they not come to play on an irregular basis? Would they not consent to people having at least the possibility of seeing them do the thing that almost all of them say was the greatest fun they ever had in their lives?

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BOOKS

Injustice reigns in two-tiered society

Ball calls his latest novel an act of resistance

BY KATHLEEN ROONEY

Jesse Ball's work has been described as "genius" by the late Alan Cheuse in the pages of this very publication, and over the course of his abundantly productive career, he has built an ardent following among fans and critics. Ball, winner of the 2008 Paris Review George Plimpton Prize, was a finalist for the New York Public Library Young Lion Prize and long-listed for the National Book Award for fiction in 2015. In 2017, *Granta* included him on a list of Best Young American Novelists. He also has received a Guggenheim Fellowship and grants from the Creative Capital Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

His newest book, "The Divers' Game," imagines a grim near-future in which the concept of fairness has been abandoned with bloodlust and glee. Set amid the injustice of a two-tiered society divided into "pats" and "quads," the pats enjoy full rights to slaughter any quad at will, setting the book up to deliver an uncomfortable examination of ethics in our present-day world. Ball answered these questions by email; the transcript has been edited for clarity and space.

Q: How many books have you published so far? I tried to get an accurate count, but there are so many — including poetry, fiction and nonfiction — that it was hard to do. How do you manage to be so prolific, and do you find "prolific" to be sort of a left-handed compliment?

A: Eighteen or 19, I think. There are others that I hope to see come out in the next years. I want to publish several together in a book called "Oxhead, Horsehead." Will it be next?

I don't think I am prolific; the word prolific might imply a person is working all the time and bent on production. I am not bent on production. In fact, I work very rarely. It's just that when I decide to write a book, I do that, I write it down and then it's done. At first it took longer, but now it takes about one week. I try not to take things back. I'm not embarrassed by what I produce, so I don't need to fiddle with it. People may not like it. I expect that. That said, there are many ways to write books. What I do has no bearing on what anyone else does: I don't put it forward as a superior method.

I am moved to write because there is so much to be delighted and hurt by. The tortuous navigations of any arbitrarily chosen interaction of objects when



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Jesse Ball, whose new novel is "The Divers' Game," said his work tries "to be a voice that mutters its opposition to the present state of affairs" in the U.S.

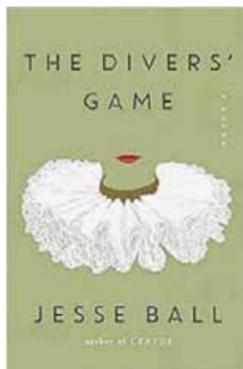
approached with care will yield strangeness; this is the strangeness of real sight. One feels oneself delicate when using this kind of sight — because the world is so fraught; it is always passing away: none of it remains.

Q: You don't have a Twitter, Facebook or Instagram account, and the website jesseball.com is a single page consisting of a list of works published and unpublished, solo and collaborative. Why maintain such a relatively low online profile?

A: That (website) is out of date, I suppose. I should delete it, but it is hard to muster the will to do so. I may not know the passwords involved. There was a time when I thought it was worthwhile to make a labyrinth of a website. My friend, the artist Will Rahilly, had a site, yellowandorange.com. It was like having your brain pulled out through your nose with long metal tongs. I tried to do something similar. This was in 2005, I would say. But I don't have much to do with these things now. My life is not online, so I am not overly concerned. I do, though, have a Twitter (to share drawings: @llabessej).

Q: At the start of your career, you wrote poetry, including your debut, 2004's "March Book." Do you still, and why or why not? Who are your most beloved poets?

A: My favorite living writer is a poet: Alice Oswald. Other favorites: Rilke,



'The Divers' Game'

By Jesse Ball, Ecco, 240 pages, \$26.99

Patchen, Dickinson, Whitman (1855), Tsvetaeva. I do still write poetry from time to time. "The Village on Horseback" (2011) has two books of poems in it. "Fool Book" is a book of poems.

Q: You're an acclaimed writer, and another acclaimed writer, Catherine Lacey, is your domestic partner. What's that like?

A: Catherine is a bizarre person who shares some of my goals and ideas. We find it easy to pass the time together. That she has a career that is exciting — I find I can take more joy in her success than in my own. Writers naturally feel misunderstood. She and I, we end up traveling very much, because we go abroad for her books and also for mine. Perhaps there is a joy in seeing her put into difficult positions in front of crowds. She can

find her way out, and does.

Q: You self-identify as a "fabulist, absurdist." What do fabulism and absurdism mean to you, and why have they long been your go-to strategies for creating fictional worlds?

A: I would rather not identify or self-identify at all. However, at times when forced to, I suppose I have said things like that. Fabulism because the imagination is paramount. Where is there actual nonfiction? I have never seen it. Human life is an imaginative act. Of course it ends badly!

Absurdism because for me it is the only practical and realistic stance. I find myself ridiculous. I find the world ridiculous. It is sad and ridiculous and also sometimes radiant.

Q: Much of your previous work — "A Cure for Suicide," for instance, and "How to Set a Fire and Why," to name a couple recent examples — can broadly be described as dark. But your latest book, "The Divers' Game," could be seen as especially bleak, given its exploration of state-sanctioned carte blanche murder of one class of people by another. What drew you to write a novel that focuses so closely on inhumanity and barbarism, and what do you hope readers will get out of it?

A: It has been depressing for me to publish so many books that take positions against American society — and to find that this content has been largely ignored or

avoided by reviewers. Perhaps this forced me to be more obvious about the plight of young people in "How to Set a Fire and Why," and now again in "The Divers' Game." In "Census," I came as close as I could to depicting Down syndrome, and the love I feel for a Down syndrome boy, my late brother. When that book was published, I was not surprised to find the subject of Down syndrome makes most Americans, perhaps especially liberal Americans, uncomfortable. They would rather conduct a medical screening and never think about the matter again.

I don't write unnecessarily dark books. I simply believe readers should be addressed as thinking feeling beings who can draw their own conclusions. In such cases, one simply opens a window to the street and what is present in the street is present in the book. It is rich enough.

As for what readers might receive: it is hard to say. The book is half mine. The other half is constructed with the memories, longing, referents, et cetera, of the readers' lives. All the masks are made with their own skin and hair, the buildings with the outsides of things they've seen. A real book is less a statement than an incitement, a finger pointing at something only slightly seen, something perhaps unseeable.

Q: You're from New York, and now you live in Chicago and teach at the School of the Art Institute. What brought you here? How does your

teaching impact your writing and vice versa?

A: I came to Chicago from Iceland in order to teach at SAIC. That was in 2007. Now years have passed; I have had some remarkable students. The philosopher Jacques Rancière ("The Ignorant Schoolmaster") taught me that teaching is not about the one who teaches. It is not about magnificence. It is a matter of simple questions and gentle behavior. It is a slow thing, inconsequential like a feather.

I think Chicago is a fascinating place to live, especially if you roam the city at large. What is hidden elsewhere in America is very obvious in Chicago. Can we say it is a kind of canary, always half-drunk and choking on dust?

Q: What is something that you've always wanted an interviewer to ask you about, but they never have?

A: The books I have written are a kind of resistance to the America I was born into. They resist many modes of thinking that are ubiquitous and, to many, seemingly inescapable. I don't care if the books are literature or not; I want them to be a voice that mutters its opposition to the present state of affairs. I have been feebly muttering that opposition for most of my 41 years. We'll see how long I last.

Kathleen Rooney is the author, most recently, of the novel "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk"; her novel "Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey" is forthcoming next fall.

Celebrating Chicago Quarterly Review and other literary gems

BY MICHAEL DIRDA
The Washington Post

Anniversaries can be distinctly bittersweet occasions, and even the most lavish family gathering or corporate spectacle never wholly dissipates a certain melancholy: Where have the years gone? How did I get so old? Is this all there is? Still, here are four anniversaries that one can enjoy without any qualms. In fact, instead of moaning about the snows of yesteryear, just shout an unambiguous hurrah. All four have survived, even triumphed.

In his foreword to "The Red Thread: Twenty Years of NYRB Classics — A Selection," Edwin Frank writes about his original vision for this handsome line of paperbacks, an offshoot from the New York Review of Books. As founding editor, Frank aimed to create a library of "good

books, books to delight and enlighten and surprise readers," yet one "surprising in its own right, making connections with a spark." To achieve this, Frank decided to draw on "all sorts of extraordinary books that had never even been translated into English," as well as "the literature hidden away in publishers' backlists."

It is this restless, elegant eclecticism, along with a truly global reach, that keeps the NYRB Classics so exhilarating. "The Red Thread," Frank tells us, is a Chinese "metaphor for a binding tie that exists between people unknown to each other." Creating such a tie is precisely one of the things that the world's literature can do.

For Frank, literature doesn't just mean fiction and poetry. Eve Babitz's manic "New York Confidential," about a year in Manhattan during the

go-go 1960s, is followed by passages from Henry David Thoreau's nature journals. Other selections include Jessica Mitford's stunning interview with George Jackson, the doomed young author of "Soledad Brother," Elizabeth Hardwick's portrait of Billie Holiday and Rachel Bepko's reflections on Helen of Troy: "Of all the figures in the poem she is the severest, the most austere." From Andrei Platonov to Victor Serge, with stops along the way for Leonardo Sciascia, Tove Jansson, Mavis Gallant, Balzac, Vasily Grossman and Kenji Miyazawa, this sampler underscores that great writing recognizes no borders.

Hawley Harvey Crippen and Henri Désiré Landru were notorious killers, so the euphonious juxtaposition of their names struck Douglas G. Greene as singularly apt when he was

founding a press specializing in collections of criminal short stories. "Silver Bullets: The 25th Anniversary of Crippen & Landru Publishers" multitasks as an anthology, a festschrift and a bibliographical history. Its appendix lists the more than 100 volumes that Greene and his successor, Jeffrey Marks, have published since John Dickson Carr's "Speak of the Devil" in 1994. My own favorite Crippen & Landru titles include all five of Edward D. Hoch's volumes about that New England Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Sam Hawthorne, Anthony Berkeley's "The Avenging Chance" and Vincent Cornier's "The Duel of Shadlow's." Each contains dazzling examples of seemingly "impossible" murders.

"The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction: 70th Anniversary Issue," dated September-October and

edited by C.C. Finlay, is a bumper volume of 256 pages containing four novelets, eight short stories, two poems and a variety of cartoons, book reviews and essays. As an "All-Star Issue" it showcases some of our most admired contemporary writers of "fantastika": Kelly Link, Ken Liu, Michael Swanwick, Maureen McHugh, Elizabeth Bear, Esther Friesner, Paolo Bacigalupi. In addition, science fiction grandmaster Robert Silverberg describes how "F&SF" got its start and Paul Di Filippo offers a scholarly jeu d'esprit about a long-lost collaboration between Jules Verne and H.G. Wells. One particular coup: Michael Moorcock's intense "Kabul" tracks a ragtag band of soldiers and survivalists in a devastated near-future Afghanistan. Think "The Road Warrior" but even bleaker.

To mark the 25th anniversary of Chicago Quarterly Review, the fall 2019 issue is appropriately huge, as befits Carl Sandburg's "stormy, husky, brawling, / City of the Big Shoulders." Here, in more than 400 pages, are 32 short stories, 20 poems, a suite of photographs and a dozen works of nonfiction. The result isn't just a literary quarterly; it's a tour of the bright and darkling plain we call contemporary American literature.

Besides many younger writers, this issue of CQR also features the work of several old pros: stories by Chicago mainstays Harry Mark Petrakis — now in his mid-90s — and John Blades, poems from David Lehman and Michael Collier, and an evocative memoir by violinist Judith Allen about growing up in Los Angeles among the celebrated musicians of the Aller-Slatkin family.

BIBLIORACLE

Chabon: 'Art bridges the lonely islands.' Thanks for crossing

BY JOHN WARNER

Writing this column is one of my favorite parts of the week. Having a few hundred words to wax on about some book-related thing and then recommend titles to three readers is, put simply, fun.

And yet, lately, I can't help but wonder if any of this truly matters, if I am fiddling (or typing) away as Rome burns.

I mean, I read the news. Things that should be permanently frozen are melting. Three billion birds have been lost from North America since 1970. Our president is threatening Civil War on Twitter, and the Cubs and Joe Maddon have parted ways.

What does this column matter in the face of all that?

Just as I was descending into a spiral of despair I was alerted to a Paris Review essay by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Chabon, in which he is ostensibly announcing his impending resignation as chairman of the MacDowell Colony, a nonprofit organization oriented around giving support to working artists.

Because he also reads the news, Chabon is having similar feelings and wondering what good art is in the face of a world that seems mad. For nine years he has done his utmost to support artists and, let's be honest, it hasn't *done* a whole lot.

By Chabon's estimation, the world has not been "improved" by all this art.

But maybe this is too high a bar. As much as I wish for these columns to go into the world and make an impact, I cannot delude myself into thinking that I am rocking people's world views to the core by — as I did last week — suggesting that Malcolm Gladwell may not be the ne plus ultra of nonfiction writing.

Maybe, as Chabon suggests later in the essay, it is simply enough to experience a reminder that you (and I) are not alone.

He writes, "Art bridges the lonely islands. It's the string that hums from my tin can, over here looking out of my little window, to you over there, looking out of yours."

I am pretty sure the internet is not a bunch of tin cans connected by string, but it is not too far off, and in considering why I enjoy these weekly moments together, I think about the shared bridge between me and you, dear readers, a bridge built out of a passion for books.

No matter how hopeless the world seems, when I receive the latest batch of recommendation requests — far more requests than I could ever hope to publish



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Author Michael Chabon, in announcing his decision to leave the chairmanship of the MacDowell Colony, an organization geared to support working artists, wrote a defense of art in these dark political times.

(sorry about that) — it feels as though the void has spoken and said, "There is no void. There is just us: fellow hopeful, flawed, scared, brave, curious, stubborn, people, who, like you, read a lot."

Chabon writes, "All the world's power over us lies in its ability to persuade us that we are powerless to understand each other, to feel and see and love each other, and that therefore it is pointless for us to try. Art knows better, which is why the world tries so hard to make art impossible, to immerse artists, to ban their work, silence their voices, and why it's so important for all of us to, quite simply, make art

possible."

I don't have such lofty artistic ambitions for this space, but being trusted with recommending books for others and then hearing from people who either loved or did not love what I suggested feels like something meaningful — an exchange, a connection.

In the grand scheme of things, it may not be enough, but it is something.

Keep 'em coming, my friends.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells readers what book to pick up next, based on the last five titles they've read.

1. "The Traitor Baru Cormorant" by Seth Dickinson
2. "I Will Teach You To Be Rich: No Guilt. No Excuses. No. B.S. Just a 6-Week Program That Works" by Ramit Sethi
3. "Happy Together: Using the Science of Positive Psychology to Build Love That Lasts" by Suzann Pileggi Pawelski and James O. Pawelski
4. "On Trails: An Exploration" by Robert Moor
5. "Deep Survival: Who Lives, Who Dies, and Why" by Laurence Gonzales

— *Theo J., Chicago*
Themes of happiness, prosperity, survival. I'm recommending a short, but powerful book that touches on all these things in a life lived well: "Gratitude" by Oliver Sacks, written as he faced his own imminent death.

1. "Sea Stories: My Life in Special Operations" by Admiral William H. McRaven
 2. "Zero Footprint: The True Story of a Private Military Contractor's Covert Assignments in Syria, Libya, and the World's Most Dangerous Places" by Simon Chase and Ralph Pezzullo
 3. "K: A History of Baseball in Ten Pitches" by Tyler Kepner
 4. "The Desert and the Sea" by Michael Scott Moore
 5. "Accidental Presidents: Eight Men who Changed America" by Jared Cohen
- *Anthony D., Mount Prospect*
No doubt a history fan here, and apparently a baseball fan as well. Why not something from the man who changed baseball writing forever: Roger Angel and his first collection, "The Summer Game"

1. "The Art of Fiction" by David Lodge
2. "The Art of the Novel" by Milan Kundera
3. "Leaving the Atocha Station" by Ben Lerner
4. "Motherhood" by Sheila Heti
5. "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson

— *Hope P., Chicago*
This feels like someone gearing up to write a novel, possibly a highly introspective one. One of the things I think helps with introspection is developing a keen eye for the subtexts of the world around us. The best book I know for that is "Ways of Seeing" by John Berger.

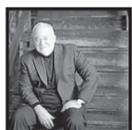
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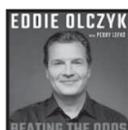
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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7 pm
Music Box Theatre
3733 North Southport Ave., Chicago
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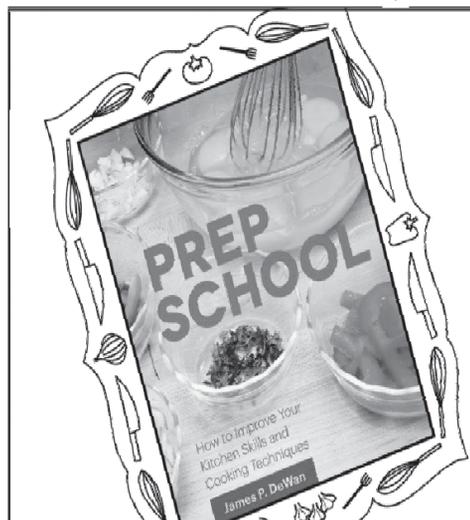
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An epic journey into Beethoven's piano sonatas

Pianist Gerstein will launch cycle



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In honor of Beethoven's 250th birthday next year, seven pianists will perform the complete cycle (and other solo works) during the unfolding season in Orchestra Hall, starting with Kirill Gerstein, a Gilmore Artist Award winner (2010). Gerstein's previous performances have shown he commands the technical, artistic and intellectual prowess to attempt to climb these Everests.

"Hans von Bulow famously said that the 32 Beethoven sonatas are a pianist's New Testament," says Gerstein, referring to the 19th century German pianist-conductor-writer.

If we assume that J.S. Bach's "Well-Tempered Clavier" represents the Old Testament, the metaphor seems apt, each body of work encompassing a galaxy of thought that advanced and enriched what the piano could achieve (though, of course, Bach was composing for earlier vintage keyboard instru-



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Pianist Kirill Gerstein, shown last year in Millennium Park, will launch Orchestra Hall's Beethoven Piano Sonatas series on Sunday.

ments).

"I was recently speaking about this with Thomas Ades, the great composer, and we both said that it's quite amazing how complete they feel, these pieces — each one as its own world," adds Gerstein. "By the time it's said and done, you kind of go through the entire range of possibilities, emotionally, musically, structurally, conceptually.

"So to make the big understatement: They're very, very rich in substance. There's so much content there, and it's so unambiguous. The ideas are very clearly and starkly presented. And at the same time it's not one-dimensional. ... I think the best way to think about these pieces is that each one is sort of an organism unto its own. ... The essence of music is very present in these pieces."

Meaning that despite the ample technical demands that these works place on the performer, they are devoid of musical frill or indecision. To the contrary, as Artur Schnabel's recordings prove, every note matters; not a wasted gesture appears in these sonatas.

Moreover, because Beethoven himself was a virtuoso pianist and brilliant keyboard improviser, these works arguably give us a

closer view of the man and the artist than his other statements.

"I would argue the sonatas are his intimate confessionary," observes Gerstein. "And it's his lab, because he can experiment with concepts that later are expanded onto a larger scale, such as the symphonies — that he can grasp it with his fingers and play around with it on the keyboard.

"This is where there is the closest meeting point between Beethoven the composer and Beethoven the improviser, in a way that, by definition, the string quartet and the symphony genre is less so."

Indeed, notwithstanding the string quartets' profundities and the symphonies' grandeur, in Beethoven's sonatas we hear the man communing with himself, grappling urgently with conflicts via the keys beneath his fingers. There's scant distance between the man and the music, the politically attuned composer sometimes railing against the world via torrents of arpeggios, chords hammered repeatedly, accents driven like stakes into the ground. At times — such as in the finale of the "Moonlight" Sonata, Op. 27 No. 2, or the eruptions of the "Appassionata" — Bee-

thoven seems at war with the instrument itself. He wants more sound, more thunder, more rhythmic fury than it can provide.

"There is a certain mercurial willfulness that he can bring into the piano sonatas, in addition to the great coherence of structure and the general musical language that he operates with," concurs Gerstein. "He is uncompromisingly striving to break through whatever barriers (he faces) on the piano — physical barriers."

The piano of earlier eras, in other words, had neither the pitch range nor the power of the instrument we know today. Some composers finessed these limitations; Beethoven struck against them.

"Mozart goes to great lengths to mask reaching the limits," says Gerstein. "He'll recompose a certain passage in a different key when he doesn't have the required notes. It's very elegant, which also speaks about the psychology of the person.

"With Beethoven, he doesn't only hit his head against the wall — metaphorically speaking — but he does it several times. He's bashing his fist at this barrier."

And yet, in passages of those last three sonatas,

this same colossal personality penned the most spiritual, ethereal passages that had yet been written for piano. That they also open the door to the fervid romanticism of Chopin and Liszt, whose innovations would not have been possible without Beethoven's daring, points to the breadth and multidimensionality of Beethoven's genius.

For Gerstein's series-launching recital, he'll play none of the famous, nicknamed sonatas, though the Op. 7, in E-flat Major, is a towering early-period work in its own right. Gerstein's program will feature that piece, plus less-celebrated early and middle period sonatas: Op. 2, No. 2, in A Major; Op. 31, No. 1, in G Major; Op. 54 in F Major; and Op. 49, No. 1, in G Minor.

But Gerstein does not fully accept the idea of early, middle and late Beethoven piano sonatas.

"They call them 'early' sonatas, (but) they're actually very grand, and they're very grown up," he says.

"In the same vein, the last three, celestial clearly they are. But they also very much stand on the ground and are not light years away from the early ones.

"I would say that there is the relentless sense of experimentation from the first one to the last one. So he's really trying (to ask): What can be done with this model, this genre, of the piano sonata?"

"While I agree that there's an arc, that there's this loose stylistic division, I also ... advocate for the fact that there is a unity of striving throughout the 32." So although a considerable amount of planning went into which pianist would play which sonatas on the Orchestra Hall series, Gerstein believes the exact choice of sonatas was immaterial.

"It almost doesn't matter which ones — not because one doesn't care, but because one cares," he says, in

effect arguing for the value of each one.

"My feeling is when it comes to repertoire decision, it's not even the point. The point is the language and this world. Then which particular representative of this species (one plays) is for me less crucial.

"These great pieces, you can come back to: They serve as a kind of mirror of how you are at the given time, and how you're changing, and what (you're) able to comprehend and play.

"And then you return to the sonata a year later, three years later, and it gives you a chance to remember what was then, what is now, how the changes happened. The fact that they can complement our life as a performer and allow for these continuous returns is a very poignant way for me to be measuring time and personal change."

Exactly the same concept applies to we listeners. Those of us who have heard these sonatas for decades — played in concert by sublime Beethoven interpreters such as Rudolf Serkin, Claudio Arrau and Alfred Brendel, and on record by visionaries such as Schnabel and Sviatoslav Richter — also can gauge through these works how our lives and sensibilities have changed over time.

That process begins anew with Gerstein's recital.

Kirill Gerstein performs at 3 p.m. Sunday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$21-\$83. The Beethoven piano sonatas series continues with Rudolf Buchbinder, Nov. 6 and 10; Andras Schiff, March 29 and 31, 2020; Mitsuko Uchida, April 5; Evgeny Kissin, May 10; Igor Levit, May 20; and Maurizio Pollini, May 24; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

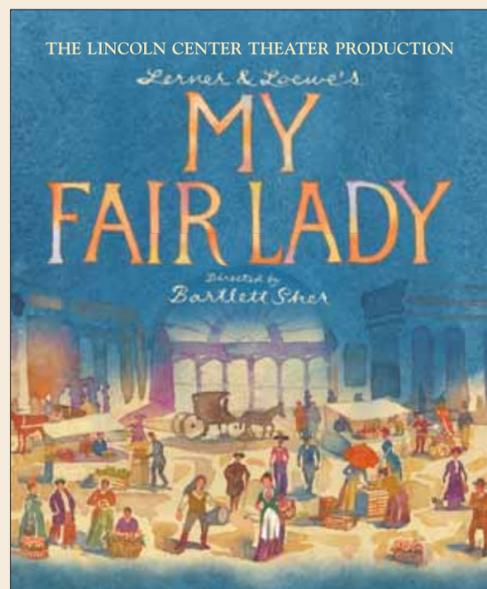
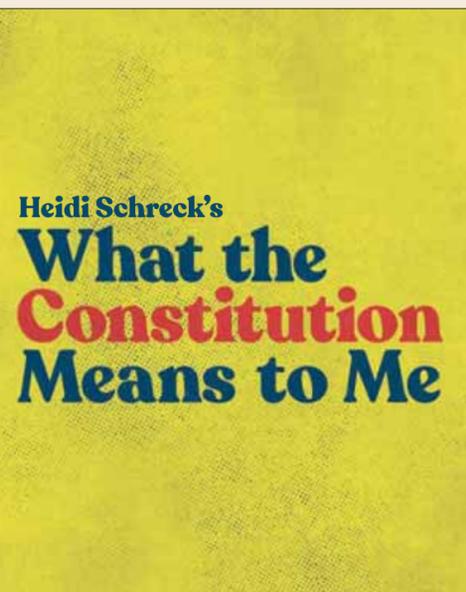
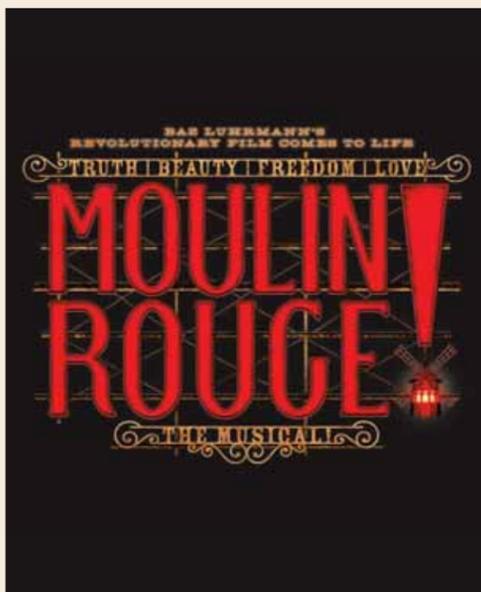
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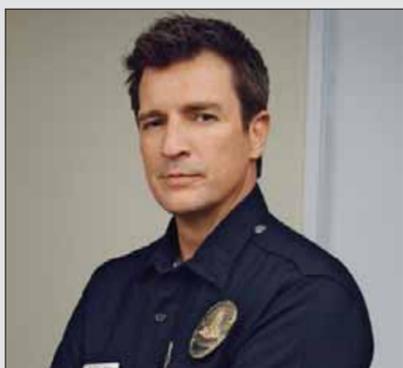
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WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Nathan Fillion

"The Rookie" (9 p.m., ABC): Seamus Dever and Jon Huertas, who played Detectives Ryan and Esposito on Nathan Fillion's mystery series "Castle," guest star in the new episode "The Bet," which sees Nolan (Fillion) navigating some shifting dynamics with Jessica and Grace (Sarah Shahi, Ali Larter) while working a high-stakes case involving an undercover Homeland Security agent. Elsewhere, Officer Lopez (Alyssa Diaz) learns a surprising bit of information about Wesley (Shawn Ashmore). Melissa O'Neil and Eric Winter also star.

"Killer Contractor" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): After her father dies, Kerry McCloud (Alyshia Ochse) tries to put his estate in order, which includes having several repairs done on the family home to get it ready for market. Unfortunately, the contractor she hires for the job brings with him a string of deadly "accidents," not to mention some shocking secrets, in this 2019 thriller.

"Succession" (8 p.m., 11:05 p.m., 2:10 a.m., HBO): Loosely based on Rupert Murdoch's family media empire, this blistering black comedy recently picked up an Emmy for its writing in Season 1, but "Succession" has really broken out in its sophomore outing as a major new hit for HBO, thanks to the performances by a stunning core ensemble, as well as such A-list guest stars as Holly Hunter and Cherry Jones. Season 2 wraps tonight, with a third season already greenlit. Brian Cox, Kieran Culkin, Jeremy Strong and Sarah Snook star.

"Crossword Mysteries" (8 p.m., HMM): On the same day that the Sentinel's crossword puzzle includes his proposal of marriage, an old friend of the paper's crosswords editor, Tess Harper (Lacey Chabert), is found murdered in the new mystery "Proposing Murder." Tess unofficially teams up with Lt. Logan O'Connor (Brennan Elliott) to find the killer, but doing so will require the pair to put together a puzzle with origins in World War II Europe.

"Why We Hate" (9:03 p.m., 12:02 a.m., Discovery): Throughout history, hate and conflict have been inevitable parts of the human experience, yet from time to time something sparks hatred and transforms it into something genuinely destructive and horrifying. In this new six-part weekly docuseries from Oscar-winning filmmakers Alex Gibney and Steven Spielberg, scientists, anthropologists, journalists, attorneys and other experts explore the basis of hatred and its impact on societies.

"The Righteous Gemstones" (9:10 p.m., 12:15 a.m., 3:20 a.m., HBO): This irreverent, out-of-the-gate satirical comedy closes out its freshman season with a finale called "Better Is the End of a Thing Than Its Beginning," which finds Gemstone patriarch Eli (John Goodman) questioning his children's future in the family ministry; Jesse (Danny McBride), meanwhile, struggles to keep his marriage together, and Judy (Edi Patterson) opens up to BJ (Tim Baltz) about her own checkered past.

"Ballers" (10 p.m., 1:05 a.m., 4:10 a.m., HBO): Even though he's well aware that he has a target on his back, Spencer (Dwayne Johnson) doggedly refuses to back down in his fight for the league's players as this sports comedy calls it a wrap after five seasons with a finale called "Players Only." Meanwhile, Julie (Jazmyn Simon) encourages Charles (Omar Benson Miller) to take care of some unfinished business, and Joe (Rob Corddry) embraces a new state of mind.

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SUNDAY EVENING, OCT. 13

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS 2	*(6:30) 60 Minutes (N)	God Friended Me: "From Paris With Love." (N) ©	NCIS: Los Angeles: "Hail Mary." (N) ©	NCIS: Los Angeles: "Hail Mary." (N) ©	Madam Secretary: "The Strike Zone." (N) ©			
	NBC 5	(7:15) NFL Football: Pittsburgh Steelers at Los Angeles Chargers. (N) (Live) ©							
	ABC 7	Kids Say the Darndest Things (N) ©		Shark Tank (N) ©		The Rookie: "The Bet." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) *	
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish: "North Star." ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	Chicago's Best	
	Antenna 9.2	Two Dads	Two Dads	Growing	Growing	Johnny Carson ©			
	This TV 9.3	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night			Heat/Night *	
	PBS 11	The Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece (N) ©		Poldark on Masterpiece (N) ©		Press on Masterpiece: "Pure." (N) ©		Check, Please!	
	CW 26.1	Batwoman (N) ©		Supergirl (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	The U 26.2	Cliffhanger (R, '93) ***	Sylvester Stallone.			Bullseye! (PG-13, '89) **	Roger Moore *		
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Murder, Smoke and Shadows." ©				Jeffersons	C. Burnett	D. Van Dyke	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek *	
	Bounce 26.5	*(6) Above the Law (R) **		Exit Wounds (R, '01) *	Steven Seagal, DMX. ©			Romeo *	
	FOX 32	The Simpsons (N)	Bless the Harts (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday		Fox Chicago Final Word *	
	Ion 38	NCIS: Los Angeles ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago *	
	TeleM 44	*(6) Exatón Estados Unidos (N) ©				El secreto de Selena (N)		Noticiero	
	MNT 50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Dateline *	
UniMas 60	Fútbol CONCACAF Liga de Naciones (N)				CONCACAF Liga de Naciones (N)				
WJVS 62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Poi-News		Van Impe (N)		
Univ 66	Reina de la canción				Crónicas: Historias		Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	American Sniper (R, '14) ***	Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller. ©					Marine *	
	AMC	*(6:46) The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead (N) ©		(9:04) Talking Dead (N)		Walk:Dead *	
	ANIM	Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law (N) ©		(9:02) Lone Star Law ©		Lone Star *	
	BBCA	*(5:30) Hellboy '04 ***		Hellboy II: The Golden Army		(PG-13, '08) ***	Ron Perlman. ©		
	BET	*(6:05) Boyz n the Hood (R, '91) ***		Martin ©		(9:43) Martin ©			
	BIGTEN	BTN Football in 60 (N) ©		The Final Drive ©		BTN Football in 60 (N) ©		Drive *	
	BRAVO	Married to Medicine ©		Married to Medicine (N)		Watch (N)	Cash Cab	Medicine *	
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	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		Declassified (N)		This Is Life (N)		Life-Lisa *	
	COM	*(Talladega Nights: Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13, '04) ***						South Park	
	DISC	Last Frontier (N)		River of No Return (N) ©		(9:03) Why We Hate (N)		Alaska: Last	
	DISN	*(6) Descendants 3 ('19)		Villains (N)	Gabby	Star Wars	Big City	Raven	
	EI	The Kardashians		The Kardashians (N)		E! True Hollywood (N)		Kardash *	
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	ESPN2	World/Poker		Formula 1 Racing: Japanese Grand Prix.					
	FNC	Watters' World ©		The Next Revolution (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Watters *	
	FOOD	Kids Baking		Halloween Wars (N) ©		Haunted Gingerbread (N)		Halloween *	
	FREE	*(6:30) Moana (PG, '16) ***	Auli'i Cravalho © (SAP)			Hocus Pocus (PG, '93) ** © (SAP)		Spider 2 *	
	FX	*(6) Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13, '17) *** ©		Weekly (N)		The Weekly		Spider 2 *	
	HALL	*(Fall Harvest Movie Event		Fall Harvest Movie Event		Celebration ©		Fall *	
	HGTV	Beach Hunters (N) ©		Caribbean Life (N) ©		Hawaii Hunters (N) ©		Mexico Life	
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	IFC	*(Bourne		The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13, '04) ***		Matt Damon. ©		Bourne *	
	LIFE	Killer Contractor (NR, '19)	Alyshia Ochse. ©			The College Admissions Scandal ©			
	MSNBC	(6:00) Kasie DC (N) ©		MSNBC Special ©		MSNBC Special ©		Dateline *	
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	NICK	Are You Afraid		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Afraid *	
	OVATION	*(6) Unforgiven (R, '92) ***	Clint Eastwood.			Inside the Actors Studio (Season Premiere) (N) ©			
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	OXY	Snapped ©		Murder for Hire ©		Snapped ©		Snapped *	
PARMT	*(6:35) Dirty Dancing (PG-13, '87) ***	Jennifer Grey.			(9:05) Dirty Dancing (PG-13, '87) ***				
SYFY	*(Harry Potter (7:31) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13, '05) ***	Daniel Radcliffe. *							
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Wrestling		
TCM	Laura (NR, '44) ***	Gene Tierney. ©		(8:45) Night and the City (NR, '50) *** ©					
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)				(9:02) Unexpected (N)		90 Day (N) *		
TLN	Living-Edge	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point ©		Insights	King		
TNT	The Accountant (R, '16) **	Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick. ©			Safe House (R, '12) ***				
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy		
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WE	Law & Order: "Rapture."		Law & Order: "Bailout."		Law & Order: "Take-Out."		Law *		
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PREMIUM	HBO	*(Happy Death Day 2U **		Succession (Season Finale) (N) ©		Gemstones (Season Finale) (N)		Ballers (Se-	
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	MAX	The Nice Guys (R, '16) ***		Russell Crowe. ©		Ocean's 8 (PG-13, '18) ** ©			
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	STARZ	Power (N) ©		Power (N)	(8:26) Power ©		Power Con.	Power © *	
STZNC	*(6:05) Rear Window ('54)				A Beautiful Mind (PG-13, '01) ***		Russell Crowe. ©		



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GREG KOT
Tribune music critic

Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds, "Ghosteen" (Ghosteen/Bad Seed)

"I'm transforming, I'm vibrating, I'm glowing, I'm flying, look at me now," Nick Cave sang six years ago on the pivotal "Jubilee Street."

The six-minute track planted the seeds of the fully realized 68-minute song cycle that is "Ghosteen."

Since the feral fury and dark humor of the Grinderman era (circa 2007-10), Cave has done a little transforming himself.

With "Push the Sky Away" (2013), Cave started recording music that somehow felt different, more open, consoling. The death of his 15-year-old son Arthur shadowed the release of "Skeleton Tree" (2016), and "Ghosteen" bears the full weight of that loss.

Though billed as collaboration with his magnificent long-running band, the Bad Seeds, Cave turns "Ghosteen" into a hushed, intimate work. There's an industrial rattle at the outset of "Waiting for You," barely-there percussion on "Leviathan" and a rumbling bass in "Hollywood," but otherwise the arrangements are focused on floating keyboards and electronic textures.

The album tells a two-part tale — an eight-song batch of "children" and a three-track set of "parents," a before-and-after cycle of grief, mourning, acceptance and redemption. At a distance, the album can feel like an ambient mood piece



ALYSSE GAFKJEN

The Highwomen, from left: Natalie Hemby, Maren Morris, Brandi Carlile and Amanda Shires.

with some pretty moments rising from the mist.

Listen closely, however, and something changes. The album becomes a meditation on pain and wonder, an apparent duality that Cave's narrator turns into an acceptance of what it means to live.

The album's premise is as old as humanity itself: Someone you love has died suddenly, inexplicably, and love is lost, then what? Cosmic visions of horses with their manes on fire, Jesus in Mary's arms and ships in the sky merge with small moments: the view from a hotel room window, a couple in a parked car, someone sitting at a kitchen table listening to the radio.

There's plenty of biblical imagery, but this is not Cave in fiery preacher mode. The unsettled music fits his interior, 3 a.m. vocals, which range from an exhausted near-whisper to a yearning falsetto. Background voices — moans, murmurs, sighs — emerge and recede as if from a dream.

The heartbreak of the "parent" songs would be difficult to bear even without knowledge of Cave's personal tragedy. But this

isn't about self-pity. Instead, the singer's retelling of an old Buddhist tale of a mother's suffering in "Hollywood" becomes a lifeline, an acknowledgment that heartbreak not only breaks people but can also be a source of strength, a unifying force.

In losing love, Cave also rekindles it in songs such as "Waiting for You," "Night Raid" and the epic "Leviathan," all ostensibly directed at his grieving wife. He universalizes that emotion in the staggering "Sun Forest" and the shimmering "Ghosteen Speaks," an echo of "Jubilee Street": "I am beside you. Look for me." **(3.5 stars out of 4)**

Lana Del Rey, "NFR" (Interscope)

"I'm your man," Lana Del Rey asserts on the expansive "Mariners Apartment Complex." Brimming with gender-bending confidence, Del Rey's once-needy and desperate heroines are very much in charge on "NFR."

The album wants it all by conflating the singer's vision of Laurel Canyon pop from yesteryear, relationships with men struggling to grow up and the Apocalypse. Her grand

repurposing of '70s songcraft embraces expansive orchestration with psychedelic touches and layered vocals. Melodies inevitably appear from inside the opiated haze of instrumentation and the sometimes archly clever wordplay.

Things inevitably drift, but beneath the surface in the best songs is a toughness and newfound resilience. The final track, "Hope is a Dangerous Thing for a Woman Like Me to Have," reveals the narrator's determination to find something meaningful amid the decadence of "Cinnamon Girl" and "How to Disappear" and the end-of-the-world images packed into "The Greatest." **(3 stars)**

The Highwomen, "The Highwomen" (Elektra)

In between obligations to their solo careers as four of new Nashville's more accomplished singer-songwriters, Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby, Maren Morris and Amanda Shires put together this feminist response to the Highwaymen country supergroup of the '80s (Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson).

The "Highwomen" title track doubles as a mission statement: It tells the tales of an immigrant, a colonial healer, a freedom rider and a preacher who paid a steep cost to advance women's place in society. The subtext for this project is the lack of representation of women artists on country music radio and at country

music festivals, a corollary of sorts to the #MeToo movement. The songs take a multifaceted view of motherhood and the notion of working women who are expected to do it all, particularly in "My Name Can't be Mama."

The message of inclusion extends to anyone who has been barred from the industry's men's club, including members of the LGBTQ community and all people of color. It's a radical message by Nashville standards, but it's presented in rather locked-down fashion by producer Dave Cobb, who frames everything as a standard ballad or honky-tonk number.

Perhaps taking the safe course was a way of enticing (or daring) conservative country programmers to play the album. Indeed, the voices and the hooks can't easily be denied, and Shires injects some playful sassiness on "Don't Call Me." But the potential for what could've been a harder-hitting roadhouse-style album largely goes unrealized. **(3 stars)**

Kills Birds, "Kills Birds" (KRO)

This fledgling Los Angeles quartet led by Bosnian-born singer Nina Ljeti doesn't waste any time on its combustible 26-minute debut album. Ljeti turns syllables into punches on the opening "Worthy Girl," in which she struggles with self-worth over a guitar-drums bonfire. The hyper-ventilating "Jesus Did" only occasionally comes up for air as Ljeti's vocals escalate from a low-key rustle to a hellhound-on-my-tail scream and back again.

The dynamic arrangements sometimes reduce the songs to a lone bass line or brief moment of silence, only to come hurtling back with renewed venom. Guitarist Jacob Loeb, bassist Fielder Thomas and drummer Bosh Rothman play as if their hair's on fire, a match for Ljeti's volatility, encapsulated by the anthemic "Volcano." It's a mash-up of frustration, hurt, yearning, desire and rage that leaves the singer breathless. The pace becomes more varied after that sprint, but the emotional intensity remains.

The Hazy shoegaze guitars of "Tear Up" and the slower-burning "High" create room for melodies to

develop, and "Ok Hurricane" offers a lullaby send-off as lovely as it is unexpected. **(3.5 stars)**

Trupa Trupa, "Of the Sun" (Glitterbeat)

Grzegorz Kwiatkowski of the Polish band Trupa Trupa is a singer of few, well-chosen words. He addresses uncomfortable truths, the absurdity of life, and turns these terse poems into songs that feel like dreams, charged with spasms of noise, gut-punch bass lines and hypnotic melodies.

Though the band released its debut album in 2015, "Of the Sun" is its first album to be released in America. It distills what has made Trupa Trupa a must-see in past years at music conferences such as South by Southwest in Austin, Texas. The quartet's music emerges from a land embroiled in turmoil; "Of the Sun" was released only months after the murder of their friend and hometown mayor, Gdansk's Pawel Bogdan Adamowicz.

In that sense, they are heirs to a long Eastern European tradition of protest music, from Czechoslovakia's Plastic People of the Universe and Pulnoc to Russia's Zoopark and Pussy Riot. The band's impressive range encompasses the spastic punk of "Turn," the wobbly atmospherics of the haunted title track and the angular funk of "Dream About." They pull a redemptive refrain from the encroaching nihilism of "Another Day" and mock the culture of denial in the surging "Remainder." **(3.5 stars)**

Tool, "Fear Inoculum" (Dissectional, Volcano Entertainment, RCA)

Tool's first album after a 13-year creative, personal and legal impasse finds the band still carving its own niche at the intersection of metal and progressive music, flavored with Eastern and experimental textures, slowly unfolding arrangements and cerebral wordplay. Six of the tracks clock in at more than 10 minutes, with the inventive drumming and hand percussion of Danny Carey and neo-philosophical narratives of singer Maynard James Keenan dominant. Keenan adopts a sing-speak, storytelling mode as he zeroes in on questions of aging, relevance and learning how to undo the crippling head games that kept tripping up his younger self.

The album plays like an extended mood piece that bends and drifts, with a shortage of the crushing hard-rock crescendos and riffs that defined the band's work on "Lateralus" (2001) and before. The album is all about restraint until the closing "Tempest," and we get 15 roller-coaster minutes of guitarist Adam Jones, bassist Justin Chancellor and Carey at their peak as an A-plus hard rock/metal power trio, while Keenan finally lets it rip on vocals. **(2.5 stars)**

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'Rusty Brown': A visual tour

Chris Ware's adventurous, sprawling, dazzling book

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

Roughly two decades ago, about a week after Chris Ware completed "Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth," the sprawling graphic novel that cemented the Oak Park artist's reputation as the most ambitious and virtuosic cartoonist on Earth, he started work on "Rusty Brown." It was another sprawling and adventurous novel that, like all of his work, is lonesome, rueful, uncertain about human connection, yet also empathetic, dazzling — as committed to depicting the overlooked and anonymous as it is innovative.

Still, I would be lying if I said that I looked forward to a new Chris Ware book without reservation. And by that I mean, one reservation: His work demands that you are fully present, and frankly, how often are we fully present, wherever we may be, these days?

For instance, now that it's here, "Rusty Brown" (Pantheon 2019), the book itself, is so intricately designed that, like many of Ware's books, the result is an art object. Characters inside spill out across the spine and over end pages; the usual Library of Congress cataloging notice at the front now resembles the check-out page of an elementary school library; and even the dust jacket unfolds into a kind of poster on the themes and places explored inside. You feel protective, anxious about dog-eared anything, worried you'll blink and miss something.

And that's before you reach the story, which was partly serialized in the Chicago Reader and New City. It's set on a snowy day in Ware's hometown of Omaha, Nebraska, focused on nervous children, bullies, teachers, parents, longings and regrets — Ware's bleak milieu, which can read a little like "Peanuts" as told by James Joyce and Sherwood Anderson. (A recent takedown in Slate called Ware "the Bard of Sadtown.") The book starts in the 1970s, leaps to the future, tells stories within stories, leaves Earth, spans generations. Meanwhile, the least redeemable character in almost 400 pages is Ware himself, cast as a creep of an art teacher. It's all so vast, yet there are winter days here I haven't seen since childhood, and a stillness so evocative and tender you feel like an intruder.

Which is the point, a generous act of detailing, and honoring, everyday life.

With this in mind, I asked Ware, 51, to explain and contextualize a handful of images:

1 On the jacket spine of "Rusty Brown," Ware uses the classic TV Guide format to provide the usual author info and plot outline found traditionally on an inside flap.

"Though the book is deeply serious and grave, I wanted to redolently capture the feeling of the late 1970s on the dust jacket, and so tried to reproduce both the typography and tone of TV Guide — but as if TV Guide were presenting life itself. Amazingly, I could find no font of the little television numbers, so I had to make one myself. ... (TV Guide) was a tome I consulted many times a week, if not many times a day. The 'Fall Preview' was like receiving a tablet from God, the first indications of what I'd have to look forward to in the upcoming year and the events around which I'd arrange my life. It's frightening to me now how addicted I was to the serotonin that television would administer. ... The first chapter of 'Rusty Brown' is intentionally written in the tone of a sitcom, with its overwrought and overly pointed phrasing, because when I look back, sitcoms and cruddy TV adventure shows really shaped how I thought about myself as a kid. I imagined I was the star of everything, thinking aloud and responding with wisecracks and asides to perceived slights and obstacles. ... I'm sure everyone of our age group (born in the '60s and '70s) has an emotional attachment to whatever local affiliates carried national broadcasting networks, but I centered mine around channels particular to Omaha and surrounding towns. I could just barely tune in if I shoved a screwdriver in the back of my television and angled the antenna just right. I used to sit in front of the television and gaze at the static/snow — or kiss the screen if there was a show I especially loved and thought I would never see again. It wasn't until high school that my addiction got so bad — I was watching anything and everything I could until the American anthem/flag broadcast signoff — that I realized I needed to get cold turkey."

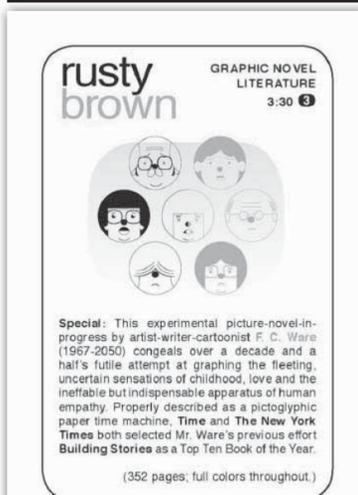
2 Some of the most evocative images in "Rusty Brown" are still, silent settings.

"I moved back to the Midwest and to Chicago from Texas because Texas did not have snow. Snow is among the most beautiful works of art planet Earth has produced, much better than anything we humans have ever come up with — and since Earth produced us too, by proxy all the art we create is really the planet's — millions of miniature snow flowers that silently erase the boundaries between homes, roofs and streets and piss off everyone just trying to get to work."

3 One of the characters in "Rusty Brown" is Ware himself, playing a high school art teacher. It's not the most flattering self-portrait. Here, he is wondering aloud about how we can ever really know if no two snowflakes have ever been identical.

"The story needed a real jerk, and I was available. I figured the most horrible person in the story should look like me, since the story itself originates within me. It's all in the service of trying to feel through someone who's not up to par, as it takes much less effort to be a bad person than it is to be good."

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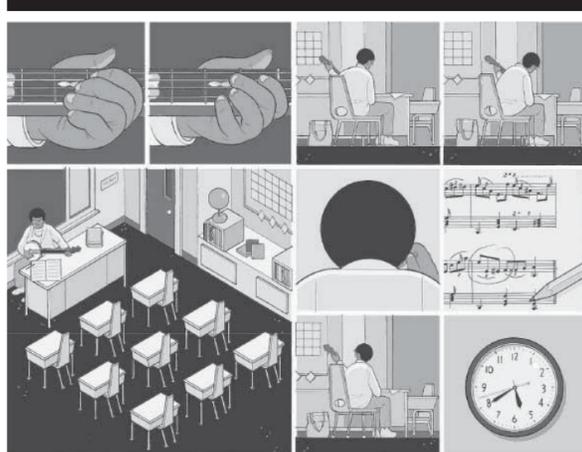
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Illustrations by Chris Ware from his book "Rusty Brown."

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4 Another character is Joanne Cole, a lonesome art teacher with a heartbreaking secret. Throughout the story of "Rusty Brown," she becomes a devoted banjo player.

"There's no more concrete cultural object that links more directly to the crime and atrocity of slavery in America than the banjo. Africans who were kidnapped and forcibly brought here with nothing other than their anguish re-created the basic structure of the instrument out of found materials, known in some regions of Africa as an *akonting*, *ngoni* or *xalam*. The re-created instrument caught the ear of their white captors, who stole and modified it, the banjo then becoming a necessary prop of early minstrel shows in which whites imitated African Americans. ... The banjo embodies pretty much everything astonishing, unspeakable and terrible about our nation. Here, Joanne is playing in what is known as the 'classic' style, a melodic approach which was the vogue of recording artists of the early 1900s, toned down by white performers into a polite instrument of the parlor and a playing method which survived as written tutors well into the 1960s, from which Joanne has learned."

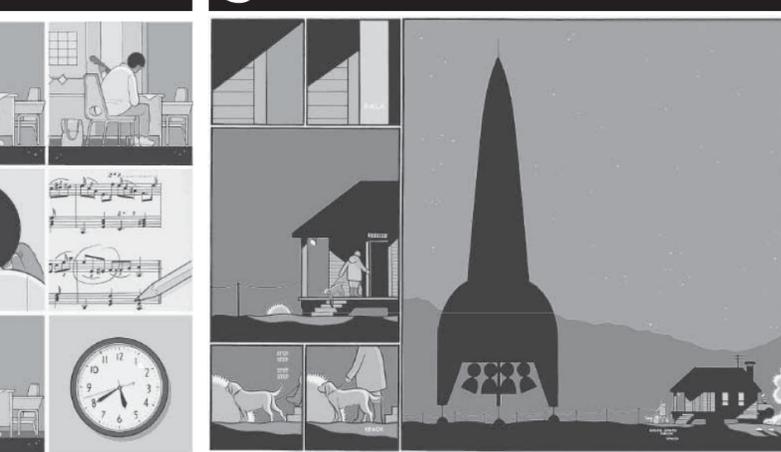
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5 Most of "Rusty Brown" is set in Omaha, but there is a digression to Mars, with a colony of earthlings who seemingly can't outrun feelings of alienation. We learn, however, the story is actually a short story written by one of the characters in Nebraska.

"As a kid I read a lot of science fiction, eager to escape a world where I would be made fun of — at least until my middle school English teacher Mrs. Byers made me read 'Of Mice and Men' and I realized writing could grip your heart and produce tears. The pictorial representation of this (Mars) story is an attempt to get at its writer rereading his own work, with 20 years of life between its writing and his rediscovery of a printed copy in his file cabinet. So it includes imagery that wouldn't have been part of his mental lexicon when he wrote it. (The story was written in 1955; he's reading it in 1975.) I think Jorge Luis Borges has said that the way we read 'Don Quixote' now has little or nothing to do with the way that readers in Cervantes' day experienced it, just as the way we imagine ourselves as adults when we dream of childhood, or when we replace memories of terrible high school haircuts."

6 The cover book jacket, like the work inside, is spotted with seemingly prosaic images.

"My whole life as a cartoonist I've tried to imagine what a genuinely literary pictorial novel might look like — not just a script illustrated in pictures or a memoir accompanied by panels of doodles, but a story genuinely told with/in/through pictures, where the pictures are the story itself. The greatest fiction, like memory, thrives in detail, and comics being an art of memory should follow suit. There are no actual people on the cover, and I set my task to draw all four (book) jackets (there are four different jackets, one for every character in the book) to try and make something that gets, however awkwardly, at that overpowering sense of 'thereness' that we all look for but only briefly experience when the odor of a freshly cut weed or the sight of a bit of typography or a fast-food sign briefly calls back the tangible sensation of a moment — or, more properly, the feeling of life itself that we are always going out of our ways to tamp down, smother and forget."

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Trees

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Mountains above Palo Alto in California, he came upon redwoods, and noticed painted dots on them, placed there years ago to mark each for logging. More than 90% of its redwoods were logged. So he wondered about the people who saved the remaining few, the ones “who decided 95% logged was enough.”

He had a seed of a story. So he returned to Illinois for research, several times. You ask about it and he answers the way he tends to — with a long eloquent tumble of thoughts, impossibly formulated.

“The first time I came back here I came to see the elms. I grew up in Lincolnwood on the North Shore and the elm was the dominate street tree of the Northwest Chicago area, and after the blight they were all gone. It happened over a long period of time. I was born in 1957 and we still had elms on Avers Avenue in the 1960s, so when it came time to write this book, I wanted to recreate some of the personal connection with trees the book depends upon. And I couldn’t find an elm. The signature tree of my childhood! People loved the elm because it made this enormous vase of a shape. Tell a child to draw a tree and they draw an elm. Put them on opposite sides of a street and they create a beautiful canyon. But to recreate that magic, you have to touch one and smell it and run your hand along its bark. You have to have all the involuntary memories that come out of the physical reality of the tree. What is that Wordsworth quote? That poetry takes its origins from ‘emotion recollected in tranquility’? Unless you live in a city that made a concerted effort to save elms — New York did in Central Park, Chicago did here — you can’t really stand under an elm anymore. There aren’t many places to see them now. So I would come here and take notes. Because the act of writing is an act of empathy. You are trying to inhabit a state of mind powerful enough and sustained enough that you are not standing outside of things. You stop describing and start participating in a mental state — but you need to find that mental state in the first place.”

He stops and grabs a branch. “This a scarlet oak.”

He releases the branch and it bounces back to place.

“Trees do a lot of things that go right past us — wait, sorry, what was I saying?”

Until “The Overstory,” his 12th novel, the standard line on Powers’ fiction was it was all head and little warmth. Some of which is driven no doubt by his choice of subjects: For more than 30 years, few novelists have used science as a subject so boldly, in service of such literary (at times grandiose) aims. At the risk of making him sound insufferable, Powers writes about the way we share space with the known universe. His debut, 1985’s “Three Farmers on Their Way to a Dance,” following a photo across a century, tackles memory and art. “The Echo Maker” (his 2006 National Book Award winner) is the story of a man with Capgras syndrome, a real delusion in which patients believe that their family members are somehow impostors. “The Gold Bug Variations” (1991) touched on DNA; “Galatea 2.2” (1995), artificial intelligence; “Orfeo” (2014) touches on biohacking and genetics; while “Gain” (1998) tells dueling stories, one about an Illinois woman dying of cancer, the other about the nearby chemical company that she believes poisoned her.

Asked if he gets lost in research, he has a ready reply:

“No, I get found in research.”

He shows an adherence to actual science that he says has less to do with simple facts and more to do with portraying exactly how his characters view their world and specialty. He is known for his deep immersion. To write about the solitariness of a character held by terrorists, he moved into a small apartment above a garage on Long Island. When he realized the rabbit hole of research that became “The Overstory,” he left the Bay Area for a home on stilts, surrounded by forest, inside the Great Smoky Mountains. It’s where he lives now.

Powers’ novels are so heady there’s a degree of whiplash when you meet the man himself, who is as ingratiating and kind as he can be dizzily erudite. He is long and tall (6 foot, 4 inches), with thick graying hair that’s parted down the middle and bounces as he walks, like Michael J. Fox, circa 1985. He has piercing blueish-gray eyes that hold a messianic glint, but he seems removed from his accomplishments, so

lacking pretense that, as one interviewer wrote, “It’s almost as if something is wrong with him.” But nothing is wrong. For the first decades of his career, he did few interviews, and didn’t even go on a book tour until the late ’90s, but, however unlikely it sounds, Powers is a people person.

And a tree person. He knows, if the last five global extinctions are any indication, that trees will outlive us, and he wants to do right by them. So “The Overstory” tells the story of nine people — a game designer, a Vietnam vet, and a dendrologist whose theories about how trees communicate disgrace her (in the short term), among others, many of whom find themselves fighting for wildness — but he pairs each of those characters with a tree, which is in turn treated as a living thing with its concerns and a network and history. And it’s all based on actual science.

There’s the decline of the elm, the arrival of chestnut blight; you listen as trees talk to each other. Gathering a mythic grandeur, it feels like a story tangentially about America.

“There is a story we are forgetting how to tell,” Powers said. “One of my chief concerns (with ‘Overstory’) is the non-separability of humans and nonhumans, but so much of our culture depends on a separation. So much of who we are is wrapped into the belief that humans are independent and the rest of the world is there to serve us. We bestow a sanctity on humanity that we don’t bestow on other living creations. When I taught fiction downstate at Illinois I would make this point: We have completely forgotten the stories about a world that doesn’t necessarily want what we want — and sometimes is hostile to what we want. Myths and legends — children get those stories drummed out of them. We find it laughable to give agency to other living things and that nervousness is symptom of our alienation. These stories disappeared because we believe we won that war, in the 19th century; now we are in charge of nature. But those are good stories.”

He stopped walking. “How,” he said, looking pained, “do we live here on this planet? That’s a story.” As critic John Leonard once wrote: “Everyone else just talks about alienation, estrangement and the unbearable lightness of being, but Powers

“I wasn’t ready to move on, where the material said, ‘Wait, you haven’t even started on this topic yet.’ I really felt possessed.”

— Richard Powers, on finishing “The Overstory”

actually does something about them.”

He arrived at the maples.

He knows a lot about them. The overhead felt denser and darker here. He took a seat at the base of a large gray maple so gnarled and gothic it could be art directed. There’s a drum of a trunk, then inside that trunk are several more trunks, each erupting upward, reaching like languid arms, firm but drooping. Powers stared upward into the canopy.

“The maples are spectacular, right?”

This tree, he considered, is maybe 80 or 100 years old. Yet maples, he continued: These trees can be 500 years old. “One thing about a tree is no matter old its species can get, you can’t necessarily tell its age by its size. This tree, it could have been kept alive by other trees nearby, maybe just waiting for another tree to fall and cut a hole in the canopy. A tree like this can put 100 gallons of water into the air, every day. Quite the engineering feat.”

He picks up a samara, the tiny helicopter seeds that spiral to earth.

“Any Midwesterner knows these,” he says, studying its shape. “You know what the purpose of that (propeller) shape is? So it can fall as far from the tree as possible.”

His knowledge on the subject — really, on any subject he’s written about — is deep, yet there’s a refrain in “Overstory” that could describe most of his novels: “The best arguments in the world won’t change a person’s mind, the only thing that can do that is a good story.”

He never seriously considered becoming a science journalist. Such as life would have lost the lyrical, stylistic flights used in fiction, he said. Initially, he studied physics at the University of Illinois, but graduated with a creative

writing degree. Had he become a scientist, “had I committed my life to heavy specialization, I would not have had the joy of recreating myself every few years.”

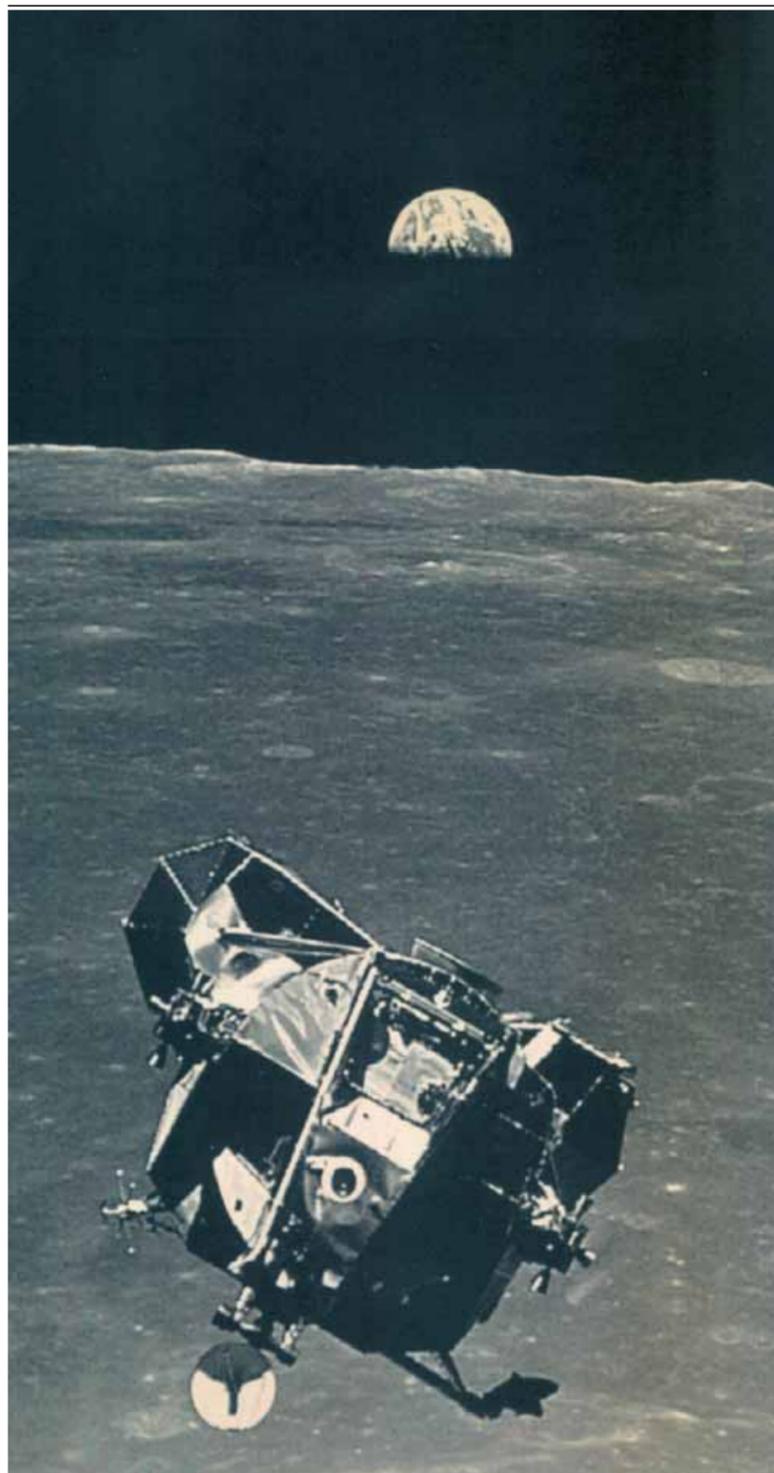
Powers was born in Evanston, his mother was an executive secretary for Wurlitzer in DeKalb, his father was the principal of Lincoln Hall Middle School in Lincolnwood, where they lived. He was interested in science from an early age. A fourth grade teacher in particular “was struck by what a naturalist I was” and slipped him a copy of Darwin’s “Voyage of the Beagle.” After his father moved the family to Bangkok for a job, they returned to Illinois, this time to DeKalb, to be close to Powers’ sisters, attending Northern Illinois University. Indeed, if there are two constants in Richard Powers’ life, it’s the sciences and Illinois. Until he began teaching at Stanford in 2013, he had spent most of his life in the state, primarily around Urbana. He would move to the Netherlands, then move back to Urbana; leave again for England, return to Urbana; relocate to Boston and come home to Urbana.

Asked why, as with so many questions, he replies with a quotation: “What did Flaubert say? Be simple and domesticated in regular life, so you can be extravagant in your prose?”

“The Overstory,” however, was a turning point, creatively, financially, personally. At home in the Tennessee wilderness, he doesn’t plan to move back to Illinois again. “It’s the first book where, by the time it went to press, I wasn’t ready to move on, where the material said, ‘Wait, you haven’t even started on this topic yet.’ I really felt possessed. It changed the way I moved through the world, it changed my hour-to-hour existence. What’s that John Muir line? You know — ‘I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out until sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in.’ This ceased being about just writing a book, but being present in my body, in a place accommodating me.”

He ran his hand along bark on the thick branch of the large maple, the branch so long and rigid that it rested at a near 90-degree angle with its enormous trunk, curling straight out then down, its fingers tickling the ground, eager to find home once again.

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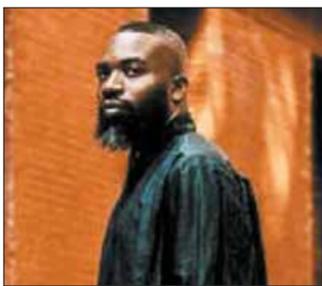
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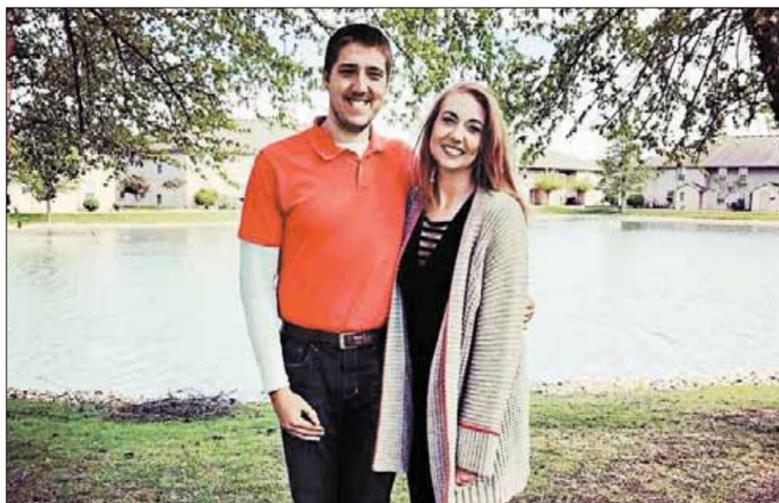


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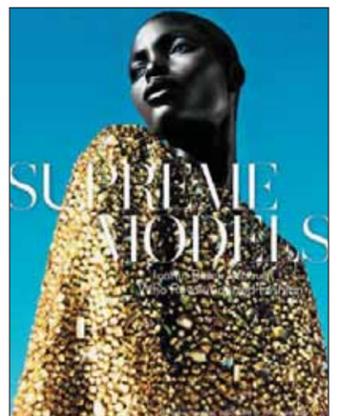


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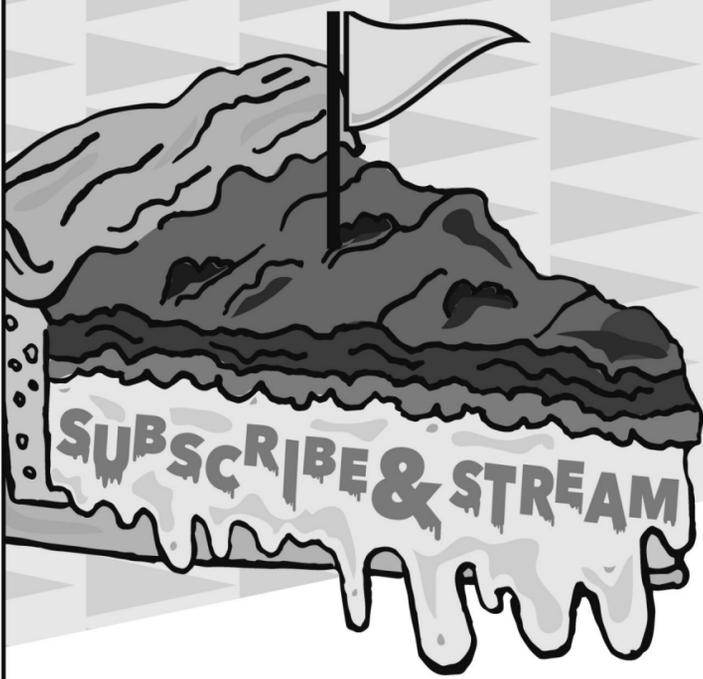
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ASK AMY

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Withdrawal from savings a surprise

Dear Amy: I have a 30-year-old niece. She has an 8-year-old son.

I love them both. She has done a wonderful job raising her son alone, (her fiance died when she was pregnant).

I decided to start a savings account for my niece's son so that he can have a start in life after he graduates and (if and when) he continues on to college.

I asked my niece for his Social Security number to start the account but she did not want to give it to me, so she opened the account in her name.

I've been putting in money every month for this child for the last year and have been getting the receipt from the bank, noting my deposit and the account balance.

When I recently made a deposit, I was very disappointed to find out that the mother took out everything except for \$50.

That night she and her son came over. I mentioned that I noticed most of the money was gone. I asked her what she and her son were using it for. She asked me how I knew, and I told her that whenever I make a deposit, I'm notified of the balance.

How should I proceed from here? I want to continue to support my great-nephew, but I personally need to know the money is in the account.

— Aunt in Nebraska

banker. His mom cannot handle the temptation, so leave her out of the equation.

Dear Amy: What do you think about a high-level (female) attorney going barefoot at a work function?

This included her time at the podium greeting us as a group and telling us (her employees, essentially) how much our work, including our professionalism, is appreciated.

I am very confused about what is happening.

— Confused

Dear Confused: If this professional function was outdoors, I could almost see this barefoot thing as part of the vibe, even though I (personally) have an aversion to looking at feet — even my own. This is amplified when I see people barefoot at public or crowded indoor spaces (unless it is in a meditation or yoga session).

At the least, this attorney could have worked her shoelessness into her talk. Something about trust, vulnerability, or the freedom of being authentic.

This is so unusual that if there was a Q&A after her talk, you would have been justified in asking, "Would you mind telling us why you aren't wearing shoes?"

Readers will surely want to weigh in with their own theories and responses.

Dear Amy: "Living in the Future" lived in a "smart home" with lots of monitoring technology. Her husband was able to control the lights, electricity usage, and monitor the entrances remotely, which, according to the letter, he did, while he was at work. She works at home, and he admonished her for running the dryer at the "wrong" time of day — and then shut it off remotely!

You took the opportunity to opine about the serious loss of privacy and assert this woman's right to make choices in her home while she was in it, but you did not address the alarming amount of control this husband was exerting over her.

People can use technology to stalk and intimidate. That's exactly what this guy was doing.

— Concerned

Dear Concerned: I completely agree. Thank you.

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Dear Aunt: Your niece knowingly took money designated for her son. Let that sink in.

You both seem naive about money — she obviously believed that she could take money without you realizing it, and you believed that you could put money into an account which she would have ready access to, and it would stay there for the next 10 years or so.

Does she need money now to help support her son? Would you like to contribute to this family's support now, versus saving for later? That's something for you to decide.

If you want to designate savings for your great-nephew, set up an account linked to your own, with automatic deposits going from your primary account into the extra account. You would have total control over the account, and it would be in your name. You could turn the money over to your great-nephew whenever you choose, or designate this amount to go to him in your will. Do some research, and talk to your

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Sister's legacy will be fueling Kroeter

His sister died by suicide. He's running the Chicago Marathon to honor her life and maybe save others.

When Brian Kroeter runs 26.2 miles through Chicago's streets Sunday, past houses and parks and bars that won't be open for hours and caffeinated spectators waving hand-drawn posters, he'll do so with his sister's name tattooed on his arm.

Her photo will be on the back of his customized race jersey: the two of them — big brother, younger sister — at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She was completing her master's degree in social work. He was there to visit her.

Her memory will be etched in his brain, and her legacy will fuel his steps.

Katie Kroeter died by suicide Sept. 5, 2018. She was 25.

She was a licensed clinical social worker in the Blessing Hospital Emergency Room in Quincy. She played on the state champion high school basketball team at Quincy Notre Dame. She delivered Meals on Wheels. She looked for ways to help, always.

Katie didn't show up for a shift at the hospital one day and some co-workers went to check on her at home. Brian's dad, Craig, called him that night with the news.

"Your first reaction is, 'No, that can't be right. You don't know all the facts,'" Brian, 30, said. "Everyone was totally shocked."

She had suffered in silence. Her family members and friends didn't know she was struggling with mental health challenges, Kroeter said. He asks himself, in hindsight, if he missed signs.

He knows that's an impossible question to answer. He knows he can do more good by looking forward.

A year after his sister's death, Kroeter is running the Bank of America Chicago Marathon to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. He wants to contribute to the group's mission of saving lives and supporting people affected by suicide. He wants to raise awareness about suicide's prevalence and its prevention.

Kroeter, who lives in Libertyville, set a goal of raising \$12,500 to fund research, educate the public about mood disorders and suicide prevention, and promote policies and legislation that impact suicide and support survivors of suicide loss and people at risk.

He started training for the marathon in March, rising at 4 a.m. three days a week to



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Brian Kroeter begins an 8-mile run with his running club on Oct. 5 in Libertyville. The event was the club's final long run before the Chicago Marathon, in which Kroeter will compete Sunday to honor his sister Katie, who died at 25 by suicide.

squeeze in a run before work and family obligations kicked in. He and his wife, Allison, are expecting a baby in January. They also have an 18-month-old son, Lucas. Katie was Lucas' godmother.

"We just had his baptism a month before she died," Kroeter said. "In a way, I think his presence helped everyone get through that time a little bit."

Lucas also gave Brian a glimpse into the weight of his parents' grief.

"I've had 18 months with my son and I can't imagine losing him," he said. "They had 25 years with her. I can't imagine how difficult that is."

On Saturdays, Kroeter went for longer runs.

"Running lets you set everything else aside for a little while and just go out and reflect," he said. "You lace up your shoes, put on some music and just kind of leave it all behind."

More often than not, though, Kroeter found that his sister didn't stay behind.

"I think about her quite a bit while I'm running," he said. "I think I feel close to her while I'm running, thinking about past memories, talking to her while I run."

Kroeter's parents are coming to Chicago from Quincy to cheer him on during the marathon. He has an aunt and uncle who live in the city. They'll be there. So will another aunt and uncle from St. Louis, and some friends and co-workers. His wife and

son will be there.

And so will Katie. On his shirt. On his arm. On his mind and on the mind of his family and friends who knew her and miss her and want to honor her too-short life.

"My sister was always helping others," Kroeter said. "That's really my goal: to kind of continue her mission."

The National Suicide Prevention hotline is 800-273-8255, or online at suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

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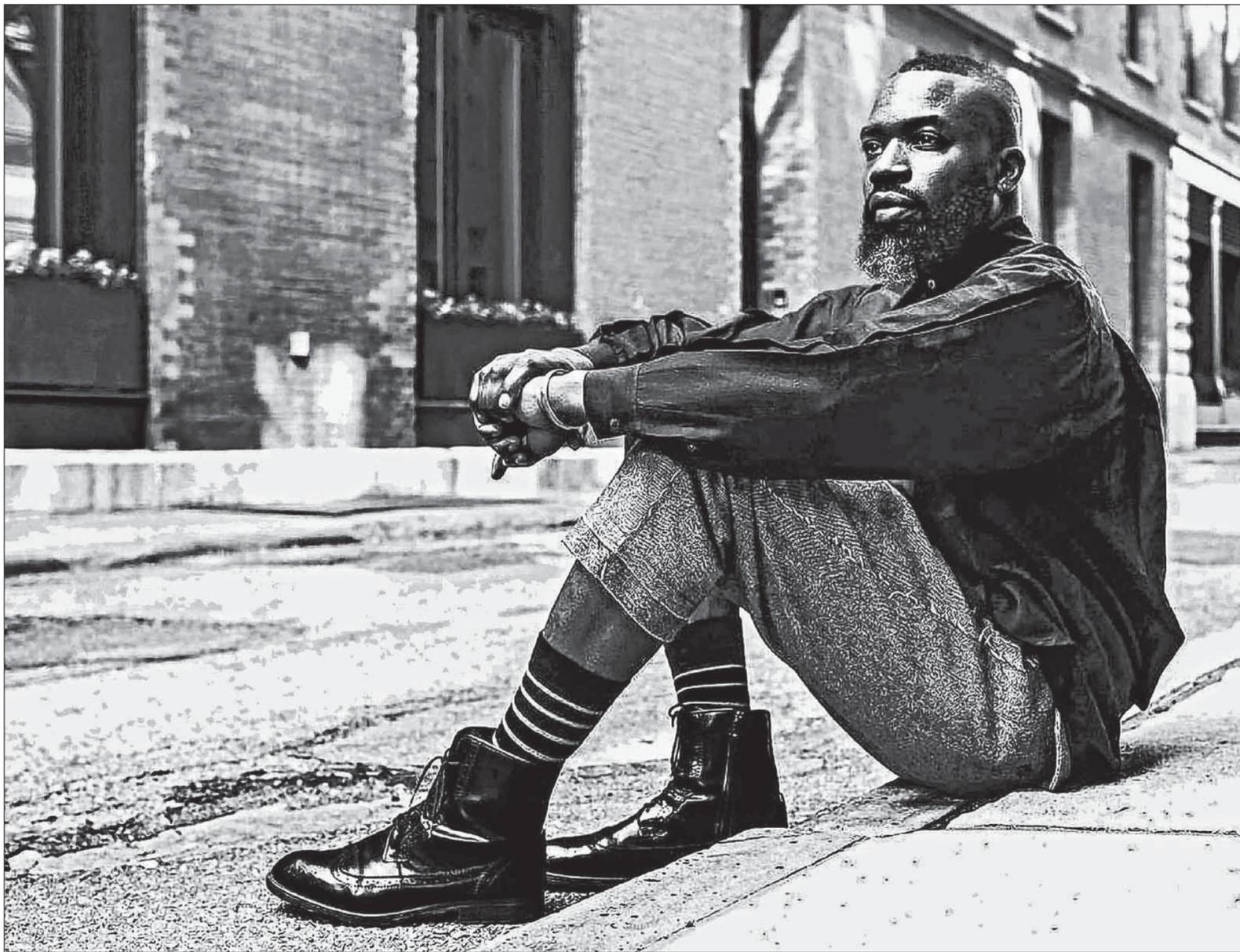
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In "No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black and Free in America," author Darnell L. Moore takes readers through his process of coming to terms with his sexual identity and more.

A bit of self-reckoning

In 'No Ashes in the Fire,' Darnell L. Moore looks at sexual identity, violence and reimagining the American dream

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

In "No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black and Free in America," author and activist Darnell L. Moore writes some poignant analyses of topics of concern in the black community — definitions of manhood, suicide attempts, incarceration, domestic violence and lack of resources, among others. In reference to his late father, the Camden, New Jersey, native writes: "Boo Boo was a black boy who may have dreamt about a life full of promise, resources, respect and familial love. But how much of a life, free of troubles and self-detestation, can a 15-year-old boy concerned with raising an infant build before his sense of self is devoured? How could he withstand the effects of immense poverty, lack of education, lovelessness outside of his home, restrictive rules governing the code of thuggish black manhood he performed, quests for internal power to upset the reality of material disempowerment, the lure of the street, and the force of white America's fear-induced policing of his body?"

Moore, a writer-in-residence at the Center on African American Religion, Sexuality and Social Justice at Columbia University, takes readers through his process of coming to terms

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— Author and activist Darnell L. Moore

with his sexual identity, family legacy and "what it takes to move through and escape the many fires blazing and awaiting black people in America."

"I wanted to write an honest book ... but telling the truth means being honest about the fact that sometimes the very people and institutions that claim to love us are often at fault of harming us," Moore said. "It required a lot of courage — not just to be ready to talk about the things that I had endured, but also using it as a mirror to sort of look back at oneself and to do a bit of self-reckoning and to come clean with the ways that I had also benefited from ideas around manhood, ideas around sexuality that benefited me that were not necessarily beneficial to the women and girls in my life too."

We talked to Moore about his memoir prior to his Oct. 10 lecture at the Chicago Theological Seminary and discussed how we, as a country, need to rethink the concept of the American dream in order to flourish. The interview has been condensed and

edited.

Q: This memoir reads like a wake-up call to readers. Was it?

A: What I hope that can happen is it can be an opportunity to engage people who are wanting to do something different. I think it's a call to action.

The way I understand the Gospel is social inclusion. It is about righteousness and justice; it really is about a remaking of a world where marginalized people are not harmed. We also need to be thinking about collective evils like racism, misogyny and patriarchy and rape culture, and xenophobia and our fear and hatred of the other. This is about reimagining a world where those things don't exist, and I hope people can feel inspired to not only be part of a conversation like this, but to lead the conversation and to take action within their communities.

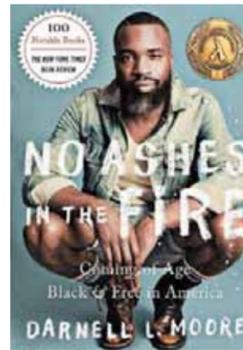
Q: Living in urban areas where violence is prevalent, the rhetoric is that people often become numb to it. How do we

prevent the numbness?

A: It's really easy to be numb. One of the reasons it was so important for me to talk about my own mental health struggles is because I know that so many people hide behind smiles and careers and broken families and often endure mental health struggles by ourselves, never really having anyone to sort of witness to or testify to.

When I was growing up in the church, people would say, "How are you feeling?" And people would say, "I'm blessed and highly favored," when in reality, all hell was breaking loose in the home. What would it mean if people just said, "I'm actually not feeling good today?" That's hard, right?

It's harder to tell the truth because it means sometimes we have to be honest about the fact that we're not OK in order to get help. You can't pray depression away. You can pray, but it also helps to have communal support, and it also helps to have interventions like therapy or medication if necessary. And so many people, particularly within



some sectors of Christian churches, to say that you need help is to lack the type of faith in God and/or to admit you need help, and sort of intervention is somehow wrong. The church and the churches I was in, their theologies were harmful to me, and I had to actually leave the churches I was in, in order to literally be here. And that's not my story alone — I know it's somebody else's too.

Q: Is the hope, after people finish reading the book, that they look inward and do a self-check?

A: My hope is that they take an inward look, a bit of self-reckoning. I'm also hoping that it allows people to sort of look into or at least step back and be a bit more empathic or a bit more thoughtful about lives other than themselves.

Q: You refer to rethinking the American dream

in your book. Can you expound on that?

A: I want us to think about the American dream in a different way. So often our markers of success are these markers that are defined by a system organized around meritocracy, and we have to think of new ways to think about our work and movement in the world. In other words, I often no longer ask people what it is that they do. That's based on meritocracy; it's based on all of these class issues, income status. So now I ask people what it is that you love?

I spent so much of my life trying to become the person that everybody else could mark as successful based on things that I've been able to accumulate, when in reality, none of that matters. The larger point that I was trying to make is this notion of the American dream is a fiction for so many people, a fiction that we put our faith in. We're not training people to be sort of folk who can envision what it is that they can do in a world that feeds both their stomach and their spirit. We tend to raise laborers as opposed to people who can think entrepreneurially or with more expansive visions on how they want to change the world. But we have the capacity to change that.

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SOCIAL GRACES

How to tell your friends to cool the PDA

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Q: Friends who are in a relationship engage in excessive PDA whenever you all hang out. How do you tell them to chill out when you three are together?

A: Aggressive PDA is most common in the beginning of a relationship, so be careful not to be too judgmental. Still, it's also OK to say, "This is a bit much."

Keep in mind that this

conversation isn't just about your feelings, but how your friends feel about each other. Make it clear that you do appreciate how into each other they are and that you support their relationship.

Both parties should approach the conversation with empathy. The couple needs to know that you aren't trying to be rude or break them up, but that you just want to hang out without them basically having sex in front of you.

— Gigi Engle, certified sex coach and author of "All

the F*cking Mistakes: A Guide to Sex, Love, and Life"

A: If I did say something, I wouldn't want to insult them. I might ask, "Does it ever occur to you that your PDA could make other people uncomfortable?"

The standard thing for people to say is, "Get a room!" I'd try to make a joke about it and say, "Hey you guys, there's a good hotel down the street; can I help you finance it?"

I would ask these questions with a very light

touch because the couple is madly in love and not aware of the PDA, or of anyone else. Big parts of the brain shut down when you're in love, and the two are just in their own world and focused on each other. They're not trying to hurt anybody; they're just not aware of their PDA can be perceived.

— Helen Fisher, author of "Anatomy of Love: A Natural History of Mating, Marriage, and Why We Stray"

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You and your friends need to approach the situation with empathy. The couple is in love and isn't aware of the PDA.

THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

Explore the secrets of vampire blood

BY WEB BEHRENS

Monday

THE LABORATORY DAY-OFF CAMP: 'IT HAPPENED ONE HALLOWEEN'

Monday is Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day, which means no school for most kids. Here's one great option for working parents of 7- to 12-year-olds: send them to Bucktown for a science-based day camp with a Halloween theme. At this special day at The Laboratory Collective, the hands-on chemistry and engineering projects tie into monster lore: exploring the secrets of vampire blood; reanimating Frankenstein's monster; even creating the Blob! 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Laboratory, 2349 W. North Ave. \$90. tinyurl.com/y6376k3o

STADE'S SHADES OF AUTUMN

Hayrides? Yep, right out to the pumpkin patch. Petting zoo? Check, complete with goats, bunnies and turtles. A Ferris wheel, maze and inflatables? You bet. But your kids might just forget all that when they see the pumpkin cannon in action! Blast off to McHenry to check it out. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays through Sundays in October, but the farm is open on the Monday holiday too. Stade's Farm and Market, 3709 Miller Road, McHenry. \$15; free for 2 and under. tinyurl.com/ya8blg72

Thursday

PINBALL EXPO

The longest-running event dedicated to pinball, the 35th annual Pinball Expo returns for another weekend full of buzzers, bells and flashing lights. The "Fun With Pinball" exhibit explains the inner workings of the machines, so you even get some education amid all the fun. Best of all, the expo is open to crazy flipping fingers of all ages, and kids get complimentary admission with a paid adult. The expo runs Wednesday through Sunday; the Game Hall, where you can play to your heart's content (all machines are set on free play), runs Thursday through Saturday. At Westin Chicago North Shore, 601 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. \$30-\$35 per day, free for kids 12 and under. Part of the proceeds will support Make-A-Wish Illinois and Project Pinball, a nonprofit that donates pinball



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Monday, Oct. 14:
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Saturday, Oct. 19:
ARTS IN THE DARK HALLOWEEN PARADE

machines to children's hospitals. pinball-expo.net.

Friday

JUICEBOX: BOLLYWOOD GROOVE

Dance and storytelling combine with upbeat Indian music when Bollywood Groove takes the stage at Juicebox, the biweekly series of live performance for the toddler set. Learn more about Bollywood Groove at www.bollygroove.com/kids. As with all Juicebox events, the all-ages show takes place twice: 11 a.m. on Friday at the Chicago Cultural Center (Preston Bradley Hall), 78 E. Washington St.; and 11 a.m. on Saturday at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park

Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/y5nxmt9d

HEX-A-LONG 'HOCUS POCUS'

Riffing on its popular sing-along screenings, The Music Box cinema brings this beloved 1993 Halloween classic back to the big screen. Now you can chant classic lines along with the hilariously wicked Sanderson sister-witches: "Oh look, another glorious morning. Makes me sick!" Costumes are encouraged for this family-friendly event (the film itself is rated PG), which comes with goody bags full of candy, bubbles and more. Two Friday screenings, at 7 and 10 p.m., at The Music Box, 3733 N. Southport Ave. \$12, \$10 for kids 12 and under. tinyurl.com/y76apqzf

Saturday

SCIENCE WORKS: STEM CAREER CELEBRATION

Kids and their parents meet STEM professionals at the Museum of Science and Industry's sixth annual Science Works career-celebration day. In addition to talking to everyone from neuroscientists to app designers, students get hands-on with the pros: listen for a dog's heartbeat with a veterinarian; measure wind speeds with engineers; design and build something with 3D printers. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at MSI, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive. \$22, \$13 for kids 3-11 (\$3-\$5 discount for Chicago residents); includes general museum admission. tinyurl.com/y2423evd

ARTS IN THE DARK HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Halloween-inspired spirit of more than 90 organizations, most arts- and culture-based, marches proudly down State Street during this fifth annual procession, organized by LUMA8. The all-ages spectacle includes floats, giant puppets, live music and, of course, plenty of costumes. Kickoff is at 6 p.m., shortly before dusk, when the parade marches south on State Street from Lake to Van Buren. Free. artsinthedark.org/

Sunday

DONUT FEST

Gourmet delights from multiple doughnut vendors, plus coffee and tea (and beer for grown-ups) — that's a no-brainer! At this south-suburban Donut Fest, organized by Social Power Hour, everyone gets a quarter-piece of a signature doughnut from participating bakeries. Naturally, you can buy more to take home, and both Krispy Kreme and Stan's Donuts are giving away free doughnuts for a year (a dozen per month) to a lucky winner. Kids are welcome, although the event seems geared for bigger kids; no strollers allowed. 3-5 p.m. at 350 Brewing, 7600 185th St., Tinley Park. \$35, \$25 for kids and youth, ages 2-20; \$80 for the family pass (two adults and two kids). tinyurl.com/y5ekzx2a

Web Behrens is a freelance reporter.

Why '30 is the new 20'

Young people seem to be taking longer to grow up. One reason? A closer bond with their parents.

BY ELIZABETH HEUBECK

Special to The Washington Post

My 17-year-old son routinely walks to Chipotle, about a mile away. He cuts lawns in the neighborhood, eliminating a commute to his summer job. When he goes out socially, he rides with friends or takes an Uber. He was registered for driver's education last summer, but had a scheduling conflict with a baseball tournament. The tournament won out.

My son is by no means the only teenager who remains firmly rooted in the passenger seat. In 1983, almost half of the nation's 16-year-olds carried a valid driver's license. By 2014, less than a quarter did, according to a study by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. Experts say driving is not the only adult activity that today's teens are approaching with greater ambivalence than their counterparts in previous generations.

"The whole developmental trajectory has slowed," says Jeanne Twenge, author of "iGen." This trend, which cuts across demographics, represents a "cultural shift," notes Twenge. It is also part of a trickle-down effect, as researchers report that 20-somethings are taking on adult responsibilities later too.

There is even a name for the phenomenon marked by slowed maturation: emerging adulthood. Developed by Jeffrey Arnett, a research professor of psychology at Clark University, the term refers to the phase of life between adolescence and young adulthood, with a focus on ages 18 through 25. "Thirty is the new 20," says Arnett, who notes that many people are staying in school longer, marrying later and



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That desperate teenage desire for independence seems to have waned.

having their first child later.

He points to his own children, 19-year-old twins, as prime examples of this slower trajectory. He says they did not rush to drive, they rarely drink alcohol, and they have had minimal dating experience.

Baltimore-based parent Nancy Williams reports a similar experience with her 21- and 24-year-old children.

Pondering her own children's paths to maturation — both are in college but have fallen behind the traditional four-year trajectory — Williams says she has thought a lot about why kids are not launching the way she and her peers did. "For some, they don't see the point or derive any satisfaction from doing 'adult' things like driving, paying bills and being independent," she says.

Many experts suggest teens are gravitating toward the "virtual" freedom they find through their smartphones. But experts also point to a less tangible reason for the waning interest in activities emblematic of independence: an evolving parent-child dynamic.

Perhaps this reluctance to grow up contributes somewhat to teens' well-documented drop in adult activities — including having sex, dating, drinking alcohol, working for pay, going places without

parents and driving. Twenge led a broad analysis of more than 8 million U.S. adolescents between 13 and 19 years of age from 1976 to 2016 to learn whether and when they engaged in these adult activities. The research revealed a decline in engagement across all activities.

Some examples stood out. In the early 2010s, 12th-graders got together with friends less often than eighth-graders of the 1990s. In 2015, 41% of high school students were having sex compared with 54% in 1991. Alcohol use declined among all adolescent age groups over time. And, as findings from the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute study showed, so too did driving rates.

While parents may be relieved to see the slowdown in certain risky adultlike behaviors among teens, they may be more perplexed by the delay in activities emblematic of maturity, including driving. But some experts place the blame squarely on moms and dads.

Psychotherapist Amy Morin, author of "13 Things Mentally Strong People Don't Do," says many parents fail to give their teenage children the message that they are capable and competent. "Parents don't let them fail a project or forget their sports equipment. They've acted more like their kids' personal concierge than their parents," Morin says.

Arnett acknowledges young people's lukewarm interest in taking on adult responsibilities, but defends the slowdown. "They (parents) are measuring young adults' progress against that of people 30, 40 and 50 years ago," he says. "They do take on commitments. They just do it later."

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COMMENTARY

I'll take my time forgiving Amber Guyger

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON

"If you truly are sorry, I know I can speak for myself, I forgive you and I know if you go to God and ask Him, He will forgive you," said Brandt Jean, the 18-year-old brother of Botham Jean, who was slain by off-duty police officer Amber Guyger in his apartment last fall.

"I don't even want you to go to jail," Brandt continued. "I want the best for you, because that's exactly what Botham would want you to do. And the best would be give your life to Christ."

As he choked up, Brandt asked for permission to give Guyger a hug. The judge granted his request, and Guyger met Brandt in the middle of the courtroom where she wrapped her arms around his neck and collapsed into his embrace. He said inaudibles into her ear while patting and rubbing her back.

These words and actions from Brandt are courageous and noble, yet disturbing to me as a performance of black forgiveness.

I am a champion of forgiveness. I've been on the receiving and lending end of the tool. Forgiveness and reconciliation are what my faith hinges upon, and I have been a huge benefactor of each. I've understood forgiveness and grace to be in tandem: Forgiveness is an act of grace, or an undeserved gift. Christian teachings suggest we extend that same kind of grace to others. So I get Brandt's heart.

But righteous anger in the wake of injustice also deserves a presence here.

When the tables are turned — as they more than likely are — black men and women are not granted the same grace and forgiveness when we're deemed perpetrators (whether we actually are or not); we don't get forgiven, let alone hugged and consoled. We get the harshest punishment the court has to offer and dehumanizing labels.

We have the right to be mad that Botham Jean wasn't even safe in his own home; the right to be mad that the maximum sentence for murder in Texas is 99 years, yet Guyger was only given 10; the right to be mad at the



Botham Jean's younger brother, Brandt Jean, hugs convicted murderer and former Dallas police officer Amber Guyger after delivering his impact statement on Oct. 2 in Dallas. Guyger was sentenced to 10 years for shooting and killing Botham Jean in his apartment in 2018. TOM FOX/AP

systematic injustices within the legal system that ruin the lives of black men and women, and destroy our families.

It's OK to be mad at that — it's right to be mad at those facts.

You can't talk about black forgiveness, though, without mentioning black empathy.

Black people know all too well what it means to mourn life, whether it be in a casket or in a cell, so our empathy can run high for those who go through any semblance of something similar. History has familiarized us with trauma and tragedy and the depths of pain they bring. Compassion is any good person's natural response to seeing someone else experience hurt.

The judge, while professionally

inappropriate, later gave Guyger a hug, too, in addition to her personal Bible. Images and videos of a black female bailiff fixing Guyger's hair after she was found guilty circled the internet.

These actions begged a conversation on mammying, since these black women were, in essence, nurturing this white woman. The gestures, while problematic, along with Brandt's, did display how "selfless acts of compassion" by empathetic black people can be mistaken for absolving America's wrongs against African Americans.

Not only do we have to endure injustices, we then have to turn around and forgive the injustice when that same luxury is rarely, at best, offered back to us. That

feels like a double whammy. Forgiving, then, doesn't become a tool for healing, but another burden we are plagued with.

And yet, I get it. Some days, after you've lived in America as a person in black skin, you just don't have the internal capacity to be mad, much less acknowledge, feel, grieve and process the things you encounter. If I chose to be up in arms about everything I perceived to be racist — let alone the things that actually are undeniably racist, sexist and acts of misogynoir — I would, very simply, be perpetually tired.

Sometimes it's easier to forgive, to let it all roll off your back like a duck, than it is to unpack and productively deal with the emotional and psychological trauma

that comes with being a black person navigating America.

Black people employed forgiveness as a means for survival. "Forgive all the people in the last 400 years for the violence they enacted upon you because of your Blackness," is what the idea of forgiving white perpetrators seems to communicate. Forgive so that the imprints they leave you with don't manifest into a permanent chip on your shoulder that will blind you from the pieces of good lingering within the cracks of this broken world.

Forgive, so you can be healed and whole.

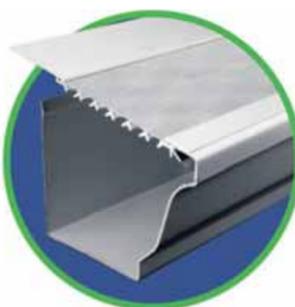
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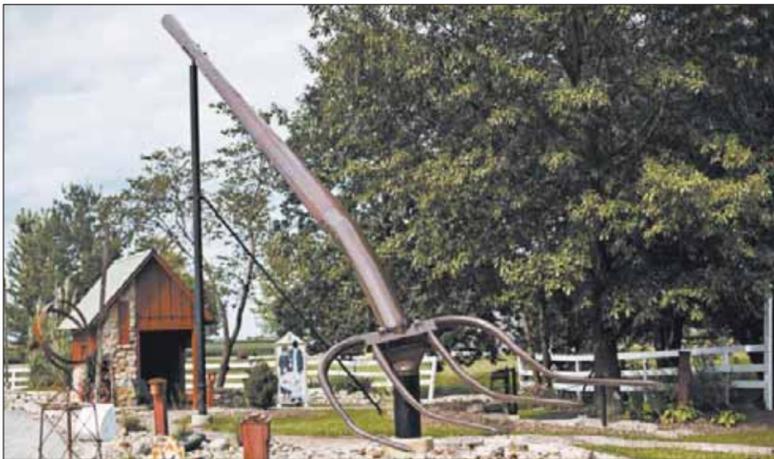
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Jim Bolin began putting big things, including a rocking chair, in the small town of Casey in 2011.



World's largest pitchfork.



World's largest golf tee.

Big things are happening

Once a sleepy town, business is now booming in Casey thanks to giant one-of-a-kind attractions

BY JAY JONES
Chicago Tribune

CASEY, Ill. — In late August, employees from a new pretzel shop were greeting motorists with fresh-baked samples as they stopped at downtown Casey's only traffic light.

Steps away, innkeeper Kim Davidson was greeting guests checking in to her Eighteen-Ninety Sleepover, a hotel that opened two years ago along the main drag.

By many accounts, business is booming in Casey, once a sleepy town of 2,700 people along Interstate Highway 70, roughly halfway between St. Louis and Indianapolis.

People credit the newfound success to Casey's claim to fame: native Jim Bolin's giant, one-of-a-kind attractions dotted throughout the community.

These "big things" — the world's largest pitchfork, world's largest golf tee, world's largest wooden shoes, world's largest rocking chair, as they're hyped on blue signs along I-70 — have made a big impact. They're enough of a draw to keep people in Casey far longer than it takes to make a pit stop and grab a pop.

And the collection keeps, well, getting bigger. Officials from Guinness World Records traveled to Casey in late September to certify the world's largest key, golf club, gavel, twizzle spoon, teeter-totter and barbershop pole. That bumped up the area's portfolio of world's largest objects to 12, since Guinness previously sanctioned some of Bolin's other biggies, like the giant mailbox that soars 60 feet high, complete with a working red flag on the side. People can actually go inside — and mail a letter — thanks to stairs that are cleverly hidden within its post.

"It's awesome," Bolin said about the latest round of Guinness certifications. "Now that we've got 12, it's got even more pull for people to get off the

interstate. We're hitting everybody's interests, I'm hoping."

Bolin, 55, began his "Big Things, Small Town" campaign to revitalize his hometown in 2011, when he created the world's largest wind chime. Made of giant pipes as much as 42 feet long, the chime hangs from a stand that is 56 feet tall. And, yes, it actually clangs in a light breeze, something visitors quickly discovered.

A businessman who runs his family's pipeline company, Bolin estimates that his array of more than 20 oversized versions of everyday stuff draws as many as 2,000 people a week in the warmer months. Some of them make the 200-mile drive from Chicago — or travel from other states — just to check out the collection and snap selfies in front of the Instagram-friendly objects.

"When you're used to seeing one or two cars parked in a three or four block area downtown — and all of sudden you see seven or eight cars and they all have different license plates — something is working," Bolin said in his southern Illinois drawl. It's certainly working for Davidson, who bought a 19th century building for \$100 at a public sale and turned it into a 12-room boutique hotel. Overnight rates start at \$130, including breakfast. She said it would be impossible for downtown Casey to support a hotel if visitors didn't have something like Bolin's creations to lure them here.

"I'm 100% sure this would not be a success without the 'big things.' No way," Davidson said.

Maps showing where the "big things" are can be picked up at businesses throughout town. The locations also are listed on Bolin's website, bigthingsmalltown.com, along with the dimensions of the various whoppers.

The world's largest rocking chair dwarfs Casey's single-story city hall next door. Like the wind chime, it measures 56 feet tall and weighs a whopping 23 tons. Bolin



A motorcyclist rides past the world's largest mailbox in downtown Casey.

loves showing people a cellphone photo of him sitting in it, dwarfed by his own creation.

In addition to the wind chime, rocking chair and mailbox, Casey — locals pronounce it "KAY-zee" — has made the record book with its golf tee at the Casey Country Club; the nearly 12-foot-long wooden shoes at Casey's Candy Depot and the 60-foot pitchfork outside Richards Farm Restaurant. Huge knitting needles and a crochet hook, both inside The Yarn Studio, had ranked as the world's largest until they were recently dethroned by bigger versions in England.

"It brings legitimacy to what's you're trying to do," Bolin said of the Guinness records. "Anybody can claim to have the world's largest rocking chair. You can go on the internet and see a lot of 'world's largest rocking chairs,' but none of them can say it's a Guinness record. It gives you the stamp (of approval)."

Bolin said Guinness had fast-tracked some of his submissions based on documentation he supplied: a golf club, a twizzle spoon by Brownie's Place (a bar and grill) and the world's largest gavel

outside the county courthouse in nearby Marshall.

Guinness officials took their own measurements of the world's largest barber pole, 15 feet tall and operational, installed in mid-September outside Tina's Barber Shop; a pickup truck key that's 26 feet long and weighs 16,000 pounds outside the former Downtown Garage, and a functioning teeter-totter. At 123 feet long, the teeter-totter is big enough to hold several people at a time. Visitors can climb aboard Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, as long as volunteers are available to unlock the mechanism and ensure that the massive piece of playground equipment is used safely.

"I try to use recycled materials to keep the costs down," Bolin said over a lunch of fried catfish and chicken at Richards. Pointing to the pitchfork outside, he said its prongs were crafted from parts of old streetlights. The shaft was made from a telephone pole.

When aiming for the record book, Bolin researches what "big things" already exist and then builds them to an even grander scale.

"The engineering side of it is

the creative part," he said. "You don't just put a spindle in a lathe and turn a 23-foot leg."

Not everything Bolin and his employees have made has shattered a record. Just for fun, and to add to the eye-catchers on display, he designed a yardstick that's 36 feet instead of inches, as well as a giant pencil and a wooden bat that appropriately stands outside the USA Softball of Illinois Hall of Fame in Casey's Fairview Park. A large mousetrap is slated for the town's future welcome center.

Bearing witness to Bolin's Christian faith, most of the giant objects are inscribed with passages from the Bible.

Bolin hasn't crunched the numbers to find out how much he's spent building the big things.

"I don't want to know what it cost; I'd faint if I knew what I actually had (invested) in them," Bolin said.

"The dividend," he added, "is when you see a family walking through the town and the kids are having the time of their life seeing this stuff."

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Under the Tuscan fork: Florence for foodies



RICK STEVES
Tribune Content Agency

Sampling Italian cuisine is sightseeing for your palate. The tour plan: Start with fresh ingredients and talented cooks, mix in a city's personality, and add a happy dining crowd. Experiencing Italy's cafes, cuisine, and wines is a joy, and in the heart of Tuscany, Florence offers a particularly satisfying spread.

Tuscan cuisine is hearty and simple farmer's food: grilled meats, high-quality seasonal vegetables, fresh herbs, prized olive oil and rustic bread. Tuscan ribotta combines these ingredients into a savory bean-and-bread soup. If a dish's name ends with "alla toscana" or "alla fiorentina," it's cooked in the Tuscan or Florentine style — usually a preparation highlighting local products.

Restaurant competition in Florence is fierce, so it's easy to find delicious Tuscan specialties at fair prices — even in the tourist zone. But for the most authentic ambience and better-quality meals, I like to hike across the Arno River to the quiet Oltrarno neighborhood. This is where I find the best bistecca alla Fiorentina — a thick T-bone steak, generally grilled very rare and lightly seasoned. The best (and most expensive) is from the white Chianina breed of cattle you'll see grazing throughout Tuscany.

But dining out is only one option for foodies. The heart of the food scene in Florence is the trendy Industrial Age, steel-and-glass Mercato Centrale (Central Market). Along with all the must-see museums, this market is one of the great sights in Florence. The ground floor is a thriving edible wonderland of vendors selling meat, fish,



RICK STEVES/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

Florence offers plenty of engaging cooking classes — after cooking your meal, you'll get to feast on your creations.



BEN CAMERON/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

The city's Mercato Centrale bursts with colorful meats, olives, produce and cheeses — perfect for cobbling together a little Florentine picnic.

produce, and other staples to a mostly local clientele. And the upstairs is a bustling food court open late into the evening.

I come here to gather a picnic of fresh mozzarella cheese, olives, fruit and crunchy bread for a casual picnic. But these days, picnickers like me need to be discreet — Florence

recently imposed a ban on eating on public sidewalks and doorsteps in its historic center (and violators risk a hefty 500-euro fine).

At the market's tripe stand, it's easy to see that locals eat just about every bit of the cow ... and some bits unique to the bull too. Tourists may find it hard to stomach, but Florentines'

favorite quick lunch is a panino (sandwich) of trippa or lampredotto — the lining from the second and fourth stomach of a cow, respectively — slow-boiled to tender perfection.

Offal sandwiches originated as an affordable source of protein for working-class Florentines. While on a lunch break

from chipping trapped statues out of blocks of marble, Michelangelo would swing by a Florentine market and dig into a bun stuffed with stewed organs. This long-standing tradition nearly faded away a few years back, but the recent worldwide trend for "nose-to-tail" eating has kicked off a renaissance of food carts selling this local delicacy.

While it's worth trying (be brave), most carts also offer bollito (stewed beef) and the always delicious — and easier to stomach — porchetta (roast pork with herbs). No matter what you order, watch closely as the food-cart owner pulls the lid off a gently simmering pot, forks out some tender meat, and — if you're lucky — dips the bun in the broth before topping it with spicy and tangy sauces. If you have the guts, give trippa a try. It's offal.

Tripe aside, cooking classes are an ideal way to

learn a thing or two about this region's prodigious culinary tradition. Classes range from multiday or multiweek courses for more serious chefs, to two- or three-hour crash courses for tourists. These are some of my favorite activities in Tuscany, combining a unique Italian experience (learning to cook, say, pasta from scratch) with a satisfying meal, all in just a few hours.

In my experience, the best casual cooking classes are taught in a real kitchen environment (rather than a stuffy classroom or "show" kitchen) and have a spirit of fun and collaboration. Smaller groups allow more personal interaction and hands-on activity. After a couple of hours cooking, everyone sits down to a hard-earned (if not always flawlessly executed) meal. They'll usually send you on your way with the recipes you prepared that day.

I finish nearly every Italian meal with a gelato-fueled stroll. Italy's best ice cream is in Florence — and many think they serve some of the world's most flavorful. I stay away from places with heaping mounds of brightly (artificially) colored gelato and instead look for covered metal tins with muted-hued gelato that's more likely to be homemade. Seasonal flavors are also a good sign. I find the key to gelato appreciation is sampling liberally and choosing flavors that complement each other, like caffè (coffee) and cioccolato (chocolate).

Florence offers a wide array of foodie activities and Tuscan delicacies beyond the usual Italian pizza and pasta fare. Consider these edible experiences part of your sightseeing duty. Buon appetito!

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Gate 1 Travel slow to refund trip after my father's death

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

We booked a family trip from London to New York with Gate 1 Travel via Virgin Atlantic Airways. My father passed away in April and I want to cancel our trip.

I asked Gate 1 Travel if I could receive a refund, and it requested a death certificate, which I've sent. I have not heard anything from the company.

Gate 1 should be able to give us a voucher or a full refund, but it's been two months and we haven't received a reply. This is taking too long. Can you help?

— Adeline Xayavong,
London

said it would check and asked for the death certificate. Also, the ticket you had on Virgin Atlantic was refundable, so getting your money back should have been much easier than if it was a nonrefundable or more restrictive ticket — at least, in theory.

You could have appealed this to someone higher up at Gate 1 Travel. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Gate 1 Travel executives on my consumer advocacy site. You also could have reached out to the Virgin Atlantic executive contacts as a backup. Gate 1 should have given you a timely response. Chances are, it was waiting to hear from Virgin Atlantic.

By the way, the process is intentionally slow for at least two reasons. First, companies need to do their due diligence to ensure they're accurately issuing

your refund. That's a valid concern. Someone must manually review your booking to ensure you're allowed to get your money back and that you're receiving the correct amount. But the second reason is that companies just aren't motivated to quickly return your money. A protracted wait can make you lose hope and give up. And travelers often do.

I contacted Gate 1 on your behalf. It quickly informed you that your ticket is, in fact, refundable. You received a full refund before your scheduled trip.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Over the mountains and to the lake

BY JAE-HA KIM
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Trained at the School of Alberta Ballet, Tate McRae finished third on "So You Think You Can Dance: The Next Generation" in 2016. She was a voice actress for the "Lalaloopsy" series. And her YouTube channel, "Create with Tate," has more than 1.7 million subscribers.

Recently signed to RCA Records, the 16-year-old Canadian entertainer is following up her debut single, "tear myself apart," with "all my friends are fake." An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: I love traveling to new places around the world, but I always like going to our cabin in Invermere (British Columbia). I love boating, surfing and just hanging out with my family and friends. Get out on the lake and enjoy the water. It is a glacier-fed lake, so is super clear and refreshing.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: Canada in general is a beautiful country. There are so many mountains and (still) so many things close to Calgary that I have not seen.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: I traveled so much as a child. When I was 4, we moved to Oman in the Middle East. We lived there for three years, and I got to explore Oman, as well as many places around there. We went to Dubai in the UAE, Thai-



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land, Vietnam, Malaysia, Egypt and then explored a lot of countries in Europe.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: Be open-minded and take everything in. Cultures are all so diverse, and you can learn so much from the people.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend get-aways?

A: Definitely the cabin in Invermere. It's a three-hour drive from our house through the mountains. As soon as we get there, I feel like I am on vacation.

Q: What kind of destinations do you like best?

A: Anywhere tropical. I am obsessed with turquoise water, waterfalls, swimming holes. ... Wherever I am, there has to be lots to do, though, because I am not good at sitting around. I do not enjoy sun-tanning or sitting and always need to be going somewhere or exploring!

Q: If you've ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?

A: The best trip we took at Christmas would have to be on a ski trip to Switzerland. It was so magical. I

love Christmas. It is my favorite holiday of the year. I love being somewhere cold at Christmas so that there is snow.

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A: Definitely Australia! The culture and people and the vast amount of space reminded me of Canada. Of course, we do not have kangaroos.

Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?

A: I hate packing and unpacking, so I like to pack super light. Really if I have my passport, credit card, phone and a change of clothes, I am good to go.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: Going to somewhere like Fiji or Bora Bora. I love the ocean and white sand and those little cute villas people stay in.

Q: How do you deal with jet lag?

A: I always fall asleep on planes. No matter what, as soon as the engine starts, I usually am out until the end of the flight. I love sleeping on planes.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

A: I'm so sorry about your loss. Although many tickets and other components of a tour are nonrefundable, travel companies often make exceptions when there's a death in the family. Your trip to New York definitely fell into that category, and you're right — a credit or a full refund is in order.

Problem is, these requests take time. A tour operator would have to ask the airline for a refund, which would include showing your father's death certificate. By the time you contacted me, you had waited months, and it wasn't clear if you'd ever get a response. I understand your frustration.

There are two more important details on this case. First, you didn't cancel the ticket. Instead, you asked Gate 1 if it could cancel the ticket and issue a refund. The company



MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

The road through Itasca State Park, Minnesota's first state park, is lined with autumn beauty.

Where to see fall color

3 great autumn drives in Minnesota

BY KERRI WESTENBERG
Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Along the narrow country lane, rolling waves of autumn color covered the hills.

I was cutting through bluff country on my way from the National Eagle Center, in Wabasha, to Whitewater State Park, in Altura, about 30 miles apart. But I didn't take the straightest route. It was autumn, after all, and the sun was shining.

I wish I could recall the exact route so you — or I — could replicate it. The best I can offer, though, is this advice: Fill your gas tank, turn off your navigational devices and don't be afraid to get lost in the woods when fall blazes across the land. If a dirt road looks appealing, take it. It's the back roads that lend a trip its adventure.

Where will you land? What unexpected beauty will you find? My trip in bluff country roughly traced the path of the White-water River. While it flowed toward the Mississippi, I headed against the current. I passed ponds sprouting cattails, farm fields whose golden stubs suggested a season of rest, and the town of Elba, where a fire tower is one of 10 National Historic Outlooks in Minnesota and is its own worthy autumn stop for its views from the top.

The North Shore

On the drive up Scenic Highway 61, along Minnesota's North Shore, Lake Superior commands much of the attention, its dark blue waters shining between towering evergreens. But turn off the iconic roadway onto dirt roads that climb away from the great lake, and you'll quickly be engulfed in hardwoods, the kind that turn brilliant red in autumn.

Chances are good that you'll happen upon the Superior Hiking Trail. That 310-mile footpath runs from south of Duluth to the Canadian border roughly following Superior's shoreline.

Many trailheads, noted by small gravel parking lots, are tucked off a number of those dirt roads from Duluth on up. If you

see one during your back-roads wanders, stop. There's no better place to crunch freshly fallen leaves than on a hiking path.

Where to stay: Grand Marais is a classic overnight stop, with its art galleries, the five-and-dime and World's Best Donuts, open through Oct. 19. Cobblestone Cove Villas overlook the town's harbor (cobblestonecove.com). East Bay Suites looks out onto a bay (eastbaysuites.com). Hip newcomer the Mayhew Inn has a rooftop patio (themayhewinn.com), and just outside of town, the Hungry Hippy Farm and Hostel offers private rooms on a farm with sweeping views (hungryhippiehostel.com).

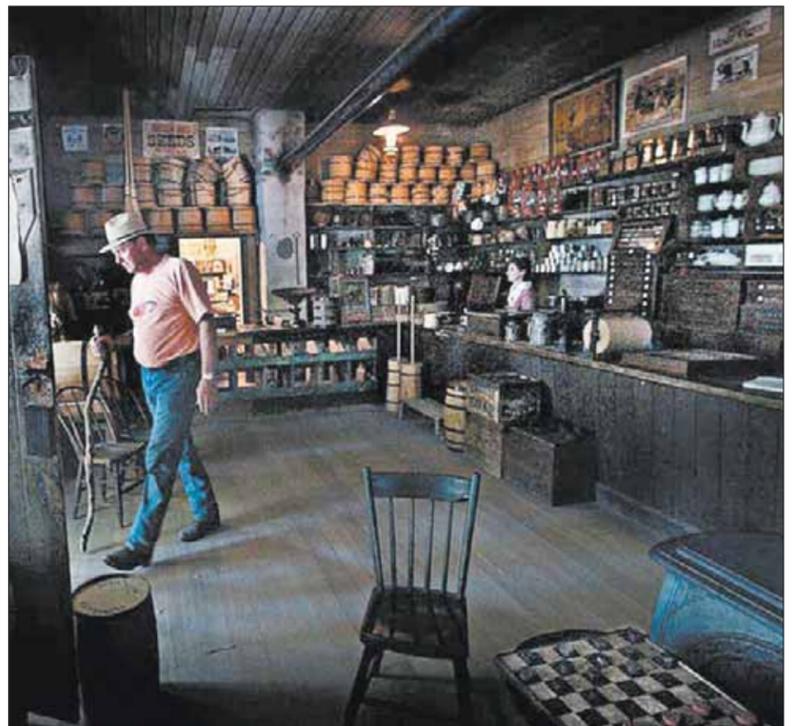
Don't miss: Along Highway 61, Gooseberry Falls grabs much of the attention, perhaps because it is the first of eight state parks tucked along the highway. Of course, its spectacular and accessible falls likely have much to do with its appeal, too. But farther up the road, beyond Grand Marais, Judge C.R. Magney State Park (open through Oct. 20) gets my vote for best fall hike. A park trail leads to Devil's Kettle Falls, where swirling waters plunge into the earth to reappear downstream.

Minnesota River Valley

Other rivers grab more attention from weekend travelers: The Mississippi, for its grandeur; the Root, for its winding path through bluff country. But the placid Minnesota River runs through countryside filled with history and pastoral beauty on its more than 300-mile course from its source at Big Stone Lake in Ortonville to its confluence with the Mississippi, near Fort Snelling.

Part of the waterway, from Lac qui Parle Dam to Franklin, is designated a Wild and Scenic River. A driving route that shadows its course, the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway, passes near many significant sites.

In New Ulm, Schell's Brewery, the oldest in the state, is open for tours. Peacocks on the grounds add their own brilliance to fall color displays. Nearby, the Harkin Store acts as a time capsule of an 1861 general



MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

Walking into the Harkin Store near New Ulm, Minnesota, is like taking a trip back in time to an 1861 general store.

store (open noon to 4 p.m. on weekends through Oct. 20). Down the road, Fort Ridgley State Park and the Lower Sioux Agency, managed by the Lower Sioux Indian community, both give witness to the tensions between Dakota and new settlers as Minnesota became a state.

Where to stay: In the quaint college town of St. Peter, Konsbruck Hotel upstaged the standard lodging options when it opened in 2013. The boutique inn, in a historic building downtown, has well-designed rooms with exposed brick walls, marble countertops, antique pieces — and a restaurant on the main level (konsbruckhotel.com).

Don't miss: For a bird's-eye view of the Minnesota River Valley — and to see fall colors in a blur as you whiz by trees — stop in Henderson at Kerfoot Canopy Tour. The 14-line tour hopscoches over a mile into the valley, and includes a 170-foot suspension bridge (kerfootcanopytour.com).

Itasca State Park

Itasca, Minnesota's first state park, is a rare jewel. It fueled the state park system when it was created in 1891, and it contains the headwaters of the Mississippi as well as a 10-mile Wilderness Drive lined with autumn beauty and offers an abundance of

recreational opportunities, from boating to biking.

But one of the aspects I like most about the park is the approach. In the Heartland Lakes region near Park Rapids, the landscape is dotted with towering pines and sweet lakes, and looks like a nature park even before you enter the park boundaries.

Inside the park's 32,000 acres, though, you'll find more than 100 lakes, and stands of old-growth forests. Quaking aspen, birch, red pine, white pine and a mix of northern hardwoods all rise into the skyline from the park, making for a kaleidoscope of autumn color.

Where to stay: The park's venerable and affordable Douglas Lodge, a rustic-style log building that dates to 1905, was open through the first Sunday in October, but the park also has year-round cabins for rent.

Don't miss: A short hike through the woods and a steep climb up stairs at the Aiton Heights Fire Tower inside Itasca State Park provides a gorgeous view of trees blazing with fall colors. The 100-foot structure is nestled in a maple and basswood forest. A half-mile trail begins at the fire tower parking lot. Hikers can also make a stop at the tower part of a 3-mile loop from Douglas Lodge.



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The Disney Skyliner gondolas at Walt Disney World.

Air gondolas a new way to get around Disney World

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Walt Disney World recently introduced its newest way to get around the Florida resort: an aerial cable car system that whisks visitors from hotels to theme parks three stories above the ground while going 11 mph.

The Disney Skyliner cable cars are the latest addition to one of the largest private transportation systems in the U.S. The almost 300 enclosed cable cars join 423 buses, 61 mini-vans (appropriately named Minnie Vans), 30 parking lot trams, 29

watercraft and 12 monorail trains.

In any given 24 hours, 350,000 people — the population of a medium-size city — can be on Disney World property, which is the physical size of San Francisco. Disney transportation workers need to move them efficiently from parks to hotels to Disney World's shopping and restaurant districts with as little friction as possible.

"There are a lot of benefits to being in the air," said Alison Armor, vice president of transportation at Disney World. "People are off the roadways. They're moving very smoothly and very seamlessly."

In a given year, Disney World visitors

take 100 million rides on its entire transit system, said Thomas Mazloum, a Disney senior vice president.

With the Skyliner air gondolas, visitors get neon-colored cars painted with the images of almost two dozen Disney characters taking them on the three lines to five stations where they can access nine resorts and two parks. Disney World has four theme parks and more than two dozen resorts.

No more than 10 people are allowed in each cable car. A car is scheduled to arrive every 10 seconds, allowing the cabins to handle about 3,000 people an hour.

NEWS TO USE

A Milwaukee film fest and an autumn drive in Illinois

By PHIL MARTY
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

- The Milwaukee Film Festival, one of the largest film fests in the country, will be held Oct. 17-31. More than 300 films will be screened at six venues, including the Oriental Theatre. In addition to the screenings there will be a variety of panels, parties and special events. Tickets are available online. www.mkefilm.org
- The Barker Mansion in Michigan City, Indiana, will hold Blackout Tours of the mansion Oct. 18 and 19, and 25 and 26. The tours explore the mansion in near-total darkness while staff share scary stories and experiences from their time at the property. Tours are at 8 and 10 p.m., with the latter for adults only. tinyurl.com/yjygcxvm
- The 32nd annual Autumn Drive promises

- “country roads filled with goodies” in the area around Woodstock and Marengo, Illinois. Farms, orchards and other locations will be offering antiques, art, crafts, pumpkin patches, apple picking, corn mazes, food, music and barn sales. The event runs Oct. 18-20. www.autumndrive.net
- A Historic Craft Fair will be held at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Hartford, Illinois, on Oct. 19. Area artisans will demonstrate and sell examples of period crafts such as sewing, quilting and basket making. tinyurl.com/y3caxn4h
- The Civil War comes to life Oct. 18-20 in Hartford City, Indiana, when reenactors set up camp for the town’s Civil War Days. There will be battle reenactments and what’s billed as the state’s largest artillery night firing. Blacksmiths, weavers and others will demonstrate their crafts too. www.hartfordcitycwdays.com
- The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, is offering an Ice Age Trail



JENNIFER JOHNSON/MILWAUKEE FILM

Black Lens spotlights African American filmmakers by bringing their work to the Milwaukee Film Festival, which includes performances and other special events.

Hiking Weekend, Oct. 25-27. It will include two hikes though the Kettle Moraine State Forest and discussions led by Melanie McManus, who has through-hiked the 1,150-mile Ice Age Trail twice. The package includes two nights’ lodging, a welcome wine reception and dinner, a Sunday European brunch and more. Cost is \$335 per person, double occupancy, plus tax and gratuity. tinyurl.com/y6q5zq3h

■ Mountain biking, award-winning beers and German

food will be among the highlights of Peaktoberfest, Oct. 18-20 at Crystal Mountain resort in Thompsonville, Michigan. There will be chairlift rides, mountain bike racing on Saturday, a leisurely mountain bike ride on Sunday, and plenty of food and drink. tinyurl.com/y58kasr3

■ Artists in south central Wisconsin will open their studios during the annual Fall Art Tour, Oct. 18-20. The self-guided tour includes studios in Baraboo,

Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Spring Green. More than 40 artists will participate with media ranging from pottery to metalwork and from painting to glasswork. www.fallarttour.com

■ Runners and walkers can enjoy fall color while getting a workout during the Great Turtle Trail Race on Oct. 26 on Michigan’s Mackinac Island. Up to 3,000 can participate in the event, choosing either the half-marathon route or a 5.7-mile run/walk course. tinyurl.com/yafv3b7e

- You have until Nov. 3 to vote in the 2019 Best of Indiana people’s choice campaign. Votes will be tallied for Best Indiana Brewery, Best Indiana Main Street and Best Indiana Hiking Trail. tinyurl.com/ngyj8v7
- The Des Moines Lapidary Society will hold its 2019 Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show on Oct. 19 and 20 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. Vendors will be selling fossils, gemstones, jewelry, tools and more. There will also be demonstrations and kids’ activities. tinyurl.com/yxlg3jfr
- Victory Cruise Lines has announced its 2020 voyages, which include various Great Lakes trips. Among the cruises that begin or end in Chicago are itineraries to Niagara Falls, Montreal or Toronto. tinyurl.com/y66clcdv

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time, but the listings are not an endorsement. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

The Dnieper. The capital of Ukraine has a population of about 3 million people.

Clemens’ signature found in Mark Twain Cave

By JIM SALTER
Associated Press

A pair of Mark Twain enthusiasts who have searched for more than two decades say they’ve found what appears to be Samuel Clemens’ signature from his youth scrawled on the wall of the Missouri cave he made famous in “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.”

In the mid-1800s, long before he took on the pen name Mark Twain, Clemens and his young pals romped around the cave

near the Mississippi River on the outskirts of Hannibal.

As a group of Twain scholars toured what is now known as the Mark Twain Cave this summer, cave owner Linda Coleberd, self-proclaimed “Twainiac” Cindy Lovell and two others broke off in search of the long-elusive signature, which was long believed to be among the thousands of names signed on the cave’s limestone walls.

As Coleberd waved the

group’s lone flashlight around an otherwise dark area of the cave, Lovell says she happened to catch the beam of light as it shined on a signature: “Clemens,” written in pencil.

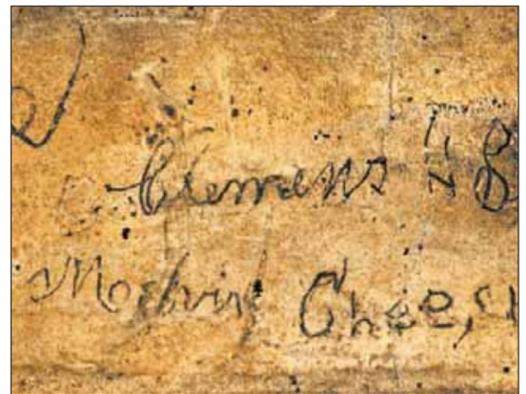
It wasn’t until weeks later that a high-resolution photo of the signature revealed “Sam” etched at the same place, indicating the signature was that of the famed author and not a relative.

The signature was discovered in July, but details weren’t announced until

recently, only after several Twain experts were able to study the signature and determine it was almost certainly real.

The cave itself became a tourist destination after the 1876 publication of “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer,” as people flocked to the place that inspired some of the book’s key adventures.

It wasn’t until 1979, after the cave was named a National Historic Landmark, that writing on the walls was prohibited.



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Samuel Clemens’ signature is seen inside the Mark Twain Cave in Hannibal, Missouri, Clemens’ boyhood home.

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WHAT TO EAT WHEN YOU GET THERE



SAM DEAN

Henderson County, about 20 miles south of Asheville, accounts for 85% of the apple harvest in North Carolina, the seventh largest apple-producing state in the U.S.

An Appalachian Eden

Apples thrive in North Carolina's Henderson County

BY NANCY MORELAND
Chicago Tribune

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. — When Eve risked plucking that first apple, it didn't turn out so well. But when farmers in Henderson County, North Carolina, risked their livelihood on apples, they created a veritable Eden.

It was a calculated risk, based on intimate knowledge of the land developed over generations of working family farms. With its mountainous terrain, warm days and cool nights, the western side of North Carolina is ideal for growing apples. The climate provides just the right amount of chilling. Topography works in the farmers' favor too. When cold air sinks into gullies at the bottom of hills, it protects the fruit trees above from frost. Combine that with good soil and you get consistently good flavor and production. This sparked an interest in resurrecting a craft beverage industry that harkens back to America's colonial era.

Appalachian farmers intuitively understood the value of apples in the 1800s when trees planted by settler William Mills flourished. Like the original Eden, things went well for a while. In the 1990s, however, North Carolina's apple industry fell from grace when commercial juice companies outsourced to China.

"Seventy-five percent of the processing market disappeared," says farmer Kenny Barnwell, who saw his agrarian way of life flash before his eyes. "Except for college, I've always lived within 100 yards of an orchard."

Farm aid

Farmers found an angel in agritourism. When the commercial market dwindled, many opened roadside stands.

"Asking growers to shift their focus from selling tons to selling bags required a culture shift from what they'd done for generations," says Beth Carden, executive director of Henderson County's Tourism Development Authority.

Carden's agency promoted agritourism and persuaded growers to open their orchards to visitors hungry for authentic experiences.

"Families want to make memories and Henderson County is well-suited for that," Carden says.

That's evident on the Crest of the Blue Ridge Orchard Trail, where families frolic among 20 orchards offering U-pick produce, farm stands, hayrides, corn mazes and the chance to fire an apple "cannon."

Henderson County, about 20 miles south of the tourist hot spot of Asheville, accounts for 85 percent of the apple harvest in North Carolina, the seventh largest apple-producing state in the U.S. Nearly 300,000 people attended this year's Apple Festival over Labor Day weekend.

"Some farmers make their entire year on festival sales," Barnwell says. "Agritourism has been a godsend."

It's a sentiment shared by Mike Stepp, who's often found



NANCY MORELAND/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Stepp's Hillcrest Orchard has been letting visitors pick their own apples for more than half a century.



HENDERSON COUNTY TOURISM

A worker presses apples to make hard cider at Bold Rock, a leading craft cider producer.

atop a John Deere tractor pulling wagonloads of visitors through acres of apples, pumpkins and sunflowers at Stepp's Hillcrest Orchard in Hendersonville. Three generations of Stepps work the farm their family has owned for 70 years.

"There's a real love for growing apples here and keeping that tradition alive," he says. "It would be difficult to make it without agritourism."

A fruitful endeavor

As agritourism blossomed, another industry bubbled to the surface.

Asheville's pristine watershed launched a booming micro-brewery destination. Why couldn't Henderson County tap its terrain to develop a hard cider market? Having grown apples on three continents, Brian Shanks, one of the world's top cider developers, knew it could be done.

"This pocket of North Carolina produces some of the best apples in the world," Shanks says.

Shanks helped Bold Rock Hard Cider become one of the largest hard cider producers in the U.S. When the company outgrew its Virginia facility, Shanks and co-founder John Washburn set their sights south.

If you go

The Waverly Inn and The Charleston Inn carry on Hendersonville's tradition of hospitality. Former boarding houses renovated into comfortable bed and breakfast lodging, both are walking distance to downtown. Waverly rates range from \$129-\$500 a night; Charleston, \$149-\$209.

Apple season is August through October. Throughout the year, 16 stops along the "Cheers! Trail" offer local libations (hard cider, beer, wine, mead) in scenic settings. The Crest of the Blue Ridge Trail guides visitors to fresh, seasonal produce at orchards, farms and fruit stands.

Every year in late April, cider and wine makers celebrate apple blossom season with tastings, dinners and music at the Cider, Wine and Dine Weekend.

The North Carolina Apple Festival fills historic downtown Hendersonville over Labor Day weekend with a street fair, food, music, art and children's activities.

Today, the company produces 10 year-round and four seasonal craft ciders from apples sourced within 35 miles of its Mills River, North Carolina, facility.

From a dining deck overlooking the production room, patrons watch the pressing, fermenting, clarification, blending, chilling and canning process. Others tour the production room as Shanks or staff members explain how things work.

"We're using modern technology while making cider the way early American presidents did," Shanks says.

Kenny Barnwell keeps Bold Rock stocked in 14 varieties of apples.

"Knowing you have a home for your apples makes a lot of difference to a farmer," he says.

The flavor profiles of local ciders vary, from dry and sparkling to pleasingly tart to full-bodied and fruity, but without cloying sweetness.

"Hard cider is gaining ground as a refreshing alternative to beer," Shanks says. "It's pleasant and approachable, with a low alcohol content suitable for drinking over a long afternoon."

Normandy in North America

On the south end of the county, Alan Ward works 100 acres of land owned by his family for nine generations. He opened Saint Paul Mountain Vineyards in 2007. Appalachian Ridge Artisan Hard Cider followed in 2018 as the county's only orchard-based cidery.

Ward leaves apple cannons and fried pies to others, focusing instead on techniques learned from traditional cider makers in Normandy, France. With a purist's passion, he imported and planted over 5,000 French heirloom apple trees, installed a French distiller and ages his product in French oak barrels. His six ciders range from crisp, clean and effervescent to a sweeter, tannin-rich flavor.

"Apples grown at 2,300 feet elevation taste different than those grown at 4,000 feet," he explains. "The soil and climate at different elevations affect flavor."

The county's recent recognition as a federally designated American Viticultural Area boosts the reputation of local vintners and makers of hard cider, which, like wine, is made of fermented fruit juice.

Embracing the French penchant for patina, Ward spent months converting a 1920s era barn into a tasting room and recently transformed an 1850s farmhouse into lodging where guests sleep within sight of the orchards. (For rates and booking details, call the cidery at 828-685-4002.) By next spring, a viewing area will allow visitors to watch cider being made the French way.

Following Ward on a farm tour, you might envision yourself in northwestern France. (Tours are held weekends during apple season; by appointment at other times.) Scanning the Blue Ridge Mountains, he reflects on what makes this area unique.

"Western North Carolina is home to one of the oldest mountain ranges in the world," he says. "It's an extremely biodiverse region."

Emerging talent

Another local business, Flat Rock Cider Company sells small batch beverages on tap and in growlers at 305 Lounge & Eatery in Hendersonville. This cider maker's homegrown approach puts a twist on traditional cider.

"People really seem to enjoy the blackberry-infused cider," says 305's owner Patty Adamic.

If scenic vistas and favorable growing conditions launched the county's agritourism movement, the community is what's kept it going.

"You have an idea and the people around here help make it happen," says Shanks.

Like the streams running through these mountains, a collaborative spirit runs through the farms and towns tucked among ridges, peaks and valleys. Working together to preserve farming traditions, people of all ages and backgrounds made Henderson County a paradise in its own right.

Nancy Moreland is a freelance writer.

HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

Screen legends

Room dividers — and all their old Hollywood charm — are back

BY MICHELLE BRUNNER
The Washington Post

You don't have to binge-watch classic movies to know that when a starlet wanted to "slip into something more comfortable," she often stepped behind a decorative folding screen before shedding her clothes. As her dress inevitably flew over the top of the room divider, you couldn't help but think: That screen is so glamorous. For budding interior design nerds like myself, it evoked a more elegant life and the kind of grown-up shenanigans that might be in my future. One day, I, too, may have a spirited conversation with a gentleman caller while a beautiful screen protects my modesty.

Today, such screens aren't just a staple from old movies. Both vintage and brand new decorative versions seem to be everywhere — on the pages of interior design magazines, on your Instagram feed and even at big-name retailers. Online antique purveyors Chairish and 1stdibs have a wide selection of screens spanning various periods and styles. The direct-to-consumer furniture brand the Inside offers custom upholstered ones. World Market and CB2 sell rattan or wood versions for anyone who wants to convey a bohemian vibe on a budget. There are bespoke, avant-garde renditions from Milan-based Dimore Studio and Seattle designer Erich Ginder, and Apparatus Studio is offering a limited-edition, hand-embroidered one.

Decorative folding screens have been combining beauty and function for more than 2,000 years. They originated in China

and have been traced back to at least 200 BC, but the most famous examples are the lacquered Coromandel screens, which were imported from China to Europe in the 17th century. Either hand-painted or inlaid with mother-of-pearl or tortoiseshell, Coromandel screens have acquired many stylish fans over the years. "If you think about the most iconic example of a screen that's cemented in every interior designer's memory, it's Coco Chanel's apartment on the Rue Cambon in Paris," says designer Josh Hildreth, who often uses the decorative accents in his projects.

Screens' close association with a more glamorous era make them especially appealing to a new generation. "Instagram has introduced photos of people like socialites Lee Radziwill and Marella Agnelli, who were known for their beautiful homes, and often these screens are in the background," Hildreth says. "There's a chicness to those images that people really respond to."

But the trend isn't just about fetishizing the past; plenty of recent projects feature screens, and images of those spaces are inspiring homeowners as well. Look no further than the March 2019 cover of House Beautiful, which featured a Nick Olsen-designed den with a vintage Japanese screen in the background. "Whether it's through social media or some other source, people see beautiful spaces that are layered and textured and they want to emulate that," says Christiane Lemieux, founder of the Inside.

For those looking to experiment, screens provide a way to



Milan-based Dimore Studio has been producing bespoke, avant-garde renditions of decorative screens.

add ornamentation. For instance, the upholstered versions from the Inside are available in an array of zippy prints, including classics from Scalandre, and could just as easily serve as a backdrop for a sofa or a headboard for a bed. "If you prop a screen against a wall, you get the same effect as you would with a wallpapered accent wall, but, unlike wallpaper, you can take it with you when you move," Lemieux says. "It's a great intuitive way to inject pattern into a space without having to commit to anything."

In some ways, the resurgence of folding screens represents a shift in thinking about how to dress an interior. After years of mid-century-modern fever, homeowners are looking for ways to bring patina and personalization to their spaces and achieve a more layered, well-traveled look — call it the maximalist effect. "An antique screen can add a global element that blends beautifully with other pieces," says designer Mona Hajj, who often employs

them to bring a dash of romance and history to spaces where architecture is lacking.

By incorporating decorative screens, homeowners are rebelling not only against bland interiors but also one of the most prevalent trends of the past 40 years: the open floor plan. "With the creation of the great room, homeowners have been preoccupied with knocking down walls and creating communal space," says designer Annie Elliott of Bossy Color. "Now there's a slow move toward defining spaces by their functionality, while still maintaining that open feeling. I do think that people are trying to recover a little of what they've lost by opening up an entire floor, and screens can help."

Given that screens have traditionally been used to divide and hide, it's not surprising that they also appeal to the small-space dweller; they've long been a practical fix for those who live in studio apartments. "They can separate a bedroom from the

living area in a small apartment or they can act as a decorative storage area to hide junk or clutter," Lemieux says.

Screens are also a way to bring equilibrium to a room in which one design element is overshadowing everything else. That's what Hildreth did when faced with furnishing a ballroom for a D.C. show house in Potomac. "One end of the room was anchored by a large fireplace, so I found a huge beautiful black Coromandel screen," he says. "I used that to ground the seating area." Elliott employed a similar visual trick in a recent project; she upholstered a screen in the same fabric as the drapes, then installed it in a neglected corner of the room, extending the pattern throughout the space and creating a sense of balance.

Depending on the material, screens can provide another benefit. Those made of lacquer or tea paper can magnify or soften both the natural and artificial light in a space.



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WHAT TO WEAR NOW

'Endlessly fascinating world of fashion'

Chicago native Marcellas Reynolds gives iconic black models their due

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

If you know nothing about Marcellas Reynolds, you should know this: He is a model fan. A fan of what? Models that walk the runways, show off in the catalogs and look fierce in campaigns.

All of that is evident in his book, "Supreme Models: Iconic Black Women Who Revolutionized Fashion," which takes readers on a visual and educational tour of statuesque women of color who broke social norms to grace covers of the creme de la creme of fashion magazines and changed the way black women are perceived in the modeling/fashion industry.

Case in point: Bethann Hardison, who was one of several black models who walked in 1973's Battle of Versailles fashion show at the Palace of Versailles in France. They walked for the American designers who competed against five French designers; the event was deemed historic by many. Hardison, a former modeling agency owner, would go on to form the Diversity Coalition in 2013 with models Iman and Naomi Campbell to insist that runways include women of color.

We hear from Hardison and other models on how they tried to change the narrative through their work; we are privy to timelines of their rise to fame (due to the covers that they booked and campaigns they garnered); and learn things like before she was Aunt Vivian on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," Daphne Maxwell Reid was the first black model featured on the cover of Glamour magazine.

As Reynolds says, "there's history there; it's not just tons of glamour."

When asked about the designers who opened doors for black models, Reynolds said Christian Dior was one of the first couturiers to use black models in his European fashion shows.

"If we go back to the 1970s, iconic American designers like Oscar de la Renta, Bill Blass, Halston and Stephen Burrows



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Daphne Maxwell Reid, Glamour, October 1969.

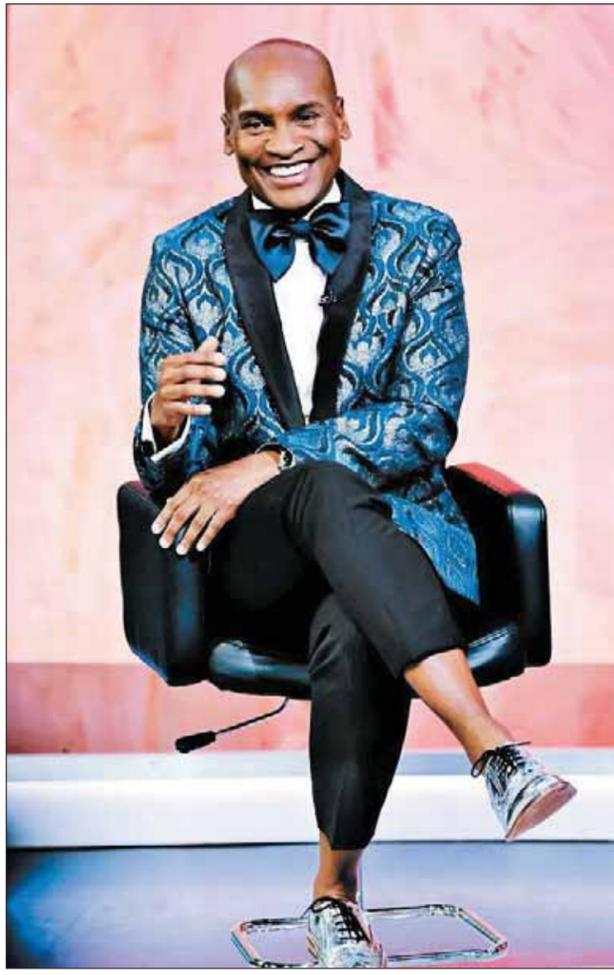


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Veronica Webb, Vogue Italia, May 1989.

used black models in ads and on the runway," Reynolds said. "In the 1980s and 1990s, it was three designers: Azzedine Alaïa, Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel and Yves Saint Laurent who championed the use of black models. In fact, it was YSL who threatened to pull his advertising if Vogue Paris didn't give a young Naomi Campbell a cover."

Tomiko Fraser Hines, the first black model to receive a contract with Maybelline cosmetics, tells Reynolds that there are still struggles and challenges involved with being a model of color, like makeup artists and hairstylists not knowing what to do with their



JOSH KAPLAN

Marcellas Reynolds is the author of "Supreme Models: Iconic Black Women Who Revolutionized Fashion."

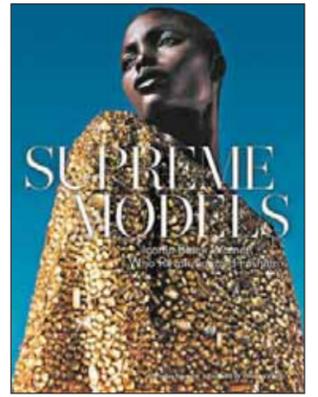
complexion and hair. "Agencies were not able to see past the color of your skin to present you to specific clients, because they felt that maybe the client did not want to have a black model represent them," Hines said. "That happens to this day, so I feel like the challenges we faced in the mid-to-late 90s are the same, unfortunately."

Ilonka Toppenberg, who modeled from 1987-1997 after being discovered in Amsterdam, agreed about the racism in the industry. "Being a mixed model, I sometimes experienced that clients thought I was either too white or too black for a job."

Reynolds attests that real change on diversity and inclusion is happening at top levels of fashion, but the industry still has farther to go.

"Black models are doing extremely well this season. Look at Adu Akech and her four international Vogue September issue covers," he said. "However, I long for the day when the use of ethnically diverse models isn't a trend, but the norm. I also want to see more black faces behind the camera. We need more photographers, hair and makeup artists and stylists of color. That's true diversity."

In the 240 pages, Reynolds, a



freelance stylist and former model from the South Side, showcases over 70 women who left their mark on young minds like his — who considered a good day in his youth to be one where he wasn't bullied or beaten up because he was gay. Fashion and the women who wear it was his safe space. A place where he could dream of the lifestyles presented on the pages of Ebony and Jet magazines.

"I came up with the idea for this book in 2011," Reynolds said. "This is a book about black women, as much as it is about photographers, as much as it is about hair and makeup artists, as much as it is about stylists and designers and fashion editors as it is about the models because all of those people of different races, sexes and sexualities come together to create something beautiful. This book is a book for everyone ... it is a political one because it is a book about black women, a particular segment of our population that so often is denied their right, (and) not given their due."

As he writes in the intro to "Supreme Models": "I owe everything that I am to the crazy, exciting and endlessly fascinating world of fashion ... what I want most is for 'Supreme Models' to be a source for the little boys, or girls, who, like my childhood self, need to see themselves represented in a positive light."

Reynolds will be in Chicago on Oct. 25 for a book signing at noon at Barnes & Noble, 1 E. Jackson Blvd.

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Options abound for cleaning running shoes

ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I run a lot in the woods and don't pay much attention to whether the trail is muddy or not. Of course, the shoes get dirty. Can I machine wash my running shoes?

— Katherine B.

Dear Katherine: Many running shoe manufacturers list cleaning instructions for their shoes on their website (nike.com, asics.com, etc.). Since high-quality running shoes can cost upward of \$125 a pair, use caution before tossing them in the wash.

Here's the consensus:

■ Better safe than sorry. Don't put them in the washing machine and NEVER in the dryer.

■ Brush off dirt with a dry brush all over. A used toothbrush or not-too-hard vegetable brush is fine.

■ Mix laundry detergent with warm water in a bowl sink or a bucket. You can add 2-4 tablespoons of baking soda to the mix or sprinkle the baking soda inside the shoe overnight before washing.

■ Remove the laces and hand wash in the cleaning solution. Air dry.

■ Remove the insoles and gently brush with the same solution. Air dry.

■ Wash the soles with the brush and detergent.

■ Gently scrub the uppers with the cleaning solution and a soft brush, sponge or cloth. Repeat if you don't think they're clean enough.

■ Blot dry.

■ Air dry the shoes overnight. Optional: Stuff them with crumpled newspaper to retain the shape.

OK, but let's say you're like me and can't be bothered and you're willing to take your chances with the washing machine:

■ Remove the insoles, and if



DREAMSTIME

It's better to be safe than sorry when it comes to cleaning muddy running shoes.

they're dirty (or smelly) use the same detergent solution above and scrub gently with the brush. Air dry.

■ Remove as much mud from the shoe as possible with a dry brush.

■ Remove the laces, tie them together and throw them in a wash bag or pillowcase with the shoes. (I leave the laces in because I'm lazy.)

■ To balance the load, throw a half-dozen towels in with the shoes.

■ Wash with nonabrasive liquid detergent (not powder) on the cold/delicate cycle for about a half-hour.

■ Air dry shoes with or without stuffing them with newspaper. No dryer!

A final note: I wear cheapish athletic shoes (bought on sale or gently worn on eBay) just to walk around in. I toss them in with the rest of my sheets and towels in warm water and air dry them. They seem to be OK. That's probably not the best advice. But, it's

easier.

— Helen B.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Navy blue seems to be the new black. What color combinations go with navy blue?

— M.

Dear M.: In today's fashion world, pretty much anything goes with anything — even prints with checks and florals with stripes. But, traditionally, blues — aqua and turquoise — and brights like orange and lime green or yellow and coral go nicely with navy. There's always cream, white and ivory to add to the mix, and burgundy is a classic with navy. Any of those colors also would work for tights. Boots in brown, gray, black or even a colorful choice would be fine.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I wonder why some women wear sunglasses and baseball caps? Are they trying to be unrecognized? Not attractive at all.

Dear Helen: If you're having a bad hair day, you're exhausted or you don't want to put on eye makeup — or all three — the cap and sunglasses hide all of that. Sure celebrities have adopted this look so they won't be recognized on the street and be bothered by fans and photographers. But another reason, a good one for all of us normal people, is that a baseball cap and sunglasses can conceal a lot of flaws.

Angelic Readers

N. writes: "My sister wanted to clean the wedding dresses of her two daughters (both married about 10 years ago) before donating them to a charity resale shop. The quotes we got from two dry cleaners ranged from about \$70 to \$140 PER DRESS. Yes, really. Both are floor-length, and one is quite plain while the other is "fancy" and beaded. She turned

them inside out, and washed them (including train) one at a time in the washer, on the gentlest cycle, with Woolite. She also used a little OxiClean in the underarm area. Then she hung them up in her basement to dry. They both turned out beautifully."

Dear N.: Your sister is braver than I am. I can't imagine that I could throw a wedding dress in the wash and it would survive, no matter how gentle the cycle! But I'd surely give a simple gown in a washable fabric a try with your method. Washing a fancy beaded one sounds risky.

Reader Rant 1

From Nancy D.: "My rant: buying T-shirts made with 'pre-shrunk' cotton, which promptly shrink when you wash and dry them."

Dear Nancy: "Preshrunk" is a misleading term. It doesn't mean the garment won't shrink! Crazy, huh? What it means is that the clothing will shrink less when washed and dried at home than it would if the fabric weren't "pre-shrunk." If you really don't want any more shrinkage, use the cold setting in the wash cycle and hang dry.

Reader Rant 2

Marian A. says: "What's with exercise clothes that cost ridiculous amounts of money? To sweat in. That's why I shop Goodwill for gym clothes."

Dear Marian: I have a friend who shops solely at Lululemon where the quality is high, but so are the prices. Thrift shops are a great place to find athletic wear bargains, and discounter Marshalls has well-priced, name-brand yoga and other athletic clothes that hold up well to the wear and tear and frequent washing.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@chicagotribune.com.

THE GOODS

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Fall's hottest color? Cool mint green

BY JESSICA MOAZAMI | Chicago Tribune

From Marc Jacobs' chic belted coat to a retro-style toaster, the color of the season is sure to liven up the gloomy winter days that lie ahead.

Jessica Moazami is a freelance stylist.



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Marc Jacobs' belted mint green statement coat



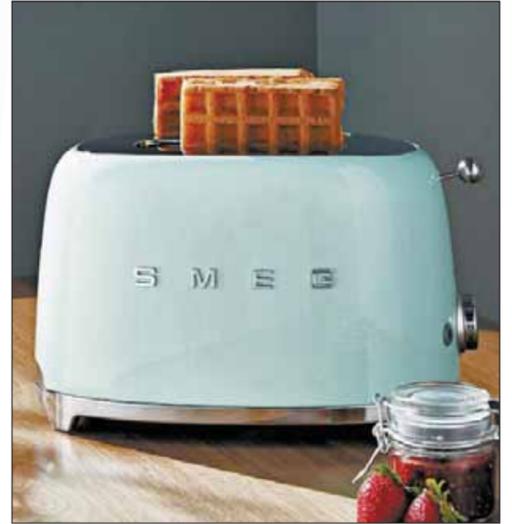
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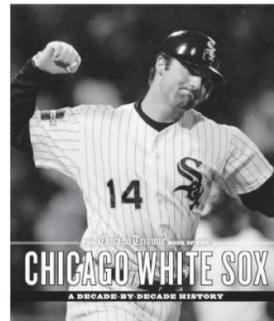
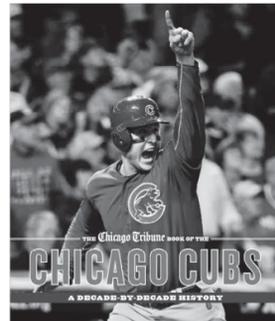
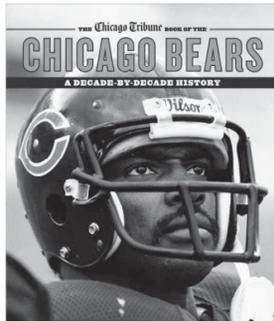
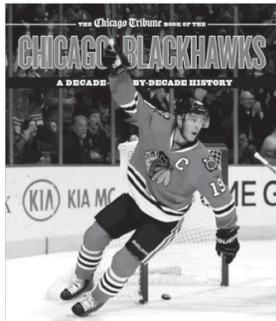
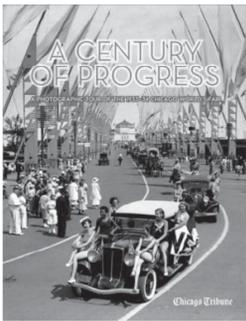
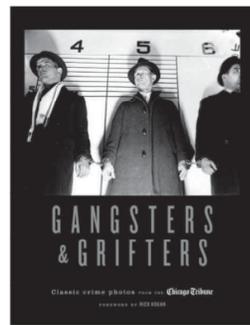
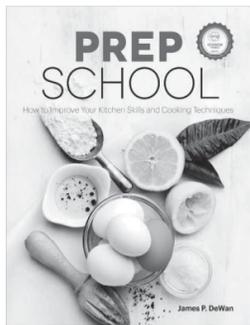
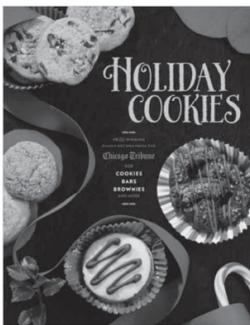


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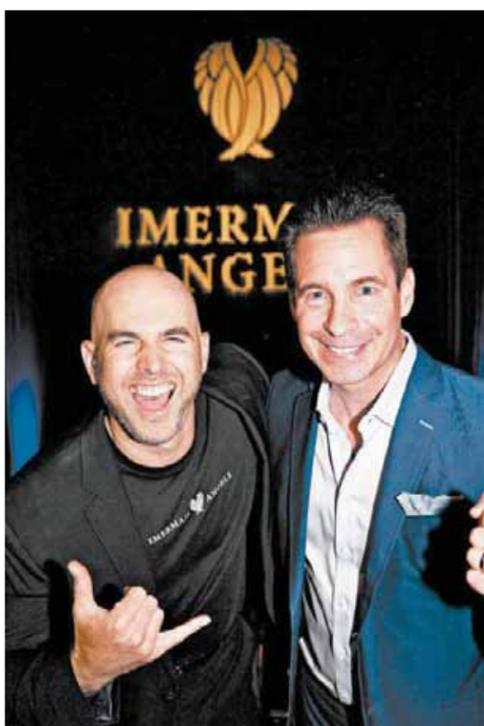
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Gala co-chairs Caralynn Collens and Christoph Sitzer

CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



Imerman Angels pairs cancer patients, mentors

Nearly 300 “special agents” answered the call for the sixth annual Imerman Angels Gala, this year themed “Mission Imerman Possible,” on Sept. 20 at Morgan Manufacturing. The gala, co-chaired by Caralynn Collens and Christoph Sitzer, raised \$336,000 to help the nonprofit provide free, one-on-one support to cancer patients, survivors and caregivers.

Executive Director Stephanie Lieber introduced a program that included award presentations, moving testimonials, impact videos and more.

Lieber shared the organization’s progress and how it supports the cancer community. “In 2018, Imerman Angels created 3,570 connections, a record number for the organization. ... We make these personalized connections because talking to someone who understands, who has been there, provides powerful and profound comfort at a very dark time,” she said.

A touching video showed a mentor, Sasha Farrell, and a mentee, Amber Hamilton, meeting for the first time. They were both diagnosed with melanoma at the same age; Sasha was diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma, while Amber was diagnosed with stage 3C, which is just shy of stage 4. This is in line with the Imerman Angels mission: making “perfection connections.”

Lieber introduced co-founders Jonny Imerman (chief mission officer) and John May (board chair). Following a cancer diagnosis at age 26, Imerman created a grassroots mentoring group that grew into Imerman Angels in 2003. “We have over 10,000 highly trained and compassionate cancer support specialists who can reach out to anyone in the world after a diagnosis. They work seven days a week to make sure that no one has to fight cancer alone,” he said.

To date, Imerman Angels has connected more than 50,000 people across 137 cancer types in all 50 states and 97 countries.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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Sign confusion reigns in line for single-stall bathrooms



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I was at a gas station where there were two bathrooms, marked “Men” and “Women.” There was a single line of both men and women, presumably waiting for their gender-assigned bathroom.

While I waited, one father allowed his young daughter to use the men’s room. When the women’s bathroom opened up, I went to enter, as I was the next female in line. I was stopped by the man in line in front of me, stating that it was his turn. I pointed to the sign that said “Women,” but he ignored me and went in.

Was I wrong to presume that it was my turn? Do people nowadays ignore the gender signs on the door?

The man made me feel like I was trying to butt in line, which I was not. If this is the new social norm, please advise. I don’t want to be the elder lady who is not up on the times.

Gentle reader: Miss Manners has long believed that such single bathrooms should not be concerned with the private parts of their occupants, but rather with efficiency and ease of use for all. Unfortunately, without signage to that effect, chaos is the result.

While the father’s reasoning was understandable, he broke the current social contract — and the man in front of you took advantage of the precedent.

Not knowing that this was the new protocol, you can hardly be blamed for not following it. We can only hope that bathroom

signage will continue to change to prevent more of this kind of needless confusion.

Dear Miss Manners: My son and his family just came to visit us. We spent our time between kids’ activities and time with my 93-year-old mother. The family was here for three days, then gone. My cousin just found out that they were in town and that we didn’t call or visit my elderly aunt. I feel just awful that we didn’t think to make time for a visit. How do I explain this without sounding cold and selfish?

Gentle reader: Any excuse will sound unflattering. Probably the best you can do would be, “The family was rushing around and the three days got away from us. I am very sorry, because we all would have loved to see her. We will do a better job of planning next time they’re in town, I promise.” Miss Manners would further recommend that your son send a note and some recent family pictures.

Dear Miss Manners: I am a girl who has fallen head-over-heels in love with a man around twice her age. My enormous, religious, rather stuffy family finds him objectionable. I harbor no ill will toward them, but I have been living with him for two years and am considering marriage.

Without the support of my family, I am not in a position to afford a wedding. I am considering elopement, but I want to do it in the most gracious way possible, and maybe invite a few close friends. I don’t imagine my family would bring me joy on this day, and I don’t know if I want to invite them. Besides, I could not afford a wedding large enough to accommodate all of them.

And I’m no longer religious, which may offend some.

What would your advice be on dealing with the inevitable hurt feelings that would arise from excluding my family from my wedding?

And how ought I alert my extended family about the marriage if I elope? Is it even possible to politely state: “I am now married, you were only excluded for budgetary reasons, and I don’t want a gift from you; here is a nice picture of us?”

Gentle reader: Elopements are characterized by secrecy and defiance of restraints, and you have both elements. But they also suggest an abandonment of expectations, whether it is by lovers desperate to be married or by a wife equally desperate to exchange her husband for her lover.

What you have suggested would be merely a very small wedding, with friends but no relatives. So yes, the relatives would be bound to feel the insult of being excluded on top of the injury of having their disapproval defied.

Instead, why don’t you run to City Hall or whatever, with only one or two close friends, if any? Afterward, confess to your family that you and your beloved just couldn’t bear not to be married and couldn’t wait. Ardent love stories tend to soften hearts.

And save the celebration for later, when you can invite everyone and they have come to realize that objections are now futile.

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FALL FORWARD

Tips on getting your home sold before year's end

By **HOLLY D. JOHNSON**
Bankrate.com

In recent years, sellers have called the shots in homebuying negotiations. They've had plenty of leverage too, thanks to surges in buyer demand, tight inventory and soaring home prices in many top markets across the country.

But we all know that the housing market is a cyclical one. Pricing and demand that go up eventually go down, and the hot summer housing market often cools by the time winter rears its chilly head.

If you're needing to sell a house and can't wait for next year's warm-weather sales surge, you'll need to act fast. To get to the closing table sooner rather than later, sellers may need to adjust their expectations and approach. Here are six important steps you can take now to sell your home before the new year is here.

Rely on comps — not emotion — to set a realistic asking price.

Experts say you'll want to jump into the housing market with a realistic asking price that has the potential to stick. This part can be hard for sellers to wrap their heads around since

many want to "test the market" with a higher sales price, knowing they can drop it later. This approach, however, is a mistake, says Chicago real estate agent David Cahill.

"If your home is priced too high, it can be very difficult to overcome, even when you eventually reduce the price," he says.

This is one area where you may want to let your agent lead the way. Cahill says a good real estate agent will do a comparative market analysis that helps you price your home based on recent comparable sales in your area — not just hopes and dreams.

The best agents will even go the extra mile to find out the prices of comparable homes with a recent or pending sale in process, he says.

You're paying your agent for their professional advice and expertise, so when they suggest a sales price based on mountains of research, you should listen.

Ask your agent for "first look" feedback.

Homeowners hoping to unload their properties by year's end will need to enter the market with their best foot forward. This means having a house that is free of glaring problems.

Michael Kelczewski, a real estate agent with Brandywine Fine Properties Sotheby's International Realty in the Greater Philadelphia area, says you should not only ask for real estate agent feedback but review all of their notes — both positive and critical. It's also a good idea to have your agent

gather buyer feedback from people who tour your property so you understand what buyers love — and don't love — about your home.

Your real estate agent may be able to point out defects you've overlooked. Consider agent feedback carefully and implement their suggested changes to potentially avoid losing out on a sale due to minor issues.

Clean, organize and declutter.

It's possible your agent will advise you take down family photos and clear out your closets right away, but you should make time for a major cleanup regardless.

Cahill says you should "do everything within your budget to ensure your home gives a great first impression." For example, give your front door a fresh coat of paint, trim back overgrown shrubs and keep your lawn in tip-top shape.

While your home is on the market, the interior should also be clean and ready for a last-minute showing at all times. Cahill says to start by removing clutter, getting rid of any oversized furniture and taking down busy decorations.

"Rent a storage unit if you need more space," he says.

Stay on top of cleanliness by taking time to wipe down counters, sweep floors and touch up bathrooms every day.

Consider hiring a professional stager.

If you have the cleaning part down

pat but need help making your home visually appealing, you can also consider hiring a professional stager, Cahill says. Home stagers have furniture, art and décor they use to make your home feel modern and increase your chances at a speedy offer — an important consideration for anyone, but especially if your home feels especially dated.

Does staging work? Most experts would say it does. In fact, a recent study from the National Association of Realtors showed that 83% of buyers' agents said staging helped their clients envision living in that specific home. Also, 28% of sellers' agents said they staged all of their clients' homes before putting them on the market.

However, 13% reported staging homes only if those properties were difficult to sell otherwise.

Spring for professional photos and video.

Where potential buyers perused the local newspaper for new home listings decades ago, pretty much all home marketing is done online now — either through multiple listing services (MLS), real estate websites, email marketing or a combination of all of these.

Susan Bozinovic, a Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country in Troy, Michigan, says this is why quality pictures are crucial if you hope to achieve a quick sale. Hire a photographer to take high-quality pictures and

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Ex-Bears player Vasher lists Vernon Hills house



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Former Chicago Bears cornerback Nathan Vasher listed his five-bedroom, 5,300-square-foot house in Vernon Hills in late August for \$998,500.

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**

Former Chicago Bears cornerback Nathan Vasher listed his five-bedroom, 5,300-square-foot house in Vernon Hills in late August for \$998,500.

Vasher, 37, played for the Bears from 2004 until 2009 and drew considerable attention for making frequent interceptions and for being selected to play in the Pro Bowl in 2005. He also was a starter for the Bears in Super Bowl XLI.

Recently, Vasher has worked as a coach at Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein and at Trinity International University. Now, Vasher has returned to his alma mater, the University of Texas, as an assistant coach.

Vasher paid \$1.32 million in 2007 for his house in Vernon Hills. Built in 2005, the home has 5 1/2 baths, a two-story foyer with a wrought iron bridal staircase, custom coffered ceilings, Brazilian cherry floors and a full English basement with a

home theater. The home also boasts a 1,000-gallon fish tank, a wet bar with a lounge area, a steam shower, a dry sauna, a workout room with a dressing area, and a cigar room with a ventilation system.

"It's truly a custom home with high-end finishes, and it's nestled in a community with a golf course, parks and a lake," listing agent Lori Progar, of Coldwell Banker, told Elite Street. "It's an elegant floor plan, and yet it accommodates a family very nicely for their everyday living. The basement is totally finished."

In an acknowledgment of the area's fallen home values, Progar's written comments in Vasher's listing state that "owners have (priced) it to sell" and that "their huge loss is your gain."

Lakeview home once owned by Miriam Santos sells: A three-bedroom house in Lakeview's Southport Corridor that former Chicago City Treasurer Miriam Santos had owned for almost two decades sold earlier

this month for \$952,500.

Built in 1991 and designed by architect Marcel Freides, the home was owned by Santos from 1995 until 2014, when she sold it for \$1.01 million.

Now, the couple who bought the house from Santos have relocated, listing agent Brad Lippitz of Compass told Elite Street. They first had listed the house in August for \$975,000.

The home has 2 1/2 baths, two fireplaces, a three-story light-filled atrium, a kitchen that opens to a great room, a rear terrace, a third-floor "flex space" that leads to a roof terrace with a pergola, and a two-car garage. Unlike most other homes in the area, the house's layout is largely horizontal, centered around the atrium, Lippitz said.

"What makes the house fantastic is that it's rare to have an architecturally distinctive house at this price point in Chicago, where all these houses that are built by

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Seller need not disclose smoke

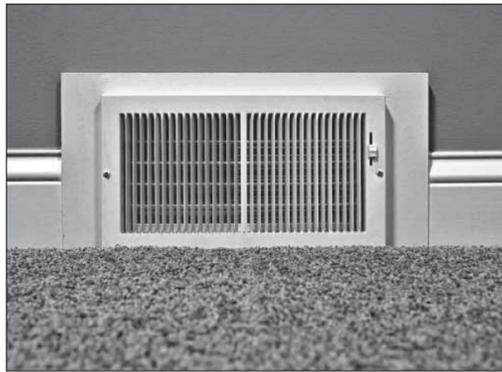
BY HOWARD DAKOFF

Q. I am a new unit owner in a condominium association. I would like to know whether the Illinois Residential Real Property Disclosure Form requires a seller of a condominium unit to disclose smoke transmission into a unit that is for sale. The condominium declaration does not prohibit smoking in units, but smoking is prohibited in the common elements.

A. The Illinois Residential Real Property Disclosure Form contains a series of required disclosures that a seller of real estate must disclose relating, in sum, to material defects in various components of the property, disclosures relating to flooding and unsafe conditions, and infestation of termites and wood boring insects. The form does not require disclosures relating to smoke transmission or alleged violations of condominium instruments by adjacent condominium unit owners.

Q. I live in a town home association that is subject to the Common Interest Community Association Act. I submitted a written request to the managing agent for bank statements of the association's reserve fund to get a clear financial picture of the reserve fund. The year-end financial report did not include any information on the balance of the reserve account. Is a homeowner entitled to year-end financials relating to the reserve account?

A. Section 1-45(b) of the



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Common Interest Community Association Act requires a community association board provide members with a reasonably detailed summary of the receipts, common expenses and reserves for the preceding budget year.

The board must also make available for review to all homeowners an itemized accounting of the common expenses for the previous year actually incurred or paid, together with an indication of which portions were for reserves, capital expenditures, repairs or payment of real estate taxes, as well as state the net excess or deficit of income over expenditures, plus reserves. Additionally, the board must provide a consolidated annual independent audit report of the financial status of all funds within the association, which would include the reserve funds.

A board that fails or refuses to provide information required to be provided homeowners may be subject to a lawsuit to force such disclosures and the homeowner may be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for having to file a lawsuit for such disclosures.

Bulk sale ordinance update: In response to the trend of bulk sales in condominium buildings in Chicago — with the end goal being a deconversion of the condominium association — the City Council on Sept. 18 approved an

ordinance to increase the unit owner approval standard for a bulk sale of condominium property to 85%. Section 15 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act currently allows 75% of the unit owners to approve a bulk sale of a condominium property. If the unit owner approval threshold is met, it forces all owners to sell their unit.

The ordinance — introduced by Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, and Ald. Harry Osterman, 48th — becomes effective on Wednesday. The ordinance does not apply to a bulk sale of a condominium property where the unit owners completed the vote to sell the property before the effective date of the ordinance.

The purpose of the ordinance is to require more unit owners to support such a bulk sale since many of the recent contested bulk sales of high-rise condominium buildings in Chicago were accomplished with unit owner approvals between 75% and 80%, but with a significant block of unit owner opposition. A likely effect of the ordinance on the deconversion marketplace will be to slow down bulk sales of condominium properties — but not stop bulk sales altogether — because a higher percentage of unit owner approval is now required.

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Buyers shouldn't overreach on post-inspection demands

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Have you come across buyers trying to use their home inspector to assert that there are many problems with a home, even if those complaints are unjustified, with the hopes that the seller will come up with a big credit for them?

This type of situation has happened to me, and the requests were so outrageous that I can't help but think buyers were really trying to take advantage, almost to the point of fraud. If you have not heard of this, maybe I just got a bad pair of buyers! I turned down all their requests and then they backed out of the contract.

A: We can't say that we have encountered any specific inspector that has been influenced by a buyer to make stuff up about a home in the way you describe. However, Sam frequently deals with home inspectors that generate a huge list of items related to a home his buyers are buying or that his sellers are selling.

While we can't rule out that there are bad inspectors out there who are making stuff up, they don't really have any incentive to do that. Instead, home inspectors are paid to note all items wrong with a home. As a homebuyer, you want to know what shape the mechanical systems are in and whether there are small items you'll need to attend to once you close on the property.

Given that the home inspector is there to give the buyer as much information about the home as possible, the inspector will note everything from dirty filters in the air-conditioning system, cracks in foundations, uneven floors and doors, chipped counter-



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Inspectors often find long lists of issues with homes for sale, but they don't have an incentive to make things up.

tops, loose door or cabinet knobs, burned-out light-bulbs, problems with the roof, the age and condition of the hot water heater and hundreds of other possible items.

The inspector will give the buyer all this information, and then it's up to the buyer to decide what, if anything, to request the seller to repair. Some buyers go way overboard and ask the sellers to repair everything noted on the inspection report. We don't think that's fair. A 20-year-old home will have issues. In fact, many new homes have issues as well, but with a new home, you expect the builder to give a buyer a home free of issues.

Having said all that, we suspect that you might have found a pair of buyers that felt it was better to ask for everything with the hope that you would give them something. We generally think that a buyer is entitled to buy a home with working appliances and in a condition that would be about what you'd expect for a home of that age.

If you're buying a 100-year-old home that has never been updated or remodeled, you can't expect the sellers to bring the home up to today's standards. Supposedly, the price you're paying reflects the

age and condition. Now, if you're buying a home that's only a year old, you'd expect everything to be in good working condition and that the home would meet all (or almost all, in case there had been very recent revisions) of the current building code requirements.

There are no hard and fast rules here, but when a buyer tells the seller to fix scratches on countertops, repaint scuffed up walls, replace worn carpeting, refinish wood flooring or replace worn cabinet doors, the buyer may be overreaching. When buyers overreach in a home purchase, they tend to get less than if they only request the most important items.

Our general advice: Focus on the big-ticket items when buying a home, and ask your inspector to do the same. That way, if there is a major problem, you can get the seller to consider that issue, get it resolved (either by making the repair or giving you a credit), and proceed to the closing.

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SAVINGS UPDATE

Will my mortgage lender let me count CDs towards my down payment?

When you're saving for a house down payment, it's important to put your funds in a safe place where they can grow a bit and have no risk of losing value. That's why savings accounts and certificates of deposit are great places to stash your cash until you need it. Unlike stock market investments, the value of these deposit accounts is fully predictable and will generally not lose value.

We all know how savings accounts work, and that the money in them is completely accessible at any time. But what about CDs? Since they involve an agreement with the bank that you'll keep the funds on deposit for a set period of time, will a mortgage lender consider these funds as available for your down payment?

The answer is yes, but with some caveats. Just as with any other asset account you'll be tapping, your lender will re-

quire two months' worth of statements. Doing so will document the value of the CD accounts you hold, as well as their maturity dates.

What's important to note is that the value of your CD accounts today will not be the same as what you receive in proceeds if you're cashing in before maturity. That's why your lender will ask for a plan on when you will cash in the CDs, what the amount of any early withdrawal penalties will be, and what the resulting proceeds are calculated to be.

You may want to ask the bank or credit union where you hold your CDs to help determine the penalties and final value, and then document this in writing for passing along to your lender. The main point is that the lender is happy to count CD balances toward a down payment if you can show exactly what you'll receive from them before closing.

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Built in 1991 and designed by architect Marcel Freides, former Chicago City Treasurer Miriam Santos owned this home from 1995 until 2014, when she sold it for \$1.01 million.

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developers have the same footprint, whether it's a \$1 million house or an \$8 million house," Lippitz said. "I think having houses of architectural distinction is an unfortunate rarity (in Chicago)."

Now based in Southern California and formerly based in Chicago, Freides designed other contemporary-style houses around Chicago's North Side.

The buyers' identities are not yet identified in public records.

According to a Village of Hinsdale building permit issued Sept. 17, the Osanloos have hired Willowbrook-based Greenside Design Build LLC to build their home. The

permit states that the existing home will be demolished and that the new one will have an estimated construction cost of \$2 million. The building permit indicates that the house will measure 12,478

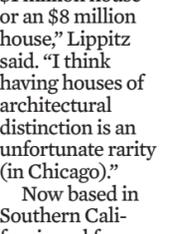
square feet, including any garage, attic and basement space.

One of the principals behind Greenside Design Build, Michael Conneely, declined to comment on the project. And Michael Osanloo, who joined Portillo's last year after previously being CEO of Arizona-based P.F. Chang's, has not responded to requests for comment.

Previously, the Osanloos, who have been living nearby, had sold a four-bedroom, 3,200-square-foot condo in Lincoln Park in August 2018 for \$2.5 million. They had not occupied that condo since moving to Arizona in 2015, when Osanloo left a position at Kraft Foods to take the top job at P.F. Chang's.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Portillo's CEO building a \$2M mansion

Michael Osanloo, who is the CEO and president of Portillo's, and his wife, Mary, are set to build a \$2 million house in Hinsdale, which including land will have a total cost of more than \$4 million.

Public records reveal that the Osanloos were the mystery buyers behind an opaque land trust that in October 2018 paid \$2.15 million for a six-bedroom, 4,357-square-foot vintage Colonial revival-style house in Hinsdale. That house's sale and condition prompted speculation that it was headed for the wrecking ball, and permits filed with the Village of Hinsdale indicate that indeed will be the case.



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HOME OF THE WEEK

Ukrainian Village home with five bedrooms: \$1.35M

ADDRESS: 2131 W. Huron St. in Chicago
PRICE: \$1,349,000
 Listed on Aug. 28, 2019

Located in Ukrainian Village, this new-construction home features five bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. The home features an expansive chef's kitchen outfitted with top-line Viking appliances, a butler's pantry and wet bar. The master suite offers his-and-hers walk-in closets along with en suite master bath that includes heated floors, a steam shower and soaking tub. The lower level boasts a recreational room along with a mud room and laundry room. Another set of laundry is located on the second floor. The outdoor space includes a patio off of the living room and a sprawling rooftop deck.



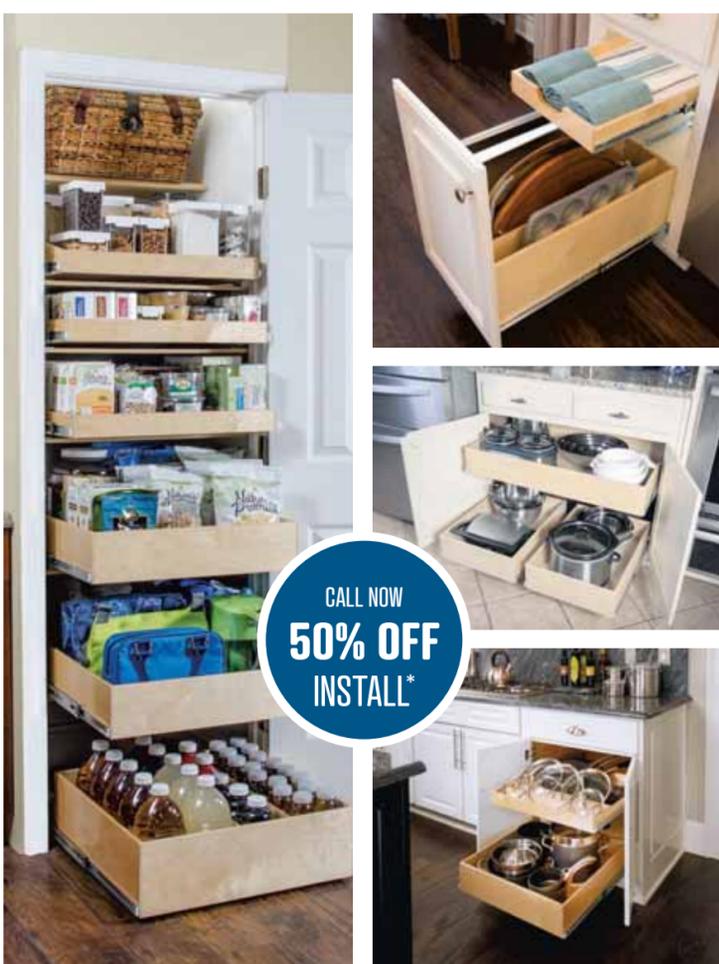
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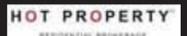


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Report: Shoddy work on homes among top consumer complaints

Home improvement, construction problems highlighted in 2018 survey

BY ADRIAN D. GARCIA
Bankrate.com

Problems with home improvement and new home construction topped the list of worst complaints received last year, according to a new report from the Consumer Federation of America.

The 2018 Consumer Complaint Survey Report looked at information related to 1.1 million complaints from agencies in 21 states. Home improvement and construction issues generated the second-most complaints in 2018, behind trouble related to vehicles.

The CFA asked the 35 state and local consumer agencies that participated in the report what they considered to be the worst complaints characterized by the volume of complaints, the financial cost to consumers, the impact on vulnerable consumers or the "sheer outrageousness" of the reports. Home improvement and construction issues rose to the top of the list.

Consumers can end up spending tens of thousands of dollars to rectify issues they encounter during a new home build or remodeling project. And those expenses can lead to big headaches.

"The financial loss that consumers suffer when they pay for work that is shoddy, incomplete or never performed is bad enough, but these problems can also make their homes unlivable and cause emotional distress," according to the report.

Top 10 U.S. consumer

complaints by topic

1. Auto: Misrepresentations in advertising or sales of new and used cars, lemons, faulty repairs, auto leasing, rentals and towing disputes.

2. Home improvement/construction: Shoddy work and failure to start or complete the job.

3. Retail sales: False advertising and other deceptive practices; defective merchandise; problems with rebates, coupons, gift cards and gift certificates; and failure to deliver.

4. Services: Misrepresentations, shoddy work, failure to have required licenses and failure to perform.

5. (Tie) Landlord/tenant: Unhealthy or unsafe conditions; failure to make repairs or provide promised amenities; deposit and rent disputes; and illegal eviction tactics.

Utilities: Complaints about gas, electric, water and cable billing and service.

6. Health products/services: Misleading claims, unlicensed practitioners, failure to deliver and medical billing issues.

7. (Tie) Credit/debt: Billing and fee disputes; mortgage modifications and mortgage-related fraud; credit repair; debt relief services; predatory lending; and illegal or abusive debt collection tactics.

Communications: Misleading offers, installation issues, service problems, and billing disputes with telephone and internet services.

8. Internet sales: Misrepresentations or other deceptive practices; and failure to deliver online purchases.

9. Home solicitations: Misrepresentation; abusive sales practices; failure to deliver in door-to-door, telemarketing or mail solicitations; and do-not-call violations

10. (Tie) Household goods: Misrepresentations; failure to deliver; and faulty repairs in connection with furniture or appliances.

Fraud: Bogus sweepstakes and lotteries; work-at-home schemes; grant offers; fake check scams; and imposter scams and other common frauds.

Worst complaints in 2018

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Complaints related to home improvement and construction

"Home improvement and construction have always been in the top three of our survey," says Susan Grant, director of consumer protection and privacy at CFA, adding "that is because, along with auto sales, these are very expensive transactions, and if something goes wrong, consumers are more likely to complain than if their toaster breaks down or they have some other minor problem."

Home remodeling and improvement activity has increased in recent years,



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Shoddy work by home improvement contractors and failure to complete projects was one of last year's top consumer complaints.

creating more potential for consumers to run into problems. Mortgage rates have also fallen in recent months, which means homebuyers and homeowners who want to refinance might save on monthly interest payments.

"It's hard to say what will affect the rate of home improvement," Grant says. "Certainly, low-interest rates puts more money in consumers' pockets to do home improvements as well as programs like PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy), which provide easily attainable loans for consumers to do certain kinds of energy-efficient home improvements."

Rising home equity can also spur homeowners into renovating their homes. Home prices have boosted American's overall home equity to record-setting levels in recent years. Some buyers tap into that equity with a home equity loan or

home equity line of credit to pay for major remodeling projects or home repairs.

"One of the lessons in the report is if you are taking any kind of home improvement loan that involves a lien on your property, you need to understand what that means and the ramifications of it if you want to sell your home," Grant says.

Tips for home improvement and construction

The Federal Trade Commission offers advice on how to avoid home improvement scams, including how to find a competent and reliable contractor for your project. Some states, such as Florida and California, require general contractors to be licensed.

"For a big, expensive investment like home improvement or construction, it's vital to find out what the applicable requirements are before you hire a

contractor," Grant says. "Make sure your contractor has complied with them that way you'll be better protected if something goes wrong and, hopefully, it will be less likely that something goes wrong."

In addition to familiarizing yourself with the rules for your home project, CFA recommends you pay a smaller initial deposit when you hire a contractor for home improvement work. Plus, make sure you get a written contract that sets out the scope of work, the project timeline and payment schedule.

"Never pay the full amount for home improvement work until the job is done. You have no leverage if the work is incomplete or unsatisfactory," the report states. "If the contractor's work doesn't look right to you, hold off on making the final payment until you resolve the issue."



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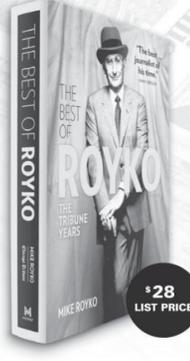
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Homebuyers, chew on this

Proximity to certain grocery chains can boost a home's value

BY NATALIE CAMPISI
Bankrate.com

The old real estate adage of "location, location, location" could be changed to "Trader Joe's, Trader Joe's, Trader Joe's," if recent analysis is any indication. A report by ATTOM Data looked at how home values were affected by proximity to different grocery stores, and the results are eye-opening.

It turns out that if Trader Joe's is nearby, your house might be worth more than if it were close to other grocery chains. The average return on investment, or ROI, for Trader Joe's-adjacent homes is 51%, 10 percentage points more than the runner-up, Whole Foods (41%), and almost 20 percentage points more than Aldi (34%).

The results were based on an analysis of 1,859 Zip codes with at least one of each of these grocery stores: Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Aldi. ATTOM, a property data company, looked at current average home values from 2014 to 2019, current average home equity, home seller profits and home-flipping rates to learn whether these stores had any impact on equity, home-flipping returns and price appreciation.

Homeowners near the famous "Two-Buck Chuck" retailer, i.e., Trader Joe's, also had more equity in their homes, with an average of 37% (\$247,445). The runner-ups were Whole Foods with 31% (\$187,035) and Aldi with an average 20% equity (\$53,650).

Aldi came in first place in the gross flipping ROI contest, however, with an average of 61% — almost double the second-place store, Whole Foods, which had a 35% ROI, trailed by Trader Joe's with a 31%

ROI.

Aldi also had the best five-year price appreciation — 42%, more than 10 percentage points ahead of Trader Joe's, which had 33%. Whole Foods came in last place with an average five-year, home-price appreciation of 31%.

What your house is near today might predict its value later.

A popular grocery store is not the only neighborhood amenity that can increase your home's value, according to experts.

Where you live can affect your investment as much — or even more — as your actual house, so it's important to know what makes a location desirable, says James Marshall, director of real estate analytics products at Clear Capital.

Clear Capital's automated valuation model, called ClearAVM, uses machine learning to predict the values of residential properties across the U.S. One of its findings is that desirable locations can predict home values.

"When we overlay points of interest (like transit, shopping and amenities) on top of prices, we see trends in the distance to these features," Marshall says. "In urban areas, ClearAVM has found that access to public transit has a large correlation with higher property prices. We have found the same with access to restaurants, coffee shops and groceries in urban and suburban areas."

While different folks will place more or less value on certain things — one person might love their craft brewery neighbor while another would prefer a yoga studio — there are universally positive (and negative) elements, says Chris Hunt, chief appraiser at Clear Capital.



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If your home is near a Trader Joe's supermarket, your chances for a higher return on your investment are excellent.

Some of the positive location amenities that can affect home values and equity include high-ranking schools, hospitals, shopping centers, green spaces and being near the waterfront (think oceans and lakes), as well as access to highways and main thoroughfares.

Negative location markers include things like high-traffic and high-noise areas, crowded commercial properties, high-tension power lines or other utility easements, a poorly maintained home or neighborhood, and not being near the appealing attractions mentioned earlier, Hunt says.

Scope out the location before you buy a home.

Because buying a home is a major decision that can

have serious financial consequences, both good and bad, buyers should think beyond the four walls. A solid investment strategy includes looking at the home's surrounding location.

Whether you plan to sell your house in a few years or stay put for a lifetime, location will have a bearing on both your wallet and long-term satisfaction.

Take the time to get to know the neighborhood. Do people tend to stay, or is there a lot of turnover in sales? It's important to get an idea of how a neighborhood might age based on community involvement, how long businesses have stayed there and what locals have to say.

"The beneficial amenities listed previously are those that, over time, tend

to hold up as positively, adding to the home's appeal and overall value impact in the market," Hunt says. "That said, as neighborhoods mature and homes trade in the market, amenities and influences change, as well."

Buyers should also consider where they're buying in order to measure the long-term impacts of certain amenities. For instance, in urban areas transportation is king, Marshall says. Likewise, in coastal markets, the distance to water is the largest driver of desirability.

"On a more micro level, a property that backs up to green space or has a slight view can fluctuate values on homes that may be next to each other," Marshall points out.

Sell

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consider having your real estate agent's office create a marketing video, she says.

Drone photography might be an important factor to sell a sprawling property with land or a ton of outdoor features, she adds.

Bozinovic also emphasizes the importance of social media marketing, especially on Facebook.

"I found that running ads on the Facebook platform is superior to any other social media space because the audience can be targeted very specifically," she says.

If you're hoping to spread the news of your home for sale, it may also help to work with a real estate agent who has knowledge of social media marketing and other strategies to get more eyeballs on your virtual listing.

Get an optional pre-sale home inspection.

Never assume your home is in perfect physical condition; take the time to make sure. Paying for a home inspection upfront is typically a safe bet. With prior knowledge of issues like missing shingles on your roof or faulty electrical work, for example, you can buy time to fix these issues before they become a problem.

Cahill also says that hiring a home inspector to conduct a thorough inspection before you list your home may "inspire greater confidence in your home's condition among potential buyers."

This is true even though most savvy buyers will likely hire their own inspector.

Also note that, if you take the time to fix big problems discovered in an inspection before a sale is underway, the negotiation process could be "short and sweet," Cahill says.

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Avis and Hertz offer free two-hour test drives or a three-day "rent to buy" program, which gives you more time to decide if you want to purchase the car.

Should you buy a rental car?

The savings can make it worthwhile

BY RONALD MONTOYA
Edmunds

The life of a rental vehicle is a tough one: It's driven by many people and for more miles than average. And who knows how they treated that vehicle.

After about a year of service, the rental company will typically pull the vehicle out of the fleet and sell it as a used car. But in this second life, a former rental vehicle can make for a compelling used car value — if you're willing to accept a few trade-offs.

Edmunds has researched the pros and cons of buying a rental vehicle. We've also gathered a small list of vehicles to keep an eye out for that might prove to be a particularly good value.

The choices are based on Edmunds' data and comparisons to traditional dealership pricing.

Pros

■ **A way to save:** Rental companies purchase their vehicles in volume and at a discounted rate. In turn, they are able to sell them at lower prices than a traditional dealership would. As seen in the

examples below, discounts could be 10% or more.

■ **A newer vehicle for less money:** It is not uncommon to find 1- to 2-year-old vehicles, which could potentially get you the latest body style or safety features. These vehicles would cost thousands more at a franchise dealership's used car lot.

■ **Convenient sale process:** Avis, Enterprise and Hertz offer no-haggle pricing. Avis and Hertz also offer free two-hour test drives or a three-day "rent to buy" program, which gives you more time to decide if you want the car. To alleviate buyer's remorse, Enterprise and Hertz also have seven-day return policies.

■ **Well-maintained vehicles:** Rental agencies typically are diligent about maintaining their vehicles. The scheduled maintenance is performed at the manufacturer-recommended intervals.

■ **Limited warranty:** Most major rental companies will give buyers a 12-month or 12,000-mile limited powertrain warranty. This coverage is more than you'd get at an independent used car lot, where most of the vehicles are sold as-is. At either place, you will inherit any

remaining balance on the vehicle's factory warranty.

Cons

■ **Uncertain history:** It's difficult to determine how hard a rental car was driven. While some might be careful with a rental, others may drive the vehicle more aggressively because it isn't theirs.

■ **Higher-mileage inventory:** The average miles driven per year in the U.S. is about 14,000. But you'll easily find vehicles in a rental fleet with double or triple that number of miles.

■ **Potential to be out of warranty:** Because of the higher mileage, you might find that the vehicle is past its factory warranty coverage. Any repairs required will likely have to be paid out of pocket.

■ **Lightly optioned cars:** Don't expect to see top-of-the-line vehicles with a ton of upscale options. Rental companies usually buy base models due to the lower price and simplicity of ordering. There are exceptions, of course.

Vehicles to consider

■ **2019 Volkswagen Jetta**
Average sales price for rental models with 10,000-20,000 miles: \$14,993 (17.2% discount from a



NISSAN

The 2018 Nissan Rogue is a compact SUV that might be found for sale on rental car lots for about 12% less than at the average dealership.

dealership)

What our editors say: "The new Jetta offers a roomy cabin and an impressively smooth ride quality. Quick acceleration from a stop is another highlight."

■ **2017 Hyundai Accent SE**
Average sales price for rental models with 40,000-50,000 miles: \$10,401 (12.2% discount from a dealership)

What our editors say: "The Accent is a top choice for a small sedan thanks to a satisfying combination of performance, utility, comfort and style."

■ **2019 Kia Optima LX**
Average sales price for rental models with 20,000-30,000 miles: \$15,052 (12.1% discount from a

dealership)

What our editors say: "The Kia Optima continues to offer some of the most feature-packed models you can buy in the midsize sedan segment."

■ **2018 Nissan Rogue S**
Average sales price for rental models with 40,000-50,000 miles: \$15,766 (12% discount from a dealership)

What our editors say: "The Rogue has an expansive cargo space and roomy seating. It's one of the more versatile small SUVs around."

■ **2018 Toyota Avalon**
Average sales price for rental models with 30,000-40,000 miles: \$19,061 (9.9% discount from a dealership)

What our editors say: "A cushioned ride and hushed cabin make the Avalon well-suited for commutes and road trips, and its roomy interior offers plenty of room to spread out."

Consider shopping at a rental car lot the next time you're in need of a good used car.

Used rental cars are affordable and tend to be maintained regularly, so consumers looking for a bargain may not mind the limited inventory and extra mileage that often comes with rental cars.

The streamlined sales process and lower prices may be enough to offset the added miles and history of many drivers.

Electric cars are here; now, how to sell them?

BY OLIVER SACHGAU AND
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Bloomberg

It only took a decade for traditional automakers to take electric cars seriously and offer more than a smattering of test-the-water models.

Now comes the hard part: getting consumers to buy them.

At Frankfurt's car show this year, Volkswagen leaders called on governments to give up coal-fired power as they unveiled the electric

ID.3 car-for-the-masses. At the Mercedes-Benz stand, where the Daimler brand was showing the prototype of an electric S-Class sibling, real beech trees framed massive screens displaying schools of digital fish.

The message to environmentally conscious consumers: We're with you. But a marketing blitz alone won't wash away the uncertainties facing electric cars. Customers are leery of paying for new technology they're unsure about, and some are worried they won't reliably

get to where they want to go.

"The next big thing is not going to be about the cars, because they will come," Carlos Tavares, president of the European Automobile Manufacturers Association and CEO of Groupe PSA, said. "The next big thing is about affordable mobility. The next big thing is about how we make this work for the biggest number of people."

Across Europe, sales of new plug-in hybrids and fully electric cars last year

made up 2% of total registrations. That's a tiny market to tussle over for the likes of VW's ID.3 (with a price point below 30,000 euros, or \$33,009), Tesla Inc.'s Model 3 and Mercedes' gleaming lineup of plug-ins.

Yet carmakers have little choice but to boost their offering to keep pace with regulation, or face fines.

A lot of factors are moving in the right direction. The ID.3's price point and basic range of 205 miles sets the car apart from previous

efforts that needed meticulous pre-planning for longer trips. At the top end, there's now the \$185,000 Porsche Taycan Turbo S, and a mid-range that's rapidly filling out from SUVs like the Jaguar I-Pace and Audi e-tron.

Plugging in while on the road also is getting easier. Ionity, a consortium of Daimler, VW, Ford, BMW and now Hyundai, is on track to finish building a network of 400 European fast-charging stations by next year to make long-distance travel easier.



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German Chancellor Angela Merkel checks out a Volkswagen ID.3 electric car on the opening day of the Frankfurt Auto Show last month.

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The 2020 Ford Escape has a modern and sophisticated instrument panel.

New Ford Escape is modern, sophisticated and a good size

BY LARRY PRINTZ
Tribune News Service

The middle ground is a wonderful place to be. And, there's a crossover SUV that embraces that American heart: the 2020 Ford Escape.

Welcome the fourth generation, offered with two gasoline-powered drivelines and a new hybrid model.

Totally redesigned and wrapped in tastefully aerodynamic sheet metal, the new Escape wears variations of modern Ford styling cues, including a trapezoidal grille capped by the classic blue oval badge. It's far more inviting than the third generation's awkwardly off-putting angular design motif, one that lived well past its sell-by date.

Pleasingly modern and handsome, the Escape's cabin lacks the adolescent Game Boy design feel prevalent in cars these days. It's grown up, with a modern, sophisticated instrument panel, anchored by a center-mounted flat-screen — 4.2 inches on S models, 8 inches on others — and a dazzling full-color 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster in front of the driver.

As in other Fords, the user interface is easy to figure out. Nevertheless, material quality is nothing special, and there's not much difference in feel regardless of trim level, be it S, SE, SE Sport, SEL or

2020 FORD ESCAPE

Base price:

\$24,885

Engine: 1.5-liter turbocharged three-cylinder
Horsepower/Torque: 181/190

EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 27/33 mpg
Wheelbase/Length/Width: 106.7/180.5/74.1 inches

Titanium. Also, some buyers may find the push-button starter hard to reach, as it's placed on an angled part of the instrument panel. Others may find the rotary transmission dial takes some getting used to, but it frees up a lot of interior space.

But there's much to admire, with comfortably high seats with good head and legroom upfront and generous rear seat legroom, superior to many competitors. Credit the rear seat that has 6 inches of fore-and-aft seat travel to adjust for more people or more cargo. Once underway, the cabin is very quiet with negligible wind or road noise, except on the very worst surfaces thanks to insulated front window glass.

Power comes from a choice of three drivelines.

Regardless of engine, transmission behavior is exemplary, offering up quick shifts just when you

need them. That said, manual mode seemed slow to respond. Body lean is very well controlled, coming on only as you start to reach the limits of adhesion. Steering is nicely weighted, with a touch of road feel, although there seems to be a little too much play on-center.

The hybrid's extra weight can be felt in corners, but it enhances the overall feel. Bump absorption is impressive, with no rebound and little to no body motion over bad surfaces. The Escape feels beautifully balanced and agile, returning a relaxed, refined driving experience.

As you'd expect, such driver assistance features as blind spot warning, cross-traffic alert, automatic high beams, lane-keeping assist, automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection, forward collision warning, a rearview camera, and hill start assist are standard. Parking assist, adaptive cruise control and evasive steering assist are optional.

The redesigned 2020 Ford Escape has a sophistication that escaped the previous version. With its handsome, conservative good looks, perfect size and up-to-date tech package, it should have little trouble reaching buyers.

Larry Printz is an automotive journalist based in South Florida. Readers may send him email at TheDrivingPrintz@gmail.com.

To disable automatic door locks a manual may help



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: My 2017 Infiniti GX50 has doors that auto lock at 5 mph. The problem is that frequently I would like to allow my wife to exit the car while the engine is still running. There used to be a procedure to manually reprogram cars to turn off the auto lock feature.

I have asked the service department twice about having them reprogram the auto lock feature. They tell me that they can't (won't) do it. This is obviously a safety feature, but there has to be a simple way to deactivate it.

— G.P., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

A: Almost everything on today's automobiles is programmable, including the automatic door locks on your Infiniti. You may not find the answer in your regular owner's manual, but the Infiniti InTouch manual will explain how to use the touch screen display's vehicle settings window to adjust the lock's behavior.

Q: I own a 2017 Honda Accord with 19K miles that emits a musty smell when the A/C is switched on. The car is kept in the garage, and I recently replaced the cabin air filter, but the smell is still there. I thought I would check with you before returning to the dealer for service. Can you give me an idea of what I can do to eliminate this odor?

— B.P., Arlington Heights, Illinois

A: Cool your heels. The



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The Infiniti InTouch manual should explain how to use the touch screen display to adjust the door locks.

problem will go away as it gets colder out and you stop using the air conditioner. The odor is caused by micro-organisms in the HVAC housing. Moisture from humidity collects in the dark, warm environment and then bad stuff grows. Turning the A/C off for the final five to 10 minutes before shutting off the engine often dries out the system.

Professional detailers often have antimicrobial stuff that the general public can't buy. Call around.

Q: I recently started shopping for a 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee. I noted that a lot of them have dual hood vents. I'm concerned that excess water from car washes or rain could damage engine or components under the hood. Could excess water or rain damage anything under the hood? I noted one dealer did not have any 2020 Grand Cherokees with the hoods. Only 2019s.

— G.R., Algonquin, Illinois

A: Cars have had hood vents since, ah, almost forever. Water will not harm the engine whether it gets in through vents or from below when driving through puddles. Everything in the engine compartment is protected from water intrusion. Although often a design cue, many functional hood vents direct cooling air into the

engine compartment.

Q: I'm looking at buying a 2012 Mazda Miata GT from a private party, second owner. The first owner put 3,600 miles on the car from October 2012 to March 2016, with annual synthetic oil changes. The second owner has put 2,000 miles on the car from April 2016 to present, with no oil changes. The car was driven from spring to fall and stored in an unheated garage during winter.

If I check the oil dipstick and find clean/amber colored oil, is that evidence enough to say the engine is OK? Or should I be concerned that there is moisture/water and rust in the engine, and walk away from this car?

— P.K., Hoffman Estates, Illinois

A: You really need not be overly concerned. Sure, there may be a bit of moisture in the oil, but it will cook off quickly once the engine is started. Nevertheless, I would change the oil and filter as soon as possible. This is a good way to benchmark the service to begin your record-keeping.

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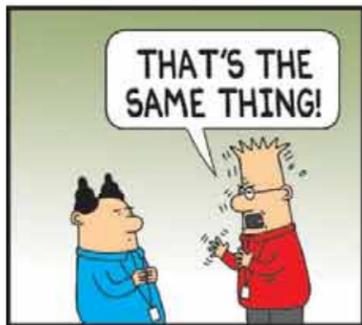
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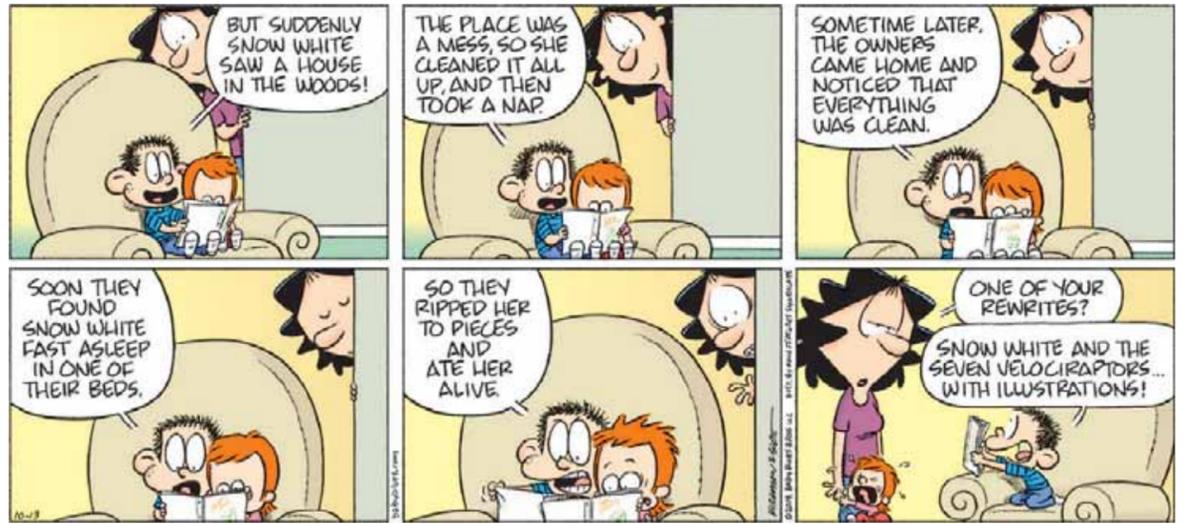
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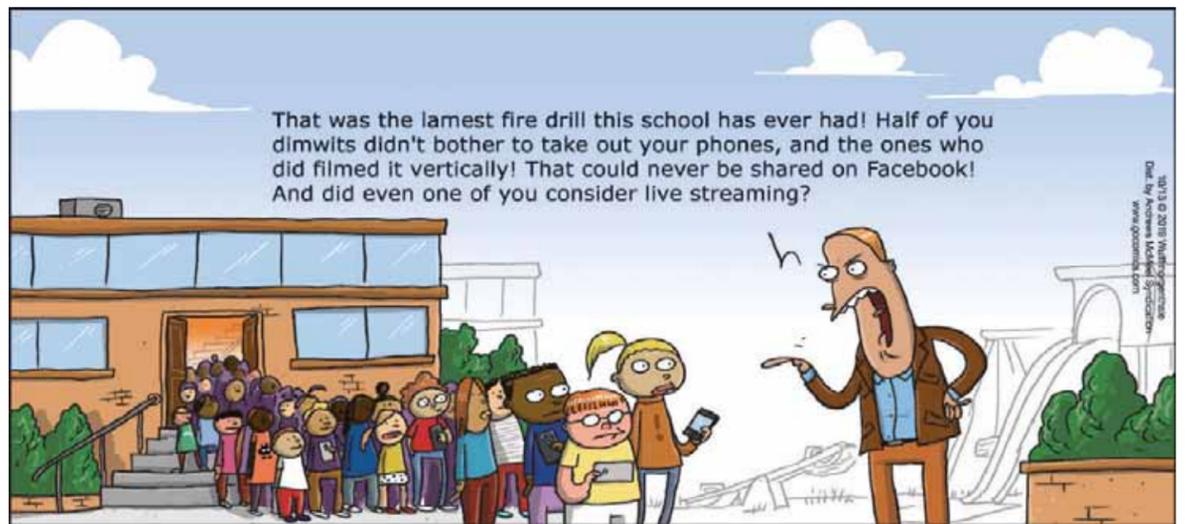
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Half Full

10/13 by Maria Scrivan

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By Bill Bettwy

WHO IS USING ALL OF THESE GLASSES?!

WELL, DON'T LOOK AT ME.

I USUALLY DRINK RIGHT OUT OF THE CARTON.

I'D BETTER NOT SEE YOU DOING THAT!

WHAT SHOULD I DO, THEN?

USE A GLASS!

SO I'M DAMNED IF I DO AND I'M DAMNED IF I DON'T.

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I'LL HAVE A TURKEY CLUB AND A SODA.

FIRST AND LAST NAME?

ROGER FOX.

HMM, I DON'T SEE YOU ON THE LIST. HAVE YOU ORDERED THIS SANDWICH BEFORE?

UM, NO.

WHO SUGGESTED YOU TRY IT? DO YOU HAVE ANY REFERENCES? AND HOW OLD IS THAT SWEATER? TWENTY YEARS?

HUH?

TELL YOU WHAT, GO STAND OVER THERE WITH THOSE OTHER PEOPLE AND MAYBE I'LL THINK ABOUT CALLING YOUR NAME AT SOME POINT.

I JUST WANT A TURKEY CLUB!

IT'S A VERY EXCLUSIVE CLUB.

I WILL GET ONE EVENTUALLY, THOUGH, RIGHT?

NEXT!

Dogs of C-Kennel

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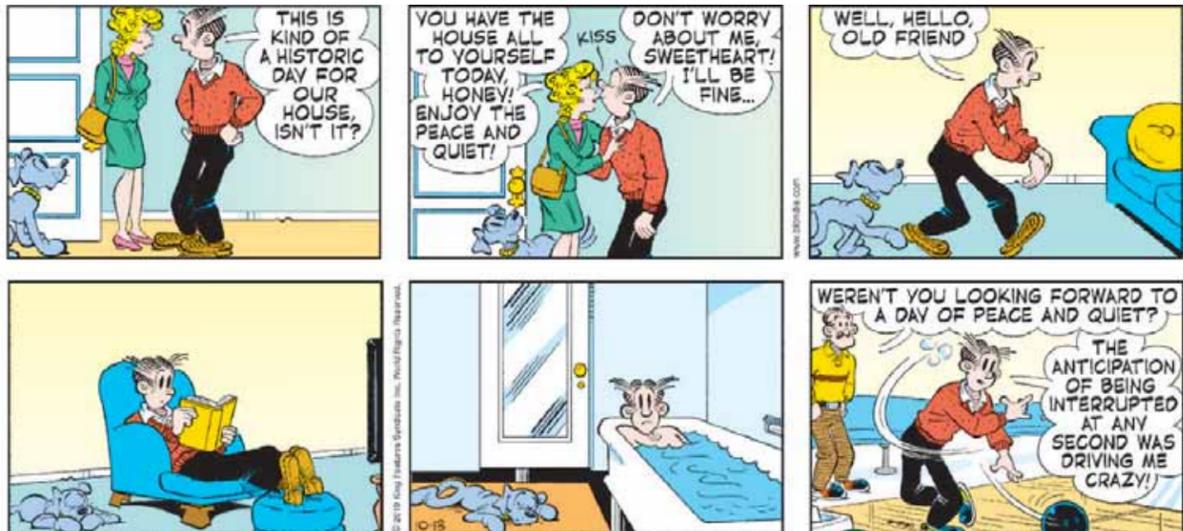
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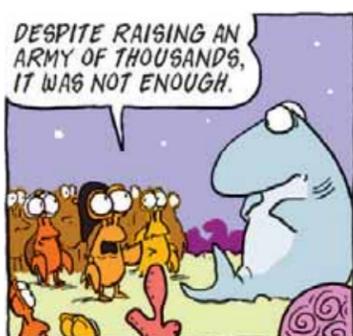
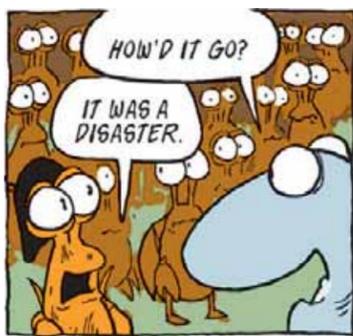


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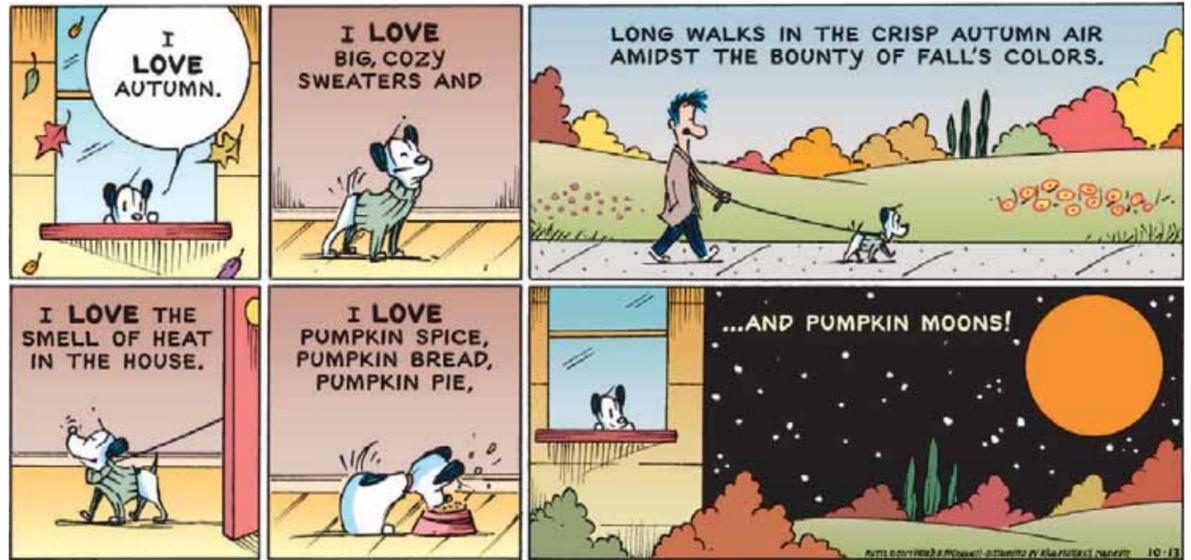


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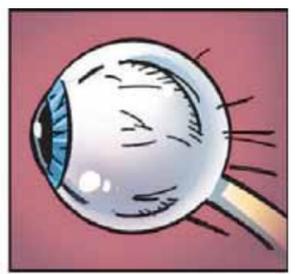
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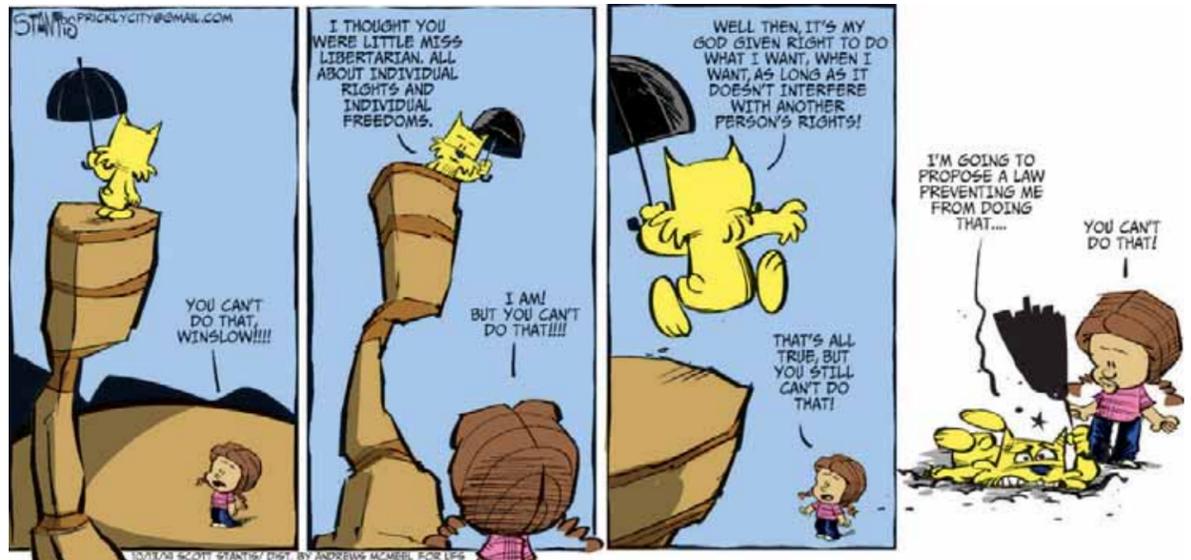
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SPARSE SET: Explained at 116 Across

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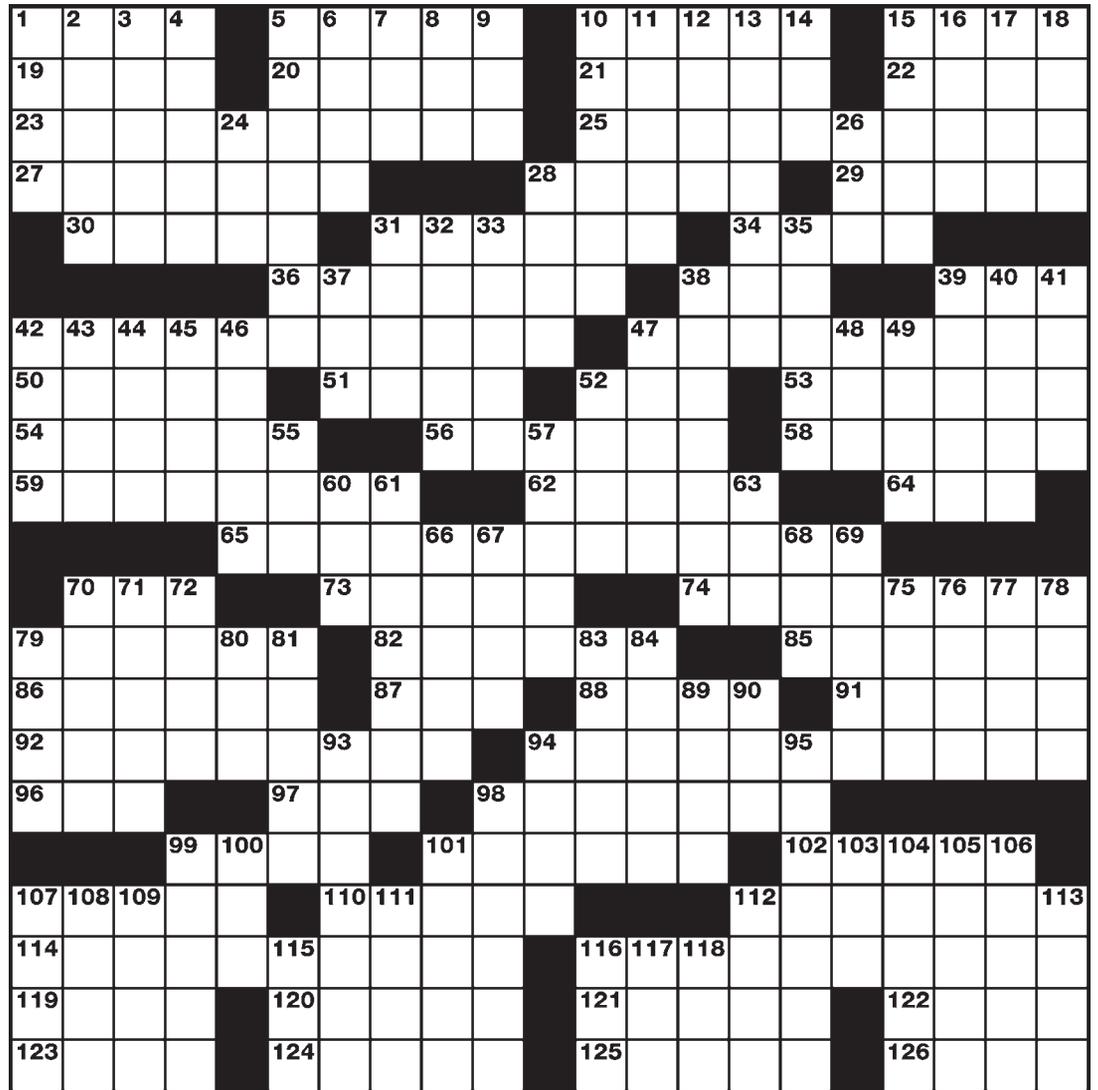
- 1 Two-band, as a radio
5 Starts to melt
10 Goes yachting, say
15 Hammer-throw trajectories
19 Tie with a clasp
20 Desert refuge
21 Printer giant
22 On one's guard
23 What Brits call a "peg"
25 Expert in divinity
27 Elongate
28 Unkempt places
29 Piece of cake
30 Latin American music
31 Unsuitable for tots
34 Blunted sword
36 Grassy tract
38 Federal procurement agcy.
39 Apple product
42 Lamenting vocalist
47 Support, as a cause
50 Small egg
51 Norse Zeus
52 Moral misstep
53 Political position
54 Columbus, by birth
56 Writer du Maurier
58 Kilt pattern
59 16 Down products
62 Rope on the range
64 Review roughly
65 25 Across' "Doctor Angelicus"
70 Touch on the shoulder
73 Galileo, by birth
74 What a trooper enforces
79 Works hard
82 In this way
85 Northwestern capital

- 86 Left home for food
87 Bag tags
88 End-of-week comment
91 Politician on the most *Time* covers
92 Empress of Russia
94 Candid and cooperative
96 Medical drama locales: Abbr.
97 Director Lee
98 Baseballer's grip enhancer
99 Stare (at)
101 Unorthodox doctrine
102 Paperless novel
107 Get rid of
110 Common-interest groups
112 Cause to jump
114 Tiny girl in an Andersen tale
116 What's found in the other eight longest answers
119 Make less stringent
120 Sophia of cinema
121 Sound of distress
122 Be mindful of
123 Place to fish from
124 Doesn't take off
125 County fair setups
126 Trade grps.

Down

- 1 Preschool basics
2 Loses feathers
3 Horticultural study
4 What may be called an "inn"
5 Work boot reinforcements
6 Discuss thoroughly, with "out"
7 *Raiders of the Lost Ark* reptile

- 8 Nintendo console
9 IRS form datum
10 Small sofa
11 Rosebush pest
12 "So that's what you mean"
13 Most flexible
14 Longtime NBC weekend show
15 "That's a shame!"
16 Bug-busting brand
17 Rugged rock
18 Last word of a 1/1 song
24 Elevations: Abbr.
26 Carry a balance
28 Drink-mix instruction
31 *Atlas Shrugged* author
32 Unyielding
33 Sports complex
35 Venerable brew brand
37 2016 Olympics host
38 Book before Exodus
39 Vessel of 1492
40 Ancient Andean
41 Sistine Chapel depiction
42 Costume that might have been a bedsheet
43 Bake-off appliance
44 Pipsqueak
45 Stop flowing
46 Artichoke serving
47 Infomercial knife name
48 Touchdown stat.
49 Dwell (on)
52 NBA great's nickname
55 Informal refusal
57 Shop shaver
60 Play with bubble wrap



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- 61 Clearly pleased
63 It's e. of Detroit
66 In reserve
67 Neiman Marcus competitor
68 Satisfied sound
69 Court reporter
70 Ancient Mongol marauder
71 Assists in wrongdoing
72 Pal of Piglet
75 Tourney format, for short
76 Thompson of the LPGA
77 Soon, to a bard
78 Vera of fashion
79 Gown designer's stock
80 Wish one hadn't
81 Thatching material
83 Piece of gravel
84 Kid-lit brutes
89 ___-bitty
90 Govt. mortgage insurer
93 Rorschach pattern
94 Alpine evergreens
95 Certain Greek islanders
98 Coffeecake topping
99 More plucky
100 LAPD advisory
101 Sugar substitute for some
103 Fifth-rate
104 "Straight" starter
105 "None of the above"
106 ___ light (filming tool)
107 Resign, with "down"
108 Spiced tea of India
109 Deceptive plan
111 A euro predecessor
112 Install in office
113 Ultimate intentions
115 O'Hare-bound trains
116 PD rank
117 Prefix like ante-
118 Harry Potter's pal

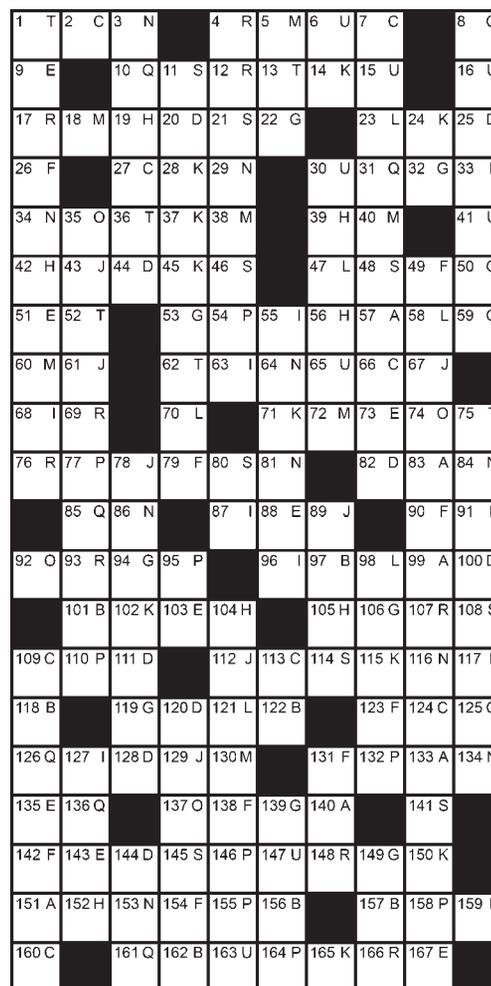
Quote-Acrossic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

- Words**
- A. Servile, spiritless 83 133 151 140 99 57
- B. Ponderous 157 118 97 101 162 122 156
- C. Creative 8 160 2 66 7 27 113 124 109
- D. Become discouraged: 2 wds. 20 128 111 144 120 100 25 44 82
- E. U. of Texas athlete 135 73 51 167 88 103 143 9
- F. Healthy: 3 wds. 79 49 26 90 123 142 138 131 154
- G. *** 106 149 119 125 94 32 53 139 22
- H. Sponged 105 39 152 19 42 56 104
- I. Hot and humid 96 87 63 68 55 127

- J. Grief 67 43 112 129 89 61 78
- K. Satisfy a craving: 3 wds. 28 165 115 37 24 45 150 71 102 14
- L. Out of style 70 98 117 58 33 91 121 23 159 47
- M. Ring official 72 60 40 130 18 5 38
- N. Unrestrained enthusiasm 3 84 34 134 81 64 116 86 153 29
- O. Party behavior 59 50 92 74 137 35
- P. Terrier breed 95 54 164 146 77 158 132 110 155
- Q. Quickly 10 126 136 161 31 85
- R. Diminution 12 76 69 4 148 107 17 166 93
- S. A shunning 141 80 11 48 46 145 108 114 21
- T. River of Baghdad 36 13 52 75 1 62
- U. Disappear gradually 6 65 163 147 30 41 16 15



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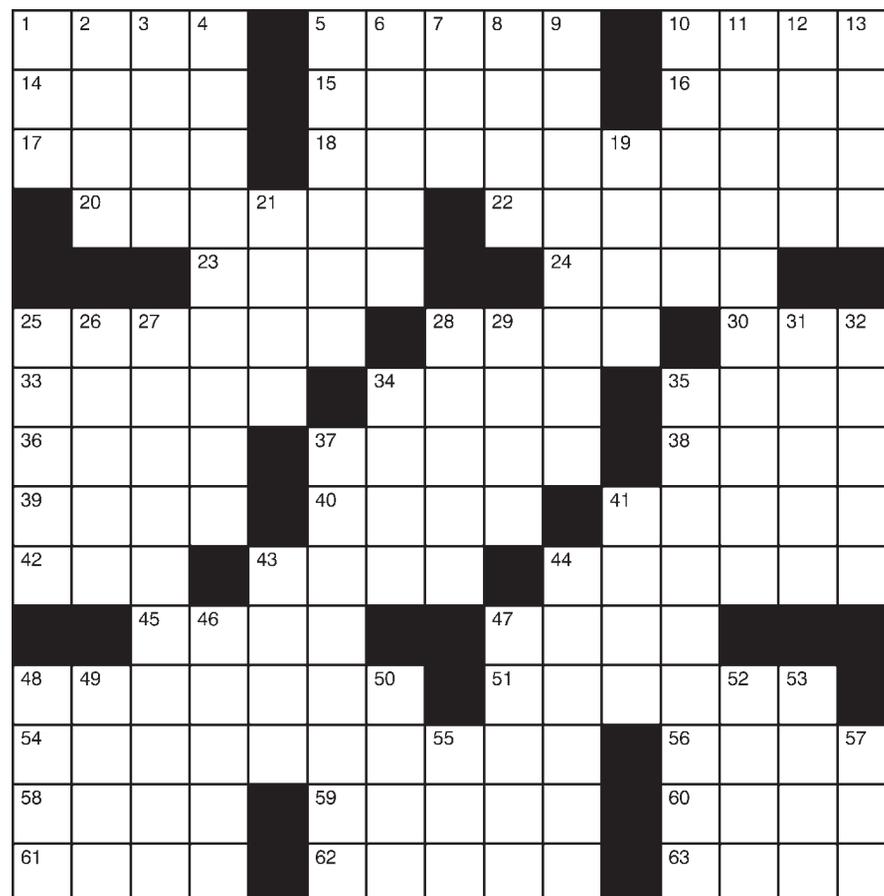
Across

- 1 Biblical land
5 Actress Day
10 Country lot
14 Glen Gray's *Casa* ____
Orchestra
15 Kind of conservative
16 Langue ____: Old Fr.
17 Anchor
18 Legendary corporate head
20 Style of decoration
22 Coerce
23 Small bills
24 ____ *Heartache*: Ronnie Scott song
25 Axilla
28 Loses color: arch.
30 Deg. in the arts
33 Camera caper
34 Copycat
35 Confirmation
36 Cor
37 Congressman, for one
38 Tabasco snack
39 Part of AD
40 Pawn
41 Santa ____
42 However

Down

- 1 Cordwood
2 Accordion ____
3 Melville novel
4 Cochin visitor?
5 Sweet-sounding
6 Corn-oil products
7 Hwy.
8 Corn lily, for one
9 Architect Eero
10 Lead ____ life
11 Atlantic Coast resort

- 12 Wealthy, in Mexico
13 Verve
19 They are often cool
21 Sleep ____
25 Examine
26 Tarascon's river
27 Westchester County commune
28 GI compliance
29 Frenzied
31 Prima ____: obvious
32 Have ____ on: be intoxicated
34 Bruin goalie Andy
35 Coating with cement
37 Beats badly
41 In conclusion
43 *Pas* ____
44 Protective cover
46 With ____ of thousands
47 Court game
48 Corn ____
49 Scheme
50 Court Arthur
52 Somewhat, to composers
53 Privy to
55 Pimple
57 Compass pt.



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Flip the Switch

BY KEVIN SALAT

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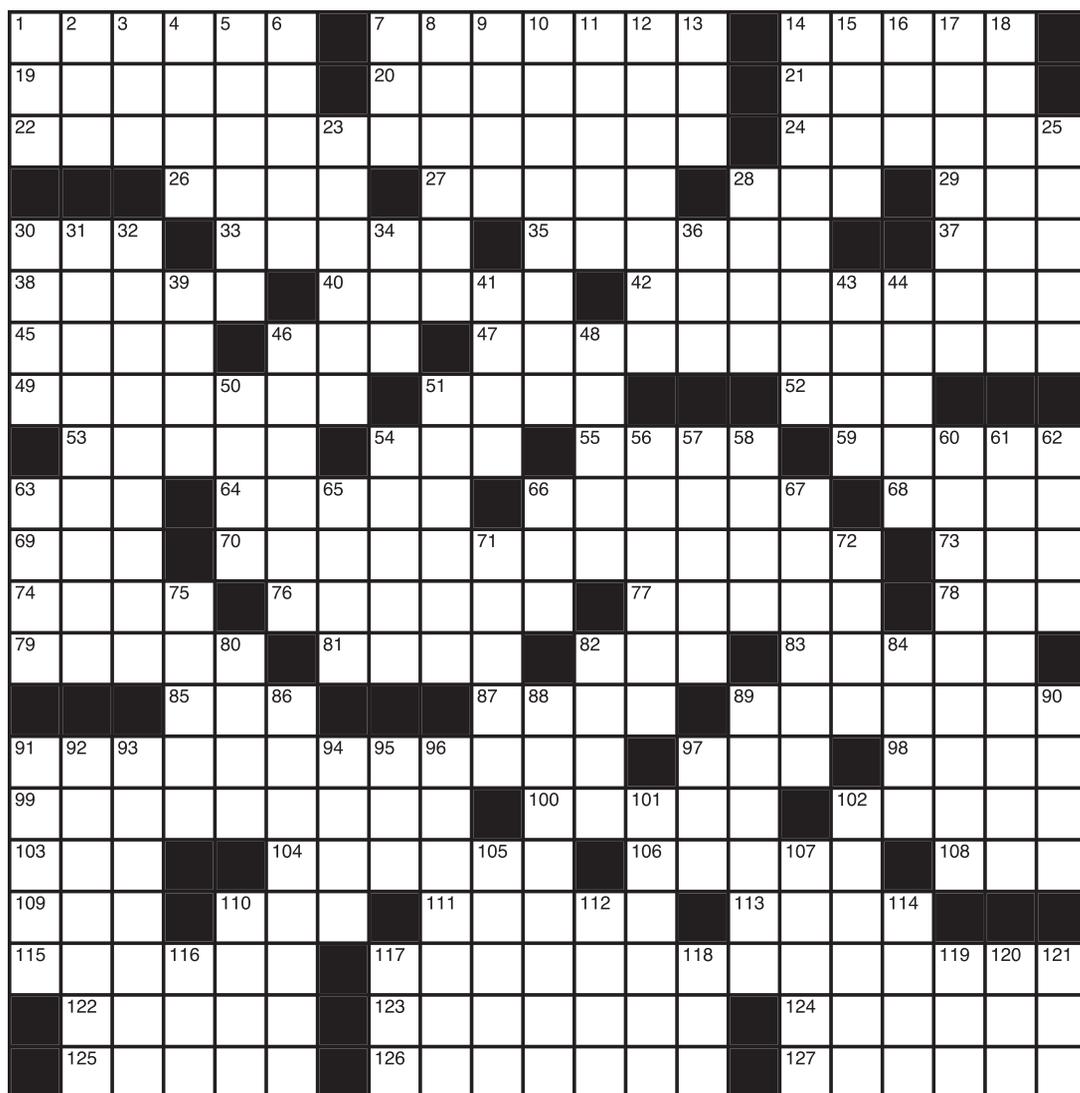
- 1 Expert's nugget
7 Seaside eatery
14 Relative challenge for some
19 Stand-up sort
20 Filmmaker for whom a Golden Globe award is named
21 Part of TNT
22 LECTURED about links?
24 Got out of the pen
26 1974 Peace Nobel from Japan
27 Gram opening
28 Word on a towel
29 Icky stuff
30 --cone
33 Portable preparedness kit
35 Rang
37 2019 NCAA hoops champ
38 Start of a few choice words?
40 World Golf Hall of Famer Lorena
42 Big discount events
45 Fabric flaws
46 Govt. health org.
47 "We have that in stock," e.g.?
49 Uniformed "O Canada" singer
51 Prom coif
52 Maple syrup base
53 Oktoberfest vessel
54 Balaam's mount
55 "In memoriam" piece
59 Adjust the length of
63 Peach center
64 "Cabaret" film director
66 Spanning
68 Foo Fighters frontman Grohl
69 "___ dreaming?"
70 Extra-base hit, likely?
73 Guys
74 Frog hangout
76 Like many awards
77 Similarly named rival of a video game plumber
78 PDX : Portland :: ___ : Chicago
79 Heavenly body?
81 Sentence structure?
82 Wetland
83 Tips politely
85 Complainer who won't quit
87 Dressed
89 Fundraiser

- 91 Fake modeling material?
97 Round number?
98 Obama Education secretary Duncan
99 Specialized market segment
100 Big name in grills
102 Utah's ___ Canyon
103 Do brunch, say
104 Maze navigator
106 Cara of "Fame"
108 Yet, in poetry
109 "That was ages ___"
110 Law firm fig.
111 Brief affair
113 XL, for one
115 Work intermittently (in)
117 Let go of a factory workers unit?
122 Intel-gathering mission
123 Premier League powerhouse
124 Syrian city
125 Rainbow-shaped
126 Has no wrong answers, say
127 Academy bestowals

Down

- 1 Downing St. VIPs
2 Union ___
3 "Blueprint for a Sunrise" artist
4 Chiding sounds
5 Frigid time
6 ID card feature
7 New Orleans summer hrs.
8 Bethlehem university
9 "Absolutely!"
10 Prop for an emcee
11 Olive pursuer of comics
12 Sprouts source
13 Call the game
14 First to hear the news
15 Little bites
16 P.O. delivery
17 Peppery salad green
18 Convinced
23 Twerp
25 "Find out"
28 ___ mentality
30 NBA's Nikola Jokic, e.g.
31 "Lost in Yonkers" playwright
32 Guidebook for throwing a shot?
34 37-Across conf.
36 "Hamilton" creator
39 "Aha!"

- 41 "I'm such a klutz!"
43 Char
44 Energetically excited
46 Cooking oil option
48 Poor spirits?
50 Sec
51 Good to have around
54 All together
56 Prepared, as beer
57 Waterloo resident
58 Ruler until 1917
60 Stage hog staying sober?
61 From then on
62 Patch
63 Rollin' stone, in a Motown classic
65 What collaborators should be in
66 46-Across HQ city
67 Small burger
71 Edie of "The Sopranos"
72 Fish-eating bird
75 Academy Award winner Dame Judi ___
80 Limnologist's subject
82 Wither away
84 Funhouse reaction
86 Commit a hoops no-no
88 Good times to build sand castles
89 Least adorned
90 Many a "Freaks and Geeks" character
91 Manipulate digitally
92 Falls for someone who's married?
93 Red ___: fictional sub
94 ___ party
95 American Heart Mo., aptly
96 Armed conflict
97 What "/" may mean
101 Ardent enthusiast
102 Frames around smartphone displays
105 Top-tier
107 Mandarin hello
110 Lotion ingredient
112 Hendryx of the "Lady Marmalade" trio Labelle
114 Util. supply
116 Include covertly, briefly
117 Online gaming annoyance
118 St. Pete's place
119 Beer choice
120 "Code Switch" ailer
121 Dawn goddess



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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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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**

8		2						6
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		4	8	6				
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ANSWER ANGEL

A BATTLE OVER
WEARING SWEATS



THE GOODS

CREATE COOLEST
ROOMS FOR KIDS

BECOMING 'JUDY'

RENEE ZELLWEGER MINED
HER OWN LIFE FOR ROLE
AS HOLLYWOOD LEGEND

For 'Judy,' Renee Zellweger mined her own life after rainbows

BY AMY KAUFMAN
Los Angeles Times

Renee Zellweger knows what it's like to be a public target. At 50, she's lived half her life in the spotlight, weathering tabloid stories about her weight, plastic surgery and high-profile relationships.

So when it came to playing Judy Garland — whose struggle with substance abuse, financial troubles and custody battles were all grist for the mill — little surprised the actress. Not even learning that in the last years of Garland's life, British audiences literally pelted her with bread rolls when they were displeased with her performance.

"It wasn't shocking because I've never known any different," Zellweger says. "It might have been a little less direct than it can be today, where you will be unapologetically asked about the nature or health of your personal, intimate relationships and the private choices you make."

In Rupert Goold's "Judy," Zellweger plays Garland in the final months of her life. It's 1968 and the "Wizard of Oz" star at 46 is no longer America's sweetheart. Millions of dollars in debt, she's in London, the only place she can find a paying gig. Away from her children, she's drinking heavily and popping the pills that Hollywood studios forced on her during her adolescence. She turns up late or out-of-tune during her sold-out run at the cabaret club Talk of the Town, inviting scorn from critics and ticket holders.

In writing the screenplay, based on playwright Peter Quilter's 2005 musical "End of the Rainbow," Tom Edge ("The Crown," "Lovesick") did not reach out to the Luft children or Garland's older daughter, Liza Minnelli, who recently said, "I do not approve nor sanction the upcoming film about Judy Garland in any way."

Lorna Luft had already written a memoir, 1998's "Me and My Shadows," so he felt that "a little distance" from the children would prove useful in remaining neutral.

Zellweger, however, says she felt torn about speaking to Garland's kids.

"I wanted to reach out not to ask questions, except to maybe ask what they would like or hope to see," she says. "I figured that whatever was for public consumption, they had already shared at this point."

The actress unsuccessfully tried to connect with Minnelli through a mutual friend. Luft was diagnosed with a brain tumor just as filming began. "That was a time for her and her family, not for a stranger to approach her about things that ultimately don't matter, right?" Zellweger says. Instead, she dug into publicly available material, watching old films, listening to concert recordings and reading



TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Renee Zellweger and Finn Wittrock in a scene from "Judy."

numerous Garland biographies, some written by those who claimed to be close to her like her last husband, Mickey Deans.

"Judy" director Goold says he liked the idea of Zellweger as Garland because the star so often has been "presented almost as a gargoyle," the filmmaker says. He hoped Zellweger could channel Garland's warmer side. But he was also didn't want the "Bridget Jones" star to do a note-for-note impression.

Zellweger has sung in films before, most memorably as Roxie Hart in the 2002 adaptation of "Chicago." But she says she was scared when Goold re-

quested that she belt out Garland's classics on set instead of in a studio before filming.

Unlike in the play, Edge says he included a glimpse of Garland's adolescence in the film to give audiences a sense of what she overcame. MGM studio head Louis B. Mayer referred to her as his "little hunchback," and Garland revealed later in life that he touched her inappropriately.

"I think she certainly felt like the way that she was treated in those studio days was at least partly responsible for the things she struggled with later in life," Goold says.

Devotion to sweats ignites fashion battle

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My 16-year-old son thinks sweatpants are actual attire for public events like attending a play or going out to dinner. Is this correct? Am I too fussy and old? The sweatpants are standard issue gray ones, Champion brand.

— *Frustrated Mom*

Dear Frustrated: Not all sweats are created equal. In fact, some (not your son's!) have a lean line, a trim fit and are made of tech fabric. I don't think you're fussy: The ones your son favors are too casual for attending evening events. But, as you know well, you need to pick your battles and this sounds like an issue you might want to compromise on. Or why not gift the lad with some sweats that are a little dressier and suggest he give those a try instead of the gray baggy ones.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I'm surprised how many of my friends have a policy that when guests arrive, we're asked to take off our shoes. I don't want people looking at my naked feet. They're ugly! And I don't like padding around in my socks either. Is it OK to say, "I'd prefer leaving my shoes on?"

— *Kathleen P.*

Dear Kathleen: I'll grant you that for most people, their feet are not their most attractive body part. But as far as your friend's shoe-free pronouncement: Their house, their rules. You could tell a (lame) little white lie — that your foot doctor told you never to walk without arch support because of a foot injury and that she ordered you to even wear arch support bedroom slippers. But, really, I'll bet nobody is staring at your feet.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My close-up vision is not very good and seems to be getting worse. I have reading glasses from the drug store in every room of my house but they aren't solving my current problem, which is how to put on makeup properly when I can't see what I'm doing. I've tried those magnifying mirrors with suction



ELLEN WARREN

cups you can put on the bathroom mirror but I can't get close enough to make them work. Are there any easy, cheap solutions?

— *Linda*

Dear Linda: There is a product made specifically for your problem. They're magnifying glasses with lenses that flip down so you can make up your left eye by flipping the lens down while looking through the right lens. Then vice versa. There's a nice selection of different strengths and styles on amazon.com starting at a frugal \$3.97.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: What is the reason for this obsession with what the royals are wearing — specifically Kate Middleton and Meghan Markle? Everywhere I look, I'm seeing stories, photos and commentary about their dresses, shoes purses, hats, you name it.

— *Jessica J.*

Dear Jessica: They're rich, thin, beautiful, live in castles and lead lives we can only dream of. I'm a sucker for stories about them too. And I bet I don't need to remind you that a goodly number of little girls like nothing better than to dress up and pretend they're princesses. It's delicious make believe. And for us big girls, it's living vicariously.

Angelic Readers 1

Lots of readers were eager to help Cheryl S. find good solutions for storing her collection of chunky costume clip-on earrings. Most of their ideas work for pierced earrings too. Diane M. says, "I too love big fun earrings that were once strewn atop my dresser. Years ago I discovered storage boxes with

sliding clear drawers at Home Depot. The drawers are deep and come in different widths. They even stack." The Home Depot ones, made by TAFCO, have up to 60 compartments (\$19.97) and the 18-drawer one is only \$12.97. Tina R. had the same smart suggestion. Martha S. uses plastic bags sitting upright in her dresser drawer to hold her jewelry sets and says "do that with all silver jewelry to keep it from tarnishing." "Unconventional but effective earring and jewelry storage," announces Patrice P.: "Plastic ice cube trays stacked with a pretty scarf over the top for earrings — depending on size of earring 1-3 pairs per slot. Also, fishing tackle box with layered trays — the sections are various sizes to accommodate larger necklaces and larger hoop earrings." Charlotte K. buys ice cube trays at the dollar store and puts them in her dresser drawer. Preston M. says the ice cube trays "work great."

Joan S. has this DIY solution: "Get a picture frame (no glass) from a thrift store and spray paint it the color of your choice. Remove any existing backing, mats, etc. Fix dowels attached to the inside with small screws or tightly stretched ribbons attached with a staple gun to the inner edge of the frame. Voila! A clip earring display case that can hang on the wall." Patricia R. Sent along a photo of a hanger she found on amazon.com, \$15.95 for four, that would hold many, many clip-ons.

Angelic Readers 2

Joan W. writes: "For reducing the burdensome weight of your purse, stop carrying a wallet: I jammed way too much stuff in it; heavy coins, pictures, my checkbook, tons of receipts. When I buy a purse now, I make sure it has a good size inside zipper compartment. That's where I keep credit and insurance cards, money, etc., and I can zip it closed. And if you inadvertently leave your purse open, it takes away any opportunity for someone to grab your wallet."



There are different types of sweatpants, some more suitable for evening events.

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THE GOODS



DYLAN CHANDLER

Go old-school: Aimée Wilder's Gameland wallpaper creates a backdrop of hand-held video games from the '80s, \$190 for a 5-yard roll. aimeewilder.com



ROOM & BOARD

Room & Board's Kids Ergo Stool is a dynamic seating solution that allows the body to rock gently, and helps kids build strength and flexibility, \$75, roomandboard.com



ABC HOME

A bright idea: Marset's Bicoca portable table lamps are only 9 inches tall and outfitted with shades that tilt, \$215, abchome.com



KARTELL

Keep smiling: Kartell's two-part red Componibili Smile storage unit has an emoji-inspired wink design, \$165, lumens.com



Make a happy space: Oeuf's hand-loomed wool Rainbow and Wonderful rugs will brighten any room, \$260 each, oeufnyc.com

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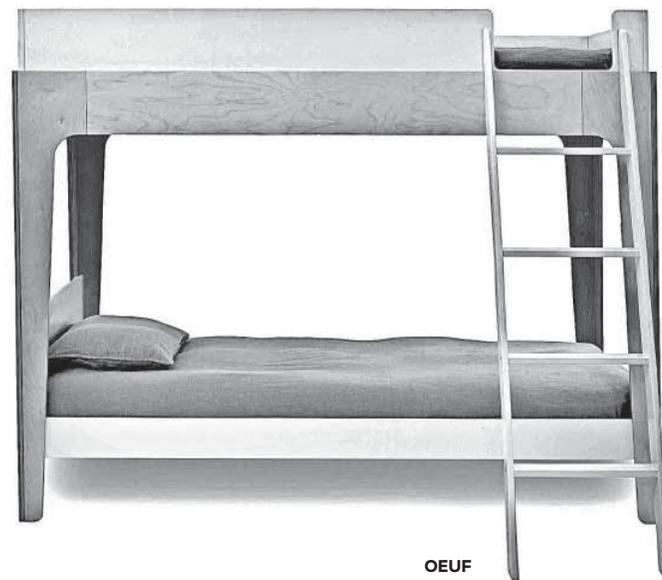
How to put together coolest kids room ever

BY DAVID SYREK
Chicago Tribune

How do you create a space that the kids will love? Look for ways to highlight their passions, find the perfect bed to anchor the room, then create a space that's as unique as your kids. So think about making a cozy environment that has multiple functions. "It's important to have different spaces — almost like stations — in a child's room," says Chicago designer Jessica Turf. "I typically design a room to allow for a quiet spot for studying without distractions and a more relaxing, lounging area for playing and fun."

Eco-friendly children's furniture brand Oeuf is a go-to for style-savvy parents. The husband-and-wife design team of Michael Ryan and Sophie Demenge brings a minimalist-meets-high-design vibe to some of the coolest kids beds around. Another bed that makes a great focal point — and creates a fun perch for the kids — is Room & Board's welded steel Fort bunk bed, which comes in 15 vibrant colors.

"Often children's rooms aren't huge, so bed placement can play a big role in creatively



OEUF

The hippest bed in town: Oeuf's Perch bunk bed will be the centerpiece for any child's room. The bed is made from Baltic birch plywood and nontoxic, water-based eco-MDF finishes, \$1,590, oeufnyc.com

breaking up the space. One of the spaces can be further defined with a cozy sheepskin rug or something similar to distinguish that area from the rest of the room," said Turf.

When it comes to the walls, wallpaper can be a great way to personalize the room. Brooklyn designer Aimée Wilder's wallpaper line has prints ranging

from an army of robots to an underwater fantasy to old-school video games from the '80s. Another option is to turn a wall into a giant chalkboard and let the kids run wild to create their own inspired space. Both Benjamin Moore and Rust-Oleum make flat black chalkboard paint that's easy to apply and washable.

Iglooplay's walnut Mod Rocker gives an easy rock to mellow children, provides comfort while reading or playing and the space below is a secret nook to store stuffed animals, \$314, iglooplay.com



IGLOOPLAY

'Break from convention'

Meet Maisie Schloss, the first designer in Kanye West's incubator program

BY MELISSA MAGSAYSAY
Chicago Tribune

"I don't think I own a single piece of solid clothing," says designer Maisie Schloss, founder of the line Maisie Wilen. The 27-year-old Chicago native is moving around her apartment, situated on a bustling street in Los Angeles' eclectic Silver Lake neighborhood, wearing a vintage, bright floral patterned Christian Dior house dress and high heeled Yeezy sandals. Her look on this day speaks to both her design aesthetic and career arc thus far; bold, colorful, whimsical and with a connection to Kanye West.

Schloss met West, also a Chicago native, while working at Yeezy for nearly four years. It was there that she rose from design assistant to women's wear designer and gained West as a fan. Schloss is the first designer to be backed by West's designer incubator, which means mentoring and financial support in her first solo design endeavor.

"It's so invaluable. I feel beyond lucky," Schloss says of West's involvement in her line. "Not only is he a huge name with a lot of clout attached to it, but he has a lot of experience and a lot of input and vision. While I was working (at Yeezy) I was able to see his level of driving projects. He does a lot of projects and puts so much passion and drive into each one."

West shares a similar sentiment about the designer, saying of Schloss' debut, which took place in LA in June and in Paris

during Couture week, "Maisie has always had a strong perspective and we're truly pleased with her first collection."

At Yeezy she also honed her knack for thinking and working unconventionally while pushing creative boundaries from concept to presentation. This part of her pedigree (she also took classes at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and studied fashion at Parsons School of Design) is reflected in her debut collection, which launches with 25 retailers, including Net A Porter and Ssense, for the prespring 2020 season.

"My first favorite designer was Betsey Johnson, who I learned about because she had a store on Halsted Street, near my parents' house," says Schloss of her early design references. She grew up in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, where her parents still live. And it was during her precollege classes at SAIC where, in their fashion archives, she first learned about important designers like Jean Paul Gaultier and Martin Margiela.

The playful prints and body con silhouettes of Maisie Wilen (Wilen is her mother's maiden name) reflect the same whimsy that Johnson made her signature over several decades, but Schloss has modernized cut, proportion and styling to be a look singularly her own.

One might even see a distinct "Yeezy" quality in the contrast of a fitted hooded sweatshirt done in a neutral tone worn under



ZACK WHITFORD/MAISIE WILEN

Designer Maisie Schloss, left, and Kanye West at the Maisie Wilen pre-spring 2020 presentation in Los Angeles.



SAM MASSEY/MAISIE WILEN PHOTOS

Looks from the Maisie Wilen pre-spring 2020 collection.

a brightly colored oversized embossed vinyl jacket in the collection lookbook. Or the relevancy to fashion's current fascination with the '90s in the pops of neon splashed on a slinky slip dress, or the orange and blue swirled pattern festooned on a skin-tight top and leggings.

A rack holding the collection in her home studio reads like a kaleidoscope of

color, pattern and varied material, such as a rubberized jersey, embossed vinyl and power stretch mesh, and evokes a look of either 1990s raver or 1960s mod. However, says Schloss, it was neither decade (or any decade for that matter) that informed this foray into creating her first designer line, but a fascination with robotics and rhythmic gymnastics.

"Both were really initially an aesthetic thing," she says of the references, "but then I realized how much both reflected my design process. I am very organized and regimented in my process, but the clothes come out looking very organic. I do like to be very playful and light-hearted, but at the same time these are pieces that women will wear."

And still a few months away from her collection hitting stores and e-commerce sites, there are already plenty of notable names wearing the Maisie Wilen collection.

Stars including Camila Mendes, Kim Kardashian, Megan Rapinoe, Kylie Jenner and Winnie Harlow have been spotted wearing Schloss' designs.

Of the Maisie Wilen "muse," Schloss says that celebrity attention is always flattering and has been a massive boon to her launch, but in general imagines her customer as someone who, like herself, goes her own way. "She loves getting dressed and she definitely keeps up with fashion, but doesn't use it to dictate what she wears," Schloss says of who she envisions when designing. "I love that in fashion right now, there's this break from convention. We're seeing a wide span of what's beautiful."

Melissa Magsaysay is a freelance writer.

What to buy — and avoid — at a dollar store

BY LAURA DAILY

Special to The Washington Post

When a friend recently polled my Pilates classmates about how she could afford two graduation parties for her daughter, the answer was a unanimous “the dollar store.” Selling everything from ketchup to charcoal grills, the ubiquitous dollar store attracts shoppers of all ages and income levels.

“Chains such as Dollar Tree and Family Dollar (both owned by Dollar Tree), Dollar General, 99 Cents Only Stores and Five Below have become large corporations with enormous buying power,” says Diane McCrohan, associate professor in the College of Business at Johnson & Wales University.

Once seen as dumping grounds for liquidated and off-brand merchandise, today’s dollar stores often buy their inventory from major manufacturers such as Procter & Gamble, Hanes, Unilever, Coca-Cola, Energizer, Crayola and General Mills.

“I’m amazed by the dollar store near me in East Greenwich, Rhode Island,” adds McCrohan. “Not only is it up to date and relevant to the consumer, but the visual merchandising and displays are as good as any larger retailer. Customers can feel safe shopping them.”

But should you? Critics point out that dollar stores aren’t always good for communities, especially in urban centers with few retail options. According to the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, dollar stores take a toll on grocery stores and in many cases reduce people’s access to fresh food. That’s because few carry fresh produce and most offer a limited selection of processed food.

And you won’t necessarily get the lowest price there.



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Today’s dollar stores often buy their inventory from major manufacturers.

“In general, dollar stores provide great value,” says Meaghan Brophy, a senior retail analyst who follows dollar store trends for FitSmallBusiness.com. “But as many items are custom-made in smaller sizes by manufacturers for dollar stores, shoppers need to compare the price against weight, length and size.”

That box of aluminum foil might look identical to those on grocery store shelves but may be only 18 square feet instead of 55. And a \$1 can of green beans could sell for 88 cents at the supermarket down the street.

Pricing is another variable. Everything still costs \$1 at Dollar Tree and 99 cents at 99 Cents Only, but prices vary at others. A recent Dollar General ad touted an 80-cent bottle of Gatorade and a \$14 charcoal grill. Plus you’ll find many independently owned dollar stores that stock their

shelves with closeout merchandise purchased from liquidators or who knows where.

Janet Alvarez, executive editor of Wise Bread, a personal finance website, points out that you may get a better deal at your local grocery store with sales, loyalty programs and coupons. “Dollar stores are extremely convenient one-stop shopping, but if you have the time, it pays to compare prices and go where you get the best deal,” she says.

Here are the aisles to peruse (and bypass) at your favorite dollar store.

Paper goods: Greeting cards, gift wrap, paper plates, tablecloths, streamers and party supplies are among the best dollar store deals. The quality may not be as high, but the difference is barely noticeable — and probably won’t matter — for disposable items that

get tossed after one use, Brophy says.

Plastic products: Stock up on disposable plates, cups and utensils and other one-time-use items for a party or picnic. Alvarez likes hair clips and barrettes. Plastic containers for organizing or storing items are also a good buy. Just realize that a low price may mean thinner plastic, so it may not be as durable.

Travel-size toiletries: Name-brand, travel-size toiletries that you can bring in your carry-on luggage are typically a better deal than at major retailers and drug stores.

Eyeglasses: Every time my dad flies in from Houston and forgets his sunglasses, we head to a dollar store. Just be sure any sunglasses you buy indicate they provide UV protection. You may not want to use

them long term, but in a pinch, they’re fine. And, for those of us who always misplace our reading glasses, it doesn’t hurt so much to lose a pair when they came from a dollar store.

Home goods: Look for picture frames, craft supplies and glassware. “I actually have a flower vase I bought 10 years ago at a dollar store and still use,” Brophy says.

Pregnancy tests: McCrohan says home pregnancy tests are one of the top sellers at dollar stores. The FDA regulates home pregnancy tests, so if you buy one from a name-brand dollar store, you can feel confident it’s legit. More expensive ones may be easier to use or show results faster, but dollar store kits will do the same job.

Toys: This is one time when cheap may truly

mean “cheap.” Many dollar store toys carry no brand name. They break easily, may have small parts that can pose a choking hazard and don’t last. Some dollar stores may not receive notifications of recalls. Coloring books and puzzles are OK, but you really don’t want your kids to have meltdowns when their yo-yos become a tangled mess after three spins.

Anything with a plug: Off-brand electronics can be risky purchases, as their supply chains are not as consistent as the name brands you find at other retailers. Power strips and chargers are likely to be cheaply made and could damage your devices.

Batteries and battery-operated items: Unless the package carries a brand name, batteries are a risky buy. They may have been around a long time and/or are prone to leakage.

Sunscreen: Don’t get burned twice. If expiration dates are short-lived, leave it on the shelf. Ingredients in sunscreen really do have an expiration date, and although expired sunscreen isn’t going to hurt you, it may not be as effective.

Pet food: Water bowls and pet toys are fine, but experts agree that pet food is on their “avoid” list. Pet food may be closer to its expiration date, off-label or made offshore.

Health and beauty products: The general rule is if you are going to ingest it or put it on your skin, be extra cautious. Off-brand products may contain harsher ingredients or be watered down (such as shampoo and conditioner) to keep costs low. Check expiration dates, as well as price per ounce, to ensure you are getting a deal.

Department stores turn to second-hand

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

Associated Press

Out with the new and in with the old.

As department stores watch their customers flock to second-hand stores, some are trying to bring them back by partnering with online resale sites.

J.C. Penney and Macy's have announced a pilot program to set aside sections inside a few dozen of their stores for used merchandise sold by ThredUP. James Reinhart, co-founder and CEO of ThredUP, says his company has a similar deal with retailer Stage Stores, which opened 12 resale shops last year for a total of 45.

Neiman Marcus was the first big department store chain to get into the resale business. In April, it bought a minority stake in Fashionphile, an online seller of pre-owned designer accessories. And this fall, it will launch shops inside some of its own stores where customers can sell — but not buy — pre-worn designer items to Fashionphile. Presumably these customers will take the money from their sales and spend it at Neiman Marcus — or at least that's what the department store is hoping for.

The moves mark the most dramatic evidence of how resale is becoming so mainstream that traditional sellers can no longer ignore it. They come as a new generation of shoppers aren't interested in paying full price and also would rather see their clothes worn again by someone else than end up in a landfill.

"You have to go where the customer is going," Reinhart said of the partnership with Macy's and J.C. Penney. "Trying to live in the past is a recipe for disaster."

Analysts applaud the strategy as a way to drive customers into stores, but they also see it as a desperate attempt that could undermine business.

"It's good that that they are looking at modern ways of shopping," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail. "But this is not the solution to their deep-seated problems. There's a dearth of innovation. They're always playing catch up. This won't be unhelpful, but it won't be transformative."

Saunders says resale shops could cannibalize other parts of J.C. Penney's and Macy's business. At the same time, he and others believe it could further strain the relationship between traditional retailers and their suppliers, who have been financing more of the retailers' marketing expenses as sales falter while also increasingly bearing the costs of price markdowns.

But Jon Reily, vice president and global commerce strategy lead at Publicis Sapient, believes brands may not mind the new competition from resellers since they need department stores to bring in as much customer traffic as possible.

Shoppers for years have been buying and selling



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Samantha Estes prepares garments to be photographed at the ThredUP sorting facility in Phoenix.

used clothes at thrift shops and on eBay. But many of the physical shops were dingy, and it took weeks or even months for consignors to get payment for their goods.

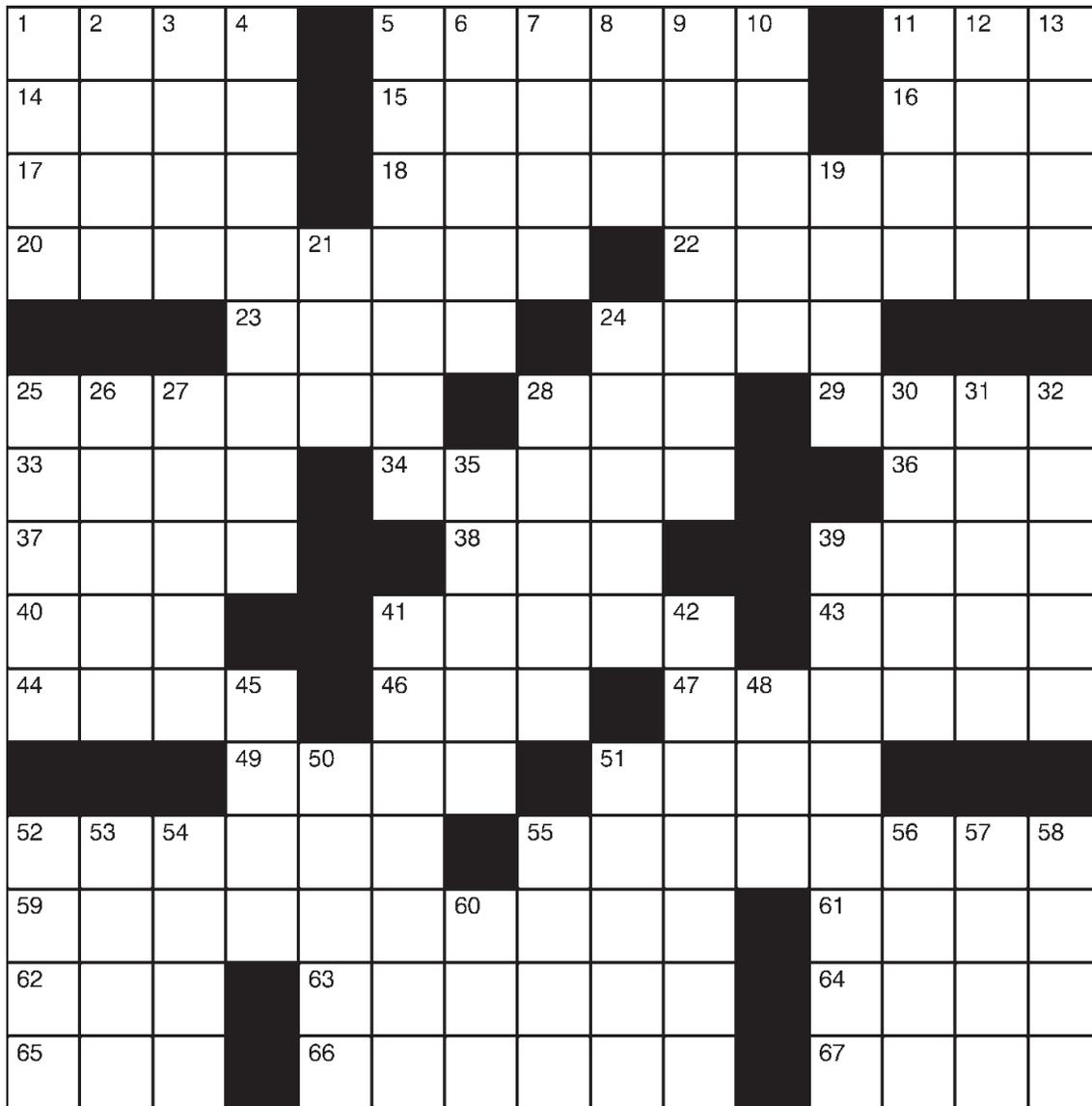
Then a new generation of online second-hand shops like ThredUP as well as names like Poshmark and luxury site The RealReal.com cropped up and flourished because they made the shopping experience easier with new technology and services.

The RealReal, which was founded in 2011 and made a successful debut on the Nasdaq Stock Market in late June, offers a "white glove" service where

consignors make an appointment with one of its luxury managers and receives a complimentary consultation at home. Poshmark, also founded in 2011, expanded early in June into home decor. And luxury handbag maker Mark Cross recently announced it would launch a resale site.

But while these businesses have made their mark online, they also see the need to have a physical presence. The RealReal operates three stores — two in New York and one in Los Angeles — while ThredUP operates three stores in the San Francisco area.

On the Shady Side



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- 1. Writes
- 5. Attributes
- 11. Mama bear
- 14. State
- 15. Milfoil
- 16. Wonderment
- 17. Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior
- 18. Dip
- 20. Coax
- 22. Glasses and crystals
- 23. Fascist leader: It.
- 24. Port or sake
- 25. Flowering shrub
- 28. Cover ground
- 29. Geek
- 33. Style
- 34. Pelf
- 36. Pierre, to Pierre
- 37. Vulgarian
- 38. Baccalaureate honorees: abbr.
- 39. Nimbus
- 40. Freedom, for short
- 41. Eccentric
- 43. Block house: var.
- 44. Churchill's successor
- 46. Large union: abbr.
- 47. Relishes
- 49. Corrupt
- 51. Where the Mets bat last
- 52. Get to
- 55. Sutured
- 59. Booster
- 61. Bird or fruit
- 62. MIA, perhaps
- 63. Stomach

- 64. Perpetually
- 65. Type of roof or suit
- 66. Bibliophage
- 67. Repose

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- 1. Architectural sidepiece
- 2. Oblate or prolate
- 3. Roman wrap
- 4. Shark
- 5. Representative
- 6. Grow
- 7. Coy
- 8. Put out
- 9. On deck
- 10. Pass out
- 11. Pen name of H.H. Munro
- 12. Was beholden
- 13. Dampens
- 19. Ball of yarn
- 21. Full-term
- 24. Inferior
- 25. Stroll
- 26. Motile organism
- 27. Santa Fe digs
- 28. Sailor's prop
- 30. Adult insect
- 31. Aquarium fish
- 32. Devout
- 35. Regular
- 39. D.B. Cooper type
- 41. Malaria drug
- 42. Company on the mend, perhaps
- 45. Phenomenon during half-moon
- 48. Clear
- 50. More despicable
- 51. Kiloliter
- 52. They were sacred in Egypt
- 53. Ye
- 54. Whistle stop
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- 56. Group of hexagonal cells
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Theatre at the Center celebrates 30th anniversary with 2020 season

Theatre at the Center, Northwest Indiana's only professional theater, has announced the Mainstage shows for 2020 and TATC's 30th Anniversary Season.

This milestone season begins with a Chicago-area premiere stage journey to the mountains of Colorado in the 1970s and '80s with "Almost Heaven — John Denver's America." "Talley's Folly," the Pulitzer-Prize winning romantic comedy, is the second Mainstage production of the season. The jazz clubs of Harlem of the 1920s and '30s and the music of "Fats" Waller in "Ain't Misbehavin'" is next before it's off to Yonkers, New York, in the 1890s for audiences to once again reunite with America's famous matchmaker Dolly Levi in the iconic musical "Hello, Dolly!" The 2020 season concludes with "Elf, The Musical," a holiday family favorite based on the popular 2003 movie.

"For our 30th Anniversary Season I wanted to make sure to have something for everyone," says TATC Artistic Director Linda Fortunato. "We'll travel through many eras and styles to capture the joy of theater and celebrate the way wonderful storytelling and music bring us together."

"Almost Heaven — John Denver's America" (Feb. 13-March 22, 2020) is a musical tribute and intimate celebration of John Denver's life and career. From growing up in a military family to his emergence on the 1960s folk scene and the climb to '70s superstardom with his later career of the 1980s and 1990s, John Denver's story is brought to life in this Chicago-area premiere. The show is directed by Fortunato.

"Talley's Folly" (April 30-May 31, 2020), a Pulitzer Prize-winning romantic comedy by Lanford Wilson, tells the story of one night in the lives of two unlikely sweethearts. Matt — bookish, honest, and delightfully funny — tries to allay Sally's fears that her family would never approve of their marriage. This funny and sweet love story stars real-life sweethearts, Fortunato and TATC favorite Sean Fortunato. "Talley's Folly" is directed by David New.

"Ain't Misbehavin'" (July 9-Aug. 9, 2020), by Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby, Jr., is a musical revue that will transport



Theatre at the Center's production of the Broadway smash "Million Dollar Quartet," starring Ariel Williams and Zachary Stevenson, broke box office records at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts in early 2019.

audiences to a nightclub during the Harlem Renaissance where the music and excitement of the 1920s and 1930s are in the spotlight courtesy of the great Thomas Wright "Fats" Waller. Fun, rowdy and soulful music captures the varied moods of the era in this Tony-Award-winning Best Musical. "Ain't Misbehavin'" is directed by Daryl Brooks.

"Hello, Dolly!" (Sept. 10-Oct. 11, 2020), music and lyrics by Jerry Herman with book by Michael Stewart and directed by Fortunato, is bursting with humor, dance and romance in one of the most enduring and best-loved musicals of all time. This Tony Award-winning classic will star E. Faye Butler, the internationally acclaimed actress and seven-time Jeff Award winner, in the title role of the irrepressible matchmaker Dolly Levi.

"Elf, The Musical" (Nov. 12-Dec. 20, 2020), with book by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin with music by Matthew Sklar and Lyrics by Chad Begueline, is a hilarious and charming musical based on the 2003 movie. Raised by Santa's elves, Buddy the Elf is unaware he is actually human until his enormous size and poor toy-making ability makes it impossible to ignore. He embarks

on a journey to New York City to find his father and discover his true identity. "Elf, The Musical" is directed by Fortunato.

Founded in 1991, the 410-seat Theatre at the Center is a year-round professional theater at its home in The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster. Theatre at the Center is the only professional theater company in Northwest Indiana, offering Broadway style performances, special event concerts and family programming all in an elegant and accessible venue with plenty of free parking.

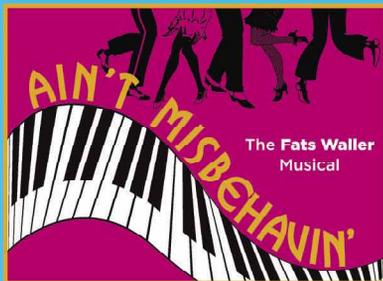
New season subscription sales began Oct. 8. Individual tickets for any of the five Mainstage shows are on sale beginning Dec. 10. Individual ticket prices range from \$42 to \$46.

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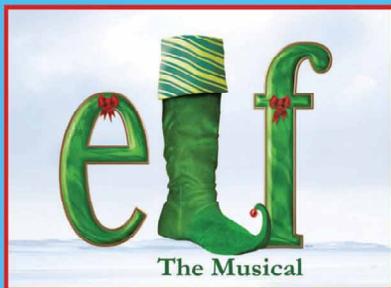
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"Over the last two or three years, Franciscan has done more than half a billion dollars worth of construction work in the area, and there's much more to come" says Tonn and Blank President and CEO Jon Gilmore.

Recent projects include the new Franciscan Health Michigan City hospital, the Franciscan Health Cancer Center Munster and the expansion and renovation of Franciscan Health Olympia Fields. Plans for a new Franciscan Health Crown Point at Interstate 65 and U.S. 231 will kick off another major construction project.

Current work is going on at Franciscan Beacon Hospital in LaPorte, a new Franciscan

Physician Network Crown Point Pediatric Health Center and the third-floor expansion at Franciscan Health Munster. Gilmore adds that their safety record reflects the emphasis placed on the well-being of workers.

"Our incident rates are well, well below national standards," he says. Tonn and Blank has earned the Northwest Indiana Business Roundtable Safety Recognition Award the past five years and has received Engineering News-Record's Midwest Top Contractor designation several years running.

"The leadership really do recognize what it means to take care of all our employees," Maloney says.

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For Sharon Chambers, coming into work each day at her State Farm Insurance Agency in Gary, has been a rewarding experience for more than three decades. Thirty-five years ago she opened her own State Farm office in downtown Gary right out of college and never looked back.

Essential services

Providing insurance services in the Gary community since 1984 with quality insurance products including auto, home, business, life, health and property insurance, Chambers recognizes the importance of being associated with a brand of a major company focused on helping people manage the risk of everyday life, recover from the unexpected while realizing their dream.

"It certainly helps to represent the brand of a major company that stands behind their product and services while helping people to realize their dream and recover from the unexpected," says Chambers.

Great staff

Much of the success behind Chambers business, and the State Farm brand, has been her staff. She says training is a key to that success. "I have great staff. I might say I feel more of a mentor in my role because several of my staff have gone on to open their own agencies. The training State Farm offers to their agents and staff is second to none — absolutely excellent. Our competitors sometimes recruit State Farm staff because of their excellent training," she says.

Community involvement

While Chambers enjoys being involved in her community, she also takes pride in introducing events that residents would otherwise travel to other areas to enjoy. "I often put on events in the community, which normally don't take place in Gary and citizens would travel quite a distance to experience."

Chambers has sponsored concerts at the Railcats Stadium, featuring well-known performing artists. Her most recent event in June was a standing-room-only crowd



The staff of the Sharon Chambers State Farm Insurance Agency are (left to right) Ruby Young, Meloney Prentice and Marissa Clark.

at New Friendship Baptist Church featuring the Chicago Mass Choir, which wowed their audience with a very vibrant performance of Gospel Music.

"I also promoted Gary's first HBCU Steelcity Drumline Battle of the Bands featuring Alabama State University and Mississippi Valley State University," she says.

Chambers says the essentials to her company's success is its commitment to offer great customer service through simple conversations, understanding customers' needs, confidence in the products offered and the pride in being able to honor that commitment.

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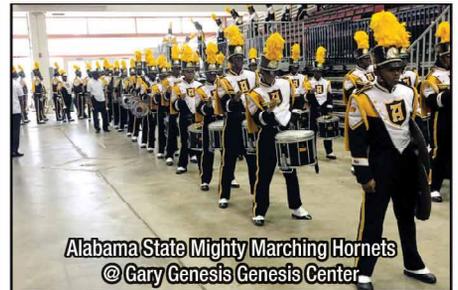
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The Secure Dental team (left) participates in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening of the Hammond office. Secure Dental offers a wide range of general dentistry, including cosmetic. Pictured is a before (top right) and after dental work (bottom right) performed on a Secure Dental patient.

Secure Dental has 2 locations for a healthy smile

When you visit either of the two Indiana Secure Dental offices, you immediately feel a sense of relaxation. While this feeling may not be something dentist offices are particularly known for, it is all part of the philosophy of Dr. Nazish Jafri, DDS, co-owner of two Indiana Secure Dental locations in Hammond, 7905 Indianapolis Blvd., and Portage, 6129 U.S. Hwy 6.

Full-service facilities

Both alumni of New York University, Jafri and her husband Dr. Noel Liu, DDS, have co-owned Secure Dental for seven years.

They opened the two Indiana offices in June. The fully equipped general dentistry facilities are capable of handling a long list of treatments and procedures, including cosmetic, restorations, extraction, crown and bridge work, dental implants, dentures and over dentures, root canals, whitening and sinus lifts. Jafri says they have recently added popular procedures such as dental implants and full mouth reconstructions.

"David Ortez is the office manager of both of our Indiana locations," says Jafri, who

graduated in 2001 as a dentist in Pakistan and has been practicing in the U.S. for eight years. "David keeps it fun and energetic and he's a highly meticulous and organized personality."

According to Jafri, while the dental field is very competitive, she realized very early on that the more comfortable and relaxed a patient is during their visit, the better their overall experience will be.

"We really do treat patients how I want to be treated. I am scared of sitting in that chair and I understand how hard it is to let someone work on my teeth," says Jafri. "My whole family gets treated in our offices and each of them have the same high ethics of work."

Use of technology

Jafri says use of the latest technology can really improve their patients' experience at Secure Dental by providing accurate diagnosis and efficient treatment planning. "Patients can see what the procedure will be like and they can see the result before we do any work."

One of the primary technologies Jafri says

has made a difference is the cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) system. These are a variation of traditional computed tomography (CT) systems used by dental professionals to rotate around the patient, capturing data using a cone-shaped X-ray beam. The data is used to reconstruct a three-dimensional image of the patient's anatomy, including teeth, mouth, jaw, neck, ears, nose, and throat.

"Digital Technology is amazing. We can take digital scans instead of impressions and get crowns and dentures done in just a few hours now," says Jafri. "The cone-beam CT scan makes the dental implants a procedure that can be done within one hour."

Jafri says she finds the daily practice and interaction with patients very rewarding. "It's great when the patient sees their new smile after all the hard work is done, when you see the beam in their eyes and their smile is so precious because they might have not smiled in a very long time."

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Dr. A. David Soleymani is the founder of Dermio Dermatology and developer of an app called Dermio to make treatment recommendations for patients.

App links patients to dermatologist's care

It can be hard to find time to schedule an office visit with a physician. That's one reason why Dr. A. David Soleymani, founder of Dermio Dermatology, is dedicated to bringing the ultimate in dermatological care to busy patients, whether they meet him in his office or use Dermio, an app-enabled online business he developed to diagnose and make treatment recommendations for skin conditions.

Soleymani, a native of Valparaiso, founded his practice in 2015 after spending 10 years working at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. The general, all-service dermatology clinic has offices in Munster, Dyer, Demotte and Valparaiso.

Dermio Dermatology offers a broad range of services from pediatric dermatology to medical dermatology, to cosmetic dermatology. Their cosmetic services include Botox, fillers, CO2 laser resurfacing, and various other laser treatments. They recently started offering Coolsculpting, which is a non-invasive procedure to help reduce stubborn body fat.

Another of its other services is Mohs Micrographic surgery, which is used to treat skin cancer.

"It is a specialized technique in which the surgeon, myself, is able to remove only (the tissue) that is necessary," says Soleymani. "I am also responsible for reading the pathology specimens myself. We do all of our procedures in-office, which helps reduce patient costs such as facility fees and anesthesia fees."

Soleymani says he wants his patients to feel at ease.

"We treat patients like family and try to make the experience of visiting a medical office feel as non-medical as possible, which helps alleviate a lot of unnecessary anxiety," he says. "We also try to offer everything under one roof so that patients don't have to visit different physicians for various services."

For patients who can't get off from work to make an appointment, or who might even live in a rural community without easy access to medical services, Soleymani has provided a 21st century answer.

"I developed the app, Dermio, to answer the urgent needs of those who can't make an appointment in the office or for those who would prefer some additional anonymity," he says.

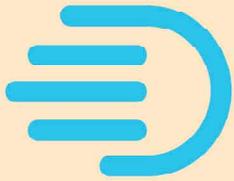
To access the app, patients select the "online consult" button on the bottom right corner of dermiodermatology.com website.

"All that is needed is a brief description of your problem, pictures of your issue, and a fee of \$59," Soleymani says. "I will respond within 48 hours, but I typically respond in less than 24 hours."

Patients are pleased with the quick response and efficiency of the app.

"Patients who have used the app love it for the ease and convenience," says Soleymani, who also says he loves his job.

"I love meeting all of the different personalities as well as the technical aspects of my job," he says. "I learn so much from my patients every day."



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NorthShore Health Centers to open Portage location

Since 1997, NorthShore Health Centers have been providing a broad scope of care to everyone, including the uninsured and underinsured patients, at nine facilities in Porter, Lake and LaPorte counties.

In early in 2020, NorthShore Health Centers will be opening a new site in Portage. The new 51,000-square-foot site will offer patients the expected broad array of services at other NorthShore facilities.

New Portage facility

According to Janice Wilson, CEO, NorthShore Health Centers, the new Portage location will allow NorthShore to add services, which are not currently available in Portage. "This includes a larger pharmacy and dental department, along with optometry, chiropractic services, addiction council and mammography," she says.

The new Portage location will be directly across from North County Courthouse, on Willowcreek Road, says Wilson, who has been CEO since the company began 22 years ago. Hours of operation are projected to be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; 5 to 9 p.m. weekday Urgent Care; and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday Urgent Care.

The new Portage location will double the number of exam rooms to more than 60. This expanded footprint for the new facility equals the enormous commitment NorthShore has made to the region by providing health care to everyone, regardless of capability to pay.

Treating health and well-being

Wilson says NorthShore treats the whole person by providing family practice, including obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics and preventative health care, in addition to offering behavioral health care, addiction counseling, chiropractic services, dental and optometry services.

One of the biggest benefits of NorthShore's approach to patient care is the commitment to providing preventative care and establishing a level of continuity. The preventative services NorthShore offers



An artist's rendering (top photo) of NorthShore Health Centers new medical facility in Portage. Work continues on the new facility (bottom photo) that is slated to open in early 2020.

is an alternative to the costly services many patients have encountered.

"At NorthShore, a person can get many services in one place and when you receive treatment your chart follows you. This ensures less confusion in the care to provide, so it does not negatively impact any other services you are receiving," explains Wilson.

"Patients go to emergency rooms because they will be seen but receive a bill later. Most medical services do not give any sliding fees for the services provided."

Making a difference

This distinct difference in commitment to patient health has made the non-profit federally qualified community health clinic a

unique source of pride for the region and a beacon of hope for many needing access to basic health care services.

NorthShore Health Centers has Certified Navigators available to educate and assist uninsured patients with enrolling in an insurance plan, including Medicaid and Medicare. Enrollment services are available Monday through Friday on both an appointment and walk-in basis, including bilingual employees to assist Spanish speaking patients.

"Everybody deserves quality health care, regardless of their age, race, sex, financial status or ability to pay. NorthShore provides health care to all who seek our services," says Wilson.

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The Breast Imaging Center is dedicated to providing women and men with the resources they need for the detection of breast cancer.

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Breast cancer is a frightening diagnosis, but it's not the end of the story. Tremendous resources have been devoted to the development of new treatments and new therapies. Surgery, hormone therapy, chemotherapy and radiation are all possible treatments — and with new advancements, they can be more effective and have fewer side effects.

Early detection is key. According to the National Cancer Institute, when breast cancer is found early and still localized, the relative survival rate (measured at five years) is 97%.

Doctors and nurses at the Breast Center work with our patients to help them develop a regular breast-health routine including self-examination and, at a certain age, regular mammograms and other imaging tests. We also offer a complete range of advanced detection and evaluation techniques, including minimally invasive biopsy of any suspect areas.

Mammograms: When, and how often?

In general, it is recommend that women age 40 and older have a mammogram every year. In some cases — based on family history, genetic screening or other reasons — your doctor may recommend starting earlier or having them more frequently.

In any case, it's important to discuss mammography with your doctor. It's one of the best ways to ensure early detection — and



The Breast Imaging Center at Pinnacle Hospital in Crown Point offers a full spectrum of health care options for men and women including emotional support and education.

early detection can be an important part of successful treatment.

Breast health requires a proactive approach to prevention and detection. In the event of a cancer diagnosis, it requires a wealth of support and resources, including advanced treatment.

Prevention

The Breast Center offers a full spectrum of educational services designed to help women and men decrease their risk of developing breast cancer.

Treatment

In the event of a cancer diagnosis, The

Breast Center works with every patient to develop a customized plan of treatment. Depending on the case, that treatment plan might include surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy or a combination. The breast imaging radiologist physician, will coordinate your treatment, working to reduce confusion, answer questions and make the process as simple as possible. The Breast Center at Pinnacle Hospital also offers post-surgical breast reconstruction.

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Dr. Michael Nirenberg, DPM, opened Friendly Foot Care in Crown Point in 2006. The center offers state-of-the-art podiatry care.

Award-winning foot care offered

When it comes to foot care in Northwest Indiana, Friendly Foot Care has been providing expert medicine and surgery for the foot and ankle for more than 26 years. At the center of this award-winning premier care is Dr. Michael Nirenberg, DPM.

Nirenberg, voted Best Podiatrist ten times in a row in the Northwest Indiana region for the Post-Tribune's Neighbors Choice awards, grew up in Toronto, Canada, and after studying mathematics at the University of Western Ontario he came to Chicago to study podiatric medicine and to receive and to become a doctor of Podiatric Medicine.

While many things have changed since opening in 1992, Nirenberg says one thing has remained constant.

"Our goal at Friendly Foot Care is to work with patients to alleviate heel, foot and ankle pain — and to create the best podiatrist experience possible in Northwest Indiana," he says.

Currently the Crown Point location, which opened in 2006, is equipped with the latest foot and ankle technology. The facility offers wide hallways to accommodate handicapped patients.

"Our Crown Point/Northwest Indiana foot and ankle podiatrists and foot surgeons are trained in all aspects of heel, foot and ankle care and surgery," says Nirenberg. "There are few podiatry problems they cannot treat. Our podiatry practice offers superb, state-of-the-art expert foot and ankle care, including digital X-rays, laser and endoscopic heel pain relief."

According to Nirenberg, the ability to offer start-of-the-art procedures, such as endoscopic heel pain treatment for plantar fasciitis, minimal incision pain relief surgery and nerve pain relief, are just some of the advantages Friendly Foot Care offers. Sedation is also available for procedures. "Endoscopic heel pain relief (plantar fasciitis) and arthroscopic surgery to clean out and remove painful arthritis from the foot and ankle are some of the most cutting edge procedures we offer," he says.

With today's fast-paced lifestyles, people are busier than ever and when they have heel, foot or ankle pain they want to get better fast.



"We strive to solve problems as quickly as possible," says Nirenberg. "The sooner people are walking without pain, the happier they are."

Keeping patients happy is a skill and the team at Friendly Foot Care, which have all undergone a rigorous certification process and are Certified Podiatric Assistants, knows how to handle whatever situations may come up. From managing busy patient schedules and unique injuries to working with insurance, they have it covered.

"Everyone on our team really cares about people," says Nirenberg. "It's this warm, personal attention and caring we believe sets us apart and it helps get your feet feeling as good as possible as fast as possible."

Nirenberg says he loves the challenge of solving his patients' problems. "When a new patient comes in and says they have been to two other doctors and they still have pain or the problem, I get excited about digging in and solving it for them."

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Today, Trim-A-Seal Owner and President Howard Weiss continues the commitment his father began, as the company continues to thrive and grow with locations in Gary, Merrillville and a new showroom opening this winter in Munster.

Full range of projects

The iconic business has been a beacon for thousands of homeowners looking to repair or improve their homes. While Trim-A-Seal may be most known for offering windows, doors and siding, they also install a full range of home improvement products including gutter protection, retractable awnings and concrete coatings.

According to Howard Weiss, who started working for his dad's business in 1981, the key to their success has been a combination of quality products, superior craftsmanship and a dedication to their customer that is so well defined by many family-owned businesses.

"We shoot for quality over cost. We are really looking to put good products out there that have been researched and have great warranties, something we can be proud of," says Weiss. "We have a Golden Rule: Everything we sell we have tested out in length on our own homes. We will not install anything that we have not already installed on the homes of our own staff."

Family-owned business

Weiss says Trim-A-Seal has its advantages for customers who like the personal feel of a family-owned business. "We are interested in getting things done and solving problems for our customers. As a family-owned business, we can make decisions very quickly and complicated red-tape is not a



Trim-A-Seal has served customers for more than seven decades and continues to grow with locations in Gary, Merrillville and a new showroom opening soon in Munster.



Trim-A-Seal is a family owned business founded in 1950 in Gary. The original work trucks are pictured.

factor when we are trying to generate happy customers. When you call into Trim-A-Seal, you will not be dealing with an automated service. We like to have a relationship with our customers."

Trim-A-Seal employees share in the distinct family-owned approach to the process. It is one of the things that has really made a difference over 70 years in business. Weiss says they put a lot of emphasis on their employees enjoying work as much as

possible. It's a motivating factor that keeps Trim-A-Seal employees happy and focused on doing the very best work possible.

Giving back

Weiss says they are very proud to give back to the community and one way they have recently found was sponsoring the training of service dogs through the Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN). The program trains and places assistance dogs with individuals with disabilities and provides foundational life skills to inmates through their experience as trainers. ICAN is the only accredited service dog training program based in Indiana.

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MEGAN HILTY & JESSIE MUELLER



The Broadway stars go country in *Patsy & Loretta* (Oct. 19 on Lifetime), based on the real-life friendship between country icons Patsy Cline (Hilty, 38) and Loretta Lynn (Mueller, 36).

What was your prior experience with country music?

Mueller: I remember traveling to Nashville when I was in my teens, but in recent years I'm really getting into it again. Some of the new writers and artists, like Kacey Musgraves and Jennifer Nettles—I just love those gals.

Hilty: I grew up listening to Dolly Parton. When I started doing this, my dad got very emotional because of how much Patsy Cline music was played in his house growing up.

Did you try to sound like Patsy and Loretta? **Hilty:** To an extent. We're playing actual people, but I am not a mimic. It's a delicate balance of going in that direction but keeping your voice your own.

Mueller: For me, it's a deep dive in the listening, trying to figure out the sound of Loretta's voice. What is the essence of what she does? And then it's little things, like what are the Loretta-isms?

How did you each relate to the characters you were playing? **Hilty:** Patsy seemed fiery, and I definitely have that quality too. It takes a minute for me to get there, but I like to take care of people like she did, and there's something in each of us, to varying degrees, of a powerful drive, like ambition. I definitely related to that.

Mueller: I related to Loretta's shyness. She's the opposite of Patsy, with her tentativeness to enter into the business, to think she belonged; I get that. I've had a lot of amazing opportunities in my life and I've been super blessed.

+ Were the early female country music singers frenemies? Go to Parade.com/friendship to find out.

Paul Rudd Sees Double



Rudd, who's starred in such movies as *Ant-Man and the Wasp*, *Dinner for Schmucks* and *I Love You, Man*, is beside himself in the eight-episode Netflix original comedy series *Living With Yourself* (Oct. 18). He stars as Miles, a man struggling in love and life who undergoes a mysterious spa treatment that actually replicates him—with a new and improved version of himself. "This was something that I hadn't seen before, and I was really knocked out by it," says Rudd, 50, about his first leading role in a TV series. "I was hooked."

Anne Hathaway's Love Story

Amazon Prime Video's new *Modern Love* (Oct. 18) anthology series explores love in all its many complicated, lovely and sometimes messy forms, inspired by the true stories in the long-running *New York Times* column of the same name. Hathaway, 36, is one of several stars who'll appear. She plays Lexi, a woman learning how to find love while also accepting that she has bipolar disorder. "A lot of us have to learn that we're worth loving," she says. "Lexi talks about just needing one person to accept all of her, and that's really what we all want."



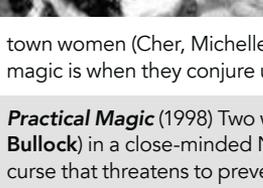
5 THINGS WITCHY WOMEN

With Halloween around the corner, Disney continues the story of the horned fairy Maleficent

(*Angelina Jolie*, 44) and Princess Aurora (Elle Fanning, 21) in *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil* (Oct. 18). Celebrate the season of the witch with these other favorite movies.



The Wizard of Oz (1939) **Judy Garland** became a major star playing a young farm girl from Kansas who is swept away by a tornado to a magical land where she comes between two polar-opposite witches and learns a timeless lesson: There's no place like home.



The Witches of Eastwick (1987) Three New England small-town women (Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer and Susan Sarandon) find out just how strong their magic is when they conjure up the devilish Jack Nicholson.



Practical Magic (1998) Two witch sisters (**Nicole Kidman** and **Sandra Bullock**) in a close-minded New England town face prejudice and a curse that threatens to prevent them from ever finding lasting love.



Bell, Book and Candle (1958) **Kim Novak** learns that casting love spells can be dangerous when she enchants her neighbor (James Stewart), but the spell backfires and she begins to fall in love.

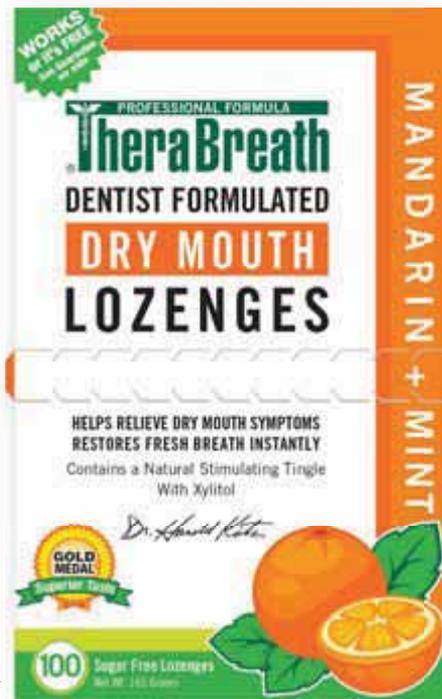
Hocus Pocus (1993) A young boy moves to Salem, where on Halloween he resurrects three witches (**Kathy Najimy**, **Bette Midler** and **Sarah Jessica Parker**) who lived there hundreds of years ago.

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Savor October's literary harvest with eight new must-reads, including Julie Andrews' Hollywood tell-all. —Megan O'Neill Melle

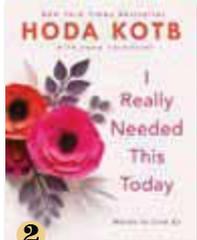
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1. Olive, Again (Random House, Oct. 15), \$27, by Elizabeth Strout
In the sequel to her Pulitzer Prize-winning *Olive Kitteridge*, Strout reintroduces the complicated and poignant life of matriarch Olive as she evolves through a relationship with her son, a second marriage and a cast of Crosby, Maine, characters.

2. I Really Needed This Today (G.P. Putnam's Sons, Oct. 15), \$24, by Hoda Kotb
An extension of her uplifting Instagram quotes, Kotb's latest book includes short stories and 365 quotes and words to live by that "comfort you, motivate you and leave you thinking, *I really needed this today.*" Visit Parade.com/hoda



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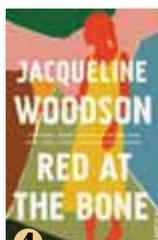
for an interview with the *Today* host and 10 heartfelt quotes from her new book.

3. Find Me (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Oct. 29), \$27, by André Aciman
The follow-up to the best-selling (and Hollywood beloved) *Call Me by Your Name*, *Find Me* opens 20 years after Elio and Oliver's whirlwind romance, reuniting readers with their intoxicating love story. Expect an unpredictable plot and a father's life-changing encounter.

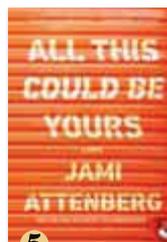
4. Red at the Bone (Riverhead Books), \$26, by Jacqueline Woodson
One of fall's most talked about novels, *Red at the Bone* explores the bonds



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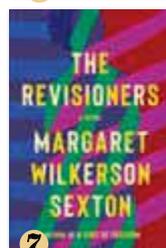
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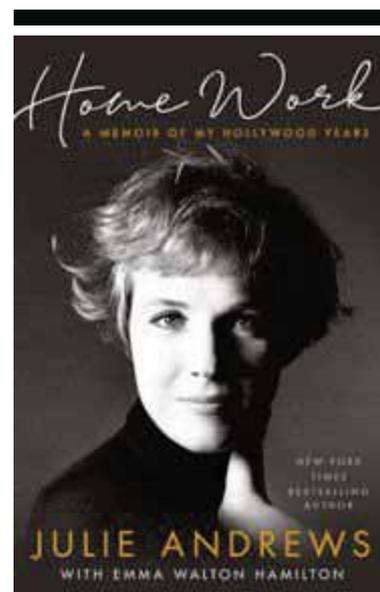
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and strains of family, class, race and identity—and the effects of parenthood, for better or worse—as it follows two families forward and backward in time.

5. All This Could Be Yours (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Oct. 22), \$26, by Jami Attenberg
Big Little Lies meets *Succession* in the scorching heat of the Big Easy—that's *All This Could Be Yours*, the story of a power-hungry patriarch on his deathbed and a family reckoning with a secret past. Money, power and family are touched upon through Attenberg's emotional, humorous and sharply written accounts.

6. Dear Girls (Random House, Oct. 15), \$27, by Ali Wong
In an absurdly funny series of letters to her daughters, comedian Ali Wong covers everything from the unpleasanties of dating to reconnecting with her roots in Vietnam to working among males as a stand-up comic.

7. The Revisioners (Counterpoint, Nov. 5), \$25, by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton
In her new novel, National Book Award-nominated Sexton spans nearly 100 years to tell the tale of two precarious sets of friendships, their descendants and the racial divide they cross in the South.



Home Work: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years

(Hachette Books, Oct. 15), \$30, by Julie Andrews



In this follow-up to her memoir *Home*, beloved star Andrews (with daughter/co-writer Emma Walton Hamilton) tackles her Hollywood years—from the making of blockbusters like *Mary Poppins* and *The Sound of Music* to *Victor/Victoria*. Andrews writes frankly about her famous co-stars (Christopher Plummer! Paul Newman!), her therapy and her mercurial second husband (Blake Edwards) and their busy blended family (her daughter, his kids and two children they adopted from Vietnam). It's a wonderful life, but an exhausting one too.

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Couric's fave healthy meal: "I serve sliced tomatoes from my garden and corn on the cob from the farm stand and throw some shishito peppers from my garden on the grill."

Famous for her TV news career and positive outlook, Katie Couric has a new gig as a social media influencer. She talks with *Parade* about being her own boss, thriving in her 60s and the results of our *Parade/Cleveland Clinic Healthy Now* survey.

Katie Couric could have taken a much different path. Instead of her 40-year career in television news, she could have chosen a job with a much lower profile. "I did the Myers-Briggs personality test, and it said I should be a social worker," says Couric, 62. "I've always had that tendency to try to help people." The truth is, she's been helping people for decades—reaching an audience of millions through *Today*, *CBS Evening News* and *60 Minutes*.

Her role as a champion of healthy living began after her first husband, Jay Monahan, died of colon cancer in 1998; three years later, she lost her sister Emily to pancreatic cancer. Her advocacy grew over time, from broadcasting her own colonoscopy live on *Today* and co-founding the organization Stand

Up to Cancer to producing documentaries like 2014's *Fed Up*, about the dangerous effects of sugar. Now, with the launch of Katie Couric Media, she's using her influence as a media star to take her health messages directly to her fans via social media (follow her on

GET HEALTHY WITH Katie

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Instagram @katiecouric), podcasts and specials. Her role as a health influencer was one reason Couric was eager to see the results of our *Parade/Cleveland Clinic Healthy Now* survey (see page 10). It reports on Americans' health, fitness and food habits, and looks at how social media has helped move some pretty extreme health practices into the mainstream. When it comes to the overuse of technology, "I was not surprised by the findings," Couric says. "I hope the survey will make people realize that, Houston, we have a problem."

A HEALTHY INFLUENCE

Since the death of her first husband, Couric is "much more conscious of not only living each day to the fullest, but also the need to really be proactive about my health," she says. A holistic approach to wellness was foreign to her growing up in Arlington, Va., the youngest of four kids.

Back then, Couric's two sisters were always on a diet, drinking no-calorie Tab and Fresca. "I remember being young and thinking that yogurt was a really exotic food and something my weird neighbors ate. Isn't that funny?" But Couric thrived physically—"a real jock," she says. She was a gymnast when she was young, and was both a cheerleader and on the track team in high school, a competitor to the core.

Couric graduated from the University of Virginia, where she majored in American Studies and worked on the daily newspaper—and, incidentally, struggled with her health. "I had an eating disorder when I was younger," she says, of battling bulimia as a college student. That's why, even today, she says, "I try not to be super rigid about what I eat."



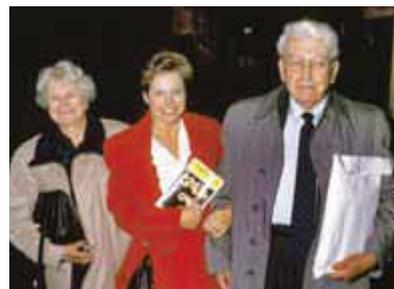
Clockwise from above: Couric and Molner on their wedding day with (from left) kids Ellie and Carrie (hers) and Allie and Henry (his); advocating for Stand Up to Cancer; with her parents, Elinor and John, in 1992; and catching up on reading.

Determined to make it as a journalist, Couric worked at ABC and CNN before getting her first big break as the deputy Pentagon correspondent for NBC News. By 1991, she was anchoring *Today*, which she did for 15 years. And in 2006, she made a record-making move to CBS to become the first woman to solo anchor the *CBS Evening News* and also become a contributor to *60 Minutes*. She followed that with a stint at ABC News and a couple seasons hosting her own daytime talk show, *Katie*, before taking a new leap in 2018, founding her own company, Katie Couric Media, with 19 employees. (Her husband of five years, John Molner, runs the business side.) As well as producing a daily email newsletter, *Wake-Up Call*, and relaunching her podcast, *Next Question With Katie Couric*, on iHeartRadio this month, she has a strong presence online, where she shares news, interviews and down-to-earth glimpses of her personal life in New York City and East Hampton, N.Y. Couric is also writing her memoir, *Unexpected*, due out in 2021. "It's my whole life story," she explains, a candid account of staying positive and resilient through the ups and downs of her high-profile life.

HEALTH FIXES OR FADS?

Like the respondents in *Parade's* Healthy Now survey, Couric tries to live a healthy life. She eats as much natural and unprocessed food as possible, choosing salads and healthy protein when she can, while trying to reduce her meat consumption. She tries to stretch and do something active every day (like yoga, Spinning or walking with friends), and she works out with a trainer at least two times a week.

Couric is encouraged by how many survey respondents (73 percent) say cutting sugar is their top dietary priority. She's also not surprised by how open people are to try new food and fitness trends. After all, Couric has tried many fads over the years herself, like the Scarsdale diet in her 20s, "which worked in the short term because of ketosis [burning fat stores], but it's pretty *miserable*," she says,



"I've become an entrepreneur in my 60s, which I think is cool."



laughing. And then there was the red liquid protein fast—"that stuff that Oprah tried"—she remembers. "It was so nasty." More recently, she's experimented with the low-carb keto diet, which is popular with Healthy Now respondents (though it doesn't allow enough fruit and vegetables for her taste), and she's intrigued by intermittent fasting (restricting eating times to between noon and 8 p.m., for example), which has "shown to be anti-aging," she says.

The most interesting health trend she sees has been the lessening of the stigma around mental health struggles. "I think social media's helped with this enormously," says Couric, because as young people "share everything, they're being much more open about mental health issues." But with all this access to information, Couric also notes how important it is to question what's in our feeds. "I'm pretty discerning myself, but sometimes even I don't

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know what to believe,” she admits. She encourages asking the questions she does when she reads about a new fix or fad: What is the background of the person? What kind of research has been conducted? What are they *selling*? And is it just too good to be true?

The most worrisome health trend she noticed? “How people are struggling the same way I am with technology,” she says. She wasn’t surprised to see how many people spend more time on social media than they do socializing in person (33 percent) and would rather text than talk on the phone (76 percent of women ages 25–49). Phones “have become such an appendage for people,” she says. “I worry about the lack of basic human interaction on the street when people are glued to their phones.” Here we are, says Couric, ostensibly more connected than ever before, yet people are also experiencing profound loneliness. Which is why she’s currently developing a documentary on social isolation and loneliness—an issue experts say is “as dangerous as smoking two packs of cigarettes a day.”

What is she doing to battle her own technology addiction? “I’ve tried and failed, honestly, to do some things,” she says, including a digital detox every Sunday—“that lasted one Sunday.” Her best trick for putting down her phone is spending time with her husband, her kids and her friends.

THE FUTURE OF HEALTH

When she looks at the future, she sees a bright one, full of more accessible information for the public, and a wealth of health research ahead: “I hope medical breakthroughs will help people understand how to be healthier, how to live longer lives, how to detect cancer earlier and how to prevent disease.”

She’ll continue to try to evolve with the world and better herself while using her platform for good, to help others as

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HOW EXTREME ARE YOUR HEALTH HABITS?

Highlights from the *Parade*/Cleveland Clinic Healthy Now survey*

It wasn’t long ago that phrases like “health influencers,” “keto diet” and “meditation apps” were thought to be wild and crazy. Today, our *Parade*/Cleveland Clinic Healthy Now survey reveals that Americans are more open-minded about getting health advice in a variety of ways. While some trending health habits offer good outcomes, others are dangerous, says Mark Hyman, M.D., director of Cleveland Clinic Center for Functional Medicine.

55%

That’s the percentage of women 25–49 who’ve taken personal health or fitness action based on info/advice from social media.

SOCIAL GETS HEALTHY

The top actions

1. Tried a natural remedy
2. Changed or adapted a fitness routine
3. Tried a new diet or changed diet

“There can be a lot of false health claims out there, so it’s important to ask where that information or advice is coming from. Is it from a health professional?” says Hyman. On the other hand, social media can be very inspiring, he says. “You’ll see people’s stories of losing weight, changing their diet, getting healthy and really improving their life. We do much better when we have a social support for what we’re doing, and social media can be very motivating.”

THE (REMOTE) DR. IS IN

22%

Say they would be likely to consult a doctor via video appointment on their smartphone or tablet for diagnostic reasons. The number rises to 32 percent for the 18–34-year-old group.

“What’s happening is that we’re recognizing that just coming to your doctor’s office is not the only way to get health care,” says Hyman. “There are virtual visits, digital coaching, apps. There are all kinds of ways to engage with your health and your health care providers. For many people, this can be more efficient and effective than actually having to come in to the doctor and do a one-on-one visit.”

MAIL IT IN

36+%

Say they would give at-home medical testing a try: Testing for cholesterol, colon cancer and allergies were the most popular.

“Home testing is on the rise,” says Hyman. “Overall, I think people getting empowered around their own health and having their health information is good. The caveat is you want to make sure you understand it, know what to do with it and are getting the right help. Often that involves consulting with your doctor, nutritionist or health coach.”

“I think it’s a positive trend because any test is better than no test, and I believe you have to take charge of your own health,” says Katie Couric. “But you should consult a doctor first.”

Respondents are already keen on mail-order services for

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That’s how many 18–34-year-olds say they’d likely use a fridge that tells you what to eat based on dietary or health goals.

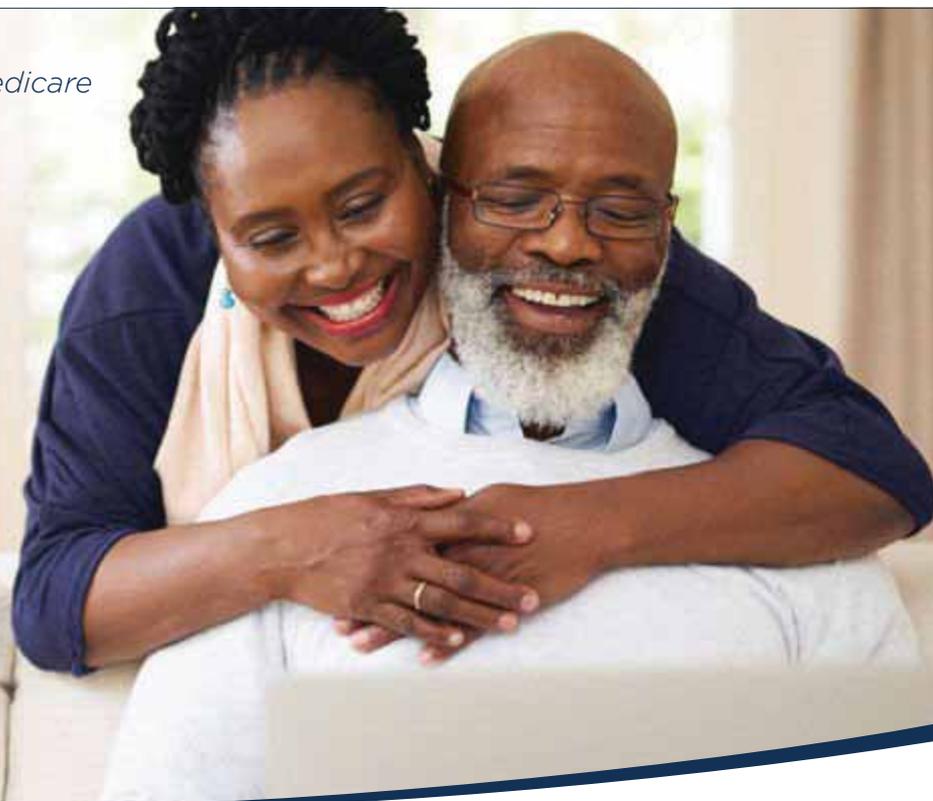
“I think if it talked nicely and didn’t say, ‘Hey put down that doughnut, you fat pig,’ I might try it,” says Couric. “If it gently encourages me to, you know, ‘Have an apple.’”

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much as she can. "I love every day that I get an opportunity to be a participant in life, and I would like to do that as long as I possibly can." Forever an optimist, Couric recently bought

The 411

Reading *The Art of Memoir* by Mary Karr

Bingeing "The Handmaid's Tale, Chernobyl, Killing Eve is in my queue."

Listening to "I love the podcasts *The Daily* and *Family Secrets*, and Rebecca Minkoff's podcast with female founders [*Superwomen*]*—and Ella Fitzgerald to round it out.*"

Fave snack Frozen chocolate chips

Fave cocktail "My new favorite drink is a paloma [a tequila-and-grapefruit-soda cocktail]. I love them!"

Best way to instantly relax "Take off my shoes."

Favorite Sunday activity "I like to go to church when I can and be in a community of people who are taking an hour out of their busy lives and thinking of something bigger than themselves."

a notebook to start a gratitude journal. Really, though, she doesn't need to write down what she's most grateful for, because it's been the same for most of her life: "My health and the health of people I love," she says. "Because without that, you have nothing."

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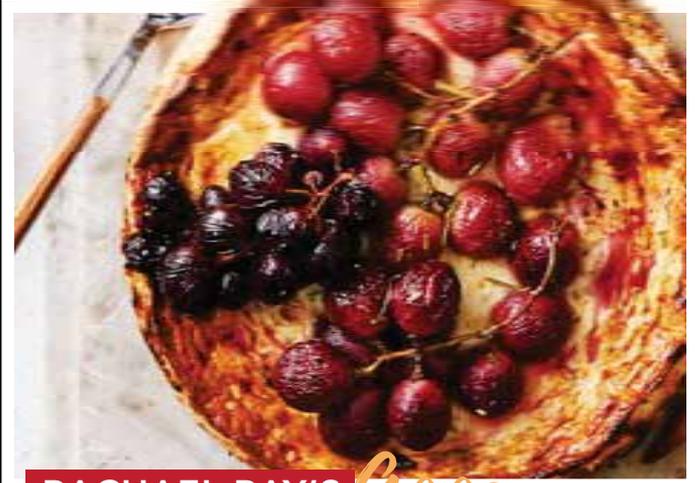
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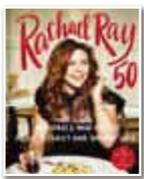
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Baked Ricotta and Roasted Grapes

Look for red or purple grapes with green stems and tightly packed fruit.

Line a colander with cheesecloth. Scrape 2 lb fresh **ricotta cheese** into colander; allow to drain. Place rack in center of oven; preheat to 425°F.

Cut ends off 2 heads **garlic** to expose cloves. Drizzle with **extra-virgin olive oil**; sprinkle with **salt**. Wrap each in foil. Roast 45 minutes or until soft. When cool, squeeze garlic from skins. Mash to a paste.

Line bottom of an 8- or 9-inch springform pan with parchment paper; brush bottom and sides with melted **butter**.

In a large bowl, whisk garlic paste, 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, 2 Tbsp finely chopped fresh **rosemary**, 2 Tbsp **honey**, 2 large **eggs**, zest and juice of 1 **lemon**, salt and freshly ground **black pepper** to taste. Stir in drained ricotta and 1 cup grated **Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese**; scrape into prepared pan. Bake 35–40 minutes or until golden and set. Brush with 2 Tbsp melted butter. Cool 30 minutes. Remove sides from pan. Raise oven to 475°F.

Place large bunches of **grapes** on a sheet pan. Drizzle with 3 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil; sprinkle with rosemary leaves from 2–3 sprigs, 1 tsp **fennel seeds**, salt and pepper. Roast 15–20 minutes or until they slump and are heated through. Place grapes atop ricotta. Drizzle with **balsamic glaze** (like Alessi). Serve with **crostini**. **Serves 12–16.**

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Rachael's LIFE IN THE KITCHEN

First word: "Vino!" As a baby, Ray was often watched by her Sicilian-born grandpa, Emmanuel, who would fill her bottle with a mix of his homemade wine and water. "Visitors thought I was a good, quiet baby, but I think I was just a little drunk," she confesses.

First teacher: Grandpa Emmanuel, a "wonderful cook," inspired Ray's love of food.

Role model: her mom, Elsa, who ran professional kitchens while raising Ray and her siblings. "She's the hardest worker I have ever known and, although one of the toughest humans, she's also the most empathetic and compassionate."

School lunch: Ray arrived at her first day in kindergarten with a personal favorite: "two slices of good bread with sardines, onions, lemon and olive oil." It wasn't a hit with her classmates. "Sardines do not make friends," she notes. "At least, not in American kindergartens, they don't."

Must-have tool: She captures inspiration for recipes and other ideas in 100-percent-recycled Decomposition Notebooks (from \$5, decomposition.com).

Culinary kryptonite: "I suck at baking," Ray admits. She also makes terrible coffee, burns toast and has a black thumb when it comes to gardening. Nobody's perfect!

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*Weight lost on prior program. Expect to lose an avg of 1-2 lbs per week.

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COMPARE TO Snap-on BLUE-POINT MODEL: RBCC10TPBS \$830

Item 56429, 64031, 64033, 64059, 64721, 64722, 64720

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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SUPER BRIGHT LED/SMD WORK LIGHT/FLASHLIGHT

- Super-Strong, Ultra-Lightweight Composite Plastic
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ALL IN A SINGLE SUPER POWERFUL LIGHT

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COMPARE TO PERFORMANCE TOOL MODEL: W264 \$132

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390 LUMEN MAGNETIC SLIM BAR LED WORK LIGHT

- High/low modes for optimal battery life
- Adjustable head can be angled to 180°

NOW \$24.99 **COMPARE TO ASTRO MODEL: 40SL \$55.12** **SAVE \$30.99** **ITEM 56248 56329 63958 shown**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

13-1/2"

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3 GALLON, 100 PSI OIL-FREE AIR COMPRESSORS

YOUR CHOICE

NOW \$399.99 **SAVE 59%** **COMPARE TO PORTER-CABLE MODEL: PCFP0203 \$98.62**

Air delivery: 0.6 CFM @ 90 PSI

HOT DOG ITEM 69269 97080 shown

PANCAKE ITEM 60637/61615 95275 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 12/13/19*

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MECHANIC'S GLOVES

NOW \$4.99 **COMPARE TO VALEO MODEL: 25521 \$14.99** **SAVE 66%**

AVAIL. IN SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL

Item 62434, 62426, 62433, 64178, 64179, 62432, 62429, 62428 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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COVERPRO **SUPER COUPON**

10 FT. x 17 FT. PORTABLE GARAGE

NOW \$169.99 **COMPARE TO SHELTER LOGIC MODEL: T8377 \$290.75** **SAVE \$120** **ITEM 62859/63055/62860 shown**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

52667300

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PREDATOR **SUPER COUPON**

4000 WATT MAX. STARTING GAS POWERED GENERATOR

10 hour run time

NOW \$299.99 **COMPARE TO HONDA MODEL: EB400 \$1,939** **SAVE \$1,639** **ITEM 56248 56329 63958 shown**

Wheel kit sold separately. Not available in AZ, OH, OK, and VA. Item 56172/56174/69729/63080/63079 shown. Item 56173/56175/63090/63089, CALIFORNIA ONLY

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 12/13/19*

HaulMaster **SUPER COUPON**

72" x 80" MOVING BLANKET

NOW \$5.99 **COMPARE TO BLUE HAWK MODEL: 77280 \$8.99** **SAVE 70%**

Item 69505/62418/66537 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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PORTLAND **SUPER COUPON**

1750 PSI ELECTRIC PRESSURE WASHER

NOW \$179.99 **COMPARE TO BRIGGS & STRATTON MODEL: 20600 \$174.44** **SAVE \$94**

- 1.3 GPM
- Adjustable spray nozzle

Item 63255 63254 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 12/13/19*

drillmaster **SUPER COUPON**

4-1/2" ANGLE GRINDER

NOW \$9.99 **COMPARE TO PERFORMAX MODEL: 2411-1 \$17.99** **SAVE \$44%** **ITEM 69645/60625 shown**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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TWO TIER EASY-STORE STEP LADDER

225 lb. capacity

NOW \$199.99 **COMPARE TO WERNER MODEL: S322A-1 \$33.88** **SAVE \$166.11** **ITEM 67514**

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CENTECH **SUPER COUPON**

3-IN-1 PORTABLE POWER PACK WITH JUMP STARTER

NOW \$499.99 **COMPARE TO SUPERSTART MODEL: 55001 \$99.99** **SAVE \$400** **ITEM 64083/38391 64083/56349/62376/62306 shown**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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luminaR **OUTDOOR** **SUPER COUPON**

24 FT., 18 BULB, 12 SOCKET OUTDOOR LINKABLE STRING LIGHTS

NOW \$27.99 **COMPARE TO PORTFOLIO MODEL: SLC12BK \$39.98** **SAVE \$12**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

52671460

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Lynxx **SUPER COUPON**

40V LITHIUM-ION BRUSHLESS BLOWER

NOW \$129.99 **COMPARE TO DEWALT MODEL: D2BLP20B \$199** **SAVE \$69** **ITEM 64716 64481/63284 shown**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

52674506

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PITTSBURGH SERIES 2 **SUPER COUPON**

RAPID PUMP® 3 TON STEEL HEAVY DUTY LOW PROFILE FLOOR JACK

Weights 82 lbs.

NOW \$99.99 **COMPARE TO TEQ CORRECT MODEL: T83018Z \$189.99** **SAVE \$90** **ITEM 56620/56618 56619/56617 shown**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

52677013

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 12/13/19*

Apache **Model 1800** **SUPER COUPON**

ULTRA-LIGHT, CRUSH PROOF WEATHER-RESISTANT LOCKABLE CASE

NOW \$99.99 **COMPARE TO PELICAN MODEL: 1150 \$39.95** **SAVE 74%** **ITEM 64550/63518 shown**

- 8-1/8" L
- 5-5/8" W
- 3-3/4" H

Case contents and locks not included.

Customer Rating ★★★★★

52680723

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 12/13/19*

PORTLAND **SUPER COUPON**

7 AMP ELECTRIC POLE SAW 9.5" BAR

NOW \$599.99 **COMPARE TO WORX MODEL: W6309 \$99.98** **SAVE \$500** **ITEM 68862 56808/63190/62896 shown**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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LIMIT 2 - Coupon valid through 12/13/19*

WARRIOR **SUPER COUPON**

29 PIECE TITANIUM DRILL BIT SET

NOW \$109.99 **COMPARE TO DEWALT MODEL: DR1309 \$189.99** **SAVE \$80** **ITEM 62281 5889/61637 shown**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

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