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## Buttigieg, Warren win big at Iowa event

Contrasting messages face off at state's top Democratic fundraiser

BY BILL RUTHHART

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Iowa Democratic Party's fall fundraising dinner long has been a critical measuring stick for presidential candidates in the lead-up to the state's first-in-the-nation caucuses, gauging both their ability to give inspiring speeches and to demonstrate strong grassroots support.

South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg had a strong night on both fronts, bringing the largest pack of supporters to an arena filled with thousands of Democrats for a polished speech in which he offered the "hope of an American experience defined not by exclusion, but by belonging."

"I will not waver from my commitment to our values or back down from the boldness of our ideas," Buttigieg told the boisterous crowd of party officials, activists and campaign organizers. "But I also will not tire from the effort to include everyone in this future we are trying to build — progressives, moderates and Republicans of conscience who are ready for change. The time has come."

Buttigieg's powerful performance came on the same day that a New York Times/Siena College poll showed him surging into third place among Iowa caucusgoers, passing former Vice President Joe Biden and narrowly trailing U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders.

The 37-year-old candidate's night in Des Moines helped his momentum and further elevated

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## House Democrats look to make a case

Moving past the fact-finding phase, Democrats plan to use impeachment hearings with witnesses to make the argument for President Trump's removal from office. **Nation & World**, Page 29

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FAMILY PHOTO

Andrew Freund holds his son AJ as the boy's mother, JoAnn Cunningham, looks on in an undated photo. AJ died in April after extensive abuse.

# No home for a child

Two troubled people met at a McHenry County courthouse in 2012. Today, they stand charged in the murder of their 5-year-old son.

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI

He noticed her crying that day inside the McHenry County courthouse. JoAnn Cunningham was facing a divorce. She had no job, no attorney and — by her own admission — was addicted to a dangerous mix of up to 15 prescription painkillers a day to ease the aching she said she felt throughout her body.

Andrew Freund, a local attorney nearly 25 years Cunningham's senior, approached her in the hallway. He had addiction problems himself, with pills and alcohol, that had threatened his legal career. But Freund still had his license. He walked up and offered to help.

Their chance meeting in early 2012 spiraled into a dysfunctional relationship fueled by drug abuse and violence. The following year the Crystal Lake couple had their first child together: Andrew Thomas Freund Jr.

They called him AJ. Less than six years later he was dead, and Cunningham, 36, and Freund, 60, stand charged with murder.

The grim details of AJ's fatal abuse have again forced the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to answer difficult questions about how it responded when police, hospital staff and others raised concerns. And a close review of the case by the Tribune shows DCFS failed to properly assess the dangers AJ faced in his home.

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But any examination of the boy's short life and brutal death begins long before DCFS was involved.

It begins with his parents — damaged individuals who got clean of heroin to regain custody of AJ but eventually fell apart, leaving them unable to pay bills or provide a safe home for their children. Their history includes multiple police and child-welfare hotline

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## What will strike do to mayor's future?

Lightfoot not focused on fallout from CTU test; 'I know who I am'

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JOHN BYRNE

From the moment voters elected Lori Lightfoot to be Chicago's 56th mayor this spring, it seemed almost inevitable the city's public school teachers would strike this fall.

For eight years, the powerful Chicago Teachers Union battled Mayor Rahm Emanuel over the future of city schools. When he bowed out of his reelection campaign, the union put its money and manpower behind Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle for the job.

Despite Preckwinkle's political power, Lightfoot trounced her, handing the union an embarrassing defeat and setting the stage for a walkout where the union could flex its muscles and try to impose its will on a political newcomer it opposed.

Chicago teachers walked out for 15 days starting Oct. 17, causing the cancellation of 11 school days and disrupting the lives of 300,000 students. The strike set off a protracted battle of wills that ended last week after Lightfoot and CTU agreed on a \$1.5 billion five-year deal that both sides say will transform Chicago Public Schools.

Still, it's not yet clear what the political ramifications will be for Lightfoot going forward. The 2012 teachers strike followed Emanuel until the day he left office, but Lightfoot said she doesn't believe the CTU's latest walkout has hurt her popularity or that people will

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## New glut of rooms hurting some hotels

Chicago is suddenly brimming with new and diverse places to get a room. Dozens of recent developments mean more choices for guests, but for many hotel operators, times are tough. **Business**

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## JOHN KASS

# This Golden Moutza is for you, Washington Post

The Washington Post — the paper that warns us that democracy dies in darkness but doesn’t mind secret impeachment hearings — is one of many nominees for the Golden Moutza of the Month.

But there are many others worthy of the October moutza.

Schools that canceled Halloween; the Chicago Teachers Union claiming the strike was “for the kids”; and the People’s Republic of Oak Park, once famed for those “Hate Has No Home Here” signs, but now, apparently, hate is OK if directed at white men.

And Turner Classic Movies; the Chicago Bears; Utah Sen. Pierre Delecto; and the Georgia town that harassed little kids for eating vegetables.

And I didn’t even get to the thruple involving former U.S. Rep. Katie Hill, D-Calif., who was photographed naked and astride a 22-year-old congressional staffer, Hill gently brushing the staffer’s hair.

Hill resigned rather than deal with an Ethics Committee ordeal, which would have involved her relationship with an older, male staffer also.

“What’s a thruple?” asked a journalist I won’t name.

I don’t know, exactly, and I’m afraid to Google it at work. Let’s just move on.

“Can you change this to moutza of the week, John?” asked reader Mike Murrin. “Too many choices, not enough months! NAH to all of them.”

No, Mike, a thousand times no. Readers nominate their worthies. When it comes to the Moutza of the Month, there can be only one.

You know how the moutza works. Open your palm, spread your fingers, thrust them at the object of your contempt in the manner of the ancient Hellenes and say Nah! (take it) or Feesah Etho (blow on it).

“Have you ever thought about offering an award to identify someone who stands out for doing something right or positive?” asked Patrick Moorhead. “There must be someone out there who deserves such an award. Someone ... anyone?”

You mean, someone besides former state Rep. Luis “This is the Jackpot” Arroyo? Sure. We’ll give out big public hugs. But not now. This is Moutza time.

“If you don’t give it to Pierre Delecto, you might as well stop the Golden Moutza,” said Barry Sokolsky. “Nah.”

U.S. Sen. Mitt Romney’s anonymous Twitter handle, “Pierre Delecto,” will follow that milquetoast to the end of time.

Dan FioRito, an Oak Park resident, is amazed at what the left has done to the People’s Republic.

“Nah to this nut from Oak Park,” said FioRito. “I live here with my Anomaly of a family (9 kids) and am amazed by the liberal insanity surrounding us.”

What happened is that Oak Park Trustee Susan Buchanan, angry white woman, was caught on tape embarrassing herself and her town. The video went viral.

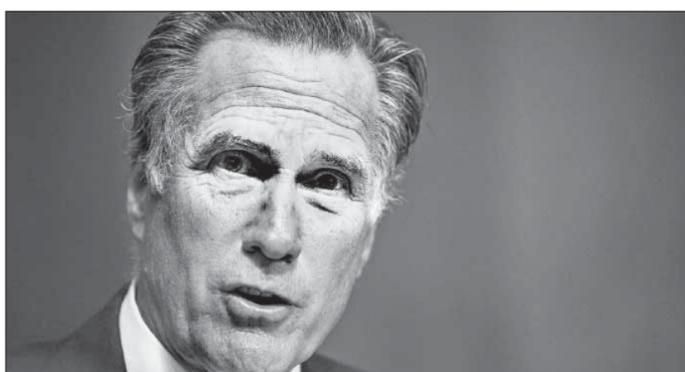
She was shouting at fellow board members who are white and male as they were debating “equity.” If only they had debated property taxes.

“I don’t want to hear what you have to say!” Buchanan yelled. “Why do



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The Washington Post revealed itself with a headline it later apologized for.



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Sen. Mitt Romney’s anonymous Twitter handle, “Pierre Delecto,” will follow him.

you have an opinion on equity? You have been white from birth. ... Just stop, Dan. Stop, Dino. You are not oppressed. ... You stop it. You are a white male.”

Then she rounded on Oak Park Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb, who was born on the Gaza Strip, and snapped, “Your skin is white enough.”

White enough? Oh People’s Republic of Oak Park, what have you done to yourselves?

Reader Nancy Kacz considered Sen. Pierre Delecto, but changed her mind. “I will have to go with Oak Park,” Kacz said. “Romney is dead to me. NAH!”

Former outstanding soccer coach Gary Radville gave the bosses of the Chicago Bears his monthly moutza.

“The overpaid chumbalones impersonating the management of the Bears,” said Radville. “Draft Mitchell Trubisky? Fired. Skip preseason? Fired. Waive Robbie Gould? Fired. Nah, moutza, adios, turn out the lights the party’s over.”

Don’t worry, Mr. Radville, I promise that a winner will return to Soldier Field next year.

Because I’ve just purchased four season tickets for my beloved Chicago Fire. And soccer is real football. Go Fire!

Speaking of sports, the NBA received many nominations for spinelessly caving to China’s demands that those Hong Kong protesters seeking freedom were not a fit subject for discussion before an American audience. Freedom of Speech much, NBA?

“LeBron James spouts off about all the injustices of the (U.S.) that sacrificed so much to defeat fascism in WWII but out of the other side of his mouth defends heavy handed communist China,” said Terry Poulos.

“Nah!”

The Chicago Teachers Union received many nominations, but the strike’s over. And they’ll soon give their moutza to taxpayers.

“A veritable plethora of candidates this month,” said Marilou Wilschke, “but the award has to go to that proud bastion of journalistic integrity, The Washington Post, for confirming what many of us have known for a very long time about the Democratic Media Complex. Have you no shame? NAH, NAH, a thousand times, NAH.”

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the murderous leader of ISIS, who unleashed mass slaughter against Muslims and Christians as he grabbed territory, was finally killed in a confrontation with by U.S. Armed Forces.

This was the Post’s headline: “Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, austere religious scholar at helm of Islamic State, dies at 48.”

Austere religious scholar? A burner and beheader of human beings, a font of barbaric cruelty? What’s austere about all that suffering and blood?

The headline was later changed, and apologies were made, but it was too late. The Post revealed itself. It wasn’t exactly “Dewey Defeats Truman.”

Washington Post? The Golden Moutza of October belongs to you. It shines in the darkness, but it’s better in the full light of day.

Nah!

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Children return to Yates Elementary School in Chicago on Friday after a strike by teachers that spanned 11 school days.

# Fingers crossed: Teachers strike is over and city is better for it



MARY SCHMICH

Chicago's schools came back to life Friday and even with the freaky Halloween snow still on the pumpkins, the city felt like itself again.

The teachers strike was over. The parking lots in my neighborhood schools were once again full. Students were back on the sidewalks lugging their giant backpacks. Yellow school buses clogged the morning traffic. Walking down a street, I heard kids shouting and laughing. All of it made the neighborhood feel like a neighborhood again.

After 11 days of the Chicago Teachers Union strike, Chicago is mostly back to normal, and, fingers crossed, slightly better for the fight.

"Whose side are you on?" was a question I heard a lot in the past two weeks, as if the strike were a team sport, a neat contest that required every citizen to cheer one team and boo the other.

Team Teachers vs. Team Mayor. Or "Rookie Mayor," as Lori Lightfoot was sometimes referred to in the media, a term that suggested that a mayor who'd been in office more than five months would have handled the fight more deftly, which is not necessarily true.

Every time I was asked "Whose side are you on?" my answer would be "Whose side are you on?" Like a lot of people, I didn't have a tidy pick, and, besides, it was more interesting to listen.

One striking teacher I respect explained the perils of schools without nurses and social workers, and the frustrations of having little time to prepare for classes.

A Chicago Public Schools parent I respect explained how frustrating it was to have the kids out of class, missing tests and athletic events. And how much, she wondered, would the teachers' demands cost us in taxes?

And, of course, everyone I talked with said that what they wanted was what was best for the kids, though which kids was rarely entirely clear.

The same arguments played out on the radio and TV, in the newspapers and in the cesspool of cynicism known as social media, where, in the spirit of outrage that dominates that medium, the team sport devolved into insult competitions.

But even in the midst of the argument, something useful happened during the strike. This was Chicago in action, a city made more real to itself by hearing and seeing teachers, students, parents, support staff, assorted taxpayers and, yes, the politicians.

True, it may be easier to appreciate the drama of the past two weeks if you weren't directly involved. If you weren't picketing in the snow. If you weren't trying to balance a city budget. If you weren't worried about your income while you were on strike. If you weren't trying to figure out how to get to your job and babysit your kids.

And it has been disappointing, if inevitable, to see the cheap vilification of the teachers by some members of Team Mayor, the cheap vilification of the mayor by some members of Team Teachers, and the cheap vilification of both by the cranks who enjoy hating on everything with the word "Chicago" attached.

But in the end, Chicago's teachers and its children, including the ones in the most disadvantaged schools, stand to be a little better off because of this strike, and that's good for the city.

The city won some concessions, including a five-year contract, two years longer than the teachers

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wanted, which means that if the full union approves the deal, the teachers won't be back on strike soon. But the teachers won a sizable raise. They were guaranteed a nurse and social worker in every school. Money was set aside to address the problem of overcrowded classrooms.

"These and so many other gains," a relatively happy teacher posted on Facebook Friday, "would never have been possible without days marching in the rain, our songs to heaven for positive change, and, yes, our sacrifice of time, money, sweat, and emotion. It was worth it. If we had not fought for these children, who would have? Not the uber-rich of Chicago and its glittering suburbs."

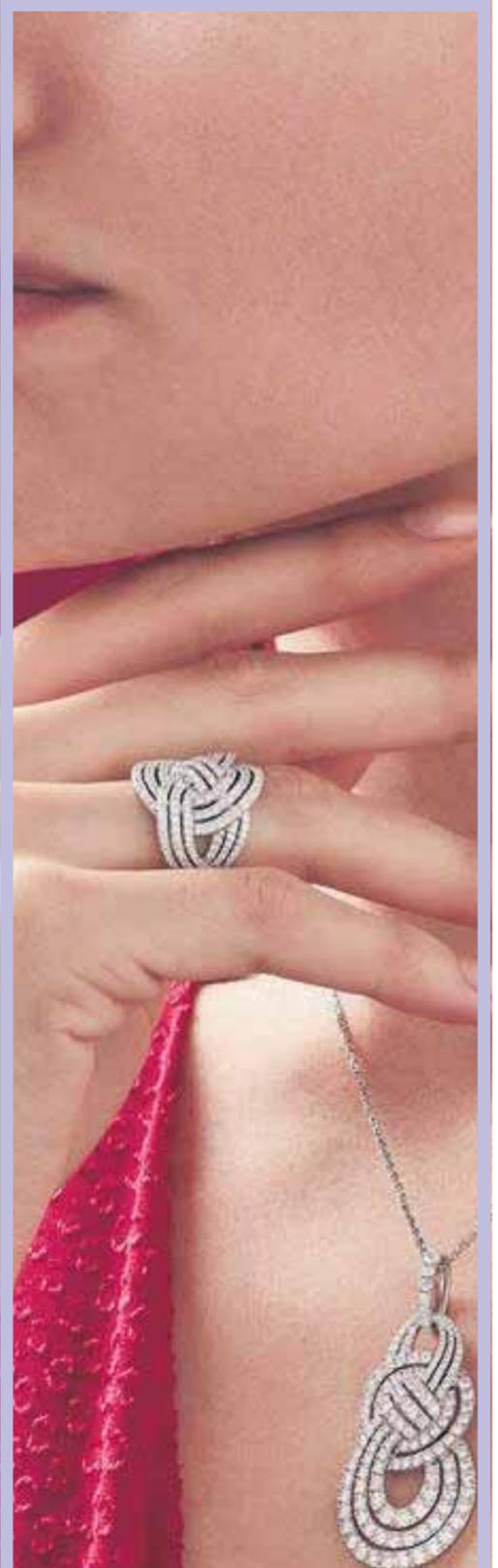
The strike came with harsh talk, hard feelings and political repercussions yet to be calculated.

"If Lori didn't feel like the mayor before," a guy I know said Friday, "she probably does now."

And she'll be a better mayor for having come up against the force of the teachers, just as Chicago is a better place for the voices we've heard and the faces we've seen during the strike.

Working for a better Chicago, even when it's hard, is who we are.

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## Chicago without horse-drawn carriages?

Activist seeks a ban as owners deny animal cruelty

BY NARA SCHOENBERG

A dozen protesters have lined up beneath the limestone spires of the Chicago Water Tower, but only one wades out into the stream of shoppers and tourists.

Strikingly tall, with long, blond hair and a sunny smile, Jodie Wiederkehr carries on two and sometimes three conversations at once. She helps a frazzled father sign her petition calling for a ban on horse-drawn carriages in Chicago. She somehow knows that the man standing a few feet away, staring awkwardly into the middle distance, wants to sign her petition too.

When an enthusiastic woman with a hot-pink umbrella lingers, Wiederkehr grows more expansive, offering a glimpse into the hundreds of hours of volunteer work she has done, monitoring the horses' treatment.

"The law is the horses can only work six hours in a 24-hour period," Wiederkehr says. "We've documented them working from 11 a.m. to midnight — and then they're on the street again the next day."

"Those poor babies!" the woman with the pink umbrella says, her eyes wide.

In the past four years, Wiederkehr, leader of the 1,600-member Chicago Alliance for Animals, has helped push an obscure issue into the spotlight with protests such as this, an active Facebook page and dozens of "monitoring sessions" in which volunteers descend on the Magnificent Mile to document alleged mistreatment of carriage horses.

And her cause is gaining ground. A proposed horse carriage ban that she supports has 26 sponsors in the City Council, or enough votes to pass, provided the measure is allowed to go to a vote.

"I give Jodie a lot of credit," said Ald. Raymond Lopez, one of the sponsors of the proposed ban. "She has been at the forefront of this issue for as long as I can remember. She and her dedicated team have spoken at almost every City Council meeting for about a year and a half."

Lopez said he is optimistic about the ban's chances in 2020.

To her allies, Wiederkehr, 50, is a dedicated champion of the voiceless, a veteran animal rights activist who has put in thousands of unpaid hours fighting for carriage horses, while living in a one-bedroom apartment and sup-



Jodie Wiederkehr of the Chicago Alliance for Animals talks with passersby during an informational protest in September.



Horse-drawn carriage driver Dave Ford guides Callie on a ride around the Near North side in August 2018.

porting herself as a bartender and food server.

"She's warm, incredibly personable and laid-back, but she's also got these amazing leadership skills where she can just galvanize people, including myself," said Barbara Krantz, a founding member of the Chicago Alliance for Animals.

"Her gift is her ability to take what she cares about and go with it. She gives all of her time. She's relentless — in a good way."

To her detractors, Wiederkehr is a starry-eyed idealist who doesn't understand horses — their strength, their breeding, their capacity for work — and could do real harm to humans, both carriage drivers and tourists.

"There's no animal cruelty going on, and there's no activity detrimental to these horses' health occurring on the streets of Chicago," said Jim Rogers, owner of Great Lakes Horse & Carriage, during a phone interview in

which he occasionally interrupted himself to tend to his 4-year-old son.

"This whole issue exists because that's what animal rights activists do: They create an issue that doesn't exist, and they come up with a solution. And they use emotional appeals to pull people in their favor, because no one wants to see an animal suffer. We had a (City Council) committee hearing about this roughly a year ago, where we had experts come, we had veterinarians come, and all of them expressed that there isn't any cruelty going on."

The carriage ban is currently in the City Council's license committee, where it stalled last year, never making it to the full council for a vote.

A vegan who lives in Lakeview with two rescue cats, Wiederkehr traces her love of animals to her childhood in tiny Preemption, Illinois, three hours west of Chicago. Her backyard was a cornfield, and she grew up

with dogs, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs. Her mother took in stray cats and found homes for them; at one point, she cared for an injured raccoon, at another, a lamb that had been rejected by its mother.

"We had this baby lamb in a pen in our living room," Wiederkehr recalled, laughing.

Wiederkehr moved to Chicago after college and, at the suggestion of her then-boyfriend, embarked on a career in animal protection, working at the National Anti-Vivisection Society in Chicago and later for the Committee to Protect Dogs in Massachusetts, where she led an effort to collect 150,000 signatures to place the anti-dog-racing Greyhound Protection Act on the 2008 ballot.

In 2015, she was part of a small group of activists who founded the Chicago Alliance for Animals, a group intended to bring together the city's various established animal rights groups and effect change, largely through legislation. The group chose the horse carriages as its first cause, in a move that reflects Wiederkehr's results-oriented practicality.

"This is one issue when it comes to animal welfare where you can see it," said Wiederkehr. "You can't get into the animal laboratories, same with factory farms of slaughterhouses. This is right in front of our eyes, and we're not breaking the law when we document (it)."

But strategy wasn't the only consideration. Wiederkehr, who can't assist with stray cat neuter-and-release because she ends up

keeping the cats, is frankly emotional about the animals she is fighting for.

"I love horses," she said, tearing up during an interview at the Water Tower protest.

"What the (carriage) operators say is I didn't grow up with (horses): I'm not an expert, so I should have no opinion on this. I will say horses hold a very big part of my heart. I think they're so gentle and beautiful, and they seem to have been abused more than any other animal. They just — they have no voice in this world."

In 2017, the first year of horse-carriage monitoring by Wiederkehr and her Chicago Alliance for Animals, the city issued 334 citations for violations of the city's horse-carriage regulations, according to CNN. Wiederkehr said many of those citations were due to her group's work.

The citations were for working horses for more than six hours at a time, working horses in temperatures of 90 degrees or above, failing to provide water at the proper intervals, and committing traffic violations, such as failing to properly signal a turn or operating without turning on the required lights during evening hours, records show.

In 2018, the city's three horse carriage companies agreed to a settlement regarding the 2017 citations, paying over \$20,000 in fines. Rogers said the city threw out many citations, and the carriage companies agreed to the settlement only because fighting the allegations would have been more costly.

Among the allegations

that he disputes: that he and his colleagues are overworking their horses. City regulations say only that a horse cannot work more than six hours in a 24-hour period, but not what constitutes "working."

Rogers said activists count the time a horse stands at the curb as working; he counts only the time when the horse is actually in action, pulling the carriage.

Disputes between the activists and the carriage owners can get very involved, with both sides piling on details. Take the case of Forrest Gump, a Belgian draft horse. Wiederkehr and her fellow activists called in a complaint in August, saying Forrest Gump was working with a limp and open sores on his leg.

An animal control officer sent the horse home for the day, a victory for Wiederkehr, who often mentions his case. But the horse's owner said that one of his alleged sores was actually a chestnut, or a naturally occurring growth found on horses' legs.

As for the other alleged injury: "He had a little scratch on him — it could have been a fly bite. He could have rubbed his shoe on his leg," said Forrest Gump's owner, Debbie Hay, of Antique Coach & Carriage Co.

"Such a minor skin abrasion — such a minor, minor thing. It just happened to have a drop of blood on it. The next day the veterinarian looked at it and said, 'It's nothing more than an abrasion; it's a nonissue. This horse is not lame at all.'"

In recent weeks, Wiederkehr has been emailing aldermen, rallying activists on Facebook and appearing at City Council with allies in tow. On Oct. 2, she and her supporters hand-delivered a petition with 20,000 signatures to Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office.

As Wiederkehr led the Water Tower protest, temperatures dipped, rain threatened and gray clouds blotted out the sun. But she and her fellow protesters closed out the demonstration in good spirits, with Wiederkehr cheerfully noting that one of her fingers seemed to be suffering from an old case of suspected frostbite, and a pal chiding her for not dressing more warmly.

Wiederkehr said with a laugh that she hates the cold.

But she would be back downtown the next day, monitoring the carriage horses, documenting their treatment, making her case hour by hour, day by day.

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## Trump's public impeachment hearings vs. GOP's reflexive dishonesty



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As another week of impeachment and striking teachers and wildfires comes to a close, I call to the nearest exorcist, "Say there, can you cast out these news demons inside me?" And as he begins the process, I stare blankly at the past seven days and mumble: "What the (BLEEP) just happened?"

**Dems formalize impeachment, Republicans embrace dishonesty:** After weeks of wildly inaccurate raging against the congressional impeachment inquiry "process," Republicans got what they asked for: a House vote that formally authorized the inquiry and set up guidelines for upcoming public testimony.

House Republicans responded by voting

against the very thing they had stomped their feet and held their breath over, insisting the whole impeachment business was an unconstitutional hoax-sham concocted by George Soros-funded witches intending to overthrow the government, coup-style, and turn all Americans vegan, or something to that effect.

Not a single Republican voted in favor of the resolution.

So they hollered like someone stole their Super PAC money because the initial impeachment testimony was, appropriately and as it would be in a grand jury investigation, done behind closed doors. And then they hollered like someone stole the (maybe Russian) campaign money they got from the National Rifle Association because the next rounds of testimony will be public.

It was excellent foreshadowing of what's to come as the impeachment inquiry moves into its public-facing phase, allowing Americans to hear testi-

mony from longtime public servants and decorated military personnel who will be under oath, and compare their words with the rambling, conspiratorial blather of President Donald Trump and his Fox-News-addled legion of goons.

Regardless of what kind of Trump-ego-soothing nonsense House Republicans regurgitate, the facts at the center of the impeachment inquiry remain: It appears Trump took close to \$400 million in congressionally approved military aid (i.e., taxpayer money) intended to help Ukraine fight off Russian attacks and used it to leverage the Ukrainian president to gin up dirt that might help Trump in the upcoming election.

That's it in a nutshell. Either Republicans think it's OK for a president to do something like that or they recognize it's a violation of the president's oath of office.

The Democrats, who have already amassed jaw-dropping evidence of Trump's wrongdoing, drew

a clear line and said the right side of history is on one side and the wrong side of history is on the other. Republicans darn near tripped over themselves getting to the wrong side.

**Free tip for Republicans!**

I'm just a liberal wacko hellbent on destroying America, or whatever, but here's a quick thought to the few conservatives who have yet to sell their souls for a box of Trump steaks and a place in infamy:

If you bounce the con man presently in the Oval Office, your party could still put together something like a Nikki Haley/Mitt Romney president/vice-president ticket. And with Fox News maintaining its jet-engine-decibel-level fearmongering about Democrats and socialism and such, that pair would have a serious chance of winning.

Don't say I never did anything for you.

**Teachers strike ends thanks to outlawed concept of "compromise":** In this age of in-

tense polarization, the word "compromise" is heard only among wandering minstrels and misanthropes.

But somehow, some way, the Chicago Teachers Union and the city of Chicago managed to end a teachers strike that lasted 11 school days by — it's difficult for me to even type the word — compromising.

The teachers got a pay increase, though they would've liked a larger one. They saw caps put on class sizes and got funding to have a social worker and a nurse in every school.

The teachers wanted all 11 days that were missed to be added on to the school year. Mayor Lori Lightfoot said no, so the two sides agreed Thursday to make up five missed days.

And with that, the city's longest teachers strike since 1987 ended.

Ugly stuff, this compromise. I hope there weren't any other politicians paying attention. It could really impede their ability to only settle for getting everything they want.

**The feds LOVE charging Illinois Democrats with crimes!** State Rep. Luis Arroyo joined the Illinois Democrats' "Charged-With-A-Federal-Crime Brigade" last week as a sprawling public corruption investigation continued to sprawl.

Arroyo, an assistant majority leader, was charged Monday with one count of federal program bribery. Prosecutors say he offered a state senator a \$2,500-a-month kickback in exchange for the senator supporting gambling-related legislation that would help one of Arroyo's lobbying clients.

Turns out the state senator was wearing a wire. Oopsie!

Arroyo joined state Sen. Thomas Cullerton and Chicago Ald. Edward Burke as the third elected official to be charged in an investigation that presumably has other Democratic lawmakers sweating like a door-to-door meat salesman in a house full of bears.

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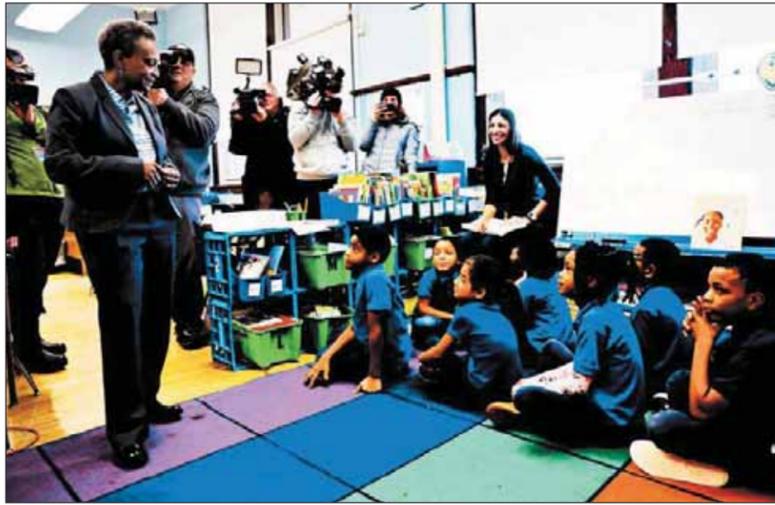
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blame her for the strike. "I hope what people take away from this is that I am a tough but principled leader, that I spend a lot of time making sure that I understand the nuances and that I am very, very focused on doing the right thing," Lightfoot said during a Friday interview at her City Hall office. "I place a premium on public debate and discussion, but I also have zero tolerance for people who lie to me."

And she has a message for those who say "the mayor's a rookie, the mayor's naïve," calling it "unbelievably insulting and offensive to me (as) a 57-year-old person who has spent most of my life as a litigator."

"When I was a prosecutor or when I was a defense attorney myself advocating on behalf of my clients, I've been in a lot of really, really tough circumstances my whole adult life," Lightfoot said. "So the notion that somehow this is this new, big test, I've been tested my whole life. I'm a black woman from a poor background. Every single day we're tested. Nobody thought I was going to be here. People underestimated me my whole life, and that's on them. I know who I am."

CTU President Jesse



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot greets students at Mason Elementary School on Friday as classes resume following a teachers strike that resulted in the cancellation of 11 school days.

Sharkey said it remains to be seen whether the strike will follow her the same way 2012 haunted Emanuel.

"The CTU strike ended up being emblematic of a deeper flaw with his administration, which is that he went after a bunch of popular programs in the city. He increased the number of taxes and fines on working-class people. He continued to seem out of touch with common Chicagoans," Sharkey said. "I think it wound up being the case that Rahm had to wear the jacket of the CTU strike precisely because it reminded people of another set of critiques that seemed

relevant about the way the guy operated. I think it remains to be seen what this strike and the handling of it is going to reveal about Lori Lightfoot."

But Sharkey said she may continue to have labor problems in the future if she doesn't take stock of how this fall's strike unfolded.

"There's obviously some things that Lori needs to learn about the way labor negotiations work. I think it's important for people who are going to land negotiations to avoid making absolute statements like, 'I'm not going to put any more money in this contract' or 'I'm not going to

make up strike days,'" Sharkey said. "The thing about bargaining is you don't get to call shots like that."

## Negotiations

Lightfoot, however, on Friday said it was clear to her from the start that the union would be going on strike "no matter what."

Still, Lightfoot said, she and CPS leaders prepared a budget this summer "building on equity and making sure that we provide the kind of supports in schools that were necessary."

"We came out in August and said, 'Yeah, we need to have more counselors,

nurses, case managers,' and we built those things into the CPS budget for this year before any of the collective bargaining discussions concluded," Lightfoot said.

Lightfoot's initial offer included a 14% pay raise. She then upped it to 16%, leading to criticism that her strong opening salary proposal may have boxed her in. The mayor sought to avoid a strike and to cut through the back-and-forth posturing that often bogs down labor negotiations, but gave herself less room to offer the CTU more money after teachers walked out anyway.

The union's focus on staffing and class size concerns in the talks also put the mayor in something of a bind. Unable to make big new salary offers, Lightfoot was instead left trying to explain early in the negotiations why she couldn't — or wouldn't — include guarantees in the accord on numbers of nurses and social workers in schools or students per classroom.

Then Lightfoot maintained a hard public position against make-up days for the strike, only to bend at the eleventh hour, agreeing to five such days for teachers to partially recoup money they lost during the walk-out.

Asked about criticism that she erred in offering the union a 16% raise too soon, lessening its leverage as a negotiating tool, Lightfoot said she doesn't like playing games and reiterated that she didn't regret the offer.

"I've done hundreds of negotiations over the course of my legal career, and I just felt like it was really important for us to put our money where our mouth is to demonstrate to teachers and to staff that we value them, that we care about them," Lightfoot said.

Lightfoot's hand-picked education committee chairman, Ald. Michael Scott Jr., 24th, noted that Lightfoot tried to pre-empt the strike by making a good offer from the start.

"I think she led with a great offer, thinking that if she led with a substantial offer we would avoid a lot of this," he said. "So people can criticize that. I think that's somebody who came in under a mantra of change and equity, and I think she led with that."

Socialist Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, a CTU advocate who was a strong Preckwinkle backer, said Lightfoot could have avoided a strike if she had handled the union differently. "The teachers I spoke with, they did not want a strike," he said.

Others have criticized the \$1.5 billion deal as being too generous. The school system, which just a few years ago was on the brink of insolvency, is now on the hook for a deal that stretches past the 2023 mayoral election.

But Lightfoot said it's a financially responsible deal: "We were not interested in doing something we couldn't afford."

## Contract

Lightfoot also has faced criticism that she did not get enough gains in the contract she can claim as her own.

Lightfoot's deal with CTU eventually will lead to a full-time nurse and social worker in every school by July 2023, as well as limits on class sizes. Under the deal, many classes would get smaller eventually, and in the meantime more relief would be provided to extra large classes.

Lightfoot campaigned in favor of all those items, but the CTU has attempted to claim that she only delivered because of their pressure. CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates has said the union had to go on strike to get those concessions from CPS.

During and after the 2012 teachers strike, Emanuel constantly repeated that he was fighting to make sure Chicago kids could have as much time in class as their suburban peers.

Emanuel's abrasive style, "Mayor 1%" reputation and the fact he rescinded raises due to teachers ahead of that strike made him a natural villain opposite the CTU. But his "longer school day, longer school year" mantra and the extra class hours included in the 2012 contract enabled him to succinctly argue he was on the side of the students.

Sharkey said this year's strike is a "mirror opposite of 2012," when Emanuel came into office with a radical set of demands for change. This time, he said, it's CTU that was upsetting the apple cart.

Sharkey also said he's not sure how negotiations would have unfolded had Preckwinkle won the election. He noted CTU supported Harold Washington, yet went on the longest strike in its history while he was in office. Mayors wind up having to represent the entire system, Sharkey said.

"As the representative of the way that works, I think it's very hard for mayors to change things radically," Sharkey said. "It's the CTU that had a radical set of demands for change. We're the ones who came into the system trying to change."

"Would Preckwinkle have been any better able to deal with that?" Sharkey added. "I probably doubt it."

Davis Gates said the strike was not inevitable. "The strike was about promises kept, and she should be proud that she was able to keep her campaign promises," Davis Gates said.

The union recently dinged Lightfoot for not keeping her promise in Springfield to support an elected school board. She opposed a CTU-favored bill for an elected school board but said she still supports one. Lightfoot declined to offer specifics about what her plan would entail or when she wants it in place, only that "what's most important is to get it right."

Asked about the argument that the union forced her to keep her campaign promises, Lightfoot chuckled.

"I'm going to use a polite word, that's just nonsense," Lightfoot said.

Later, she added: "The notion that somehow the only reason we go there is because CTU drug me kicking and screaming is preposterous."

## Future conflict?

From the time Lightfoot entered the mayoral race as a progressive, she's faced pushback from some on the left who take exception to her policy stances and the fact she's a former federal prosecutor.

Preckwinkle often called her a corporate lawyer, and protesters said she was too pro-police. That's continued to dog her, even though she pushed through a Fair Workweek scheduling ordinance that Emanuel had long opposed and is in the process of pushing through a \$15 minimum wage plan so employees make more here by 2021.

Despite the criticism, Lightfoot won every ward in the city, and it's not clear how much the argument that she isn't progressive resonates beyond some activist circles.

Lightfoot said she hopes people see her as somebody "who tries to lead a values-driven life and who is strong and is able to balance a lot of different competing priorities but stay focused on the ultimate objectives."

Asked whether the union might support Lightfoot for reelection, Davis Gates referred to teachers who were arrested protesting at Sterling Bay's offices during the strike.

"You would have to ask the members who have been arrested, you'd have to ask the members who sacrificed six days of pay to get a school nurse," Davis Gates said.

Describing herself as fearless, Lightfoot said, "It would have been very easy to pander to the crowd, and I was not willing to do that. I wanted to do what was right."

Asked whether she believes the union will oppose her in 2023, Lightfoot said, "I'm assuming that they're coming after me in 2023."

"My expectation is that I will run for reelection," Lightfoot said. "There's a lot that I would like to accomplish. I think that would be hard to do in four years' time, particularly given all the fiscal constraints that we have. But I have no illusions about what their ultimate agenda is."

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The Jones College Prep cross-country girls team runs to the starting line to race in state sectionals Saturday at Lake Park East High School in Roselle.

## CPS runners get to starting line after legal battle, ruling

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

The mood was one of resignation when the Taft High School girls cross-country team finished practice Friday evening.

The girls commiserated with one another, noting that it was unfortunate their season would end without hopes of competing in the postseason due to Illinois High School Association rules regarding the teachers strike. They knew there may be a slim chance of a last-minute ruling in their favor, but they believed it was all but a lost cause.

Still, they congratulated one another on a good season, happy to practice together one last time during the cross-country season.

But about 15 minutes after Taft senior Marie Keating arrived home after practice, she got a call.

"You can run," a coach told her.

Keating stood with her teammates Saturday morning, mud-spattered and shivering after finishing the girls sectional race at Lake Park High School in northwest suburban Roselle. The runners were triumphant and grateful to participate after a group of CPS students just the evening be-

fore won a hard-fought legal battle that allowed CPS students to compete in the IHSA cross-country sectionals Saturday. State finals will be held in Peoria on Nov. 9.

"It was really hard to know that something completely out of my control could take something that's part of me away," Keating said.

The student-athletes won the right to run in the meets late Friday after a string of losses during the longest teachers strike in decades. The strike, which began Oct. 17 and ended Thursday, spanned for 11 missed school days and won teachers a historic contract.

In the middle of the strike, 14 students from Jones College Prep lost a suit they filed late last month against the IHSA that sought a temporary restraining order to allow the runners to participate in postseason competition. The IHSA does not allow athletes to enter postseason competition if their districts are embroiled in a strike, or to join in the middle once a strike has settled.

The IHSA board rejected an appeal from the students on Friday morning, saying it wouldn't be fair to athletes in other sports, but a judge

ruled in favor of the runners on Friday night.

"I'm tired of adults determining whether a child gets to have a childhood," Associate Judge Neil Cohen said when giving his ruling.

Sophia Rivera, a 16-year-old junior at Lane Tech High School, was checking her email nearly every hour Friday evening, waiting to hear whether she would be allowed to run.

Finally, word came through that CPS students would be allowed in the race.

"It was definitely a shock," she said.

Dozens of CPS students ran a muddy and water-logged course, one day after returning to school following 11 missed days.

Keating said it was good to see her teachers again who told their students they felt bad they had to miss postseason competitions. She was touched that teachers, with worries about missed paychecks and catching up on the curriculum, were concerned about their students' extracurriculars.

"It's been a wash of excitement and apprehension," she said.

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# 15-year-old appears in court after Halloween shooting

BY ALICE YIN, JEREMY GORNER AND ROSEMARY SOBOL

A 15-year-old boy accused of attempted murder after a Halloween shooting left a young trick-or-treater in critical condition appeared in juvenile court Saturday morning and was ordered held in detention.

Judge Joanne Rosado ordered the boy be held at least until a second hearing on Monday.

The teen, whose name was not released because he is a juvenile, faces two counts of attempted first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated battery through discharge of a firearm, according to a Friday evening news release from Chicago police. Rosado also told him he is charged with two counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

The boy spoke quietly during the hearing, mostly answering the judge with yes and no. As Rosado read the charges against him, he interjected saying: "I have a question," but the judge would not allow him to elaborate. "You have rights," Rosado told him.

He wore a long-sleeved brown jail top, dark pants and white gym shoes, and had short, black hair. He held his hands behind his

back for most of the time and twisted around to look at his mother, who nodded several times at him as he was brought back into custody.

"He transformed (the street) into a real-life horror movie," Assistant State's Attorney Jack Ruggiero said during the hearing.

Ruggiero said police recovered the gun that was used in the shooting, and ballistics tests showed it was the gun used in the attack, which also left a 32-year-old man, who police said was the intended target, wounded.

Witnesses heard the boy say he tossed the gun in an alley near garbage cans and a school as he ran away, Ruggiero said, adding that video surveillance captured him hiding the gun there.

Ruggiero told the judge that the boy and several others — at least one of whom was wearing a mask — went out that day "looking for trouble," and looking for a Latin King.

When they spotted the 32-year-old man on the other side of the street from the girl, one of them at first tried to shake his hand. They told him they were Gangster Two-Six members and then chased him, yelling: "Two-six!" and "King killa!" before the boy fired seven times, hitting

him and the girl.

After the shooting, the group listened to a police scanner and learned a little girl was shot. The boy "urinated on his hands" after learning about the girl, and he said he did that to get the gunpowder off his hands, Ruggiero said. The boy also told members of the group to "hide the jacket" that he was wearing.

"He showed complete disregard for human life," when he fired a gun seven times, Ruggiero said, adding there were "cars driving," and many children and parents trick-or-treating along the street at the time. "This minor didn't care about the 7-year-old girl," Ruggiero said. He "involved himself" in a gang conflict.

John Miraglia, the boy's defense attorney, said in court that the boy "absolutely" denies the charges. The attorney said the boy has no "publishable" criminal background and said his parents are "good people."

"I would suggest perhaps the evidence is not as strong as it sounds," he told the judge. As he left the courthouse, Miraglia said, "It's a horrible situation for everyone."

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# Where does the idea of impeachment come from?



**RON GROSSMAN**

I like to think that all eyes were on Benjamin Franklin when he rose to speak at the Constitutional Convention debated impeachment. He had the aura of a wise old man and was famed for reducing complex issues to simple terms leavened with a bit of humor. And the thought of removing a president from office was as bitterly divisive in the summer of 1787 as it is now, with the House of Representatives considering the impeachment of President Donald Trump.

Some of Franklin's fellow delegates considered a constitutional provision for impeachment a necessary check on a president riding roughshod over the law. Others thought it would make presidents overly beholden to Congress.

Franklin argued that impeachment could solve both of those problems: It would get rid of an abusive president while according due process. Consider the historical alternative, he told delegates assembled in Philadelphia. What remedy has been available to subjects of a tyrannical ruler?

"Why, recourse was had to assassination in which he was not only deprived of his life but of the opportunity of vindicating his character," Franklin said.

That must have provoked gales of laughter. Knowing history, the Founding Fathers would have delighted in the ironic suggestion that Brutus and Cassius should have held back their knives while Julius Caesar pleaded his innocence.

Franklin's joke depended on the delegates sensing they were in uncharted waters. There was no precedent for establishing a formula to deal with a ruler who behaved like an absolute monarch.

Nations were ruled by kings, and kings weren't constrained by law. They were the source of law. Anointed as well as crowned, they held heaven's mandate.

The 17th-century French King Louis XIV put it succinctly: "L'état, c'est moi," he said. "I am the state."

American colonists drew a bead on that idea at the battles of Lexington and Concord. Their Declaration of Independence enumerated the offenses that forfeit their allegiance to the English King George III, including: "He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people."

Having won the War of Independence, the Americans chose to govern themselves by a system that minimized the chances for one-man rule. Under the Articles of Confederation the U.S. was a league of states, similar to the European Union — but without the euro. Each state had the right to print money.

The manifest deficiency of that decentralization of power led to the summoning of a Constitutional Convention that, with a prod from Franklin, established a strong executive. To keep him honest, the delegates borrowed an English legislative gambit.

Though they beheaded Charles I, the English preferred to mount an indirect attack against an obstinate monarch. So when Parliament felt its powers were being encroached upon by a king, it would impeach a royal minister and remove him from office. That would rob an aggressive-minded king of a valued co-conspirator.

That method was enlarged by delegates to our Constitutional Convention who provided for the impeachment of the president and vice president, as well as other officials.

Similarly borrowed was the famous criterion for impeachment: "high crimes and misdemeanors." In the 230 years since that standard was adopted, no president has been impeached and removed from office.

Still, Richard Nixon resigned after Republican leaders of Congress told him that impeachment was inevitable. That accorded nicely with the sense of the Constitutional Convention that the provision for impeachment would remind presidents that they are not above the law.

Now impeachment faces a challenge: a president who seemingly thinks he is above the law. Faced with bipartisan criticism of his

plan to host a meeting of the G-7 organization at one of his golf resorts, Trump railed against "the phony emoluments" prohibition.

Phony? It's written into the Constitution he swore to uphold.

Even some of his supporters must recognize Trump is not an admirable person. He called a Republican senator "truly weird Senator Rand Paul." He dubbed Ted Cruz, another Republican senator, "Lyn'

Ted," and intimated that Cruz's father was involved in the murder of President John F. Kennedy.

He disparaged the late Sen. John McCain, a former POW, saying he preferred heroes who didn't get captured.

I'd guess that Republican members of Congress will be tempted to write off Trump's deficits against the necessity of keeping him in the White House as a bulwark against liberalism.

Democrats will be tempted to pile on the accusations. Like Trump's calling San Francisco, Chicago and New York rathellholes, crime-ridden hellholes. Or saying our Kurdish allies are worse than ISIS.

But if they're serious about using this constitutional weapon, they must keep the case focused. Saying stupid things isn't an impeachable offense. Involving a foreign country

in an American election potentially is one.

Wrestling with those issues is the price of a viable democracy. It's like Ben Franklin said when asked, after delegates signed the Constitution, what kind of government would Americans have? A monarchy or a republic?

"A republic," Franklin replied. "If you can keep it."

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# O'Hare plan that spreads out nighttime jet noise starts Sunday

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

A plan intended to spread the pain of nighttime jet noise more equitably among communities around O'Hare International Airport will start Sunday and continue into May.

Currently, O'Hare uses just the parallel, east-west runways at night. The so-called "Interim Fly Quiet" plan will mix in diagonal runways, so an east-west runway will be used one week, then a diagonal runway the next, then back to east-west, with adjustments made depending on weather and other factors.

It will mean more noise for suburbs like Des Plaines, to the northwest of the airport, while areas more directly east or west, such as Bensenville and some North Side Chicago neighborhoods, will get less.

"It will help every com-

munity that is impacted by the use of the parallel runways at nighttime," said Bensenville Village Manager Evan Summers. "It also offers predictability. This week you get relief, then you go back to the status quo and the next week you get relief again."

Summers is on the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, a group of municipalities and school districts around the airport that approved the plan in December 2017. Versions of the plan were tested starting in 2016. The Federal Aviation Administration approved it to move forward this year.

Residents of communities around the airport have complained for decades about jets roaring over their houses, disrupting sleep and rattling the china. Complaints rose after the city began shifting traffic from

the diagonal runways to newer parallel east-west runways, which concentrate more traffic over the city's North Side and the western suburbs.

The Fly Quiet plan continues for 28 weeks, through May 17, when work is scheduled to begin on Runway 4R-22L pavement rehabilitation, according to a statement from the noise commission. The plan will resume Sept. 13 and be in place for 20 weeks through February 2021, when it will end with the construction of the Runway 9R extension.

The commission is working on a Fly Quiet 2021 plan, Summers said. "It's much more complicated, and it'll be a more permanent configuration, so we have to get it right."

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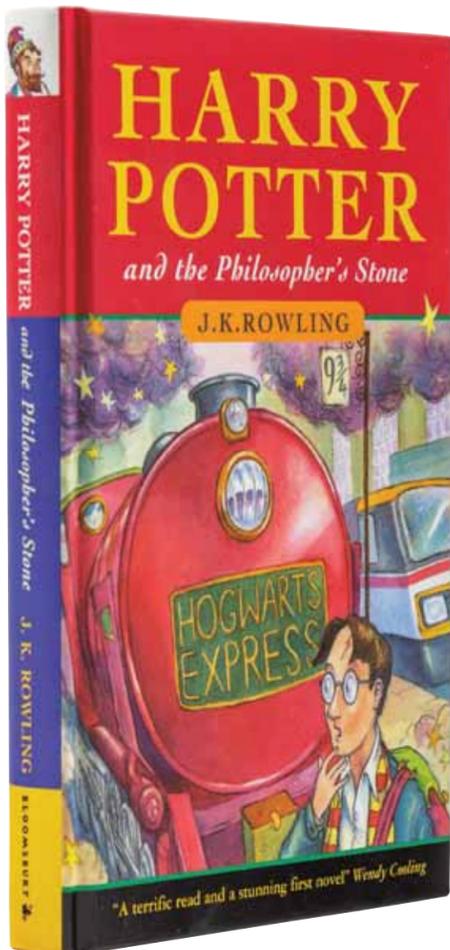
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President Donald Trump took offense that police Superintendent Eddie Johnson did not attend an annual police chiefs conference at McCormick Place on Monday.

## Lightfoot fires back after Trump rips Johnson again

BY JEREMY GORNER

Days after he came to Chicago and lobbed insults at police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, President Donald Trump took to Twitter on Friday to continue his verbal assault on the city's top cop.

"Chicago will never stop its crime wave with the current Superintendent of Police. It just won't happen! Thank you to Kevin Graham and all of the GREAT Chicago Police Officers I just had the privilege to meet. Tremendous crime fighting potential if allowed to do your thing!"

Hours later, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot fired back, accusing the president of perpetrating a crime wave of his own from the White House.

"Superintendent Eddie Johnson is a lifelong Chicagoan who has dedicated his career to public service. You only serve yourself. The crime wave you should be concerned about is the one you are perpetrating against the American people from the White House," Lightfoot tweeted.

Trump came to Chicago on Monday for a high-dollar fundraiser at Trump Tower, and for a speech at an international police chiefs conference at McCormick Place. During his speech, Trump criticized Johnson, who had boycotted the remarks but attended other portions of the convention saying the president's ad-

dress was not in line with his or the city's values.

Johnson's absence prompted the president to go on a highly personal attack against the police superintendent.

"There is one person who is not here today. We're in Chicago. I said, 'Where is he? I want to talk to him.' In fact, more than anyone else, he should be here, because maybe he could learn something," Trump said of Johnson before several hundred applauding convention attendees.

Trump on Monday called Johnson's rationale for avoiding his speech "a very insulting statement after all I've done for the police. And I've done more than any other president has ever done for the police."

"Here's a man who could not bother to show up for a meeting of police chiefs, the most respected people in the country, in his hometown and with the president of the United States. And you know why? It's because he's not doing his job."

On Friday, Johnson scoffed at Trump's tweet when asked about it during an unrelated news conference at Chicago police headquarters.

"What's the point?" Johnson said in an annoyed tone. "I don't need to respond ... to him."

But in response to the tweet, Johnson also pointed to reductions in violence in Chicago over the last sev-

eral years. For instance, Chicago's 424 homicides through October have dropped by 11% from 478 during the first 10 months of last year, according to official Chicago police statistics.

Since 2016, when there were 638 during the first 10 months of that year, there's been a 34% reduction in slayings. As for total shooting victims, the number of people shot fatally and non-fatally has dropped by 9% this year when compared with the same 10-month period in 2015.

Through October of this year, Chicago has had 2,242 people shot compared with 2,471 during the same period four years ago, the statistics show.

"I've been here for 31 years fighting crime in this city. I don't worry about any external stuff. I worry about what we have in front of us," Johnson said.

"The fact of it is that numbers do matter. Facts matter. And the facts are that we've steadily been bringing these numbers down ... So that's what we need to focus on."

In his Friday morning tweet, the president also thanked Graham, the president of the city's Fraternal Order of Police, who greeted him Monday after he landed at O'Hare International Airport.

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# SEC joins federal authorities investigating ComEd and Exelon

BY RAY LONG

ComEd and parent company Exelon Utilities are facing more scrutiny from federal authorities, this time the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The companies already have been hit with federal grand jury subpoenas over their lobbying activities. Now the companies report in their new quarterly filing that the SEC also is looking into lobbying activities and they are cooperating with the probe.

Exelon Utilities CEO Anne Pramaggiore retired abruptly two weeks ago; a week later, she decided to step down early as chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

A source with knowledge of the case in Chicago has told the Tribune that Pramaggiore is one focus of the ongoing federal investiga-



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Anne Pramaggiore retired from Exelon and resigned as chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

tion.

ComEd disclosed in June that the company and Exelon had received a federal grand jury subpoena "requiring production of information concerning their lobbying activities" in Illinois. An October subpoena sought "communications" between the companies and state Sen. Martin Sandoval,

a Chicago Democrat whose Capitol office was raided last month.

The ComEd lobbying investigation dates to at least mid-May, when the FBI executed search warrants at the homes of former lobbyist Mike McClain of Quincy, a longtime confidant of House Speaker Michael Madigan, and of former 23rd Ward Ald. Michael Zalewski.

The information sought by the FBI included records of communications among Madigan, McClain and Zalewski about attempts to obtain ComEd lobbying work for Zalewski, the Tribune has reported.

In Springfield this week, Madigan said: "I'm not a target of anything." He called for a review and strengthening of lobbying laws.

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# No home for a child

AJ, from Page 1

calls, a filthy house, domestic violence, misdemeanor arrests and two prior incidents in which AJ had suspicious bruising.

Even knowing all this, the way AJ died was shocking. The 5-year-old boy who loved books and puzzles, playing with firetrucks, bulldozers and his two brothers was fatally beaten in his own home, prosecutors say. His parents allegedly forced AJ into a cold shower, put him to bed wet and naked and, after they found he had died, reported their son missing.

After six days of searching, the child was found in a shallow grave, wrapped in plastic, about 7 miles from his home.

Cunningham's mother, Lori Hughes, knew her daughter was capable of many terrible things, from lying to manipulation to neglect. But Hughes, in her first public comments since the tragedy unfolded, said she still cannot understand how the artistic, straitlaced "girly girl" she raised is now accused of something so unfathomable.

"This is the JoAnn I raised," said Hughes, holding a photo of Cunningham on her wedding day. "She was a beautiful girl. She was a beautiful woman and a great mom. She really was."

Hughes paused.

"Up until the drug use."

## Early promise

At Crystal Lake Community High School, Andrew Thomas Freund was voted the Class of '77's "most desirable date."

High school yearbooks capture a time of popularity and promise for Freund. He wore a Tiger uniform on the football and baseball teams, snapped photos on the yearbook staff and was a member of the senior class varsity club.

A black-and-white yearbook photo shows Freund dressed in a tuxedo and ruffled shirt, a crown atop his head, posing after being voted prince of the junior prom.

Classmates described him as popular but quiet, with a wry sense of humor. They called him Drew, a nickname that stuck. It was in high school that Freund began using alcohol to cope with his problems, he would later admit in a lengthy 2014 interview with child welfare officials reviewed by the Tribune.

"He was very shy," said Sue Lowry, who graduated high school with him. "Everybody loved him, especially the girls."

In the summer of 1975, when Freund was 16, his mother filed for divorce to end her 26-year marriage, accusing her husband of infidelity and mental cruelty. Helen Freund also alleged her husband "has for long periods of time continuously and repeatedly been in an intoxicated condition causing the plaintiff great embarrassment," according to court records.

Freund and an older brother remained with their mother, a registered nurse who worked part time for a local school district.

Their architect father, Robert Freund Sr., remarried. In records reviewed by the Tribune, Andrew Freund described an often distant relationship with his dad, now 91, and his brother, but he said he remained close with his mother until her death in 2006.

Freund graduated with high honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1981, obtaining a bachelor's degree in accounting. Three years later, he earned a law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Freund settled in at a Crystal Lake law firm but said he was "asked to leave" due to his alcohol problems in 1994, according to records. He sought out substance abuse treatment but, Freund told child welfare officials, relapsed with alcohol and opioids during stressful times in his life, including after his mother's death.

Eileen Kozlowski said she briefly knew Freund several years ago when the two attended the same Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. She recalled he came alone, typically dressed in U. of I. gear. He rarely spoke, she said, and seemed to be in poor health.

"He never shared a lot," Kozlowski said. "He'd say, 'I'm just here to listen. I'm going to pass' when it was his turn. I never knew what his deal was. I always questioned to myself, 'What is he even doing here if he's not going to participate?'"

Over the next 15 years, Freund practiced law on and off out of his longtime Crystal Lake home on Dole Avenue. In 2012, he also worked part time at a local grocery store. A former co-worker, Michael York, said he and other employees wondered why a licensed attorney was bagging groceries and stocking shelves.

Freund said he was "trying to drum up legal business," York recalled, but he realized the attorney was in dire financial straits after he began renting a room in Freund's basement.

York, a divorced father of two, said he moved into Freund's house that June after hiring the attorney to represent him in a custody battle with his ex-wife. York said it became apparent that Freund had a pill issue, and he assumed Freund worked at the grocery store for the health insurance benefits.

"There were prescription pill bottles everywhere," said York, who recalled seeing Vicodin on some of the labels. "When I moved in, it all became crystal clear. I walked back to the store and said, 'I know why he's here.'"

## A happy childhood

JoAnn Cunningham's parents arrived in the summer of 1979, two years after Freund graduated high school. Her mom, Lori, was just 18.

Her husband, Joseph E. Cunningham III, was the 20-year-old son of a successful Korean War veteran who owned an electronic security systems business in the



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White painted boards shutter the former home of Andrew Freund, JoAnn Cunningham and their two sons in Crystal Lake in August. Cunningham and Freund are charged with murder in the death of the older boy, AJ.



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Cunningham, left, and Freund attend a family event in McHenry County in an undated photo.

northwest suburbs. The newlyweds moved in with Cunningham's parents in Roselle and welcomed a son, Joseph Donald, late that same year.

But about two weeks before the couple's first wedding anniversary, Joseph Cunningham was arrested and accused of burglarizing a home. The unemployed electrician pleaded guilty.

"Do you have a family?" the DuPage County judge asked him, according to a transcript of the 1983 proceeding. "Yeah, one and a half," said Cunningham, 24. "I got one coming."

Two weeks later, on Feb. 28, JoAnn Doris Cunningham was born. She was named in honor of her paternal grandmother, who had died just weeks earlier.

Her mother filed for divorce that same year, at age 22. The mother of two also sought an order of protection, alleging in various court documents that her estranged husband had an "uncontrollable temper" and is "a man possessed of a mean and violent disposition" who drank heavily.

Their divorce was finalized in September 1984, when JoAnn was about 19 months old. Her father's life continued to deteriorate. He served three stints in prison in the late 1980s and 1990s on burglary, theft and drug charges, according to Illinois corrections records.

In a 1989 psychological report contained in one of his DuPage County criminal court files, he admitted to years of drug use, bar fights, burglaries, hospitalizations, depression and failed suicide attempts. He began using drugs at 14, he said, starting with pot and then LSD, cocaine and other substan-

ces. He blamed his divorce on his drug addiction, "erratic lifestyle" and anger issues. He conceded his family withstood "a lot of abuse from him."

JoAnn Cunningham's father was 44 when he died in 2003 in a Los Angeles County hospital, according to medical examiner's records. He had been found unresponsive earlier that day in a parking lot. Authorities described him as a longtime homeless man with a history of alcohol and drug abuse who suffered a fatal head injury after an accidental fall on the pavement. Severe cirrhosis was listed as a contributing factor in his death.

Her father was "not a good role model" and never involved in her life, according to a detailed interview child welfare officials had with Cunningham in 2014. But Cunningham said she had a good childhood.

Her mother agreed. Hughes said they had a "normal, happy life" with family camping trips and vacations to spots like Disney World.

When Cunningham was 7, her mother remarried. Cunningham said she had a close relationship with her stepfather. As a child, she said, the only discipline she received was to be grounded or sent to her bedroom.

The family moved from the Schaumburg area to Harvard in McHenry County when Cunningham was about 10. She was a good student who played basketball and ran track in elementary school, records show. Hughes said the two were close. Back then, she never worried that her daughter would have anything less than a good future.

"She never got into trouble," her mother said.

## Turning points

When JoAnn was young, she wanted to be an artist, according to her mother. An avid sketcher, she showed enough promise to be accepted into an invitation-only art camp to study under the guidance of college faculty and local artists.

But at 16, while still in high school, Cunningham got pregnant.

She and her boyfriend met through mutual friends when she was about 14, records show. Christopher Butler, 2½ years older, grew up nearby on McCullom Lake in McHenry.

Cunningham dropped out of school, against Hughes' wishes, and moved in with Butler at his parents' house. The baby, a boy, was born in July 2000. The young mother obtained her GED during this time and, Hughes said, devoted her life to her child.

A year before her son was born, Cunningham inherited about \$50,000 after her paternal grandfather died at 70, according to court records. The money came without restrictions, and Cunningham spent it on big-ticket items like a Jeep and boat, her mother said. The young couple spent time boating and fishing on the lake and raised their son with their parents' help.

In July 2001, Cunningham's only sibling, Joseph, 21, committed suicide in Winnebago County, according to a coroner's report. His girlfriend had called 911 for help, telling police he told her he was "going to be with grandpa tonight."

Records show that financial issues had forced him to sell a house in Roscoe he bought with his inheritance money. He hanged himself from a tree branch in a



FAMILY PHOTO

Cunningham on her wedding day in May 2009. She met attorney Andrew Freund during her divorce three years later.



CRYSTAL LAKE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Freund was crowned junior class prom prince. Classmates described him as popular but quiet, with a wry sense of humor.

wooded area near his former home. Tests showed he had cocaine and marijuana in his system.

"Family had observed that Joseph had been depressed and using drugs more often since the death of his grandfather," the coroner's report said. "He also had in the past attempted to commit suicide, but was found before the act was completed."

Cunningham said her brother was her best friend and she "struggled to cope with his death," according to later interviews with child welfare officials, contained in records reviewed by the Tribune. She said his death left a "huge gap" in her life.

Cunningham's relationship with Butler, her child's father, lasted nearly a decade, though they never married. Police records show the relationship was punctuated with violence.

In March 2003, Butler was charged with domestic battery after he allegedly punched Cunningham in the stomach during a dispute at their neighbor's home in McHenry, records show. Cunningham, who was 20 at the time, posted Butler's bail that next day. The charges eventually were dropped.

Hughes said her daughter moved back home by age 23, with the 5-year-old boy, after the young couple broke up.

Cunningham's mom and stepdad helped raise her son while she completed cosmetology school. She became licensed in September 2005. Hughes recalled that Cunningham, despite her young age, was an excellent mother to her son — loving and attentive.

"She spent lots of time teaching him letters and numbers and reading," Hughes

said. "He could play Monopoly and be the banker at 5."

Cunningham began dating her future husband, Craig Summerkamp Jr., in 2006. The two were the same age and met at a party, Hughes said. On New Year's Eve 2007, he proposed, giving her a \$10,000 engagement ring and band, according to court records.

Her fiancé had little in common with Butler, who was described by family as "a free spirit." Summerkamp had served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Iraq War and owned a home in an unincorporated area near McHenry.

It was about that time, Cunningham would later say, that she began taking a prescription painkiller because of chronic back pain due to fibromyalgia. Hughes said she does not know if there was an actual medical diagnosis, but she recalled her daughter complaining of pain after working long hours on her feet as a hairstylist and cosmetology teacher.

Cunningham married Summerkamp in May 2009, according to court records. Two years later, she became a licensed foster parent to her 6-year-old godson, whom she described as a distant relative of Butler's.

She told the foster care licensing specialist that she took a prescription painkiller but said it would not affect her ability to care for the boy and her biological son. In a letter of reference, a local pastor and his wife wrote that they had weekly contact with the couple, describing them as a loving and stable family with "extremely good morals."

Less than three years into the marriage, in January 2012, her husband filed for

divorce. Summerkamp accused his wife of becoming violent during arguments, including twice punching him on the side of his face, throwing hot coffee at him and trying to kick him down a flight of stairs, according to divorce records.

By this time, Cunningham needed a mix of 12 to 15 painkillers — including Norco, Percocet and morphine — to get through the day. She admitted buying them illegally on the street when she could no longer get a doctor to prescribe painkillers, according to her later interviews with child welfare officials.

Summerkamp did not respond to Tribune requests for comment. But in an April interview with the British website DailyMail.com, he said: "Our marriage started off well and it was like a switch flipped in her head."

"She was a decent person. But then she got hooked on pills and it all went downhill superfast."

## Moving in with Freund

Summerkamp moved out of the home he bought before the marriage in 2012 and agreed Cunningham should remain until the summer so her son and foster child could finish the school year, records show.

Freund filed his first appearance as Cunningham's divorce attorney in February.

"She was crying in the hallway of the courthouse, and he saw her sitting there and walked over ... and said he'd help her for free," her mother, Hughes, recalled of the chance meeting.

Cunningham sought continued financial support from her estranged husband, citing her fibromyalgia, an injured ankle and her need to take care of her son and foster child as reasons she could not work.

"I am a very good person," she said in a February 2012 divorce filing.

Police made frequent visits to the house that year, with Cunningham asking officers to investigate whether someone had bugged her home, hacked into her phone and email, and was keeping her under surveillance.

Summerkamp also complained to police that Cunningham was selling his belongings at a garage sale without his permission. She told police she needed the money for her car payment but agreed to end the sale.

Two neighbors called police to complain about Cunningham that June. In one incident, she approached a man on his property, accused his wife of calling DCFS on her and yelled "stay out of my business," according to the police report. She also accused Summerkamp in the divorce case of calling DCFS with false allegations.

The agency received two hotline calls that month alleging Cunningham was abusing prescription drugs and neglecting her foster child, records show.

One Hope United, a nonprofit agency that DCFS had hired to monitor her foster child's care, noted Cunningham was going through a difficult divorce and struggling financially, but the caseworker who made twice-weekly home visits did not report safety concerns at that time.

Freund vouched for Cunningham in a phone call with the caseworker. He identified himself as her friend. "He stated she was a good mother," a July 2012 document says. "He had no concerns."

Nothing came of the DCFS hotline calls, initially. But, within two months, Hughes said, Cunningham's decline worsened. For example, she was convinced that a neighbor who had called police and DCFS was trying to kill her, Hughes said. Cunningham even forced her son at times to remain in her bedroom, which she called a "safe room," and said if they left the room the neighbor would kill them, according to court records.

Hughes said she and other relatives confronted Cunningham about possible illicit drug use, which she denied, and encouraged her to get into rehab for her dependence on painkillers.

"She was hallucinating. She was going downhill fast," said Hughes, who said she used to drop off bags of food at her daughter's doorstep and look for her grandson after school to make sure he was OK. "You had to walk a fine line with JoAnn. You had to be careful because she would cut you off, and I didn't want to lose (access to) my grandson."

Cunningham had moved into Freund's home in Crystal Lake by August. In her divorce case, she was accused of causing nearly \$20,000 in damage to Summerkamp's house before she left. The house reeked of dog waste and urine, had insect and mold infestations, and suffered major damage including kitchen appliance fires, according to divorce records and court testimony.

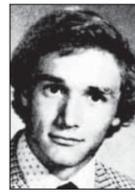
By then, the caseworker monitoring Cunningham's foster son was losing confidence in her, noting Cunningham's problems and her struggles to drive the boy to see his parents for scheduled visits. Police were called when the caseworker discovered Cunningham had moved with him and her son without notification, and DCFS removed the foster boy, 7, from her care. She voluntarily surrendered her foster license.

Her divorce trial began Oct. 9, but the judge temporarily delayed proceedings because he suspected Cunningham had showed up to court impaired. Later that month, she and Freund were found guilty of indirect criminal contempt for removing items from Summerkamp's house in violation of a court order.

"I would prefer not to go to jail," she told the judge regarding sentencing. "I've never



JoAnn Cunningham's 10th grade photo in the 1999 Harvard High School yearbook.



Andrew Freund's senior portrait in the 1977 Crystal Lake Community High School yearbook.

been in trouble before. I never had a ticket in my life."

The judge ordered Cunningham to serve 30 days in the McHenry County jail after telling her he had "zero faith" she'd comply with a less harsh punishment, such as paying a fine. Freund received a 14-day jail sentence.

During this time, Hughes began raising her 12-year-old grandson. It was an informal arrangement at first; Hughes said he had been spending more time at her home in the previous months as Cunningham struggled with the divorce.

Shortly after Cunningham began serving her jail term, her ex, Christopher Butler, died on Nov. 17 of a drug overdose at age 32, coroner's officials said. Hughes said she went to the Woodstock jail to tell her daughter, who cried upon hearing the news.

His fatal overdose marked the third time Cunningham had lost someone unexpectedly, including the deaths several years earlier of her brother and the father she never knew. All three were related to substance abuse.

One month after Butler's death, Cunningham's marriage was officially dissolved. The judge found she "has been guilty of repeated acts of physical violence" against her husband and denied Cunningham's request for continued financial support, ruling she is unemployed for "no stated credible reason."

She later acknowledged to child welfare officials that around this time, her painkiller addiction progressed into something even more serious — she was using heroin. When asked how it began, Cunningham said that after she got out of jail, she posted bail money for a woman whom she had befriended as the two served their sentences.

As repayment, she said, the woman gave her heroin. And soon Cunningham was addicted.

## Arguments, threats, police visits

When Cunningham moved into Freund's house, her presence changed everything, said York, Freund's former roommate.

York knew Freund had a pill problem and a past alcohol addiction. Still, he said, "Early on, it was almost a functional arrangement."

"After she moved in, then the madness began," York said. "I began seeing things I never would have thought he was capable of."

The first documented trouble between Freund and Cunningham began within days of her arrival. There would be a half-dozen police calls by the end of 2012, with many more to follow.

In the first incident, paramedics took Cunningham for a mental health evaluation on Aug. 24 after a friend called police to report she had texted, "I'll see you on the other side." She also texted Freund, "I'm going to hang myself in your house."

The two had argued that day. Police found her asleep inside the house, a 10-foot red rope near her bed. She tearfully admitted sending the texts but would not say why, according to the police report.

Officers were back twice in September when York accused the couple of pawning his personal items to buy Vicodin illegally when he was at work. No one was charged. Police stood by as York moved out at the end of the month.

"Once upon a time, that house was nice," he told the Tribune. "After she moved in, all these low-life degenerates and teenage kids would come by at all hours of the night. I saw needles and I lost my mind."

York's kids would sleep over during visits, he said. "I knew it wasn't a safe environment. I had to get out."

York said the couple fought "all the time ... almost from the start. He did kick her out a few times, but he would cave and she'd be back the next day." Though the two kept separate bedrooms, York said Freund and Cunningham were romantically involved while he lived there.

York described her initially as "very personable, very outgoing and attractive." That changed rapidly. He said she slept most of the day and was always "high." He said she told him pills were "a necessity" to get through the day.

She easily had the more volatile temper of the two, according to York.

"I saw it," he said. "She's got a powder-keg temper. If you got in her bad graces, she would turn on you quick, like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

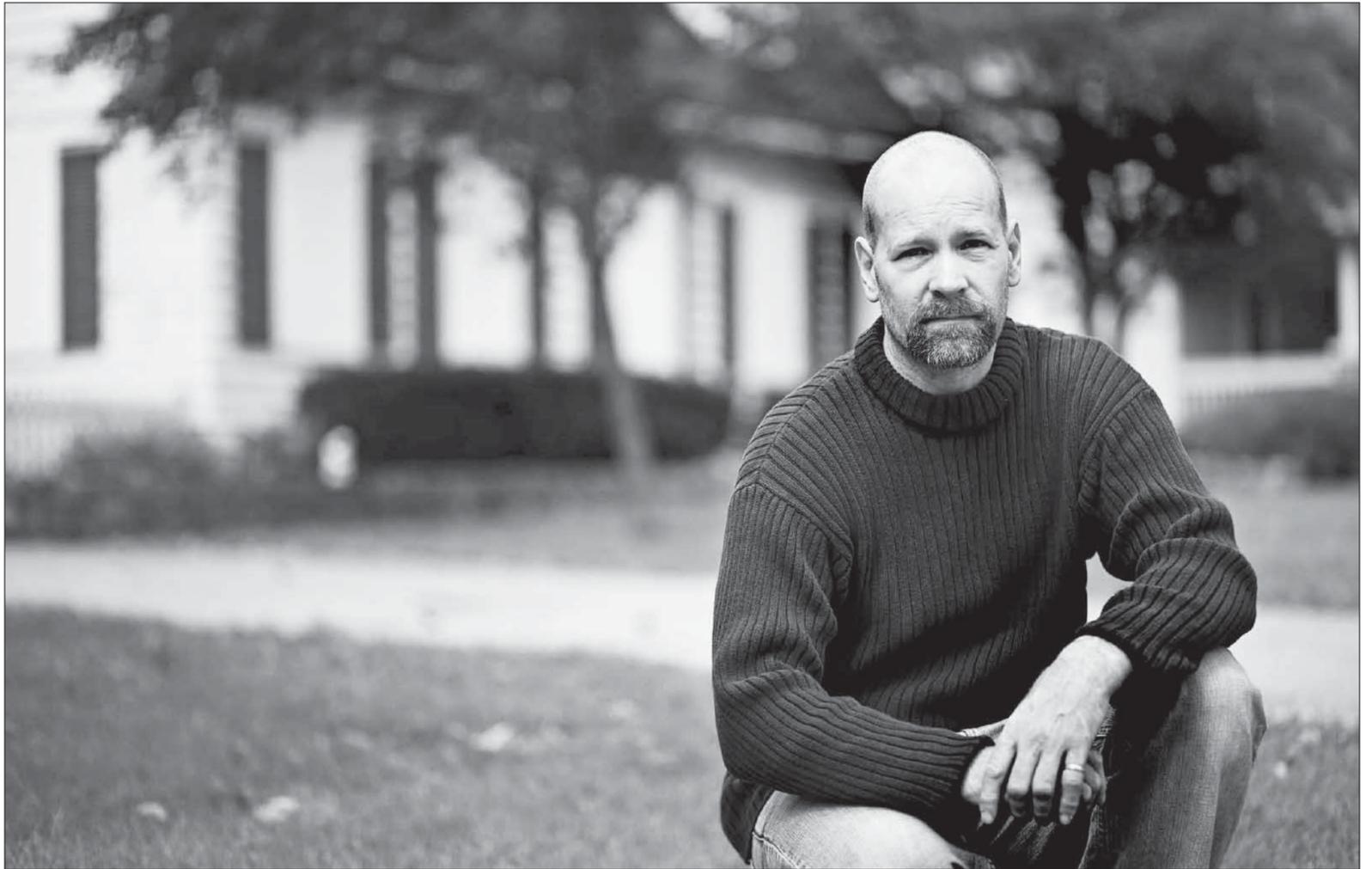
Late Oct. 1, 2012, Freund walked into the Crystal Lake police lobby wearing only his underwear and a blanket, alleging Cunningham had flown into a fit of rage — hurling pens and pencils at him and punching him in the head — after he told her he was too tired to work on her divorce case. She denied it, and he declined to pursue charges.

Officers were called to the house for three more fights that month, including when Freund accused Cunningham of smacking him in the face as the two argued while rearranging furniture. He again declined to pursue charges, but police said they called DCFS because Cunningham's son was in another room when the fight erupted.

DCFS did not investigate the complaint. The agency typically opens investigations in about a third of all calls to its hotline, agency statistics show. Of the complaints that are investigated, 1 in 4 is deemed credible enough to be "indicated."

On Oct. 25, officers responded to two

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Michael York rented a living space from Andrew Freund in 2012 but moved out soon after JoAnn Cunningham moved in. "It wasn't a safe environment" for his kids, who visited him.

# No home for a child

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domestic calls at the home. York said he was in the house trying to collect his children's kittens from his former basement apartment when his daughter came running down the basement stairs screaming, "Daddy! Daddy!"

Consistent with his statement to police, York told the Tribune he raced up the stairs to see Freund with a clenched fist standing over Cunningham saying, "You want another one of these?" York said he tried to intervene and Freund nearly knocked him down the stairs, ripping York's shirt in the process. Freund was arrested on a charge of battery in the incident.

"I'm holding on to the railing with one hand and calling the police with the other," York said.

## Grandmother steps in

Amid the chaos was a 12-year-old boy. Hughes said her grandson began spending more time at her McHenry County home to escape the "madness" of his mother's life. The grandmother was relieved when the boy came to stay with her full time in late 2012, as Cunningham served her 30-day jail stint.

"He came to me with a shirt, shorts and some shoes I had to throw away because they were so dirty and old," said Hughes, who had gone through a second divorce four years earlier and was living with a boyfriend.

Two days before Christmas, Cunningham tried to pick up her son after her release from custody. Hughes refused to give the child back, and Cunningham called police.

According to the police report, the boy did not want to leave. An officer who interviewed him wrote that "he loves his mother very much, however, he does not want to move back with her right now because she has (substance) abuse problems and she needs to get herself better. He also advised he is not comfortable with the living conditions at (his mother's) residence."

Police allowed him to stay with his grandmother that night after he promised to spend Christmas Day with his mom, the police report said.

Hughes called the DCFS hotline that next day — Christmas Eve — and accused her daughter of being mentally unstable, abusing drugs, neglecting her son and living in squalor with Freund.

Hughes told the Tribune she loved her daughter but "I knew I had to protect him."

DCFS investigated Hughes' hotline call and ultimately determined the allegations were unfounded. Hughes said she realized she was on her own, without help from the state.

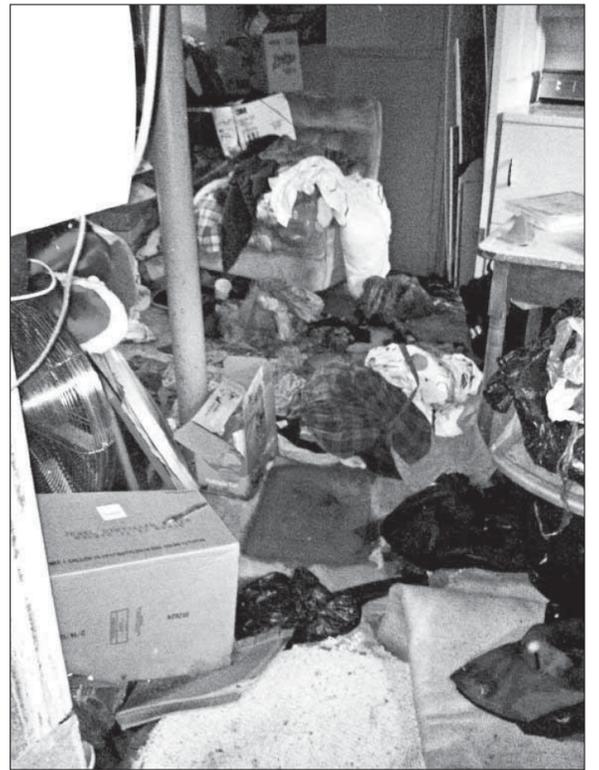
In January 2013, Cunningham asked a judge to force her mother to return her son. Hughes quickly responded with a lengthy petition for legal custody. In court records, Hughes accused her daughter of being an unfit parent, stating that Cunningham even had told the boy she'd kill herself if he did not come home.

In her petition for custody, Hughes described conditions she had witnessed months earlier inside her daughter's home with Freund. She stated the home often was without heat, running water or a working telephone. Hughes said she cleaned floors covered in dog waste, dirty dishes and piles of cat urine-soaked laundry.

Though Freund never served in the military, he had acquired a U.S. Army uniform and medals and walked "around the house with a gun in hand," frightening her grandson, Hughes' petition alleged.

There was often no food in Cunningham's house — just marshmallows and water — and the boy would go to school without lunch money or clean clothing, the grandmother said in court documents.

She said he slept in a basement that was a



CRYSTAL LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2013

According to JoAnn Cunningham's mother, Lori Hughes, the Freund-Cunningham home in Crystal Lake often lacked heat, running water or a working phone. Hughes said she cleaned floors covered in dog waste, dirty dishes and piles of cat urine-soaked laundry.



FAMILY PHOTO

AJ's mother had been court-ordered to get anger management counseling and drug treatment. His father was to get help for drug and alcohol issues.

"dumping ground for animals" and he was often neglected, including once when he had strep throat. The boy witnessed violence between Cunningham and Freund, the petition stated, including when his mother "drew a knife and threatened" Freund and Freund shoved her down the stairs.

Freund was abusing cocaine and Oxycontin, Hughes alleged. She said Cunningham and Freund drove with the boy to Wisconsin several times while under the influence of medications, seeking to buy Vicodin illegally. Cunningham, she also alleged, had admitted to the boy that she took illegal drugs.

A McHenry County judge allowed Cunningham's son to remain with his grandmother as the court case continued. Hughes was awarded permanent custody nine months later in October 2013.

Cunningham again petitioned the court to get back custody in 2015, citing her sobriety and ongoing drug treatment, but

she was not successful. Freund acted as her attorney.

Her son never did live with Cunningham again after 2012.

Though Hughes would bring the boy to visit with his mom, she said her relationship with her daughter was never the same. The child flourished in school and sports while being raised by his grandmother and her boyfriend. Now 19, he is a college sophomore.

"With everything that he has gone through, he's been so successful and mature," Hughes said. "I'm very proud of him."

## A new pregnancy

By 2013, police records show, the struggling lawyer and the former hairdresser were scrounging for any money they could find to support their drug habits.

One fight began when Cunningham accused Freund of stealing some of the \$18 they had collected that morning after recycling soda cans and empty ammunition casings.

A friend who had stopped by the couple's home called police after witnessing Cunningham pummeling Freund and calling him a loser. Freund crouched down, covering his face with his hands, not fighting back, according to the police report.

Freund had a black eye from a previous, unknown incident, the report said. The couple denied the argument was physical, but the friend who witnessed it signed a complaint against Cunningham and she was charged with aggravated battery.

Cunningham was arrested three more times that June and July on retail theft charges and for a related warrant. Freund was picked up once for retail theft as well.

Authorities allege Cunningham used discarded receipts she found to "return" items she had just taken off store shelves, and Freund layered stolen clothing beneath his own or hid items in his spandex shorts and compression socks.

Searching their car, police found stolen merchandise from stores as well as syringes and other drug paraphernalia. In Cunningham's purse, officers once reported finding handwritten notes on pink paper that listed

various stores to visit and which items to take.

In court, Cunningham was convicted in one of the retail theft cases and of battering Freund. She was ordered as part of her sentence to undergo anger management counseling and drug treatment. In his case, Freund agreed as a sentencing requirement to get help for his drug and alcohol dependency as well.

Freund had suffered a stroke and was not allowed to practice law after failing to register with the state and neglecting to fulfill continuing education requirements. He got a temporary job through a friend doing manual labor. But after a service elevator fell on his hand, crushing it, the couple lived on Freund's disability checks, records show.

York said Cunningham approached him that spring at the grocery store where he still worked and asked for help. He gave her a few dollars and stopped by the house a couple of times afterward to drop off groceries and food for the couple's pets, York said.

Once while there, York said he asked Cunningham if she knew who had adopted his kids' kittens. He had been led to believe by Freund that the kittens were given away after his attempt to collect them was disrupted, York said.

Cunningham told him the animals were still in the basement. "We don't go down there," he recalls her saying. "Those cats are like wild animals."

York was taken aback and later filed an animal cruelty report with police, who found a broken window pane in a basement door had allowed the cats to come and go.

"How could you watch an animal suffer like that without even blinking an eye?" York said. "They may have been good people at one time, but the drugs turned them into monsters without affection or empathy."

At the time, Cunningham was pregnant with her second child. The baby was due that fall.

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## Joliet Diocese is sued over allegation involving priest

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

The Diocese of Joliet is facing a lawsuit in connection to a priest who is accused of sexually assaulting a man who has a disability while visiting a Kankakee development center to minister to residents there.

Richard Jacklin, 67, was criminally charged in 2017 after a nurse reported walking in on Jacklin performing a sex act on a 39-year-old man who was living at the Shapiro Developmental Center, prosecutors said. The center provides housing and care for people with intellectual disabilities. The man is paralyzed and has an intellectual disability.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday, accuses the diocese of failing to properly investigate Jacklin and protect people with disabilities from the priest. Diocese priests visited Shapiro to provide religious counseling and other services to residents, according to the suit.

The suit was filed by attorneys for the Illinois Office of State Guardian on behalf of the man, who is a ward of the state. Named as defendants are the diocese, Jacklin and Bishop Daniel Conlon. Alex Rechenmacher, a spokesman for

the diocese, said he cannot comment on the lawsuit because the diocese hasn't yet been served.

Jacklin no longer has the ability to minister, Rechenmacher said.

The plaintiffs are asking a court to award more than \$50,000 and court costs.

"This is yet another tragic example of a priest using his position of power and trust to hurt a vulnerable victim he was supposed to be trying to help," attorney Timothy J. Cavanagh said in a statement.

Jacklin's charges of criminal sexual assault by force and sexual misconduct on a person with a disability remain pending, according to Kankakee County court records.

As a result of the alleged abuse, the man, now around 41, suffers from trauma and has difficulty trusting adult men, according to the lawsuit.

"The diocese knew or should have been aware of Richard Jacklin's propensity to sexually abuse those who he was ministering," the suit said.

The Diocese of Joliet has already paid out at least \$4.14 million connected to



Jacklin

sexual misconduct claims. In April 2015, the diocese settled with 14 men who said they were abused as children by priests assigned to their suburban parishes.

Jacklin was ordained in 1984 and was assigned in 2005 to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Kankakee County, where he served until his arrest, according to Tribune archives.

He was one of two retired priests accused of sexual misconduct who attracted controversy because they were living in a Naperville retirement facility adjacent to a junior high school in 2018, according to the Naperville Sun.

Jacklin and James Nowak, who served as pastor at Saints Peter and Paul in Naperville from June 2002 to June 2007, lived at St. John Vianney Villa, just across a fence from Kennedy Junior High School in Lisle, until the Naperville School District 203 and the Naperville and Lisle police departments urged the diocese to move them.

The diocese did not disclose where the priests were moved, only saying they were not living near a school.

## CFD faces calls for more diversity in ranks

BY JOHN BYRNE

Chicago has the largest number of women fighting fires and working on ambulances of any city in the country, the city's fire commissioner said Wednesday, but they make up less than 10% of the department's total personnel.

In a department that has long dealt with diversity issues, aldermen also pressed Chicago Fire Department officials to better address the underrepresentation of black and Latino firefighters on the force, an annual complaint when of-

ficials come to City Hall for their budget hearing.

Commissioner Richard Ford II called on aldermen to help get more minorities to take tests to get on the force. "When we do our outreach for recruitment, we really don't have control over who is coming in to take this test," Ford said. "What I would like to do is work with the aldermen, work with (Department of Human Resources) to increase that list, and thereby increase the diversity."

There are now 450 women working as firefighters or paramedics, Ford said, com-

pared with 116 women in 2011. That's "the largest amount of female members, firefighters and paramedics, in the country," Ford said.

But the 4,700-member department is still more than 90% male, he said.

The Fire Department is asking for \$40 million for overtime in 2020, after budgeting \$30 million this year. It routinely runs past the budgeted OT amount. In 2018, the department OT totaled \$58.8 million, according to the city.

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# Proposal would ban criminal checks on public speakers

Issue surfaced after Tribune reports on CPD practice

BY JEREMY GORNER AND GREGORY PRATT

A state lawmaker has proposed legislation that would make it illegal for law enforcement in Illinois to run criminal background checks on citizens who speak at public meetings.

The proposal by freshman state Rep. Kambium Buckner follows Chicago Tribune reports disclosing how the Chicago police ran secret background checks for more than a decade on several hundred citizens who signed up to speak at public Police Board meetings.

The revelation drew outrage from current and past Police Board members who said they had no idea that the practice had gone on. In addition, Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who once headed the Police Board, ordered an immediate stop to the checks. At her request, city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office is investigating the origins and scope of the practice.

A day after the Tribune ran its first story about the checks in July, the Police Department issued a rare apology.

Buckner's legislation would amend the Illinois Open Meetings Act and call for potential felony criminal charges for anyone violating the ban on background checks on speakers at public

meetings. It's likely lawmakers won't consider the bill until spring.

In a phone interview, Buckner praised Lightfoot for her swift condemnation of the background checks, but the Chicago Democrat said legislation is still necessary to ensure they're never done again.

"We want folks to feel like their voice should be heard without having the pressure from being watched under some kind of Orwellian '1984' police state," he said.

Buckner acknowledged, though, that he had no idea how widespread the practice is.

Asked if he was aware of background checks being conducted for any other public meetings in Illinois, he said, "I don't know that it doesn't happen. But I also don't know that it does happen."

The proposed legislation might grant exemptions for security reasons but set limits on how long police departments are allowed keep the background information.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, which has blasted the background checks on Police Board speakers, expects to support Buckner's proposal, said spokesman Edwin Yohnka.

"It is surprising that we have to pass a law to block someone from being subject to criminal investigation simply because they want to speak to government officials," Yohnka said. "But we are encouraged that our legislators in Springfield are willing to consider legislation to make explicit that this shouldn't be permissible for any law enforcement agency anywhere across the state of Illinois."

A Lightfoot spokesman said her administration would review the potential legislation.

"Mayor Lightfoot has been clear that conducting criminal background checks on public speakers is not only highly inappropri-

ate, but it also negatively affects people's willingness to come forward and express issues of concern to them," said the spokesman, Patrick Mullane.

The Tribune first reported in a front-page story in July how the Chicago police compiled profiles of citizens who signed up to address the Police Board by searching at least one internal department database to determine if speakers had arrest or prison records of warrants outstanding for their arrest or were registered sex offenders.

Police even sometimes searched voter registration records, as well as their profiles and comments on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. In some cases, the profiles also included photos of speakers, either from various websites or police mug shots.

Those subjected to the background checks included activists, a police union official, relatives of people killed in high-profile police shootings, a woman who told the Police Board she was sexually assaulted by an officer years earlier, a religious leader and attorneys.

Through documents obtained under a public records request, the Tribune learned in July that Chicago police had gathered information since at least January 2018 on nearly 60 people in advance of their speaking at the Police Board meetings. But in September, a broader public records request showed that the practice dated even further back, to at least the summer of 2006.

During the last 13 years, the Police Department conducted criminal background investigations and internet searches on more than 300 citizens who signed up to speak before the Police Board, the records showed.

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# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., arrives to speak at a campaign event on Oct. 24 in Hanover, New Hampshire.

## Democrats and Republicans don't disagree on everything

Both parties want to spend like there's no tomorrow



STEVE CHAPMAN

In 2020, Democrats and Republicans will highlight their differences on a long list of issues, from impeachment to climate change to health care. But they happen to be in perfect accord when it comes to being fiscally reckless. Our elected officials in Washington shower in red ink, douse their morning cereal with red ink and irrigate their lawns with red ink.

The Democrats running for president take the view that anything that deserves federal money deserves federal money we don't have. The ante for the Democratic debates is not trillions of dollars; it's tens of trillions.

"Medicare for All," championed by both Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, has a price tag of more than \$30 trillion over the next decade. That raises the delicate question of financing.

Pressed by one interviewer, Sanders replied: "You're asking me to come up with an exact detailed plan of how every American — how much you're going to pay more in taxes, how much I'm going to pay. I don't think I have to do that right now."

He wrote the damn bill, as he loves to say. He just hasn't figured out how to pay the damn bill.

Warren, however, produced a plan Friday showing where the money will come from. It assumes all sorts of savings that exceed what independent experts estimate are likely.

It also requires a 6% tax on wealth — triple her original rate. Warren exhibits an unrealistic optimism about how well a wealth tax would work. In Europe, nine of the 12 countries that had one in 1990 have gotten rid of it.

NPR's "Planet Money" explained why: "It was expensive to administer, it was hard on people with lots of assets but little cash, it distorted saving and investment decisions, it pushed the rich and their money out of the taxing countries — and, perhaps worst of all, it didn't raise much revenue."

The bipartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget did a report that found "Medicare for All" could be paid for with a 32% payroll tax, a 25% income surtax, a 42% value-added tax, a doubling of all corporate and income tax rates or some combination of taxes.

None of those options may appeal to the candidates, or to Democratic voters. A more likely alternative is one the CRFB mentions: more than dou-

bling the national debt by 2030. As its report says, "This would put debt in 2030 at almost five times its historic average of 42% and nearly twice the historic record of 106% (set after World War II)."

That course may sound wildly imprudent, because it is. But it's unlikely Warren would scale back her many plans rather than enlarge the deficit.

She and other Democrats know the other party has no credibility on fiscal responsibility. Two years ago, Republicans passed a \$1.5 trillion package of corporate and individual tax cuts. The Congressional Budget Office projected it would swell the budget deficit by \$1.9 trillion by 2028.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, however, insisted it would "not only pay for itself but in fact create additional revenue for the government." Donald Trump predicted that economic growth "could go to 4, 5, and maybe even 6%."

Candidate Trump pledged to pay off the entire national debt, which would mean running huge budget surpluses. But last year, the deficit jumped by 26% to \$986 billion — the highest figure since 2012. Since he took office, the total federal debt has grown by \$3 trillion. Growth in the past two quarters has not been 4, 5 or

6%; it has been 2% and 1.9%.

Yet Republicans show no doubts about their favorite nostrum. "White House officials and congressional Republicans have begun early talks on a new package of tax reductions and economic growth measures, under pressure from President Trump, who is agitating to announce a new tax cut proposal heading into the 2020 election," The Washington Post reported Thursday.

Why not? In political terms, you can rarely go wrong telling voters they won't have to fork over so much money to the IRS. It's also low-risk, Democrats know, to promise voters they can have new programs (free college, universal child care, affordable housing construction and more) without higher taxes for most people.

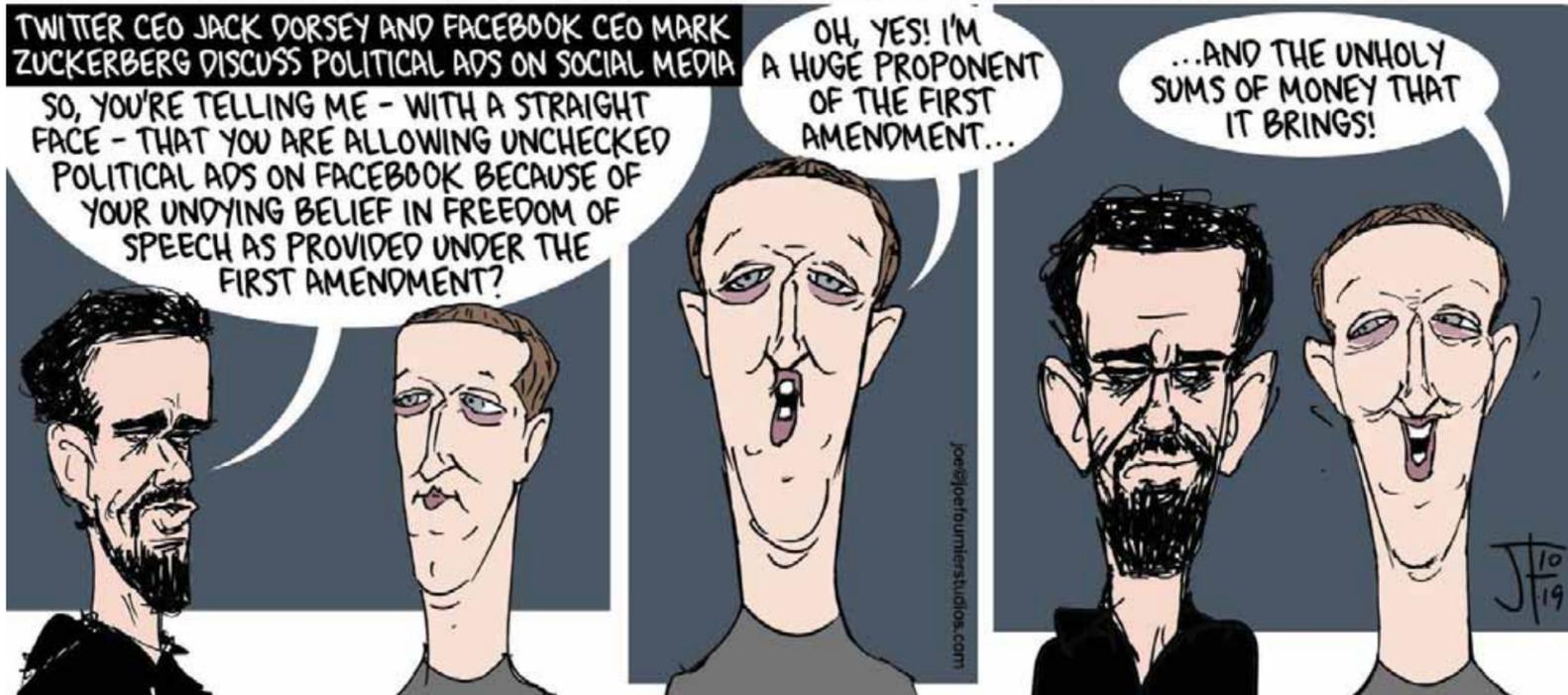
The habit of spending beyond your means, once acquired, is hard to contain. Not long ago, a deficit of \$1 trillion or more would have seemed like budgetary abandon. Before long, it may sound like fiscal austerity.

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## CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



## Kim Foxx fumbles yet again on Jussie Smollett

Nine months after actor Jussie Smollett reported to Chicago police that he'd been the victim of a racist, homophobic attack in Streeterville perpetrated by supporters of President Donald Trump, and seven months after the Cook County state's attorney's office abruptly and mysteriously dropped all charges against Smollett for allegedly staging the attack, the story is showing no signs of going away.

Trump mentioned it Monday during his speech at McCormick Place to the International Association of Chiefs of Police convention. "It's a scam," he said, after recounting a few salient details of Smollett's allegation. "It's a real big scam, just like the impeachment of your president is a scam. And then you look what's going on. Smollett is still trying to get away with it."

Then State's Attorney Kim Foxx offered a deeply unsatisfying answer to a question about the case Wednesday at a forum on criminal justice reform at the Merchandise Mart that was streamed live by the Washington-based news site Axios.

Axios Executive Editor Mike Allen asked her, "What did you learn from that experience?"

"I learned that change is hard," Foxx answered. "We started this administration talking about the fact that we were going to use our criminal justice system to deal with violence. And those cases that could be dealt with outside of the justice system, we would deal with outside of the justice system. But even as you do that, you have to keep people informed. You have to talk about it. You can't do things where people don't understand. Because once that happens, once the misunderstanding happens, it's hard to unwind that. So I think the biggest lesson that I've learned thus far, and not that there aren't ongoing lessons, is making sure that we are keeping the public informed about not just what we do, but why we do what we do."

The conversation moved on, but the proper response to this self-congratulatory evasion



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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx has not fully disclosed her office's handling of the Smollett case.

would have been three tart words: "Then inform us already?"

Foxx, for all her preening about transparency, has never given a full accounting of how and why her office allowed a 16-count felony indictment against Smollett to vanish without so much as an admission of guilt and expression of remorse from him. Who said what to whom? What if anything about the evidence against him changed?

"People don't understand" to this day. It shouldn't be "hard to unwind that" if the explanation is plausible.

And Foxx's persistent failure to offer such an explanation has resulted in the appointment of an independent special prosecutor to review the entire matter. And it has guaranteed that her handling of this one stupid case will dominate the campaign leading up to a primary election less than five months from now.

Allen let the matter drop. But Foxx's primary opponents — who so far include Donna More and

Bill Conway — won't. And if she ends up losing, it will go down as one of the most spectacular own goals in local political history.

### Nurses and social workers, yes, but ...

The Chicago Public Schools system has 10 high schools and two grade schools with fewer than 100 enrolled students, according to the CPS website.

The agreement that brought striking teachers back to work Friday calls for full-time nurses and social workers in each school. But really? Is it a smart use of scarce education dollars to pay for a full-time nurse for, at most, three or four classrooms of students?

Yes, said Sybil Madison, Chicago's deputy mayor for education. "You don't know what needs those students might have for medical attention," such as regular asthma treatments, she told me Friday. And full-time social workers can support the efforts of

teachers and enhance "the conditions for learning," even in very small schools, she said.

It's a third-rail question, I know, but I asked it anyway: What about closing some small schools and merging them into larger schools to save money on administrative and support staff?

"We have no plans to do that," Madison said.

### Re: Tweets

According to a recent New York Times article, the dry, derisive expression "OK Boomer," has become popular among young folks seeking to put us older folks in our place whenever we offer shopworn cultural insights or sententious nuggets of wisdom.

"It's blasé but cutting," explained Taylor Lorenz of the Times of the words that are now appearing on shirts, posters, water bottles and other items. "It's the digital equivalent of an eye roll."

But maybe not for long. "Teens think they have an all-purpose insult for uncool people over 30 with 'OK boomer,'" wrote @tomgara on Twitter. "But little do they know uncool people over 30 are about to deploy our most devastating weapon against it: Ruthlessly appropriating it until it's cringingly uncool to say it in any circumstance."

In case that doesn't work, I'm proposing we fight back with "OK Snowflake," a phrase we will emblazon on a line of cardigans, lap robes, pill dispensers and reading glasses.

**My personal favorite** among the finalists in the reader poll for best Tweet of the week was this from @Grace\_Segers:

"Me, writing an email: I'm using an exclamation point so you know I'm friendly and excited! But now I'm using a period so that you know I'm not crazy. Here's another sentence with a period as a buffer, proving my normalness. Thanks so much!"

This is so true! I've noticed more and more exclamation points creeping not only into email I receive from others, but also email I write. They are the ancestors of emoji, which are fun but unprofessional. Exclamation points are tiny softening agents on the cold, hard screen when used in just the right proportion. Fail to use them and you risk coming off as flat and abrupt. Use too many and you seem nearly deranged!

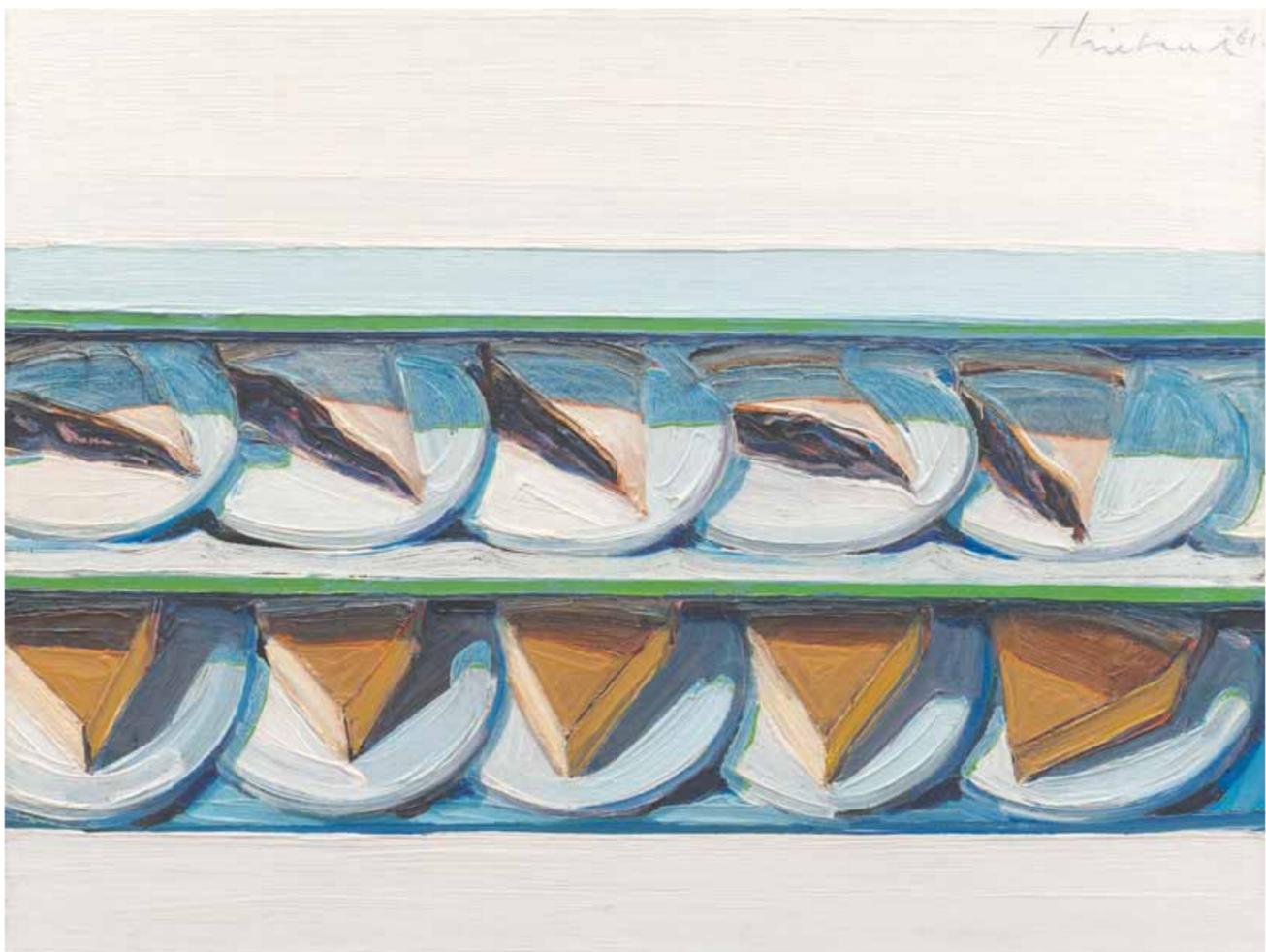
It finished fifth out of 10 finalists, alas. The winner was @Chhappiness for the seasonally appropriate, "I have eaten all the Halloween candy, so this year trick or treaters are getting Kikkoman soy sauce packets."

The poll appears at [chicago.tribune.com/zorn](http://chicago.tribune.com/zorn), and you can get an early alert when it's posted by signing up for the Change of Subject email newsletter at [chicagotribune.com/newsletters](http://chicagotribune.com/newsletters). And why wouldn't you?

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*Jack Montgomery, who grew up on a southern Indiana farm*



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Employees of the Chicago Board of Education apply for payment of their salaries in scrip, a paper IOU, in 1931. Janitors, engineers, teachers, clerks and building contractors clamored for a chance to fill out their applications for the paper. For many months, the board couldn't pay its teachers and other employees during the Great Depression.

## A TIME OF DESPAIR

A look back at the devastation of the Great Depression in pictures and words

BY COLLEEN KUJAWA

**D**uring the Roaring '20s, the nation was riding high, and so was the stock market. America was the land of productivity and plenty, where wages were rising and prices were falling. But Americans intoxicated by new wealth were blind to an economic bubble that was quickly approaching the bursting point.

The seminal event that led the nation into the devastating deprivation of the Great Depression was the stock market crash of 1929, which unfolded over a series of days in late October. Starting on Oct. 24, prices on the New York Stock Exchange plummeted, and investors chased the falling values, selling some 13 million shares. "One of the wildest scenes in the hectic history of the New York stock exchange occurred in the last fifty minutes of trading this afternoon, when terrified investors jammed a total of 2,600,000 shares of all descriptions into the pit for emergency disposal," the Chicago Daily Tribune reported later that evening. One estimate pegged single-day losses at \$4 billion.

In true Midwestern fashion, residents of the City of the Broad Shoulders responded with stoicism: "Chicagoans took their losses in yesterday's stock market battle like soldiers and like ladies and gentlemen," the Tribune wrote.

The collapsing stock market hit

bottom the following Tuesday, infamously known as "Black Tuesday," as 16 million shares were shed at declining prices. The aftershocks over the next few weeks wiped out \$30 billion in asset values.

During the depths of the Great Depression in the mid-1930s, 16 million people — or one-third of the American workforce at the time — were out of work. And those who

were lucky enough to remain employed lived in daily fear of losing their jobs. Economic conditions fueled outrage and despair. Homeless encampments, bread and soup lines, and people begging for alms were tragically common sights.

As the 90th anniversary of the stock market crash passes us by, here is a look back in photos — and the words of people who grew up in Chicago and the surrounding area during that dark chapter in American history, as told to Tribune reporter John Keilman in 2015.

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**"We could survive. We knew how to live off the land."**

*Mike Natale, who grew up in an Italian neighborhood on the Near West Side*



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**"We went to the Union National Bank ... and the bank president came out with a bullhorn and said, 'Come back in a week and I'll give you a penny on the dollar.' And I just saw my grandfather's face drop."**

*Donald Meade, whose family lived in Joliet at the time*



**"Three (people) in a bed. ... What else could you do? You didn't know any different."**

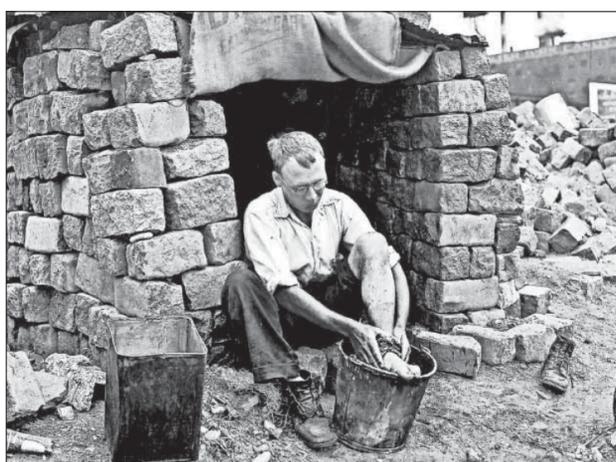
*Genevieve Carrano, about conditions at home on the South Side*



Men wait in a local soup line during the Great Depression in the 1930s.

**"We got food packages that contained rice, oatmeal, sauerkraut, beans. Oh God, beans. We'd have beans three times a week."**

*Lucille Holst, whose family lost its hardware store and had to leave its roomy South Side house for a Northwest Side two-flat*



**TOP:** An unemployment march heads past Sangamon and Monroe streets in 1932 Chicago. **MIDDLE:** Homeless men were grateful for cots or slept on the floor of a lodging house on North Union Avenue in November 1930, as temperatures in Chicago dropped near zero. **BOTTOM:** Wilfred Holmes takes a bath, feet first, in an area dubbed "Hoboland" in 1931 Chicago.

**"I don't see why it couldn't (happen again)."**

*Betty Shoemaker, who as a child in Logan Square watched as her father devolved into despair over losing his accounting job and witnessed her neighbors being forced from their homes*

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## EDITORIALS

# Gov. Pritzker, step up to Illinois corruption

### Don't expect Madigan and Cullerton to fix this

Mayor Lori Lightfoot took office with a reputation for integrity, a prosecutor's DNA and a fierce determination to reform the slipshod ethics of Chicago's City Hall. She rebuked insiders who tried to school her (Hello there, Ald. Ed Burke). She insisted that City Council members have fewer privileges, that department heads deliver efficiencies and that employees show up for work, or else.

Contrast her disruptions of the status quo with Gov. J.B. Pritzker's reactive approach to the rising stench in and around his statehouse. Sure, the governor harumphs his disdain for corruption and demands honest services. One example among several good deeds: As FBI agents sifted through state Sen. Martin Sandoval's belongings, the governor urged that Sandoval step down as chairman of the Senate's Transportation Committee.

Now, though, the feds allege that a state representative tried to bribe a state senator with the promise of monthly payoffs: "I'm going to give you this here. This is, this is, this is the jackpot." Another senator stands indicted on the accusation he embezzled some \$275,000 from the Teamsters union.

**Does Pritzker realize that as each new scandal taints influential lawmakers,** two of his signature wins — a huge expansion of gambling and a \$45 billion capital spending gusher — risk the look if not the reality of shady dealings? As prospects for casinos, revenues and contracts materialize, so do opportunities for cronyism, fraud and graft. What's more, the politicians in question thus far are members of Pritzker's own party. And given how lavishly he has funded Democratic campaigns, it's now his party as much as anyone's.

The governor's assurances that he insists on honest services are falling short. At a time when he should be spearheading reforms and barnstorming with his bully pulpit, he's evidently trusting House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton to clean up the messes. Madigan, as usual, signals virtue by touting a Special Investigative Committee, envisioning new laws and seeking "ways in which we can continue to improve the safeguards we have today." Cullerton has looked slow and at times clueless: As the feds focused on Sandoval and several lobbyist or political associates, Cullerton said he hoped the raids had "nothing to do with the legislature."

**Gov. Pritzker, you cannot rely on Madigan and Cullerton,** with their combined 90 years in Springfield, to end corruption. They've had decades to ride roughshod on



SCOTT STANTIS

sleazy members of their caucuses. And, time after time, they've stalled or failed — often while protecting, yes, the Democratic brand.

Former Rep. Scott Drury, a Democrat from Highwood and a former federal prosecutor, introduced 10 bills during the six years he served in the House that would have banned elected officials from lobbying, banned retired legislators from lobbying for an extended period and banned all gifts to lawmakers. All 10 bills died in Madigan's rules committee with almost no debate. Every one of them.

**Governor, square up to the scandals** that increasingly threaten much of what you've worked for. Among the reforms you should champion:

■ Redistricting reform: As a candidate, you said, "We should amend the (state) consti-

tution to create an independent commission to draw legislative maps." You promised to veto partisan maps. That promise will be tested in 2021 when Democratic lawmakers draw new maps. Governor, double down on that pledge often and fight for an independent commission.

■ Expanded disclosure: Former Gov. Pat Quinn and others pushed repeatedly for changes that would require lawmakers to disclose more information about their outside income. The forms they are required to complete are intentionally vague. A legislator practices law? She should have to disclose her clients and her role advising them. Another has a real estate business? Have him tell voters where his financial interests lie. A third abstains from voting due to a conflict of interest? Explain the conflict.

■ Elections for open seats: Starting with

U.S. Senate vacancies but extending to legislative seats, voters should have the right to choose their representation, not have it chosen for them. The process now of allowing a governor to appoint a U.S. senator when a vacancy occurs, and allowing local party officials to fill General Assembly seats, freezes out voters. Lawmakers know they can step down midterm and, with help from party swells, bequeath their seats to relatives or friends: They help decide the succession plan. That discourages independent candidates from running and winning — and makes lawmakers more loyal to their party than to constituents.

**Gov. Pritzker, we could go on.** The point is for you to take charge of reform. Right now, you look like a hen hoping the foxes will protect you — and the oft-cheated people of Illinois.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Fact-checking starts with the premise that politicians mostly tell the truth and offer only the occasional brazen lie. President Trump's case reverses that equation — his true statements are his notable outliers. Because they are so unique, perhaps we should start giving them greater notice in hopes of nudging the president in the direction of accuracy and honesty. As a petulant but devoted reader of the press, Trump would notice a headline reading "President Trump Said Something True Yesterday," and maybe tamp down on the lying. ...

Michael Kinsley tried something like this two years ago in a brief series of New York Times opinion pieces under the rubric of "Say Something Nice About Trump" that sought to reinforce the president's policy successes and his creative destruction of the political order. But Kinsley's project didn't do much to steer Trump toward the truth.

For that, I think we need to heed the finding of psychological researchers who, several years ago, found that children who lied habitually were more open to reform if told that truthfulness was good than if told lying was bad. Chiding the liars for lying seemed only to make them lie more. Trump's childlike demeanor — his tantrums and fits, his narcissism, his breath-holding when he doesn't get his way, his heavy reliance on "mean words," his endless pouting — hints that treating him like a kid and rewarding him for truth-telling rather than punishing him for lying might pay modest dividends.

**Jack Shafer, Politico**

## AJ Freund and drug-addicted parents: When DCFS should remove a child

Carrying signs and blowing soapy bubbles, members of an advocacy group that formed following the murder of Andrew "AJ" Freund celebrated his Oct. 14 birthday with a memorial walk. He would have turned 6.

The group calls itself ROAR for AJ. Members protest outside the McHenry County courthouse on dates the two people accused of killing him — his parents, Andrew Freund and JoAnn Cunningham — are expected in court. The group has gathered outside the home where prosecutors say the pair forced AJ into a cold shower and beat him to death, then stored his body in a plastic container for several days.

ROAR for AJ plans to keep pressure on the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, which had numerous contacts with the family but missed the chance to protect AJ and potentially save his life. Lots of people missed the chance.

From social workers to law enforcement, and even a heating contractor who flagged down police after seeing the decrepit insides of AJ's home, dozens of individuals who interacted with the family saw signs that AJ lived in a house of peril. Freund and Cunningham's spiral into drug abuse accelerated in the months leading up to AJ's death. But their cycles of addiction and alleged violence had been churning for years. Police had been called to the house numerous times. Cunningham had been found unresponsive in her car and, in another instance, fighting with a boyfriend over pain pills. Neighbors had called police when the

**The agency needs to update its practices when dealing with hardcore addicts. Get kids out. Get them safe.**

house appeared to have no electricity. Hospital workers found bruises on AJ.

Questions for DCFS: At what point does evidence of drug addiction warrant child removal? At what point does a feces-filled home warrant child removal? At what point does suspicious bruising in combination with all these other circumstances warrant removal?

In a gut-socking two-part series published online last week (and in print beginning Sunday), Tribune reporter Christy Gutowski describes AJ's fragile entry into the world and his violent exit. His parents face numerous charges in his death. Freund is said to be working toward the resolution of his case, the Tribune reports. Cunningham in a recent jailhouse interview claimed her innocence.

Prosecutors say AJ was killed on April 15. His parents didn't report him missing for three more days. His body was found wrapped in plastic and buried in a shallow grave. DCFS' inspector general is conducting an investigation that will show employees "failed to see the totality" of the family's troubled history and

missed chances "to slow down or stop the steady deterioration of the Freund family," according to Gutowski's reporting. Look for several employees to face severe discipline.

While AJ's case has drawn national attention, he is not the only victim of alleged child abuse who went undetected by DCFS. The agency too often leans toward keeping families together, even in crisis.

America is gripped by an opioid crisis that requires a more aggressive approach by law enforcement and child advocacy workers to separate children from addicted, out-of-control parents. Drug overdose deaths have more than doubled in the last 10 years. And Illinois has been hit hard. Since 2013, drug overdose deaths in the state have jumped by 60 percent to an estimated 2,525 last year. Those involving opioids have nearly doubled.

In her jailhouse interview with CBS 2 Chicago, Cunningham called heroin "the devil."

DCFS case workers should know what they're dealing with: devils. Opioid addiction is powerful and too often, irreversible. The agency needs to update its practices when dealing with hardcore addicts. Get kids out. Get them safe. AJ would be alive had someone done it.

Protecting vulnerable children is a paramount responsibility of the state, yet DCFS' record is marred by missed chances resulting in tragedies. Each of those cases hurts, as each of those children is mourned, including AJ.

# PERSPECTIVE



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Former President Barack Obama speaks during the closing session of the 2019 Obama Foundation Summit meeting at the Kaplan Institute at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago on Tuesday.

## Obama is right about giving 'woke' culture a rest



CLARENCE PAGE

Formerly defined as simply the opposite of being asleep, "woke" in the era of Black Lives Matter and the #MeToo movement frequently describes an awareness of important facts and issues, particularly in areas of racial and social justice.

However, as the crowdsourced and up-to-the-minute Urban Dictionary more recently offers, "woke" also can mean "the act of being very pretentious about how much you care about a social issue."

That's the more current and plainly more sarcastic meaning of "woke" that Barack Obama was using in Chicago when he called on progressives to cancel the current "call out" or "cancel culture" when it drives them to go overboard in their pursuit of ideological purity.

"This idea of purity," he said, speaking at the annual Obama Foundation Summit, "and (that) you're never compromised and you're always politically woke and all that stuff — you

### But will progressive Democrats listen?

should get over that quickly."

In Obama's sit-down with actress and activist Yara Shahidi and four of his Obama Foundation fellows, the former president's criticism of progressive "woke-ness" offered a valuable message of tolerance for dissenting views, a message clearly aimed at his own party's famously rambunctious progressive wing.

"The world is messy," he said. "There are ambiguities. People who do really good stuff have flaws. People who you are fighting may love their kids and share certain things with you."

Obama brought a necessary message at a time when the party is deeply divided over its crowded field of contenders and how capable they may be to take on a vulnerable President Donald Trump. With a woefully divided front against Trump's united Republicans, they could snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory.

Obama didn't name names, but Hillary Clinton lost the Electoral College in 2016 partly because of her failure to unify the party's left wing and moderates after she defeated Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in the primaries. She won Illinois and most

of the states on both coasts but fell narrowly behind Trump in the economically struggling industrial upper Midwest. People argue about how much low support from Sanders voters hurt her, but it clearly didn't help.

Now Obama's unity message aims to remind them of something he often told Democrats during his presidency: Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. As much as Obama offers a test of how well his party can hold itself together, it's also a test of whether anyone is listening to him anymore, particularly in his party's progressive wing. You can't just be holier-than-thou about your politics, he preached: You have to get out and put in some work to persuade others to join your cause.

Obama's message offers sound advice for pragmatic souls who see politics as what Otto von Bismarck called "the art of the possible."

Progressive Democrats should pay attention, in my view, if they want to avoid the debacle of 1972, when the party's left, full of post-1960s exuberance, nominated Sen. George McGovern against President Richard Nixon and lost every state but Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

Yet, navigating such turbulent waters is what leadership is all about. Obama, too, was criticized by moderates for being too far left as an early opponent of the Iraq War — and later by progressives for giving up too much in negotiations with a ferocious Republican opposition.

Obama managed to hold on to his base while attracting enough moderate swing voters to be elected and reelected. But, as Clinton's loss showed, that doesn't work for everybody, especially when you run against a candidate as unpredictable and audacious — to be kind — as Trump.

Now as party activists have swung even more toward the further-left wing of Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, they can't afford to get too far ahead of regular rank-and-file voters who tend to prefer change to come in smaller increments, if at all.

As Obama suggests, they can win a lot more support by trying to persuade those of differing views in the party rather than trying to intimidate them for insufficient woke-ness.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Chicago shines like a jewel

I grew up in a small Ohio village, and serious crime was pretty much unheard of. However, years ago, after someone was murdered in a domestic dispute, I flippantly mused that, on a per-capita basis, the killing would have made my village a murder capital.

Conversely, Chicago is described by President Donald Trump as worse than Afghanistan. Likewise, a Tribune editorial ("Trump came to Chicago. He yanked chains. He left," Oct. 29) said it was as a city "plagued by violence" due to the gross number of crimes that occur each year. At face value, this seems reasonable since there are so many crimes. But much like unique statistics could skew the true realities of my small town, pure numbers have little import for a huge metropolis.

Yes, Chicago has a lot of people affected by crime, but as a ratio to population, it is at historic lows.

I've lived and worked in and traveled to many cities during my



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A view of the Chicago skyline on Aug. 27.

lifetime, and I feel Chicago is as safe and welcoming as almost anywhere I've been. Over the years, I've encountered hard-working citizens in pretty much every neighborhood of the city whom I would be happy to call friends. It's time to stop apologizing for a city that's a true gem.

— Keith Brumbaugh, Naperville

#### Knee-jerk campaign against flu shot

Flu season has arrived, and with it the call for flu shots. While its safety has been credibly defended, the public's reaction to the flu shot is often emblematic of something much more troubling than any flu. You see, whereas in my post-World War II years, these new injections would have been cheered, in recent years they have been jeered.

By whom? A national phenom-

enon largely unheard of in this age of science. In sharp contrast to mid-20th-century America, now there is a virulent anti-establishment, anti-scientific, pro-conspiratorial syndrome coursing through the body politic. While national institutions and leaders were usually admired in the pantheon of American exceptionalism, the counterculture shock of the 1960s triggered this alternate syndrome, which has grown only stronger ever since.

Currently, it is alive and flourishing among anyone who might have reason — or simply intuition — about unseen enemies lurking. In government ... in immigration ... in the media ... and of course in Big Pharma. I feel bad for the Tribune reporters who with due diligence reminded us of the value and safety of this year's flu shots. But when you report in an age of fake-news rage and conspiracy theories, facts can be overwhelmed by feelings.

— Jack Spatafora, Park Ridge

#### Reparations through fair systems

More than 300,000 men, women and children were taken to the U.S. from Africa, and generations were subsequently born into slavery. Our government approved of

slavery. Our presidents and officials owned, traded, abused and killed black people. There is no amount of money that can ever compensate for those atrocities.

But could we in some way equalize today's world? Couldn't we improve the education system so that truly equal education would be possible? Couldn't we improve the justice system so that truly we would have equal justice under the law?

We do not have slavery today, but we definitely do not have equality. Couldn't we somewhat seek reparations by making today's world more equal?

— Joan Nelson, LaGrange Park

#### Elected officials' health care

I doubt this would be something that any government official would like to bring to the table because it would blow officials' cover: Health care should be consistent between elected and government employees and those they serve. In that way, the playing field would be leveled. Probing the inequality is a great way to let everyone know of the disparity between those in need and those who have it all.

Any takers?

— Jim Svarz, Naperville

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## Dems taking impeachment public

As they pivot from a private inquiry, GOP sees opening

By **MIKE DEBONIS**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A veteran ambassador ousted for political reasons she could hardly comprehend. Another seasoned diplomat, forged in multiple conflict-zone postings, who raised pointed alarms as his suspicions grew. A young refugee from communism who later bled in combat for his adopted homeland and feared a betrayal of democratic ideals from inside the White House.

As House Democrats embark on a new stage of their impeachment investigation of President Donald Trump, they are pivoting from fact-finding to a campaign of persuasion — privately sketching out how they plan to use a series of blockbuster hearings with these witnesses to make the public case for Trump's removal from office.

Key details remain unresolved and additional closed-door testimony might still be gathered, but according to interviews with more than a dozen lawmakers and aides, Democrats believe they have largely confirmed the core allegation at the heart of their inquiry — that Trump used the powers of his office, including the threat of withholding military aid, to try to force Ukraine to investigate his political rivals.

At the center of the Democratic case will be the transcript of Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

House Democrats are preparing for a new stage in their impeachment investigation of President Donald Trump.

Zelenskiy, in which Trump asks Zelenskiy to “do us a favor though,” while discussing U.S. assistance, as well as a public admission from acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, later retracted, confirming the White House link between aid and investigations.

But in showcasing a set of witnesses who they argue will be uniquely credible, party leaders believe they can convince the American public — and some Republicans — that Trump is unfit for office and worthy of becoming the first president in U.S. history to be removed by Congress.

“The public has heard so many conflicting state-

ments that sometimes they don't know who to believe. I think that after this is done, they'll be able to focus on what happened,” said House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel, D-N.Y.

Still, as they move their impeachment probe into the sunlight, Democrats will confront serious risks as they seek to crack a near-complete Republican blockade. The public hearings will give the GOP an opportunity to promote their narrative: that Trump is being hounded from office by a partisan campaign that, they claim, is upending the Constitution and congressional precedent to

overturn the last presidential election just ahead of the next one.

“Because it's starting out this way, it'll end up this way — as a partisan process, which means you're almost certain to have a partisan vote,” said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., the ranking Republican on the House Rules Committee.

With Thursday's vote on the next phase, Democrats put the reins of the investigation squarely in the hands of the House Intelligence Committee — a relatively small panel whose 22 members are handpicked by each party's top leader.

Republicans will have the right to suggest witnesses of

their own, but Chairman Adam Schiff and Democrats can dismiss those suggestions.

Among the witnesses expected, according to lawmakers and aides, are Marie Yovanovitch, the former ambassador to Ukraine who was recalled in May amid an apparent smear campaign involving Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal lawyer; William Taylor Jr., the current top diplomat in Kyiv, who became concerned over the summer about the withholding of military aid; and Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, an Army officer who immigrated from Soviet Ukraine and was later wounded while serving as

an infantry officer in Iraq. Vindman, who is detailed at the National Security Council, listened to the July 25 phone call and raised immediate concerns with superiors.

Each testified privately last month, and Democrats believe they could all give powerful testimony that not only explains Trump's conduct but elucidates the risks it posed to national security and efforts to combat Russian aggression.

“It turns out the ‘deep state’ are deeply committed people in the military, deeply committed people in the intelligence community, deeply committed people in the State Department,” said Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., an Intelligence Committee member. “They're coming forward to advocate for enduring democratic values.”

But Republicans believe that the public hearings could backfire on Democrats — giving the GOP equal time in front of the cameras to — if not directly attack the Democratic witnesses — undermine their testimony and make their own case that the conduct they describe does not amount to an impeachable offense.

“I think people will see there's very little there,” said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., a former member of the Intelligence Committee. “Almost all this testimony is about people who disagree with the policy and don't like Giuliani making end runs. None of that's impeachable.”

The hearings, he said, would give Republicans an opportunity to make that case: “If we don't, it's our fault.”

## Trump's key spiritual adviser reportedly will join the White House

By **SARAH PULLIAM BAILEY**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Florida televangelist Paula White, who has informally advised President Donald Trump on spiritual matters, will join his administration in an official capacity, according to a senior administration official and another person familiar with the move.

White, who already helps to coordinate Trump's evangelical outreach to key

leaders, will be a religious adviser in the Office of Public Liaison, the part of the White House overseeing outreach to groups seen as part of Trump's base.

The move appears to formalize a relationship that has been years in the making, going back nearly two decades when White and Trump first met.

White was one of six clergy who prayed at Trump's inauguration, and other evangelical advisers say she speaks with Trump regularly.

She is known as one of the most prominent televangelists who teach a prosperity gospel, that God will reward believers with wealth and health, a teaching that many Christians believe is heretical.

Trump's 2016 campaign had an advisory council of mostly white evangelical leaders during his campaign, many of whom have continued to serve as unof-



White

official advisers. The change was first reported Friday by the New York Times.

It is unclear whether White, 53, will be paid in her new role.

Past presidents, including Barack Obama and George W. Bush, set up formal councils on faith-based and community partnerships, but Trump has not made that same faith-based council structure a key priority in

his administration.

Instead, Trump's evangelical advisory board is an informal gathering of religious leaders who supported the president during his campaign and continue to receive invitations to the White House regularly.

After providing their support early on, the group has been rewarded with invitations to dinners and consultations.

Trump has pleased many evangelical leaders with his nomination of Supreme Court justices, his anti-

abortion policies and his inclusion of evangelicals in his own administration, including Vice President Mike Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

A group of leaders met with Trump last week and prayed for him. Evangelical leaders who were there included James Dobson, Ralph Reed and Tony Perkins, and White was seated at Trump's right hand.

Associated Press contributed.

## Iran student leader regrets US Embassy attack in '79

Now a politician, he asserts that crisis still echoes in this era

By **NASSER KARIMI AND MOHAMMAD NASIRI**  
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — His revolutionary fervor diminished by the years that have also turned his dark brown hair white, one of the Iranian student leaders of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover says he now regrets the seizure of the diplomatic compound and the 444-day hostage crisis that followed.

Speaking to The Associated Press ahead of Monday's 40th anniversary of the attack, Ebrahim Asgharzadeh acknowledged that the repercussions of the crisis still reverberate as tensions remain high between the U.S. and Iran over Tehran's collapsing nuclear deal with world powers.

Asgharzadeh cautioned others against following in his footsteps, despite the takeover becoming enshrined in hard-line mythology. He also disputed a revisionist history now being offered by supporters of Iran's Revolutionary Guard that they directed the attack, insisting all the blame

rested with the Islamist students who let the crisis spin out of control.

“Like Jesus Christ, I bear all the sins on my shoulders,” Asgharzadeh said.

At the time, what led to the 1979 takeover remained obscure to Americans who for months could only watch in horror as TV newscasts showed Iranian protests at the embassy. Popular anger against the U.S. was rooted in the 1953 CIA-engineered coup that toppled Iran's elected prime minister and cemented the power of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

The shah, dying from cancer, fled Iran in February 1979, paving the way for its Islamic Revolution. But for months, Iran faced widespread unrest ranging from separatist attacks, worker revolts and internal power struggles. Police reported for work but not for duty, allowing chaos like Marxist students briefly seizing the U.S. Embassy.

In this power vacuum, then-President Jimmy Carter allowed the shah to seek medical treatment in New York. That lit the fuse

for the Nov. 4, 1979, takeover, though at first the Islamist students argued over which embassy to seize. A student leader named Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who later became president in 2005, argued they should seize the Soviet Embassy compound in Tehran as leftists had caused political chaos.

But the students settled on the U.S. Embassy, hoping to pressure Carter to send the shah back to Iran to stand trial on corruption charges. Asgharzadeh, then a 23-year-old engineering student, remembers friends going to Tehran's Grand Bazaar to buy a bolt cutter, a popular tool used by criminals, and the salesman saying: “You do not look like thieves! You certainly want to open up the U.S. Embassy door with it!”

“The society was ready for it to happen. Everything happened so fast,” Asgharzadeh said.

Like other former students, Asgharzadeh said the plan had been simply to stage a sit-in. But the situation soon spun out of their



VAHID SALEMI/AP

A woman walks past a satirical drawing of the Statue of Liberty after new anti-U.S. murals on the walls of the former U.S. Embassy were unveiled in a ceremony Saturday in Tehran.

control. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the long-exiled Shiite cleric whose return to Iran sparked the revolution, gave his support to the takeover. He would use that popular angle to expand the Islamists' power.

“We, the students, take responsibility for the first 48 hours of the takeover,” Asgharzadeh said. “Later, it was out of our hands since the late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and the establishment supported it.”

He added: “Our plan was one of students, unprofessional and temporary.”

As time went on, it slowly dawned on the naive stu-

dents that Americans wouldn't join their revolution. While a rescue attempt by the U.S. military would fail and Carter would lose to Ronald Reagan amid the crisis, the U.S. as a whole expressed worry about the hostages by displaying yellow ribbons and counting the days of their captivity.

Seizing or attacking diplomatic posts remains a tactic of Iranian hard-liners to this day. A mob destroyed the British Embassy in Tehran in 2011, while another attacked diplomatic posts of Saudi Arabia in 2016, which led to diplomatic ties being cut between Tehran and Riyadh.

And Iran will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Embassy takeover on Monday by staging a rally in front of the Tehran compound where it was located.

In the years since, Asgharzadeh has become a reformist politician and been jailed for his views. He has argued that Iran should work to improve ties with the U.S., a difficult task amid President Donald Trump's campaign against Tehran.

“It is too difficult to say when the relations between Tehran and Washington can be restored,” Asgharzadeh said. “I do not see any prospect.”

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# 'A 1-WOMAN CRIME SPREE'



Siew Im Cheah was sentenced to 51 months in prison for identity theft in October. Court records say her victims included a chef, a trainer, multiple manicurists and an appointee of a Virginia governor. Her victims described a mix of anger and awe at Cheah's near-mystical powers of persuasion.

ALEXANDRIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Prosecutors: Malaysia-born con artist has stolen many identities and fortunes

By Rachel Weiner  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Washington Redskins player and his agent met Cindy Lin in 2015 at a suburban Porsche dealership.

She told them she was only in her 30s but was wealthy, well-connected and ready to buy a majority stake in the city's NBA team. According to a letter the agent wrote to the court, they eventually invested in what they thought was a bid for the Washington Wizards.

After a time the two became suspicious. There were inconsistencies in her stories, the agent wrote. They wondered about her parade of sports cars and even her age. They asked for their money back; to date, they have not gotten it, the agent wrote.

Neither have most other victims of the woman, whose real name is Siew Im Cheah.

Over the past two decades, prosecutors say the Malaysia-born con artist, now 59, has stolen at least six identities and several fortunes. From Virginia to California she would take on the personas of her roommates and nail technicians, then use those identities to profit from a series of scams.

One federal prosecutor described her in court as "a one-woman crime spree." Another, in a sentencing motion, said she "has perfected the art of identity theft."

She convinced professional athletes and successful executives she was the granddaughter of Singapore's first prime minister and a close friend of President Barack Obama. The money they gave her for supposed investments in Nigerian oil and D.C. sports they now believe she spent on high-end cars, plastic surgery and designer handbags.

"Had we known she was not being honest about her real identity, age and criminal background, we never would have trusted her," the sports agent wrote in a letter to the court. She "is very manipulative and has shown no remorse for the heartaches she has caused."

Cheah pleaded guilty this year in federal court in suburban Alexandria, Virginia, only to identity theft and fraud, having been caught speeding through southwest Virginia in a Porsche with an old roommate's driver's license.

Up until her Oct. 4 sentencing, at which Judge T.S. Ellis put her in prison for 51 months, Cheah's true identity was in question.

"I'm a little confused about what name to use for you," Ellis told the small, quiet woman with chin-length black hair streaked white.

She said her name was Sau Hoong Lee, and her lawyer said she was 66. Prosecutor Gordon Kromberg jumped up in objection.

"She's not 66 years old, the woman whose identity she stole is 66 years old. She's 59," he declared. "Sau Hoong Lee is just another identity which she stole."

Court records say her victims included a chef, a trainer, multiple manicurists and an appointee of a Virginia governor. The sports agent declined to comment and his client, a prominent Redskins player who was not named in

court papers, did not return requests for comment.

Victims described a mix of anger and awe at Cheah's near-mystical powers of persuasion. At first she was personable and affectionate. She wowed them with her fancy cars and clothes and apparent connections to the wealthy and famous. But some said she soon became demanding and when challenged, cruel, threatening them with ruin.

"She does not use guns, knives, or any other sort of physical weapon like many criminals," Alan Perez wrote in a letter to the court. "Language, and emotion are her weapons, and armed with them she can easily infiltrate the mind of anyone she wishes to prey upon."

When she was arrested in 2017, prosecutors say, Cheah was living in a \$14,000-a-month high-rise on Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles, leased under the name of a friend's unwitting mother.

According to court records, she has claimed various people allowed her to use their names and that she planned to pay them back for any debts she incurred.

In a brief phone interview from jail, Cheah said the people who spoke against her "were not victims at all" and had "nothing to do with the situation" that put her behind bars. "I don't think it's fair," she said.

"She's been a very generous woman," her attorney Bill Hicks added. "People invest money all the time; sometimes they win, sometimes they lose."

In court he argued that prosecutors were provoked not by what she did but the mysterious ways she did it.

"They're upset because they would like to know everything about her," he told the judge.

It's a mystery federal agents have been trying to solve for years.

When Cheah's daughter married at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington in 2015, FBI agents were watching. Kromberg is a national security prosecutor, and according to a person familiar with the investigation, authorities initially suspected Cheah had ties to Chinese intelligence.

For years they found no trace of her big spending in bank records. One victim said she would use him as a middleman for wire transfers and take her money in cash. In past court proceedings, Cheah said she lived off her past earnings as a plastics executive.

According to court records, the woman born Siew Im Cheah entered the U.S. from Malaysia on a visitor's visa under the name Sau Hoong Lee in 2001. The real Lee is a homemaker in the suburbs of Kuala Lumpur who says she never met Cheah.

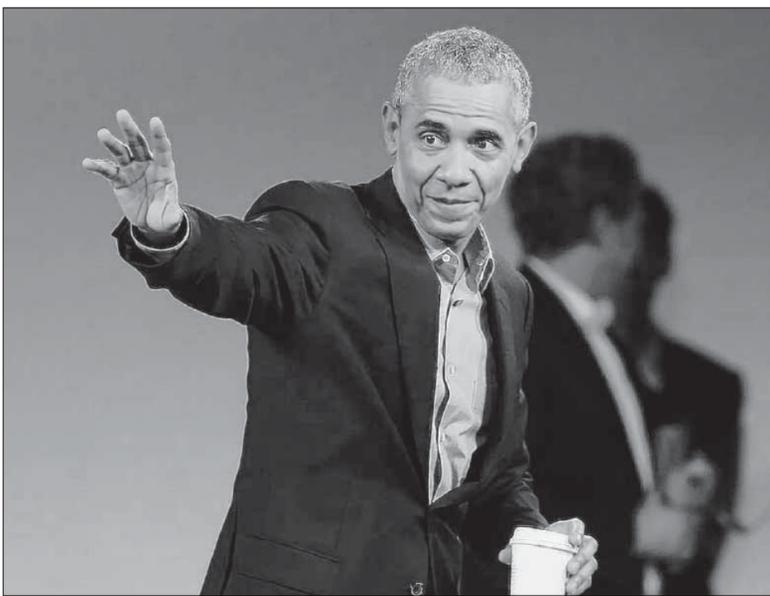
Her first known crime in the U.S. dates to 2004, when she was convicted of burglary, auto theft and identity theft in Monrovia, California, for stealing her landlord's name and driver's license to buy a BMW.

In 2011 she was arrested in Monterey Park, California, after writing a bad \$350,000 check under the name "Claudia Lee" to buy a diamond ring that she then pawned for \$100,000. A year later, calling herself Teresa Cheah, she stole the identity of a roommate. Under the name Cindy Tran she opened a bank account,



WONG MAYE-E/AP

Prosecutors say Siew Im Cheah convinced professional athletes and successful executives she was the granddaughter of Singapore's first prime minister Lee Kuan Yew.



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When Jimmy Rhee, then-Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell's assistant commerce secretary, met her, he visited Siew Im Cheah while she was sick and saw flowers with a card that had been signed by President Barack Obama. He now believes she sent them to herself.



JEFF HAYNES/AP

Siew Im Cheah also claimed to be friends with Washington Redskins owner Daniel Snyder, Jimmy Rhee said.

cashied out a life insurance policy, sold her roommate's two cars and bought a new one.

In 2012 she took Tran's name across the country into a group house in Northern Virginia. Her roommate Cindy Lin started incurring debt on credit cards she had never opened, being chased by the IRS for taxes on casino jackpots she never won, and racking up traffic tickets in cars she never drove.

Finally, in 2016, Lin con-

tacted police in Brunswick, Virginia, about a speeding ticket and was shown a body camera image she recognized as her "mother figure" behind the wheel of a 2017 Porsche with her Shih Tzu, Sushi, in her lap. Lin learned that Cheah had used Lin's license when pulled over for speeding at least four times in Ferraris and Porsches registered in the names of various men.

One was Alan Perez, who met Cheah in 2015 when working as a chef at a

vestment fund in Singapore through her family but was "Google-proof" to avoid being killed by the people who kidnapped her father.

Cheah's connections to the rich and famous were why Jimmy Rhee thought Lin was the real deal. She once introduced him to the Redskins player at a Porsche dealership, Rhee said, and she claimed to be friends with Redskins owner Daniel Snyder.

And when Rhee visited Cheah while she was sick, he saw flowers with a card that appeared to have been signed by President Obama. He now believes she sent them to herself.

"She was always creating, manipulating a fictitious situation and environment," Rhee said. "She was a master at that."

Rhee was then-Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell's assistant commerce secretary when he met Cheah, who persuaded him to invest \$300,000 in a Nigerian oil venture. She seemed to know the oil and entertainment businesses well, and she had financial documents that appeared to back up her claims.

"She is a very, very personable lady," Rhee recalled. "It's hard to resist her friendship."

When he started pressuring her to pay him back, he said she put him off with talk of her plans to build a training facility for the Wizards.

The supposed head of the company Cheah started for that project was Lawrence Jones, her boxing coach at a local studio. Not long after they met, she bought him a Porsche and told him he should pursue his dream of owning his own gym.

"It was a nightmare from there," he said. "I felt obligated to be at her beck and call." She would wake him up in the middle of the night and demand he drive her to hotel meetings with visiting oil executives still on African time. No business deals panned out.

"She was telling me that her dad was killed in a plane crash that had been hijacked by terrorists," he recalled. "It was so elaborate. Who would make something up like this?"

After about a year, he cut off contact. Lee Kuan Yew — the first Singapore prime minister, who she claimed was her grandfather — had died, and Jones watched the funeral on television. His whole family was present; Cheah was not among them.

Asked by Ellis how Cheah could afford a lawyer, Hicks said she still has good friends. Present in the gallery was James Lange, a former professional boxer and Redskins coach. In a letter to the court, he said Cheah hired him as a personal trainer and proved herself "impeccable with her word."

Another supporter is Martin Scruggs, a former CIA officer who met Cheah through his girlfriend.

"I sincerely believe that the use of the ID's was an attempt to protect her while she conducted business to provide for herself, her family, and others," he wrote.

At sentencing, Cheah said little, except that she was sorry to learn Perez's father had cancer and that she would like to reach out with her sympathies.

Outside the courtroom, Perez asked an FBI agent if he could get a restraining order.

Houston restaurant. "Cindy Lin" drove up in a drop-top red Ferrari with California plates. They bonded over their hatred of the city and spontaneous natures. For someone as rich as she claimed to be, Perez said, Cheah was wonderfully down-to-earth.

"It happened so fast, within a couple months," he recalled. In some part of his mind, he said he never trusted her. But in another, she became and remained the "big sister" who had showered him with love.

Even as his debt racked up and Cheah became harsh and demanding, he agreed to move with her to L.A. and start a nonprofit. She coached him on how to talk to police if they asked about her, telling him she maintained multiple identities because she worked for the CIA.

"The avenue of least resistance was to go deeper," Perez said.

She left him \$250,000 in debt, he said, most of which he wrote off by going bankrupt, and took money from his parents as well, leaving them estranged.

She charmed Perez's family by saying she wanted "simple and modest pleasures." She impressed other victims with lies about her grandeur. She said she had access to a government in-

# Wide praise for Obama criticizing cancel culture

His advice to see world as 'messy' a bipartisan hit

By **ALLYSON CHIU**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former President Barack Obama recently offered some advice to young people hoping to change society: Participating in cancel culture isn't the way to do it.

"This idea of purity and you're never compromised and you're always politically woke and all that stuff, you should get over that quickly," the 58-year-old said Tuesday while speaking at the Obama Foundation Summit in Chicago. "The world is messy. There are ambiguities. People who do really good stuff have flaws."

Obama's pointed warning that social media enables "woke" people to be "as judgmental as possible" soon went viral, with clips of Obama shared on Twitter being viewed millions of times.

"He is right on all counts," 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang tweeted, while his opponent Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, wrote,

"We all need a little more aloha spirit: being respectful & caring for one another."

"Good for Obama," wrote conservative pundit Ann Coulter, adding in parentheses that her comment was "Not sarcastic!"

On Tuesday, Obama was 50 minutes into a discussion with young leaders about their activism when he mentioned that he had started to notice a worrisome trend "among young people, particularly on college campuses."

"There is this sense sometimes of, 'The way of me making change is to be as judgmental as possible about other people,' and that's enough," he said, noting that the mindset was only "accelerated by social media."

Obama went on to describe an example of the behavior he was cautioning against.

"If I tweet or hashtag about how you didn't do something right or used the wrong verb, then I can sit back and feel pretty good about myself, because man you see how woke I was?" he said, drawing laughter from the audience. "I called you out."

But the act of public

shaming on social media, Obama said, is "not activism."

"That's not bringing about change," he said. "If all you're doing is casting stones, you're probably not going to get that far. That's easy to do."

With that, Obama effectively inserted himself into the ongoing debate that surrounds cancel culture, a term that refers to a mass effort, usually carried out on social media, to call out prominent people for any alleged wrongdoing and demand that they lose access to their public platforms. The strategy has proved vital to holding powerful figures accountable, sparking international movements such as #MeToo.

But "canceling" has also been criticized for encouraging mob behavior that often results in major consequences to people's lives and careers over missteps such as old inappropriate tweets.

Boycotts have long been considered an efficient method of motivating change, but the intense censoring of people or groups on social media is a newer tactic that has gained popularity among the left, according to CNN's Chris



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Cillizza, who described it as "one of the defining hallmarks of our culture in the post-Obama presidency."

It is not especially surprising then that Obama, known for promoting compromise, would take issue with an approach that hinges on the premise that everything is black and white, and Tuesday wasn't the first time that he's publicly raised concerns.

In his first interview after leaving office, Obama criticized unnamed leaders for using social media to sow division, The Post's William Booth reported.

"One of the dangers of

the internet is that people can have entirely different realities. They can be cocooned in information that reinforces their current biases," Obama said in December 2017. "The truth is, on the internet everything is simplified and when you meet people face to face, it turns out they're complicated."

Still, Obama's most recent comments on the issue sparked a fresh wave of reaction.

"I love this," CBS late-night host James Corden tweeted.

Corden's praise was echoed by other celebrities,

such as comedians Billy Eichner and Sarah Silverman, and actor John Cleese.

"An actual adult with experience and perspective has entered the building," Eichner wrote on Twitter.

Even conservative commentator Tomi Lahren had positive comments about Obama, remarking on "Fox & Friends" that the former president is "looking like the voice of reason."

But Obama's words did not sit well with everyone.

"Oligarch Irritated by Agonized Youth," one Twitter user captioned a video of Obama speaking at the Chicago event.



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Firefighters battle to control hotspots of the Maria Fire on Saturday in Santa Paula, Ventura County, 65 miles northwest of Los Angeles. The fire is about 20% contained.

## Amid progress, Calif. wildfire still grave threat to property

By **JOHN ANTCAZAK**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Authorities lifted evacuation orders for a farm community Saturday as firefighters make progress on a large wildfire northwest of Los Angeles that continues to threaten about 2,500 homes and buildings.

Ventura County officials allowed an unknown number of residents in Somis to return home Saturday morning after firefighters contained 20% of the Maria Fire, which has burned nearly 15 square miles and forced nearly 11,000 people to evacuate.

While fire activity subsided overnight, winds and skin-cracking low humidity were expected to enter their fourth day Saturday and make another difficult day for firefighters.

Moreover, an unexpected area of clouds moved in from the south, threatening to bring lightning strikes and wind gusts of 20 to 30 mph over the region, the National Weather Service said.

Police in Santa Monica urged beachgoers to seek shelter indoors after light-

ning was reported over the city.

Crews battled to keep the flames away from orchards and farms in the rural area. Three buildings were destroyed.

The fire erupted on a hilltop northwest of Los Angeles on Thursday during what had been expected to be the tail end of gusty Santa Ana winds.

The cause was under investigation but there was a troubling possibility that an electrical line might have been involved — as such lines have been at other recent fires.

Southern California Edison said Friday that it reenergized a 16,000-volt power line 13 minutes before the fire erupted in the same area.

Edison and other utilities up and down the state shut off power to hundreds of thousands of people last week out of concerns that high winds could cause power lines to spark and start fires.

SCE will cooperate with investigators, the utility said.

In Northern California, more people were allowed to return to areas evacuated

due to the huge Kincade Fire burning for days in the Sonoma County wine country.

The 121-square-mile fire was 72% contained, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

The tally of destroyed homes reached 175 and there were 35 more damaged, Cal Fire said. Many other structures also burned.

Historic, dry winds prompted the state's largest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., to initiate four rounds of widespread preemptive shut-offs in Northern California this month to prevent wildfires.

But the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District pegged the utility's equipment as the cause of three smaller fires that cropped up Oct. 27 in the San Francisco Bay Area suburbs of Martinez and Lafayette.

And while the cause of the Kincade Fire hasn't been determined, PG&E reported a problem with a transmission tower near the spot where the fire started.

## In Tennessee, inmates opt for electric chair over injection

By **TRAVIS LOLLER**  
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The inmate's request was a surprising one, made three days before he was to be executed in October 2018: Edmund Zagorski told the state of Tennessee he'd rather die in the electric chair than receive a lethal injection.

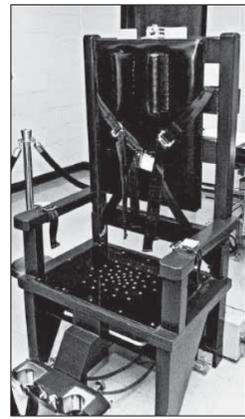
Some took the request as a ploy to buy time. Defense attorney Kelley Henry insisted Zagorski was motivated by a sincere belief the lethal drugs used in Tennessee — anchored by the sedative midazolam — would mean a prolonged and agonizing death.

The state granted his request, and days later on Nov. 1, 2018, Zagorski was strapped into the stout wooden chair nicknamed "Old Sparky" and put to death for shooting and slitting the throats of two men during a 1983 drug deal. Since then, the state has executed two other inmates by electrocution, bringing the total to three in the past year.

Tennessee is one of six states where inmates can choose the chair, but it's the only state where they're actually doing so. Courts in Georgia and Nebraska have declared the electric chair unconstitutional and the U.S. Supreme Court has never fully considered its constitutionality.

Zagorski and the others filed court challenges hoping to block their executions, arguing that both the electric chair and Tennessee's lethal injection procedure violate the U.S. Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. The courts refused to hear their arguments about electrocution because the inmates had voluntarily chosen that method, even though they said the decision was made under duress.

"Tennessee is the clearest example of several di-



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Three condemned inmates in Tennessee have chosen the electric chair, claiming lethal injection is worse.

lemmas created by the U.S. Supreme Court on what constitutes cruel and unusual punishment and on state secrecy," said Robert Dunham, executive director of the nonprofit Death Penalty Information Center.

In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that an inmate challenging a specific method of execution as cruel and unusual must show a more humane method is readily available.

Inmates argued last year before the state Supreme Court that Tennessee should copy Texas in adopting a single dose of the barbiturate pentobarbital. That case was dismissed, however, after Correction Department officials testified that pentobarbital was unavailable. The inmates couldn't effectively challenge that testimony because the process of procuring execution drugs is secret under state law.

No state uses the electric chair as its main execution method. Virginia is the only other state to use the chair this decade and hasn't done so since 2013. Before Zagorski's execution, Tennessee had electrocuted only one other inmate since 1960.

According to the Death

Penalty Information Center, over the past five years, five states have abolished capital punishment or placed a moratorium on executions. Of the 25 states where executions could still be carried out in theory, another seven have not done so this decade. The Death Penalty Information Center doesn't take a stand on the death penalty though it is critical of its application.

The Tennessee inmates' decision to request the chair might seem counterintuitive, given those who say lethal injection provides a humane and relatively painless death. But as pharmaceutical companies have worked to keep their drugs out of execution chambers, states have had to revise their protocols to match the drugs they can get their hands on.

In Tennessee, those are midazolam, a sedative used to render the inmate unconscious; vecuronium bromide, to paralyze the inmate; and potassium chloride, to stop the heart.

Expert witnesses for the inmates testified last July that midazolam wouldn't prevent inmates from feeling pain and that Tennessee's three-drug combination would cause them sensations of drowning, suffocation and chemical burning while rendering them unable to move or call out.

Because the inmates couldn't prove pentobarbital was available, the court didn't consider their evidence.

After inmate Billy Ray Irick received a lethal injection in August 2018 for the slaying of a 7-year-old Knoxville girl decades ago, the inmates tried to challenge the method again. They pointed out that Irick's death took about 20 minutes, during which he coughed and huffed before turning dark purple. But the courts refused to take up the case.

## Agency issues warning to avoid inclined sleepers after 73 deaths



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Fisher-Price forwent expert input and testing in the development of its Rock 'n Play baby sleeper.

By **TODD C. FRANKEL**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Consumers should stop using all inclined sleepers — even models that have not been recalled — because of the risk of accidental suffocation, federal safety regulators said.

The warning from the Consumer Product Safety Commission comes after months of controversy over the popular infant-sleeping devices, which began in April with the recall of

millions of Fisher-Price's Rock 'n Plays because of safety concerns and culminated in the release of a study two weeks ago that found the product's design inherently dangerous.

The CPSC's new warning applies to any sleeping device that allows babies to sleep at an angle greater than 10 degrees. Most inclined sleepers stood at about 30 degrees.

In addition to the Rock 'n Play, inclined sleepers made by Kids II and Dorel Juvenile Group also have been

recalled in recent months. They were pulled from the market, and the companies are offering consumers some compensation.

But the new CPSC warning Friday is not a recall. It is the agency's response to a growing body of research about the safety of inclined sleepers. The agency said there were fewer than 40 deaths tied to the products in April. Now, that number has shot to 73 infant deaths.

The CPSC is also pushing for new federal rules that would essentially outlaw in-

clined sleepers by limiting the incline to 10 degrees.

But the rulemaking process is expected to take at least several months.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has said inclined sleepers are unsafe for several years. The group recommends that babies sleep on a flat surface in a crib or bassinet.

The CPSC had been worried about deaths in inclined sleepers for at least a year before the Rock 'n Play recall earlier this year.

But agency staff strug-

gled to explain why babies were dying in the product.

A Washington Post investigation detailed how Fisher-Price invented the class of products without medical safety testing or input from a pediatrician.

Last month, a new study by University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences researchers found that babies are especially susceptible to suffocation in an inclined sleeper because the product makes it easier for babies to roll into an unsafe face-down position.

# Iowa

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what started earlier this year as a long-shot campaign. That was matched, however, by an equally effective showing by the front-running Warren, who contended the brand of moderate politics practiced by Buttigieg and Biden don't go far enough to fight for working families.

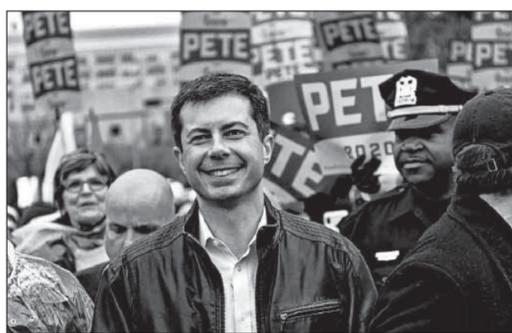
"We need big ideas and — here's the critical part — we need to be willing to fight for them," Warren said. "It's easy to give up on a big idea, but when we give up on big ideas, we give up on the people whose lives would be touched by those ideas."

Warren's and Buttigieg's speeches illustrated the on-going gulf between the party's progressive left demanding major fights to force social change, and a moderate middle that has called for unity and a centrist message aimed at defeating Trump in the fall. That divide was reinforced by Biden's plea to "restore the soul of the nation" post-Trump and Sanders' declaration that "real change doesn't take place without struggle."

The Iowa Democratic Party's Liberty and Justice Celebration, which lasted nearly five hours and stretched late into Friday night, serves as the single most consequential campaign event ahead of the state's Feb. 3 caucuses. This year's annual fundraiser was the largest in the party's history, drawing more than 13,000 people and a record 13 candidates, which required the event to be held at Des Moines' downtown Wells Fargo Arena.

The event marked a high-stakes moment for the candidates: 12 minutes to give a speech in a boxing-ring like setting encircled by thousands of amped-up Democrats eager to oust Trump in the November 2020 election. All the candidates railed against Trump. The differences emerged in their messages on how best to energize voters to defeat him.

Biden declared the "very



Mayor Pete Buttigieg, left, leads supporters on a walk Friday to the Democratic Party Liberty and Justice Dinner in Des Moines. Sen. Kamala Harris speaks Friday in Des Moines.



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character of the country is on the ballot" and said that the Democrats didn't just need to beat Trump, but beat him "soundly," and argued he was best positioned to do so. The former vice president also took a shot at those who support eliminating private insurance and implementing "Medicare For All," including Sanders, Warren and California U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris.

"We can make sure that 160 million Americans who have insurance can keep it if they want, and if not, they can buy into a Medicare-like proposal," Biden said. "That will not take four years or five years or 10 years to happen. It will happen immediately. There will be no increases in taxes for the middle class, none, none, none."

Warren came into the Des Moines spotlight dogged by questions about her "Medicare for All" plan, for which she drew sharp attacks from moderates Biden, Buttigieg and Minnesota U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar. The criticism boiled down to the fact that Warren had embraced Sanders' "Medicare for All" plan, but had been unwilling to detail how she'd pay for the new health care system or address whether middle-class taxpayers' taxes would increase as a result.

On Friday, she sought to change that narrative by announcing her version of "Medicare for All" — a \$34 trillion plan that would require \$20.5 trillion in tax increases. Unlike Sanders, who has said his plan would

result in a tax increase for middle-class Americans in place of the costs and co-pays of their current private insurance plans, Warren vowed no such tax hikes for working families.

So-called "Medicare for All" would mean a free government-run health care system eliminating private insurance, while a public option plan would be a government-run system in competition with private insurance.

Warren said middle-class families would save some \$11 trillion by no longer having to pay the premiums, deductibles and co-pays they currently must cover under private insurance plans. She'd pay for the plan by requiring employers to pay the \$9 trillion they currently spend on health care to the federal government, expanding the wealth tax she's already called for, cutting military spending and savings from eliminating the bureaucracy currently set up around private insurance.

Biden's campaign slammed the proposal as unrealistic "mathematical gymnastics" that effectively would raise middle-class taxes, claiming employers would simply pass on the health care costs to employees. The former vice president did not criticize the plan in his speech, and neither did Klobuchar or Buttigieg. But like Biden, the South Bend mayor touted his public option plan, "Medicare for All Who Want It," which he said is "honoring your decision over whether and when you want it."

Warren portrayed such plans as limited and unambitious.

"Anyone who comes on this stage and tells you they can make change without a fight is not going to win that fight. Anyone who comes on this stage and tells you to dream small and give up early is not going to lead our party to victory," she said. "This is a time of crisis, and media pundits, Washington insiders, even some people in our own party don't want to admit it. They think that running some vague campaign that nibbles around the edges is somehow safe. But if the most we can promise is 'business as usual' after Donald Trump, then Democrats will lose."

Sanders offered a similar sentiment, quoting Nelson Mandela by saying, "It always seems impossible until it is done."

"The establishment and the monied interests always tell us that real change is impossible," the Vermont senator said. "Well, let me respectfully disagree. In my view, health care is a human right, not a privilege."

In his speech, Buttigieg met the frequent calls for a political fight from the left with a measured tone aimed at uniting progressives, moderates and Republicans.

"We will fight when we must fight, but I will never allow us to get so wrapped up in the fighting that we start to think fighting is the point. The point is what lies on the other side of the fight," he said. "And what lies on the other side of that fight is the hope of an American experience de-

finied not by exclusion, but by belonging. That is what we are here to deliver."

Buttigieg arrived at the arena with growing momentum. A New York Times/Siena poll released Friday morning showed him continuing to surge to the top of the field.

The survey found Warren solidifying her status as a front-runner with 22%, followed by Sanders with 19%, but the most notable change was the South Bend mayor's rise to third place with 18%, passing Biden who polled fourth with 17%. The top three candidates all were within the poll's 4.7 percentage point margin-of-error of one another.

Beyond the night's speeches, the event also marked an early test of the candidates' resources and campaign organization — and for one candidate, the end of the road. Former Texas U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke ended his campaign hours before the event, telling supporters gathered along the Des Moines River that he no longer had the resources to move forward.

Many of the candidates held rallies before the event, and Buttigieg attracted the largest crowd there too. More than 2,000 people stood gathered in a chilly, rain-soaked plaza to hear the mayor speak and singer-songwriter Ben Harper perform. Inside, Buttigieg's supporters filled nearly one entire end of the arena, where they wore matching glow-in-the-dark bracelets and held giant neon signs that read "Boot," "Edge," "Edge," (a play on how to pronounce the mayor's name) with one in each level of seats.

Warren and Harris, who has cut spending and pulled resources out of New Hampshire to focus solely on Iowa, had the next-largest groups of supporters. Warren's supporters unfurled a giant banner at the climax of her speech that covered three levels while Harris' supporters held glow-in-the-dark signs that spelled "Justice," and held up purple and yellow placards that spelled KAMALA in giant letters.

Biden's campaign bought tickets for at least six sections of the arena's upper deck that went unused, and the former vice president had the smallest group of supporters among the leading candidates, raising further questions about the depth of his ground operation in the state. He was accompanied by firefighters who have endorsed his candidacy.

Iowa Democrats have held the fall-fundraising event, previously known as the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, since at least 1975. The fundraiser often has served as a pivotal opportunity for candidates to establish the viability of their campaigns, showing off campaign muscle through the sheer number of volunteers who gather at pre-dinner rallies and pack the stands at the main event. The 2007 iteration of the Democratic dinner proved to be a launching pad for Obama's then-long-shot White House aspirations. He drew 4,000 people to an outdoor rally with singer John Legend, marched through the streets of Des Moines with a drum corps and gave a soaring speech that won the night.

"I know that Barack Obama probably would not be president if he hadn't had a great JJ dinner in Iowa," his 2008 campaign manager David Plouffe said this week on his "Campaign HQ" podcast. "It's really what propelled us. That really separates us from the rest of the field and enabled us to build a winning campaign there."

Hoping the same is true for him this year, Buttigieg started his speech with a nod to Obama.

"The first time I came to this state was as a volunteer, to knock on doors for a presidential candidate — a young man with a funny name," Buttigieg said. "And we knew the stakes were high then. The stakes are colossal now."

And now, he's the young man with the funny name trying to break out in Iowa.

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# Lost hopes in Russia after wall's fall

NATO's expansion seen as proof of hostile intentions

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — When the Berlin Wall fell, the Soviet Union stepped back, letting East Germany's communist government collapse and then quickly accepting German unification. Russian President Vladimir Putin now blames the Soviet leadership for naiveté that paved the way for NATO's expansion eastward.

Many in Russia share that view, seeing the collapse of the Berlin Wall and reunification of Germany as a moment when Moscow reached out to the West hoping to forge a new era of partnership but was cheated by Western powers.

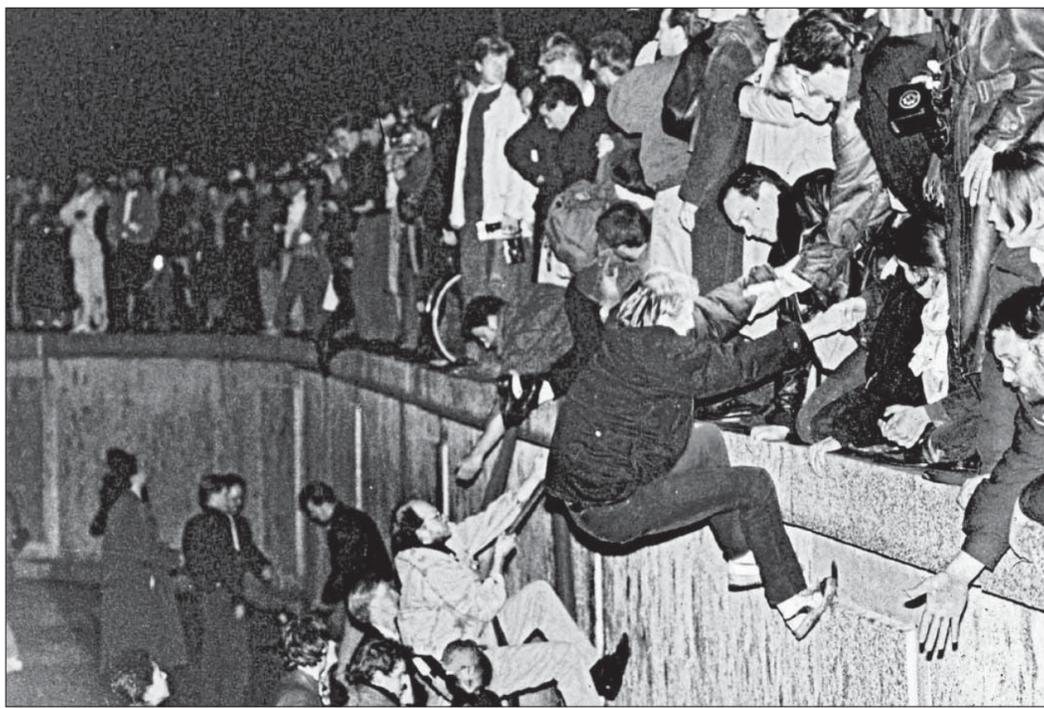
Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev encouraged the Communist leaders in Central and Eastern Europe to follow his lead in launching liberal reforms and took no action to shore up their regimes when they started to crumble under the pressure of pro-democracy forces. During 1989, reformers took power across Soviet bloc countries, ending more than four decades of Communist rule.

The swiftness of the change took Gorbachev himself by surprise.

The ex-Soviet leader said in a recent interview, ahead of the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, that he welcomed democratic changes in East Germany and other Soviet bloc countries but didn't foresee the Berlin Wall to come down that quickly.

"Not only us, but our Western partners didn't expect that the pace of history would be so fast," Gorbachev told newspaper Izvestia.

The morning after the Berlin Wall's collapse, Gorbachev called a session of the Communist Party's rul-



JOCKEL FINCK/AP 1989

The Soviet media, transformed by Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of openness, freely reported on the Berlin Wall's collapse.

ing Politburo to discuss a Soviet response.

"The Politburo unanimously decided that the use of force must be absolutely ruled out. Some were certainly eager to 'restore order' with tanks, but they kept mum then," he said in the interview.

Pavel Palazhchenko, who worked as Gorbachev's interpreter at the time, said that "any other decision could have had extremely serious, grave consequences, could have been the beginning of a disaster."

The Soviet Union had more than 300,000 troops and more than 12,000 tanks and other armored vehicles in East Germany.

"Practically they could have closed the entire border with their tanks, but they stayed in their barracks," said Vladislav Zubok, an expert on Soviet history with the London School of Economics. "It was clear to the Soviet leadership that it was im-

possible to put the paste back into the tube. A new era started."

Nikolai Andreyev, who was a Soviet army colonel in East Germany, said he was relieved to see that the Soviet leadership didn't try to reclaim control by forceful means.

"I was happy that it all happened peacefully, without a military conflict, without any shooting and bloodshed," he said.

The Soviet Union itself was going through a tumultuous period of change.

Liberal reformers in the newly elected Soviet parliament pushed for ending the Communist Party's monopoly on power and pro-independence movements quickly gained leverage in Soviet republics. The Soviet media, transformed by Gorbachev's policy of openness, freely reported on the Berlin Wall's collapse.

"I was sure that our military units wouldn't take any radical action. Gor-

bachev's policy warranted that," said Vyacheslav Mostovoi, who covered the wall's fall for Soviet state television.

Following the wall's collapse, Gorbachev agreed to fast-track the talks on the unification of Germany and, to much Western surprise, easily accepted its membership in NATO. He told Izvestia that it "removed a source of tension in the center of Europe" and helped radically improve relations with Germany.

But many in Russia continue to hold Gorbachev responsible for betraying Soviet ally East Germany and foregoing Moscow's vital interests in talks with Western powers.

They include Putin, who charged that the Soviet leader naively trusted Western promises that NATO wouldn't seek to incorporate Soviet bloc countries instead of getting a written pledge.

"Gorbachev made a mis-

take," Putin said. "It's necessary to document things in politics. And he just talked about it and thought that it was done."

Gorbachev countered that it would have been absurd to ask the West for written guarantees that the Warsaw Pact members wouldn't join NATO because it would have amounted to declaring the Soviet-led military alliance dead even before it formally ceased to exist in July 1991.

For Putin, however, Gorbachev's German policy was a show of unforgivable weakness that left a deep personal mark. A month after the wall's collapse, Putin, a KGB lieutenant colonel posted to Dresden, East Germany, was left to face demonstrators who tried to break into the KGB's headquarters there after the Soviet military ignored his desperate plea to protect the building.

He eventually managed to turn the crowd back

without violence.

As the Kremlin was negotiating German reunification, the Soviet Union began to unravel amid a massive economic crisis and political turmoil. The country's hard currency reserves depleted and the Kremlin struggled to pay its bills, leaving Gorbachev and his government in a weak negotiating position.

"The Soviet Union was in crisis and couldn't negotiate from the position of equality with the West," Zubok said.

The country's economic woes continued after the 1991 Soviet breakup, leaving Russia heavily dependent on Western financial aid throughout the 1990s.

In the years that followed, the Kremlin could do little to oppose the enlargement of NATO that embraced Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in 1999 and incorporated other former Soviet bloc nations and the three ex-Soviet republics in the Baltics.

NATO's expansion eastward was widely seen in Russia as a proof of its hostile intentions, helping foment anti-Western sentiments.

"The mistrust toward the West, toward the potential partners on the other side, is still there," said Konstantin Kosachev, the Kremlin-connected head of the foreign affairs committee in the Russian parliament's upper house.

He argued that the West, eager to claim victory in the Cold War, squandered a chance to build a safer world.

"In a certain sense, this damage is somehow irreversible," Kosachev said. "The Soviet Union and then Russia did make its own choice to stop confrontation with the West and start cooperation. It could have been a win-win situation, but for that the Western countries should have been much wiser, much more generous."

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### UAW president to take paid leave amid corruption probe

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers announced Saturday that President Gary Jones is taking a paid leave of absence amid a federal investigation of corruption within the union.

The UAW said Jones requested the leave, effective Sunday. UAW Vice President Rory Gamble will serve as acting president.

UAW-represented workers at General Motors Co. recently approved

a new contract after a 40-day strike. Union members are scheduled to begin voting Monday on a proposed contract with Ford Motor Co. If Ford workers ratify the deal, the UAW will begin bargaining with Fiat Chrysler.

The FBI has been investigating fraud and misuse of funds at the UAW for more than two years. Ten people have been convicted so far, including union leaders and auto company officials.

### Turkey's Defense Ministry says car bomb kills 13 in Syrian town

ISTANBUL — A car bomb exploded in a northern Syrian town along the border with Turkey on Saturday, killing 13 people, Turkey's Defense Ministry said.

The ministry said about 20 others were wounded when the bomb exploded in central Tal Abyad, which was captured last month by Turkey-backed opposition gunmen from Kurdish-led fighters.

The ministry blamed

Syrian Kurdish fighters for the attack and called on the international community to take a stance against this "cruel terror organization."

A spokesman for the main Kurdish-led force in Syria, Mustafa Bali, blamed Turkey for the blast, saying Turkey and the Syrian fighters it backs "are now creating chaos" in Tal Abyad to displace the Kurds who live in the town.

### Officials: Iraqi security forces kill 1 protester, injure over 200

BAGHDAD — Iraqi security forces fired tear gas and live ammunition to disperse thousands of anti-government protesters Saturday, killing at least one and wounding more than 200 in the capital Baghdad and in the country's south, police officials and a semi-official human rights commission said.

The largest protest took place in Baghdad, where tens of thousands of peo-

ple gathered in and near a central square in defiance of a government crackdown that killed dozens over the past month.

Tens of thousands of Iraqis have been protesting since last month, demanding sweeping change to the political system established after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, which they blame for widespread corruption, high unemployment and poor public services.



VINCENT YU/AP

**Police pepper spray** Richard Chan, a candidate for district council elections, Saturday in Hong Kong. Police fired tear gas and used a water cannon against protesters demanding meaningful autonomy after Beijing signaled it could tighten its grip on the territory.

## Airbnb to ban 'party houses' after fatal shooting in Calif.

Airbnb Inc. says it's banning "party houses" in the wake of a deadly shooting at an Airbnb rental in California.

In a series of tweets Saturday, Airbnb co-founder and CEO Brian Chesky said that the San Francisco-based company is stepping up efforts to "combat unauthorized parties and get rid of abusive host and guest conduct."

Chesky said Airbnb is expanding manual screening of "high risk" reservations that are flagged by its system. It's also forming a rapid response team dedicated to house parties. The

company will remove guests who fail to comply.

Five people were killed in a Halloween party shooting in Orinda, a suburb 18 miles northeast of San Francisco.

"What happened on Thursday night in Orinda was horrible. I feel for the families and neighbors impacted by this tragedy. We are working to support them," Chesky tweeted.

People with knowledge of the transaction say the woman who rented the home lied to her Airbnb host, saying she was renting it so her asthmatic family members could escape

wildfire smoke. More than 100 people had gathered for the party, police said.

The Airbnb ad banned parties and Orinda has a 13-person limit on occupancy for short-term rentals.

House parties have long been an issue for Airbnb.

In 2018, Airbnb permanently banned a man who crammed more than 250 people into an Airbnb rental in Seven Hills, Ohio, for an unauthorized New Year's party while his host hid in a bedroom. In July, two people were killed during a party at an Airbnb in Pittsburgh.

### Israel airstrikes kill 1 after rockets fired from Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli airstrikes on Gaza killed a Palestinian man Saturday as aircraft pounded militant sites in response to barrages of rockets launched toward Israel from the seaside enclave.

The exchange of fire shattered a monthlong lull

across the volatile frontier.

Gaza's Health Ministry said Ahmed al-Shehri, 27, died from shrapnel injuries during the Israeli bombings that continued through the early hours of Saturday.

He was among three men who sustained moderate or serious wounds from one of the airstrikes. Wit-

nesses at Nasser Hospital in the southern city of Khan Younis said the three were sitting in an orchard adjacent to one of the militant posts that was hit.

In a statement, the Israeli military said its warplanes targeted military compounds affiliated with Gaza's Hamas rulers.

### Mexico says 2 dead, 35 homes burned in pair of fires

MEXICO CITY — Mexican authorities say two people have been killed and 35 homes damaged by two wildfires burning in the northwestern border state of Baja California.

The federal Department of Security and Citizen Protection said late Friday in a statement that the blazes were located in the areas of Ensenada and Rosarito.

The Ensenada fire covered about 60 acres and was 95% extinguished.

The Rosarito fire covered about 25 acres. There was no information on how much that blaze had been brought under control.

The department said the toll of deaths and damage was recorded since the fires "reactivated" Wednesday.

Baja California state is across from California, which has also been hit by wildfires recently amid windy and dry conditions.

**In Egypt:** Top prosecutor Hamada el-Sawy said Saturday that a train conductor who allegedly forced two street vendors without tickets to jump off a moving train, leading to the death of one of the youths, will stand trial.

The incident took place last week in the Nile Delta town of Tanta and has stirred calls for the resignation of Egypt's transportation minister.

The conductor allegedly demanded the youths "pay for tickets but they refused," after which he reportedly opened a carriage door for them to jump out. The conductor, who is in custody, faces two charges, including causing injuries that led to the death of one of the two men, and deliberately injuring the other youth. A trial date has not been set.

## OBITUARIES

**JEROME 'BUD' HOFFBERG 1916-2019**

# Ran packaging business, then traveled for decades as retiree

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Jerome "Bud" Hoffberg worked in his family's packaging and promotional business for 50 years, 25 of them as president and CEO, before retiring more than 30 years ago to a life of travel and time with family and friends that kept him active well past his 103rd birthday.

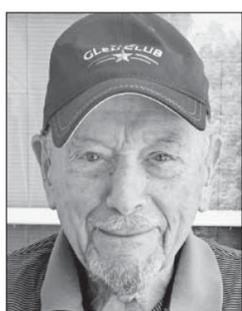
There were three keys to Hoffberg's long life, according to his friend and long-time accountant, David Collis.

"The first thing he would do is exercise — six days a week," said Collis, who called Hoffberg his mentor in both life and business. "He would say, 'Dave, I do it today so I can do it tomorrow. I'm scared to stop.'"

Hoffberg was "always positive" and stressed the importance of family and friends, Collis said.

Hoffberg, 103, died of lung cancer Oct. 29 in Three Crowns Park in Evanston, where he lived independently for the last 11 years, according to his daughter, Ronna Hoffberg. Before that, he and his late wife, Bettye, who died in 2010, were longtime residents of Winnetka.

He was born in Chicago in 1916 and grew up first in the Rogers Park and later in the Lakeview neighborhood. From the age of 11 through high school, he attended



FAMILY PHOTO

Jerome "Bud" Hoffberg lived in Evanston and before that, Winnetka.

what was then St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin. He remained associated with the school for the rest of his life.

He went on to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign but left before graduating to join Petra Manufacturing, which had been founded in 1933 by his mother, Sara.

His business career was interrupted by World War II service with the Army, where in two overseas tours he made the rank of captain and worked in logistics in both England and France, his daughter said. His time overseas left him especially fond of England and its people, said his son, Norman, who followed his father as president and CEO of Petra.

"An Anglophile — no question about it," his son

said.

At Petra, Hoffberg early on recognized the value of polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, a plastic that the company uses for custom binders and in other packaging applications. He also was an early adopter of Velcro after its development in Switzerland and commercial introduction in the late 1950s.

In retirement, Hoffberg traveled extensively, his children said, including a number of trips to England.

"The most notable thing about my father — he just never had a bad day," his daughter said. "He wouldn't allow it. He was always looking ahead."

When Hoffberg was considering a move to independent living at Three Crowns, Collis said he worked up some financial scenarios for his longtime client.

Even with no growth in his investments, Collis told Hoffberg his money wouldn't run out until he was 108 years old.

Hoffberg's response? "Dave, what am I going to do then?"

Hoffberg leaves no other immediate survivors.

A celebration of his life will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniel Ave., Evanston.

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ON NOVEMBER 3 ...

**In 1793** Stephen Austin, founder of the principal settlements of English speakers in Texas when that territory was still part of Mexico, was born in Austinville, Virginia.

**In 1839** the first Opium War between China and Britain broke out.

**In 1868** Republican Ulysses S. Grant won the presidential election over Democrat Horatio Seymour.

**In 1896** Republican William McKinley defeated Democrat William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.

**In 1903** Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

**In 1908** Republican William Howard Taft was elected president, outpolling William Jennings Bryan.

**In 1957** the Soviet Union launched Sputnik II, the second manmade satellite, into orbit; on board was a dog named Laika that was sacrificed in the experiment.

**In 1964** President Lyndon Johnson soundly defeated Republican challenger Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

**In 1970** Salvador Allende was inaugurated as president of Chile.

**In 1979** five radicals were

killed when gunfire erupted during an anti-Ku Klux Klan demonstration in Greensboro, North Carolina, after a caravan of Klansmen and neo-Nazis had driven into the area. (In two trials, members of the Klan and the American Nazi Party were acquitted of charges stemming from the shootings.)

**In 1986** the Lebanese magazine Ash-Shiraa broke the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran, a revelation that escalated into the Iran-Contra scandal.

**In 1991** Israeli and Palestinian representatives held their first-ever face-to-face talks in Madrid; in another milestone, Syria opened its first one-on-one meeting with Israel in 43 years.

**In 1992** Arkansas' Democratic governor, Bill Clinton, was elected the 42nd president over incumbent George H.W. Bush; also, Chicago Democratic politician Carol Moseley Braun became the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

**In 1994** Susan Smith of Union, South Carolina, was arrested for drowning her two young sons, nine days after claiming the children had been abducted by a black car-jacker.

**In 1997** Attorney General Janet Reno said there was no evidence that President Bill Clinton broke the law with White House coffees and overnight stays for big contributors. **Also in 1997**

the Supreme Court let stand California's groundbreaking Proposition 209, which banned race and gender preference in hiring and school admissions.

**In 1998** Minnesotans elected former pro wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura to be their governor.

**In 1999** Aaron McKinney was convicted of murder in the fatal beating of gay Wyoming college student Matthew Shepard. (McKinney and Russell Henderson, who pleaded guilty to kidnapping and murder, are serving life prison sentences.)

**In 2002** a CIA Predator drone fired a missile at a car in Yemen, killing al-Qaida's top operative in that country, Ali Qaed Sinan al-Harathi.

**In 2003** Congress voted its final approval for \$87.5 billion for U.S. military operations and aid in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**In 2004** Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry conceded defeat to President George W. Bush in make-or-break Ohio rather than launch a legal fight reminiscent of the contentious Florida recount of four years earlier.

**In 2005** Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, pleaded not guilty to a five-count felony indictment in the CIA leak case. **Also in 2005** Merck & Co. won its first court battle over its Vioxx painkiller when a New Jersey state jury found the drugmaker had properly warned consumers about the risks of the medication.

**In 2012** the lights came back on in lower Manhattan to the relief of residents who'd been plunged into darkness for nearly five days by Superstorm Sandy, but there was deepening resentment in the city's outer boroughs and suburbs over a continued lack of power and maddening gas shortages.

**In 2014**, 13 years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the first tenants moved their belongings into the newly built 1 One World Trade Center. **Also in 2014** Joe Maddon was introduced as the new manager of the Chicago Cubs.

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**ILLINOIS**  
Nov. 2  
Powerball ..... 03 23 32 37 58 / 22  
Powerball jackpot: \$150M  
Lotto ..... 05 09 19 26 38 52 / 19  
Lotto jackpot: \$9.75M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 086 / 4  
Pick 4 midday ..... 6358 / 2  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... 07 12 17 20 24  
Pick 3 evening ..... 327 / 1  
Pick 4 evening ..... 6590 / 1  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... 25 26 27 44 45

**Nov. 1**  
Mega Millions ..... 09 20 36 41 54 / 22  
Mega Millions jackpot: \$118M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 390 / 7  
Pick 4 midday ..... 6358 / 8  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... 06 09 12 28 32  
Pick 3 evening ..... 319 / 7  
Pick 4 evening ..... 4728 / 7  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... 01 02 06 13 23

**Nov. 5 Mega Millions: \$127M**

**INDIANA**  
Nov. 2  
Lotto ..... 03 17 21 26 28 41  
Daily 3 midday ..... 818 / 1  
Daily 4 midday ..... 2672 / 1  
Daily 3 evening ..... 182 / 5  
Daily 4 evening ..... 0350 / 5  
Cash 5 ..... 08 11 21 35 44

**MICHIGAN**  
Nov. 2  
Lotto ..... 08 10 15 37 43 46  
Daily 3 midday ..... 369  
Daily 4 midday ..... 5776  
Daily 3 evening ..... 032  
Daily 4 evening ..... 0259  
Fantasy 5 ..... 10 14 20 27 37  
Keno ..... 02 07 11 13 18 19  
22 27 34 36 42 44 45 48  
50 51 54 55 56 57 63 68

**WISCONSIN**  
Nov. 2  
Megabucks ..... 13 36 38 42 45 46  
Pick 3 ..... 376  
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**Joanne Kornacker Clark**

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Sisters Elizabeth, Katherine (Bob), nieces, nephews and families.

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**Andrew Packard**

Andrew Packard, loving husband and father and adored professor, passed away on September 30, 2019 at the age of 59. He died as he lived, surrounded by friends and family. Andy is survived by his wife Johanna, son Zachary, and his mother and sisters.

Andy was born on July 7, 1960 in Chicago, Illinois, to Ann and Max Packard. He grew up in a large, loving family with his sisters Hilary, Betsy, Jean and Kathie. He earned a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, followed by his Master's and Ph.D. at U.C. Berkeley. He did post-doctoral work at Cal Tech. He was a faculty member at U.C. Santa Barbara before joining the faculty at U.C. Berkeley in 1990.

Andy was a decorated professor, earning many awards including the Mechanical Engineering Department's best teaching award and the University's much-coveted Distinguished Teaching Award. He was recently awarded the prestigious Berkeley Citation, given to individuals whose contributions to UC Berkeley go beyond the call of duty and whose achievements exceed the standards of excellence in their fields. Andy is also recognized as a major early pioneer of robust control theory. He received numerous awards for his work in this area including the 1995 Eckman award for the most outstanding researcher (under 35) in automatic control and the 2005 IEEE Control Systems Technology award. He and colleagues, the late Gary Balas and Pete Seiler (who became his closest friends), wrote a comprehensive set of software tools (called the Robust Control Toolbox) for control system design. This toolbox, distributed by MathWorks, continues to be the standard worldwide, and is used by NASA, Boeing, Airbus, Lockheed, and many other leading companies. Universities all over the world have integrated his research results and software tools in their curricula.

While Andy's contributions to the field were tremendous, he was known equally well for his unparalleled commitment to his students and to the profession of teaching. Whether it was lecturing to a class of 15 or 200, tutoring high school math to Zach and his friends, or advising a group of Ph.D. students, Andy put all of his energy into the task. His colleagues joked about the large lines of students waiting their turn to see him during office hours, regardless of whether they were taking a class from him or not.

Andy and his wife Johanna built community together around their family, friends, as well as students, staff, and faculty. They host a monthly "Soup Night" at their home, which is frequented by colleagues, friends and neighbors alike. Andy enjoyed 5 mile runs through Berkeley with his dog, Nyack. He adored watching his son, Zach, play baseball and helping him with school projects and homework. He loved going to baseball games of any variety, whether it be Berkeley High, Cal or his beloved A's. In addition to his appreciation of conventional sports, he loved log-rolling, and dreamed to one day make it an Olympic sport. He appreciated all kinds of music; he loved playing the piano and jamming with like-minded friends. He appreciated stand up comedy and action movies, often cajoling his friends and family into watching some of his favorites.

Andy was a driven professional, as well as a loving father and husband. When diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2014, he remained dedicated to his family and to the University. He fought his illness daily, maintaining humor and courage throughout, even during his final months.

We invite to join us as we celebrate his life on Friday, November 15th, at 4:00 PM, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Des Plaines, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to The Sedman-Packard Scholarship, founded to support students transferring from junior college to UC Berkeley. Use the following link to donate online: [engineering.berkeley.edu/packardfund](http://engineering.berkeley.edu/packardfund)

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## Death Notices

### Bartolomei, Joan Marie

Joan Marie Bartolomei, nee Kennerley, of Countryside, age 76. Beloved wife of the late Roland; loving mother of Gordy (Misha) and the late Elizabeth Bartolomei; proud grandmother of Allyson and Ryan; dear aunt, cousin and friend of many. Joan was a Third Grade teacher for over 30 years at Ideal School in Countryside. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. Funeral Friday 9:30 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 10:00 a.m. Interment Glen Oak Cemetery Private. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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### Bronson, Susan

Susan Bronson, aged 79, died peacefully at Journey Care Hospice Center in Glen View, IL. Susan was born 11/26/1939, the 6th child of George and Hattie Kapolnek's 13 children. Susan's bond with her siblings was one of the greatest joys in her life. Susan married Robert Kaiser, July 16, 1960, and is survived by their three children; Christine (Peter), Constance (Jeffrey), and Carrie (William). On April 17, 1999, Susan Married the true love of her life, the late Walter Bronson. They had 17 happy years together, much of the time spent sailing the seas. Loving grandmother to 9, great-grandmother to 12. Beloved step-mother and step-grandmother to many. Loving aunt to all of her nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday November 4th from 9AM-11AM **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral to follow. 11:30AM Mass Monday at St. Juliana Church. Interment Private Maryhill Cemetery. For info 847-685-1002 or [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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### Casey-O'Brien, Nancy Angland

Nancy M. Casey-O'Brien nee Angland, 83, of Winnetka formerly of Kenilworth, IL and Vero Beach, FL. Beloved wife of the late John "Jack" J. Casey, Jr. and the late Joseph O'Brien; loving mother of John J. Casey, III, Peggy (Martin) Friedman and Mia (Michael) Sachs; proud grandmother of Lee Friedman, Samuel Sachs and Lucy Sachs; adoring sister of the late Peggy (John) Chestnut; sister-in-law of Jacquelyn (Thomas) Morsch and the late Madelyn Casey; caring aunt of many nieces and nephews; dear stepmother and step-grandmother of many O'Brien families. Visitation Tuesday, November 5th 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 at **SS. Faith Hope & Charity Church**, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093; Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery, Northbrook, Illinois. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Kellogg Cancer Center, 1033 University Place, Suite 450, Evanston, Illinois 60201 or Trinity High School, 7574 West Division Street, River Forest, Illinois 60305. Funeral info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990

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### Chrusciel, Erin Elizabeth

Erin Elizabeth Chrusciel, age 54 of Evanston, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in the early morning hours of Wednesday, October 30th. Beloved wife of Joseph J. Chrusciel Jr.; loving daughter of William and Mary nee Meehan Breen; sister of James T. Breen, aunt to niece Margaret Scarlett Breen, nephew William Beauregard Breen, and keeper of her crowder of cats, Seamus, Bitty, Ceili, Kiernan, Big Momma, and Ida.



Born in West Lafayette, IN on March 8th, 1965, where her father was a professor at Purdue University. Professor Breen then accepted a position at Northwestern University and he moved the family to Evanston, Illinois, where Erin spent her formative years. Erin attended Lincolnwood Elementary School, Haven Middle School, and Evanston Township High School where she was a member of the swim team.

Erin left Evanston High School after only three years, without formally graduating, and went on to study at Simon's Rock College (now Bard) in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. She then transferred to the University of Iowa where she earned a BA in Art History. Erin then earned her MBA from Northwestern University's J.L. Kellogg School of Management.

Erin worked at Disciplined Investment Advisors as an operations manager. She then earned a Diamonds Graduate certification from the Gemological Institute of America and promptly opened her first business in Evanston, Ida Muldoon's - a jewelry and gift boutique specializing in fine Celtic jewelry. Ida Muldoon was Erin's great-grandmother. Erin expanded her line to include fine woolens and homeware and re-organized as Erin's Irish Imports. Finally, she consolidated her business into Feirin O'Eire (Treasures or Gifts from Ireland).

Erin married John and briefly moved into Marina Towers before returning to Evanston. She served as Secretary/Treasurer of Churchill Financial Services, her husband's North Michigan Avenue Financial Planning Firm.

Stricken with cancer of the parotid gland, then breast cancer, then uterine cancer, Erin valiantly fought and survived all three, albeit with some serious complications. After regaining her health, she became a Teacher's Assistant at the North Shore Special Education District in Highland Park where she aided teachers, ran the student job-shadow program and served as President of the local teacher's union.

Erin then continued her work at Misericordia until she succumbed to her illnesses. She was then federally adjudicated as permanently disabled.

This did not stop Erin. In health she served on the Arts Board of the City of Evanston under Mayor Lorraine Morton. Erin was a Past Worthy Matron of Asteri Chapter Number 1029, Order of the Easter which met at The Evanston Masonic Temple. Erin helped build bridges between the Illinois and the Prince Hall women's Masonic Groups. She also served as an officer in the Order of Amaranth and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Erin was very active with the Evanston Animal Shelter.

After dealing with health issues, Erin turned back toward rowing, a sport she became actively involved in while at the University of Iowa. She joined ROW - Recovery on Water, a rowing organization for the survivors of Breast Cancer. She later joined ARC (Alliance Rowing Club of Illinois) and she loved the camaraderie and rowing with ARC. Erin loved teaching and she loved coaching young rowers. She volunteered and officiated yearly at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Massachusetts. Erin was also a volunteer for the Tree House (a no kill cat shelter).

As of late, Erin was involved with Get Out the Vote. A group formed to inspire people to register and vote. She was also a member of the Women's Club of Evanston. She qualifies as a member of the Daughters of the America Revolution but she never sought the recognition.

Erin serves as an inspiration to many. She was her husbands "Diamond Girl" (from the Seals and Crofts song) and she will shine on in the hearts of those whose lives she touched forever.

Visitation Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Saint Mary Parish, 1012 Lake Street (Lake Avenue at Oak Street), Evanston, IL 60201. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Tree House Humane Society, 7225 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645 or Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge, Chicago IL 60660. Info: 847-675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com).

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### Cieslik, Daniel Anthony 'Dan'

Beloved husband of Mary, brother of the late Arthur (Alma) Cieslik, the late Florence Ford, Philip Cieslik, dear father of Daniel, Laura, and Michael, loving uncle of Joan (Rudy) Fandl and the late Debra Cieslik, and also fond uncle of David (Judy) Dillon, Thomas (Sharon) Dillon, the late Patricia Dillon, James (Dawn) Dillon, Mary (Gerald) Reyna, Kathleen (Paul) Kramer, Andrew (Lachelle) Dillon, and Gene (Michelle) Dillon, passed away Friday, Nov. 1, 2019 of cancer at the age of 83. Dan taught Physics and Distributive Education at Mather High School in Chicago Public Schools for 37 years. He enjoyed traveling around the world, playing tennis, and collecting chess sets. Per his wishes, there will be a small private service for the immediate family only, but a remembrance celebration will take place at a time and location that will be announced in the near future.

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### Cittadino, Antoinette M.

Antoinette M. "Mrs. Deno" (nee Frangella), age 96, passed away on October 31, 2019. Devoted wife of the late Eugene (Deno). Beloved mother of Carol (late Pasquale) Miceli, Eugene (Elizabeth) and Dominic (Barbara) Cittadino. Loving grandmother of Angela, Lisa, Rafael, Sienna, Anna and Dominic. Daughter of the late Carmine and the late Paulina Frangella. Dear sister of Roseanne (Joseph) Gardner, preceded in death by siblings Frank (Ida) Petreust, Peter (Esther) Frangella, Theresa (Charles) Paless, Louis (Margaret) Frangella, John (Patricia) Frangella. Sister-in-law of Lillian (late Paul) DeBartolo, late Alfred (late Marion) Cittadino, late Alvira (late Charles) VanHessen. Fond aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. Funeral service Monday, November 4, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. from the Elmwood Chapel, 11200 S. Ewing Ave., Chicago to Church of the Annunziata. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. 773-731-2749. [www.elmwoodchapel.com](http://www.elmwoodchapel.com)



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### Csukor, Alex

Alex Csukor, of Mundelein, former long-time resident of Lisle, died October 26, 2019, at 90 years of age. He was the beloved husband of Rose Csukor, loving father of Judy (Lee) Levy and Karl Csukor; dear grandfather of Scott (Jessica) Levy and Blake (Audrey) Levy. He was retired for 25 years from the tool and die trade, as a mold finisher. Alex was born in Petroszen, Romania to Hungarian parents, Jozsef Csukor and Anna Balazs, who preceded him in death, along with his four brothers and three sisters. There are no services or memorials.

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### Cupp, Anthony 'Tony'

Anthony "Tony" Cupp, age 89; Veteran U.S. Air Force, Korean War; beloved husband of Louise Cupp, nee Dalessandro; loving father of Allan (Christine) Cuppicciotti and Anne Frances (Frank) Michna; cherished grandfather of Michael Cuppicciotti, Nicholas Cuppicciotti, Louise Ehrhardt and Dolores Ehrhardt. Tony was a retired English and History Teacher at Reavis High School in Burbank, IL. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Private family burial at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Arrangements by **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, Downers Grove. 630/968-1000 or [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com)

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### Dapin, Julius

Julius Dapin, age 95, beloved husband for 65 years of Elaine (nee Laurie); adored son of the late Max and Ida Dapin; cherished father of Mark Dapin and Sheryl (Ross) Fimoff; much loved grandfather of Amy, Scott and the late Bret Fimoff; dotting great-grandfather of Aiden; he was preceded in death by his siblings Sarah Bassewitz, Jessie Block, Simon, George, Joe and Sam Dapin and Jennie Albert; loving uncle and good friend to many special people. Julius served our country in the Air Force during WWII. He was a well liked credit manager for Warner Bros. records. He was an avid tennis player and loved the Cubs. Chapel service Mon. Nov. 4, 12:15 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 a charity of your choice. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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**Dorsher, Mary Ruth McGee**  
 Mary Ruth McGee Dorsher passed into eternal life on October 24, 2019. Born on November 28, 1928 in Chicago to Frank and Ruth (Tennes) McGee, Mary was the loving mother of Ellen Wano (David), Margaret Kasimatis (Steve), Peter Dorsher (Adria), Mary Ann Dorsher (Sven Wehrwein), and Catherine Fodor (Tom), treasured grandmother of eleven, and devoted great-grandmother of three. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert P. Dorsher, and her brother, Thomas F. McGee. A graduate of St. Mary's of Notre Dame, Mary was a woman of great compassion, a skilled bridge player, and a talented artist. Visitation will be on Friday, Nov. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. at NH Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home 1240 Waukegan Rd. Glenview. Family and Friends will meet Saturday, Nov. 9, a 10 a.m. for funeral mass at St. Norbert's Catholic Church 1809 Walters Ave, Northbrook, Private family interment. Please send memorials to St. Joseph Services, a Daughters of Charity ministry, which uplifts adults and children in Chicago neighborhoods most affected by violence and poverty (St. Joseph Services, 1501 N. Oakley Blvd., Chicago, 60622 <https://www.stjosephservices.org/>).

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**Downey, Burns Price**  
 Burns Price Downey, age 98. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie F. Downey, nee Biggs; loving father of Zannetta (the late John) Todoric, Glenn and the late Rebecca (Tony) Kinert; devoted grandfather of Paul (Mary) Todoric and Daun (John) Dertinger, Michael Kinert, Aimee (Mark) Jepsen, Kellie Kinert and Kevin Kinert. Proud great-grandfather of Kara and Brian Todoric and Matthew, Kaitlyn and Annaka Jepsen. Born in Oblong, Illinois on Sept. 19, 1921, Burns was the youngest of 7 children born to John and Lucy A. nee Garwood, Downey. He graduated from Oblong High School in 1940. Burns played football, had musical talent and excelled scholastically. After graduation Burns attended the Aeronautical University of Chicago and graduated in 1941. That December, he joined the Army Air Corp. He and Marjorie married Jan. 9, 1943 and were together 73 years until her passing. Burns served in the Air Corp 1941-1945, flying 50 missions throughout the Solomon Islands where his plane was shot down and his crew made an amazing water landing. Everyone survived, but Burns was injured. After he recuperated he continued flying and was shot down again, landing in the jungle. Burns was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and several Bronze Stars. After WWII, Burns was hired by United Airlines and flew for them 36 years. In retirement he joined Forest Agency and sold airplane insurance. He had his own plane and loved traveling the world with Marjorie. A memorial service will be held at Beacon Hill (2400 S. Finley Rd, Lombard, IL 60148) on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Peace Hospice or a charity of your choice are appreciated.

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**Downey, Jean Hoffmann**  
 Jean Hoffmann Downey died on October 13, 2019, having had a wonderful life. She was a long time resident of the Chicago area, though still a New Yorker at heart. She was married to the late Bill Downey for 67 years and is survived by their seven children and spouses, twenty grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Her legacy is summed up by her eldest grandchild who posted: "Grandma was a pillar of strength, a symbol of humility, an example of faith and a living testament to our family values of meaningful conversation, mindfulness, education and a good "rum bomb" at 5 pm." She was a loving, no nonsense woman who was happy to sacrifice her time for others. Throughout her 93 years Jean was an avid reader, athlete, volunteer and the cherished friend of many. Her Sacred Heart education prepared her to face whatever challenges presented themselves and she dealt with any adversity with grace and good humor. Her Manhattanville College yearbook referred to Jean as "Our Model & Queen". She was certainly that to her loved ones and we will miss her greatly. A funeral Mass will be held for Jean at Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic Parish in Winnetka, IL on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 12:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heifer International.

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**Doyle, Joseph P.**  
 Joseph Doyle, 1926 to 2019. Joe died in his Chicago home on October 31, 2019. He will live on in the memory of his family - his four children Kathy, Ann (Chris), Beth and Patrick (Techy) and grandchildren Catherine, Jeremy, Julia, Natalie and Juliana, and his son-in-law Paul. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Joyce Doyle, his daughter Martha and his siblings Mary Francis, Fred, John, Theresa, Margie, and Mary Ellen. With Joyce, he raised a loving family while also pursuing his career at Dow Chemical then as a co-founder of Doyle Research Associates. He would say the most important and loving accomplishment of his life was being a dad and raising his children. And his children would say that he was one in a million - the kindest, most patient, helpful, warm dad anyone could ever have had. He will be dearly missed by all those lucky enough to have had him in their life. A memorial service will be held Sunday November 10, 10am-noon on the 33rd floor, 100 E. Bellevue Place, Chicago. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or [www.cremation-society.com](http://www.cremation-society.com).

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**Driscoll, Jr., Patrick T.**  
 Patrick Thomas Driscoll, Jr., age 77, of Glenview, loving husband, father, and grandfather, died peacefully surrounded by his wife, children, and other close family members. Pat Driscoll, "Paddy" to his grandchildren, was an understated man whose quiet demeanor concealed a brilliant mind, a quick wit, a natural propensity for debate, a tender heart, and a dogged tenacity that served him well in his life-long career as an attorney. He is survived by Sheila (nee Tully), his wife of 51 years, founder of the Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance; their four children, Cathleen (Jay) Dettling, Tara (Chris) Shannon, Patrick (Mary Beth), Michael (Allegra), and eleven grandchildren, Ryan, Nora, Deirdre, and Rory Dettling, Alana, Fiona, and Priscilla Shannon, Maura and Patrick Driscoll V, Hudson and Greyson Driscoll; his siblings Jeff (Maggie) Driscoll and Ginny Driscoll. Pat was born in Chicago on October 30, 1942 to Patrick and Bettye Driscoll. They lived in Rogers Park in the St. Ignatius Parish (The Patch). He attended St. Ignatius Grade School, Loyola Academy and Regis College. He followed his father's footsteps to study law at DePaul University. Upon graduation in 1967, Pat was hired by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and in 1973, he became Chief of the Criminal Appeals Division where he argued 25 cases before the Illinois Supreme Court. After leaving the State's Attorney's office, Pat launched a successful private practice for over 20 years representing clients in criminal and civil matters. While in private practice, Pat continued to advance public service in the Federal Defender Program and through his many appointments as a Special State's Attorney. In 1999, Pat's Loyola Academy classmate and longtime friend, State's Attorney Dick Devine, asked him to return to the State's Attorney's Office as Chief of the Civil Actions Bureau. After leaving the States Attorney's office in 2013, he "retired" by taking four new positions: Administrative Law Judge for the Cook County Assessor, Attorney for the Electoral Board of Cook County and Cook County Pension Fund, independent arbitrator with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, and an arbitrator on the commercial calendar's arbitration program. Even more important than his outstanding legal career, were the values that informed it—values that were a direct expression of his Catholic faith and Jesuit education. These ideals guided his work in the State's Attorney's Office, his championing of unpopular causes, his advocacy for death sentence defendants, eight terms in the Assembly of the Special Illinois State Bar Association Committee on the Death Penalty, his chairmanship of the Board of Trustees at the Norwegian American Hospital and his work with the Lions Club and the Chicago Inn of Court. For his service, Pat was the recipient of numerous awards including the inaugural recipient of the Loyola Academy Bar Association Magis Award which recognizes the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession. In Pat's 50-year career, his advice and counsel were sought by many in both the public and private sector and he was an inspiration and mentor to many attorneys. But he was not all work. Pat loved retreating down to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico with Sheila and his family. He was an avid reader, attended countless DePaul basketball games, and loved walking. Most of all, his wife, children, and especially his grandchildren were the joys of his life. Pat Driscoll was a model family man, public servant, a true "man for others".

Visitation Monday, November 4, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Funeral Mass Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street Glenview, Illinois 60025. In lieu of flowers, make a memorial contribution to Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (and note Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund in the memo line), and send donations to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Ministry Center, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, Illinois 60025  
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**Dybas, Dorothy Marie**  
 Dorothy Marie Dybas (nee Masepohl), age 71, of Sturgeon Bay, WI, formerly of Willow Springs. Beloved wife of Michael A. Dybas for a wonderful 50 years. Loving mother of Ben (Neah) Dybas and Melissa (Rob) Gordon. Devoted grandmother of Porter Dybas and Robin Gordon. Dear sister of Barbara (Bob) Holzer and Beverly (Michael) Colbenson. Preceded in death by her brothers and sisters Donald Masepohl, Jack Masepohl, Marge Brabbit and Elaine Masepohl, and her parents Elroy and Violet Masepohl. Cherished sister-in-law of Carolyn (Sandy) Salyards and James Dybas. Fond aunt and friend of many. Memorial Visitation 6:30pm until a Celebration of Life 7:30pm Thursday, November 7th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family encourages family and friends to prepare words and memories to be shared at that time. Family and friends are invited to meet directly at St. Cletus Church, 600 W. 55th St., LaGrange, IL 60525 on Friday, November 8th for 10am Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made to The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, LaGrange Park or the Beds Plus Care Program. A full obituary can be viewed at [HJfunerals.com](http://HJfunerals.com). For further information: 708-352-6500

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## Eldorado-Constantine, Rosina M.

Rosina M. Eldorado-Constantine, 89, of Galena, IL and formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away Thursday, October 31, 2019, at Galena Staus Senior Care Community. Funeral service will be held at 7 PM, Monday, Nov. 4, 2019, at the **Furlong Funeral Chapel**, Galena where friends may call after 5 PM until time of service. Burial will be 11 AM, Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at St. Mary's Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. She was born June 27, 1930 in Chicago, the daughter of Vincent and Amelia (Biafora) Eldorado. Rosina graduated from Lindblom High School. She worked for Sears Roebuck Company as an accounting manager and owned the Orland Park Laundromat. Rosina is survived by her daughter, Nancy Constantine-Butzen; three grandchildren: Christina Butzen-Langston, Judith Butzen and Justin Butzen; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Nancy Eldorado-Lange; and brother, Benito Eldorado. Online condolences may be left at [www.furlongfuneralchapel.com](http://www.furlongfuneralchapel.com)

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## Feldman, Allen J

Allen J. Feldman, 93, US Army Veteran WW II and retired CPD. Beloved husband of the late Jeanette. Loving father of Mary (Mort) Hart, Steven (Patricia DeNiro), Elizabeth (Sebastian) Rivera, Laura Feldman, Peter (Paul Segura), Paul (Jessica) and the late Allen, Jeffrey and Christopher. Devoted Grandfather of Lauren (Keith) Murphy, Elizabeth (Matthew) Ortolano, Mort Hart, Christina (Matthew) Hoffman, John, Regina & Grace Rivera, Marley & Michael Feldman, Vincent & Matthew Feldman. Dearest Great Grandfather of Gia, Abbie, Jack & Tess. Fond uncle of many. Family and friends will meet Friday, November 8th at St. Mary of the Woods Church 7033 N. Moselle Ave Chicago for a memorial visitation from 10:00 am until time of memorial mass at 11:00 am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association of Chicago or charity of your choice.



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## Fenner, Elizabeth D.

Elizabeth D. Fenner (nee Niedermeyer), of Wheaton; 2/17/1930-11/1/2019. Earnest & caring mother of Susan (Richard) Haley, Michael Jarmula (Radha Kumar), & Judi (Paul) Smith; adoring grandmother of Brian (Kathleen) Haley & Colleen (George) Cerny; loving and proud great-grandma of George, Sean, & Elizabeth Cerny, and Nicholas & Daniel Haley; unique aunt of many nieces & nephews and their families. Liz was an energetic, determined, and sometimes defiant lady, known for her resourcefulness & resilience. She loved and cared for many pets in her lifetime. She was always on the lookout for her next adventure and greener pastures. She has now found the greenest. No services will be held. Liz has donated her remains to the Anatomical Gift Association, to be used for instruction in an area medical school. To honor Liz's memory, donations or adoptions would be appreciated through A.D.O.P.T Pet Shelter, 420 Industrial Dr., Naperville, IL 60563. Phone: (630) 355-2299. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside, il.hjfunerals.com

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## Flint, Blake

Blake Flint, 97, passed away October 26, 2019 in Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Winnetka, Illinois. He retired from the presidency of Barrett Electronics and prior to that, was president of The Boye Needle Company. He served as president of the Northern Illinois Industrial Truck Association, the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce, and the Industrial Truck Association. He was trustee of Eureka College from 1972-1978, and vice-president of the Northeast Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Blake was a devoted member of Church of the Redeemer. A proud graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover, and Yale University, he also served in the Army in both the European and Pacific Theaters. He enjoyed tracing his ancestry back to Thomas Flint, who arrived in Massachusetts from England in 1636. Blake Flint was predeceased by wife Dolores, and good friends Bette Whitted and Kathleen Drake. Blake leaves behind his dear friend Jeanene Kortjohn. He is survived by daughters Diane Jessen (Art) and Barbara Krier (Jack), along with four grandchildren, their loving spouses, and five great-grandchildren. Services are private. Donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice Sarasota.

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## Flood, Helen F.

Helen F. Flood, nee Fergus. 95, beloved wife of the late Harry J. Flood. Loving mother of William (Jean) Flood, John (Carol) Flood, Mary Eileen Ross, Daniel (Katherine) Flood, James (Margaret) Flood and the late Patricia Delaney. Proud grandmother of Jeffery (Nicole) Ross, John (Sandy) Delaney, Kathy Corte, Jamie (Bill) Olderr, Jessica (Dennis) Ramoska, Dan (Marilyn) Flood, Brian (Corey) Flood, Katie (AJ) Even, Daniel J. Flood, Francis (Matt Timmers) Flood, Aidan Flood, Jack Flood and the late Michael Delaney. Great Grandmother of 14 and counting. Helen was a parishioner at Saint Juliana since moving to Edison Park in 1953. She was involved with her Club, a group of her grammar school girlfriends and the Church Circle for many decades. Helen's greatest love was her family. She was always there with open arms to lend help and support to any family member in need. Visitation at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, Monday, November 4, 2019 from 4 until 9 pm. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 am prayers at the funeral home to Saint Juliana Church. Mass 10:00 am. Memorials to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 appreciated. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For more information 773-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).



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## Fredrickson, J. Kenneth

J. Kenneth Fredrickson, 91 of Bloomingdale, beloved husband for 50 years of Ellie; devoted father of Anita Butler; cherished grandfather of Grace Arias; loving brother, brother in law, uncle and friend to many. Ken was a member of Medinah Country Club, joining in 1962 and also a member of Avondale Golf Club in Palm Desert, Ca. He was also a member of the Shriners and a Mason. Ken was a general contractor for 50 years, remodeling many of Sears stores and buildings during his career. Memorial donations may be made to the Alexian Brothers Hospice Residence, or a charity of your choice. Services are private. Arrangements by **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 630-889-1700



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## Gaborit, Idair Taradash

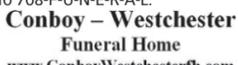
Idair Taradash Gaborit, nee Malkov; beloved wife of Christian Gaborit and the late Ronald Taradash; dear sister of the late Marilyn (late Kenneth) Stein; loving sister-in-law of Michael Taradash and Cheri (Asher) Beederman; fond cousin of Rick (Deborah) Harris. Graveside service Sunday 1 PM at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd, Skokie. Please omit flowers. Condolence Calls at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette 1:45-4 PM. Info: 847-256-5700.



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## Grochola, Natalie

Natalie Grochola, nee Bogucki, of Westchester, age 87. Beloved wife of the late John; loving mother of Michael (Terry) and the late John Jr. (Vicky); proud grandmother of Chris, Lisa, Mike, Desirea, Jordan, Caleb, Dilan and Johnny. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, November 4, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Infant Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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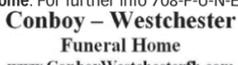
## Harrington, Lawrence W.

Lawrence W. "L.W." " Larry " Harrington, age 93, of East Dundee former 41 year employee of the Milwaukee Road & Soo Line Railroads. Beloved husband for 51 years of the late Marilyn J. nee Matson. Loving father of Michael, Patrick, David, Laurie (Dennis) Curley, Jill and Barbara Harrington. Father-in-Law of the late Sheryl Harrington. Grandfather of Ryan (Jill LaPearl) Harrington and Katherine (Brandon Hollander) Dickey. Great grandfather of Michael and Eric Harrington. Brother of the late Roger Harrington. Brother-in-law of Ruth Gamroth. Uncle and trusted friend of many. Memorial Visitation Saturday November 9, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. until time of Military Honors at 4:00 P.M. at **Miller Funeral Home**, West Dundee. Please omit flowers. To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.millerfuneralhomedundee.com](http://www.millerfuneralhomedundee.com) For info, please call 847-426-3436

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## Harth, Karen J.

Karen J. Harth of Westchester, formerly of Forest Park, age 69. Beloved daughter of the late Wayne and Fay Harth; loving sister of Marlene (John) LaBarbera and Wayne Harth; proud aunt of John (Lynn), David (Shea) and Daniel (Qiong) LaBarbera and Aimee (Russ) Wiesneth; fond great-aunt of Paul, Olivia, Jacob, John, Thomas, James and Jayden. Memorial Visitation Saturday, November 16, 2019 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at Divine Providence Church, 2550 Mayfair, Westchester. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls ([www.mercyhome.org](http://www.mercyhome.org)). Arrangements entrusted to **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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## Herzog, Ruth S.

Ruth Herzog (nee Schorsch), 99; of Chicago area and Prague; passed away peacefully at home in Northbrook, October 28, 2019. Preceded in death by beloved husband of almost 55 years, Robert Emanuel Herzog. Devoted mother of Martha Herzog (Darrell Farley), Lauren Herzog Schwartz (Rick Schwartz), and Roger Herzog (Kathryn Madden); proud grandmother of Georgia Farley and Madelyn and Norah Herzog. Daughter of the late Jiri and Marta Schorsch. Memorial service, Sunday, November 3, 2pm, North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Rd, Glencoe, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ruth's memory to: [www.hias.org](http://www.hias.org) or [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org)

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## Hoey, Kevin L.

Kevin L. Hoey, 61 years old, of Peoria, AZ passed away suddenly on Monday the 28th of October 2019. Kevin was born in Chicago, IL, April 15, 1958 the son of Patrick J. Hoey and Rose C. Hoey (nee, Piritano). His family includes his loving wife Marian Hoey (nee, Adams), his deceased son, Jason T. Hoey, his sister Patricia Covelli, (nee Hoey) her deceased husband Tony Covelli their 3 children and 2 grandchildren, and ex-wife Lynn Emerson (nee Males). Kevin enjoyed many music genres, his passions included hiking, gardening, and cooking. On Wednesday, November 6, 2019 we will remember Kevin from 6-8 pm at Heritage Funeral Chapel 6830 W. Thunderbird Rd. Peoria, AZ 85381. In lieu of flowers, kindly donate to the American Heart Association. [www.heritagefuneralchapel.com](http://www.heritagefuneralchapel.com)

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## Holbrook, Paul N.

Paul N. Holbrook, 87, a longtime resident of Wheaton, Illinois died October 29, 2019 at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, IL, surrounded by his family. He was born in 1932 in Oak Park, Illinois. Preceded in death by his loving wife of sixty-three years Dillah Holbrook, parents Albion and Gertrude (Pannell) Holbrook, Sisters Marjorie and Suzanne (Demko), and brother Albion. Paul graduated from Austin High School. He married his high school sweetheart Dillah in 1954. Paul and his wife moved to Wheaton in 1954 where they raised their three children: sons; Paul W. (Debbie) Holbrook; David P. (Lucy) Holbrook, and daughter Leslie P. Holbrook.

In addition to his children, Paul is survived by his Grandchildren: Melissa (Mark) Placzkowski, Aaron (Julie) Holbrook, Jessica (Kurt) Whittaker, Brian Holbrook, Maggie Holbrook; and Great Grandchildren Lucas and Jacob Holbrook.

In 1954, Paul began his employment with the Traveler's Insurance Company, following his graduation from Monmouth College in Illinois. The consummate sales person, Paul won a record 24 sales contests in his 30 years in the Chicago office. He was promoted to Regional Vice President in 1984 in Detroit, and in January 1988 he returned to Chicago (Wheaton) and his beloved Cubs. Paul retired from Traveler's in 1991.

Paul, together with his wife, were active community service members. Paul served as a member of the Wheaton Jaycees, Wheaton Dance Club, President of the Arrowhead Homeowner's Association, and served as Wheaton's Boys Baseball Manager. Paul worked to raise funds for the new hospital (Central DuPage Hospital) and the YMCA. And he supported his wife in her efforts as a member of Wheaton's Infant Welfare Society.

In 1991, at age 60, Paul and his wife Lila joined the retirement community. This allowed them time to take numerous trips to various countries. They wintered at their home in Arizona and spent their summers at their Lake Katherine home in Hazelhurst, Wisconsin. For 22 years, they enjoyed attending all of their beloved Chicago Cubs spring training games. As a devoted die-hard Cub fan, Paul expressed his gratitude that he could die a happy man, as he saw his Cubbies win the World Series in 2016. Interment will be private.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Monmouth College, 700 East Broadway, Monmouth, IL 61462 or call Monmouth at 309-457-2231.

Family and friends may sign a guest book at [hultgren.com](http://hultgren.com). For more information, please call **Hultgren Funeral Home** at 630-668-0027.

## Hultgren Funeral Home

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## Holm, Diane L.

Diane L. Holm, 59, arrived into Heaven on October 20th. Diane was the beloved wife for 38 years of Will; devoted mom to Erick (Megan), Emilie (Steve Schimmel) and Kyle (Abbey); grandmother to five adoring grandchildren; and aunt to many nieces and nephews. She is survived by her mother Gloria Erickson, and three sisters Sandi (Gary Orlando), Jeannie (Brian Rathbun) and Ellen (Steve Hall). Diane was reunited with her late father, Theodore, and sister Anne. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at South Park Church on November 23rd at 2:00 pm, with visitation at 1:00. 1330 Courtland, Park Ridge IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association: Lung Force Campaign, India Rural Evangelical Fellowship, or Silver Birch Ranch.



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## Huston, Orion Joseph

Orion J. ("Joe") Huston, 95, passed away on October 28, 2019, at home. Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Beverly R. Huston, daughter, DeVerille A. Huston, son, Michael O. (Suzette) Huston, two grandchildren, Megan R. Huston and Track O. Huston, two sisters, Clara Mae Fraser and Ruth A. Fayler, and nieces and nephews. Born March 30, 1924, in Cascade, Montana, he served in the United States Army in World War II 1943-1945 in the Campaigns of Normandy, So. France, No. France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe for which he received the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal. After discharge, he lived and worked in Montana, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Illinois. He lived a long and worthwhile life for which his family is grateful.



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## Jones, Lula Ellyn

Lula Ellyn Jones, 91, of Chicago, passed away on October 31, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Dewitt Jones Sr. Loving mother of the late Dewitt Jones Jr, Tobey Jones, Deborah Jones-Graham, Patricia Jones, April Baxter, Candy Jones, and Sean Jones. Proud Grandmother to Melody, Alicia, Ashley, Trina, Money, and Lyle. Doting Great

Grandmother to Ashley, Courtney, Juliet, Destiny, Madison, Miles, Eric, Cire, Mariya, Ashanti, Adrian, and Lyla. The following are some memories from Lula's daughter April. "Mom was blessed with 7 kids, she had a passion for a good conversation, she could talk your head off, and a passion for helping others, even when she had little to offer, whether it was her barbecuing in the middle of winter, and filling the back porch area with the most delectable smell ever, or visiting me at my job, and seeing an older woman so hungry, she had to go back and find that woman, and buy her something to eat. She loved to make us kids laugh by making silly faces at us, I guess that's where I got my silliness from, struggling to keep a roof over our heads, food on the table, and clothes on our backs. God answered our prayers by letting Mom pass painlessly, peacefully, and quietly in her sleep. Rest in peace Mom" Services will be held at Lakeview Funeral Home 1458 West Belmont on Saturday, November 9, 2019- visitation at 10:00 am with a service to follow at 11:00 am. Interment Holy Sepulcher Catholic Cemetery. Info: [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com) or (773) 472-6300.

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## Kelmelis, Victor

Victor Kelmelis, age 60, suddenly. Cherished son of the late Brone and Victor Sr. Loving brother of Aldona (Gintaras "Al") Placas. Dear uncle of Julie (Andrius) Kudirka, Peter Placas, Krista (Tom) Fabrizio and great uncle of Ilona and Lukas Kudirka. Many years of service with Railroad Retirement Board and very active at his beloved Immaculate Conception Parish. President of Brighton Park Lithuanian community and Lithuanian Homeowners Assn. Visitation Friday, Nov. 8th, 3-9 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral visitation Saturday, Nov 9th AT Immaculate Conception Church, 44th & California-Chicago, 9 AM until time of Mass, 10 AM. Interment St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at [www.palos-gaidasfh.com](http://www.palos-gaidasfh.com) (708) 974 4410



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## Krueger, Paul J.

Paul J. Krueger age 95, a longtime resident of Lake in the Hills, Illinois. USMC Veteran during WWII and Korean War Era, Purple Heart Recipient, Past Commander of Morton Grove Post 134 American Legion.

Beloved husband of the late Irene; devoted father of Karen (Dennis) Posmer, Jane (Ernest Ehlert and the late Danny) Row, Robert (Cynthia) Krueger and the late Donna Krueger-Cokley; cherished grandfather of 8; proud great-grandfather of 14; dear brother of Mary (the late Fred) Hoppe; fond uncle of the late John Krueger. Visitation Sunday, November 10, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at **Willow Funeral Home** 1415 W. Algonquin Rd., (one mile east of Randall Rd.) Algonquin. Family & friends to gather on Monday, November 11, from 10:00 am until time of an 11:00 am Funeral Mass at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 111 S. Hubbard St., Algonquin. Interment will follow with Military Funeral Honors at Algonquin Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to VITAS Hospice or the Honor Flight Network for Veterans. Service Info: (847) 458-1700 or [www.willowfh.com](http://www.willowfh.com)

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## Levey, Mark Sanford

Mark Sanford Levey, father, grandfather, philanthropist and money manager, lived a life full of generosity, leadership, sweetness and love. He died on Wednesday at 78 years old. Born and raised in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania as the son of Russian immigrants, Mark started to work at an early age to help his family. At 15, his father helped him get a driver's license so he could drive trucks in a garment factory. The first in his family to go to university, Mark paid his way through Wilkes College by working summers at Kutscher's Hotel in the Catskills, as a busboy and waiter. He never forgot the experience, saying later that those jobs showed him the value of hard work as well as giving him a window into a world of refinement. He used those skills to rise and expand his horizons outside of the small coal mining town of Wilkes Barre without ever losing his appreciation for the hard-working ethic of his beginning. After college, he moved to New York with \$50 in his pocket and stayed on the couch of relatives in Manhattan while he looked for a job. Unsure which career to pursue, he saw a magazine cover that said, "Young Man, Be an Investment Banker" and decided to give that a shot. He began his career at Ira Haupt & Co., later moving to L.F. Rothschild's office in New York where his agile intelligence and natural way with people helped him rise quickly through the ranks. In 1967, Rothschild asked him to move to Chicago to help expand the firm's office there. At first he declined, not wanting to leave New York City where he had always wanted to live. Eventually, after three requests, he relented to a short term move to Chicago. He never looked back. The Windy City may have been a "cow town" back then, but it had one thing that New York didn't—a beautiful and brilliant young woman named Chase Collins. They had a whirlwind courtship and he asked her to marry him after only three months. They found a beautiful home in Chicago and had three children, Collin, Jake and Gwane. This family was the center of Mark's life, and the reason for his drive. When he joined Lotsoff Capital Management in 1990, he said he was always inclined to hire a person with young children because he knew no one would work harder than a parent trying to support a family. He taught his two daughters and son to work hard and to find pleasure in the little things. His greatest gift was as a husband and father. He effortlessly commanded respect and imitation. He guided but never directed. He taught but never told. He trusted his children to make their own decisions and supported their choices sincerely and without hesitation. He lived humbly, never trying to impress. Because he never sought to be the center of attention, he became the center of the universe. He was an avid reader and student of politics, publishing stories about politics and economics for The Wall Street Journal and Barron's. He also wrote extensively on monetary policy and the way the stability of money affects people's daily lives and drives the political system. He marveled at the good luck of his life and took his greatest pleasure not in his own accomplishments but in those of the people he loved. He told his children that Chase was the smart one in the family and glowed as a small Shakespeare theatre company she helped start grew and blossomed into the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre with their support. He thrilled at the rising careers of his three children and especially in their lives as parents, raising children of their own. He supported his own mother and sister after his father passed away. He was proud of his Jewish heritage and his connection to the intellectual excellence of that community. To his children, he had the qualities of Atlas, carrying the world on his shoulders but never seeming to mind the burden. He set an example to the honor of men with his integrity. Son of Leo and Ruth Levey, Brother to Cheryl and Joel Levey. Husband to Chase Collins Levey. Father to Collin, Jake and Gwane. Father-in-Law to Andrew, Lowell and AnnaLisa. Grandfather to Elliott, Hazel, Jack, Leo, Owen, Noa, Calvin and Mac. He was loved beyond words and always will be.



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## Lindsay, James Francis

Age 79, of Frankfort formerly of Glenwood, passed away on Thursday, October 31, 2019. Loving husband of Gisela Lindsay (Muenster); beloved father of the late Christina E. Lindsay; dearest brother of Carol Lopez, late Pat Tapper and late Tom Lindsay. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a member of BUSMVA Berlin U.S. Military Veterans Berlin Member 2292 served with 52nd Signal Co. 2/61-2/63. He was a 3rd degree member of Knights of Columbus 9770 in Frankfort, member of American Legion Post 1070, he volunteered at nursing homes on Veteran's Day. Family will receive friends at **Kurtz Memorial Chapel**, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort IL 60423 on Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral Services on Monday, November 4, 2019 prayers in the funeral home chapel at 9:30 AM leaving for St. Anthony Catholic Church for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Inurnment will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the Wounded Warrior Project would be appreciated.

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## Link, Betty Ann (Sobeski)

Betty Ann (Sobeski) Link passed away on October 15, 2019 in Tacoma, Wa. She grew up in Elmwood Park and was the daughter of the late Walter and Esther (Pankratz) Sobeski. She is survived by her siblings, James (Claire) and Kathy Sobeski and her five children, Peter Link, Lori Link, Jon Link, David Link, and Jennifer Heck. Betty will be interred at Irving Park Cemetery, Chicago. Memorial gifts can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

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## MARSHALL, JR., JAMES GOODRICH

James Goodrich Marshall, Jr., 75, of Woodridge. Beloved husband of Ingrid. Loving father of Jennifer (Martin) Barr, and Janet (Tim) Neubert. Devoted "gramps" of R. J., Lilli and Anna Duncan. Dear brother of Robert. Memorial Service 2pm Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 at DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church, Naperville. Jim was active at church and loved being with his family. He retired from ComEd nuclear division with over 30 years of service. As a certified naturalist, he was an education guide at Morton Arboretum for the last 10+ years. Jim was a lifelong learner. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Morton Arboretum appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 630/964-6500 or [www.hjfunerals.com](http://www.hjfunerals.com)



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## McDowell, Keith

Keith McDowell, 54, of Northbrook, passed away on October 27, 2019. Cherished son of Duane and Barbara McDowell; loving brother of Kirsten (Scott) Olafsen; cherished uncle of Brandon and Kayleigh; beloved nephew and cousin to many. Keith was a graduate of Glenbrook North High School. He will be greatly missed. Services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to NAMI Illinois 1010 Lake St., Oak Park, IL 60301 or The Josselyn Center, 405 Central Ave., Northfield, IL 60093.



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## Meehan, Vivian Hanson

VIVIAN HANSON MEEHAN RN, DSc, 94, universally recognized pioneer and authority in the battle against eating disorders, died September 17, 2019. All are welcome to attend a celebration of her life, Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 2 pm at The Community Christian Church, 1970 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois, 60069. Refreshments will be served in the Church immediately following the services. In 1976, Vivian created the first organization in America dedicated to understanding and preventing anorexia nervosa and bulimia. At that time, eating disorders were thought to be rare. She developed numerous programs and services to cope with these widespread life endangering illnesses, including hundreds of free support groups. The association she founded because the largest in the world during the 33 years she served as president. She is survived by loving husband Christopher Athas; Children Lisa, Thomas, and Richard Meehan; and granddaughters Kira, Tasha, Sarah, and Jessica Meehan. For info or directions please contact the family at 847-236-0092 or **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at [www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com)



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## Michaels, Robert 'Bob'

Robert D. Michaels ("Bob") of Holiday Hills passed away Friday, October 11, 2019 at NW McHenry Medical Hospital with his family by his side.



Bob was born in Chicago on August 2, 1934 to Paul Thomas Michaels (born Michalopoulos) and Mary Charlotte Jessamine. After graduating from Hirsch High School, Bob attended the University of Illinois. In addition to majoring in Political Science, Bob participated in the ROTC program. Immediately upon graduation, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army, infantry division. Bob completed his training at Fort Benning, GA and was deployed to Germany. Bob served his country with pride, honor and attained the rank of Captain before his honorable discharge in 1958.

After Bob's discharge from the military, he continued to dedicate himself to improving the lives of others. He was a mentor and a positive role model to Chicago Public High school students as he taught U.S. History by day and attended classes at The John Marshall Law School at night. After earning his law degree and license, Bob joined HUD as an attorney. Later, Bob opened a private practice in Des Plaines where he served the community with integrity and compassion both as an attorney and through political leadership as an Alderman of the 8th Ward for several terms.

Bob and his wife, Ireta, moved to Holiday Hills in the 1970s. Bob was as talented with a hammer and nails as he was with a pen and legal pad. He used his building skills to continuously update and improve their Fox river home. He loved his home, the woods and the river. He shared shared many hours of camaraderie with his neighbors. Bob continued to serve his community as a pro bono attorney for the Village of Holiday Hills and as an active member of the Homeowners Property Association.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his infant brother Paul, his precious child Elizabeth (Betsy), his sister Janice Port and his brother-in-law Dr. Curtis Port.

Bob was a gentle and compassionate man. His positive attitude, quick wit, and deep knowledge touched the lives of many people. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his devoted wife, Ireta Jimmie; his daughters Laura and Christine; his sons, James ("Jim") and Steven; his 9 grandchildren: Nate, Jeffrey, Matthew, Eleanor, Skyler, Carolyn, Jacqueline, Katie and Samantha; his nephew, Dr. John Port and his niece, Audrey Strong.

During his 7 months of intermittent ICU care, hospital personnel worked diligently to provide medical care and comfort. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the nurses, certified nursing technicians and respiratory therapists who gave care to Bob and support to Ireta with extraordinary respect and gentleness.

Services were held privately. Bob did not want us to grieve. By his request, a "retirement" celebration will be held at a later date for family and friends where stories of his kindness, humor and love for life will be shared.

If you wish to make a memorial in Robert's name, please consider SPOHNC (Support People of Head & Neck Cancer), P.O. Box 53, Locust Valley, NY 11560-0053, [www.spo-hnc.org](http://www.spo-hnc.org), or American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 411 Second St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901, [cancer.org/hopelodgerochester](http://cancer.org/hopelodgerochester)

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## Minsky, Dennis

Dennis Minsky, beloved husband of the late Sandra Sue Minsky. Loving father of Michelle (Scott) Kolb. Proud grandfather of Avery and Logan. Graveside service Tuesday, 12 Noon at Shalom Memorial Park (Section V, Mt. Moriah ), 1700 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights. Memorials contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 820 Davis St., Ste. 400, Evanston, IL 60201, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals -Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822 [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com).



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## Moore, David Klinge

David Klinge Moore age 65, passed away 10/23/2019 in Sun City West, AZ, formerly of Lincolnwood. Cherished father of Ryan Moore, devoted son of Ellen and the late James Kent Moore, dear brother of Karen (Jack) Gubbins, Mary Elizabeth Moore and the late James Kent Moore Jr. who passed away 9/8/2018, fond uncle of Liam and Colleen. Graveside service Tuesday, 11/5/2019 at 2 PM at Memorial Park Cemetery, Spruce Section, 9900 Gross Point Rd., Skokie. In lieu of flowers contributions to the American Diabetes Association [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) would be appreciated. Info Mural Funeral Group 630-648-9824.

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## Mueller, Charles S. 'Charlie'

Reverend Doctor Charles "Charlie" S. Mueller, Sr., 90, of Carol Stream; beloved husband of Audrey Mae nee Prange; dearest father of Sarah (Mark) Stegemoeller, Charles (Karen) Jr., Amy (Jim) Reuter and Juliane (Dan) Puntch; loving grandfather of 17 and great grandfather of 17; dear brother of Betty Ortmann, Audrey (Dick) Humes and brother-in-law Eunice Seeber and Don (Tena) Prange. Charlie's life was richly blessed by God, who gave him everything he and Audrey needed in "... good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over ..." (Luke 6:38). Charlie will be honored at an 11:00 a.m. memorial service on Monday, November 4 Trinity Lutheran Church 405 S. Rush Street, Roselle, IL with visitation from 9 - 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation for the Charles S. and Audrey Prange Mueller Ministry Endowment Fund. For funeral info please contact **The Oaks Funeral Home** 630-250-8588 or [www.oaksfh.com](http://www.oaksfh.com)

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## Murphy, Richard W. 'Dick'

Richard W. "Dick" Murphy, age 73, U.S. Air Force reservist, a resident of Warrenville, IL, formerly of Naperville, IL 1978-2005, passed away on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at his home after battling a brain tumor. He was born on October 24, 1946 in Minneapolis, MN. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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## Nelson, Elizabeth Jane 'Betty'

Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Nelson, born May 12, 1924 in Berwyn to Arthur and Florence Nelson, passed away October 29, 2019. She was the loving sister of Charles (the late Anne), John (the late Nancy), Rev. Arthur (Laurel) and the late Robert (late Winifred) Nelson; beloved longtime friend of Mary Ann Ahlgren and cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. Ms. Nelson was a longtime educator at North Park Academy where she was the Associate Dean and at North Park University where she was the Dean of Women. She was also a Board Member of Swedish Covenant Hospital. Betty was a 72-year member of North Park Covenant Church. She was on the executive board of the Evangelical Covenant Church and the Chair of the World Missions Board of the church. A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 3 pm at North Park Covenant Church, 5250 N. Christina, Chicago, IL 60625. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to North Park Covenant Church or North Park University, Office of Advancement, 3225 W. Foster, Box 6, Chicago, IL 60625. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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## Noha, Marie

Marie Noha, 90, of Northbrook, passed away surrounded by her loving family on October 29, 2019. Beloved wife for 66 years of the late Edward J. Noha; loving mother of Ed, Andrew and Lisa Noha (Charles de la Chapelle); cherished grandmother of Ryan (Wenny) Noha and Courtney (Michael) Roop; cherished great grandmother of Eli and Teddy Roop and Joanna and James Noha; dear sister of the late Rosari Yula; fond aunt of several nieces and nephews; mother-in-law of Sharon Noha. Mrs. Noha was active with the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls especially at Marie's Craft Cottage which was named in her honor. Marie along with other women made afghans for all the children so they each would have something to call their own. Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 5 from 10 am until time of the service at 11 am at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Rd., Glenview. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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## O'Connor, Bernadine Swanson

Bernadine Christine Swanson O'Connor, age 98, died on October 19th at Plymouth Place in LaGrange, IL. Born in Chicago, she graduated from Lindbloom High School and Wilson College, where she met her dear husband, Gerald W. O'Connor. They married in 1943 and while he served in the Navy in the Pacific, Bernadine worked in the library at the University of California, Berkeley. After Gerald died (2001), she moved to Plymouth Place, LaGrange, IL. She is survived by daughters Linda (Thomas) Noer of Kenosha, WI and Barbara (Gary) Krejcarek of White Bear Lake, MN, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Bernadine was active at Headstart, Henderson School, and Messiah Lutheran Church, Chicago. When the family moved to Westchester, they joined Grace Lutheran Church in LaGrange, where she enjoyed choir, library work, Gracettes, and Lutheran Church Women for over 60 years. She volunteered at the Westchester library and schools, and joined LaGrange Women's Club, later serving as their president. She was also president of the American Daughters of Sweden. She enjoyed landscape painting, dressmaking and design, and travel. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, November 9th at Grace Lutheran Church, 200 N. Catherine Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525.

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## O'Neill, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Kroll "Betty" O'Neill. 10/31/46 - 10/31/19. Betty gave of herself fully. As a wife, a mother, a daughter, an aunt, a grandmother, a sister, a friend, and as a member of her community. She loved ferociously and deeply and sadly. Betty is predeceased by her husband, Robert O'Neill (2014). She is survived by her children, Dan O'Neill, Kevin (Amy) O'Neill, Brian (Allison) O'Neill, and Meghan (Mike) Feely; siblings Marilyn Chromy, Jean Connolly, and Jack (Marge) Kroll; numerous cherished nieces and nephews; and her beloved grandchildren, who were her world: Robert, Zoe, Margaret, Claire, Annalise, and Shannon. Betty made her mark in her family, in the Church, and in the lives of countless people she touched with her generosity, commitment, devotion, and courage. She was brave. She was caring. She was a mother in the fullest sense. We'll love her forever. A visitation service will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at **Cooney Funeral Home** (625 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge) from 3:00pm until 9:00pm. A funeral mass will take place on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at St. Paul of the Cross Church (320 S. Washington Ave., Park Ridge) at 10:00am. Donations can be made in Betty's name to the St. Paul of the Cross Food Pantry: <https://www.give-central.org/location/133/event/12080>

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## Obert, Dorothy Ann

Dorothy Ann Obert, 86, of Niles, beloved wife of Michael G.; loving mother of Michael J., James, and Cathy (the late Christian) Herr; fond sister of the late Jean Rucinski and John (Carol) Rucinski. Memorial visitation at **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 on Sunday, November 10th from 1:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 2:00 p.m. (847) 965-2500



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## Ori, Peter

Peter Ori, age 79, beloved husband and dearest friend of Lanny, loving father of Thomas and John (Jo Ann), cherished grandfather of Alexandra and Ava, devoted son of the late John and Rose, dear brother of the late Don and Mary Ann. Born August 23rd 1940 in Highland Park Illinois. Pete was a graduate of St. George High School and John Carroll University. Captain in the United States Army, Vietnam Veteran. A passionate Cubs fan, extraordinary family man and memorable friend to many. No services will be held, but a celebration of Pete's life will take place at a later date.

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## Ponsetti, Douglas J.

Douglas John Ponsetti, "D.J.", 77; of Edgewater, formerly of the Gold Coast; former co-owner of Cushing Graphics; passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness, October 31, 2019. After serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, Doug embarked upon a long and fulfilling career in the printing industry. D.J. had a heart of gold and kept many friendships from childhood and beyond. Lifelong friend and beloved husband of over 20 years to Michelle G. Penn. Devoted step-father of Justin, Suzanne, and Michael Penn; proud step-grandfather ("Papa") of Adrianna "Addy" and Justin, Jr. Dear brother of Virginia (Jim) Thurman and Marlene (the late Peter) Malcolm. Son of the late Joe Ponsetti and Joanne Strazzabosco Ponsetti. Faithful companion of Charlie and Abby the cocker spaniels. Memorial service pending. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or [www.cremation-society.com](http://www.cremation-society.com).



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## Popek, Henry Peter 'Hank'

Henry Peter Popek 'Hank', 72, passed away October 30, 2019. Retired Chicago Police Detective, 40 years of service. Proud Army veteran. Loving father of Peter, Nina (Jeffrey) Nelson. Fond grandfather of Matthew Henry and Ryan Jeffrey. Loving brother of Roma, Marty, Helen, Rose. Fond uncle of many. Visitation will be Tuesday, November 5, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave, Norridge. Funeral will begin on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home, then proceed to St. Eugene Catholic Church, Chicago, for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. interment private. Info 708-456-8300



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## Porcelli, Margaret "Marge" J.

Margaret "Marge" J. Porcelli, nee Accetturo, beloved wife of the late Charles C. Porcelli; devoted mother of Charles J. Porcelli, Margo Porcelli and Christine (Anthony) Gennett; loving grandma of Chuckie, Marla, Dana, Lauren, Samantha, Mia, Joey, Deanna and Anthony; loving, devoted companion of James "Jimmy" McCarthy; dear sister of the late Annette Skelly and dear aunt of many. Funeral Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. from **Salerno's Galewood Chapels** 1857 N. Harlem Ave. Chicago, IL. to St. Giles Church. Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Visitation Monday 4:00-8:00 p.m. For info 773-889-1700.



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## Quirini, Gene J.

Gene Quirini 86 of Mount Prospect, beloved husband of late Helene Natalie Quirini nee Gordon; loving father of Monique McGrath, Gene E. (Terri) Quirini and Michael (Angela) Quirini; devoted grandfather of Brennan, Matthew, Samantha, Gabriella, Aiden, Alex, Michael, Nicholas and Mia; fond brother of Anthony (Laurie) Quirini. Visitation Thur., Nov. 7, 2019 from 3pm until 8pm at the Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd., 1520 North Arlington Heights Road, (four blocks south of Palatine Rd.) Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Funeral Mass Fri., Nov. 8, 2019 at 10am at St. Thomas Becket Church 1321 Burning Bush Lane, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. Memorial donations in Gene's name may be made to the Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation at <https://wgaesf.org>. Funeral information and condolences [www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com](http://www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com) or (847) 253-0168.



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## Rechnitz, Robert M.

Rechnitz—Robert, passed away on October 12, age 89. He is survived by his beloved wife Joan and their three children, Emily Rechnitz, married to John Paladino; Adam Rechnitz, married to Elizabeth Ford; and Joshua Rechnitz. He is also survived by his grandchildren Max and Flora Paladino and Esme Rechnitz.

Growing up in Colorado, surrounded by blooming prairie bounded by the Rocky Mountains, he developed a love of nature. In high school, he discovered a love of theater. He stated that "theater instructs, challenges, entertains, and inspires us with intimations and affirmations of life we never knew were hidden in us." He received his B.S. degree in Speech and Theater at Northwestern University, an M.A. degree with Honors in English Literature from Columbia University, and his Ph.D. in American Literature from the University of Colorado, Boulder. The Founder and Executive Producer of Two River Theater in Red Bank, New Jersey, Bob directed 11 plays for the company and co-wrote (with Kenneth Stunkel) Lives of Reason, a world-premiere play about the consolation of art and literature. One of New Jersey's most respected civic leaders, he was Professor Emeritus at Monmouth University, a long-time Board member of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and an active member of many nonprofits. In all his work, he was dedicated to improving people's lives in meaningful ways and making the world a better place. A Memorial Tribute will be held at Two River Theater, 21 Bridge Avenue, Red Bank, NJ on November 17 at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the charity of your choice.

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## Rospond, Thomas R.

Thomas R. Rospond age 85 of Des Plaines passed away on November 1, 2019 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Virginia for 58 years. Loving father of Cynthia (Jeffrey) Moss and Karen (Anthony) Carlos. Proud and cherished grandfather (Jaja) of Robert, Danny, Randy, Ian and Marc. Dear brother of Phyllis (Richard) Markiewicz and the late Leonard (Donna) and Terresse. Thomas was an Army veteran, an avid golfer and spent much of his free time with his grandchildren. Visitation will be taking place on Monday, November 4, 2019 beginning at 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **G.L. Hills Funeral Home**, 745 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Prayer service on Tuesday November 5, 2019, beginning at 9:15 a.m. at funeral home followed by a 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Zachary Catholic Church. Entombment in All Saints Cemetery Des Plaines, Illinois. For info please call (847) 699-9003 or [gllhillsfuneralhome.com](http://gllhillsfuneralhome.com)

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**Salstrand, Barbara Haas**

Barbara Haas Salstrand, of Barrington, passed away Oct. 30, 2019 at her home at the age of 89. She was born Mar. 10, 1930 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Carl August and Bertha (nee Lubbe) Haas; devoted wife of nearly 65 years to the late Jack Morris Salstrand; loving mother of Eric (Mary Nell Murphy) Salstrand,

Christine Salstrand Smith, Karen Salstrand, Mark (Lorraine) Salstrand, and Sarah (John) Poletto; proud grandma of Eric Smith, Sam, Rachel, Jacob, Elizabeth, and Mark Salstrand, Elena, Jack, Joseph, and Anna Poletto; cherished great-grandma of 12; dear sister of the late Mary Ann, Theresa, Carol, Lawrence, Bernard, Roger, Ralph, and Thomas. Visitation will be held Fri., Nov. 8, from 9 AM with a funeral Mass beginning at 11 AM at Saint Anne Catholic Community, 120 Ela St., (Corner of Franklin and Ela Sts.) Barrington. Interment will be private. Arrangements were entrusted with **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, Barrington. For full obituary and online condolences visit [www.davenportfamily.com](http://www.davenportfamily.com) or call 847-381-3411 for information.



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**Sarn, Ruth Ann**

Ruth Ann Sarn nee Randels, 77, of Forest Park. Cherished daughter of the late Bill and Corinne (Jones) Randels. Beloved friend of Frank Belchak. Loving mother of Eric Sarn and the late Arthur (Lisa) Sarn. Dear sister of the late Jeanette K. (Joseph) Macaluso. Adored grandmother of Arthur Sarn, Angelica (Joe) Irizarry and Francesca (Brian) Holleran; and great grandmother of Lucas. Dear niece of Ralph and Florence Randels. Ruth was a Registered Nurse who worked at Riveredge Hospital in Forest Park for over 30 years. Visitation Thursday 4:00pm - 7:00pm at **Zimmerman-Harnett Funeral Home** 7319 W. Madison St., Forest Park, where a Service will be held at 7:00pm. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials to Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)), appreciated. Info. 708-366-2200 or [www.ZimmermanHarnett.com](http://www.ZimmermanHarnett.com).

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**Savage, William F.**

William F. Savage Army Veteran, beloved husband of the late Marilyn nee Cullen; loving father of Scott (Kathy), Gregg (Jennifer) and the late William J. Savage; devoted grandfather of Andrew, Michael, Matthew, David, Samantha, Katherine and the late Christopher; dearest brother of the late John Savage; cherished brother-in-law of Leticia Savage; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. William was the former owner of State Farm Insurance in Willow Springs. Visitation Wednesday 9:00 A.M. until Time of Prayers 11:45 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park IL 60487 Interment with Military Honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.



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**Silver, Carole "Cissie"**

Carole "Cissie" Silver, nee Ruttenberg, 82, beloved wife of the late Stuart; cherished mother of Patti (Kenneth) Raskin, Stan (Denise) Silver and Bob (Geri) Silver; proud and loving grandma of Jason (Zelia) Raskin, Danny (Jessica) Raskin, Matt (Hallie) Raskin, Stephanie Raskin (Jonathan Yarak), Sam Silver, Roxanne Silver, Ellie Silver and Zach Silver; adored "grandma grandma" of Jonah, Micah, Ezrah, Bradley, Asher, Scarlett, Sander and Ayla; devoted daughter of the late Bertha and Saul Ruttenberg; dear sister of the late Beth (the late Howard) Hollander; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Private funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation. For information and condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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**Small, Richard**

Travel industry innovator Richard Small passed away on October 1 at the age of 90. Beloved husband of Arlene (nee Prybil) for 49 years, Richard was a father to five children Colleen (Sowinski), Richard Jr. (Amanda), Joseph (Connal), Mark (Kathy) and Brian (Colleen). He was also loved by fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Richard leaves behind sister Marilyn O'Boyle and was fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by dear friend and business colleague Kathleen Xaverius (Kernaghan), who played such a special role in the life of Richard and Arlene. Richard lived a storied life. He, along with Arlene, founded Alumni Holidays (AHI Travel) in 1962 at the dawn of the jet age. This was the first company to specialize in designing and operating travel programs specifically developed for alumni associations and their constituents. From this start, an entire industry was born. The client list of AHI Travel reads like a Who's Who of prestigious universities across the U.S. and Canada. He and Arlene also had a strong influence on the river cruise industry, launching many pioneering river cruise programs on the Danube, Volga, Main, Neckar, Seine, Rhone and Elbe rivers, as well as the first cruises on the Russian Waterways between St. Petersburg and Moscow.

In addition to his business acumen, Richard was a great philanthropist, with a kind heart and a steel will. He excelled scholastically, serving as President of his class from first grade through high school graduation before attending the University of Notre Dame and graduating Cum Laude. Throughout his life Richard connected with people, positively influencing the lives of so many - his personal family, the AHI Travel family that he unceasingly mentored, supported and encouraged, and the thousands upon thousands who, thanks to his vision, traveled the world to learn more about others and themselves.

He had a love for the Hawaiian Islands and moved to Maui with Arlene after retiring in 2000, where they enjoyed many years of happiness together.

Visitations will be held at 2:00 p.m., followed by mass at 3:00 p.m., on November 11 at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60607 In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 West Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607.

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**Solomon, Minne Dabrin**

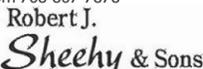
Minnie Dabrin Solomon, age 105, beloved wife of the late Julius; loving mother of George (Helen) Solomon and Deborah Solomon; devoted grandmother of Andrew Solomon, (Courtney Essenpreis), Diana Solomon (Flavio Avila), and Jane Solomon (Jeremy Smith); proud great-grandmother Judah Solomon and Reverie Solomon; dear sister of the late Sarah Krause and Isabelle Polner; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Service Monday 1pm at Temple Sholom of Chicago, 3480 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL. Interment service will begin at 3pm at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. Minnie was a long-time member and past president of Temple Sholom's Sisterhood. Contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621.



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**Sorn, James Edward**

James Edward Sorn, loving husband of Marianne T. Sorn (nee Zemaitis). Devoted father of Keith (Linda) Sorn, Eric Joseph Sorn, and Scott James (Jill) Sorn. Doting grandfather of Katrina Marie, Emily Bridget and Genevieve Jacqueline. Visitation Monday 3 - 8 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons** Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Albert the Great Church, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878



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**Swanson, Bradley**

Bradley Swanson, 81, of Geneva, IL passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at Delnor Community Hospital in Geneva, IL. Bradley was born on May 21, 1938, the son of Roy and Estelle (nee. Drake) Swanson. Bradley grew up in St. Charles and surrounding areas. Throughout his childhood he attended St. Patrick grade school and spent the first two years of high school at Marmion Military Academy. Brad spent his remaining years of high school in St. Meinrad, Indiana where he attended St. Meinrad Seminary graduating in 1956. Following high school Bradley continued his education eventually earning his Bachelor of Arts in Latin from Loras College in Dubuque, IA in 1961 and then his Masters Degree in English from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois. Bradley served his grateful nation with the US Army. During his service he taught English to soldiers who hoped to earn their GED. When his service time concluded Bradley spent several years teaching in high schools in Aurora, Illinois, Wheaton, Illinois, and New Lenox, Illinois. Bradley also held various positions in the food service industry where he met a wide range of people, whom he loved to speak with throughout the day. Bradley is survived by his sister, Marcia Capriotti of Marietta, GA; and friend David Bogash. All services will be held privately, and interment will be held at a later date.

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**Tuzik, Theodore A. 'Ted'**

Age 68; Suddenly; Devoted husband of Mary "Maggie", nee McAuliffe, for 45 years; Loving father of Gretchen (Joseph) Jager, Nora (James) Bansley, Mary Kate, and Bridget (Matt) Hunter; Cherished Dzia Dzia of Jimmy, Brendan, Henry, Charlie, Joey, and Danny; Cherished son of the late Eleanor and Ted Tuzik; Beloved brother of Lisa (Bill) Love, the late Terry Tuzik, and the late Lenore (late Mike) Pietrowski; Dear brother-in-law, uncle, and friend to many; Loyal business partner of Bill Love; Proud 3rd generation, co-owner, of Tuzik's Bakery 95th St. for over 35 years; "HER LOVES HIM"; Visitation Monday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home** 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago; Mass 10:00 a.m.; Interment St. Mary Cemetery; For Funeral info (708) 422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)



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**Tzitzis, Viki**

Tzitzis-Papoutsakis, Viki, age 81 of Rockford, IL, passed away peacefully on November 1, 2019. Born in Crete, Greece. Beloved mother of Michael (Georgette) and Alex (Diane). Loving Yiayia to Katie, Tony, Victoria, Elena, Billy and Samantha. Loving sister to Emmanuel, Artemisia and Emilia. Dear aunt to Demetrios, Kathy and Thomas. Family and friends are to gather at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell, Niles, on Monday, November 4, 2019 for visitation at 9:30 am, followed by a service at 10:00 am. Interment Elmwood Park Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Vergos & Associates**, under the direction of Olson Burke Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center. (773) 774-3333



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**Unger, Jeanne**

Jeanne Unger, nee Schnitzer, age 95, of Skokie, beloved wife of the late Harold Unger; loving mother of Jeffery (Ann) Unger and Larry (Carmen) Unger; adored Grandma Jeanne of Jaclyn Unger and Cody Unger; devoted daughter of the late Henry and the late Lenora Schnitzer; dear sister of the late Daniel Schnitzer; treasured aunt and friend to many. Graveside service Monday, 11:00 a.m. at Waldheim Cemetery, Gate 62, 1400 S. Des Plaines Avenue, Forest Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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**Vaitkus, Aldona**

Aldona Vaitkus, nee, Vencius. Oct. 27, 2019. Age 85 of Lemont, IL. Beloved wife of Vytas and loving mother to Thomas and Ruta, grandmother to Arion and Aila, and great grandmother to Ricky and Carson, sadly passed away at home on October 27 after a courageous and long battle with cancer. She was born in Kaunas, Lithuania and lived in the Chicagoland area. Aldona was an ever-shining, bright light whose uplifting attitude and boundless love for her family and compassion for friends will be greatly missed. Visitation Monday, Nov. 4, 2019, 9:00 A.M. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 A.M. at the Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis Mission, 14911 127th Street, Lemont, IL. Interment at St. Casimir's Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Offerings in Aldona's name may be made to Children's Gate to Learning or the Lithuanian Foundation and will be deeply appreciated. **Petkus & Son Funeral Home** in charge of arrangements 800-994-7600 or [www.petkusfuneralhomes.com](http://www.petkusfuneralhomes.com)

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**Venema Jr., Dr. William**

Dr. William Venema, Jr., age 87, formerly of Oak Brook, IL, passed away in Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 28, 2019. He had a dental practice first in Oak Park and then in Western Springs, IL for 40 years. Dr. Venema spent two years in the navy in California. He is survived by his wife Lois, of 67 years. Also by their daughters, Susan Potter (Dennis), Carol Buist (Robert), and Mary Kaszuba (Tom), grandchildren Jennifer Huizinga (Dave), Eric Buist (Kendra) and Dr. Megan Everson (Josh), 6 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held on November 9 at 11 am at LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Visitation will be on November 8 from 3-5 pm and 6-8 pm at **Zaagman Memorial Chapel** in Grand Rapids, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to World Renew and Back to God Ministries International.



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**Vitaioli, Carol J.**

Carol J. Vitaioli, age 75, of Janesville, WI, passed away on Thursday, October 31, 2019, at Willowick Assisted Living Facility in Clinton, WI. Born in Chicago, April 15, 1944; the daughter of Joseph and Dorothy Palmissano. A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at **SCHNEIDER FUNERAL HOME**, 1800 E. Racine St., Janesville, WI; with time of prayers at 2:00 pm. Visit: [www.schneiderfuneral-directors.com](http://www.schneiderfuneral-directors.com) for obituary and online condolences.

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**Walsh, Mary Anne**

On Oct. 28, 2019 Mary Anne Walsh (nee Mullany) of Flossmoor and Oakbrook passed away at 80. Mary Anne, daughter of Loretto and Martin Mullany was born on August 3, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois. Mary Anne graduated St. Leo and Calumet High Schools. Mary Anne was a real estate broker for 20+ years. Mary Anne is survived by her sister, Lorette, her two sons, Patrick and Sean, (Lisa), step-son James (Karen), and grandchildren, Anthony, Ryan, Samuel, Jack, and Olivia. A visitation and mass is scheduled for November 4, 2019 at 10:00 am at St. John of the Cross, 5005 Wolf Rd. Western Springs.

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**Warner, Irene A.**

Irene A. Warner, 89, resident of Elmhurst for over 50 years; a teacher in Chicago and Elmhurst School District 205 at Edison School. Beloved wife of the late William D. Warner; loving mother of Dr. Karen Warner, James (Norma) Warner, Nancy Warner and Laura (Gary) Johnson; proud grandmother of Pierce and Kamela Johnson; dear sister of the late Casey (the late Betty) Apolinski, Virginia (the late Elvin) Krumsee, Edmund (the late Dorothy) Apolinski, the late Stanley (survived by Regina) Apolinski, Ted Apolinski and Mary Olson; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. A member of Edison Lights, Irene was a kind and curious person who loved reading books. She collected dolls, antiques, had collections of collections and was interested in anyone and anything. Visitation at the **Ahlgim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with words of remembrance at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, November 7, 2019. Family and friends are asked to gather at the **Ahlgim Funeral Home** at 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 8, 2019 for procession to Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL for graveside service at 10:00 a.m. If desired memorials would be appreciated for [adoptaclassroom.org](http://adoptaclassroom.org) or Elmhurst District 205 Foundation Fund ([elmhurst205.org](http://elmhurst205.org)) info 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgim.com](http://www.ahlgim.com)



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**Weiss, Bernard S.**

Bernard S. Weiss, passed away on Nov 1, twelve days before his 94th birthday; beloved husband of the late Flora Weiss happily married for over 30 years, and the late Linda Sachen together for 10 happy years; loving father of Linda (Ron) Lavenda, Debra (the late Charles Robinson) Michael, Mark (Sally) Weiss, Heidi (the late Jack) Speer and Bruce (Cathy) Weiss; cherished grandfather of ten and great-grandfather of four; adored brother of the late Harvey (Jean) Weiss and the late Ida (the late Sidney) Plofsky; treasured uncle of six nieces and nephews. The family extends a heartfelt thank you to Kizito Bewah for his care and devotion. Prior to retirement Bernard was the CFO at Chicago Botanic Garden. Chapel service Mon. Nov 4, 10:00 AM 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 a charity of your choice. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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**Wieczorek, John Louis**

John Louis Wieczorek, 90, passed away October 22, in Northfield. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara (Raymond) Wieczorek; his daughters, Karen (Steve) Benson, Renée (Mark) Fitzsimmons, and his grandchildren; Hailey and Riley Fitzsimmons and Kristy Benson. He is predeceased by daughter Michelle Capriola and granddaughter Courtney Capriola, as well as sister Regina, brother Ted, and sister Marlene. John was the son of Adolph and Stella Wieczorek from Poznan, Poland. He was born and raised in Chicago until he retired to Huntley, where he spent 11 years. In 2014, he and his wife relocated to Northfield to be closer to family. He was a post World War II veteran where he toured Europe as part of a peacekeeping tour. John worked diligently his entire life and ended his career as Clubhouse Manager at Sportsman's Park Racetrack in Cicero. A devoted family man, John was a relationship driven person who adored his wife, children and grandchildren. He shared his time between the Chicagoland area and his winter home in Palm City, Florida. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, November 9th at 11:30 A.M. at St. Francis Church in Wilmette followed by a celebration of John's life at the Happ Inn in Northfield from 1:00-3:00 P.M.



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**WILCZYNSKI, CASIMIR C.**

CASIMIR C. WILCZYNSKI, Korean War Air Force Veteran, beloved husband of the late Bernice (nee Schwontkowski); loving father of Carol (Gary) Walters, Cynthia (Anthony) Kolinski, Michael (Ann), James (Ann) & the late Daniel Wilczynski; dear grandfather of Rachel Kolinski, Emily (fiancé Nathan Pond), Erica, Ryan & Kathryn Wilczynski; dearest great grandfather of Brayden; fond brother of Stella (late Theodore) Szydlowski, Jean (Steve) Bazan, Walter (Ariya) Wilczynski & the late John (late Ruth) Sipola, late Helen (late Chester) Novak, late Stanley Wilczynski, late Josephine (late William) Szydlowski, late Marie (late Eugene) Kuleta, late Francis & late Joseph (late Irene) Wilczynski; brother-in-law and uncle of many. Visitation was held Friday, November 1, 2019, 4-8 p.m. at **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.**, 5088 S. Archer Avenue, (corner of Keeler). Funeral Mass was held Saturday, November 2, 2019, 10:30 a.m. at St. Rene Goupil Church. Inurnment Resurrection Cemetery. (773) 767-2166 or [www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com](http://www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com).



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**Wojciechowski, Margaret H.**

Margaret Helen Wojciechowski, 97 of Franklin Park. Beloved wife of the late 1st Lt. Anthony Wojciechowski. Loving mother of Thomas E. (Donna). Dearest grandmother of Suzanne (Stan) Bowman, Stacy (Bryan) Weinert and James (Rosemarie) Karas. Cherished great grandmother of William, Camden, Graycen, Matthew, Callie, Colbie, Gabriella and Alaina. Memorial visitation Saturday Nov. 9, 1-4 PM, Memorial Service 3 PM at **Humes Funeral Home**, 320 W. Lake St., Addison (2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83, 2 Mi. E. of Rt. 53) Interment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. For info, [www.HumesFH.com](http://www.HumesFH.com) or 630.628.8808



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**Wright, Julie-An**

Julie-An Wright of Winnetka lost her battle to cancer on October 25, 2019. Though she only spent 60 years gracing this beautiful earth, her vibrant memory will undoubtedly grace it for many years more. Julie-An was born on May 28, 1959, in Libertyville, to Ingeborg Haley (née Schmidt), a German immigrant, and Rodney H. Wright, FAIA, a respected Chicago architect. After graduating from high school in Phoenix, Julie-An began working at a commercial printing press and as a graphic designer. In pursuit of her dreams, Julie-An moved to Chicago with her son, Joshua, to work for one of the top advertising agencies in the world: Leo Burnett. The only problem? They hadn't offered her a position. But this was Julie-An, a woman who never let anything stand in her way. Julie-An worked at a few agencies, but kept her eyes trained on Leo Burnett. She wrote a reminder on her calendar to cold call the same manager on a regular basis. He thought she would get tired; she never did. Some months later, he gave her an interview. Julie-An's rise through the ranks at Leo Burnett surprised everyone but herself. She was passionate and dedicated, and gave everything to her career for the sake of her son. In the early 2000s, Julie-An retired from advertising. She took time to smell the flowers — and also to paint them. She went for walks and bike rides, did the crossword, and spent many afternoons at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Every Sunday, she made scrambled eggs for her beloved dog, Elliot. She took her granddaughters up and down the slide as many times as they wanted. Julie-An was a deeply spiritual woman, and her faith was one of the strongest undercurrents of her life. She was also a warrior: loyal, courageous, unwavering in her beliefs. She loved to joke that her name was apt — she was, indeed, always "Wright." She was meticulous and organized, whether it was in regard to her clothing or her career (and especially her hair). To the close circle of people who composed her world, she will be remembered as quirky, joyful, fun-loving, and kind. A woman whose laugh could light up a room; a beautiful soul who lived off hope until the very end. Julie-An was predeceased by her father, Rodney H. Wright, FAIA. She is survived by her mother, Ingeborg Haley; her son, Joshua Lintz (Keri) and granddaughters, Aspen Olivia and Jules Mari; her brother, Weston Wright (Janice); and nephew, Ian Wright. Services will be held in the spring; details will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, her family has asked for in-memorial donations to NorthShore Kellogg Cancer Center. For information: call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** at 847-256-5700.

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**Zwartz, Christine I.**

Christine I. Zwartz (nee Notorleeva), age 87, beloved wife of the late Henry. Loving mother of Hank, Cindy (Kevin) Czochara, Thomas (Kathy) and the late Greg (Vicky). Devoted grandmother of Bradford Czochara, Pat (Jill), Tim (Liz), Michael, Aubrey and Jack Zwartz and Nicole (Kevin) Wittl. Great-grandmother of Aliana, Kailyn, Boedy and Vivienne. Dear sister of Jan Galatte. Sister-in-law of Robert Zwartz. Memorial visitation Friday, November 8, 2019, 9am until time of Mass 10am at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 15050 S. Wolf Road, Orland Park, IL 60467. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital. For info **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 708-301-3595 or [rjmodellfh.com](http://rjmodellfh.com).

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SUNDAY, NOV. 3

NORMAL HIGH: 55° NORMAL LOW: 38° RECORD HIGH: 75° (1987) RECORD LOW: 11° (1951)

## Warmer but still cold for early November

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 48 **LOW** 40

■ Some mixed morning sun, but otherwise cloudy. Milder but still below normal for early November with a high in the upper 40s.

■ A few isolated afternoon rain showers are possible, but most hours should remain dry.

■ Southwest winds turn south, increase, and become gusty at 12-25 mph.

■ Spotty light rain chance continues into the overnight hours with mostly cloudy skies.

■ Winds diminish overnight to 6-10 mph. Warmer overnight with a low near 40

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Only one day, Oct. 27 has had a daily average temperature above normal since October 22. The trend of below normal temperatures will continue through this week as daytime maximum temperatures will be in the 30s and 40s while nighttime minimums will be in the 20s and 30s. The lowest temperatures will be at the end of the workweek. Long-range forecasts predict below normal temperatures to continue through the first half of the month. While some precipitation is possible Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, no significant rain or snow events are expected this week, ending the active rain/snow pattern.

Breezy conditions will remain common this week, typical of fall as we continue our transition to winter. Gusty south winds will help produce a warmer, but still below normal temperatures Sunday.

### MONDAY, NOV. 4

**HIGH** 48 **LOW** 31

Mostly cloudy and breezy and unseasonably cool. High in the upper 40s. Chance for light rain showers ends by early afternoon. WSW winds 10-18 gusting to 25 mph turn W and diminish at night with mostly cloudy skies.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 5

**HIGH** 41 **LOW** 30

A sunny start to the day. Increasing afternoon clouds. West winds 8-16 mph diminish after sunset. Cooler with a high near 40. Increasing clouds overnight with light and variable winds and a slight chance of flurries.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

**HIGH** 45 **LOW** 27

Slight chance of a light morning rain or snow shower. Mostly cloudy with SW winds 8-16 mph. A little warmer with a high in the mid 40s. Winds turn NW overnight under partly cloudy skies. A low in the mid to upper 20s.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 7

**HIGH** 34 **LOW** 22

Windy and colder with NNW winds 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy with a high in the mid 30s, nearly 20 degrees below normal. Light afternoon snow showers and flurries end after sunset. Clearing skies overnight. Low in the low 20s.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 8

**HIGH** 33 **LOW** 25

Continued cold with the high struggling to reach the freezing level. The normal high is 52. Mostly sunny. NW winds 6-15 mph turn west in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy and cold with a nighttime low in the mid 20s.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 9

**HIGH** 42 **LOW** 34

Mostly cloudy. Breezy SW winds 15-25 mph help bring warmer, but still below normal, temperatures. High in the low 40s. Skies begin to clear overnight. Shifting winds turn NW at 8-12 mph. Low in the mid 30s.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
How often do we have measurable snow in April and October of the same year?  
Shawn R. Van Kampen, DeKalb

Dear Shawn,  
Chicago weather historian Frank Wachowski found that dating back 135 years to 1885, our area has officially recorded April and October measurable snow in 12 years (9%), most recently this year with 7.9 inches in April and 4.6 in October. The 12.5-inch total for April and October 2019 provide the greatest total for the two-month tandem of any of the dozen years, far outpacing runner-up 1967's 7.5-inch total with 3.1 inches in April and 4.4 in October. The city's snowiest April was in 1938 with 13.6 inches, but October saw just a trace. The snowiest October was 1989 with 6.3 inches, but April's 0.6 inches brought the two-month total to just 6.9 inches.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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asktomwhy@wgn9.com

WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

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Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Daylight saving time and colder, shorter November days

**END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING AND THE RETURN TO STANDARD TIME**

**End to daylight saving 2019**

- November 3, 2019 at 2:00 AM—clock moves backward to 1:00 AM
- Standard time continues until Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 2:00 AM when the clock moves forward to 3:00 AM
- All but two states observe daylight saving

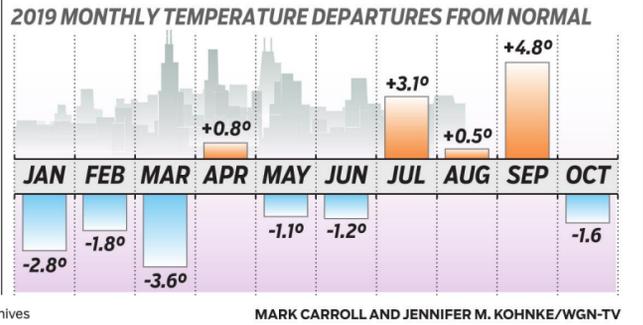
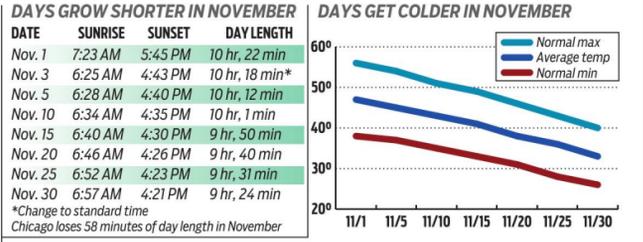
Arizona does not observe daylight saving with the exception of the Navajo nation. Arizona previously observed daylight saving beginning in 1918 but made the permanent change to standard time in 1968.\*

Hawaii does not observe daylight saving. The proximity of Hawaii to the Tropic of Cancer means the length of day does not vary greatly between winter and summer.

CITY	LONGEST DAY SUMMER SOLSTICE	SHORTEST DAY WINTER SOLSTICE
Honolulu, HI	13 hours, 26 minutes	10 hours, 54 minutes
Chicago, IL	15 hours, 14 minutes	9 hours, 8 minutes

CITY	DIFFERENCE IN DAY LENGTH—SHORTEST TO LONGEST DAY
Honolulu, HI	2 hours, 32 minutes
Chicago, IL	6 hours, 6 minutes

\*SOURCE: Arizona State Library, archives and public records  
SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

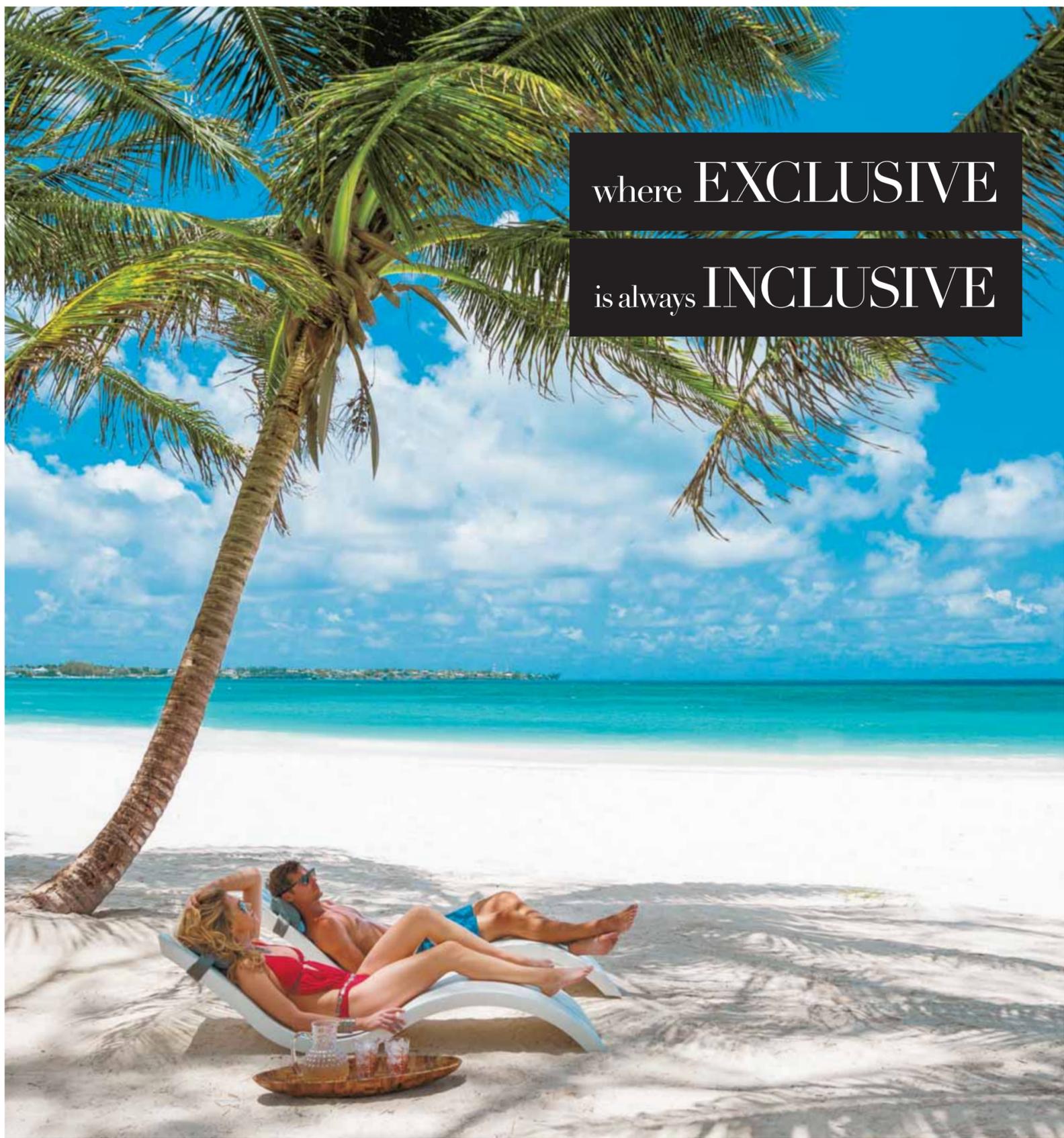


### MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	55	40	pc	59	39
Carbondale	cl	50	40	cl	54	31
Champaign	cl	54	38	cl	54	31
Decatur	cl	54	38	cl	54	31
Moline	cl	51	39	cl	49	29
Peoria	cl	53	41	cl	50	30
Quincy	cl	57	44	cl	55	31
Rockford	cl	48	39	cl	46	28
Springfield	cl	55	43	cl	52	32
Sterling	cl	49	38	cl	48	28
Indiana	pc	53	40	pc	57	38
Bloomington	pc	55	37	pc	60	40
Evansville	pc	50	41	pc	53	33
Fort Wayne	pc	53	40	pc	56	37
Indianapolis	pc	52	41	cl	54	32
Lafayette	pc	52	41	cl	54	32
South Bend	cl	49	42	cl	51	34
Wisconsin	pc	53	40	pc	57	38
Green Bay	pc	45	36	sh	42	26
Kenosha	cl	46	39	sh	45	30
La Crosse	pc	50	38	sh	43	25
Madison	pc	44	37	sh	43	26
Milwaukee	cl	45	38	sh	44	28
Wausau	cl	44	32	ss	37	21
Michigan	pc	46	39	sh	50	38
Detroit	pc	46	39	sh	50	38
Grand Rapids	cl	46	39	sh	50	38
Marquette	cl	41	32	rs	42	27
St. Ste. Marie	ss	39	30	rs	41	34
Traverse City	pc	43	36	sh	44	34
Iowa	cl	51	35	pc	46	25
Ames	cl	52	37	pc	47	27
Cedar Rapids	cl	47	36	sh	44	26
Des Moines	cl	47	36	sh	44	26
Dubuque	cl	47	36	sh	44	26
El Paso	pc	73	50	pc	80	53

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Ablene	pc	73	51	pc	79	47
Albany	pc	52	30	cl	52	44
Albuquerque	pc	66	36	pc	69	39
Amarillo	pc	69	31	su	63	33
Anchorage	sh	39	32	sh	38	32
Asheville	su	55	30	pc	57	33
Aspen	su	49	24	su	49	24
Atlanta	su	59	38	pc	60	44
Atlantic City	su	54	36	pc	57	52
Austin	pc	72	54	pc	77	63
Baltimore	su	63	37	pc	59	46
Billings	sh	43	30	ss	36	33
Birmingham	su	59	38	pc	62	41
Bismarck	rs	40	28	pc	33	16
Boise	pc	52	31	su	56	32
Boston	su	55	37	pc	53	47
Brownsville	pc	78	64	pc	84	68
Burlington	cl	42	35	sh	50	42
Buffalo	su	58	48	pc	61	43
Burlington	sh	47	33	cl	48	43
Charlotte	su	60	35	pc	64	43
Charlottesville	su	65	48	pc	71	57
Charlottesville	su	51	30	pc	61	40
Chattanooga	su	58	34	pc	62	39
Cheyenne	pc	49	27	pc	46	30
Cincinnati	pc	53	35	cl	58	40
Cleveland	pc	46	40	pc	55	43
Colo. Spgs	pc	55	30	su	47	29
Columbia MO	pc	59	43	cl	55	33
Columbia SC	su	63	37	pc	66	50
Columbus	pc	49	36	sh	55	40
Concord	pc	52	34	pc	52	39
Concord	pc	75	62	pc	79	69
Corps Christi	pc	67	50	pc	71	58
Dallas	pc	67	50	pc	71	58
Daytona Bch.	pc	77	60	sh	81	72
Denver	pc	55	31	pc	49	33
Duluth	cl	40	34	sh	39	21
El Paso	pc	73	50	pc	80	53
Fairbanks	pc	19	3	su	18	4
Fargo	sh	41	28	sh	36	16
Flagstaff	su	65	27	su	63	29
Fort Myers	pc	86	71	ss	86	60
Fort Smith	su	64	39	pc	66	50
Fresno	su	77	47	su	79	47
Grand Junction	su	56	25	su	60	29
Great Falls	rs	39	31	ss	39	35
Harrisburg	su	53	30	pc	57	42
Hartford	pc	53	31	cl	53	44
Helena	cl	43	34	cl	47	36
Honolulu	su	85	72	pc	86	74
Houston	su	70	55	cl	76	64
Int'l Falls	ss	40	29	ss	34	18
Jackson	su	75	49	su	77	51
Jacksonville	pc	71	63	sh	79	68
Jameau	su	45	40	su	44	31
Kansas City	pc	60	43	cl	55	34
Las Vegas	su	75	49	su	77	51
Lexington	su	54	34	pc	60	41
Lincoln	pc	58	37	pc	52	28
Little Rock	su	61	38	sh	66	48
Los Angeles	su	81	56	su	79	57
Louisville	pc	55	37	pc	61	42
Macon	su	65	39	cl	66	47
Memphis	su	58	39	pc	63	44
Miami	pc	85	77	cl	85	77
Las Vegas	su	75	49	su	77	51
Minneapolis	cl	48	33	sh	40	23
Mobile	pc	66	46	pc	71	55
Montgomery	su	64	39	pc	67	48
Nashville	su	57	35	pc	63	39
New Orleans	pc	65	51	pc	70	56
New York	pc	55	39	pc	60	50
Norfolk	su	57	40	pc	65	52
Oklahoma City	su	66	41	pc	66	43
Omaha	pc	64	38	cl	50	29
Orlando	pc	79	68	sh	82	70
Palm Beach	ts	81	76	ts	83	76
Palm Springs	su	89	59	su	89	60
Philadelphia	su	53	33	pc	57	45
Phoenix	pc	86	56	su	86	60
Pittsburgh	pc	47	33	cl	56	42
Portland, ME	su	53	33	pc	49	43
Portland, OR	su	60	41	pc	57	39
Portland, ME	su	54	32	pc	53	43
Raleigh	su	60	33	pc	64	42
Rapid City	pc	49	29	sh	38	26
Reno	su	68	26	pc	70	36
Richmond	su	57	33	pc	62	41
Rochester	pc	44	34	sh	52	44
Sacramento	su	77	40	su	78	41
Salem, Ore.	su	61	38	pc		



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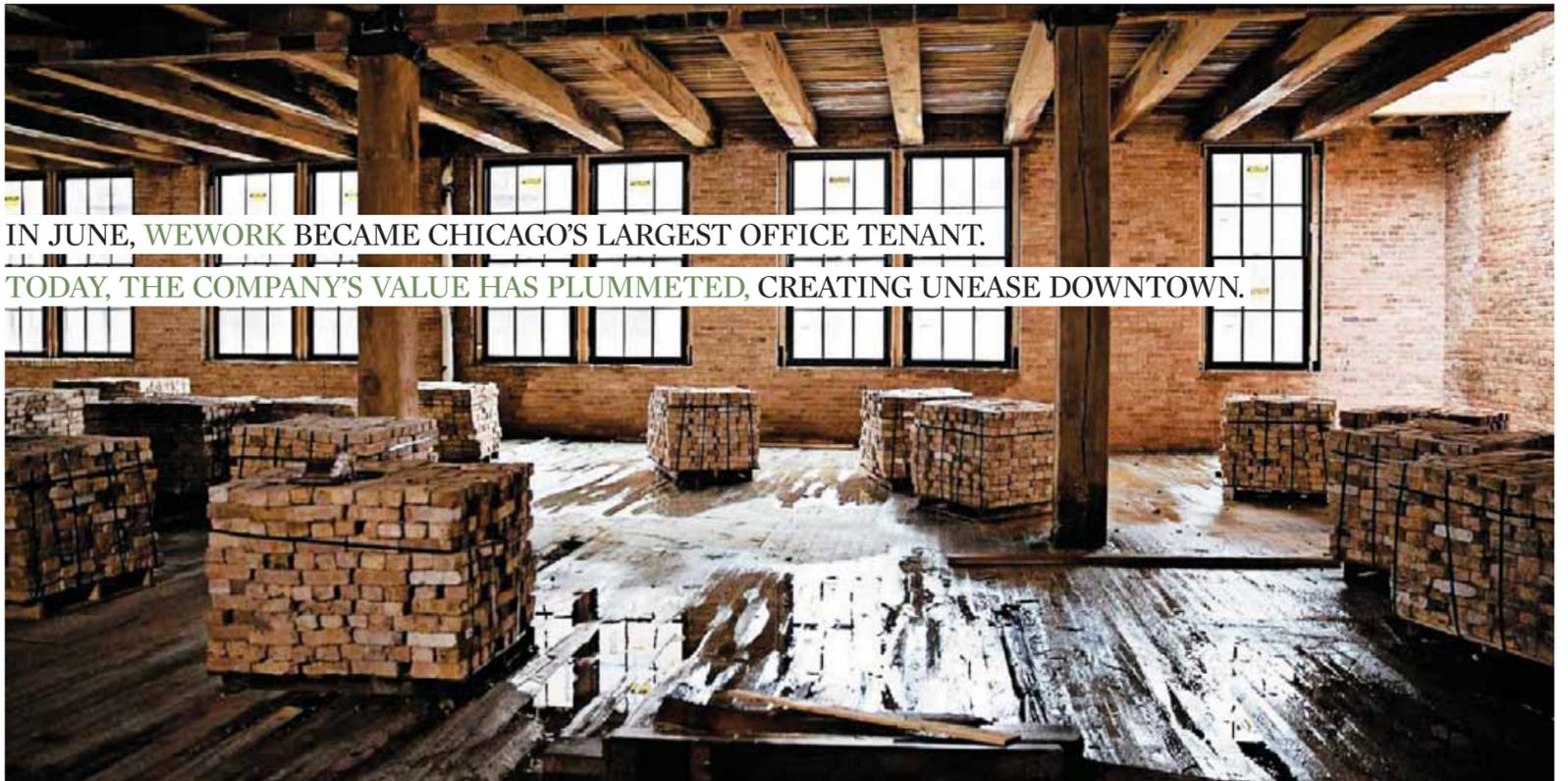
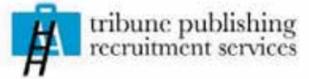
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A recent attempt to go public instead resulted in questions about the company's finances, leading to a plunge in WeWork's valuation and the ouster of CEO Adam Neumann.

WeWork's sudden turn derailed



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leases that were in the works, including a massive space the company had planned in the recently opened Old Post Office redevelopment.

The company's troubles could mean a rare crisis in a Chicago leasing market that has soared in recent years, amid corporate relocations downtown from the suburbs and businesses expanding.

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The question mark surrounding WeWork and the local space it leases comes at a time when office landlords already are bracing for the impact of a wave of new construction and potentially huge property tax increases.

It's yet to be determined whether there will be a broader fallout. More setbacks could shake up a downtown office market that has been on a roll for years, but also faces several upcoming large vacancies as tenants prepare to move into new buildings along the Chicago River and in the Fulton Market district.

Also unclear is how WeWork's spaces will be valued by real estate investors, which creates a potential

WeWork signed a lease with Barnett Capital and Domus Group; it is redeveloping the Fulton Market building.

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impediment when the buildings it occupies are sold.

WeWork has accounted for 10% of the absorption of vacant office space downtown the past six years, according to Cushman & Wakefield office tenant broker Ari Klein.

"WeWork was a lifeline to any building with a big vacancy," Klein said. "What happens now?"

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Jack Davenport, co-owner of Davenport Family Funeral Home in Lake Zurich, adjusts a wicker casket.

## First green living, now green dying

Biodegradable caskets, water-based cremation reduce carbon footprint

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Seven years ago Jack Davenport, co-owner of Davenport Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, was approached with what seemed to be an unusual request.

A family trying to grant the last wishes of a loved one wanted the body buried in a biodegradable casket to allow for natural decomposition.

Davenport, 53, was able to accommodate the family, and in the process launched a new line of business that caters to environmentally conscious families. His firm now offers biodegradable caskets and shrouds, which are typically a linen cloth used to wrap the body of the deceased.

"I do this because the environmental, green movement is growing," Davenport said. "Some families don't want cremation. They want a burial ... their mentality is that what comes from the earth will have to return back to it."

Green burials aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by cremations and toxic chemicals used for embalming a body. And as consumers become more conscious about the products and services they use, Illinois funeral homes are ramping up their green burial services for a small but growing client base interested in reducing their carbon footprint, even in death.

Several funeral homes in the state offer services in which the body is buried in the ground in biodegradable materials like willow, seagrass or bamboo. Other green options include biodegradable urns and a water-based alternative to cremation called alkaline hydrolysis.

According to a 2019 survey from the National Funeral Directors Association, fewer than 20% of funeral homes across the country performed green funeral services in the past year.

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Are there too many hotel rooms in Chicago?  
Prices, occupancy are down — good for you, bad for hoteliers

# NO VACANCY



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John Rutledge, founder, CEO and president of Oxford Capital Group, opened Hotel Julian in the former Atlantic Bank Building.

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

From funky boutique hotels in Fulton Market to the gleaming 1,200-room Marriott Marquis welcoming conventioners at McCormick Place, Chicago is suddenly brimming with new and diverse places to get a room for millions of annual visitors.

Dozens of recent hotel developments mean more choices for guests on where they want to stay, how much they want to pay and what amenities they might need to help them make it through the night.

For many hotel operators, however, times are tough.

Struggling to keep up with a glut of new rooms across the city, Chicago hoteliers faced January's polar vortex, a cyclical downturn in convention business, lower rates, lower occupancy and at least one high-profile default in 2019.

"There's no doubt 2019 has been a challenging year for all hotels," said

John Rutledge, CEO of Chicago-based Oxford Development, which has developed 10 hotels in Chicago, including LondonHouse, The Langham and The Godfrey. "It's time to take a breath and absorb some of that new product."

Oxford opened two Chicago hotels in the last year: Hotel Julian, a 218-room boutique hotel in the former Atlantic Bank Building on North Michigan Avenue and the redeveloped Hotel Essex on South Michigan Avenue.

But Oxford, one of the city's most prolific hotel developers, has no new Chicago projects in the pipeline heading into 2020, a reflection of a market Rutledge said is facing "heavy headwinds" in the near term from the surge

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**"The market has kind of blown up over the last five years. You reach a point of saturation, and that's sort of where Chicago is at this point."**

— Stacey Nadolny, managing director of HVS Chicago

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And some funeral homes are limited by state laws in what they can offer. But demand for green funeral services is growing, so much so that the funeral directors group now offers a green funeral practice certificate.

Davenport, who has funeral homes in Barrington, Lake Zurich and Crystal Lake, said his firm has performed about eight

green burials so far this year.

"By and large it's a request by the deceased," Davenport said. "It's something that's preplanned by families."

Proximity has helped Davenport in his effort to offer green burials. Davenport said his funeral homes are only a few miles away from Windridge Memorial Park and Nature Sanctuary, a cemetery in Cary that has a nature trail dedicated to natural burials.

The 48-acre cemetery has been offering natural

burial sites along the trail for a number of years, Windridge family service manager Kelly Lawyer said. The cemetery is plotting an additional 400 natural gravesites at a different location on the property, Lawyer said.

Illinois law does not require bodies to be buried in caskets, although cemeteries typically require gravesites to have some type of reinforced concrete box — either a vault or a grave liner — to keep the ground level and prevent settling. A handful of cemeteries are willing to waive the vault requirement and allow natural burials, at least on a portion of their properties.

It's unclear exactly how many Illinois cemeteries reserve sections for natural burials, but Lawyer said she knows of at least four, including one in Springfield and another in Vernon Hills.

Marion Friel, owner of Green Burials of Love in Norwood Park East, said she also uses Windridge for green burials, a service she has been offering since 2010.

Last year Friel helped Cheryl Barnes, of Beverly, set up a green burial for her 66-year-old sister, who died of uterine cancer on Dec. 28. Barnes said she was able to honor her sister's last request, which was "to be put in a bag and then be put in the ground under a tree."

Barnes said her sister was wrapped in a light shroud and buried next to a tree near a hill at the Windridge nature trail.

"I thought I had to settle for a second-rate of what my sister wanted," Barnes said. "But I was able to give my sister exactly what she wanted."

The overall cost to Barnes was about \$6,000, with the majority of the expenses coming from the burial, she said.

According to the funeral directors group, National Funeral Directors Association, a family can pay up toward \$9,000 for a traditional funeral service and a burial. Green burials tend to be less expensive because they don't involve embalming chemicals and vaults,



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Jack Davenport moves a linen burial shroud, one option for those seeking a green funeral, at Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Lake Zurich last week.

and instead allow the body to decay naturally. Davenport said he has different prices for green burials — a service with a wicker casket can cost about \$5,200 with a ceremony, or about \$4,800 for a burial with a shroud.

The availability of green burial options varies by state and locality.

Traci Macz, owner of Irvin Macz and Day Macz Funeral Homes in Sandoval, Illinois, doesn't offer natural burials yet. Macz said she's been working with local leaders to reserve a section in the city-operated Sandoval Cemetery for green burials. Currently, she educates families about other green options available to them like less harmful embalming fluids or biodegradable urns.

"For us, having two young sons, we have to set the bar and educate consumers on what is available to them," Macz said. "That why it was important for us to get the green funeral practice certificate from the National Funeral Directors Association."

Jimmy Olson, owner of Olson Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, said state law wouldn't allow his funeral home to accommodate a family's request to perform alkaline hydrolysis, a water-based cremation process that breaks down

the body to liquid and bone using water and either sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide.

The relatively new process is sometimes referred to as flameless cremation, resomation or aquamation.

"It's so new. We are all trying to find a way to explain it and offer it to consumers," Kurt Soffee, a funeral home director in Murray, Utah, and a spokesman for the national funeral directors group, said of the process.

Several states, like Wisconsin, do not yet permit alkaline hydrolysis. Olson said he found a funeral home in Minnesota that was able to accommodate the family's request.

"I've spent the last year working with (Wisconsin) state Sen. Patty Schachtner to pass a bill that will allow for alkaline hydrolysis," Olson said.

Although Illinois has allowed alkaline hydrolysis since 2012, only a handful of funeral homes have the equipment to perform it.

Matt Baskerville, who owns four funeral homes under the names Reeves and Baskerville in Illinois, said he began offering the service to clients shortly after it became legal in the state.

Baskerville, who refers to the process as flameless cremation, said it's a much

greener option because it does not burn fossil fuels or release emissions. The funeral home charges about \$3,000 for alkaline hydrolysis, which is a little more than cremation because the firm has to use another company to perform the process, Baskerville said.

"I think there are so many different forms of green funerals. Many shades of green," Baskerville said. "A natural funeral can involve no harmful embalming products or using biodegradable caskets, or it can also include purchasing locally owned flowers. People are more conscious of this today."

Barnes, who visited her sister's gravesite a couple of weeks ago at the Windridge cemetery, said she hopes more people will consider the greener options. Barnes said she herself would like to donate her organs after her death and have a natural burial for the rest of her remains.

"My sister, at the time, she did not want to be embalmed or put in a box," Barnes said. "I hope people realize all they're doing is putting chemicals into the ground when the body is filled with embalming fluids."

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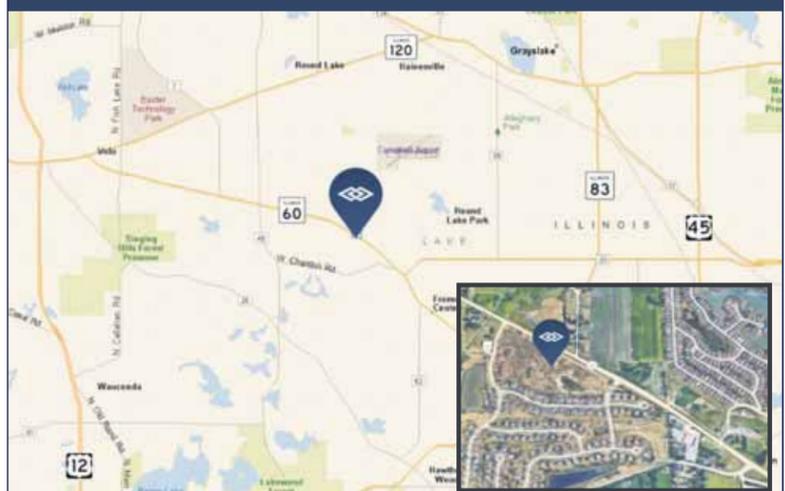
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Whenever you open a new CD, the bank or credit union will stipulate its early withdrawal penalty terms. In other words, these rules are set at the time you open the CD, not current bank policy at the time you withdraw.

This points out how important it is to read the fine print before deciding on a new CD. While many institutions fall within a normal range of penalties, some impose exceptionally stiff penalties, while others have pleasantly mild policies. Identifying this information is important pre-commitment homework.

But what if you've already opened your certificate, and now find you need the cash? The first step is to look up the terms you received when you opened the CD, and then call the institution to confirm your specific penalty calculation.

If the penalty is a flat number of months' earned interest, it won't really matter when you initiate the withdrawal. But with policies that penalize you more or less depending on how close you are to maturity, you may want to consider your best withdrawal timing. Some banks also allow a partial withdrawal, which can help minimize the penalty.

Once you know your penalty amount, you can also compare it to the expense of any other alternatives you might have for securing cash. For instance, if your cash flow need is short term, tapping a home equity line of credit may cost you less than the CD penalty.

In any case, be sure to talk with the institution to fully understand your penalty calculation before making a withdrawal decision.

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# Fallout from Fiat-Peugeot

Car companies merger could spell doom for Chrysler

By **TOM KRISHER**  
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Associated Press

MILAN — Automobile shoppers across the globe are likely to see fewer vehicles and brands if the merger of Fiat Chrysler and France's PSA goes through, but the new company will be big enough to compete in a fast-changing business that requires vast sums of money to develop autonomous and electric vehicles.

The two companies announced the merger Thursday that, if finalized, will create the world's fourth-largest auto company, worth \$50 billion. But PSA will have the upper hand in the deal, with its cost-cutting CEO Carlos Tavares in charge and PSA controlling the new company's board.

Both companies still have to agree on final provisions, but the deal could close by the end of the year.

Tavares, who used to run Nissan in the Americas and knows the U.S. market well, will not shy away from trimming unprofitable models and brands. He's credited with turning around the Opel and Vauxhall brands in Europe, perennial money losers which PSA acquired from General Motors two years ago.

Bernstein analyst Max Warburton wrote in a note to investors that he's confident Tavares can pull off combining the companies.

"Tavares' playbook has been to take on loss-making businesses and fix them, rapidly," Warburton wrote. "We believe he can achieve something similar at Fiat in Europe." He called Tavares the "world's most frugal auto executive."

Fiat Chrysler CEO Mike Manley was left without a title in the combined company. He'll take a senior leadership position, the companies said, but his role in the new business was not immediately clear.

Tavares will hold the 11th seat on the new company's otherwise evenly split board, giving control of it to PSA, although Fiat Chrysler's chairman, John Elkann, will become chairman of the new company.

Before the deal closes, FCA will pay its shareholders a 5.5 billion euro (\$6.1 billion) premium, raising questions about whether the new company will be saddled with too much debt. Jeffries analyst Philippe Houchois estimated that Peugeot is paying a hefty 32% premium to take control of Fiat Chrysler.

In the U.S., the deal brought back bad memories of 1998, when Germany's Daimler AG and Chrysler announced what was billed as a "merger of equals." It turned out to be a takeover that resulted in massive culture clashes between Daimler, which owns Mercedes, and Chrysler. The companies never meshed, and Daimler desperately jettisoned the U.S. automaker in 2007 to a private equity firm that drove it into a government-funded bankruptcy.

"You just sort of scratch your head and go, 'Oh my God, it's happening again,'" Bud Liebler, who was Chrysler's marketing chief when Daimler took over, said of the PSA deal.

But Liebler says he can't

see PSA messing too much with the U.S. operations because they're performing solidly, largely due to sales of the popular Jeep brand and profitable Ram pickup trucks.

"I can't imagine why you would want to screw up something that's been working so well," he said.

Tavares has ambitions of selling PSA vehicles in the U.S., but Gartner analyst Mike Ramsey said that may come by just re-labeling the vehicles as Fiat or Chrysler models.

PSA and Fiat Chrysler predict savings of 3.7 billion euros (\$4 billion) from the deal, which they expect to achieve without any factory closures.

Much of that savings would come from sharing research and development costs on vehicle "platforms," the underpinnings on which cars, trucks and SUVs are built. Platforms normally cost \$1 billion each to develop, and consolidating them is where most of the savings would come.

Ramsey doesn't foresee an immediate impact when the companies combine, but said there will be in three or four years as new vehicles are developed.

"They need to sit down and figure out where are their overlapping platforms and how that product is going to merge over time," he said.

In the U.S., Tavares won't be afraid to go after underperforming models and brands, said Ramsey. A top candidate for elimination would be the Chrysler brand, which has dwindled to only two models, a minivan and a car, he said.

Both companies will save money later as more platforms are consolidated and they jointly develop battery powered vehicles, he said.

Fiat Chrysler, meanwhile, continues to struggle in Europe, where executives have acknowledged that the model lineup is tired and where plans to relaunch the premium and luxury brands Alfa Romeo and Maserati have so far foundered.

Manley announced as part of third-quarter earnings Thursday plans to revamp launches for the struggling Alfa Romeo brand, which included a 1.5 billion-euro write-off for the platform used for the Stelvio and Giulia models, since they can't be converted easily to electric or hybrid versions.

He also acknowledged that Fiat had relied too much on tiny city cars and needs to expand into the subcompact segment that it has abandoned. PSA has popular entries in that segment with its Opel and Peugeot brands.

Factories in Italy are running at less than 60% capacity, which remains a concern for Italian unions and politicians. Fiat remains one of the country's largest private sector employers with nearly 60,000 workers.

"When you do a merger of this type, surely there is a winner and that is the shareholders," said Francesco Zirpoli, director of the Center for Automotive and Mobility Innovation at Venice's Ca' Foscari University.

He said the merger puts at risk Italian engineering brains based in Turin, which in a new company would overlap with engineers at PSA headquarters in Paris.

Tom Krisher reported from Detroit.



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The Hoxton Hotel is trying to capitalize on Fulton Market's growth and trendy restaurants.

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in supply.

"There's only one project we're looking at in the Chicago market, in the Fulton Market area," Rutledge said. "Other than that, almost all our growth is in other states throughout the country."

There are more than 140 hotels and 45,000 rooms in Chicago's central business district, according to Choose Chicago, the city's official tourism arm.

Chicago has added 37 new hotels and more than 8,100 rooms in the past five years — a 22% percent increase. That growth includes a new wave of boutique hotels springing up in neighborhoods from Fulton Market to Hyde Park, far from the city's traditional hotel district along North Michigan Avenue.

But demand has not kept pace with supply. After a record year in 2018, hotel occupancy has fallen under 75% through September — a 2.5% year-over-year decline, according to data from research firm STR supplied by Choose Chicago.

Meanwhile, the average daily room rate in Chicago has dropped 3.2% to \$205.74, according to STR data. Revenue per available room — a key measure of profitability — is down 5.6% to \$153.41.

"The market has kind of blown up over the last five years," said Stacey Nadolny, managing director of HVS Chicago, a hospitality consulting firm. "You reach a point of saturation, and that's sort of where Chicago is at this point."

The plethora of big-box hotels in Chicago — those with more than 1,000 rooms — creates downward pressure on room rates across the city when convention business declines, Nadolny said.

Chicago once was a convention town, its hotel business rising and falling with the number of major citywide events and visitors drawn to McCormick Place. In the early 1990s, convention and group business accounted for two-thirds of the hotel stays in Chicago, according to Ted Mandigo, a Chicago-based hotel analyst.

Convention and group business represents about a third of the hotel stays in Chicago this year, according to data from Choose Chicago, but the rise and fall in demand still moves the market.

In recent years, several major conventions have been on a biennial cycle, making even years stronger than odd. Most notable is the International Manufacturing Technology Show, the city's largest trade show, which in 2018 brought more than 129,000 attendees to Chicago.

That show, and several other major conventions, are scheduled to return in 2020, offering a boost to tourism and hope to hotel operators for a more robust year ahead.

Another reason for a more bullish outlook in 2020 is the NBA All-Star Game, which is returning to Chicago in February for the first time in three decades.

While conventions and major events remain an integral part of hotel occupancy and rates, the city's tourism efforts are increasingly focused on the leisure and business travel segments, which now represent 67% of Chicago's hotel stays, according to Choose Chicago.

"We can no longer just be reliant on major conventions," said David Whitaker,

president and CEO of Choose Chicago. "We have to do more and more to grow leisure visitors."

To that end, Choose Chicago has shifted its annual \$6 million leisure travel marketing budget from mostly TV commercials in adjacent Midwest states — which provide 70% of the city's visitors — to a national digital campaign targeting people in larger markets with interests such as food, architecture, theater and the LGBTQ community.

Choose Chicago also is running a \$1 million international ad campaign, Whitaker said.

A slowdown in hotel development — there are just four properties slated to open in 2020 — could help hotels increase rates and occupancy. But optimism remains muted among hoteliers and analysts alike, who are concerned it may take years to absorb the new rooms that have come online in recent years.

The most ominous sign for the Chicago hotel industry in 2019 may have been the September default of the Waldorf Astoria Chicago, a luxury Gold Coast property owned by longtime Chicago hotelier Laurence Geller. The hotel was taken over by a lender, Chicago-based Walton Street Capital.

Eric Mogentale, managing principal of Walton Street, declined to comment on the Waldorf default, as did Geller.

In 2015, a venture led by Geller Capital Partners bought the 189-room hotel from Sam Zell's Equity Group Investments for a reported \$112 million. Hotel analyst Mandigo had a simple explanation for Waldorf's financial woes.

"They basically paid too much for the property," Mandigo said. "And we've got a lot of those in the city."

Mandigo said recent projects have been expensive to build, requiring unsustainable room rates to turn a profit. He expects others to meet the same fate as the Waldorf.

"In the next five years, you're probably going to see a half dozen of the new construction properties struggling," Mandigo said. "They're going to have to either sell, go bankrupt or turn over the keys (to the lenders)."

High property taxes and the 17.4% hotel tax in Chicago — one of the highest rates in the U.S. — also may deter future development.

In an email, Geller said property tax increases have amounted to a "harsh punishment" for hoteliers, while room tax increases have added "insult to injury." At the same time, he said there has been little increase in funding for tourism marketing.

Choose Chicago said its domestic marketing budget is up from \$4 million three years ago to the current \$6 million.

"Chicago has been a very disappointing market and could have done significantly more to live up to its potential," Geller said.

Geller's firm also converted an office building at 101 E. Erie St., formerly home to ad agency FCB, into a 290-room Conrad hotel, which opened in 2016. He declined to comment on the current ownership status of the Conrad Chicago.

The market is clearly changing, with boutique offerings in unconventional neighborhoods transforming Chicago's big-box hotel image and scattering guests far off the Magnificent Mile, where more than half of the city's hotels are located.

Recent additions in-

clude the Hotel Zachary in Wrigleyville, Sophy Hyde Park and Found Hotel in River North, among other properties. The Hoxton, a 12-story, 182-room boutique hotel and British import which opened in April on the site of a former meatpacker in Fulton Market, is emblematic of the new hotels in Chicago.

Fulton Market, once the province of meatpackers and food distributors, has evolved in recent years into a booming Chicago neighborhood with trendy restaurants, residential developments, and marquee corporate names like McDonald's and Google. New hotels are looking to leverage the influx of business and leisure visitors.

Following the trail blazed by the nearby Soho House, another British brand that opened in a renovated five-story Fulton Market warehouse in 2014, The Hoxton aims for a vibe reflective of the foodie/artsy neighborhood, with three restaurants including Cabra, a Peruvian rooftop offering from acclaimed Chicago chef Stephanie Izard. Visitors are encouraged to hang out in the hotel's lobby and tap into Wi-Fi and an assortment of cultural offerings. In November, The Hoxton will launch its own 24/7 co-working space.

"What we really want is something closer to an Airbnb than any of those typical hotel buckets," said Amos Kelsey, 37, general manager of The Hoxton in Chicago, who previously helped launch the chain's first North American property in Brooklyn.

The Hoxton is drawing business travelers, staycationers and some out-of-towners during its first six months, Kelsey said. Occupancy ramped up to about 85% in the summer and has been holding steady into the fall, Kelsey said. The hotel has been getting about \$300 a room, but Kelsey said rates will likely be cut in half during the winter.

Squeezed between office buildings, the Hotel Julian opened in October 2018, an unobtrusive addition to the burgeoning Chicago lodging landscape. The renovated, century-old building features small, modern rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows offering decidedly urban vistas, including a neck-craning view of the kitty-corner Millennium Park.

Whimsical touches include historical photo montages of "influencers" in the elevators.

Hotel Julian will end 2019 with an occupancy rate in the high 70% range, Rutledge said. He said room rates run from about \$350 during peak season to as low as \$129 per night during the dead of winter.

Huddled on a bench wearing backpacks in the tidy lobby, a family checking in on a recent gray weekday morning represented the most elusive and valuable guests in the Chicago hotel market — international tourists.

Katrin Strasser, 22, an Austrian student attending college in Canada, met her brother and mother for a short vacation in Chicago. They chose the Hotel Julian through the travel site Orbitz.

While Oxford spent two years and \$50 million renovating the hotel, from restoring the terra-cotta facade to adding five floors to the historic 12-story building, the amenity which sold Strasser had little to do with those efforts.

"Location," she said. "It's near The Bean."

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## Holiday deals to start early this year

Thanksgiving's latest possible date creates scramble

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NEW YORK — All they want for Christmas is more time.

Faced with the shortest holiday shopping season since 2013, retailers are trying to figure out ways to get into the minds of shoppers sooner.

Walmart, for instance, began offering holiday deals online for toys, TVs and minitrampolines nearly a week before Halloween. And the owner of Zales and Kay Jewelers said it spent more on advertising between August and October.

Target Corp. says it's spending \$50 million more on payroll during the fourth quarter than it did a year ago so that there'll be more workers on hand to help harried shoppers scrambling to get their shopping done in a shorter amount of time.

"This is going to be a very compressed holiday season," Target CEO Brian Cornell told reporters during last week's holiday preview in New York. "We lose one full weekend during the holiday. Every single day counts, from Black Friday to Christmas Eve."

Steve Bratspie, who oversees Walmart's merchandise in the U.S., says shoppers will likely not realize there are fewer shopping days this year until it's too late.

"We plan for them," he says.

Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday of November. In 1939, at the tail end of the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November as a way to goose the economy and create more shopping days before Christmas, according to The Old Farmer's Almanac. But people continued to celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday, and in 1941 it was officially changed back.

This year, Thanksgiving will land on Nov. 28, the latest possible date it can be. That leaves the holiday shopping season with six fewer days than last year.

Adobe Analytics predicts a loss of \$1 billion in revenue from a shortened season. Still, it expects online sales will reach \$143.7 billion, up 14.1% from last year's holiday season.

Amazon said it doesn't expect much of an impact.

"The purchases tend to move around," said Amazon Chief Financial Officer Brian Olsavsky, adding that people may buy more later in the season knowing they'll get their gifts delivered quickly.

Jack Kleinhenz, chief economist at trade group National Retail Federation, says he baked the shorter season into his holiday forecast. However, the real drivers of sales, he says, will be the economy and the job market.

NRF predicts a healthy increase of anywhere between 3.8% and 4.2% increase for November and December, above the disappointing 2.1% gain from a year ago.

The last time the holiday season was cut short, in 2013, sales rose a modest 2.9%, according to NRF's analysis of holiday spending. But Kleinhenz says it's hard to isolate the impact of the shorter season because retailers were hurt by several big factors, including a series of winter storms as well as a government shutdown.

Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail consulting group, thinks retailers are using the quirk in the calendar as just another excuse if holiday sales don't live up to expectations.

"We think it is a bogus excuse," Johnson said. "It may have worked in the olden days before the internet."



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Fiat Chrysler's merger with France's PSA, if finalized, will create the world's fourth-largest auto company.

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Elan Peretz's Barnett Capital has two buildings being redeveloped for a combined 110,000 square feet in Fulton Market.

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During those six years, WeWork has gone from no space in Chicago to more than 1.1 million square feet spread over 14 downtown buildings, as the co-working concept gained in popularity.

Overall, co-working companies have more than tripled their collective space and memberships the past four years, according to a report from Newmark Knight Frank and Chicago Creative Space. Next year, the sector is expected to rise to 57,000 co-working members and almost 3.9 million square feet of space. That's big enough to fill the 110-story Willis Tower.

WeWork became the largest tenant leasing space in downtown Chicago in June, when it passed the 1 million-square-foot mark, eclipsing giants such as Bank of America and United Airlines. The list of largest tenants does not include companies and government agencies that occupy more total square feet but own all or most of their space.

Co-working firms such as WeWork typically sign long-term leases, then fill those spaces with short-term memberships. Co-working users range from individual entrepreneurs and small startups to Fortune 500 companies.

New York-based WeWork has emerged as co-working's biggest player. Amassing that market share came at a steep cost. Scrutiny of the company's finances amid its planned IPO led WeWork's valuation to plunge from \$47 billion to about \$8 billion, and led to the removal of executives including Neumann.

Japan's SoftBank Group, already an investor in the company, is backing a major restructuring to keep the company afloat.

Ripples already are being felt in office markets throughout the country, including several other cities where WeWork is the largest office tenant.

Chicago deals that had been in negotiation — including a huge lease in the redeveloped Old Post Office that the Tribune first reported in early September — are off, according to real estate sources.

There's no immediate indication that the company plans to close existing locations, and WeWork appears to be moving toward opening new spaces in buildings where it has signed leases, including three buildings in the Fulton Market district.

Those include a 138,000-square-foot lease in a building that Shapack Partners and Focus Development are constructing at 167 N. Green St., and two deals for a combined 110,000 square feet in buildings Barnett Capital and Domus Group are redeveloping at 1114 and 1155 W. Fulton Market.

"We're full speed ahead," said Elan Peretz, managing director and general counsel at Northbrook-based Barnett Capital.

Despite WeWork's shaky financial footing, the company is an excellent operator of co-working spaces, Peretz said. That, combined with overall strong demand for offices in the former meatpacking district, made the developers comfortable in moving forward with funding build-out costs for We-

Work's spaces, Peretz said. "It would be stupid not to have thought about various possibilities, when it's been all over the news," Peretz said. "But Fulton Market is one of the best submarkets in the country, where demand far exceeds supply."

He added, "WeWork has built the Ritz-Carlton of the co-working world. For me, the concept of having a company that's going to put my building in the condition where it has just the right density and amenities and technology, I feel pretty good about that."

The co-working giant said it is "excited about WeWork's future in Chicago." In the emailed statement, the company added: "WeWork continues to sign new lease agreements with our landlord partners. We expect the pace of entering new lease agreements to slow over the next several quarters as we pursue more strategic growth and focus on accelerating our path to profitability."

The company declined to comment beyond the emailed statement.

WeWork's pause comes as the range of co-working players has expanded to include commercial brokerages such as CBRE, big landlords such as Tishman Speyer and even hotels offering smaller co-working areas.

The Hoxton, Chicago, a Fulton Market boutique hotel, will open 294 desks for its co-working brand by mid-November, the company said.

Larger rivals such as Spaces and Industrious could step into any voids created by WeWork.

Industrious now leases 260,000 square feet in Chicago and Evanston, and the company plans expansion in the city and suburbs, CEO Jamie Hodari said.

His company's model differs from WeWork, in that Industrious manages spaces on behalf of landlords, rather than leasing space. Industrious has partnerships with 25 landlords nationally, Hodari said.

A full-scale WeWork retreat seems highly unlikely, Hodari said. Chicago is a key co-working market because virtually every Fortune 500 company and Silicon Valley tech firm does business and needs office space in the city, he said.

"It's clear they're going to hit the pause button and stop growing," Hodari said of WeWork. "They're going to add zero seats for some period of time until they regroup. Either other operators will come in to provide more space or there will be a tightening of space."

"Because a lot of supply has come online in Chicago in the last 12 to 18 months and more is coming, you're unlikely to see a mismatch in supply and demand that causes a spike in pricing. In other cities, you'll see a more dramatic effect."

There's no reason for WeWork to shutter profitable locations in Chicago or elsewhere, and it's unclear how much deflection there will be to rival brands, Hodari said.

"Because of the moment of flux, a lot of companies are taking stock and looking at what their options are," he said. "This has reminded people that this is a big decision and it's worth comparison shopping."

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## INVESTING

### Stocks Recap



WEEKLY PERFORMANCE									
52-WEEK HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
27398.68	21712.53	Dow Jones industrials	27347.43	26918.29	27347.36	+389.30	+1.4	+17.2	+8.2
11148.36	8636.79	Dow Jones trans.	10959.39	10425.79	10738.81	-117.60	-1.1	+17.1	+3.6
882.37	681.85	Dow Jones utilities	872.19	851.43	867.83	+0.91	+0.1	+21.7	+19.7
13300.35	10723.66	NYSE Comp.	13300.35	13116.58	13300.27	+154.03	+1.2	+16.9	+7.9
5597.60	4682.10	NYSE International	5551.01	5474.17	5539.73	+40.86	+0.7	+13.3	+5.3
8161.98	5895.12	Nasdaq 100	8161.98	8019.72	8161.17	+131.95	+1.6	+28.9	+17.2
8386.75	6190.17	Nasdaq Comp.	8386.75	8242.97	8386.40	+143.28	+1.7	+26.4	+14.0
3066.95	2346.58	S&P 500	3066.95	3023.19	3066.91	+44.36	+1.5	+22.3	+12.6
1991.51	1565.76	S&P MidCap	1983.53	1946.64	1983.50	+24.28	+1.2	+19.3	+6.5
31267.21	24129.49	Wilshire 5000	31267.21	30797.48	31267.18	+430.95	+1.4	+21.4	+11.0
1618.37	1266.93	Russell 2000	1589.33	1552.87	1589.33	+30.62	+2.0	+17.9	+2.7
399.88	327.34	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	399.88	395.73	399.43	+4.12	+0.4	+18.3	+9.7
7727.49	6536.53	FTSE 100	7346.92	7245.23	7302.42	-22.05	-0.3	+8.5	+2.9

<b>Gold</b>	▲ +8.50	\$1,508.00
<b>Silver</b>	▲ +14	\$18.00
<b>Crude Oil</b>	▼ -46	\$56.20
<b>Natural Gas</b>	▲ +41	\$2.71
<b>10-year T-note</b>	▼ -08	1.72%
<b>Euro</b>	▼ -0067	to .8958/\$1
<b>Yen</b>	▼ -42	to 108.26/\$1

### Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Gen Electric	10.38	+1.38	
Fitbit Inc	7.14	+2.83	
Chesapck Engy	1.44	-12	
PG&E Corp	6.43	+1.43	
Bank of America	31.80	+0.08	
AT&T Inc	38.95	+2.04	
Ford Motor	8.89	+1.7	
EnCana Corp	4.16	-10	
Twitter Inc	29.62	-68	
Pfizer Inc	38.39	+1.62	
Pinterest Inc	20.86	-5.00	
Fiat Chrysler Auto	15.74	+2.61	
Snap Inc A	15.18	+1.22	

### NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Adv Micro Dev	34.89	+2.18	
Apple Inc	255.82	+3.24	
Microsoft Corp	143.72	+2.99	
Facebook Inc	193.62	+5.73	
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.82	+38	
Intel Corp	56.51	+0.05	
Zynga Inc	6.35	+19	
Agile Therapeutics	1.35	+24	
Comcast Corp A	44.75	-90	
Cisco Syst	47.03	+13	
Micron Tech	48.38	+3.35	
Kraft Heinz Co	32.61	+4.23	
Roku Inc	146.50	+12.76	

### EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
iPath Sh Term Fut	18.87	-92	
iShares Brazil	45.09	+42	
iShs China Large Cap	42.00	+51	
iShs Emerg Mkts	43.22	+52	
iShs EAFE ETF	68.02	+1.00	
iShs iBoxx HY CpbD	86.82	-57	
Invesco QQQ Trust	198.77	+3.7	
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	306.14	+4.54	
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdttn	21.85	+0.1	
SPDR Financial	29.12	+48	
SPDR Utility	64.09	-07	
US Oil Fund LP	11.69	-14	
VanE Vect GlD Miners	28.01	+27	

### Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
AT&T Inc	38.95	+2.04	
Alibaba Group Hldg	176.46	+2.15	
Alphabet Inc C	1273.74	+8.61	
Alphabet Inc A	1272.25	+7.95	
Amazon.com Inc	1791.44	+30.11	
Anheuser-Busch InBev	79.36	-2.47	
Apple Inc	255.82	+3.24	
Bank of America	31.80	+0.08	
Berkshire Hath A	323400.00	+5904.99	
Berkshire Hath B	215.83	+4.03	
Boeing Co	345.19	+5.36	
Chevron Corp	116.21	-2.46	
China Mobile Ltd	41.10	+0.05	
Cisco Syst	47.03	+1.3	
Citigroup	73.84	+1.18	
CocaCola Co	53.90	+1.5	
Comcast Corp A	44.75	-90	
Disney	132.75	+1.85	
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.60	+3.5	
Facebook Inc	193.62	+5.73	
FEMSA	89.10	-1.67	
HSBC Holdings PLC	38.07	-1.45	
HSBC Holdings prA	26.35	+0.2	
Home Depot	237.34	+2.96	
Intel Corp	56.51	+0.05	
JPMorgan Chase & Co	127.80	+1.77	
Johnson & Johnson	131.20	+2.85	
MasterCard Inc	279.05	+8.86	
Merck & Co	84.94	+2.68	
Microsoft Corp	143.72	+2.99	
Novartis AG	87.63	+3.2	
Oracle Corp	55.00	+8.3	
PepsiCo	136.93	+2.9	
Pfizer Inc	38.39	+1.62	
Procter & Gamble	123.87	+6.2	
Royal Dutch Shell B	59.15	-1.31	
Royal Dutch Shell A	58.64	-1.04	
SAP Se	133.69	+1.82	
Taiwan Semicon	52.10	+9.7	
Toyota Mot	139.83	+1.55	
Unilever NV	58.79	+6.1	
Unilever PLC	59.75	+8.8	
Unitedhealth Group	252.21	+7.30	
Verizon Comm	60.37	...	
Visa Inc	180.93	+3.08	
WallMart Strs	117.62	-1.42	
Wells Fargo & Co	52.18	+6.1	

### Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets			
FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPa m	32.64	+59	+9.3
American Funds AmrcnBaIA m	28.24	+29	+11.3
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	43.07	+47	+11.4
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	13.29	+0.5	+10.0
American Funds CptlWldGrncA m	50.16	+74	+12.6
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	62.33	+55	+10.5
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	54.30	+105	+14.0
American Funds FdmTlnvnsA m	61.48	+89	+11.1
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.28	+84	+10.7
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.19	+18	+11.1
American Funds InvAmrcA m	38.97	+62	+8.4
American Funds NewWldA m	69.80	+117	+18.1
American Funds NwPrsctvA m	46.25	+88	+15.3
American Funds SmCpWldA m	57.39	+121	+12.1
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	46.06	+77	+11.7
American Funds TxExBdA m	13.32	+0.2	+8.8
American Funds WmTlnvnsA m	47.44	+61	+12.8
Baird AggregateBdInstl	11.25	+0.5	+11.6
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	11.59	+0.5	+11.6
BlackRock StrIncOpnlns	9.94	+0.2	+6.4
DFA EMKtCorEq	20.59	+0.4	+11.6
DFA EmMktsValInstl	27.34	+0.1	+8.6
DFA FvYrGlbFlns	10.96	...	+4.9
DFA IntCorEqLns	13.19	+0.5	+7.7
DFA IntSmColnstl	18.21	+1.2	+6.4
DFA IntSmCpValIns	18.58	+0.8	+2.9
DFA USCorEqInstl	24.71	+0.5	+11.2
DFA USCorEqInstl	22.66	+0.3	+9.8
DFA USLgCpValInstl	37.13	-0.5	+7.0
DFA USSmCpInstl	33.80	-0.1	+1.4
DFA USSmCpValInstl	32.79	-2.0	-3.0
Delaware Inv Vallnstl	22.10	+3.3	+7.0
Dodge & Cox Bal	102.54	+9.6	+8.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.15	+0.6	+10.3
Dodge & Cox IntStk	42.85	+3.6	+6.5
Dodge & Cox Stk	193.51	+2.38	+6.8
DoubleLine CorFl	11.12	+0.1	+9.2
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.73	+0.1	+8.4
Edgewood Grlnstl	36.19	+3.2	+5.6
FPA Crescent d	33.48	+2.7	+14.7
Fidelity 500IdxXlnsPm	106.69	+15.7	+14.2
Fidelity BCGrowth	100.08	+1.65	+13.4
Fidelity Balanced	24.17	+3.3	+12.0
Fidelity Cap&Inc	10.08	+0.3	+9.6
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Fidelity Frm 2025	14.28	+1.7	+10.8
Fidelity Frm 2030	17.72	+2.3	+11.2
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	12.90	+1.7	+10.6
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Fidelity GroCo	20.37	+2.9	+12.1
Fidelity GroCoK	20.39	+2.8	+12.1
Fidelity IntlGr	17.27	+4.3	+22.5
Fidelity IntldXlnstlPm	42.75	+5.9	+10.9
Fidelity IntlVal	9.90	+0.9	+5.3
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.62	+0.6	+11.6
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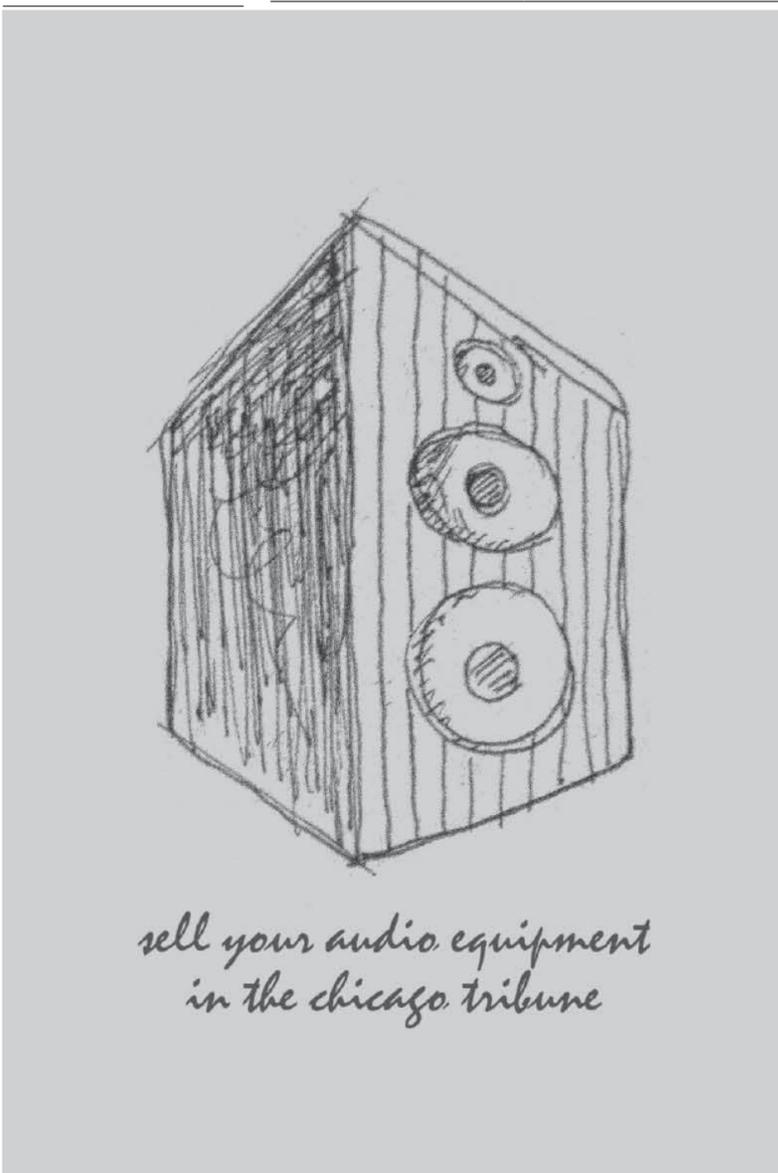
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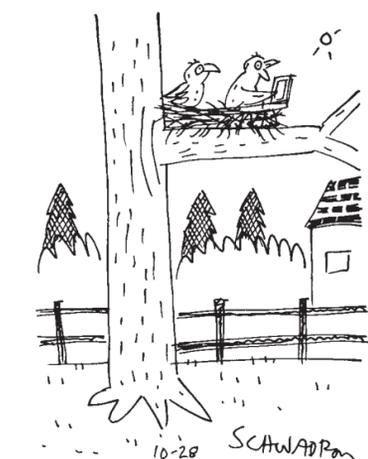
- Leadership/management skills
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- Communication skills
- Computer skills (especially POS systems)
- Organizational skills
- Strong math and financial skills
- Team player skills
- Problem solving skills
- Energy and enthusiasm
- Being detail-oriented
- Trustworthiness

**The requirements:** There are no formal educational requirements to be a retail sales manager, but you will need retail experience, as well as strong management and organizational skills. This is a job that calls for the ability to keep the ship steady in any storm, so the more experience and demonstrable skills you bring, the better.

**The pay:** The median hourly pay for retail sales managers is \$20.63, and the median annual salary is \$42,900. Retail management roles are typically full-time positions.

**The outlook:** As with most retail positions, the demand for managers will remain steady. There are currently about 1.5 million retail sales managers in the U.S.

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## Don't let emotion play a role in salary negotiation

There is a scene in the 1991 film "Defending Your Life" where Albert Brooks' character is forced to watch a recent job offer. Brooks reflects on the time he negotiated a new salary by rehearsing the scenario at home with his wife, vowing to not take the job for less than \$65,000. "Let me make it plain," Brooks says. "I cannot take the job for a penny under 65 under no conditions." Fast-forward to the next day during the actual negotiations. Within seconds of sitting down, Brooks' potential new employer says he's prepared to offer him \$49,000. Before he completes his sentence, Brooks sticks out his hand and cheerfully replies "I'll take it!"

That scene is a great example of how many hopeful job applicants and current employees handle salary negotiation. You can be the most confident job seeker or employee out there — the alpha in a room with someone you consider nothing more than a nameless pencil pusher — but when it comes time to negotiate your salary, you turn into a sniveling coward, a "whatever-you-think-is-best" pushover who takes less than he or she vowed never to accept.

"Happens all the time," says Terri Allen, a job consultant in San Jose, California. "People are prepared to go in guns blazing and they turn into little kittens. Or they get super emotional and forget all logic."

Tory Johnson, CEO of Women For Hire, an online networking site for working women, agrees, saying it's important to remain confident at all times and to keep your composure when discussing salary.

"Employers expect you to negotiate, so you need not worry about rocking the boat or fear they won't like you. Remember, they like you — they want you," Johnson says. "Asking for more money is about being fairly compensated for the position you're being asked to perform."

In an effort to truly get what you're worth, Johnson recommends keeping the job and your contributions separate from how much money you need to pay your bills. "The job is the thing of value," she says. "Your salary isn't based on the amount of money you need to live. Its value is based on what you bring to your employer."

## Do your homework

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"Research salaries using a variety of methods: online salary tools, data collected from professional associations in your industry, and alumni career service offices. Pay particular attention to the industry, company size, location and the skills, education and experience you bring to the role," she says.

Johnson says don't be afraid to ask your potential or current employer some specific questions, like "Where does this offer fall within the range allotted for the same or similar positions throughout the company?"

Also, know where the company stands financially and then raise or reduce your expectations. If an employer is having an especially tight year, they may have little to no wiggle room on salaries.

Other negotiating tips include:

- Provide concrete examples of how you would increase your value by doing more than just your assigned job duties.
- Show the company how you would save them money and time, as well as solve problems on the job.

• Visualize the conversation ahead of time. If you're going to present your case, handle any objections the other person might raise, what your response will be to those objections and what, if any, compromise would be acceptable.

- Know which benefits are particularly important to you and then negotiate for the benefits you particularly care about. Thinking this out ahead of time will make the process much easier.

## Embrace the counteroffer

If you're offered a lower salary than expected, don't give up immediately. Instead, show patience and persistence by making a realistic request for an increased amount. Still, don't ask for an amount that's a few dollars less than the previous offer. "You can't be unreasonable. No one's going to offer an absurd amount of money, even on a counterproposal, if it's completely out of range for the job they expect," says Patrick Sullivan, a career coach in Boston. "You have to be realistic."

When you do receive a serious offer for a new job, don't feel like you have to make a decision on the spot. Ask for a day or more to consider the position so you can make a thoughtful, informed decision.

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Here are the rules for last-minute resume-writing:

## Why traditional is impressive

Why do we procrastinate to the death on our resumes? It's way too much pressure to express your entire professional identity with the style and content of one sheet of paper. How will you look awesome, organized, and intelligent based on a series of indentations and font sizes? Should you create your resume with InDesign? This isn't a piece of "flair" at a Fridays. Stick to proven successful tactics.

## Full-proof resume fonts

Life advice: Don't mess with raccoons, a hungry girlfriend or resume fonts. Forget what your older brother who just graduated from design school told you. Font is not the place on your last-minute resume to take risks. The five fonts you can always count on are Georgia, Helvetica, Calibri, Garamond and Cambria. Fonts like Times New Roman, Arial and Courier are safe and boring options. They won't put you in the no-call-back pile, but why choose a font you've written every high school and college essay in when you can upgrade to an attractive Garamond?

## Formatting: Less is more

Please take a deep breath. Formatting your resume is the portion of this exercise that puts you most at risk of cussing yourself into delirium. Indenting correctly is so much harder than it looks.

Use the hide/show button in MS Word to make all alignment and spacing visible. This button allows you to clearly view the precise spacing between each word and title so you can determine if your resume content is mostly aligned, or perfectly aligned—a big difference!

Make sure you correctly align your titles and dates. Go to the Format menu in MS

Word and select the Tabs option. Here, you can clear all tabs, set, and reset your margin adjustments for sections of your resume like the date ranges for your job experience.

Keep the stylistic formatting simple and smooth. Again, now is not the time to experiment. You're writing a last-minute resume, and you want easy-to-read categories. Understated and functional will work better than showmanship. Think sparrow, not peacock. Take a very simple resume example, like the one above, and center your name and basic information. Then, neatly categorize your sections below. The key to a last-minute resume is to be simple and error-proof. Pro tip: Accuracy is elegant. Precision will speak for itself no matter the format.

## Your personality — where to put it

Another useful resume detail for any candidate—especially new grads—is adding one line including your hobbies or interests. Companies hire based on character as much as they hire based on qualifications. If you're passionate about guitar, animals, hiking, rock climbing, or writing, add a small line to clue potential employers in on who you are as a creative and motivated individual.

Now, to address the other end of the spectrum. You should never create a resume that is two pages long unless you've held several executive positions. At the age of twenty-two, if you have a two-page resume, it can come off as sloppy. Imagine placing three crackers, four carrots, and a scoop of peanut butter onto two plates and one bowl. That's silly, isn't it? This small snack, a preview of the meal to come, could easily fit on one plate. That's how two-page resumes look for recent graduates. Keep your professional preview to one page. It's cleaner and shows basic attention to formatting.

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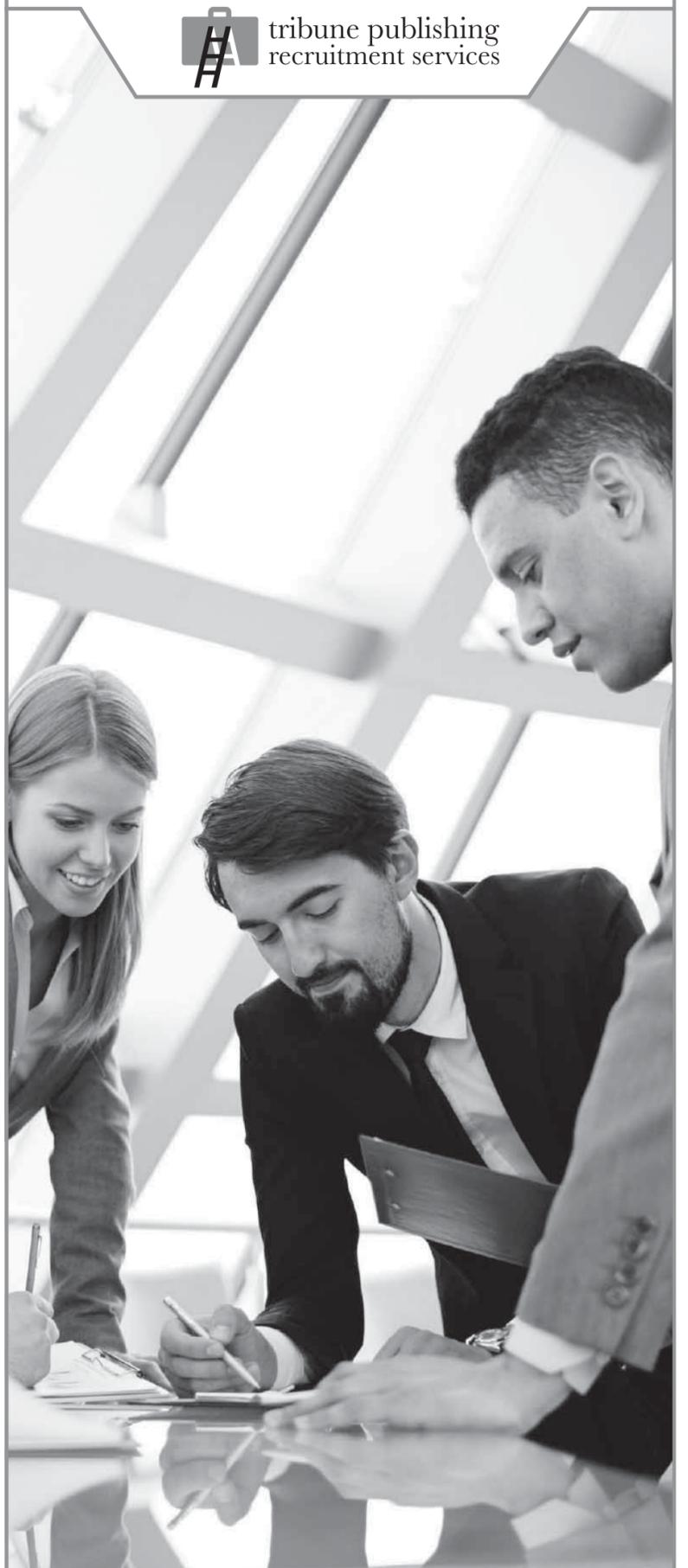
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## Modernizing the seasonal worker pitch

Call a Dick's Sporting Goods with a few questions about elliptical machines and, while waiting to speak to someone in the exercise and fitness department, you'll listen to a pitch for seasonal workers. "Are you looking for an opportunity to join a winning team this holiday?" asks the smooth-voiced speaker on the recording. "We are now hiring for seasonal part-time positions in all departments."

In fact, Dick's is hiring 8,000 seasonal workers — "teammates" in the Dick's sports vernacular — for its stores across the country this year and recently held a "National Signing Day" — sports jargon, again — at numerous store locations across the country. Potential employees and easily distractible shoppers had the opportunity to apply and interview for positions at Dick's on the spot.

"Wait, 'National Signing Day?'" asks Roland Martinez, a retired veteran of the "retail game," as he calls it, in St. Petersburg, Florida. "Like an event?"

Martinez says he used to put a sign on the window of the stores he managed during his 37-year career, which included Fayva, Famous Footwear, Foot Locker, Carson Pirie Scott and Venture in Illinois, Wisconsin and Tennessee. "It was pretty easy to hire help for the holidays. I'd put that sign out there and I'd have kids coming in within 10 minutes," Martinez says. "I keep reading how it's hard to hire high school students now so maybe I was spoiled, but I didn't have to offer a carrot or anything to get them to work for me. They needed jobs and I needed help and that was that."

### What's a mall?

Today, record-low unemployment and an increase in task-oriented jobs for teens has decreased the potential holiday retail workforce of previous years. Martinez has another theory. "My grandchildren don't even go to malls," he says. "They order everything online. I wanted to buy my youngest grandson a backpack for school this year and before I could even tell him to get into the car so we could go to Staples or something, he showed me the backpack he wanted on his phone and told me just to order it from Amazon. And that was that. So if they're not even going to the store to shop, I doubt they want to go there to work."

In an effort to drum up interest in those store-based jobs, major retailers like Dick's have been trying out new methods to attract potential workers.

### Work here! We're happy!

Some retailers that rely on both online and brick-and-mortar sales have found ways to use their online presence to drum up interest in their seasonal in-store jobs. Target runs a specific blog touting the benefits of working for the Minneapolis-based company, using summaries, anecdotes and superlatives from current Target associates to attract new workers, including potential seasonal employees. "...I also love that I have the opportunity to meet so many people

and help them during the holiday season. It can be a very exciting time because people are looking for gifts, they're looking for their holiday outfits and you just have a lot of joy during this magical time of year," writes Nadia; "... you get the opportunity to help guests during the holiday season. If they're stressed or worried about things, you get to be that light when they come into the store and to make them smile," gushes Heather; and not to be outdone, Julie shares her love for the Target experience, writing, "I really love the energy at Target. I love greeting guests every day; I love helping guests. It's just a very fulfilling, rewarding position for me. I absolutely love working here."

Crate & Barrel takes the testimonial one step further, offering video affirmations from unidentified employees who sing the praises of the home furnishing chain's holiday spirit. "The holiday season here at Crate — it's like walking into a whole new world. It's so magical" and "I love the holiday season because you just feel, like, all the energy and the customers, like, they're just grabbing stuff everywhere" and "If you are a fun and personable person. If you're energetic, if you like to make people happy, if you like to work at a fast-paced environment, and you like shopping, Crate and Barrel is the job for you."

### Options open

Michael Lopez, 18, was looking for a new pair of basketball shoes at the Dick's Sporting Goods in Niles, Illinois, when I asked him if he was there for National Signing Day. "I actually didn't know about it until I got here and actually, I think that would be a pretty decent job. And I have to get a job this Christmas," said Lopez. "But I'm not sure what I want to do yet. I have to talk to a guy who says he can get me a job at Navy Pier working on a food cart or something, so I have to check on that first. And I was thinking about joining the army, too."

And just like that, the wheels of commerce forced to slow down because of America's obsession with both I-got-a-guy possibilities and a patriotic call to action. Still, if America has taught us anything, it's that it's best to leave our options open. "Maybe I'll fill out an application while I'm here," Lopez says. "It might be cool for a few months to be a worker here."

"Teammate," I remind him.

"Yeah, teammate," Lopez says. "Then you could say to your manager 'put me in, coach!' every day when you get to work."

A sports tie-in on top of a sports tie-in? From a guy still in the I'm-not-even-sure-I'm-going-to-apply stage? Dick's strategy is obviously working.

With respect to the major sports retailer, let me rephrase that: When it comes to finding new ways to attract seasonal workers, it looks like Dick's Sporting Goods has hit it out of the park.

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*

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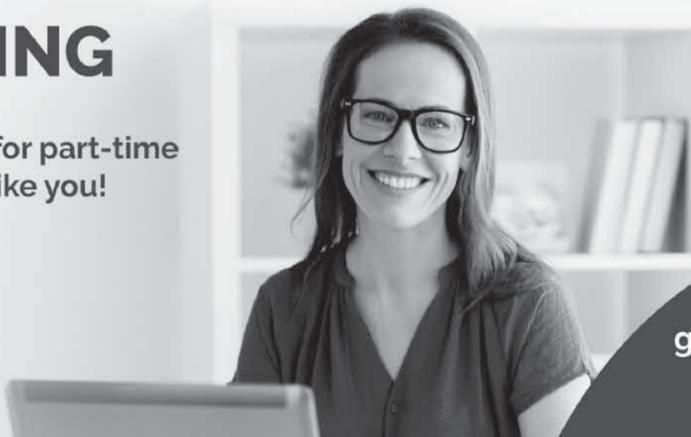
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*"If nothing else, he has shown great resolve during a time of deep distress"*

**THE MATT NAGY ERA IS DIFFICULT TO DEFINE, BUT NAGY HIMSELF IS THE DEFINITION OF RESOLUTE**

BY DAN WIEDERER

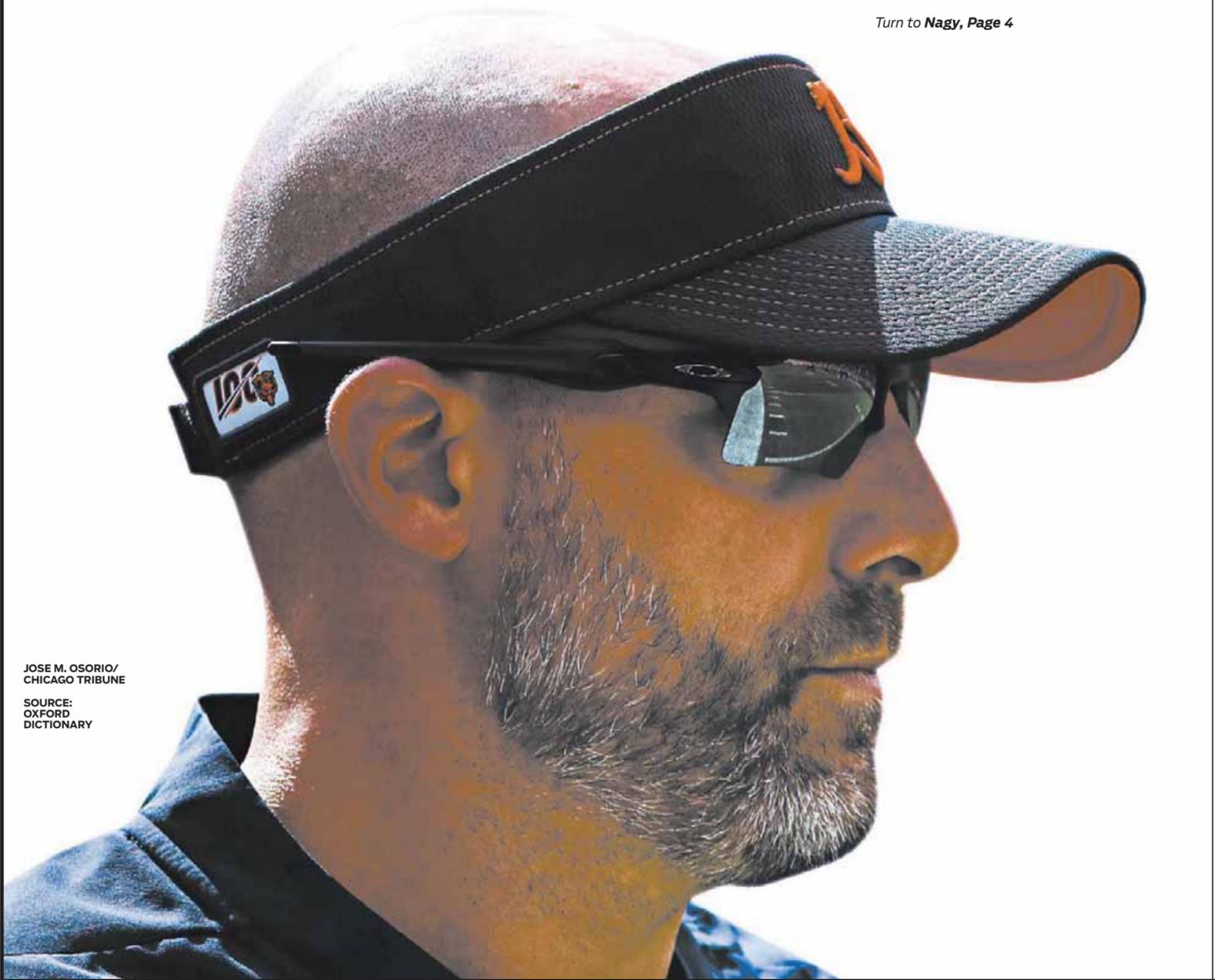
**M**att Nagy was called to the witness stand Monday afternoon, a co-defendant in the trial that has ruined Chicago's fall. The people versus the 2019 Bears season. Specifically, Nagy was summoned to piece together the events of the afternoon of October 27th. On that otherwise beautiful day at Soldier Field, Nagy's Bears had battered the home crowd's spirit while inflicting damage to their own playoff chances. They lost 17-16 to a below-average Chargers team thanks in big part to massive red-zone struggles, two fourth-quarter turnovers and a game-deciding field goal that was pulled far enough left to turn a must-have win into a perplexing loss.



**UP NEXT | Bears at Eagles**  
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Break out the yellow tape. Call the detectives. Nagy had already been interrogated Sunday afternoon, pressed on his play-calling and decision-making as well as the continued failures of his offense. A day later, he was cross-examined in greater detail, presented with evidence of his team's transgressions and asked to explain it all. That conservative and debatable kneel-down with 43 seconds remaining that prevented the Bears from shortening Eddy Pineiro's last-second 41-yard field-goal attempt?

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Wayne Larrivee in his WGN-AM office in 1996.

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## Top Bears radio announcers

Larrivee, Brickhouse, Thayer, Butkus, McConnell — their voices are linked with so many Bears memories.

Over the last 66 years, there have been 13 play-by-play announcers and commentators to work Bears radio broadcasts. Comparing them, let alone ranking them, is a challenging task, even with the input of a select group of longtime listeners.

There were easy choices at the top and bottom, but the middle inevitably was squishy. The resulting list may be more of an argument starter than finisher.

Bears games were on the radio before Jack Brickhouse and Irv Kupcinet began their WGN-AM 720 run in 1953. But it's difficult to summon memories of those announcers' work, so they have been set aside.

Some of the announcing teams since '53 have called Bears games for multiple stations. During that span, Bears games have been heard on WGN (1953-76, 1985-96), WMAQ-AM 670 (1997-99) and WBBM-AM 780 (1977-84, 2000-present). Since 2011, WBBM has simulcast games on WCFS-FM 105.9.

Ready to bear down? Let's take it from the top:

### 1. Wayne Larrivee (1985-98)

Larrivee, who announced Chiefs game before coming to Chicago and who left the Bears to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming the voice of the archrival Packers, is one of the NFL's best broadcasters. Period. His strong voice, command of the game and ability to convey urgency and excitement through tone and speed are as good as it gets. No one has done it better. Plus, Larrivee had the good fortune to be the voice of the Super Bowl champion 1985 Bears, whose clips NFL Films will be rerunning until the end of time, ensuring he'll always be part of memories of that championship season.

### 2. Tom Thayer (1997-present)

Old No. 57 from the Super Bowl XX champs is on track next year to match Irv Kupcinet's 24-season run as a Bears radio commentator, and there's no reason to think he won't surpass it. In terms of quality, he long ago lapped the commentator field. Thayer not only is tireless when it comes to preparation, but also possesses an ability few can match when it comes to seeing the whole field and analyzing plays in real time. What's more, while his affection for the Bears is clear, that doesn't mean he ignores breakdowns. He calls games with both his brains and his heart.

### 3. Joe McConnell (1977-84)

When the Bears moved from WGN-AM to WBBM-AM, general manager Jim Finks pushed to bring McConnell over from the Vikings to replace Jack Brickhouse as play-by-play man. (Finks also had come to the Bears from the Vikings.) The Bears acquired a classic football announcer with a strong voice and tremendous command of the game in McConnell, who might have continued in the role had WGN not wrested back the rights. All told, he spent 23 seasons with NFL teams, starting with the 1969 Broncos and including a second stint with the Vikings and hitches with the Colts and Oilers.

### 4. Jeff Joniak (2001-present)

Joniak doesn't have a classic NFL voice and came to the Bears job with virtually no professional play-by-play experience, but he has channeled his enthusiasm and worked hard to become a solid play-by-play man. He is the beneficiary of great chemistry with Thayer, and by extension so are Bears fans who have heard signature utterances such as "Devin Hester, you are ridiculous!" and Joniak's trademark closer when the Bears have a game securely put away: "Fade to black."

### 5. Jack Brickhouse (1953-76)

There's a deep well of affection for Brickhouse among Chicago fans, which, coupled with longevity, is why he ranks this high. Even his biggest fans, however, have to concede football was not his forte. Not even close. The upbeat charm Brickhouse brought to baseball didn't help as he missed plays, botched player IDs and failed to grasp the game's nuances. Everyone makes mistakes. But more than once, Brickhouse and broadcast partner Irv Kupcinet missed touchdown plays and subsequently called point-after kicks as field-goal tries. That's an "oops" with a capital "eww." Making Brickhouse's shortcomings even more egregious, Bears home games were blacked out on television until the final two years of his 24-season run, so fans really needed the radio announcer to get it right.

### 6. Dick Butkus (1985-87, 1992-94)

The greatest living Bear's time in the booth — interrupted by a stint as Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder's successor on CBS' "The NFL Today" and his ongoing acting career — had insights to offer, to be sure. But he often cast himself as a surrogate fan. Many loved him. Others had little use for his grunts and groans. If you want classic Butkus, check out YouTube. Someone posted an NFL Films clip of Wilber Marshall's fumble-return touchdown that capped the January 1986 NFC title game shutout of the Rams that sent the '85 Bears to the Super Bowl. Here's how Butkus complemented Larrivee's call: "He's got the ball! Go! Go! Ha, ha, ha! ... Way to go! Oh, man!" With snow beginning to fall on Soldier Field during that prelude to Super Bowl XX, Butkus said: "Not to get theatrical, but I mean how better can you write a script here, for crying out loud?" How better, indeed.



Bears play-by-play announcer Jeff Joniak prepares in the booth. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

### 7. Dan Hampton (1995-96)

Hampton was the successor to Butkus the second time he left the Bears radio crew and quickly fit in with Hub Arkush and Wayne Larrivee. The high point of the Hall of Famer's two-season stint may have come in his second week, when he seemed able to tell whether the Packers were going to pass based on how left tackle Ken Ruettggers lined up. Both the Bears and Packers said there was nothing to it, but Hampton managed to anticipate play after play. Hampton also could be downright colorful. "Barry Sanders reminds me of a dog dodging cars on a freeway," he said during a Bears-Lions game. On the road in Green Bay, Hampton cracked, "It's great to see the fall collection of Bruno Magli hunting boots."

### 8. Brad Palmer (1977-84)

After teaming with Brent Musburger on WBBM-AM's "Musburger-Palmer Sports Report" and before Tim Weigel dubbed him "The Professor," the cigar-chomping Palmer brought a reporter's eye to the booth, working with McConnell. Like Irv Kupcinet, his predecessor in the second chair in the Bears broadcast booth, Palmer offered more color commentary than analysis, but he did not watch the game through rose-colored glasses. With McConnell, he helped usher in a new era and style for Bears radio.

### 9. Gary Fencik (1990-93)

If three announcers in a booth is too many, four is almost a joke. But when Butkus returned from hiatus, poor Fencik wound up the fourth voice in WGN-AM's booth. A Yale graduate with a Northwestern MBA, Fencik had plenty to offer but little room to offer it. Compounding problems, the former Bears safety had a voice too similar to fellow analyst Hub Arkush.

### 10. Hub Arkush (1988-2002)

Arkush, whose exit ended the 1985-2002 experiment of using more than two announcers, has the distinction of being the only Bears announcer to be heard on WGN-AM, WMAQ-AM and WBBM-AM. For a time, WGN gave him the added title of executive sports producer for all pro football programming. While he was a solid pregame and postgame host from 1985 to '87, his skills as a journalist didn't necessarily translate to analysis in a three-man booth where everyone had to fight to be heard. Alas, Arkush is less remembered for his sometimes pointed commentary than for yelling, "Ball! Ball!" when there was a fumble. And he didn't help his standing with his awkwardly forceful bid to stifle fan criticism on coach Dick Jauron's radio show.

### 11. Jim Hart (1985-89)

Hart, the longtime Cardinals quarterback who concluded his career with the Redskins, was a good analyst, especially when it came to technical aspects of the game. He was overshadowed by the larger-than-life Butkus alongside Larrivee. Who wouldn't be? But he complemented the great middle linebacker better than he did Arkush, Butkus' successor. In any case, Hart was as good a teammate off the field as he had been on it. The big difference was that in the broadcast booth, he wasn't nearly as memorable.

### 12. Gary Bender (1999-2000)

Once an elite TV network broadcaster, Bender was a competent pro who never quite attached to either the team or its fans — and vice versa — for two forgettable seasons on play-by-play. It probably didn't help that he was saddled with calling games for a couple of fifth-place Dick Jauron-coached teams that went a combined 11-21.

### 13. Irv Kupcinet (1953-76)

The longtime Chicago Sun-Times columnist was a quarterback with the 1935 Eagles and a former NFL referee. One game he officiated was the Bears' 73-0 victory over the Redskins in the 1940 NFL championship game. But neither Kup's reporting chops nor his football experience was in much evidence during Bears broadcasts, for which his most valuable contributions may have been lining up halftime guests. During games, Kup was content mostly to spout platitudes, rehash newspaper clippings, cheer on the Bears and parrot whatever Brickhouse said, which is why Bears fans of a certain age still say, "Dat's right, Jack," whenever Kupcinet's name is mentioned.

### LET'S PLAY 2

	<b>Sunday</b> @Eagles Noon FOX-32	<b>Nov. 10</b> Lions Noon CBS-2
	<b>Sunday</b> @Ducks 7 p.m. NBCSCH	<b>Tuesday</b> @Sharks 9 p.m. NBCSCH+
	<b>Sunday</b> @Pacers 4 p.m. NBCSCH	<b>Tuesday</b> Lakers 7 p.m. NBCSCH

### SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

<b>AUTO RACING</b>	
<b>12:30 p.m.</b> FI: U.S. Grand Prix	ABC-7
<b>2 p.m.</b> NASCAR: Texas 500	NBCSN
<b>3 p.m.</b> NHRA: Nevada Nationals	FS1

<b>NBA</b>	
<b>4 p.m.</b> Bulls at Pacers	NBCSCH WSCR-AM 670

<b>NFL</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Texans vs. Jaguars	NFL
<b>Noon</b> Bears at Eagles	FOX-32 WBBM-AM 780, WCFS-FM 105.9
<b>Noon</b> Colts at Steelers	CBS-2
<b>3:25 p.m.</b> Packers at Chargers	CBS-2
<b>7:20 p.m.</b> Patriots at Ravens	NBC-5

<b>FIGURE SKATING</b>	
<b>3 p.m.</b> Internationaux de France	NBC-5

<b>GOLF</b>	
<b>11:30 a.m.</b> PGA: Bermuda Champ.	Golf
<b>2:30 p.m.</b> Champions: Invesco QQQ	Golf
<b>7 p.m.</b> LPGA: Taiwan Swinging Skirts	Golf

<b>HOCKEY</b>	
<b>4 p.m.</b> AHL: Wolves at IceHogs	WPWR-50
<b>6 p.m.</b> Flames at Capitals	NHL
<b>7 p.m.</b> Blackhawks at Ducks	NBCSCH WGN-AM 720

<b>SOCCER</b>	
<b>7:55 a.m.</b> Crystal P. vs. Leicester C.	NBCSN
<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Fortuna vs. FC Koln	FS1
<b>10:25 a.m.</b> Everton vs. Tottenham	NBCSN
<b>Noon</b> Women: Purdue at Wisconsin	BTN
<b>2 p.m.</b> Men: Indiana at Michigan St.	BTN
<b>2 p.m.</b> Men: Michigan at Maryland	ESPNU

<b>TENNIS</b>	
<b>10 a.m.</b> USTA Men: Charlottesville	Tennis
<b>Noon</b> USTA Women: Tyler	Tennis

<b>RUNNING</b>	
<b>8 a.m.</b> New York City Marathon	Tennis

<b>WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL</b>	
<b>Noon</b> Minnesota at Purdue	ESPN2
<b>Noon</b> West Virginia at Texas	ESPNU
<b>4 p.m.</b> Iowa State at Baylor	ESPNU

### CUBS

## Quintana back; Holland is gone

Chicago Tribune staff

The Cubs on Saturday picked up the \$11.5 million club option on left-handed starter Jose Quintana and declined the option on lefty reliever Derek Holland.

Quintana, 30, acquired from the White Sox in a July 2017 trade for Eloy Jimenez, Dylan Cease and two other prospects, went 13-9 with a 4.68 ERA this season. He is 33-23 with a 4.23 ERA in 78 appearances (77 starts) with the Cubs.

Holland, 33, went 0-1 with a 6.89 ERA in 20 games with the Cubs, who acquired him from the Giants on July 28. He was 2-5 overall with a 6.08 ERA in 2019.

The moves leave the Cubs' 40-man roster at 32.

### ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

**What is the future of the franchise if the Bears finish 7-9 or worse? The remaining schedule is brutal, save for the Lions and Giants.**

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I don't know if I would describe it as brutal, but it was easy to see before the season that the second half of the slate likely would be more challenging than the first. The problem is the Bears are sitting at 3-4 instead of something like 5-2. If they continue to play middle-of-the-road football and finish .500 or just below, as you suggest, they will head into the offseason with decisions to make and soul searching to do. While many have asked whether there will be an upheaval at Halas Hall, I believe that is highly unlikely. The team is coming off a 12-4 season, which many have forgotten. That is precisely why folks are so up in arms about the team's struggles — because expectations for 2019 were sky-high. General manager Ryan Pace is signed through the 2021 season. Coach Matt Nagy is signed through 2022. So barring unforeseen turmoil, I find it hard to believe the Bears will fire a GM they have signed for two more seasons and even less likely they will fire a coach who is honored for three more years. Both were honored for their work last season. I believe the future of the franchise, certainly in terms of the 2020 season, rests in the hands of Pace and Nagy.

## BEARS

## I formation earns an A

How Bears got Montgomery going by running downhill against Chargers



**BRAD BIGGS**  
On the Bears

As the Bears continue to search for an offensive identity at the midpoint of the season, it will be fascinating to see if the I formation, a seldom-seen element of Matt Nagy's playbook, becomes part of the weekly plan.

No, the Bears have not discovered the next Matt Suhey, who helped clear the way for thousands of Walter Payton's yards during his career. Heck, they don't even have the next Jason McKie, the fullback when Thomas Jones was the focal point of the ground game.

But converted tight end J.P. Holtz, claimed off waivers from the Redskins in Week 2, has adapted to the position. And when the Bears turned to the I formation and good ol' fashioned power football to open Sunday's loss to the Chargers, the dormant — or neglected — running game came to life.

On the first snap from scrimmage, left guard Cody Whitehair helped double-team Chargers defensive tackle Damion Square before climbing to the second level to ride linebacker Thomas Davis out of the play. Holtz followed through the hole, blocking linebacker Denzel Perryman, and off went running back David Montgomery, breaking two tackles to gain 10 yards.

Presto. The ground game, which has languished during a disappointing start to the season, was off and running.

Sort of. The Bears didn't go back to the I formation until the first snap of their fifth possession, running 21 offensive plays before using Holtz in the I for a 14-yard gain around the left side of the Chargers defense.

"They started the game in I formation and they get 10 yards on the first play and then they go 21 plays, including a silly goal-line stand when they throw three straight times, but they go 21 plays without going back to the I formation and then the next time they go to it, they gain 14 yards," said Brian Baldinger, an analyst for Fox and NFL Network. "I'm not here to criticize Matt Nagy, he knows more football than I do, but these guys, are they really paying attention to what is going on in the game or do they just have a script? The I formation worked on the first play. Why would you go 21 plays without running it again?"

In hindsight, after a first half with four red-zone failures, Nagy admitted he wished he had returned to the two-back attack sooner, something the Bears committed to on the first possession of the third quarter, when they used Holtz in the backfield on eight snaps of the 11-play, 75-yard touchdown drive.

Now we wait to see if it was a one-week fad, a success created in part because the Chargers were depleted at defensive tackle or a partial shift in thinking by Nagy and the offensive staff. Can the Bears continue to generate a running attack with two-back sets, something that was far from their minds throughout the spring, summer and preseason when they operated without a fullback on the roster? There is room for ample improvement in the running game. The Bears are 27th in the league with 83.1 yards per game, tied for 26th with 3.6 yards per carry and 22nd with 23.3 carries per game.

The fullback has been a disappearing position around the league for years as teams trend toward three- and four-receiver sets and packages with multiple tight ends. But it's worth wondering if the fullback will make a comeback as teams look to attack defenses that are spending more than 70% of the game in sub packages and have gone to smaller, faster linebackers for help in coverage. Those guys don't necessarily fill the hole in the run game like bigger inside linebackers of yesteryear.

Nagy has experience with a fullback in the offense. Anthony Sherman has been a mainstay for the Chiefs since 2013, but his playing time has dwindled, going from 36% in that first season to 18% in 2017 and 9% the last two seasons. Still, Nagy has had those plays on his call sheet, including



JEFF HAYNES/AP

Bears running back David Montgomery (32) runs the ball in for a touchdown in Sunday's loss to the Chargers at Soldier Field.

last season when the Bears had fullback Michael Burton and barely used him. It was a matter of dusting off some of that stuff in recent weeks.

"We've always had the two-back stuff in," Nagy said. "At times if we needed to use it, we would use it. The I formation has always been there. It's kind of phased itself out in this offense. But in times like this, when you feel like you're having success, maybe you bring it back and test it out. And that's what we did last week. So it's there."

The success the Bears had with Montgomery, who ran for a season-high 135 yards, balanced the offense and created some play-action windows for Mitch Trubisky. They ran seven times out of the I formation for 44 yards, and it created three runs of 8 or more yards along with a 4-yard touchdown run by Montgomery at the start of the third quarter.

The I formation runs really gave Montgomery a road map of where to go. There is no dancing. There is no time to dance. You go straight downhill and hit the hole. Montgomery played very well. It was by far his best game and best in terms of running style and hitting the hole and showing some of the things that jumped out on his college tape — the ability to run through contact, to keep his balance and grind out extra yardage. It also was an impressive game for the interior of the offensive line.

Montgomery didn't play in the I formation at Iowa State, but he has adapted quickly and said he likes it.

"Just because I am downhill faster," he said.

Montgomery's 55-yard run came out of the shotgun spread, but it was one-back power, another downhill run. Right tackle Bobby Massie and right guard Rashaad Coward double-teamed defensive end

Joey Bosa to ride him out of the play, and the back-side guard, Whitehair pulled through the hole to block Davis. Center James Daniels had a strong block, and Montgomery was loose.

The downhill runs the Bears finally committed to help every aspect of their offense. It's unfortunate for Montgomery, the offensive line and Trubisky that it took until Week 8 to get to this.

What can come next out of the I formation and under-center runs is more play action. The Bears haven't done a lot of it. They're not like the 49ers, Saints or Patriots, teams that routinely allow the quarterback to play with his back to the defense on play action. Do the Bears trust Trubisky to turn his back to the defense, set his feet and rip it? Can he get his eyes back upfield and identify the coverage and the reads where he is quick enough to get the ball out? It's a bang-bang play, something they used his rookie year under John Fox when he played under center more. If the Bears are running the ball successfully, linebackers will cheat up, which will create generous passing windows.

Whether the fullback truly makes a comeback remains to be seen. Defenses are starting to do a better job of defending the spread. They are taking away run-pass options. Defensive coordinators are not dumb, and eventually they catch on to everything.

Holtz kidded that if he's lining up in the backfield more, he needs a more proper number, something in the 30s or 40s as opposed to No. 81.

"I will wear whatever number they want me to wear," he said. "I think there should be a fullback on every team. Fullbacks are a key position on the offense to run the ball."

We'll see if it remains that way for the Bears.

## Scouting report

### Malcolm Jenkins, Eagles S

Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Malcolm Jenkins, 6 feet and 204 pounds, is in his sixth season with the Eagles after they signed him in free agency in 2014. He spent the first five years of his career with the Saints and has a Super Bowl ring with each team.

Jenkins, 31, leads the Eagles with 58 tackles and has not missed a snap this season. He was tops on the defense with a career-high 136 tackles last season and has been selected to three Pro Bowls.

"He's an older guy and he doesn't run like he used to," the scout said. "At times, he can be beat in coverage because he doesn't move like he used to, doesn't have the same range he once did. He's taken a lot of hits in his career. But he still plays like a leader on the field and he's excellent versus the run. He's a very good blitzer in terms of timing and knowing how to set up blocks. Great tackler. He has the ball skills to make plays down the field, but he's not a guy you want right now in the post."

"One of the things that really hurt them last year is when Rodney McLeod was lost (to a knee injury). Maybe not a big-time name, but he was really dependable for that defense in the post and is good in quarters coverage. When he was out, that kind of exposed Jenkins a little bit. But when Malcolm has a post safety with him — and McLeod is back healthy this season — and he's got a defensive front and linebackers that can spill the ball to him, he's still a great downhill player."

"He still has some lateral movement but isn't the player he used to be. If you don't have him on that team, Philly would be hurting. He's really the glue."

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## BEARS

# Nagy remains resolute

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“Zero reflection on saying I wish I would’ve done something (different) there,” Nagy said. “I would do it again a thousand times.”

That second-quarter first-and-goal slant throw to tight end Adam Shaheen from the 1-yard line? Might it have been better as a fade?

“It’s a possibility,” Nagy said.

And what about the need for quarterback Mitch Trubisky to become much more reliable at making plays?

“There’s that balance of (patience),” Nagy said, “and when is it time where you want to start seeing that type of stuff. I think we’re getting close to that (time). And he knows that.”

For nearly a half-hour, Nagy offered all he could. He spoke with candor, named names when necessary and accepted responsibility for the team’s three-game losing streak.

Even when the court offered him a chance to step down from the stand, the Bears coach waved off the bailiff and volunteered to take as many questions as there were. He went on for 10 more minutes and 14 more questions, vacillating from excitable to confident to agitated to determined.

Then he ended Monday’s session with a blast of pure Nagy energy, proclaiming this is exactly the kind of adversity he relishes.

“You find out who’s real and who’s not real,” Nagy said. “That’s what I love about this. For me, I can handle things myself. I have that in me.”

The 41-year-old Nagy, in his second season as an NFL head coach, made clear he won’t hide from the ambush of criticism or the onslaught of pessimism.

“I kind of enjoy it,” he said. “I don’t want to lose, but it’s like: ‘Hey, let’s go. You’re going to be at a point now where you’re going to test us? Let’s roll. Let’s stick together. Let’s freaking go.’”

The resolve in Nagy’s tone was undeniable, his competitive spirit impressive. Still, as the 2019 season has proved, that counts for only so much. Better results are needed. And soon.

So as Nagy attempts to rev his team back up with his personal blend of purpose, persistence and positivity, it remains to be seen whether the Bears will follow like William Wallace’s men in the climactic scene of “Braveheart” or whether it will be more like one of those viral trust fall failures.

## The haunting

Let’s be clear. Nagy has never faced anything quite like this in his football life. Very little in his time as quarterback at the University of Delaware or with the New York Dragons and Columbus Destroyers in the Arena League or during assistant coaching stints with the Eagles and Chiefs could possibly expose him to the kind of pressure and vitriol that accompanies unfulfilled expectations in Chicago.

In a season in which they opened training camp with serious internal talk of winning the Super Bowl, the Bears just went 0-for-October. That hasn’t happened since 2002, when they followed a surprising division championship with a 4-12 free fall.

This city is too scarred by letdowns like that not to have justifiable suspicions it has been bamboozled again.

Here in Week 9, the Bears are in last place in the NFC North and 2½ games behind in the wild-card hunt. Barring a major turnaround, they are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for the 11th time in 13 seasons. In the post-Mike Ditka era, they have made consecutive playoff appearances only once, in 2005 and ’06.

None of that history is all that relevant to Nagy, except that it changes the climate in which he must problem-solve. The angry masses are assembling, their displeasure amplifying.

If the Target in Lake Forest has a sale on earmuffs and blinders, Nagy would be wise to fill a shopping cart or two. The outside outrage isn’t getting any quieter, with the harshest of doubters lambasting Nagy’s play-calling, game management and a demeanor some perceive as cocksure.

After the 36-25 loss to the Saints in Week 7, Nagy acknowledged that time is of the essence and that a stay-the-course approach, emphasizing patience over urgency, can be dangerous.

“We’ve got to figure out how we turn this thing around,” he said. “But you run out of time too. You know? So every week that goes by? Every week matters.”

After Sunday’s meltdown against the Chargers, Nagy again acknowledged the big-picture consequences.

“With every one that you keep losing, human nature is that it hurts all of us,” he said. “It hurts everybody involved, everybody who likes the Chicago Bears or everybody who plays for the Bears. It pulls at you. I just need to make sure that I lead them the right way.”

Nagy often references his time with the 2015 Chiefs, a group that went 42 days between its first and second victories but somehow rallied to turn a 1-5 start into an 11-5 playoff season.

“I’ve seen how it goes,” Nagy said, “when you’re resilient and you share resolve as a team and as a family. We understand that everybody outside (is upset). It’s a frustrating time right now. You have to accept that. We accept it. But we can’t dwell on it. We need to make sure we focus on — as rough as three losses in a row is — how do we rally?”

## ‘The same energy’

Internally at Halas Hall, there remains steadfast belief that Nagy is the right leader to guide this team out of the current storms.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Matt Nagy paces the sideline in during the Bears’ upset loss to the Raiders on Oct. 6 at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London.

From the day Nagy was hired, general manager Ryan Pace has openly admired the coach’s natural leadership skills and knack for knowing how to press the right buttons during a season’s ups and downs.

Nagy arrived in Chicago with a well-deserved reputation for having terrific people skills, a combination of charisma, confidence and openness that allows him to connect easily with players and coaches.

His detail-oriented nature, creativity and collaborative approach were also offered up as strengths that would help unlock the offense.

And to be fair, his 15-8 record is the best mark by a Bears coach through 23 games in the Super Bowl era. Keep in mind, in the half-decade before Nagy’s arrival, the Bears lost two-thirds of their games, posted four consecutive last-place finishes and enjoyed only one three-game winning streak — a 3-0 start to Marc Trestman’s first season in 2013.

Nagy hasn’t even reached the halfway point of his second season and already has led the Bears on winning streaks of three, four, five and three games.

In 2018, Nagy’s spirited nature and think-big belief fueled the Bears’ breakthrough and all the peripheral fun that came with it. The successful gadget plays. The freedom to concoct creative celebrations. The vibe inside Club Dub.

Now his leadership is being tested in a much different way, with a struggling team coping with unmet expectations and widespread weaknesses in a city that can’t take it anymore.

To that end, left tackle Charles Leno has appreciated Nagy’s consistency.

“Every day he’s coming in with the same energy,” Leno said. “He’s not fazed or shook about this. He’s the same person every day, and that’s the type of people we have in this locker room.”

Added receiver Allen Robinson: “Coach Nagy has experience being around good teams and experience being in tough situations. He’s been around the league for a while. He understands how to change a mood or change that tone. And being pessimistic doesn’t get things done.”

## Learning curve

Again, though, all of that counts for only so much when several of the biggest reasons Nagy was hired — enlivening the offense and developing franchise quarterback Mitch Trubisky at the top of the list — haven’t produced successful results this season.

In seven games, the Bears offense has topped 300 total yards only once (388 against the Chargers) and scored at least 20 points only twice (24 against the Redskins and 21 versus the Raiders).

Trubisky, meanwhile, ranks 28th in the league in passer rating (81.4) while averaging a paltry 8.7 yards per completion.

Each week, it seems, Trubisky offers more damning evidence that he is too erratic and too easily rattled to attain high-level success. Those struggles, fairly or not, reflect on the quarterback-minded coach who was brought in to bring out the best in Trubisky.

Nagy has been openly critical of Trubisky’s errors all season but has also had to simultaneously strike an optimistic and reassuring tone. After Sunday’s loss, for example, he highlighted the five completions Trubisky hit for more than 20 yards against the Chargers and celebrated the quarterback’s clutch 11-yard scramble to set up the final field-goal attempt.

“In a crucial time, he made plays,” Nagy said. “And you’re seeing a trend with that. When the times matter, he’s stepping up in those moments at the end of the game.”

That argument likely won’t sway most of the Chicago area’s 9.5 million jurors, who will quickly interject that that final moment of Mitch magic came only after he committed two inexcusable fourth-quarter turnovers and missed an open deep shot to Taylor Gabriel with 9:39 remaining that even Nagy acknowledged was a game-winning play unfulfilled.

“You hit that touchdown? With the way our defense is playing, you hit that and it’s close to being the dagger,” Nagy said.

Instead, Trubisky misfired, fumbled on the next play and the Chargers converted those gifts into a go-ahead touchdown drive.

## Executive decision

The Bears’ NFC North title and Nagy’s NFL Coach of the Year award in 2018 shouldn’t be discarded as meaningless. They stand as reminders of how rapid and remarkable last season’s re-emergence truly was.

But those accomplishments mean little to this current plight. And right now, Nagy must respond to demands that he show immediate and significant growth.

That starts with earning credibility as a game-planner and play-caller, categories in which it is fair to say Nagy remains unproven. He has grappled with how to commit to the running game, how to find balance on offense with a unit that enters November still seeking an identity.

Nagy also must prove he is trustworthy as a game overseer, that he is capable of making the proper calls when quick, shrewd decisions are needed in critical moments.

To that end, his clock management at the end of the first half last week is open for criticism. At the end of a stretch in which the Bears had 12 goal-to-go snaps from inside the Chargers 10 and couldn’t put the ball in the end zone, the offense wheezed its way to the intermission.

Nagy chose to run on second down from the 1 with 25 seconds left. David Montgomery was stuffed for no gain, and a spike was needed to kill the clock with 1 second left.

Asked about that sequence, Nagy was self-critical, admitting he wished he had called a different play.

“I’m good with the run,” he said. “I don’t like the run I called.”

He was pressed on why he didn’t throw there. An incompleteness would have allowed for one more pass instead of a spike before a half-ending field-goal attempt.

“That’s a very valid point,” Nagy said. “Without a doubt.”

At best, that response was a confession of clock mismanagement. At worst, it was an indirect sign that the coaching staff’s trust in Trubisky is shot.

Then, of course, there was that fateful and much-talked-about kneel-down in the final minute, with Nagy so worried that his offense was in danger of fumbling, taking a significant loss or committing a penalty that he remains stubbornly dug in against anyone who suggests he should’ve attempted to gain a few more yards.

“I’m very, very comfortable knowing what I did,” Nagy said. “I’m very, very comfortable knowing that if I’m in that exact situation again, at that same yard line, I’m going to do the same thing. You got me?”

As for what went wrong with the Bears not using their planned kneel-down and final timeout to position the ball exactly where kicker Eddy Pineiro wanted it? Nagy took the witness stand again Wednesday and talked in circles about the “clear communication process” the Bears have for those situations.

He did not, however, explain why the Bears didn’t make the extra effort to get the ball to where Pineiro wanted it, insinuating only that he made an executive decision that his kicker should be fully capable of connecting from that distance.

“The communication between all of us was that from 41 yards, he was going to make that kick,” Nagy said. “And he didn’t. We understand that. And he feels as bad as anybody. Whether it’s on the right hash, the middle or the left hash, he wants to make it and he didn’t.”

Before Nagy stepped down, the facepalm emoji was trending across Chicago.

## ‘We’ve got this, Coach’

The Bears now head to Philadelphia this weekend for their latest opportunity to bounce back. The last time Nagy’s team boarded a flight at O’Hare, it was 3-1, coming off two thoroughly dominant victories and destined for London to begin a relatively friendly three-game October schedule. At that point, it seemed even average play from all three phases could propel the Bears into November at 5-2.

But then October happened and life came at this team fast, and now Nagy has his first major crisis to manage.

Asked Wednesday what within this team is sturdy enough to provide stability through the tumult, Nagy pointed to the focused and solution-oriented mindset he feels from many of his players.

“I have players coming up to me who are telling me, ‘We’ve got this, Coach,’ ” Nagy said. “That’s all I really need, which is cool.”

Robinson, for one, remains a full believer in the potential of Nagy’s offense.

“I think I can speak for a lot of people. We’re in position to make plays,” the veteran receiver said. “Plays just aren’t being made. We just have to execute better.”

“I don’t ever feel like I’m not in position to make plays. The things that we prep throughout the course of a week for certain situations in the game, we’re getting the looks and the opportunities we want. We just have to execute.”

This current three-game skid is uncharted territory for Nagy in this role and in this city. He understands it’s a different kind of adversity.

“This is the way I look at it: This is a learning tool for all of us,” he said. “For myself included. Big time. So how do we use this to make us tougher for the rest of the season and the rest of the way?”

Nagy has always believed in positive energy, in a forward-looking, chin-up approach. He routinely reflects on his first game as Bears coach, a 24-23 loss to the Packers in which his team blew a 20-point second-half lead. Nagy was convinced immediately that the Bears would be able to convert that heartbreak into motivational fuel and resolve. Just as he is convinced now that these tough times won’t last.

“Somewhere,” he said Wednesday, “this is going to make us better. I just don’t know when it’s going to come. I believe that the players coming up to me and telling me, ‘Coach, we’ve got this. We’re good. We feel good,’ I love that. And that keeps me going.”

Sept. 5 GB Lost 10-3	Sept. 15 @DEN Won 16-14	Sept. 23 @WAS Won 31-15	Sept. 29 MIN Won 16-6	Oct. 6 OAK Lost 24-21	Oct. 13 OPEN DATE	Oct. 20 NO Lost 36-25	Oct. 27 LAC Lost 17-16	Nov. 3 @PHI ▼	Nov. 10 DET Noon CBS-2	Nov. 17 @LAR 7:20 NBC-5	Nov. 24 NYG Noon FOX-32	Nov. 28 @DET 11:30a.m. FOX-32	Dec. 5 DAL 7:20 FOX-32	Dec. 15 @GB Noon FOX-32	Dec. 22 KC 7:20 NBC-5	Dec. 29 @MIN Noon FOX-32
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# Bears at Eagles

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## FILL IN THE BLANK

At the halfway mark of the season, the most surprising thing about the Bears has been \_\_\_\_\_.

BRAD BIGGS

### The depth of the offense's issues

Mitch Trubisky's play has been erratic, at best, and Sunday's loss to the Chargers was a perfect example. He made some really good throws and completed five passes that went for more than 20 yards, only the second time this season the Bears have had more than two in a game. Consider that for a moment in a league where passing offenses are dominating. The running game was a jumbled mess and at times a completely ignored element of the offense until the Bears got down and dirty against the Chargers, something that would have been a bigger story had it not come in a loss.

RICH CAMPBELL

### How big of a monkey wrench their offensive line struggles are

Given how endorsements of offensive line coach Harry Hiestand echo around Halas Hall, and given the continuity of personnel in that group, it was fair to expect a line that consistently won blocks. But, as the lack of rushing production indicates, that has not been the case. Bears linemen lose individual blocks too often and aren't consistent enough with combination blocks that open running lanes to the second level. As a result, Matt Nagy lost trust in the running game and often has turned to a quarterback whose consistency hasn't been trustworthy either. The imbalance helps defenses against Trubisky, and the whole thing has been a cycle of self-destruction. Most troubling is the run-blocking inconsistency of center James Daniels and left guard Cody Whitehair, a pair of recent second-round draft picks.

COLLEEN KANE

### The inability of the offense to show progress from last season

Nagy's plea for patience in 2018 as Trubisky operated in the first year of his offense seemed like a reasonable request. But the assertions of Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace that the unit could take off this season in Year 2 have proven false. Trubisky's regression has been the most vexing. Sure, there were signs of his troubles in training camp, but it was hard to see it turning this sour this quickly. Meanwhile, Nagy's struggle to consistently find what works and to get the running game going until Sunday have contributed to the sometimes-painful viewing experience. I didn't see that coming for a team that opened the year with Super Bowl hopes.

DAN WIEDERER

### How quickly the tone of everything has changed

From Super Bowl chatter in early September to fans demanding heads roll before Halloween, the rapid detour of this season has been jarring. The Bears aren't living up to the expectations or making good on what Nagy calls "high intentions" for this season. That old Jim Mora "Playoffs!?!?" clip is relevant to this team at this time with the Bears in last place in the division and a 2½ games out of the wild-card hunt. Anyone with a rational and objective view of this team knew that a return to the playoffs wasn't a given for the Bears. But few expected this team's struggles to be so pronounced and so painful.

## THREE KEYS

### Who's got their backs?

BY DAN WIEDERER

After going winless in October for the first time since 2002, the Bears head to Philadelphia as underdogs for the first time this season. Here are our three keys for Sunday's game.

#### 1 Have the best running back(s) on the field.

The Bears can't force the issue trying to position David Montgomery to have a more productive day than Jordan Howard. But it sure would be in their best interest if that happened. The Bears traded Howard to the Eagles in March, getting only a conditional sixth-round pick in return. The reasoning was understandable. Matt Nagy wanted to find a feature back who had more pass-catching promise, greater versatility and an ability to create favorable matchups. Thus, 29 days after discarding Howard, the Bears traded up to draft Montgomery in Round 3. The problem is the Bears have struggled to identify a consistent role for the rookie, giving Montgomery an average of just 12 carries over the first six games. Last week, though, with renewed commitment to the run, Montgomery turned 27 rushes into 135 yards. That's the kind of workload and production that has to become the norm. Howard, meanwhile, is having an impressive first season with the Eagles. Behind a reliable offensive line, he has averaged 4.4 yards per carry, rushed for 443 yards and six touchdowns. He also churned out a season-high 96 yards with a touchdown in last week's blowout of the Bills.

#### 2 Defense must get off the field when they can.

The Bears defense looked more like its old self in last week's loss to the Chargers. They allowed only 36 rushing yards and 11 first downs. They forced four three-and-outs. And Kyle Fuller provided a takeaway, a first-quarter interception that he returned inside the Chargers 5-yard line. The defense will face a step up in class, but the Eagles aren't lighting the world on fire, ranked 21st in the league in yards per play (5.3) and yards per game (343.8). Doug Pederson's team is effective at moving the chains, though, converting 49.1% of their third-down opportunities. That ranks second in the NFL. Quarterback Carson Wentz, for what it's worth, also has six turnovers.

#### 3 Raise the bar for Mitch.

Is anyone else concerned that Mitch Trubisky is now halfway through his third NFL season and the Bears are still spending time working on his game-day mannerisms? Trubisky acknowledged this week that after a nudge from coach Matt Nagy he went against his normal routine and watched the loss to the Chargers via the Fox broadcast copy. "I really wasn't showing any body language," Trubisky said. "It was mostly just like a guy who looks super serious, kind of tense. And that's really not me." The Bears coaches are rightly tutoring Trubisky for what he needs most. And in the current state, he needs a major confidence boost. But let's be clear. This is not part of the normal curriculum for Quarterbacking 202. And the Bears have reached a point where celebrating baby steps from their franchise quarterback is no longer practical.

## PREDICTIONS

### All in agreement: Bears just don't look like winners

BRAD BIGGS (3-4)

If the Bears are the biggest disappointment in the NFC so far, the Eagles are right behind them. The Eagles are 4-4 after many national pundits pegged them to represent the conference in the Super Bowl. Injuries have taken a toll and the defense has not played consistently, setting up an interesting dynamic with the Bears offense also struggling. It's hard to pick the Bears right now given their inability to impress offensively.

RICH CAMPBELL (2-5)

The Eagles offense has scored at least 20 points in six of eight games, so they regularly clear a bar the Bears struggle with. These teams don't match up favorably for the Bears to avoid a fourth straight loss. Getting DeSean Jackson (abdomen) back would give the Eagles the deep threat they've been lacking. The Eagles also are getting healthy on the defensive line, so we'll see if Matt Nagy is able to stay committed to the run.

COLLEEN KANE (3-4)

The last time the Bears visited Lincoln Financial Field, their 31-3 loss was the low point of a very bad 2017 season. I don't expect this one to get that ugly, but the Bears offense — even after finally unearthing a running game — just can't be counted on to come through in the clutch. Jordan Howard gets his revenge-game win and Doug Pederson once again gets the better of his former colleague.

DAN WIEDERER (3-4)

The Bears are certainly due. And an upset Sunday is attainable with a crisp performance low on critical errors. Still, from what we witnessed in October, there's little evidence that this team is equipped at this point to go on the road and beat a quality opponent.



**24-20**  
Eagles



**24-16**  
Eagles



**21-17**  
Eagles



**27-19**  
Eagles

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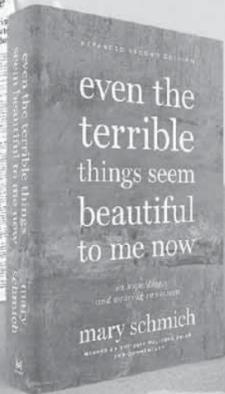
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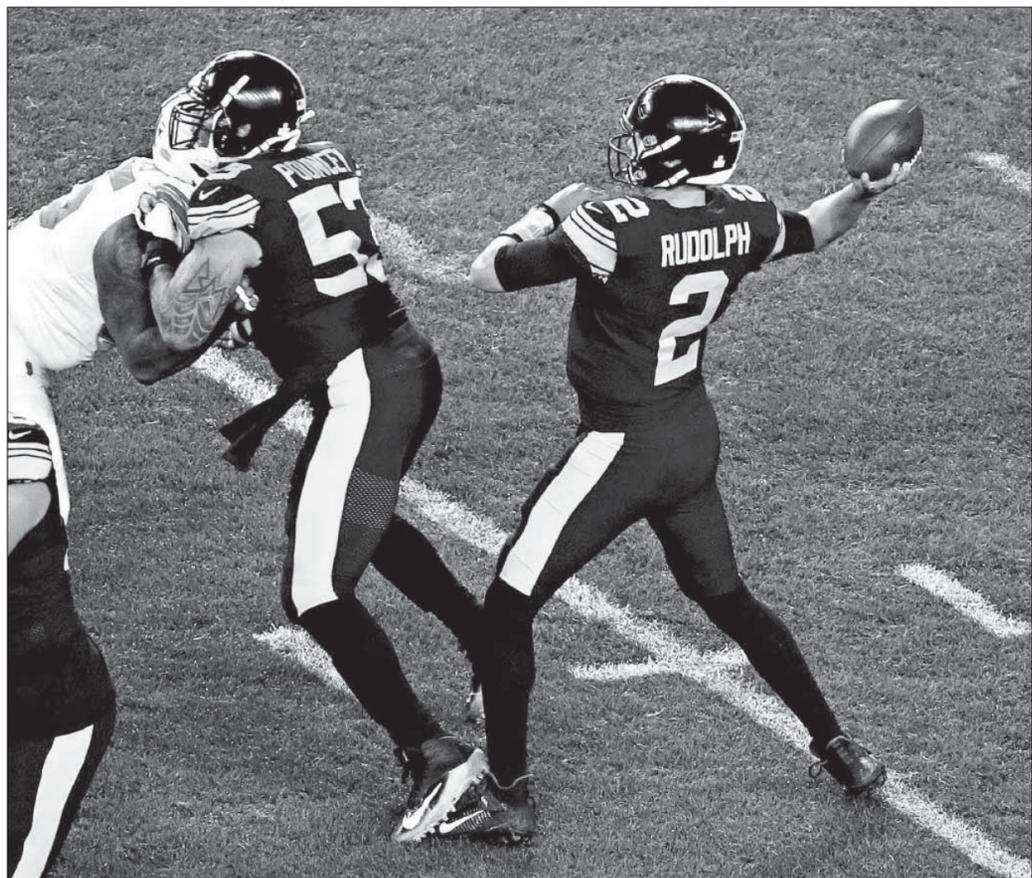
**NFL**

**AFC**

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New England	8	0	0	1.000	250	61	4-0-0	4-0-0	6-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	134	122	2-2-0	3-0-0	4-1-0	1-1-0	2-1-0
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	78	185	1-3-0	0-3-0	0-5-0	1-1-0	0-3-0
Miami	0	7	0	.000	77	238	0-4-0	0-3-0	0-5-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	158	151	3-1-0	2-1-0	4-2-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Houston	5	3	0	.625	212	188	3-1-0	2-2-0	4-1-0	1-2-0	1-1-0
Jacksonville	4	4	0	.500	173	163	2-2-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	148	135	2-2-0	2-2-0	2-4-0	2-0-0	0-2-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	214	156	2-1-0	3-1-0	3-2-0	2-0-0	2-1-0
Pittsburgh	3	4	0	.429	150	145	2-2-0	1-2-0	3-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	133	181	0-3-0	2-2-0	2-2-0	0-3-0	1-0-0
Cincinnati	0	8	0	.000	124	210	0-3-0	0-5-0	0-4-0	0-4-0	0-2-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	226	181	1-3-0	4-0-0	4-2-0	1-1-0	2-0-0
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	151	192	2-1-0	1-3-0	2-2-0	1-2-0	1-1-0
L.A. Chargers	3	5	0	.375	157	157	1-3-0	2-2-0	2-4-0	1-1-0	0-1-0
Denver	2	6	0	.250	125	151	1-3-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	0-2-0	1-2-0

**NFC**

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	190	124	3-1-0	1-2-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	3-0-0
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	202	199	2-1-0	2-3-0	2-4-0	2-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0	.250	158	218	1-3-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
Washington	1	7	0	.125	99	195	0-4-0	1-3-0	0-6-0	1-1-0	0-3-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
New Orleans	7	1	0	.875	195	156	4-0-0	3-1-0	5-1-0	2-0-0	1-0-0
Carolina	4	3	0	.571	179	184	1-2-0	3-1-0	2-3-0	2-0-0	1-1-0
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	196	212	0-3-0	2-2-0	2-4-0	0-1-0	1-2-0
Atlanta	1	7	0	.125	165	250	1-3-0	0-4-0	1-4-0	0-3-0	0-0-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Green Bay	7	1	0	.875	215	163	4-1-0	3-0-0	4-1-0	3-0-0	3-0-0
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	211	132	4-0-0	2-2-0	5-2-0	1-0-0	1-2-0
Detroit	3	3	1	.500	180	186	2-2-0	1-1-1	2-2-1	1-1-0	0-2-0
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	128	122	1-3-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	1-2-0	1-1-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
San Francisco	8	0	0	1.000	235	102	3-0-0	5-0-0	5-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0
Seattle	6	2	0	.750	208	196	2-2-0	4-0-0	3-1-0	3-1-0	2-0-0
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	.625	214	174	2-2-0	3-1-0	3-3-0	2-0-0	0-2-0
Arizona	3	5	1	.389	195	251	1-3-1	2-2-0	2-4-1	1-1-0	0-2-0



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Center Maurkice Pouncey (53) blocks while Mason Rudolph throws a pass for the Steelers against the Dolphins.

# Steelers' offensive line solid as ever

BY WILL GRAVES  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Hall of Famer who served as the group's Svengali is gone. The quarterback who long ago ditched his reputation for extending plays in favor of a more pragmatic and career-extending approach is out for the season.

And yet the Steelers offensive line keeps right on rolling.

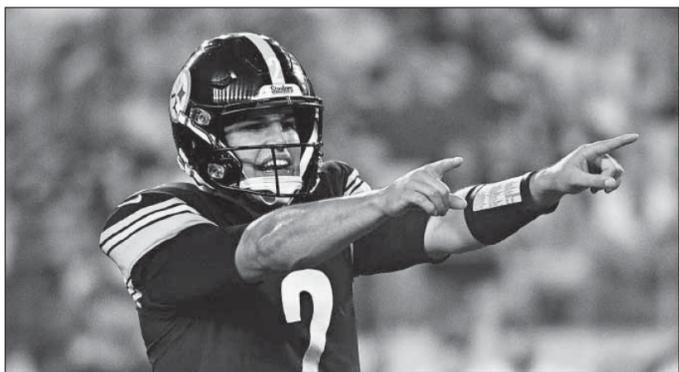
While there have been few constants during an eventful opening seven games that's featured three starting quarterbacks, a handful of running backs and no real common thread on a week-to-week basis, one thing has been certain: no matter who is behind center — be it Ben Roethlisberger, Mason Rudolph or Devlin Hodges — they've had time to do their job.

The Steelers (3-4) have allowed an NFL-low seven sacks heading into Sunday's visit by the Colts (5-2), one of the main reasons why the Steelers' season hasn't been written off completely following a 1-4 start that included losing Roethlisberger for the year to a right elbow injury and the first starts for both Rudolph and Hodges.

"They've seen all this show before," offensive coordinator Randy Fichtner said Thursday. "They've had to play with other backup quarterbacks, from Landry Jones to Mike Vick to Charlie Batch. We've had guys here that've had to play, maybe not for this extended period of time but they're the catalyst to keeping things calmer and obviously in protection they're solid as a rock and they've really been great."

Even with longtime position coach Mike Munchak leaving for the Broncos last winter. Even with defenses stacking the line of scrimmage as a way of daring Rudolph or Hodges to throw. Even while facing borderline reckless all-out blitzes designed to make Rudolph panic, such as the Dolphins' decision to send eight guys at Rudolph with the Steelers facing third-and-20 in the second quarter on Monday night, a play that turned into a 45-yard touchdown pass to rookie Diontae Johnson.

"Everybody talks about picking their game up a little bit, but there's only so much you can do," guard



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Mason Rudolph is the latest Steelers QB to be protected by a stellar line.

David DeCastro said. "How much harder can you really play? You know you've got to pick your game up, everyone does a little bit to make up for losing a guy like Ben, but you're not necessarily changing how you're playing."

In part because the Steelers didn't feel they had to. When Roethlisberger left in Week 2, center Maurkice Pouncey wasn't overly concerned. Yes, Rudolph and Hodges had never played in a regular-season game before. But it's not like they were completely raw. The Steelers have closely monitored Roethlisberger's workload during training camp and the regular season in recent years in order to keep him fresh as he enters his late 30s, an approach that's given the backups more practice time.

"I told you guys when Ben went down that those guys got a lot of reps," Pouncey said. "Ben doesn't practice on Wednesday and in camp he takes a lot of days off. Here the quarterbacks are very lucky because they get a lot of key reps. Preseason, Ben plays 10 snaps. So (the practice time) is crucial."

When Rudolph replaced Roethlisberger in the second half against the Seahawks on Sept. 15, he put together three scoring drives, the same as Roethlisberger managed in the opening six quarters of the season. When Hodges filled in for a concussed Rudolph against the Chargers on Oct. 13, he went deep on the first snap — an incomplete pass to JuJu Smith-Schuster — and guided a pair of touchdown drives as the Steelers put

together a 24-17 win that resuscitated their season.

Though their numbers aren't the kind of video-game displays Roethlisberger put together regularly last season while leading the NFL in yards passing, they've also avoided crushing mistakes. When the play isn't there, they're getting rid of it. When the defense shows something at the line of scrimmage, they check into something else.

"Guys are coming down and they're making right calls whenever the defense is adjusting the coverages," Pouncey said. "Whenever you see that, it's like encouraging man. Those guys really work their butts off. They stay here late to get it right. They're going to have really bright careers if they stay focused."

There are still growing pains. Rudolph took two sacks against the Dolphins last week, one when he tried to scramble for yardage and didn't throw the ball away as the defense closed in, the other when his footwork took him toward the pressure instead of away from it. It speaks to the standard the offense has set that Fichtner didn't give the 24-year-old a pass.

"We sacked ourselves," Fichtner said. "I like to go every game and really our goal is to have zero sacks. I know it's possible because we've done it before. We've played games before and not had the quarterback get touched. So if we're talking perfection, what we're attempting to do, we're attempting to do that every week."

**PREDICTIONS**

## Week 9

BY SAM FARMER | Los Angeles Times

Last week vs. the spread: 8-7. Season: 59-61-1.

**Texans (5-3) vs. Jaguars (4-4)**

8:30 a.m. Sunday | Texans by 1 | O/U 47  
The Texans should be able to move the ball on the ground. Anything to keep those pass rushers away from Deshaun Watson.



**Texans 24, Jaguars 20**

**Titans (4-4) at Panthers (4-3)**

Noon Sunday | Panthers by 3 1/2 | O/U 42 1/2  
As well as Ryan Tannehill has played, the Titans can't protect him ... and the Panthers can get to the passer.



**Panthers 27, Titans 23**

**Jets (1-6) at Dolphins (0-7)**

Noon Sunday | Jets by 3 | O/U 42 1/2  
Even though the Jets have just one win, Dolphins QB Ryan Fitzpatrick won't have an easy day vs. his old team.



**Jets 28, Dolphins 24**

**Colts (5-2) at Steelers (3-4)**

Noon Sunday | Steelers by 1 | O/U 40 1/2  
Just when he breaks through with a big game, Steelers running back James Conner suffered a shoulder injury that could sideline him Sunday.



**Colts 27, Steelers 20**

**Redskins (1-7) at Bills (5-2)**

Noon Sunday | Bills by 10 1/2 | O/U 37  
Good news for Josh Allen: The Redskins can't stop the run or the pass. The Bills are stout at all three levels of their defense, and the Redskins need more than Adrian Peterson.



**Bills 24, Redskins 16**

**Vikings (6-2) at Chiefs (5-3)**

Noon Sunday | Vikings by 4 | O/U 47  
The Vikings will look to set the tone with the running of Dalvin Cook. Hard to imagine the Chiefs losing four of five, but this is a really tough matchup.



**Vikings 31, Chiefs 21**

**Bears (3-4) at Eagles (4-4)**

Noon Sunday | Eagles by 4 1/2 | O/U 41 1/2  
Mitch Trubisky is struggling, and that doesn't figure to change on the road against the Eagles defense. Both teams can stop the run, so go with the superior quarterback.



**Eagles 26, Bears 17**

**Lions (3-3-1) at Raiders (3-4)**

3:05 p.m. Sunday | Raiders by 2 1/2 | O/U 51  
Lots of quarterbacks have taken advantage of a suspect Raiders pass defense, so why should Matthew Stafford be different? Stafford will light up the scoreboard.



**Lions 31, Raiders 27**

**Buccaneers (2-5) at Seahawks (6-2)**

3:05 p.m. Sunday | Seahawks by 5 | O/U 52 1/2  
Jameis Winston is a turnover machine, and the Seahawks should feast on those. The Seahawks have an MVP candidate at quarterback, one who can handle the blitz.



**Seahawks 31, Buccaneers 24**

**Browns (2-5) at Broncos (2-6)**

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Browns by 4 | O/U 39  
The Browns better get the ball to Nick Chubb because they'll have trouble moving the ball in the air vs. the Broncos. What's more, Baker Mayfield leads the league in interceptions.



**Broncos 24, Browns 20**

**Packers (7-1) at Chargers (3-5)**

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Packers by 3 1/2 | O/U 48 1/2  
The Packers are clicking, and should continue to do so if they can block Joey Bosa and Melvin Ingram. The Chargers need to find some semblance of a running game.



**Packers 30, Chargers 23**

**Patriots (8-0) at Ravens (5-2)**

7:20 p.m. Sunday | Patriots by 3 | O/U 44 1/2  
If anyone is going to beat the Patriots, the Ravens have the best chance — especially at home. Containing Lamar Jackson is going to test that Patriots front seven.



**Ravens 23, Patriots 20**

**Cowboys (4-3) at Giants (2-6)**

7:15 p.m. Monday | Cowboys by 7 | O/U 48  
Against the Lions, Daniel Jones looked good again and found Saquon Barkley out of the backfield. But the Cowboys can put up some serious numbers in the passing game.



**Cowboys 34, Giants 26**

**WEEK 10**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 7**  
L.A. Chargers at Oakland, 7:20 p.m.  
**SUNDAY, NOV. 10**  
Arizona at Tampa Bay, noon.  
Kansas City at Tennessee, noon.  
Buffalo at Cleveland, noon.  
Baltimore at Cincinnati, noon.  
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, noon.  
Atlanta at New Orleans, noon.  
Detroit at Chicago, noon.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 10**  
Miami at Indianapolis, 3:05 p.m.  
Carolina at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.  
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.  
**MONDAY, NOV. 11**  
Seattle at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.

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By **BRAD BIGGS, CHRIS BOGHOSSIAN, RICH CAMPBELL AND DAN WIEDERER**  
*Ninth in a series*

**20. The first MLB**

Before there was Brian Urlacher there was Mike Singletary. Before there was Singletary there was Dick Butkus. Before there was Butkus there was Bill George. George, an eight-time Pro Bowl selection and one of the driving forces behind the run to the 1963 NFL championship, is the genesis of the Bears middle linebacking tradition. In fact, George is widely credited as the man who invented the position in a game against the Eagles in 1953 when he had the responsibility of bumping the center and then dropping into coverage. It was an innovative new twist on the five-man defensive fronts that were prevalent in the NFL. George became the first star middle linebacker in NFL history.

**19. The Class of '83**

Bill Tobin had a second-round grade on Tennessee State pass rusher Richard Dent. So imagine the Bears scout's delight when general manager Jim Finks and owner George Halas greenlit the selection of Dent in Round 8. With selection No. 203. That was the steal of the 1983 NFL draft. But Dent, the eventual MVP of Super Bowl XX, wasn't the only valuable piece the Bears wound up with in that class. In total, Finks landed seven starters for the 1985 Super Bowl championship team, including offensive tackle Jimbo Covert, safety Dave Duerson, guards Mark Bortz and Tom Thayer, wide receiver Willie Gault and cornerback Mike Richardson.

**18. 44-0**

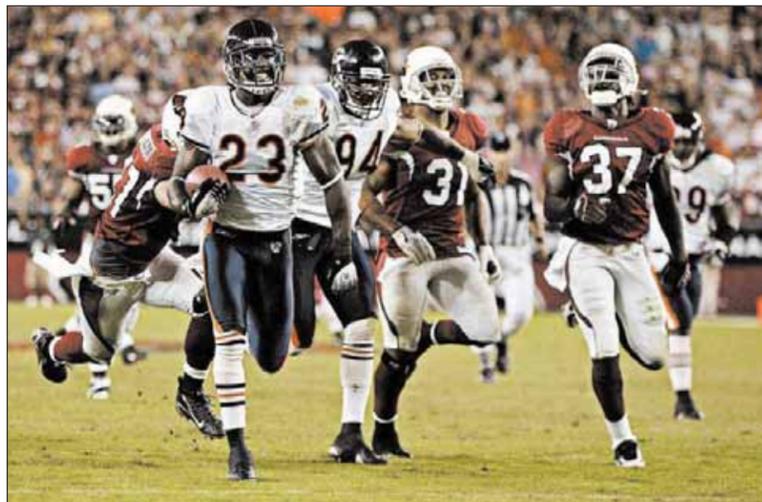
Ask enough members of the vaunted '85 Bears defense what their signature performance was and a consensus forms. Week 11, Texas Stadium. The Bears improved to 11-0 and clinched the NFC Central with a 44-0 throttling of Tom Landry's Cowboys. That's the game, according to Gary Fencik, that he truly believed the Super Bowl was within reach. The way many Bears players remember it, Cowboys defensive back Everson Walls had questioned whether the Bears were as good as their undefeated record. Walls, Otis Wilson insists, made a comment leading up to the game that the Bears hadn't played anybody. "And after the game," Wilson recalls, "(Dan) Hampton said, 'Yeah, we still haven't played anybody.'" The six-sack, five-takeaway, two-defensive-touchdown masterpiece made the cover of Sports Illustrated. The story inside called the game "an assault wave that made it look as if the Bears were playing 15 men against 11."

**17. 'Crown their @\$'**

"The Bears are who we thought they were! And that's why we took the damn field! Now if you want to crown 'em, then crown their ass! But they are who we thought they were! And we let 'em off the hook!" Poor Denny Green. Those poor Arizona Cardinals. On that night in Glendale, Ariz. — and for most of the 2006 season — the Bears were a unified, never-say-die bunch that dug as deep as they could to find a way to win. Down by 20 points deep into the second half, the Bears completed the most remarkable comeback in franchise history without scoring an offensive touchdown. The offense, in fact, had twice as many turnovers (six) as points scored. But Mike Brown returned a fumble for a touchdown. Brian Urlacher stripped Edgerrin James and Charles Tillman took that loose ball to the end zone. And to cap it all off, All-Pro rookie sensation Devin Hester delivered a game-winning 83-yard punt return score with 2:58 left. Bears 24, Cardinals 23. Poor Denny Green.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
 Bill George was the first to star at linebacker, roaming the middle for George Halas.



JIM PRISCHING / CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
 Devin Hester's 83-yard punt return for a TD put the Bears up late against Arizona.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO / CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
 Nov. 22, 1925: Harold "Red" Grange, second from right, signed a contract with the Bears.

**16. The draft of all drafts**

With the third pick in the NFL draft, the Chicago Bears selected running back Gale Sayers out of Kansas. With the fourth pick in that same draft, the Bears selected linebacker Dick Butkus out of Illinois. That was Nov. 28, 1964. It remains the only time in history that a team has selected two eventual Hall of Famers in the same round of the same draft. Dave Douglas produced the NFL Network's "A Football Life" documentary on Sayers and Butkus. Said Douglas: "Sayers still is the yardstick for elusiveness. Butkus still is the yardstick for toughness."

**15. Another championship**

Sid Luckman came up with two interceptions and threw five touchdown passes as the Bears hammered the Redskins 41-21 at Wrigley Field to win the 1943 NFL championship. Said the star quarterback years later: "Humbly I say that was probably the best game I ever played." But Luckman wasn't alone in propelling the Bears to a title. Fullback Bronko Nagurski, who had returned to the undermanned Bears during World War II, scored the go-ahead touchdown in the second quarter, the final score of his career.

**14. A game of 'Bingo'**

The Bears' dominance of the 1940s continued with another NFL title in 1946, this one a 24-14 defeat of the Giants at the Polo Grounds. Sid Luckman scored the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter with a 19-yard run on a bootleg play called "Bingo Keep It." It was the Bears' fourth championship of the decade.

**13. 73-0**

A month after a frustrating and penalty-filled 7-3 loss to the Redskins, the Bears exacted revenge in the most emphatic way possible in the 1940 NFL championship game. Using the T-formation and rolling behind the efforts of Sid Luckman, George McAfee and "Bulldog" Turner, the Bears defeated the Redskins 73-0 in front of more than 37,000 people at Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C. "It should have been 77-0," said Bob Snyder, a quarterback on that team. "We scored 11 touchdowns, but the referee asked if we'd begin running for the extra point. People were ringing the field and every time a pass or kick went into the crowd, they kept the ball. They were out of footballs." The 73 points set an NFL record that has yet to be broken. The 73-point blowout remains the largest margin of victory by any team in any game of any major American team sport.

**12. Dear Mr. Halas**

Toward the end of a disappointing 6-10 season in 1981, coaching changes were inevitable for the Bears. Neill Armstrong was on his way out, later replaced by brash 41-year-old firestarter Mike Ditka. Da Coach's arrival came with Super Bowl promises and a push to instill more toughness and belief in the team. (Ditka backed up his talk with six division titles, seven playoff appearances and a Lombardi Trophy in his 11 seasons.) But as significant as that hiring was, the retention of defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan was arguably a more meaningful moment in Bears history. Defensive players were enamored with Ryan's leadership style and vision and lobbied George Halas to keep Ryan around. Their plea came in a passionate letter to the franchise's founder, owner and chief decision-maker. It read in part, "If Buddy and his staff are replaced it will set our defensive team back a minimum of two years and possibly more." Halas listened. Ryan stayed. The rest is history.

**11. Red Grange's barnstorming tour**

Once upon a time, professional football was dying to attract a larger audience. And so once upon a time, George Halas took one of the sport's most entertaining stars across the country. Running back Red Grange was that good. Grange signed with the Bears the day after finishing a brilliant college career at Illinois. And not long after, he was on a train. Several trains. Grange, Halas and the Bears were off on their one-of-a-kind barnstorming tour. Seventeen games in 61 days over the winter of 1925-26. Grange drew a crowd of 73,000 to the Polo Grounds in New York that December as the Bears beat the Giants 19-7. Babe Ruth was there that day. So, too, were close to 100 sports writers. The next month 75,000 fans packed into the Los Angeles Coliseum to watch Grange score two touchdowns in a 17-7 Bears win. The popularity of pro football was taking off.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ILLINOIS 38, RUTGERS 10

# Hot Illini bowl 'em over

Smith's crew earns first 3-game Big Ten winning streak since 2007 season



**SHANNON RYAN**  
On Illinois

CHAMPAIGN — There's an exclusive club among Illinois defensive players. In their meeting room, a list of names is highlighted on a board, marking players who score a touchdown off a turnover.

Cornerback Nate Hobbs added his name Saturday to that role call that had included Dele Harding, Milo Eifler and Tony Adams.

With a 36-yard touchdown return off a fumble recovery, Hobbs helped the Illini heap more points on Rutgers in a 38-10 victory at Memorial Stadium.

"Coach (Lovie) Smith has been teasing me about it," Hobbs said of not having a defensive touchdown. "Once I got the ball in my hand, I knew exactly what I had to do."

He helped provide the Illini (5-4, 3-3) with their first three-game Big Ten winning streak since 2007 and put them at .500 in conference play in November for the first time since 2010. The Illini are one win from bowl eligibility — something they haven't achieved since 2014.

Illinois' penchant for takeaways — and ability to capitalize on them — has been vital this season. During their winning streak, the Illini have eight takeaways. They snagged three against the Scarlet Knights (2-7, 0-6), turning each one into a second-half touchdown.

"It's just a habit," Hobbs said.

Suddenly, so is winning in Champaign. Illinois was 2-4 three weeks ago. Smith's name was mentioned repeatedly on hot-seat lists. The idea of a bowl seemed laughable to many.

And now? "This year, this is the turnaround year," said junior defensive end Isaiah Gay, who forced the fumble Hobbs recovered. "We're making a big statement to all teams."

Beating then-No. 6 Wisconsin, Purdue and Rutgers has set Illinois up to secure a season-defining game Saturday at reeling Michigan State, which has lost three straight.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Illinois quarterback Brandon Peters runs for 54 yards as Rutgers defensive back Christian Izien chases during the second half Saturday.

Smith went 3-9, 2-10 and 4-8 in his previous seasons in Champaign. This clearly is his best Illini team — no matter how the season ends.

Athletic director Josh Whitman has been a staunch supporter of Smith, whom he hired only a few days after he took over. But many wondered if another bowl-less season would be enough for the Illini to part ways.

Illinois has three games remaining. After Michigan State, the Illini play at Iowa and finish their season at home against struggling Northwestern.

"It sets us up for our biggest game we've

had in a long time," Smith said. "We haven't talked about bowl games, but that would be big for our program."

Turnovers have been key for Smith's teams, including when he led the Bears. His players have embraced his philosophy, which he said was in their "DNA."

Dre Brown's 2-yard touchdown run with 9 minutes, 8 seconds left in the third quarter broke a 10-10 halftime tie. Quarterback Brandon's Peters' 54-yard run set up the score.

Then Illinois went on a takeaway spree. Gay's forced fumble popped into Hobbs' hands, and the cornerback's touchdown

provided a 24-10 lead with 7:29 left in the third.

Rutgers soon coughed it up again, with Dele Harding forcing the ball loose and Stanley Green pouncing on it.

The Illini made it 31-10 with a 52-yard pass from Peters to Josh Imatorbhebhe with 3:30 left in the quarter. They followed with another touchdown off a turnover — this time a Harding 54-yard pick-six for a 38-10 lead less than a minute into the fourth.

Smith said his players "flipped the switch at halftime."

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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DawgsFromm passes for  
2 TDs to highlight  
'Outdoor Cocktail Party'BY MARK LONG  
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jake Fromm was a little late to the after-party.

He was in the third and final wave of Georgia players leaping into the stands at the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party."

It was a fitting spot for Fromm considering how effective he's been on third down against Florida.

Fromm threw for 279 yards and two touchdowns, including a 52-yarder to an uncovered Lawrence Cager in the fourth quarter, and the No. 8 Bulldogs beat the sixth-ranked Gators 24-17 on Saturday.

It was Georgia's third consecutive victory in the Southeastern Conference rivalry and sixth in the last nine years.

Fromm was the main reason for the last two. He has five touchdown passes in two years against Florida, with four of them coming on third down.

"When Jake has time, he's really efficient," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. "I was so proud of him this game."

Fromm's most important throw came on a third-and-7 play with a little more than 2 minutes remaining. The Gators (7-2, 4-2) rallied twice to make it a one-score game in the final quarter, and Fromm needed one more completion to end any chance of a comeback.

He found tight end Eli Wolf for a 22-yard gain. Game over.

"We had the belief the whole game that we just needed the one stop, and we didn't get that unfortunately," Florida linebacker David Reese said.

Fromm completed 20 of 30 passes, including one to Dominick Blaylock for a 3-yard score on third down in the first quarter.

Fromm struggled in his last two games, both at home, but played considerably better against Florida for the second straight season.

"There's been a lot of outside noise, and this has been a challenge to our guys to not listen to the outside noise but to really gel within our locker room," Fromm said. "To come out and respond and play the way we did today, it really shows what our guys are made of, their hearts and what we mean to each other."

Cager finished with seven receptions for 132 yards, both career highs.

D'Andre Swift added 86 yards rushing to help Georgia (7-1, 4-1) move a step closer to winning the SEC's Eastern Division for the third consecutive year and strengthen their College Football Playoff resume.

Florida abandoned an ineffective ground game early, and its defense got little pressure on Fromm — even with disruptive pass-rushers Jon Greenard and Jabari Zuniga back for the first time in weeks.

C. MICHIGAN 48,  
N. ILLINOIS 10Huskies get  
stopped cold

Associated Press

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — Ross Bowers threw three interceptions Saturday, and Northern Illinois ran for only 22 yards in a 48-10 loss to Central Michigan.

Bowers went 18-for-29 for 221 yards and a touchdown for the Huskies, who fell to 3-6 overall and 2-3 in the Mid-America Conference. Tre Harbison, who surpassed 100 yards in three of his last four games and averaged 125 rushing yards in that span, was held to 17 yards on 10 carries.

Kobe Loews ran for 145 yards on 17 carries, including a 75-yard run, and Jonathan Ward had 138 yards on 20 carries for Central Michigan (6-4, 4-2), which out-rushed NIU 327-22.

Quinten Dormady went 18-for-24 with three touchdowns for Central Michigan, which led 21-3 after one quarter and 38-10 at half.

Dormady put Central Michigan on the board first, hitting Kalil Pimpleton with a 14-yard scoring pass four minutes into the game. Tommy Lazzaro scored from the 3 to make it 14-0 before John Richardson got the Huskies on the board with a 33-yard field goal.

NIU scored its only touchdown on a 9-yard pass from Bowers to Spencer Tears in the second quarter.



QUINN HARRIS/GETTY

Notre Dame quarterback Ian Book scrambles in the first half against Virginia Tech on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

NOTRE DAME 21, VIRGINIA TECH 20

## 'Character victory'

Book runs it in  
with 29 seconds  
left to avoid upsetBY JOHN FINERAN  
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Ian Book delivered the type of clutch, game-winning drive that can make Notre Dame fans forgive the quarterback's mistakes.

Book ran 7 yards for a touchdown with 29 seconds left, capping an 18-play, 87-yard drive as the 16th-ranked Fighting Irish pulled out a 21-20 victory over the Virginia Tech and averted a second straight loss.

After getting blown out at Michigan last week, Notre Dame

faced some harsh criticism.

"This week was about our team," Book said after his designed run on third-and-goal tied the game at 20. "It was about having that strong love for each other and just going out there for one another and playing for each other."

Jonathan Doerer kicked the go-ahead PAT after holder Jay Bramblett fielded a low snap, and freshman Kyle Hamilton then picked off a long Quincy Patterson pass to seal the victory, the 16th straight by the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium.

"That was a great character victory for our football team," coach Brian Kelly said. "They endured a lot this week. They found a way to win."

Book led a methodical drive,

converting two fourth downs, including a fourth-and-10 at the Tech 33 for 26 yards to Chase Claypool that gave the Irish first-and-goal from the 7. After two incomplete passes, Notre Dame caught Virginia Tech in a blitz, and Book ran away from it and darted into the end zone.

"Just a lot of grit and perseverance," tight end Cole Kmet said.

Book passed for 341 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions and led the Irish with 50 yards on 13 carries.

The Irish committed three turnovers deep in Virginia Tech territory, including a Jafar Armstrong fumble at the goal line that Hokies safety Divine Deablo returned for a 98-yard touchdown to tie the game at 14 with 9

seconds left in the first half.

The Hokies (5-3) added a pair of Brian Johnson field goals in the second half, and the Irish missed one, leaving Notre Dame trailing by six with 3:19 remaining and the ball at its 13. But Book and the Irish came through.

"It's a tough locker room in there," Virginia Tech coach Justin Fuente said. "It's a group of guys that played hard, prepared well for a very good football team on the road in a hostile environment and almost pulled it off."

Patterson got the start at quarterback for Virginia Tech in place of Hendon Hooker, who had started the three previous wins but suffered a knee injury in Virginia Tech's 43-41, six-over-time victory against North Carolina two Saturdays ago.



ANDY LYONS/GETTY

INDIANA 34, NORTHWESTERN 3

Northwestern lost its sixth consecutive game Saturday, falling to host Indiana 34-3 to drop to 1-7 overall and 0-6 in the Big Ten. It's the Wildcats' longest skid since losing seven straight in 2013, and they have been outscored 174-41 in conference play. Stevie Scott III (above) ran for two touchdowns and caught a third for the Hoosiers (7-2, 4-2), who won their fourth straight, their longest Big Ten winning streak since 1993. For more coverage, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL NOTES

Utes rally to keep  
playoff hopes alive

News services

Tyler Huntley threw for one touchdown and ran for another, Jaylon Johnson returned an interception 39 yards for a score, and No. 9 Utah overcame an 11-point first-half deficit to beat Washington 33-28.

The Utes (8-1, 5-1 Pac-12) kept alive their College Football Playoff hopes thanks to a defense that forced Washington quarterback Jacob Eason into three turnovers and got just enough offense from Huntley to rally from an early 14-3 hole.

Huntley hit Zack Moss on a 9-yard TD late in the first half and added a 1-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to give Utah its first lead, 26-21.

Huntley's TD run capped a third-and-12 conversion where Huntley was able to hit Jaylen Dixon for a 41-yard completion.

Huntley finished 19 of 24 for 284 yards. He also had a pair of key third-down conversions on Utah's final scoring drive, hitting Solo-

mon Enis for 14 yards and Samson Nacua for 28 yards.

Moss capped the 84-yard drive with a 2-yard TD run with 4:52 left. He finished with 100 yards on 27 carries. Washington (5-4, 2-4) dropped its second straight after losing to Oregon two weeks ago and lost for the third time at home this season. Eason was 29 of 52 for 316 yards and four touchdowns.

**Quick start spurs Michigan:** Giles Jackson returned the opening kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown to get things started for No. 14 Michigan, which used two first-half scoring runs by freshman Zach Charbonnet to pull away in a 38-7 rout of Maryland.

Seeking to build on a 45-14 rout of Notre Dame one week earlier, the Wolverines (7-2, 4-2 Big Ten) went up 21-0 at halftime over the fading Terrapins (3-6, 1-5).

After Maryland won the coin toss and deferred the decision to the second half, Jackson picked his way through the Terrapins to give Michigan the lead for good with exactly 11 seconds elapsed.

## BLACKHAWKS AND BULLS

### BLACKHAWKS AT KINGS

# Kane supports bringing up Dach, Boqvist

But veteran isn't looking to future: 'You want to win now'

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

LOS ANGELES — At some point, the Blackhawks will emerge from the mysterious offensive slump that already is threatening their season.

Or maybe they won't. After all, nobody thought scoring goals would be a problem at training camp with a forward group that seemed better than last season, when the Hawks had 270 goals, eighth-most in the league.

This season? No team has scored fewer goals than the Hawks, who entered Saturday's night game against the Kings averaging more than a goal less per game than they did last season. Something is not right, and nobody is exempt from the lack of production, including the seemingly slump-proof Patrick Kane.

Kane never went more than two games without a point last season. This season he already has had a three-game pointless drought and just two points in his last six games. If there were an obvious answer, the Hawks would have implemented it.

For now, Jeremy Colliton and his coaching staff are trying new line combinations. They made a nearly wholesale alteration of the power-play units and are hoping something can take hold. Colliton respects Kane enough to discuss the changes, but ultimately the coaching staff is putting forth what it believes will work.

"I wouldn't say so much input, but he kind me some certain ideas he has and different things," Kane said of his coach. "He's a super smart hockey mind, and he wants to put you in the best position can to succeed, so it's not like he's just putting lines together (so) you're just going to be playing with these guys. There's certain situations he wants to get you on the ice, playing with different guys too."

"So maybe that will be something we see going forward is you have your line but you're going to get out there with other players, too, whether it's power play or after penalty kill."

As bad as the power play has been — three goals in 32 opportunities entering Saturday — the Hawks also have struggled in five-on-five situations. One thing they have been working on over the last few days is getting the puck in clean during transitions.

Kane is one of the best players in the league at controlling the puck, but that aspect of his game has been maddeningly inconsistent this season. Poor transitions have prevented him from taking that extra second or two that can spread out the defense and help him find an open teammate.

"That's why we were successful at times last year," Kane said. "We had such a good transition game. Played well defensively, created a turnover and then, boom, we're up the ice going the other way. So that's an aspect of our game we can get better in, and it'll probably create better entries."

The introduction of teenagers Kirby Dach and Adam Boqvist into the Hawks ecosystem appears to be an effort to get their high-end prospects as much experience as possible so they can begin contributing.

"You want to win now for sure, that's definite," Kane said. "But one of the things about today's game is it is a young man's game, and these guys can come in the league for two to three years and all of a sudden become dominant players. You can see flashes of it with Kirby for sure. He hangs on to the puck well, he skates well with the puck and to be honest with you I really like getting out there with him. I like playing with a guy like that because he's looking to make plays, to hang onto it and create. He's going to be special."

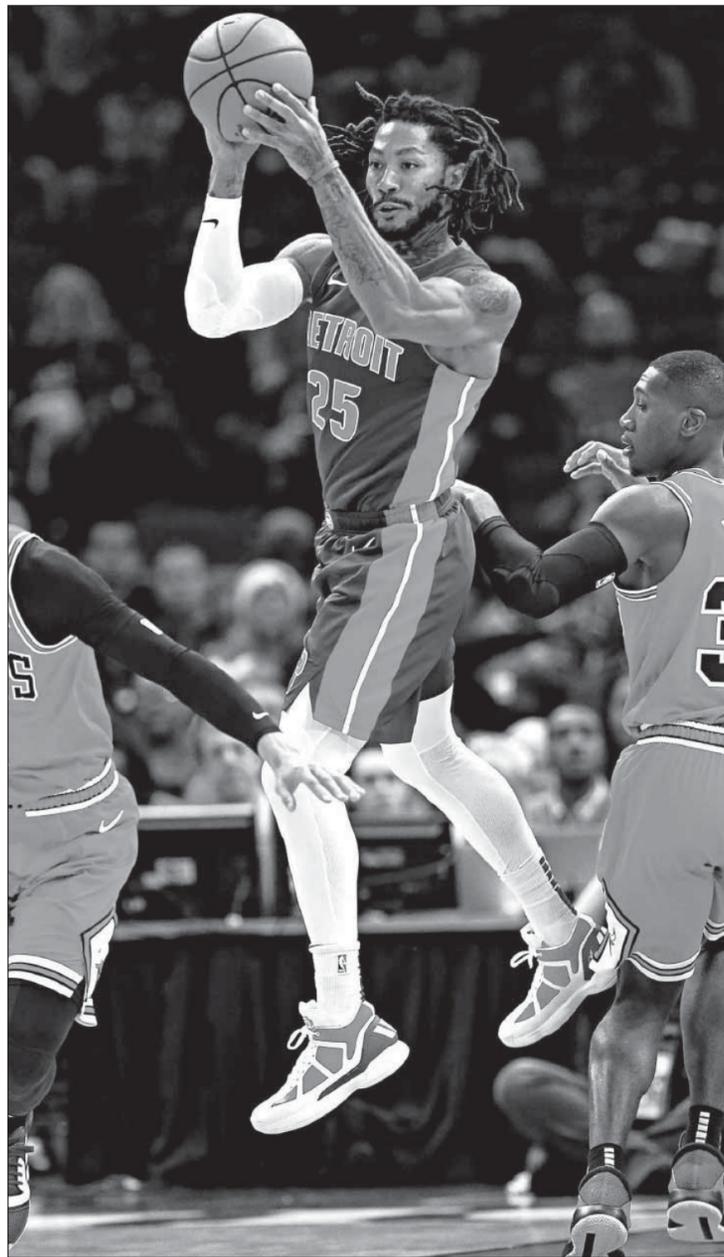
"And I think Boqvist too. I really liked playing with him in preseason a couple years ago, and this year he had a good camp too. He just keeps playing his game and keeps getting better at some areas, defensively and stuff. He's going to be special."

Of course, Kane already is special, even if he isn't producing like it yet. He had three goals and six assists in the first 11 games, and the Hawks aren't going anywhere except to the draft lottery for a third straight season unless he gets on track.

"When (Kane) gets a point early, usually he gets energy from that and he's lights out the rest of the game," Colliton said. "He had three (points) in the first game (of the season), and then it's been a little bit drier for him since. He feeds off getting early success, and then he can kind of build off it and often he dominates the game."

Kane's linemates against the Kings were Dominik Kubalik and David Kampf. But with double-shifting and Colliton making in-game changes, Kane will play with nearly every forward during the course of a game. Changing the lines is fine with him.

"It can keep it fresh," Kane said. "You're going to play with everyone throughout the year. Right now there really hasn't been much production offensively, so might as well tinker with it and see what works."



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
Pistons guard Derrick Rose passes the ball against the Bulls in the first quarter on Friday night at the United Center.

# Rose could've been a thorn

Ex-Bull performed well but couldn't lift Pistons to victory



**TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
On the Bulls

The Bulls built a comfortable, 16-point third-quarter lead Friday night against the Pistons. They blew it again but this time rallied for the win.

"We've been battling," Bulls coach Jim Boylen said after his team's 112-106 victory, "but we haven't finished. What I told the team is sometimes the clouds come out."

The clouds? "Well it's this, it's that," he said. "We've played good enough offensive basketball to win. We haven't played good enough defensive basketball to win. We got those clouds out of the way and I thought we were better defensively."

The Bulls snapped a three-game skid and improved to 2-4 after Zach LaVine scored a game-high 26 points and made back-to-back 3-pointers down the stretch.

"We want to start winning in front of these fans," LaVine said. "I know we got off to a disappointing start. I think our record should have been 4-1 to start. We're a good team; were just trying to figure it out."

Here are three takeaways from the win:

### 1. Derrick Rose? He's still got it.

At 31, he's finally healthy and as explosive as ever. He finished with 23 points and seven assists in 24 minutes.

Rose entered the game midway through the first quarter and three minutes later blew past Kris Dunn, pump-faking and finishing with his left hand for a three-point play.

After he nailed the free throw, fans hollered "MVP!" "MVP!" — reminiscent of his last visit. He had the United Center rocking in December during a 24-point, eight-assist night with the Timberwolves.

"I felt the love out there," Rose said. "I wish we could have gotten the win, but coming here is always special. Playing here all these years was special."

"I didn't cherish the moments like I was supposed to, but you live and learn. Feeling the energy tonight, it was something to hold onto."

Rose scored or assisted on 14 of the Pistons' final 17 points of the first half.

"He's a legend," LaVine said. "You heard how much the crowd and the city love him. You can respect a dude like that because he has gone through so much. You see how elite he is."

Boylen also was effusive in his praise, saying: "He was dynamic all night. He's as tough a cover in the league as there is right now with his ability to split, to burst, to sneak, to shoot the ball. I'm really happy for him."

### 2. Otto Porter Jr. finally looked like Otto Porter Jr.

He scored 22 points on just 12 shots, hitting eight and drilling 3 of 4 from 3-point range. He thrived in the third quarter after the Bulls looked for him to make plays.

"He was aggressive and confident," Boylen said. "He has a size advantage at the 3 (small forward spot) with ball skills."

Porter got off to a brutal start this season, averaging just 8.8 points on 31.8% shooting, raising concerns about a hip injury. He and Boylen talked it out in Cleveland.

"He was frustrated," the coach said. "We all were frustrated. Sometimes you've just got to bear down and play every possession as hard as you can. And he did that."

"What I love about Otto is that he's the guy in the huddle talking: 'This is the stop we need to get.' He's a coach out there."

Porter said he grew to be vocal from being around teammates in Washington, such as John Wall and Paul Pierce.

"I try to take what I learned and apply it to this team," he said.

And as for his chat with Boylen, Porter said: "We just tried to figure out how I could help the team more — being vocal, setting the example for the young guys."

### 3. Lauri Markkanen is fine.

The Bulls forward exited the game after scoring 14 points in 25 minutes, wincing with discomfort on his left side.

"I'm good," he said. "I don't really know what happened. I don't remember any specific play. I haven't really gotten it checked out yet."

He must be getting old. "Yeah, must be," he said. "I'm 22."

Boylen said he wasn't sure about the injury and that trainers told him: "He's OK if you want to give him a shot."

Boylen stuck with Thaddeus Young instead. Young finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

LaVine was the key player down the stretch. He lost the ball with a silly pass out of a timeout, allowing the Pistons to take a 100-99 lead, their first since the game's first minute. Tony Snell — remember him? — hit a layup after Rose saved the ball from going out of bounds.

Then LaVine saved the day with those back-to-back 3s.

"You know, I'm not scared to take any of those shots," LaVine said. "It should have been three in a row. I missed the wide-open one, the easiest one."

"I wanted to make up for those mistakes; I was throwing the ball everywhere. I felt like idiot. At least I made up for them."

## COLLEGES

### MICHIGAN BASKETBALL

# Howard isn't living in the past

Former member of Fab Five new coach of the Wolverines

BY SHANNON RYAN

Juwan Howard still wears black socks to practice, just as he did when he played for Michigan. But the first-year Wolverines coach doesn't expect anyone to follow his fashion sense these days.

"The guys, it's their team," Howard said. "They get to choose. I had my time. My time is over. It's about them."

Howard can control that in practice. But for the rest of Ann Arbor, Mich. — and the college basketball landscape — this is the Howard Show.

The Chicago native has returned to his alma mater 28 years after being part of the Fab Five, a group of Michigan freshmen who made an indelible impact on the game and its culture — from their baggy shorts and black socks to their overall swagger — while reaching consecutive NCAA championship games in 1992 and '93.

Howard, 46, has flecks of gray in his hair now after cutting his coaching teeth in the NBA the last six seasons as an assistant with the Heat, with whom he won two NBA titles at the end of his 19-year playing career.

Speaking at Big Ten media day last month in Rosemont, he deflected questions about a Fab Five reunion while referring to himself as the "rookie."

He's focused on 2019, not 1991.

"I can adapt and relate to this culture," he said of coaching today's college players, pointing out they're not much younger than players he coached with the Heat. "At times they make fun of me because I'm bopping my head to their music. I don't know what they're saying, but..."

Howard said only one college job would have drawn him away from the NBA. He said he turned down a \$5 million annual salary from another college team.

Howard was scheduled to interview for the Timberwolves head coaching job, he said, when he heard the news of John Beilein's sudden departure to coach the Cavaliers, creating an opening at Michigan.

"My wife looked at me and said, 'You're smiling, huh?'" Howard recalled.

He pointed to a "M" pin on his lapel. "It's Michigan," he said. "It's that simple. It's not only because I went to school there and I'm alumni. It's one of the best, top institutions in the country. There was only one place in college basketball I was going to come back to coach, and it was Michigan."

Despite losing NBA draft picks Jordan Poole and Ignas Brazdeikis and former St. Rita star Charles Matthews, the Wolverines return a talented roster with Zavier Simpson in the backcourt, Isaiah Livers on the wing and Jon Teske down low.

While Howard said he has no geographic limits to his recruiting scope, his ties to Chicago will be beneficial. He was a McDonald's All-American at Vocational before joining Chris Webber, Jalen Rose, Jimmy King and Ray Jackson in the Wolverines' landmark recruiting class.

"People here in Chicago know I always talk about (how) Chicago is my home," he said. "Chicago is... the place that helped me become the man I am today. I'm going to recruit everywhere. You might see me in South Dakota. But Chicago has some of the best basketball players in this country. Basketball is our No. 1 sport."

Michigan players have noticed the excitement about their new coach.

"It's brought a great vibe, a different vibe," Simpson said. "We're ready to have some fun this year."

Howard is eager to add to his history at Michigan — in the present.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP  
Michigan coach Juwan Howard works with his Wolverines at practice.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL 2019-20 NOTABLE OPENERS

- Tuesday**  
Western Illinois at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
Appalachian State at Michigan, 6 p.m., BTN  
Kansas vs. Duke, 6 p.m., ESPN  
Nicholls State at Illinois, 7 p.m.  
UC Davis at Loyola, 7 p.m.  
Olivet Nazarene at UIC, 7 p.m.  
Judson at Chicago State, 7 p.m.  
Alcorn State at DePaul, 8 p.m., FS2  
Wisconsin vs. St. Mary's, 8 p.m., ESPNU  
Michigan St. vs. Kentucky, 8:30 p.m., ESPN
- Wednesday**  
Notre Dame at North Carolina, 6 p.m., ACCN  
Green Bay at Purdue, 6 p.m., BTN  
Cincinnati at Ohio State, 7:30 p.m., FS1
- Friday**  
Merrimack at Northwestern, 7 p.m.  
SIU Edwardsville at Iowa, 8 p.m., BTN

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## HORSE RACING

## BREEDERS' CUP

# Injury mars Breeders' Cup Classic

Mongolian Groom's health overshadows race outcome

By BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — Vino Rosso won the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic by 4 1/4 lengths, drawing away from 5-2 favorite McKinzie down the stretch of a race marred by a "serious" injury to a 15-1 long shot Saturday night.

Mongolian Groom was part of the early pace in the 1 1/4-mile race that capped the two-day world championships at Santa Anita. However, jockey Abel Cedillo sharply pulled up the 4-year-old gelding near the eighth pole as the rest of the field charged toward the finish line.

"We know he's injured his left hind leg," said Dr. Al Ruggles, the on-call veterinarian.

Dr. Scott Palmer, another on-call vet, described the injury as "serious."

Santa Anita has been the site of 36 horse deaths since December. Track owner The Stronach Group rushed to implement changes to rules involving medication and training. The Breeders' Cup also beefed up its own pre-race exams and observations of Cup runners.

It was the only injury in 14 Cup races. Bred in Kentucky by Calumet Farm, Mongolian Groom is trained by Ganbat Enebish and owned by Mongolian Stable. Winning co-owner Mike Repole called Mongolian Groom's injury "the worst part of this game."

"For us, horse safety is very, very important," Repole said. "Prayers for the horse, prayers for the connections of the horse. It's got to be really, really tough. It's very sad."

Winning trainer Todd Pletcher said he was concerned about horse safety at Santa Anita coming into the season-ending world championships.

"We were ... hoping everything would go smoothly and safely," he said. "Everyone took every precautionary measure they possibly could."

Four horses were scratched Saturday from Cup races after pre-race exams by vets found issues concerning enough to keep them in their barns.

Earlier in the day, protesters angered by the 36 deaths stood outside Santa Anita toting signs urging the end of the sport in California.

Vino Rosso went off at 9-2 odds for Pletcher, who won his first Classic.

"It's one thing that was missing," Pletcher said. "It feels great."

Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. earned a leading fourth Cup victory of the weekend that featured just three victories by favorites.

McKinzie, the 5-2 favorite, finished second for trainer Bob Baffert. Higher Power was third and Elate, a 5-year-old mare taking on the boys, finished fourth.

Vino Rosso covered the distance in 2 minutes, 2.8 seconds and paid \$11.20, \$5.80 and \$4.

Saturday's biggest upset belonged to 14-1 shot Belvoir Bay in the \$1 million Turf Sprint. The 6-year-old mare beat the boys for a 1 1/4-length victory. She paid \$31.60 to win.

Trainer Chad Brown won a leading three Cup races over the two days to move into a second-place tie for career victories with Baffert at 15.

■ Bricks and Mortar won the \$4 million Turf by a head to complete a perfect season and move solidly into contention for Horse of the Year honors. He's 6-for-6 this season and has won seven in a row dating to last year.

■ Covfefe won the \$1 million Filly & Mare Sprint by three-quarters of a length as the 3-2 favorite.

■ Spun to Run won the \$1 million Dirt Mile by 2 3/4 lengths at 9-1 odds, upsetting even-money favorite Omaha Beach.

■ 9-5 shot Mitole won the \$2 million Sprint by 1 1/4 lengths for his sixth win in seven starts this year.

■ Uni won the \$2 million Mile on the turf by 1 1/4 lengths over 3-1 favorite Get Stormy.

■ Blue Prize rallied from second-to-last on the backstretch to win the \$2 million Distaff by 1 1/2 lengths, upsetting even-money favorite Midnight Bisou, who lost for the first time in eight races this year.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Irado Ortiz Jr. celebrates after riding Vino Rosso to victory in the Breeders' Cup Classic horse race on Saturday.

## BASEBALL



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Anthony Rendon celebrates Wednesday after the Nationals won Game 7 of the World Series against the Astros in Houston.

# Buyers or sellers?

Cubs and White Sox have lots of options if they choose to spend in free agency



PAUL SULLIVAN  
On baseball

Baseball free agency begins Tuesday, giving all 30 teams an opportunity to fill holes, create depth or look for that one player who can boost TV ratings and bring fans to the park. How many teams will use this opportunity wisely remains to be seen. Nearly a third are at the start or in the middle of long-term rebuilds, and another five or six teams are wary of exceeding the \$208 million luxury-tax threshold. The Cubs aren't saying if they'll be buyers or just window shoppers.

"As an organization, we're not talking about payroll or luxury tax at all," Cubs President Theo Epstein said last week. "I feel like every time we've been at all specific, or even allowed people to make inferences from things we've said, it just puts us in a hole strategically."

A few days later, Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts went on WSCR-AM 670 to inform everyone the Cubs paid millions last year in luxury-tax penalties, calling it "a dead-weight loss" and allowing people to infer the Cubs won't be spending big this winter. The Cubs may even have to shed some big salaries, Ricketts warned.

"Maybe we can't keep them all because of the salaries that they'll demand over the next few years," he said. "But ultimately, now I think we can stop talking about windows (to contend)."

Meanwhile, White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf needs the next phase of the rebuild to include some winning along with the nonstop developing. The Sox have the resources to address the rotation and outfield while also getting a left-handed bat and rewarding free agent Jose Abreu. After failing to outbid the Padres for free agent Manny Machado in February, general manager Rick Hahn said the Sox would be just as aggressive down the road.

"The money will be spent," Hahn said. "It might not be spent this offseason, but it will be spent at some point. This isn't money sitting around waiting to just accumulate interest. It's money that's trying to be deployed to put us in the best position to win us some championships."

Assuming they did accumulate some interest on the \$250 million Machado rejected, Hahn will have even more to play with this winter. Now would be a good time to spend it, with stars such as Gerrit Cole, Anthony Rendon and Yasmani Grandal available and potentially J.D. Martinez and Stephen Strasburg as well, if they invoke opt-out clauses. Here's a look at the top available free agents, though some will re-sign with their teams and others will be available when teams non-tender arbitration-eligible players next month.

## Starting pitchers

**Gerrit Cole:** The dominant Astros starter figures to become the highest-paid pitcher in history after a brilliant season that might lead to his first Cy Young Award. The Southern California native got into the spirit of free agency immediately after the Astros' Game 7 World Series loss, donning a hat from his agency instead of his Astros cap. That's keeping it real.

**Stephen Strasburg:** The World Series MVP has been through so much in Washington, it's hard to imagine him leaving now when he and the Nationals are at the top. But money talks, and the timing couldn't be any better to cash in.

**Madison Bumgarner:** It's a tricky situation for teams interested in Bumgarner, one of the best postseason performers of any era. Was his career-high 3.90 ERA in 2019 a blip or a trend? Either way, the old-school lefty would be a good influence on a young staff such as the White Sox's.

**Dallas Keuchel:** He made only 19 starts for the Braves after accepting a one-year deal in June, but Keuchel limited left-handed hitters to a .189 average and posted a 2.06 ERA in eight starts from Aug. 14 to Sept. 22. He should finally draw some interest, especially from teams scared off by Cole's price tag.

**Jake Odorizzi:** A career-best 15-7 season with a 3.51 ERA in 30 starts for the Twins suggests he'll be high on the list of any team looking for a top starter who costs only a mini-fortune.

**Hyun-Jin Ryu:** The Dodgers lefty turns 33 in March, so a long-term deal might not be advisable. But his agent is Scott Boras, so expect a long-term deal. Ryu led the National League with a 2.32 ERA, which he had down to 1.64 in mid-August before tiring.

**Cole Hamels:** While he's eighth among active pitchers with 163 career wins, Hamels' age (36 in December) and health make him a bit of a risk. The Cubs lefty had a 2.92 ERA before suffering an oblique strain June 28, then posted a 6.39 ERA in his first nine starts after coming off the injured list. The Cubs shut him down until a meaningless start the final weekend.

**Zack Wheeler:** The No. 6 pick in the 2009 draft by the Giants, Wheeler has always been hyped as a future star but has yet to show it with the Mets. He pitched 195 1/3 innings in 2019, ninth among NL starters, so there's that.

## Relievers

**Aroldis Chapman:** He's still the most dominant reliever in the game, despite giving up a season-ending home run to Astros star Jose Altuve in the American League Championship Series clincher. He can opt out of his deal with the Yankees.

**Dellin Betances:** A torn Achilles in his first 2019 appearance robbed Betances of a chance to prove himself in his walk year, but he has been a potential closer for years with the Yankees and at worst would be a quality setup man. Betances has a career average of 14.6 strikeouts per nine innings.

**Will Smith:** The Giants inexplicably held on to Smith at the trade deadline when everyone needed a late-inning lefty. He finished a career year with 34 saves and a 2.76 ERA, and everyone still needs a late-inning lefty.

## Catchers

**Yasmani Grandal:** The Brewers star is coming out of a one-year, \$18.25 million contract after failing to find a lucrative deal last winter. He's the only top catcher on the market, not to mention a left-handed bat. Grandal rejected a four-year, \$60 million deal with the Mets last winter, so start from there and go up ... way up.

## Infielders

**Anthony Rendon:** A consistent hitter who led the NL in RBIs (126) and doubles (44) before leading the Nationals to a championship, Rendon will be this year's version of Manny Machado or Bryce Harper, commanding \$300 million or more. And he will be worth it.

**Josh Donaldson:** With a 37-homer season after signing a one-year, \$23 million deal with the Braves, Donaldson will be a less pricey alternative to Anthony Rendon for those in need of a slugging third baseman.

**Jose Abreu:** The White Sox have repeatedly said they want Abreu back, and Abreu has said he will sign himself if he has to. Now it's a matter of filling in the numbers and years on the new contract.

**Mike Moustakas:** Another year of free agency for "Moose," who settled for one-year deals the last two offseasons. Thirty-plus-home-run hitters just aren't what they used to be, are they?



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

J.D. Martinez of the Red Sox is a designated hitter who can play the outfield.

## Outfielders

**J.D. Martinez:** Another player with an opt-out, and with Scott Boras as his agent, he could be one of the more coveted free agents for AL teams looking for a designated hitter who can also play the outfield.

**Nicholas Castellanos:** The one bright spot of the Cubs' second half was the play of Castellanos, who had 16 home runs and 21 doubles in 51 games and posted a 1.002 OPS. A small sample size perhaps, but 58 doubles overall in 2019 suggests he's only getting better, and he hustles.

**Marcell Ozuna:** The Cardinals outfielder hit .160 over the final month of 2019 to end his walk year with a thud. Someone will bite on his potential.

## Five others to watch

**Yasiel Puig:** Looking for a bat-licking, showboating outfielder who isn't as good as he thinks he is? Puig is your man.

**Ben Zobrist:** The Cubs second baseman/outfielder hasn't decided whether to hang it up, but finishing his career with Joe Maddon in Anaheim wouldn't be a bad send-off.

**Hunter Pence:** It was a nice comeback season for the inimitable Pence, who hit .297 in 83 games with the Rangers.

**Howie Kendrick:** After his postseason heroics, including the go-ahead home run in Game 7 of the World Series, the Nationals should do anything to keep him around.

**Rich Hill:** His age (40 in March) and history of injuries make Hill a considerable risk, but when he was available to pitch the last four years, he went 30-16 with a 3.16 ERA with the Dodgers.

# SCOREBOARD

## NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	4	0	1.000	—
Boston	4	1	.800	½
Toronto	4	2	.667	1
Brooklyn	2	4	.333	3
New York	1	5	.167	4
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	4	1	.800	—
Charlotte	3	3	.500	½
Atlanta	2	3	.400	2
Orlando	2	4	.333	2½
Washington	1	4	.200	3
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	—
Detroit	3	4	.429	½
Cleveland	2	3	.400	½
Indiana	2	3	.400	½
Chicago	2	4	.333	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	4	1	.800	—
Houston	3	2	.600	1
Dallas	3	2	.600	1
Memphis	1	4	.200	3
New Orleans	1	5	.167	3½
NORTHWEST				
Minnesota	4	1	.800	—
Utah	4	2	.667	½
Denver	4	2	.667	½
Portland	2	3	.400	1
Oklahoma City	2	4	.333	2½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	4	1	.800	—
Phoenix	4	2	.667	½
L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	½
Sacramento	1	5	.167	3½
Golden State	1	5	.167	3½

### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Oklahoma City 115, New Orleans 104  
 Denver 91, Orlando 87  
 Detroit 113, Brooklyn 109  
 Milwaukee 115, Toronto 105  
 Minnesota 131, Washington 109  
 Phoenix 114, Memphis 105  
 Charlotte 93, Golden State 87  
 Philadelphia at Portland, late  
**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
 Chicago at Indiana, 4 p.m.  
 Houston at Miami, 5 p.m.  
 Sacramento at New York, 5 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 6 p.m.  
 Dallas at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.  
 Utah at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.  
**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
 Detroit at Washington, 6 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.  
 Houston at Memphis, 7 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
 Portland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
 Boston at Cleveland, 6 p.m.  
 Indiana at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
 Orlando at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
 Miami at Denver, 8 p.m.

### THUNDER 115, PELICANS 104

**NEW ORLEANS:** Ingram 3-5 1-4 7, Melli 1-2 2-2 4, Okafor 7-14 1-3 15, Ball 4-11 0-2 10, Holiday 6-15 2-2 16, Williams 1-3 0-0 3, Hayes 2-5 0-0 4, Jackson 4-11 4-5 12, Hart 5-11 0-0 12, Alexander-Walker 1-5 2-2 4, Redick 6-12 1-2 17. Totals 40-94 13-22 104.  
**OKLAHOMA CITY:** Ferguson 0-0 0-0 0, Gallinari 5-9 2-2 16, Noel 4-8 0-0 8, Paul 5-9 2-2 15, Gilgeous-Alexander 8-14 4-5 23, Bazley 5-10 4-4 17, Nader 1-2 1-2 4, Muscala 0-4 0-0 0, Schroder 7-17 3-5 17, Diallo 5-14 2-12, Burton 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 41-90 18-23 115.  
**New Orleans** 26 34 26 18 — 104  
**Okl. City** 33 32 29 21 — 115

**3-Point Goals**—New Orleans 11-32 (Redick 4-9, Hart 2-5, Ball 2-5, Holiday 2-5, Williams 1-3, Melli 0-1, Alexander-Walker 0-1, Jackson 0-3), Oklahoma City 15-37 (Gallinari 4-6, Paul 3-5, Gilgeous-Alexander 3-5, Bazley 3-6, Burton 1-2, Nader 1-2, Muscala 0-3, Diallo 0-4, Schroder 0-4). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—New Orleans 56 (Hart 15), Oklahoma City 44 (Schroder 9). **Assists**—New Orleans 25 (Ball 7), Oklahoma City 20 (Paul 9). **Total Fouls**—New Orleans 25, Oklahoma City 20. **A**—18,203. (18,203).

## SOCCER

### MLS CUP FINAL

**Sunday, Nov. 10**  
 Toronto (13-10-11) at Seattle (16-10-8), 3 p.m.

### ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Liverpool	10	1	0	25	9	31
Man City	8	1	2	34	10	25
Chelsea	7	2	2	25	17	23
Leicester	6	2	2	25	8	20
Arsenal	4	2	5	16	15	17
Sheffield	4	4	3	12	8	16
Bournemouth	4	4	3	14	13	16
Brighton	4	3	4	14	14	15
Crystal Palace	4	3	3	10	12	15
Man United	3	4	4	13	13	11
Wolverhampton	2	7	2	14	14	13
West Ham	3	4	4	14	17	13
Tottenham	3	4	3	16	15	12
Burnley	3	3	5	14	18	12
Newcastle	3	3	5	9	17	12
Aston Villa	3	2	6	16	18	11
Everton	3	1	6	10	16	10
Southampton	2	7	10	27	8	7
Norwich	2	1	8	11	26	7
Watford	0	5	6	6	23	5

### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Bournemouth 1, Man United 0  
 Arsenal 1, Wolverhampton 1  
 Aston Villa 1, Liverpool 2  
 Brighton 2, Norwich 0  
 Man City 2, Southampton 1  
 Sheffield United 3, Burnley 0  
 West Ham 2, Newcastle 3  
 Watford 1, Chelsea 2  
**SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
 Crystal Palace vs. Leicester, 8 a.m.  
 Everton vs. Tottenham, 10:30 a.m.  
**FRIDAY, NOV. 8**  
 Norwich vs. Watford, 2 p.m.

## TENNIS

### ATP WORLD TOUR PARIS MASTERS

**SF at Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy; Paris; hard-indoor Singles**  
 #1 Novak Djokovic v. Grigor Dimitrov, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4.  
 Denis Shapovalov v. #2 Rafael Nadal, walkover.  
**SHISEIDO WTA FINALS**  
**SF at C.R. Shenzhen Wai Sports Center; Shenzhen, China; hard-indoor Singles**  
 #8 Elina Svitolina d. #7 Belinda Bencic, 5-7, 6-3, 4-1 retired.  
 #1 Ash Barty d. #2 Karolina Pliskova, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

## ODDS

NBA	pregame.com	SP	OU	SUNDAY
at Indiana	3½	215	Chicago	
at Miami	Off	Off	Houston	
at New York	1 216½	Sacramento		
at San Ant.	1 218½	L.A. Lakers		
Dallas	5	215	at Cleveland	
at L.A. Clip.	4½	212	Utah	
NHL	SP	OU	SUNDAY	
at Washington	Off	Off	Calgary	
at Anaheim	155	+145	Chicago	
NFL	Week 9	SP	OU	SUNDAY
Houston	1	47	Jacksonville	
at Buffalo	10½	37	Washington	
at Carolina	3½	42½	Tennessee	
at Philadelphia	4½	41½	Chicago	
Minnesota	4	47	at Kansas City	
NY Jets	3	42½	at Miami	
at Pittsburgh	1	40½	Indianapolis	
at Oakland	2½	51	Detroit	
at Seattle	5	52½	Tampa Bay	
Cleveland	4	39	at Denver	
Green Bay	3½	48½	at L.A. Char.	
New England	3	44½	at Baltimore	
SUNDAY	SP	OU	MONDAY	
Dallas	7	48	at NY Giants	

## NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	10	1	2	22	46	27
Buffalo	9	4	2	20	45	40
Florida	7	3	4	18	51	51
Toronto	7	5	3	17	53	52
Montreal	7	5	2	16	51	45
Tampa Bay	6	5	2	14	44	47
Detroit	4	10	1	9	33	57
Ottawa	3	8	1	7	31	42
METRO.						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	10	2	3	23	60	47
N.Y. Islanders	10	3	0	20	40	29
Carolina	9	4	1	19	49	38
Pittsburgh	8	5	1	17	47	33
Philadelphia	6	5	2	14	43	45
Columbus	5	6	3	13	34	50
N.Y. Rangers	5	5	1	11	35	36
New Jersey	3	5	4	10	36	50

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	9	3	3	21	47	46
Colorado	8	3	2	18	48	36
Nashville	8	4	2	18	54	42
Dallas	7	8	1	15	37	41
Winnipeg	7	7	0	14	39	46
Minnesota	4	9	1	9	33	49
Chicago	3	6	2	8	25	34
PACIFIC						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	10	4	1	21	44	38
Vancouver	8	3	2	18	48	32
Anaheim	9	6	0	18	41	36
Calgary	8	6	2	18	46	46
Vegas	8	5	1	17	46	41
Arizona	7	4	1	15	35	28
San Jose	4	9	1	9	34	51
Los Angeles	4	9	0	8	34	54

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**  
 Edmonton 2, Pittsburgh 1 (OT)  
 N.Y. Rangers 2, Nashville 1  
 N.Y. Islanders 1, Buffalo 0  
 Boston 5, Ottawa 2  
 Florida 4, Detroit 0  
 Calgary 3, Columbus 0  
 Dallas 4, Montreal 1  
 New Jersey 5, Carolina 3  
 Toronto 4, Philadelphia 3 (SO)  
 St. Louis 4, Minnesota 3 (OT)  
 Colorado at Arizona, late  
 Winnipeg at Vegas, late  
 Vancouver at San Jose, late  
 Chicago at Los Angeles, late  
**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
 Calgary at Washington, 6 p.m.  
 Chicago at Anaheim, 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
 Pittsburgh at Boston, 6 p.m.  
 Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.  
 Nashville at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
 Arizona at Edmonton, 8 p.m.  
**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
 Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.  
 Carolina at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
 Vegas at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
 Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.  
 Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
 Arizona at Calgary, 8 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Anaheim, 9 p.m.  
 Chicago at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

### RANGERS 2, PREDATORS 1

**N.Y. Rangers** 1 0 1 0 — 2  
**Nashville** 0 1 0 0 — 1  
**FIRST PERIOD:** 1, N.Y. Rangers, Chytil 2 (Hajek), 16:05. **SECOND PERIOD:** 2, N.Y. Rangers, Strome 4 (Panarin, Fast), 4:16. 3, Nashville, Arvidsson 6 (Forsberg, Joshi), 14:34 (pp). **THIRD PERIOD:** None. **SHOTS ON GOAL:** N.Y. Rangers 7-8-15—30, Nashville 8-14-11—33. **POWER PLAYS:** N.Y. Rangers 0 of 4; Nashville 1 of 5. **GOALIES:** N.Y. Rangers, Georgjev 3-2-1 (33 shots-32 saves), Nashville, Saros 1-4-0 (30-28). **A:** 17,371 (17,113). **T:** 2:17. **Referees:** Gord Dwyer, Garrett Rank. **Linesmen:** Kory Nagy, Pierre Racicot.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### MEN'S TOP 25 SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
 #1 Michigan State vs. #2 Kentucky at Madison Square Garden, 8:30 p.m.  
 #3 Kansas vs. #4 Duke at Madison Square Garden, 6 p.m.  
 #5 Louisville at Miami, 5:30 p.m.  
 #6 Florida vs. North Florida, 6 p.m.  
 #7 Maryland vs. Holy Cross, 6:30 p.m.  
 #8 Gonzaga vs. Alabama State, 7 p.m.  
 #10 Villanova vs. Army, 7:30 p.m.  
 #12 Seton Hall vs. Wagner at Walsh Gymnasium, S. Orange, N.J., 5:30 p.m.  
 #13 Texas Tech vs. E. Illinois, 7 p.m.  
 #14 Memphis vs. S.C. State, 7 p.m.  
 #15 Oregon vs. Fresno State, 8 p.m.  
 #16 Baylor vs. Central Arkansas, 11 a.m.  
 #17 Utah State vs. Montana St., 9 p.m.  
 #19 Xavier vs. Jacksonville, 6 p.m.  
 #20 St. Mary's vs. Wisconsin at Sanford Pentagon (Sioux Falls, S.D.), 8 p.m.  
 #24 Auburn vs. Ga. Southern, 8 p.m.  
 #25 VCU vs. St. Francis (Pa.), 6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

#9 N. Carolina vs. Notre Dame, 6 p.m.  
 #11 Virginia at Syracuse, 8 p.m.  
 #18 Ohio State vs. Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.  
 #21 Arizona vs. #Arizona, 8 p.m.  
 #23 Purdue vs. Green Bay, 6 p.m.

### WOMEN'S TOP 25 SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
 #2 Baylor vs. New Hampshire, 6 p.m.  
 #3 Stanford vs. E. Washington, 9 p.m.  
 #4 Maryland vs. Wagner, 10 a.m.  
 #6 Texas A&M vs. Little Rock, 7 p.m.  
 #8 S. Carolina vs. Alabama St., 6 p.m.  
 #9 Louisville vs. W. Kentucky, 6 p.m.  
 #11 UCLA vs. Weber State, 9 p.m.  
 #12 Florida St. vs. Chas. So.n., 6 p.m.  
 #16 Notre Dame at Fordham, 6 p.m.  
 #17 Michigan St. vs. E. Michigan, 6 p.m.  
 #20 Arizona State vs. Air Force, 7 p.m.  
 #21 Syracuse vs. Ohio, 7 p.m.  
 #23 Minnesota vs. Missouri St., 3 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY'S GAME

#14 N.C. State vs. N.C. A&T, 6 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAME

#24 Indiana vs. Mt. St. Mary's, 6 p.m.

## MLB

### GOLD GLOVE FINALISTS

Winners to be announced Sunday

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**PITCHER:** José Berríos, Minnesota; Mike Leake, Seattle; Lucas Giolito, Chicago.  
**CATCHER:** Danny Jansen, Toronto; Christian Vázquez, Boston; Roberto Pérez, Cleveland.

### FIRST BASE:

Yuli Gurriel, Houston; Matt Olson, Oakland; Justin Smoak, Toronto.

### SECOND BASE:

José Altuve, Houston; DJ LeMahieu, New York; Yolmer Sánchez, Chicago.

### THIRD BASE:

Alex Bregman, Houston; David Fletcher, Los Angeles; Matt Chapman, Oakland.

### SHORTSTOP:

Marcus Semien, Oakland; Andrelton Simmons, Los Angeles; Francisco Lindor, Cleveland.

### LEFT FIELD:

Robbie Grossman, Oakland; Alex Gordon, Kansas City; Andrew Benintendi, Boston.

### CENTER FIELD:

Kevin Kiermaier, Tampa Bay; Mike Trout, Los Angeles; Jackie Bradley Jr., Boston.

### RIGHT FIELD:

Kole Calhoun, Los Angeles; Mookie Betts, Boston; Josh Reddick, Houston.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**PITCHER:** Jack Flaherty, St. Louis; Zack Greinke, Arizona; Aaron Nola, Philadelphia.

### CATCHER:

Austin Hedges, San Diego; Yadier Molina, St. Louis; J.T. Realmuto, Philadelphia.

### FIRST BASE:

Christian Walker, Arizona; Paul Goldschmidt, St. Louis; Anthony Rizzo, Chicago.

### SECOND BASE:

Ozzie Albies, Atlanta; Kolten Wong, St. Louis; Adam Frazier, Pittsburgh.

### THIRD BASE:

Nolan Arenado, Colorado; Anthony Rendon, Washington; Josh Donaldson, Atlanta.

### SHORTSTOP:

Paul DeJong, St. Louis; Trevor Story, Colorado; Nick Ahmed, Arizona.



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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Erik Hellman, left, Nondumiso Tembe and members of Ladysmith Black Mambazo rehearse for the Steppenwolf Theatre's production of "Lindiwe."

# Hope-infused blues

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is back at Steppenwolf for 'Lindiwe,' part of a history that includes 'Graceland'

In the summer of 1984, even as Nelson Mandela remained incarcerated in Pollsmoor Maximum Security Prison, the singer-songwriter Paul Simon hit play on a cassette tape and became enamored with the "township jive" (or "Jaiva") music that was seeping out from the impoverished black townships of Apartheid-era South Africa.



CHRIS JONES

Simon was long broken up with Art Garfunkel, suffering a lull in his solo career and looking for a new creative identity. At the time, he said the sound on that cassette reminded him of 1950s rhythm and blues, which he loved, and that he suddenly found himself unconsciously "scat-singing melodies over the tracks."

So Simon headed to Johannesburg that summer, looking (not unlike David Byrne and David Bowie around the same time) for collaborators who might help him incorporate what became bizarrely known as "world beat" into his music.

His was not an excursion without controversy: Apartheid South Africa still was subject to a long-standing cultural boycott. But Simon went, arguing he could better help South African musicians by doing so person to person, paycheck to paycheck. Hanging out with potential groups, Simon happened upon a friendly man named Joseph Shabalala, a farm boy-turned-factory

worker who had become the leader of a vocal choir named Ladysmith Black Mambazo, made up mostly of friends and family. The idea for the group, he said, had come to him in a dream.

Had Simon not made that trip, which brought global fame to Shabalala's vision, it is inconceivable that two of Shabalala's four sons, Thulani and Sibongiseni, would have been sitting, 35 years later, in a rehearsal room in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, preparing "Lindiwe," an all-new artistic collaboration between Ladysmith Black Mambazo and the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, a project they said had been blessed by their now-retired, 78-year-old father.

"Paul Simon," Thulani Shabalala says, remembering the day when he had first showed up at their home, "opened the gates to the world. There was no color in that guy. He was just full of music."

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South African actress and singer Tembe says she has been working with Ladysmith Black Mambazo to help create a sound in "Lindiwe" that would make sense for a young, contemporary woman to sing.

# Mike Rowe tackles a different 'dirty job': writing

TV star looked to Paul Harvey, Studs Terkel



RICK KOGAN  
*Sidewalks*

A man celebrated for working was taking it easy, sensibly sipping a vodka on the rocks in the bowels of the Wentz Concert Hall on the campus of North Central College in Naperville.

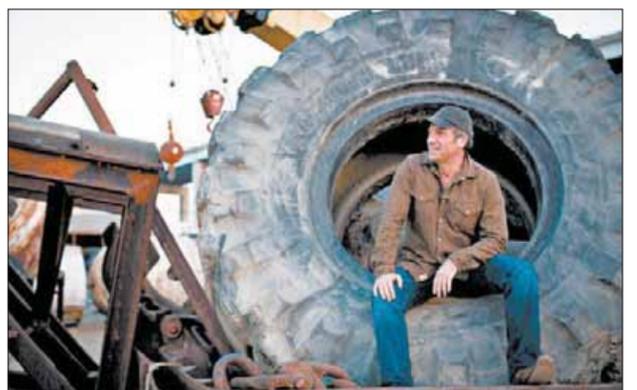
Among the many interesting

and daring activities in his 57 years, Mike Rowe became famous as the star and host of the immensely popular "Dirty Jobs." This show ran on the Discovery Channel for eight seasons until 2012 and offered compellingly charming visits with Rowe as he sampled firsthand such grubby trades as chimney sweeper, worm dung farmer, sewer inspector, camel milker and shark repellent tester.

It was a show that always began with these words: "I explore the country looking for people who aren't afraid to get dirty — hard-working men and women who earn an honest living doing the kinds of jobs that make civilized life possible for the rest of us."

Before and since, and in no particular order, he has hosted other television programs; sold magazine subscriptions door-to-door; hawked such items as dolls, infrared pain relievers, "the first cordless phone I've ever seen," and karaoke machines in the early days of QVC; sang baritone in 30 operas over six years with the chorus of the Baltimore Opera Company; narrated a vast array of commercials and programs, including "Deadliest Catch"; been a frequent guest on news and entertainment programs; started a foundation (mikeroweworks Foundation) to provide aspiring trade workers with the financial

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MIKE ROWE WORKS

Mike Rowe of "Dirty Jobs" fame has written "The Way I Heard It," a book inspired by his popular podcast of the same title.

# A real feast for the ears at U. of C.

Show plunges listeners into a world of 'Chicago Sound' all over the campus



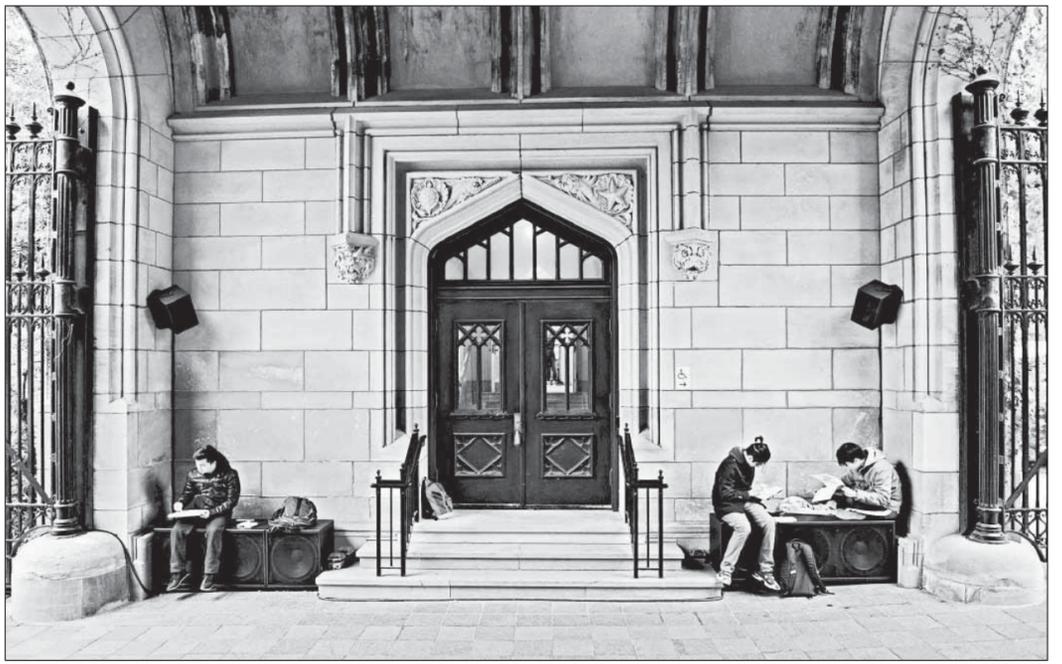
LORI WAXMAN

Rare is the art exhibit that asks more of the ears than the eyes. I sometimes fantasize about wearing ear plugs at the museum, the better to look without being distracted by other people's conversation. "The Chicago Sound Show," a sprawling and ambitious display projected out of buildings and bushes across the historic University of Chicago campus in Hyde Park, requires another kind of focus entirely. In an effort to hear more, I seriously considered tying on a blindfold, but ultimately thought better of it.

Nine local artists, not all of whom work exclusively in sound, created new work for the exhibition, which was co-organized by Laura Steward, the university's curator of public art, and Sam Pluta, who directs the school's Computer Music Studio and whose work is also included in the show. The artists chose settings as unlike as a contemplative cloister garden and a heavily trafficked gateway. Katherine Young placed her "Resonance, and the Inhibition of" by the Botany Pond, a serene pool surrounded by pine trees, occupied by two families of Mallard ducks the day I was there. It was a splendid fall day, the kind that makes wandering and stopping extra pleasant, and a good thing too: Outdoor art, whatever the medium, is extremely susceptible to weather conditions. Even the most joyful sculpture can be

depressed by a downpour. Sound art is even more sensitive than most, since the extra noises generated by a storm can cancel out its more delicate registers. Save "The Chicago Sound Show" for a nice afternoon.

To those not especially familiar with sound art, the irony of this exhibition may be its deep responsiveness to site. Actually, that easy misapprehension is why it turned out to be a good thing that I skipped the blindfold and succumbed only to the occasional eye closing. Olivia Block's "Indiana Karst," all trickles and drip-drops, must be experienced in the dark canyon of the walkway between Pick Hall and the Walker Museum in order to connect the watery sounds of limestone caverns and the buildings constructed from materials mined there. Stephan Moore's "Six Accompaniments for Solo Voice" can only be heard on the grassy quad outside the Searle Chemistry Laboratory, a place I imagine is normally bereft of people due to the incessant drone of the edifice's massive ventilation and filtration system. That's the "Voice" of the title, to which Moore adds six different musical compositions, each of which can be heard through a pair of speakers attached to the ends of the wooden benches that ring the lab. Walter Kitundu's "Maximum of the Eyes," hands-down my favorite piece in the show, sends the sounds of Chicago — kids calling for mom, horns honking, airplanes rumbling, plus lapping Lake Michigan — into the center of a circular birch grove. The copse has always been a lovely resting spot, but now it's a distinctly urban oasis, in which the city itself can be contemplated.



JEAN LACHAT

People gather at Cobb Gate in "The Chicago Sound Show" sound installation on Oct. 15. The outdoor sound art show is spread across the University of Chicago campus, from heavily trafficked gateways to a contemplative garden.

Many kinds of sound art exist, and you might be tempted to assume that an exhibition as grandiloquently titled as "The Chicago Sound Show" is attempting to survey the field, at least as it exists locally. It's not, though such an endeavor would certainly be worthwhile. The city's scene is unrivaled, with roots in the School of the Art Institute's sound department, the first of its kind, and the Experimental Sound Studio, plus long-running series like Florasonic at the Lincoln Park Conservatory. (As in the cultural landscape of Chicago generally, much is intertwined: many of the artists in the show are affiliated with SAIC, including Lou Mallozzi, also a founder of ESS, and Kitundu, whose "Careen" just opened at LPC.)

The majority of the art included here is what used to be called environmental

sound art, though that term has fallen out of favor as "environmental" has come to mean nature and our impact on it, rather than simply a person's surroundings. Regardless, the artworks are still typically made with field recordings and evince a keen sense of the world's sonic nature. These installations are exceptionally good at attuning us to the little sounds of everyday life: wind whistling, cars vrooming, doors shutting. Such sensitization is a worthwhile endeavor, and it takes a capacious aesthetic, as well as a sense of the surreal, to pull off most successfully. The visitor has to be induced to slow down long enough to notice, and it helps to have a context sufficiently different from those noises that they stand out as unusual, even if they're normally familiar enough to disregard. The downside, at

least in "The Chicago Sound Show," is redundancy. There's a lot of water dripping and bird twittering here, and some of it is not dissimilar enough to matter.

Notable for an art exhibition that goes beyond the visual are two projects actively engaged with issues of accessibility. Both David Wallace Haskins' "Breath" and Andy Slater's "Unseen, Re-heard" feature recordings of campus sounds — those listed above, but also organs wheezing, bells pealing, people chattering — in covered passageways that rarely offer a chance for pause. But here they do: Haskins uses large infrasonic speakers, on which visitors are invited to sit, and through which anyone, hearing or deaf, can experience the soundscape of the campus. In fact, his projections are powerful enough to be felt through the air,

while walking. Slater's composition distinguishes itself for the tap, tap, tapping detectable amid other elements; it's the knocking of the metal tip of the artist's echolocation cane as he makes his way, blind. So closely was I listening, trying to discern the individual tones of Slater's exploration, that I nearly fell down from shock when some students from a nearby door slam shut.

So take off those earbuds, and keep them out. Feel and hear what you're missing.

"The Chicago Sound Show" runs through December 29 across the University of Chicago campus; free maps are available at the Smart Museum of Art, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave., 773-702-0200, smartmuseum.uchicago.edu.

Lori Waxman is a freelance writer.

## Kogan

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support to pursue careers; gives speeches for groups and such corporations as Motorola and Hewlett-Packard, and conducts a popular podcast.

Still, he frequently will refer to himself as a "B-list celebrity," and though it is true that he is not as recognizable as Brad Pitt or certain Kardashians and would likely would go unnoticed at a University of Chicago seminar, his claim could easily be disputed by the 700-some people waiting for him

upstairs in the Wentz auditorium.

They had started to fill the seats nearly two hours before his scheduled 7 p.m. appearance and each of them carried, for it was included in the \$32 admission price, a copy of Rowe's first book, "The Way I Heard It" (Gallery Books). This was yet another in the series of author events staged with creative energy and admirable frequency by the people who run the three Anderson's Books outposts in Naperville, LaGrange and Downers Grove.

Rowe's appearance sold out far in advance. I knew little about him when I was

asked to sit on stage with him and ask questions. So, I read his book.

It is, on one level, merely a gathering of 35 of the 140-some stories that have been broadcast on his weekly "The Way I Heard It" podcasts, which began in 2016 and have since been downloaded some 120 million times and counting.

It is impossible for those of a certain age and previous radio listening habits not to recall Paul Harvey, the late and legendary (and I never use that word lightly) Chicago-based radio voice known for more than half a century for his daily news/commentary broadcasts and his

"The Rest of the Story" segments.

"Of course, he was an inspiration for me," Rowe said. "So, in a way, was Studs Terkel."

"The Rest of the Story" was insanely addictive," Rowe writes. "(He) was a hero to me. ... He always put his subjects first. ... Obviously, I can't fill Paul Harvey's shoes. But I can follow in his footsteps."

As he started the journey, he began to worry and when a letter arrived from Paul Harvey Jr., who had written and produced "The Rest of the Story" for his father, Rowe was, as he writes, "afraid to open it. For all I knew it was a cease-and-desist order regarding my podcast."

Instead — Rowe did open it — it was more than a relief. It was a "my dad would have liked what you are doing" note, along with a "generous check" for Rowe's foundation.

"The book was sort of a natural extension," said Rowe. "But when my mother heard about my publishing a collection of the show's segments, she said, 'My, what an amazingly lazy approach to literature.'" It was she who suggested that he expand the book by writing about his own life.

And so that's what you get and you learn that he is originally from Baltimore, the eldest of three sons of schoolteachers, father

John, who also acted in amateur theater, and that mother, Peggy, who became an author with her 2018 book "About My Mother: True Stories of a Horse-Crazy Daughter and Her Baseball-Obsessed Mother: A Memoir" (Forefront Books). It's a charming book for which Mike wrote a foreword and which became a surprise best-seller, hitting the bestseller lists of the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

Meeting and talking to Rowe, it is all but impossible to believe he was, as he writes, "a painfully shy kid with a deep voice and a weird stammer." But you will learn that he overcame that by singing in a barber-shop quartet. He went to college, earning a degree in communications, which has, along with life's experiences, served him well.

His personal memories and experiences and tremendous respect for his parents and grandparents balance effortlessly with his essays, changed very, very little from the way he wrote them for 5-minute podcast consumption. They cover a varied gang — Mel Brooks, Margaret Mitchell, Beethoven, the Statue of Liberty, William Randolph Hearst, Charles Manson, James Dean, Laika (the Soviet space dog of the late 1950s), Rod Serling, Bob Dylan, Ted Williams — that attest to Rowe's wide-ranging curiosity.

The book's title is the result of what Rowe says is being "exhausted by experts who tell me with absolute certainty 'that's the way it was.' I'm weary of the correctors. History is always written by the winners, and our own personal memories are often tainted by romantic versions of who we wish we were. In a world of 'fake news' and dubious hyperlinks, this book is a way to manage expectations, and hopefully, inject a little humility into a book that technically resides in the nonfiction section."

So, we talked (mostly he talked) on the Wentz stage for more than an hour. A woman asked a question. She was wearing an "I love Mike Rowe" T-shirt. Rowe was friendly, funny, smart, sincere and self-effacing. He told some stories that are contained in the book. He told others, some off-color enough that they playfully taxed the abilities of Carol McGuinn, the woman sitting with us on stage signing for those who were hearing-impaired.

I did not get a chance to ask him about his dog, Freddy, or his longtime (24 years and counting) girlfriend Sandy or why he lives in San Francisco or what he thinks of Chicago.

That came a few days later when Rowe told me, "Promoting a book is a lot like falling down the stairs. You cover a lot of ground, but not without incurring a few bumps and bruises along the way. Naperville, however, was an absolute delight. The crowd was great, and I was more conscious than usual. ... It's hard to have a bad time in Chicago."

We were talking on the day that "The Way I Heard It" jumped into the top five on the New York Times and Amazon bestseller lists, sharing that rarefied territory with books by Elton John and Rachel Maddow.

So, about that B-list celebrity business? "I suppose all it means is that I'm no longer a C-list celebrity," he said.

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# Pianist Malone following new dream

82-year-old calls Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand an 'extra challenge'



**HOWARD REICH**  
Tribune arts critic

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — What do you do after you've climbed Everest?

Where do you find the next impossible challenge? The next dream to chase?

For Chicago pianist Norman Malone, those questions emerged three years ago, when he accomplished something he'd never imagined possible: performing Ravel's monumental Piano Concerto for the Left Hand with an orchestra. At age 79. For the first time in his life, having never played with an orchestra before.

Malone had spent roughly 60 years practicing the piece, mostly because he loved it so much, but also because he knew it's the most treacherously difficult composition written for left hand alone. If you could play Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand, surely you could play anything for left hand.

Why the obsession with left-hand music? Because at age 10, when Malone was a prodigious pianist, his father attacked him and his two younger brothers, leaving each partially paralyzed on the right side.

Malone's hopes of becoming a concert pianist seemingly were crushed. But he wouldn't surrender his place at the piano.

So after a yearslong search, a teenage Malone found someone willing to teach him, and he discovered he wasn't the first pianist to face this dilemma. Some of the world's greatest composers — Brahms, Prokofiev, Bartok, Britten and, of course, Ravel — had

written major works for pianists like him.

The Ravel became Malone's obsession when he was a piano student at DePaul University in the 1960s. And though he ultimately supported himself and his family as a widely admired choral teacher, retiring from Lincoln Park High School in 2001, Malone never stopped practicing the Ravel and other onerously difficult works in the seclusion of his home.

A series of Tribune articles in 2015 told the world Malone's story, which he never had shared with his colleagues or students, who until then didn't know how he had become disabled (or that he never had stopped practicing). That's when requests to perform began pouring in, among them an invitation from West Hartford Symphony Orchestra music director Richard Chiarappa to perform Ravel's concerto in 2016.

"From the moment we finished the Ravel, Norman and I started talking about what's next," Chiarappa told me last Sunday as he and Malone prepared for that afternoon's concert, billed as "Norman's Triumphant Return."

About a year ago, Malone started studying Britten's Divisions for piano (left hand) and orchestra, a piece less mammoth in scale than the Ravel, but one rich in obstacles of its own.

Unlike the Ravel, which is played straight through without pause, the Britten is structured as a theme and variations, each one utterly distinct in tempo, rhythm and musical syntax. You could say that the Britten stands as 11 mini-concertos, each one quite complex in the ways soloist and orchestra interact.

In effect, Malone had found several new Everests to climb.

"Why am I doing this?"



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Pianist Norman Malone, left, goes over a score with conductor Richard Chiarappa during a dress rehearsal before their performance with the West Hartford Symphony Orchestra.

asked Malone rhetorically as we chatted a couple of hours before his performance of the Britten.

"To see if I can still do it! And it's a piece that hasn't been done much before, so it's an extra challenge there."

It's worth noting that Malone faces one extra hurdle that other left-handed pianists do not: His partially paralyzed right foot doesn't function well, so he must use his left foot to manipulate the sustaining pedal on his right, an awkward, out-of-kilter position. Further, he cannot use two pedals at once, as proficient concert pianists routinely do.

The weather was cold, rainy and raw in West Hartford on the afternoon of the big concert, but that didn't stop a large audience from coming to hear the pianist from Chicago.

After a brief spoken introduction from conductor Chiarappa and a screening of a 2016 "CBS Evening News" story about Malone, the pianist walked to the front of the stage and encountered a loud ovation from the crowd. He reacted by shaking his head "no," as

if to say he didn't want to hear cheers just yet. As Malone settled himself onto the piano bench, a crew from Chicago-based Kartemquin Films trained their cameras on him for a documentary-in-progress being made in association with the Tribune.

Malone nodded to Chiarappa, indicating he was ready to start, and the conductor launched the orchestra into the opening theme. Soon Malone's enormous left hand was gliding up and down the keyboard.

He sounded tentative in tone at first but seemed to gain self-assurance with each passing measure. By the end of the first variation, he was showing some pianistic panache and fineness large keyboard leaps.

As the concerto proceeded, pianist and orchestra sometimes got a bit out of sync, not an unusual phenomenon. No less than Russian hypervirtuoso Vladimir Horowitz, after all, stunned listeners during his American debut with the New York Philharmonic in 1928, playing so fast in the finale of

Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 as to leave conductor Sir Thomas Beecham and the orchestra behind in the dust.

A couple of other glitches in Sunday's performance of the Britten occurred, though it was difficult to determine whether pianist or orchestra was at fault. More important, though, Malone unmistakably was gathering momentum and poise with each variation.

By the time he reached the sixth, a Nocturne, there was no missing the tonal beauty of the silvery accompanying figures Malone played across the length of the keyboard, while orchestra concertmaster Carin Wiesner Hoffman unspooled long, silken lines on her violin. Malone and friends now were creating hauntingly ethereal music, the score's plaintive quality reminding me of the heroism Malone has shown through most of his life, including on this occasion.

Many other feats followed, but the orchestra's lyric poetry and Malone's deeply felt responses in the heartbreaking Adagio cut

to the core of this music. So although some other orchestras play with a bigger sound, and some other pianists with more wizardly technique, the poetry of this performance conveyed the story Britten was trying to tell.

That Malone and Chiarappa's orchestra finished the rousing finale, a buoyant Tarantella, with stop-on-a-dime precision showed how far they had come from the performance's tenuous beginning and from their first concert together three years ago. They deserved the standing ovation they received.

When I spotted Malone at the reception following the concert, fans were queued up to offer their congratulations. "Awesome," "beautiful" and "incredible" were a few of the compliments.

Malone broke away from his admirers for a few minutes to discuss what had just happened.

"I got more confidence as it went along," he said. "I knew I had to work up to the Adagio — that is the pinnacle of the piece. So I tried to build up to that climax."

"I'm glad I made it all the way through. I thought: That was good?"

So what comes next for him?

"Maybe the Prokofiev," said Malone, referring to the Russian master's Piano Concerto No. 4 for Piano Left Hand and Orchestra.

At this point, does anyone doubt he can do it?

Norman Malone will play a solo piano performance, and excerpts of the documentary-in-progress "Left-Handed Pianist" will be shown at 4 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest; \$10 general; \$5 students; 847-234-6060 or <https://gortoncenter.org>.

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## BOOKS

## Valentine discusses racial awakening

Truth about her life changed author's outlook

BY ALEXIS BURLING

When Sarah Valentine was growing up in the mostly white, middle-class suburbs of Pittsburgh during the 1980s, she assumed her experience was just like that of her peers.

She embraced the traditions of her Irish and Italian heritage, did well in sports and school, and hung out with her white friends at the mall.

"I didn't know much about race," she writes of a childhood friendship with a girl who looked like her, "but I knew it existed. I thought some people were black, but most people were normal."

But as Valentine came of age and became more conscious of her place in the world, something seemed a little off. For one, her skin was a darker shade than that of her family members.

Her classmates called her "Slash," the nickname of the mixed-race Guns N' Roses guitarist. Her high school guidance counselor suggested she consider minority scholarships when applying for college.

Finally, when she was 27, after years of grappling with deep-rooted insecurities about feeling like an "other," Valentine confronted her mother about her suspicions. What she found out was disturbing.

According to her mother, Valentine was the product of a rape by an unknown black man. The revelation, she writes, meant that her entire upbringing had been "an insidious lie."

Today, Valentine, a 2013 Lannan fellow who has taught creative writing and literature at Northwestern University, Princeton University, the University of California-Riverside and UCLA, is still learning how to make sense of her true identity as a mixed-race black woman. Her journey to overcome depression and reconcile her parents' repeated lack of transparency — and in many instances blatantly racist attitudes — is laid out in her moving, thought-provoking memoir, "When I Was White."

The Tribune spoke with Valentine about what it was like to grow up under such false pretenses, surrounded by a family and community clearly discomfited by issues of race. She also offers thoughts about what it means to be a mixed-race person of color in America today and why the statement "I don't see race" can be so detrimental.

The following transcript has been edited for length



MARCELLO ROSTAGNI PHOTO

Sarah Valentine, author of "When I Was White," was unaware until she was 27 that her biological father was African American.

and clarity.

**Q: In the United States, we're still learning how to talk about identities that fall outside of our traditional understandings of race. In your memoir, "When I Was White," you describe yourself as mixed-race African American. Why that, specifically?**

A: For me, mixed-race experience is part of black experience in this country. Race is often seen as binary, but mixed-race people fall between categories and can encompass multiple identities.

Growing up, my family denied my being black and mixed race, so it's important for me to reclaim those identities.

**Q: Your memoir juxtaposes your own experiences with more universal truths about "living at the intersection of different identities and cultures" in America.**

**How did the personal and the political balance each other during your com-**

**ing of age?**

A: The memoir chronicles my personal journey of changing my identity from white to mixed race and African American after learning that my biological father was black. The political aspects of that experience arise naturally from the fact that non-white identity is *always* politicized in our society.

The more I embodied my black identity, the clearer I understood how race operates in people's lives. I learned that, as a person of color who had never voiced any concerns about racial injustice or claimed my own stake in blackness, the white people around me were comfortable and did not feel threatened.

As soon I embraced my identity and began voicing concerns about racial injustice, I got a lot of pushback, both from my family and at work.

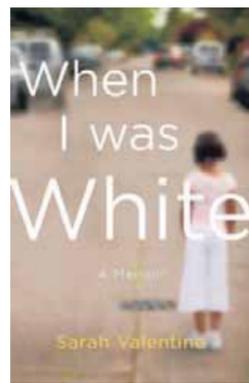
**Q: Did your religious background play into this at all? You went to a**

**mostly white, Catholic elementary school, right?**

A: I am not a practicing Catholic now, but Catholicism played a big role in my life as a child. It instilled a practice of spirituality, which was a positive influence for me. But it also created a sense of indebtedness — like I could never make up for the sacrifices others made on my behalf.

This belief translated directly to how I felt about my parents. Even when I wondered why others in our community saw me as different, it felt like a kind of betrayal for me to question my parents. It felt like I should only be grateful and live in a state of atonement.

**Q: What about education? In the book, you wrote that you took a world cultures class — the only course available on the non-Western world. Do you think your experience would have been different if you and your peers were exposed to more information**



'When I Was White'

By Sarah Valentine, St. Martin's, 304 pages, \$27.99

**about other places and cultures?**

A: Only having one high school course on the non-Western world was merely symbolic of my community's overall lack of interest in other cultures. To me, education is one of the most important and powerful ways to broaden people's minds. But even if we had had several courses that had exposed us to different cultures and ways of life, if those worlds only existed in the classroom, they would have had a limited impact. The fact that none of the adults, activities or institutions around us actively supported diversity was the bigger problem.

When I see stories about teenagers caught using blackface, all I can think about is that neither the adults around them nor their educators ever taught them that people and cultures who are different from them are not punchlines.

**Q: How did location and class play into your family's attitudes about race and racism? For example, you write that for your parents "racial injustice was something that happened to other people in other parts of the country?"**

A: Race was only a concept to me growing up because it was made to seem completely unconnected to the lives of the people and places around me. I think that kind of dislocation of the reality of race is a popular tactic that people use to distance themselves from the need to be concerned.

Especially in white, middle-class suburbs, it's easy for people to think of racism as something that happens to other people in other places but has nothing to do with them. Because that reality is so distant for them, it's also easy for them to reject the fact that racism is real.

**Q: You were born in the mid-1970s, when people didn't talk openly about issues such as race and gender equality. Thankfully, today things are evolving. Or are they?**

A: I am very heartened by conversations I've had with younger people who seem much more cosmopolitan and informed than I was at their age. I think greater access to information and having more platforms on which to respond makes an enormous difference in the level of engagement people have on current issues.

But it's not as if no news outlets existed to inform people about issues like racism and sexism 20 or 30 years ago. Denial is and always has been an active choice. As you say, when I was growing up controversial topics like AIDS, race and sex were seen as impolite subject matter, so there was never a chance to have a nuanced conversation about these issues.

**Q: Lastly, here's a big one: When a white person says, "I don't see race," "I don't see race," what does that mean to you?**

A: When people say "I don't see race," they think they mean that they do not judge people by their skin color. What they are really doing, however, is denying that race is an issue that affects people's lives.

If you "don't see" race, you don't see racism either. This seemingly benign attitude is harmful because it allows white people to remain comfortable in their sense of magnanimity while ignoring the pain that racism causes those around them.

I wish people realized that it is entirely possible to not judge someone based on their skin color while simultaneously realizing that racism might be negatively impacting the lives of their friends, family and co-workers of color. Acknowledging the reality of racism in others' lives is a crucial step toward enacting racial equality, not only because it acts as a catalyst for people to get involved in existing efforts but also because it should prompt white people to reflect on how their own lives have been unhindered by racism.

In fact, this is the greatest obstacle to overcome in the pursuit of racial justice: white people's discomfort with being beneficiaries of racism, *especially* if they've never actively supported racist policies and consider themselves to be non-racist. If the injustices of racism become visible, the benefits of whiteness must become visible too.

Alexis Burling is a freelancer.

## BOOK REVIEW

## Thriller takes aim at Trump, Brexit and Russia mess

BY RICHARD LIPEZ  
The Washington Post

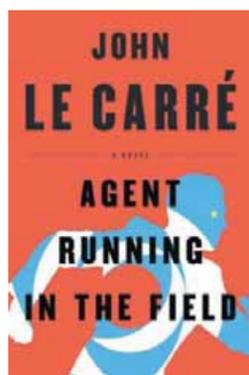
John le Carré's 25th novel is so topical it arrives with the beeping urgency of a news alert. Donald Trump has no speaking part in this dark, sometimes serio-comic, take on Russia's malevolent role in the turmoil besetting Western democracies. But his name is often mentioned, and his face seems to press against the window of the novel like some creepy orange Halloween mask.

The story's hero, Nat, is a classic le Carré character, an underappreciated, mid-level field operative in the secret British intelligence services who is about to be put out to pasture at age 47 after 25 years of running agents in Eastern Europe. A final foray running a ragtag houseful of Russia watchers in London leads to the surprise unearthing of separate cunning, ultra-secret plans by two world

powers to bust up Europe. One of the two bad actors is Vladimir Putin's Russia, and let's just say the other one is not Argentina.

As usual, the characters le Carré respects, like Nat and his human-rights lawyer wife Prue, are lovingly examined in all their complexities, while his villains (Putin, Trump) are just as lovingly eviscerated. Nat and Prue's marriage has been emotionally off-again, on-again; they bonded best when they were both young agents working for "the Office," as it's called, in Moscow and currently while dealing with their rebellious college-age daughter, Stephanie. The best thing about le Carré's otherwise not-always-convincing narrative is the way Nat and Prue regain their marital mojo when they join operational forces for maybe one last time for the good of humankind.

Pushy, opinionated Ed Shannon, half Nat's age,



'Agent Running in the Field'

By John le Carré, Viking, 281 pages, \$29

shows up one fine day at the badminton club where Nat is a champ. The two become regular friendly competitors. Both are vague about who their employers are, but it's Ed

who rants about current affairs despite a sign over the bar that reads "No Brexit Talk Aloud." Ed, a marvelous character and a Germanophile, despises both Brexiters and Trump; the American president, he avers, "is presiding over the systematic no-holds-barred Nazification of the United States." In the opening line of the novel, Nat tells us that his meeting with Ed was "not contrived," although it will turn out that Ed will come to play a critical role in what Nat sometimes refers to as "the Fall."

Over the years, so many of le Carré's intel-service characters have been torn as they're called to perform immoral acts for ends sometimes involving a sliding scale of morality. Filling this role in "Agent Running in the Field" is a talented young probationer named Florence who quits the service, telling Nat she is sick of lying — "a pretty massive decision if lying for

your country is your chosen profession." The answer is not simple.

The character most emblematic of the rot spread by Putin's Russia is Arkady, a former agent of Nat's back in the early post-Soviet era. Arkady once dreamed of a post-Stalinist liberal democracy in Russia. Instead, he has become a cynical rich oligarch with a villa and bodyguards in a Czech resort town. When Nat approaches him for information about a Russian spying scheme, Arkady explains to his old handler that "I love best my Karlovy Vary. We have an Orthodox cathedral. Pious Russian crooks worship in it once a week. When I am dead I shall join them. I have a trophy wife, very young. ... What more should I want from life?" Yet he helps Nat out.

Nearly all of le Carré's characters in "Agent Running in the Field" have a few redeeming characteris-

tics, but two characters have none. In a memorable scene, Nat peers up at a television set and sees Trump and Putin in Helsinki. "Trump, speaking as if to order, is disowning the findings of his own intelligence services, which have come up with the inconvenient truth that Russia interfered in the 2016 American presidential election. Putin smiles his proud jailer's smile."

Perhaps it's not surprising that in a recent interview with the BBC, le Carré, 88, said "it would be impossible to write at the moment without speaking from within the state of the nation — we're part of it, I'm part of it. ... I'm depressed by it. I'm ashamed of it and that I think communicates itself in the book." It does.

Richard Lipez writes the Don Strachey private eye novels under the name Richard Stevenson.

## BIBLIORACLE

## Two winners, so which one is best?

Awarding a pair of Booker Prizes creates confusion

By JOHN WARNER

Perhaps envious of the Nobel committee, which recently named two winners — Olga Tokarczuk and Peter Handke — the Booker Prize committee broke with precedent and announced a shared award.

The Booker went to both Margaret Atwood for “The Testaments,” her sequel to “The Handmaid’s Tale,” and “Girl, Woman, Other” by Bernardine Evaristo.

Technically, the Nobel was sticking to its rule of awarding one prize per year: Tokarczuk won the 2018 Nobel Prize in Literature a year late because of a sexual abuse scandal within the Nobel committee. On the other hand, the Booker Prize had no rules — or rather, according to after-the-fact reports, there were rules until it was decided to abandon them so two people could receive the prize.

The scuttlebutt suggests that there was a desire to honor Atwood because of her distinguished career for a book that seems important in a particular political moment. Writing in The Guardian, one of the prize’s five judges, Afua Hirsch, said as much, citing Atwood’s “titanic career” and “contribution to culture” as criteria worthy of consideration.

But unlike the Nobel, which is a career achievement award, the Booker is for individual books, so this reasoning makes little sense.

In an emotionally raw post-awards essay in The Times Literary Supplement, Sam Jordison, the U.K. publisher of one of the other finalists (“Ducks, Newburyport” by Evanston native Lucy Ellmann), questions a process that seems to have no rationale beyond whatever the judges decide to do in the moment. It’s a contest without rules.

I feel Jordison’s pain because it’s clear how much the prize would mean for a book published by a small press such as his, and hearing that your author’s book didn’t seem to have a shot because of external criteria — like Atwood’s long and distinguished career — should result in some hard feelings.

While I love big book prizes — I put their announcement dates on my calendar — and it is a big deal to win a prize, the contretemps over this year’s Booker reveals that underneath the pomp and circumstance, these awards have very little meaning.

I’m not saying awards are a lottery. It’s not as if every novel has an equal chance or deserves equal consideration for a major prize, but prizes are, to a significant extent, arbitrary. When you get down to a short, or even long, list of finalists, every single one



JEFF SPICER/GETTY

Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo shared the Booker Prize for their respective novels — “The Testaments” and “Girl, Woman, Other” — but what does that say about the notion of naming a “best” book of the year, wonders Biblioracle columnist John Warner.

of those titles would be a deserving winner. It’s kind of like how Harvard University could fill another freshman class with the valedictorians they reject.

I have witnessed the capriciousness of book awards during my time as a color commentator for The Morning News Tournament of Books, which will begin its 16th installment in March. It’s a March Madness-style tournament in which pairs of books are assessed by individual judges, advancing through a bracket toward a final showdown. It’s a perfectly rational exercise in irrationality that makes plain the absurdity of weighing the merits of one book against another.

In one round, a judge may declare a book a masterpiece, while in the next it may be turkey.

Which judge is right? Both? Neither? The point of the Tournament of Books is to debate and discuss what different people experience when they read different books. Perhaps the Booker Prize judges who threw the rules out the window have done us a favor by requiring readers to grapple with the reality of what it means to declare a single book the “best.”

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 Third Wife” by Lisa Jewell
2. “The Farm” by Joanne Ramos
3. “The Prince of Frogtown” by Rick Bragg
4. “The Testaments” by Margaret Atwood
5. “Out” by Natsuo Kirino  
— Heidi H., Portland, Ore.

Heidi tells me she is a retired librarian whose friend from Chicago sends her this column weekly, so how could I not choose this one. Better come through with a good pick now: “Blame” by Michelle Huneven.

1. “A Tale of Two Cities” by Charles Dickens
2. “Johnny Got His Gun” by Dalton Trumbo
3. “The Death and Life of the Great Lakes” by Dan Egan
4. “Marking the Sparrow’s Fall: The Making of the American West” by Wallace Stegner
5. “Now It Can Be Told: The Story of the Manhattan Project” by Leslie R. Groves  
— Tonia L., Chicago

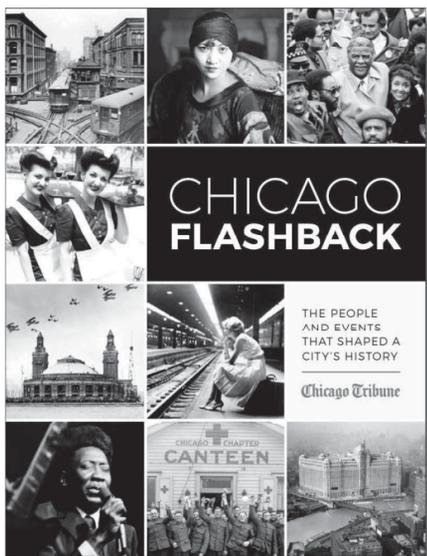
For Tonia, I’m going to put in a good word for a novel from last year that I thought deserved more attention: “The Italian Teacher” by Tom Rachman.

1. “The Swallows” by Lisa Lutz
2. “The Perfect Nanny” by Leila Slimani
3. “The Keeper of Lost Causes” by Jussi Adler-Olsen
4. “Everything I Never Told You” by Celeste Ng
5. “Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman  
— Mary P., Chicago

I think Mary would enjoy the storytelling tension of Keith Lee Morris’ “The Dart League King.”

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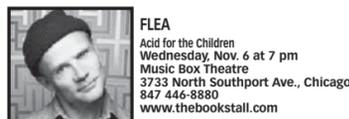
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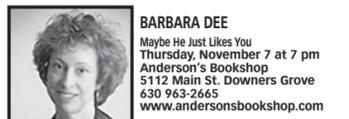
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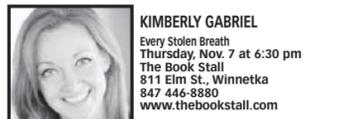
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Anderson’s Bookshop in Naperville presents non-fiction authors Leah Greenberg & Ezra Levin with their new title, *We Are Indivisible*. It’s the authors’ guide to democracy after Trump. This event is free and open to the public. To join the book signing line, please purchase the authors’ featured new book at Anderson’s.



**BARBARA DEE**  
Maybe He Just Likes You  
Thursday, November 7 at 7 pm  
Anderson’s Bookshop  
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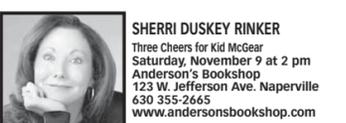
Anderson’s Bookshop in Downers Grove presents middle grade author Barbara Dee with her new book, *Maybe He Just Likes You*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the book signing line, please purchase the author’s featured book at Anderson’s Bookshop.



**KIMBERLY GABRIEL**  
Every Stolen Breath  
Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 pm  
The Book Stall  
811 Elm St., Winnetka  
847 446-8880  
[www.thebookstall.com](http://www.thebookstall.com)

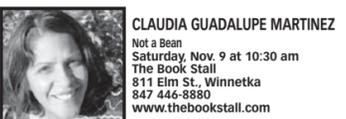
The Book Stall hosts KIMBERLY GABRIEL for the official launch of her debut YA novel, “Every Stolen Breath.” It’s the story of a teen mob called The Swarm that carries out random deadly attacks on the streets of Chicago. Joining Ms. Gabriel will be fellow author James Klise.

## SATURDAY EVENTS



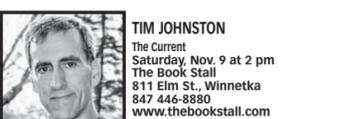
**SHERRI DUSKEY RINKER**  
Three Cheers for Kid McGear  
Saturday, November 9 at 2 pm  
Anderson’s Bookshop  
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville  
630 355-2665  
[www.andersonsbookshop.com](http://www.andersonsbookshop.com)

Anderson’s Bookshop in Naperville welcomes back popular children’s author Sherrri Duskey Rinker with her new picture book, *Three Cheers for Kid McGear*. Known for *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site*. This event is free and open to the public. To join the book signing line, please purchase the author’s featured book at Anderson’s Bookshop.



**CLAUDIA GUADALUPE MARTINEZ**  
Not a Bean  
Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10:30 am  
The Book Stall  
811 Elm St., Winnetka  
847 446-8880  
[www.thebookstall.com](http://www.thebookstall.com)

The Book Stall welcomes CLAUDIA GUADALUPE MARTINEZ at a Special Storytime reading of her picture book, “Not a Bean.” With its Spanish vocabulary and a clever counting concept, this poetic story shares the life cycle of a Mexican jumping bean. For children ages 3-7.



**TIM JOHNSTON**  
The Current  
Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2 pm  
The Book Stall  
811 Elm St., Winnetka  
847 446-8880  
[www.thebookstall.com](http://www.thebookstall.com)

The Book Stall welcomes author TIM JOHNSTON with his novel “The Current,” a thriller set in the dead of winter outside a small Minnesota town. It’s brand new in paperback. Fans also recall Mr. Johnston’s previous bestseller “Descent.”

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—Barbara Kingsolver



# Must-watch on Mouse TV

A childless fan ranks 12 offerings coming to Disney+

BY LAUREN HILL

As a millennial, I grew up on Disney. I had every plush toy, Halloween costume, bedsheet set, singalong book, VHS tape — as I imagine every millennial my age did. But it used to be that Disney fans would have to wait for their favorite classic Disney films to be released from “the vault” before picking up a VHS, DVD or Blu-ray copy. And who knew when we would be able to buy the film again, unless you wanted to pay an arm or a leg for a copy on eBay?

But now, we have Disney+, coming Nov. 12. Available on most streaming devices, Disney+ allows Disney lovers of all ages to access almost every movie, TV show, TV movie and documentary Disney has ever created — plus, several new ones.

But where to start? With a lineup of animated films, live-action films, half live-action/half animation films, DCOMs (Disney Channel Original Movies), Disney Channel shows, Marvel, Muppets, Star Wars movies and TV shows, direct-to-video movies, the number of options would make any mouse-eared heads spin.

Here is a list of 12 must-watch movies and TV shows coming to Disney+ that will thrill the childless Disney fan who eats, sleeps and breathes for Mickey Mouse. I've ranked each based on how excited I am these movies and shows are coming to Disney+. Some are classics that you may not have seen, and some you may remember watching in your PJs.

## 'Davy Crockett: King of the Wild Frontier' (1955)

**Plot:** This movie is actually the first three episodes of the five-part miniseries of Davy Crockett, a real-life frontiersman who became a legend. In these episodes, Davy Crockett (Fess Parker) fights the Creek War, is elected to Congress and fights at the Battle of the Alamo. Fair warning, this movie does show its age when it comes to Native Americans being called “Indians,” casting white actors to play Native American extras and Davy calling the Native Americans “varmints” even though he is supposed to be their friend. But this movie tells the tale of an American who befriended Native American people, instead of the typical Western movie troupe cowboys vs. Indians, as seen in films such as “The Searchers” (1956).

**Why you need to watch:** The Disney version of Davy Crockett has permeated pop culture for decades, with Parker appearing in the role from the 1950s through the 1970s. I found that I could sing the theme song without ever having watched a single episode, but that could be due to the number of times I have spent exploring Frontierland in Disney World.

## 'The Three Caballeros' (1945)

**Plot:** This live-action animated musical film brings some of the most beloved and forgotten Disney characters to life. Donald Duck joins his friends José Carioca, the Brazilian cigar-smoking parrot from “Saludos Amigos” and Mexican rooster Panchito Pistoles, who loves his pistols. Donald receives birthday presents from his Latin American friends and through song and dance — with appearances by Aurora Miranda, Dora Luz and Carmen Molina — audiences learn about the Latin American culture. The movie is a product of its time, though, with antiquated stereotypes, like Panchito, that would not fly today.

**Why you need to watch:** In 1941, as fear of fascism and Nazis was growing throughout the world, President Franklin Roosevelt sent Walt Disney to Latin America to spread the American capitalist spirit. Disney brought along 16 animators, where they found inspiration for this movie and “Saludos Amigos.” Today, these characters can be found on the Gran Fiesta Tour ride at Epcot. And the Latino stories Disney tells has only grown to include the “Elena of Avalor,” first Latin American princess, and the Academy Award-winning film “Coco.”

## 'The Love Bug' (1969)

**Plot:** The terrible race car driver Jim Douglas (Dean Jones) has been reduced to compete only in demolition derbies. One day, he comes across a white Volkswagen Beetle that seems to have a mind of its own. The car, named Herbie, and driver become friends when the car makes a point to get Jim



Donald Duck, José Carioca and Panchito Pistoles dance and sing in “The Three Caballeros.”



Kermit and Gonzo in “The Muppets — Series.”



English actress Hayley Mills as identical twins Sharon McKendrick and Susan Evers in the Walt Disney comedy “The Parent Trap” (1961).

and his new love interest, Carole (Michele Lee), to spend more time together. Together, Herbie and Jim become the best racing pair around.

**Why you need to watch it:** This film spawned four feature films (including a Lindsay Lohan remake), a TV series and a made-for-TV movie. Herbie the Love Bug has joined the ranks with other famous movie cars, such as the Batmobile, “The Dukes of Hazzard’s” Dodge Charger and “Magnum P.I.’s” Ferrari.

## 'The Parent Trap' (1961)

**Plot:** You know this one — a pair of twins are separated at birth when their parents get a divorce. The two meet at camp with the ingenious idea to get their parents back together by switching places.

**Why you need to watch it:** Millennials grew up with the Lindsay Lohan version in 1998. The new one was missing the adorably catchy song “Let’s Get Together,” but it did have the handshake every little girl had memorized. Why not know where the Lohan version came from?

## 'Chip 'n' Dale: Rescue Rangers' (1989)

**Plot:** Chip and Dale start their very own detective agency called Rescue Rangers with their friends Gadget, Monterey Jack and Zipper. No case is too small for this team, who usually help out other animals.

**Why you need to watch:** These chipmunk brothers had only been known for tormenting Donald Duck and being song-and-dance troublemakers before this series premiered. This show gave the pair a backstory, friends and their own villains to battle.

## '20,000 Leagues Under the Sea' (1954)

**Plot:** An adaptation of the Jules Verne novel, the movie

takes place in 1868 as Professor Pierre M. Aronnax, his assistant Conseil and harpooner Ned Land discover the Nautilus, a steampunk-esque submarine captained by the mysterious Captain Nemo. The team and Nemo’s crew adventure to the darkest depths of the ocean and the undiscovered corners of the world.

**Why you need to watch:** An attraction was built in 1971 at the Magic Kingdom in Disney World themed around taking an underwater adventure with Captain Nemo and his crew, which has since been refurbished as a ride in Disneyland themed around “Finding Nemo” — the fish, not the captain.

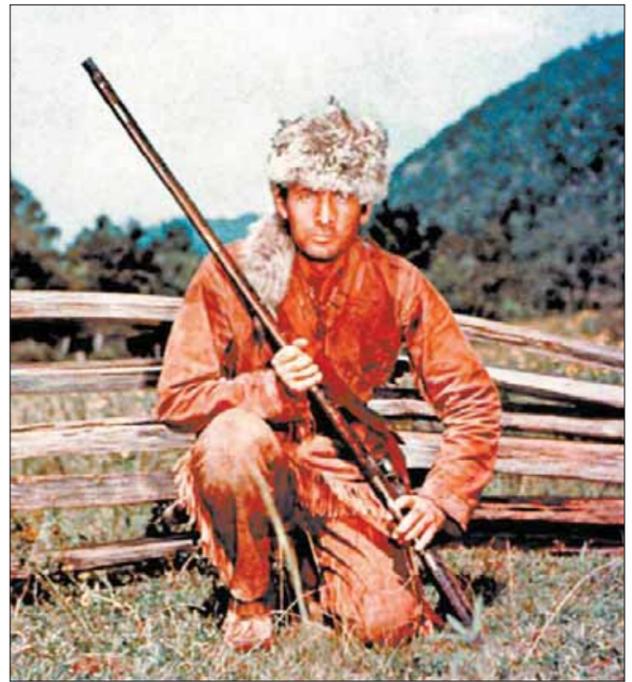
## 'Goof Troop' (1992)

**Plot:** This TV show focuses on the relationship between Fab 5 character Goofy and his son, Max. Only lasting two seasons from 1992 to 1993, the series showcases the struggles Goofy faces as a single dad and how his life compares to his high school friend and neighbor Pete’s, with his wife Peg, daughter Pistol and son P.J., who becomes Max’s best friend.

**Why you need to watch:** A series that was part of Disney’s push for more presence on TV, this show inspired two beloved Disney movies, 1995’s “A Goofy Movie” and a direct-to-video sequel “An Extremely Goofy Movie” in 2000. Imagine a world without the sultry sounds of fictional pop star Powerline?

## 'The Reluctant Dragon' (1941)

**Plot:** The film comprises two parts. First, Robert Benchley (“Jaws”) is persuaded by his wife to present the Walt Disney Studios with an idea for a new movie based on a children’s storybook called “The Reluctant Dragon.” Mrs. Benchley drops her husband off at the studio’s front gate, and Mr. Benchley makes his way around the grounds on the hunt to find Walt Disney, while dodging security guards and discover-



Fess Parker as the title character in Disney’s “Davy Crockett.”

ing how an animated film is made. He runs into familiar faces such as Clarence Nash, the original voice of Donald Duck, and sees the famous multiplane camera in action. Second, the animated film “The Reluctant Dragon” tells the story of The Boy who meets The Dragon who would rather recite poetry than barbecue knights.

**Why you need to watch:** Gone are the days of hand-drawn animation. What took whole departments of people months to produce is now able to be accomplished with a few clicks. Although we fans appreciate any Disney film put in front of us, there are some who long for the art form of hand-drawn animation. Disney nerds can relive the nostalgia and get a behind-the-scenes look at the moviemaking process of old with this film.

## 'The Muppets — Series' (2015)

**Plot:** In this mockumentary-style TV show, audiences take a behind-the-scenes look at the Muppets’ personal and professional lives as they produce the fictional late-night talk show “Up Late With Miss Piggy,” starring the fabulous pig herself.

**Why you need to watch:** This series wasn’t a huge success with fans or critics — only lasting 17 episodes — but it came on the coattails of the first Muppets movie we had in a long time: “The Muppets” came out in 2011, which was 12 years after “Muppets in Space” in 1999. Of course the poorly received “Muppets Most Wanted” (2014) sequel probably didn’t help, but it was clearly made for the adult Disney fan. There were plenty of cameos by forgotten Muppet characters, including Big Mean Carl, Uncle Deadly and Foo-Foo. And there were many jokes that would go right over younger audience’s heads: “The band. They’re always happy. Legally now.”

## 'Belle’s Magical World' (1998)

**Plot:** This movie is made up of three episodes of an unreleased TV show woven together to create one movie. It features favorite characters as well as a few new ones, including Webster the dictionary. Disney did make a “Beauty and the Beast” live-action TV series, which used a live actress as Belle and puppets to introduce animated shorts. In this version, Belle owned and op-

erated a bookshop in the village filled with curious live-action children always coming to her with their problems.

**Why you need to watch:** This direct-to-video did not have all of the original voice talents — Anne Rogers replaced Angela Lansbury as Mrs. Potts — so I know it’s not as good as “Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas” (1997), a must-watch for me every Christmas. But it’s a “Beauty and the Beast” movie, my favorite movie of all time, and I haven’t seen it yet nor is it available on any streaming service. I know it’s bad. But I have to see it.

## 'DuckTales' (1987)

**Plot:** For six seasons, Donald Duck’s three nephews Huey, Dewey and Louie roamed around their wealthy Uncle Scrooge’s mansion looking for new adventures and getting into trouble.

**Why you need to watch:** This TV show sparked a movement with merchandise, video games, comic books, a feature film and a spinoff series “Darkwing Duck.” This series convinced Disney that weekday cartoons could work, paving the way for “Chip ‘n’ Dale: Rescue Rangers” and more. In 2017, Disney revived the show with the voice talents of David Tennant as Scrooge, Danny Pudi as Huey, Ben Schwartz as Dewey, Bobby Moynihan as Louie and Kate Micucci as Webby.

## 'One Day at Disney' (2019)

**Plot:** This behind-the-scenes series showcases all of the jobs the Walt Disney Co. encompasses, from the costumed cast members at Disneyland and Disney World, the TV hosts of “Good Morning America” to the actors in the Disney Broadway stage productions.

**Why you need to watch:** This is a show for the ultimate Disney fan, a category that I identify with. I was never able to work for the Mouse at any point in my life — not yet at least — but there are many out there who get to say they work for a company that was started with a mouse. What’s it like to drive the Cinderella carriage in Disney World? What’s it like to be a Disney animator? Produce an ABC-TV show? Dress a doll in the “It’s A Small World” ride? This series gives us wanna-be Mouseketeers a look into their everyday lives.

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## WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Julia Goldani Telles

**"The Affair"** (8 p.m., 9:40 p.m., 12:30 a.m., Showtime): The title may be somewhat generic, but this splendidly acted TV drama earned critical kudos and multiple Golden Globe Awards during its five-season run, with both Maura Tierney and original leading lady Ruth Wilson picking up trophies along the way. Wilson's character is no longer part of the show, but Tierney, Dominic West and their colleagues are still turning in first-rate performances as the drama airs its series finale, which sees everything coming full circle on Whitney's (Julia Goldani Telles) wedding day.

**"The Real Housewives of Atlanta"** (7 p.m., 9:30 p.m., Bravo): Kenya Moore is back and bolder than ever as this hit reality season returns for Season 12. She may have gotten what she wanted with her husband and baby, but her roller coaster relationship may be approaching an end. Elsewhere, fan favorite NeNe Leakes has returned to her husband, who is now cancer-free.

**"Christmas Scavenger Hunt"** (7 p.m., Hallmark): No sooner has Belinda (Kim Shaw) arrived in her hometown for Christmas than she runs into old flame Dustin (Kevin McGarry), who broke her heart years ago by staying behind when she moved away for college. Her father (Tom Arnold) not-so-secretly wants the couple to get back together, so he "accidentally" pairs them as a team for the holiday scavenger hunt. Inevitably, Belinda and Dustin rekindle some sparks, but how will he feel when he finds out Belinda's hidden agenda for coming back home?

**"Always and Forever Christmas"** (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): After Lucy Bowers (Lexi Lawson), a brand marketing professional, inherits her grandfather's year-round Christmas store in Stowe, Vt., she decides to return home to support the business during its final big holiday season, after which she'll sell the store to a leisurewear company. During her visit, however, Scott Jensen (Mark Ghanimé), a local diner owner, helps Lucy understand what makes this family store so special.

**"90 Day Fiancé"** (7 p.m., 11 p.m., TLC): This hit series opens Season 7 with a new assortment of couples, all of whom have fallen in love and gotten engaged, but now must tie the knot before the foreign beloved has to return home. Among the new couples are: Tania, 29, of Connecticut, and Syngin, 29, of South Africa; Robert, 41, of Florida, and Anny, 30, of Dominican Republic; Michael, 41, of Connecticut, and Juliana, 23, of Brazil; and Emily, 28, of Oregon and Sasha, 31, of Russia.

**"Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge"** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Some of America's most creative chefs vie in holiday-themed challenges for a grand prize of \$25,000 (and bragging rights) in this four-part competition. The culinary fun begins in tonight's premiere, "Bang for Your Buck," as host Giada De Laurentiis welcomes the six chefs and challenges them to take a low-cost item and transform it into a memorable Thanksgiving appetizer. For the dinner round, the chefs must create a Thanksgiving meal that includes an inexpensive turkey item.

**"MTV Europe Music Awards 2019"** (8 p.m., MTV): American singer-songwriter and actress Becky G hosts the 2019 edition of this annual awards ceremony from the FIBES Conference and Exhibition Centre in Seville, Andalusia, Spain, which becomes the first country to host back-to-back editions of this show. Among this year's crop of nominees, Ariana Grande is up for seven awards; Billie Eilish, Lil Nas X and Shawn Mendes follow closely with six nods apiece.

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## SUNDAY EVENING, NOV. 3

## MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	*(6:30) 60 Minutes (N)	God Friended Me: "The Fighter." (N) ©		NCIS: Los Angeles: "A Bloody Brilliant Plan." (N)		Madam Secretary: "Daisy." (N) ©		
	<b>NBC</b> 5	(7:15) NFL Football: New England Patriots at Baltimore Ravens. (N) (Live) ©							
	<b>ABC</b> 7	Kids Say the Darndest Things (N) ©		Shark Tank (N) ©		The Rookie: "Fallout." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) *	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	Chicago's Best	
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Two Dads	Two Dads	Growing	Growing	Johnny Carson ©			
	<b>Court</b> 9.3	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	<b>PBS</b> 11	The Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece (Series Finale) (N) ©		Poldark on Masterpiece (N) ©		Press on Masterpiece: "Two Worlds." (N) ©		Check, Please! *	
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	Batwoman (N) ©		Supergirl (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	April Fool's Day (NR,'08)	Taylor Cole.			Major League (R,'89) ***			
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Columbo: "Murder, a Self Portrait." ©				Jeffersons	C. Burnett	D. Van Dyke	
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek *	
	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	*(4:30) The Color Purple		Red Tails (PG-13,'12) **		Cuba Gooding Jr., Terrence Howard. ©			
	<b>FOX</b> 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 *	
	<b>Ion</b> 38	NCIS: Los Angeles ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "Reform."		Chicago *	
<b>TeleM</b> 44	Exatión Estados Unidos (N) ©				El secreto de Selena (N)		Noticiero		
<b>MNT</b> 50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam		
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Man of Steel (PG-13,'13) **	Henry Cavill, Amy Adams.					Behind II *		
<b>WJVS</b> 62	Ever Increasing Faith	Truth of God			Pol-News		Van Impe (N)		
<b>Univ</b> 66	Reina de la canción (N)				Crónicas: Historias		Noticias (N)		
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG,'12) **				(9:01) Walking Tall (PG-13,'04) ***			
	<b>AMC</b>	*(6:56) The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead (N) ©		(9:08) Talking Dead (N)		Walk:Dead *	
	<b>ANIM</b>	Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star Law (N) ©		(9:01) Lone Star Law ©		Lone Star *	
	<b>BBCA</b>	Planet Earth: Yellowstone		Planet Earth: Yellowstone		Planet Earth: Yellowstone		Events *	
	<b>BET</b>	*(5:20) Blue Streak ('99) *		Tyler Perry's The Oval		Tyler Perry's Sistas		Copwatch *	
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	The Final Drive ©		BTN Football in 60 (N) ©		The Final Drive ©		Football *	
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives-Atlanta (Season Premiere) (N)		Married to Medicine (N)		Watch (N)		Housewives-Atlanta	
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		News *	
	<b>CNN</b>	White House in Crisis (N)		White House in Crisis (N)		This Is Life (N)		DeClass. (N)	
	<b>COM</b>	*(5:50) Blended (PG-13,'14) **		50 First Dates (PG-13,'04) **		Adam Sandler. ©			
	<b>DISC</b>	Last Frontier (N)		River of No Return (N) ©		(9:01) Why We Hate (N)		Why-Hate	
	<b>DISN</b>	Raven	Bunk'd ©	Roll With It	Gabby	Star Wars	Big City	Raven	
	<b>EI</b>	The Kardashians		The Kardashians (N)		E! True Hollywood (N)		Kardash *	
	<b>ESPN</b>	SportCtr (N)	CFB 150	American Game		World Series of Poker (N)		SportCtr (N)	
	<b>ESPN2</b>	World/Poker (Tape)		World/Poker (Tape)		Professional Fighters *			
	<b>FNC</b>	Watters' World ©		The Next Revolution (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Watters *	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy's Grocery Games		Thanksgiving (Season Premiere) (N)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
	<b>FREE</b>	*(6:15) Ratatouille (G,'07) ***	Ian Holm ©			(8:55) Beauty and the Beast ****			
	<b>FX</b>	*(6:30) Thor (PG-13,'11) ***	Chris Hemsworth. ©			Weekly (N)		The Weekly	
	<b>HALL</b>	Christmas Scavenger Hunt (NR,'19)	Kim Shaw. ©			Christmas Next Door (NR,'17) ©			
	<b>HGTV</b>	Beach (N)	Beach (N)	Off/Grid (N)		Hot Prop. (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters	
	<b>HIST</b>	The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper (N) ©				The Curse of Oak Island: The Top 25 *			
	<b>HLN</b>	The Dead Wives Club (N)		Some...Killing (N)		Something's Killing Me		Dead *	
	<b>IFC</b>	The Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13,'05) **				(9:15) The Dukes of Hazzard **		© *	
	<b>LIFE</b>	Always and Forever Christmas (NR,'19)	Lexi Lawson.			(9:03) The Christmas Contract ('18) *			
	<b>MSNBC</b>	(6:00) Kasie DC (N) ©		Trump & Ukraine: Impe. Ridic. (N)		Richard Engel		Dateline *	
	<b>MTV</b>	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.			MTV Europe Music Awards 2019 (N) ©		Ridiculous.	
<b>NBCSCH</b>	NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Anaheim Ducks. (N) (Live) ©				Blackhawks Postgame (N)				
<b>NICK</b>	Smarter (N)	Substitute	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Musical *		
<b>OVATION</b>	*(6:30) Lethal Weapon (R,'87) ***	Mel Gibson.			Inside the Actors Studio (N) ©				
<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN: "NXIVM."		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide		20/20 *		
<b>OXY</b>	Killer Siblings (N) ©		Snapped ©		Snapped: "Karen Newell."		Killer Sib. *		
<b>PARMT</b>	*(5:50) Twilight		The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG-13,'12) ***				Dark Knt *		
<b>SYFY</b>	*(6:15) G.I. Joe		G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13,'13) **		Dwayne Johnson. ©		Futurama		
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Misery Index	Misery Index		
<b>TCM</b>	The Big Sleep (NR,'46) ***	Humphrey Bogart.			Chinatown (R,'74) ****		© *		
<b>TLC</b>	90 Day Fiancé: "I Want to Kiss You." (Season Premiere) (N)		(9:02) Unexpected (N)				90 Day (N) *		
<b>TLN</b>	Living-Edge	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point ©		Insights	King		
<b>TNT</b>	Beauty and the Beast (PG,'17) ***	Emma Watson. ©			Beauty and the Beast *				
<b>TOON</b>	We Bare	We Bare	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty		
<b>TRAV</b>	The Dead Files (N) ©				The Dead Files (N) ©		Dead Files *		
<b>TVL</b>	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		
<b>USA</b>	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mr. Robot (N) ©		Tread. *		
<b>VH1</b>	*(6:00) Get Rich or Die Tryin' **		Romeo Must Die (R,'00) **		Jet Li, Aaliyah. ©				
<b>WE</b>	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Silence."		Law & Order ©		Law *		
<b>WGN America</b>	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Married		
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	*(5:50) The Town (R) ***		Watchmen (N) ©		Silicon (N)	Fletcher (N)	Last Week	
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# Batiste sees inspiration in an unlikely place

Jazz musician finds magic in video game soundtracks

BY HAROLD GOLDBERG  
The Washington Post

If jazz musician and Stephen Colbert sidekick Jon Batiste were one of the video game characters he so adores, it would have to be Sonic the Hedgehog. Batiste just keeps moving, fast. During the course of a recent week, the enthusiastic, eclectic musician led his Stay Human band for a TV audience of millions on “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert.” Then he practiced for the Global Citizen Festival, where he and the band played with French Montana, Carole King and Kelly Clarkson. Then Batiste moved on to Cafe Carlyle, where he had a weeklong jazz residency.

“I played with 12 different bands that week, a different band at Cafe Carlyle every two nights,” said Batiste, 32. “That’s like three hours of sleep or less each night. You gotta soak your arm in Epsom salt because you’re playing all day.”

His recent “Hollywood Africans” album hit No. 1 on the Billboard jazz charts and his “Anatomy of Angels — Live at the Village Vanguard” was so popular, he’s preparing a second live recording called “Chronology of a Dream,” out Nov. 1.

But amid the whirlwind, Batiste does make time to relax, often with video games, a medium that shaped both his childhood and career.

Playing games is not just a distraction for Batiste. Games are of prime impor-



Jon Batiste performs with his band Stay Human during the 2019 Global Citizen Festival last month in New York.

tance in his life, motivating him since his youth. His dressing room at “The Late Show” is packed with keyboards, tailored suits and matching watches, but also a Nintendo Classic Edition, an original PlayStation, an original Super Nintendo (with cartridges), a PlayStation 4 and a number of fighting games, like the most recent “Dragon Ball Z.”

While entertaining, Batiste, who comes from a family of accomplished musicians and began playing in a band at age 8, looks at the games on another level. For him, the games’ scores and soundtracks served as early musical inspiration.

He doesn’t just listen and regurgitate. Even as a child, he was fascinated by the hows and whys, the way

music enhanced the game play experience and the way music cues told a story.

Before playing with artists as diverse as Prince, Roy Hargrove and Ed Sheeran, Batiste grew up in Kenner, Louisiana, in what he describes as a “normal,” “boring” suburb best known for its airport. A quiet child, he played music, indulged in martial arts, wrote books, drew anime and enjoyed video games. He and his cousin Travis “even started writing video games. So, we were nerds.” He was a prodigy driven to lead bands as well, as early as age 13 at Snug Harbor on New Orleans’s Frenchman Street.

In his 20s, whether it was doing an impromptu concert (what he calls a “love riot”) for hundreds on the Lower East Side’s Lud-

low Street or playing his signature melodica on Colbert’s show, Batiste said he was always over-prepared.

Maybe that has something to do with what he learned from games as well, because you just can’t go into “Street Fighter,” one of his favorites, and win without knowing moves — the blocks, the general rhythm of the match, all the ins and outs.

He uses his knowledge of games’ music to this day. For instance, he’s now writing the music, lyrics and part of the story for a musical by Jean-Michel Basquiat, which will premiere late next year in New York. As he creates the score, he said he’s pulling from his history with games, because “(games) subconsciously taught me

about theme and development, how to create catchy themes that you want to hear over and over again. But at the same time, the theme can’t be annoying. It can’t be. After you’ve heard (an annoying) theme 100 times, you’re ready to put the game on mute.”

With Batiste on the move again, the conversation about his game-fueled musical education continued on a walk from the Ed Sullivan Theater to the Universal Music Publishing building four blocks away. He said his favorite is Square Enix’s “Final Fantasy VII,” and his love for the four-hour score was made apparent by his short shouts of appreciation as he recalled the music.

“There’s so much in it,” he said. “Life, love, death, adventure. Ooo, when you

play against Sephiroth at the end! The graphics! The remake comes out next March. They better not screw it up!”

He mentioned that he’s looking forward to Hideo Kojima’s forthcoming PlayStation 4 game, “Death Stranding.” “I’m not sure what it is, but it looks like it’s going to be really good.”

Inside a posh studio at the Universal Music Group on Broadway, Batiste continued the discussion while seated at a grand piano. He played 10 classic video game songs as he explained their significance to him and to music as a whole. The performance included themes from Donkey Kong Country, The Legend of Zelda, Final Fantasy VII and Mega Man.

“These songs are almost like Disney soundtracks,” Batiste said. “You see people light up. Stories come flooding into people’s minds when they hear these songs.”

Within these game-based gems, Batiste hears something different and deeper than many do. As connections to popular culture like jazz, he sees threads of fine art and that can bring together a community in reality, not just virtually on a screen or monitor.

Despite everything on his plate, his passion — for creating, for music, for games — is keeping him hungry and sends him speeding off again. So, off he goes, just like Sonic chasing those rings.

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# With that voice, Capaldi could be the next Adele

BY MIKAEL WOOD

BOSTON — Lewis Capaldi is the ugly-cry balladeer of 2019.

Standing onstage recently at the Royale nightclub in Boston, the singer from Glasgow, Scotland, with the rough-edged voice delivered only a few lines of his chart-topping “Someone You Loved” before nearly every member of the capacity crowd took up the song, hungry for the catharsis to be found in bellowing Capaldi’s words about the emotional cost of a loved one’s departure.

“Now the day bleeds / Into nightfall,” hundreds of them roared, all but drowning out the 23-year-old behind the microphone,

“And you’re not here / To get me through it all.”

When he finished the stately, methodically paced tune — virtually inescapable on U.S. pop radio over the past few months — Capaldi took a minute to let the energy settle in the room. He seemed to know that he’d unleashed something powerful — that when you close a show like that, people need to reclimate to the here and now before you disappear from in front of them.

Over breakfast in Boston that morning, he’d said there’s a section in the middle of his live show in which he does three slow songs right in a row; the third, “Headspace,” has a lyric that pleads, “Sing me a song and send me to sleep.”

“And every night I always look around at that point hoping no one heckles me: ‘You’re doing a good job of it!’ ” mock-hollered the singer. Dressed in a T-shirt and rumpled windbreaker, he ran a hand through his tousled hair and grinned. “I’m like, I need to get Trippie Redd on this just to spice it up.”

“Someone You Loved” spent seven weeks at No. 1 in the U.K. Here, it’s reached No. 3 on Billboard’s Hot 100, propelled by countless radio spins and more than 750 million streams on YouTube and Spotify — highly unusual numbers for a stripped-down ballad at a moment when the Top 40 is crowded with busy hip-hop tracks.



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Lewis Capaldi performs on the main stage of the TRNSMT festival at Glasgow Green on July 14 in Scotland.

“Look at the records around it on Spotify, globally or in the U.S.,” said Capitol Records Group Chairman and CEO Steve Barnett, who traveled to Boston from Los Angeles to present Capaldi with a plaque commemorating the song’s latest sales achievement. “There’s nothing like it.”

Now “Someone You Loved” — the key track

from Capaldi’s debut album, “Divinely Uninspired to a Hellish Extent” — is in the running for January’s Grammy Awards, with music-industry insiders speculating about its chances of being nominated for song and record of the year. Capaldi himself is tipped for a best new artist nod.

The Recording Academy, which will announce nomi-

nations Nov. 20, has a historical weakness for this type of nakedly sentimental material, particularly when it comes from young Brits with show-stopping voices — see Ed Sheeran, Adele and Sam Smith, all of whom have won song of the year with tunes that might have been composed decades ago.

Like many in his generation, Capaldi was discovered by a manager after he posted homemade recordings online. His meal ticket of an instrument, though, sets him apart as much as his attraction to classic arrangements does. As one of his producers, Malay, put it, Capaldi uses his powerful chest voice to reach the cheap seats. In the weathered grain of his singing, you can hear a performer capable of turning pain into beauty.

“There’s just not that many people out there who can do that right now,” Malay said.

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And, through various convoluted and winding circumstances, the opened gate led to Chicago and its famed Steppenwolf Theatre. It is a fascinating story.

The global gates opened because Simon worked with Mambazo on two of the tracks within would become one of Simon's most successful albums, "Graceland," a Grammy Award-winning critical hit reported to have sold 16 million copies worldwide after its 1986 release and widely reputed to be among the best albums of all time.

The tracks were "Homeless" (adapted from a Zulu wedding song) and the more famous and commercially successful "Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes," which Simon and Ladysmith Black Mambazo performed together on a 1986 episode of "Saturday Night Live" following their introduction by Robin Williams. It became one of the most famous musical performances in the show's history.

The combination of "Graceland" and "Saturday Night Live" made Ladysmith Black Mambazo, and their joyful performative demeanor, world famous.

Simon was not done with Ladysmith Black Mambazo: He produced the group's next album, they went on tour together and the group's fame was further solidified.

Mambazo appeared in "Moonwalker," Michael Jackson's movie, and they sang the opening sequence for Eddie Murphy's "Coming to America." They did commercials for Heinz soup and ketchup, they worked with Dolly Parton, and when Mandela, who was released from prison in 1990, became president of South Africa in 1994, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, now the branded global sound of black South Africa, sang at his inauguration.

Three years earlier, though, a neophyte playwright named Tug Yourgrau (a white American who had lived the first 10 years of his life in South Africa), had submitted his first play to an open Steppenwolf contest searching for new scripts. Those were the days before the current pipeline of writers with Ivy League MFAs and powerful agents — Steppenwolf then was casting its net wide for new work and was open to a guy who had, basically, 10 pages

and an interesting idea. It was called "The Song of Jacob Zulu." "Jacob Zulu" was the somber story of a 19-year-old black South African who blew up a shopping mall near Durban and later was hanged for murdering five people. The man was Jacob Zondo, who happened to be the cousin of Joseph Shabalala.

Yourgrau (who is now a TV producer) was a fan of Mambazo, and after hearing that Steppenwolf wanted to produce his play, he sent a speculative note to the group's record label, asking if they would participate. Shabalala liked the idea and, after he realized that he was related to the subject, his interest grew.

In fact, Zondo's story would become just one entry in a lexicon of tragedy that befell the members of Mambazo over the years, even as their fame grew. In 1991, Shabalala's brother and one of the members in the group, Headman Shabalala, was shot and killed by an off-duty security guard. And in June 2004, Joseph's brother Ben Shabalala, a member of the group who had retired in 1993 in the wake of the Headman incident, would himself be shot and killed in a Durban suburb.

So in 1992, Joseph Shabalala said yes to Yourgrau. And thus Mambazo collaborated with Steppenwolf on a project helmed by a young associate artistic director named Eric Simonson (who would make a useful connection with a musical superstar and go on to work on a separate and ill-fated Paul Simon-scored Broadway show called "The Capeman").

"The group had never done theater," Simonson recalls of the start of the "Jacob Zulu" process. "So it was a steep learning curve. But we could still feel we had something special and they signed on to do the play."

This was relatively soon after "Graceland." Steppenwolf, and Chicago as a whole, was thrilled by the prospect of "The Song of Jacob Zulu." Shabalala, a celebrity, came to Chicago to work on the project and even sat for an interview with Studs Terkel.

"This is a play about the victims for whom the good news of the ending of apartheid comes too late," Shabalala told the Tribune's Sid Smith, explaining that his group was functioning as a kind of Greek chorus. And when the group sings, "This is the song of those for whom the end of apartheid comes too late," Joseph Shabalala told Edward Lifson of

National Public Radio, he would cry, remembering what had happened to his brother the previous December.

Smith, who went on to review the show, had issues with the script but not with the group performing. "Though male and mostly middle-aged," he wrote, ecstatically, "they are a choir of angels, makers of mellifluous, creamy, high-pitched tones that transcendently send listeners to aural lands of celestial harmony and wonder."

"As 'The Song of Jacob Zulu' is spun out through a seamless interweaving of flashbacks, dreams, trial scenes and choral interludes," wrote Hedy Weiss in the Chicago Sun-Times, in a review that was too quickly forgotten as Steppenwolf attacked the critic years later, "the psychic poison that has oozed out of South Africa's racist system of apartheid is poured slowly but unrelentingly into our consciousness."

That spring, Paul Simon showed up for a fundraiser organized by Steppenwolf for the family of Headman Shabalala. Oprah Winfrey was there too, even joining everyone on stage for a song. She'd already donated \$50,000 to the production.

Simonson, his career advanced, was profiled in the Chicago Tribune Sunday magazine.

Enough enthusiasm, then, for Broadway? Yes, and no. After various dances with the Shuberts, Steppenwolf ended up producing the \$4.1 million Broadway production itself, even creating a for-profit company, known as the New Works Corp, to produce the show.

But there was major controversy: Several furious playwrights from the Dramatist's Guild spoke to the press alleging that a naive Yourgrau had been "bullied" into accepting a flat fee for his work, at least until the costs had been recouped, violating the usual terms. Steppenwolf said it had no choice, but it was a strike against the project.

Worse, the New York reviews for "Jacob Zulu" were much less kind than in Chicago.

"What emerges is a workmanlike courtroom drama that sinks under its relentlessly straightforward telling of the title character's tragic story," wrote the Associated Press. "When the group is not in full cry," wrote Frank Rich in the New York Times, "Jacob Zulu" often settles for an earthbound earnestness that will be most

easily embraced by those who don't mind some boredom in pursuit of a good cause."

Boring was not a boffo emotion. The show closed after 64 performances, losing its entire capitalization, even though Tony nominations followed.

"We were simply unable to keep the necessary momentum alive," Steve Eich, Steppenwolf's then-managing director told Weiss. "Whether it was a question of the economy, the fickleness of New York audiences or a matter of saturation with the whole issue of oppression in South Africa, I cannot tell."

But Steppenwolf and Ladysmith wanted to work again — and, by 1995 Simonson had come up with a project called "Nomathemba (Hope)," the story of a woman who leaves her home and family in an attempt to find happiness in the big city, only to realize she had left it back at home. Once again, Shabalala came to Chicago with his group. Simonson was again directing, and the script, based on a Shabalala song, had been created in collaboration with the writer Ntozake Shange.

Tribune critic Richard Christiansen loved the piece. "At the deep, singing heart of Steppenwolf Theatre's beautiful and deeply moving production of 'Nomathemba,'" he wrote, "is that fragile and precious element of life called hope. It is hope hemmed in by tragedy and uncertainty, set in a changing South Africa, but it is hope nonetheless, and in the end it is triumphant."

The show moved to the Kennedy Center in Washington and was well received. But it did not play on Broadway. And Steppenwolf, which was now under the artistic direction of Martha Lavey, didn't try to raise its own money again for a New York production.

"Nomathemba (Hope)" was the last theatrical project in which Ladysmith Black Mambazo participated, although its touring schedule remains extensive. The Shabalala brothers say that various offers have come to them but have been too hard to work out.

Until now. Many of the older members of Ladysmith Black Mambazo have been replaced by younger men and are now in Chicago for the first time, but the sound is still the same. And at this rehearsal the group is able, as always, to start singing as if it were a single organism. There is no need for a conductor or even for the members of the group to look at each other.

"It comes from being together," Sibongiseni Shabalala says.

For "Lindiwe," which has been in gestation since the late Martha Lavey was the artistic director of the company, Simonson is back at the table, working with Jonathan Berry, one of the many new people in the artistic office at the storied theater company. Simonson said that when Lavey left the company, this was the project she had most wanted to see happen.

"Lindiwe" is an original script, written by Simonson, with music credited to Mambazo. The group was, in fact, still writing the music, during the rehearsal.

The piece was conceived as a love story set in both Chicago and South Africa and it stars the South African actress-singer Nondumiso Tembe, who says she has been working with Ladysmith to help create a sound that would make sense for a young, contemporary woman to sing.

The idea, Simonson said, is to connect the Chicago blues with the kind of music that Mambazo made famous. In recent nights, the members of the group had been hanging out at the blues club Kingston Mines — incognito, they said. They've been experimenting with fusing blues into their new compositions.

"The blues are different from the music we do in South Africa," Sibongiseni Shabalala says. "But I like it."

So, across the years and generations, there is a clear connection between "Lindiwe" and the Graceland album that changed the history of the group and, arguably, did more to expose South African music to the mainstream than any other recording.

The brothers talk a lot about teaching the young generation about the Mambazo history and, maybe, updating their sound just a little. For Mambazo, which has often collaborated with white artists, "Lindiwe" is an interesting experiment but also part of its ongoing mission to bring hope for peace and reconciliation.

"I really felt this was a way for all of us, Steppenwolf and Mambazo, to embrace one another," Simonson says, "to look back at what we have lost and what we still have."

"Lindiwe" runs Nov. 7 to Jan. 5 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; 312-335-1650 and www.steppenwolf.org

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# An alternate approach to climate crisis

Games offering a nuanced way to approach subject

BY TODD MARTENS

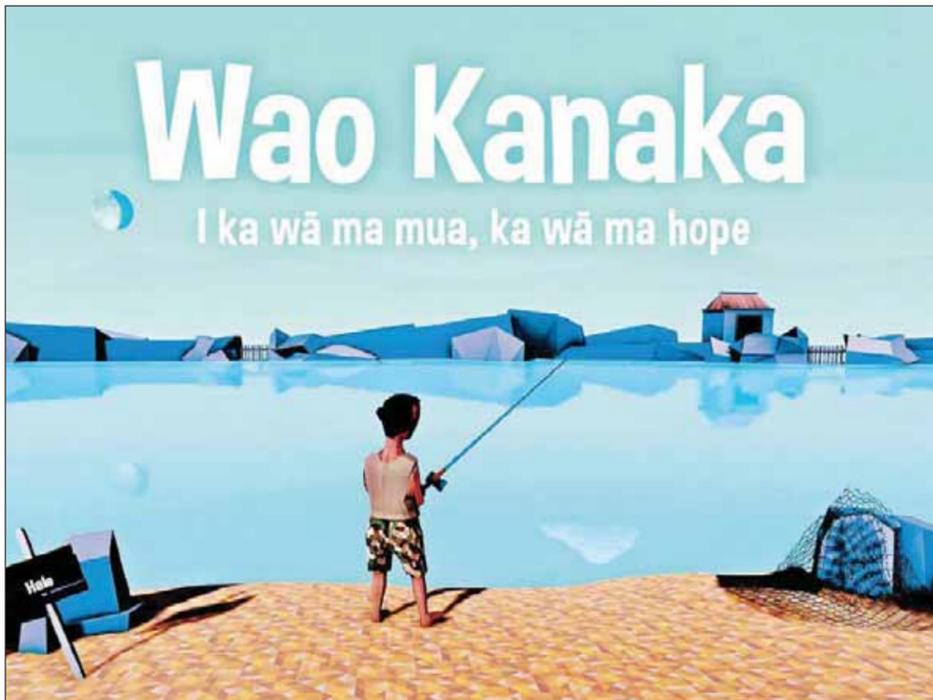
It's possible to learn more about Hawaiian culture via the free game "Wao Kanaka" than it is from an actual journey to the Pacific Ocean islands.

One of the opening scenes immediately sets the tone — a small village, with dilapidated fishing huts, sits tucked on a tiny hill, while around the bend and down in a valley, resorts and high-rises squeeze into every last inch of coastal land. Those who don't speak the language may opt to take a second to translate the native Hawaiian that adorns an especially glossy hotel, which offers the not-so-subtle hint that the game developers aren't christening these developments with a welcome name.

Part exploration into the life of native Hawaiians and part call-to-arms, "Wao Kanaka," a selection at the recently concluded independent game festival IndieCade in Santa Monica, Calif., reminds us through lighthearted yet clever mini-puzzle-like games that understanding how to communicate with our environment is now more vital than ever.

Our current climate-change crisis wasn't necessarily the sole impetus behind making "Wao Kanaka," but it's never divorced from it, as early on our grandmother informs us "that if we continue the way we are going, the story of the land which we love will cease."

We then take part in a fishing game, where accumulating bait is just one goal, as we are instructed to "take one fish and leave another." Another game has us rerouting irrigation pipes to redirect water to increasingly depleted taro fields, while between games we can click around our homestead and either trash a glass bottle or opt to reuse it and turn it into a vase. "Wao Kanaka," a collaboration between the Montreal-based Initiative for Indigenous Futures and the Hawaii-based Kanaeokana, which works with



"Wao Kanaka" is a game that explores the life of native Hawaiians and incorporates a call-to-arms on the environment.

schools and cultural institutions to foster native Hawaiian learning, has an educational but not activist bent, viewing respect for the land as intertwined and inseparable from its narrative.

It's one of a number of recent digital and tabletop games, some commercial releases and others grounded more heavily in academia, that take a nuanced look at themes surrounding climate change, where the goal isn't to stoke paranoia at what may come to pass but to instead foster a love for the environment.

Such an approach is present in the virtual-reality game "Fujii," released by Pasadena, Calif.-based Funktronic Labs, which seeks to luxuriate players in a peaceful, magical setting of mystical plants, and even the acclaimed board game "Wingspan," a work that celebrates birds by tasking players with building natural habitats for them. As a whole, these and other playful endeavors are about fostering wonder at plant and animal

life rather than inspiring fear.

"Climate change is on our minds as a studio," said Funktronic co-founder Eddie Lee, noting that "Fujii" is inspired heavily by a love of gardening and the meditative sensations it provides.

In "Fujii," players can collect seeds and glowing orbs to help spread light and bring the otherworldly landscape to life.

Plants can be tapped and played as instruments, and animals rarely shy away from a head scratch. If there's a benefit to being in virtual nature rather than actually outdoors, it's that we can see dream-like point of views than can stoke our imagination. Lee said the inspiration was Japanese aquascape artists, as he wanted players to explore a world as luminescent as a coral reef where everything would be just unfamiliar enough to stoke curiosity.

"I guess there was an option for us to really make it about

climate-change awareness, and that's a thing we want to do, but we were hoping this would be more of an indirect artistic statement about having people appreciate nature," Lee said.

"Hopefully people will just be more conscious of plants and their surroundings."

"Mutazione," recently released for Apple Arcade, home computers and the PlayStation 4, is a narrative adventure game that encourages players to meet a host of odd-but-friendly mutants as they bring gardens to life by song. "Spring Falls," in development for mobile devices by Eric Billingsley ("Cuphead"), also takes inspiration from rearing plants, only here we move a hexagonal board to spread the flow of water, resulting in a soothing puzzle game full of natural and ambient sounds.

They follow the likes of 2015's "Prune," a puzzler about nurturing trees in an environment influenced by Japanese ink-wash

paintings, and last year's Electronic Arts-published "Fe," in which a forest's ecosystem is threatened and only the songs of nature can save it.

Such themes are on the mind of young developers.

"In Other Waters," an in-development game at IndieCade, used sonars and simplified takes on scientific instruments to learn how to see in an underwater landscape. Also in the works is "Beyond Blue," from the studio that published "Never Alone," a game that introduced players to little-known tales of native Alaskan culture. Here, we command a diver as she discovers an oceanic world — the water landscapes are vibrant and otherworldly, and while climate change is a theme, executives at the game's E-Line Media earlier said they want to avoid a "soap-box," Steve Zimmerman said the goal is to get people to "start thinking about the world beyond what they see."

The thoughtful "Plasticity" came out of USC's game program and is available for free download on computer platform Steam. Set in a ravaged future world, the game avoids the standard dystopian themes by putting the emphasis on hope. Players navigate a world by solving simple puzzles and running and jumping amid approachable landscapes that serve as a contrast to some of the more heartbreaking images of the game — animals, for instance, trapped in plastic.

The game shows the immediate effects of making an environmentally conscious decision, some as simple as freeing a dog from having his snout trapped in a plastic bucket, with the hope of inspiring players to think about actions big and small, be it re-using products or thinking more deeply about which company's to support.

"We wanted to create an experience that could inspire people to care about animals and the environment," said Aimee Zhang, recent USC grad and "Plasticity's" game director.

"With this game, we just wanted to teach others that it's never too late to make a difference."

# How 'Arthur' still resonates in Britain today

The Kinks' 1969 box set turned a history lesson into a rock masterpiece

BY GEOFF EDGERS

The Washington Post

England is in disarray. A generation feels betrayed. And who better to sing about it than the Kinks?

"Did you know Boris Johnson has written a book about Churchill?" says Ray Davies, the legendary leader of easily the most literate and dysfunctional band of the British Invasion.

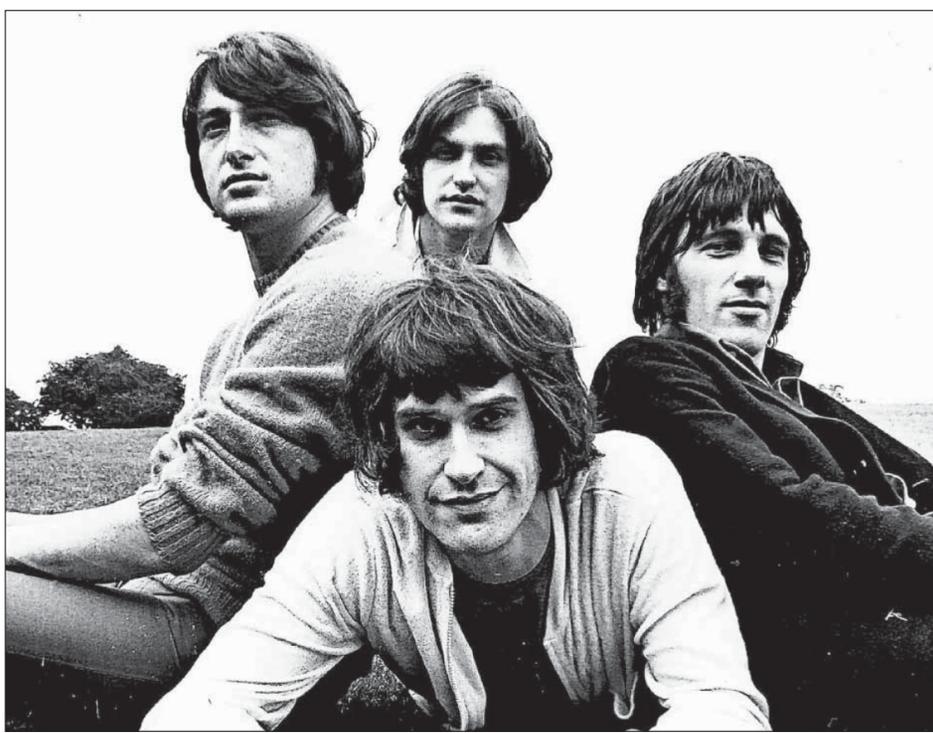
It's an intriguing connection to make, particularly as the current prime minister gets blasted for comparisons to the highly regarded statesman and the way Johnson has fumbled through attempts to extract the U.K. from the European Union. Hearing Davies, you almost can daydream of the disbanded Kinks returning with their Brexit record.

After all, the group's 50-year-old masterwork, "Arthur (Or the Decline and Fall of the British Empire)," released as a deluxe box set, is a surprisingly easy time-travel from Queen Victoria to the parliamentary punditry on the BBC World Service.

"When (the record company) told me they would do a box, I got the tapes out and listened to them," says Davies. "And 'Arthur' is not a concept album. It's more like a documentary album. And it's based on a real character called Arthur, who was my brother-in-law (Arthur Anning), who came out of the war disillusioned — voted Churchill out. There are lots of parallels in 'Arthur' to what's happening in the world."

The expanded and remastered "Arthur" includes alternative mixes, unreleased songs and an abandoned solo album from younger brother and perpetually underappreciated guitarist, Dave Davies. The record captured the Kinks at their artistic peak, but also an odd time for a band that emerged with the Who and the Rolling Stones. In the late '60s, if you lived in the United States and wanted to see the Davies brothers play a gig, your chances were better in Beirut than Boston. The group was banned from touring the States from 1965 to 1969 for reported bad behavior on a previous tour.

Ray Davies today says that ban contributed to the creative surge



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Pete Quaife, Dave Davies, Ray Davies and Mick Avory of The Kinks in 1968.

that started with 1966's "Face to Face."

"I buried myself in English culture," says Davies, 75. "And I wrote songs like 'Waterloo Sunset,' 'Sunday Afternoon,' 'Dedicated Follower of Fashion' rather than trying to write 'Stairway to Heaven.' I think the band suffered because we couldn't tour America at that time. We would have toured with Hendrix and Led Zeppelin; the peak of the great second invasion. We missed that. But I immersed myself in writing English folkish material."

You practically had to wipe the clotted cream off your needle during the four-album run that concluded with 1969's "Arthur." Other groups wrote about girl problems or which pill made you larger. Davies wrote about social class and social climbing, crumbling ceilings and teen envy. All of it was delivered with a punkish wink by musicians who sounded as if they had one foot in the studio, the other in the pub.

"Arthur" would seem the unlikeliest theme for compelling rock 'n' roll. Yet it works. It's a record that features a snaky blues with quotes from Winston Churchill. It also finds Davies, seemingly lost in his characters,

slipping into different voices and deliveries.

"I think Ray always wanted to be an actor," says bassist John Dalton. "In his songs, he's playing a part."

"Well, I sing in character a lot," says Davies. "'Yes Sir, No Sir,' I'm trying to sound like a subservient soldier talking to an officer. It must be confusing for people, but it's the way I get through."

"Arthur" was originally meant for actors; Davies planned it as a television program. It became a record when the project fell through.

Anning's decision to emigrate to Australia with his wife, Rosie, the oldest of eight Davies siblings, "was a big wrench," says Dave Davies, 72.

Through Anning, Ray Davies darts through the first half of Britain's 20th century. The reign of Victoria and the social classes, the horrific losses of World War I, the Churchillian comeback and the frustrating, postwar struggles for a generation that had sacrificed everything yet often seemed to be running in place. Seen through the eyes of a cagey, sarcastic, 24-year-old art school kid turned reluctant rock star, it could be hard to tell whether

Davies was attacking the man sitting by the fire in his "Shangri-La" or admiring the satisfaction he took from the simplest, middle-class pleasures.

"Arthur was a soulful guy," says Ray Davies. "Obviously another generation. But the album in some ways is critical of his generation but also supportive and understanding. At the end of 'Arthur,' the song, I sing, 'We'd like to help you and understand you' and 'Somebody loves you, don't you know it.'"

By 1969, the Kinks seemed to be operating in an alternative rock universe. They missed out on the Age of Aquarius, though without regret, Dave Davies says. "We weren't there. We were banned," he says. "We missed out on Woodstock, but we moved merrily along on our own."

In typical Kinksian fashion, the original "Arthur" was hailed by critics but didn't even crack Billboard's Top 100. The record company's publicity team did, however, deliver the "God Save the Kinks" slogan. And after Ray Davies reportedly apologized to the musicians union for the band's behavior during its 1965 U.S. tour, the Kinks were able to play the States. In 1970, a new

song, "Lola," would even return them to the Top 10.

But the Kinks who arrived at New York's Fillmore East in the fall of 1969 were far from the arena stars they would become in the late 1970s. They had lost bassist Pete Quaife, who had quit to form his own band, Mapleoak, and added Dalton, who had spent a chunk of the '60s at his day job delivering coal. Dalton's driving style gave a boost to the band's sound, particularly on songs like album-opener "Victoria."

"Pete played fancier than me," says Dalton. "I was more basic. I was brought up with Elvis, Gene Vincent, Eddie Cochran, Chuck Berry."

Dalton seemed unfazed by the warring within the band. The famously dysfunctional Davies brothers were just one issue. Drummer Mick Avory and Dave Davies were known to fight onstage and at some point in 1969, Avory now says he actually tried to quit. The brothers, he says, didn't seem to acknowledge his written resignation. And he forgot about the notion when they began touring the States again.

"It was volatile in those days, and you couldn't help but get involved with it all," says Avory. "There were times when I felt I just wanted to get out of it. If you haven't got anywhere to go, you stay where you are, I suppose."

Which brings us to the never-ending question of a reunion. The Kinks haven't played live since 1996, or released a studio album since 1993's "Phobia." Ray Davies remains cagey about the prospects of getting the band back together. He seems to float the idea regularly, sparking yet another round of reunion headlines.

What's clear, from interviews with Dave Davies and Avory earlier this month, is that there has been no in-studio reunion of the three remaining original Kinks — Quaife died in 2010. Avory says that Ray Davies occasionally calls him in to play alongside an already recorded backing track. Dave Davies talks of unfinished tracks in the Kinks archives that he and his brother want to finish. There is some new material they've been battling around. Nothing is defined.

"It's been all talking almost since they packed it in 23 years ago," says Avory, with a laugh. "If it carries on any longer, we'll have to have a resurrection rather than a reunion."

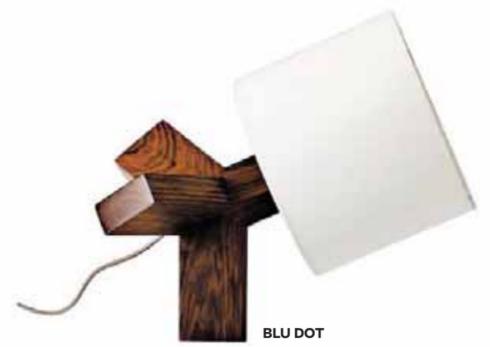
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Artist Santiago X works on mound-shaping last month in Schiller Park.

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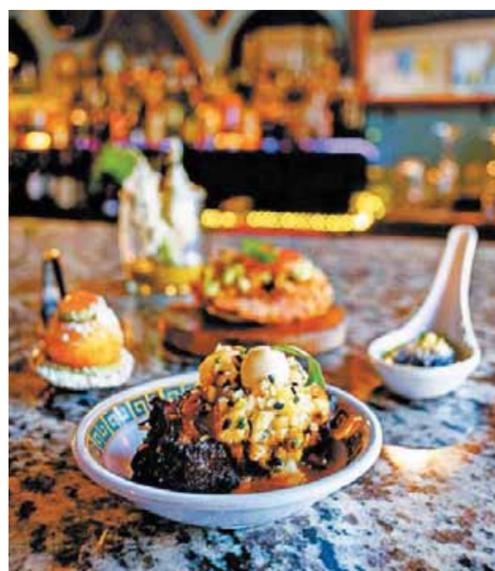


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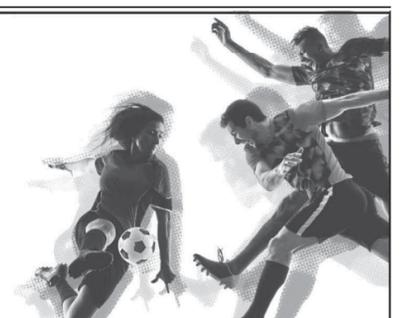
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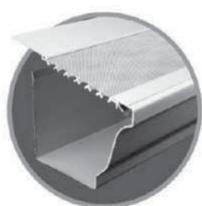




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## ASK AMY

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### Errant husband stresses sick wife

**Dear Amy:** I have been married for over 20 years. Seven years ago, my husband withdrew a large amount of cash, went on a business trip and started cheating on me with prostitutes. I also found out that he has been on many porn sites throughout our marriage. I hoped he would stop and come back to me. He did not. We filed for divorce.

It has been on again, off again, and we have tried to divorce three times. Each time at the eleventh hour, he says he wants to stay together. And each time, I say yes. After the last try three years ago, he swore he was done "with that lifestyle." At the same time, he gave me an STI.

Two years ago, I was diagnosed with Stage III cancer. The odds are not in my favor. This particular type of cancer has only a 12% five-year survival rate. I am unsure what to do. I don't think I can ever really trust him again. I am worried he is just waiting for me to die to inherit my money so he can start up his sordid "lifestyle" again.

We have two adult children who live close by. We bought a retirement home 90 miles away. I'm not sure I want to move there, away from my children, my friends, the hospital where I continue to be monitored.

I assume my husband is hiding texts, porn sites, who knows what, on his phone that I can't access. I have no idea what our financial situation is. He may be hiding hundreds of thousands of dollars. I think that I must do the same! But due to my health, I've stopped working and have no income — only savings.

If a friend came to me with this story, I would probably tell her to leave her husband, but what about health insurance or dying alone?

Should I divorce him and stay closer to my children, who are in college but may move away when they graduate?

— *Sad in Silicon Valley*

**Dear Sad:** I think you should find an amazing attorney with forensic accounting expertise, explore where your marital money has gone, legally secure the maximum amount you can, and commit yourself to living the life you want to live.

In short, dump the bum. Free your mind, and the rest will follow.

You should not leave your community, friends and children to move 90 minutes

away and be isolated with someone you don't trust. Your lawyer will advise you about keeping your health insurance through a COBRA plan. This could also be a negotiating point in your legal separation.

Commit to your medical treatment and to your healthier and supportive relationships. Show your children what a resilient, brave and adventurous person you can be.

**Dear Amy:** I have a sensitive nose and skin problems relating to strong detergents, fragrant dryer sheets, perfumes, etc.

I belong to a social group where a couple of ladies have laundered their clothes in a strong detergent. Amy, it literally takes my breath away. I don't want to quit my social life, but I am hesitant to mention this to these ladies. I'm sure I'm not the only one affected by this problem and just want to make people aware they might be offending others.

Any suggestions?  
— *Nosey*

**Dear Nosey:** Which do you think would be better: quitting this group suddenly and without explanation or trying to explain your situation, in hopes that even if these other women didn't change their detergent, they would at least understand what you are going through?

I wouldn't describe this as "I have a sensitive nose and skin" but more as a chemical sensitivity. You could say to the group: "I have a favor to ask. I'm extremely sensitive to strong detergents, fragrant dryer sheets and perfumes. I'd like to ask if people would be willing to go fragrance-free the day of our meetings, so I don't have a reaction?"

The rest will be up to them.

**Dear Amy:** I know you've been taking heat for coming down hard on the liberal parents whose child used the "N-word" at school. I appreciated it when you told them to "stop anchoring to your own victimhood."

Give me a break.  
— *Big Fan*

**Dear Fan:** This has been one of my less-popular takes. Thank you for your support.

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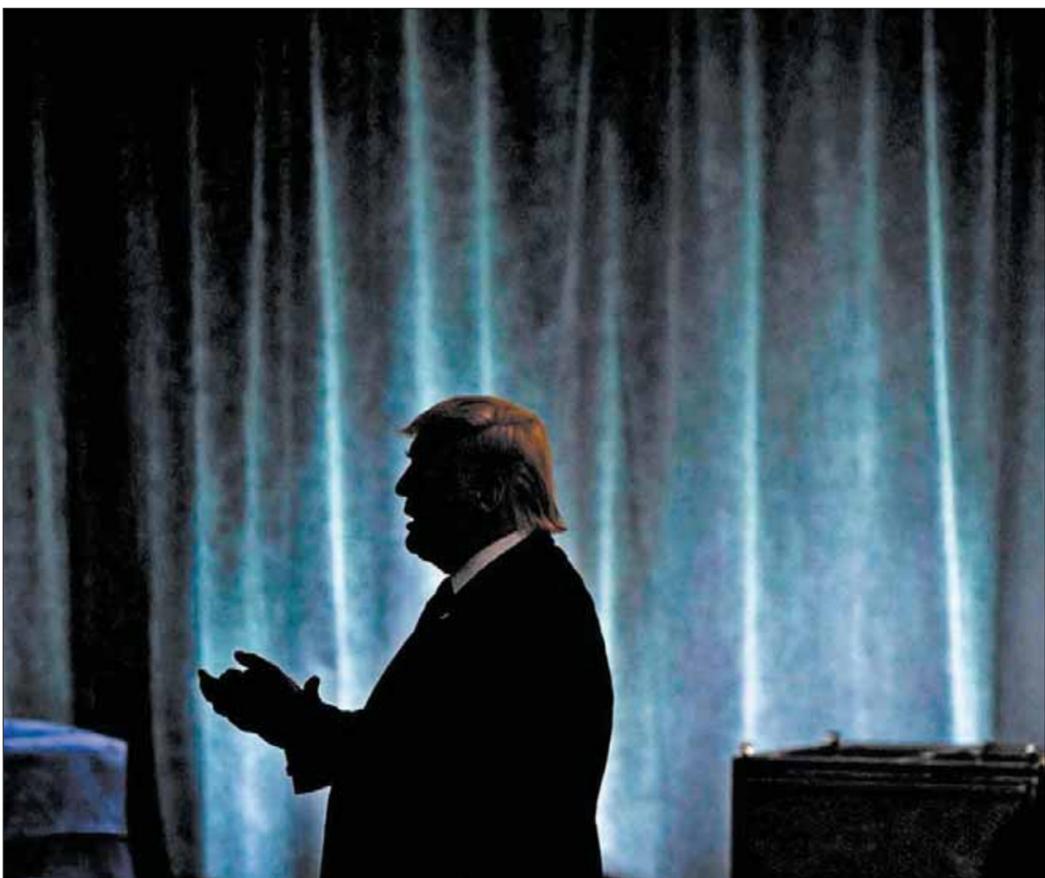
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## Keep chin up, Chicago

Despite what President Trump says, it's not embarrassing to be flawed

Chin up, Chicago. These are the times that try a city's soul: Our teachers have been striking, our kids are suffering and the president of the United States just called us an embarrassment to the nation. Our soul will pull through. Chicago's soul has survived a fire so fast and so fierce it leaped over a river. It has survived a railroad strike, labor riots, race riots and an almost comical number of mayors and aldermen more interested in boosting their own fortunes than alleviating their constituents' considerable burdens. This city's soul has survived violence. Since our earliest days: violence. It has survived heat waves and blizzards and cold so harsh we have to set fire to our train tracks to keep the people moving. Because we never stop moving. We are flawed. We are at odds. We are working on it. That doesn't make us embarrassing. That makes us American. Donald Trump doesn't like the mess and chaos of real human lives. He likes his reality scripted. He likes his women to be 10s. He likes war heroes who weren't captured. At the end of the day — this day, tomorrow, a day 50 years from now — it's a badge of honor to be on his bad side.

Even if this impeachment inquiry goes nowhere. Even if he's re-elected in 2020. Even if all 30 or so congressional, federal, state and local investigations into his conduct amount to little more than a hill of beans, we will never unsee his character. And his character is repellent. We don't want to curry favor from that character. He mocks the disabled. He boasts about grabbing women's genitals. He labels entire nations s---holes. He tells congresswomen to go back to where they came from. He calls his critics human scum. He traffics in lies and distractions and sows discord wherever he goes. He used an hour-and-20-minute speech Monday to drive a wedge between Chicago police officers and their police chief, Chicago police officers and Chicago. Who does that? "I guess if I had my druthers, I would rather you not beat up Cook County for a half-hour and give more detail on this (executive order) you're signing," Hazel Crest Police Chief Mitchell Davis told WBEZ on Monday. "I mean, that's the stuff I was looking for." (President Trump signed an executive order while he was in town calling for a commission to study the root causes behind criminal activity.) Davis is second vice



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President Donald Trump speaks at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference at McCormick Place on Oct. 28.

president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. He attended President Trump's Chicago speech, the one where he called us embarrassing. "The fact that he's behind law enforcement, I appreciate that," Davis said. "But give us some substance as to what's going on and what are the things that you're going to be doing to help." But a safer, healthier, more equitable Chicago wouldn't do President Trump any good. Who would he use as his punchline and punching bag?

He'd rather witness our trauma from a safe distance and then swing by for a day to tell lies about it. ("Chicago has the toughest gun laws in the United States." No, it doesn't. "Afghanistan is a safe place by comparison." No, it's not.) Chicago is far from perfect. Our streets are too violent. Our neighborhoods are too segregated. Our schools are unequally funded and prioritized. Our wealth gap and income gap and life-expectancy gap are vast. This is news to no one, particularly Chicagoans.

It's also not particularly unique. America as a whole struggles with violence and segregation and under-funded schools and wealth, income and life-expectancy gaps. If it embarrasses the president to watch a city grapple with its imperfections and inequalities loudly and publicly — in the streets, where our teachers have been marching and our children have been dying and our mothers have been mourning and our first responders have been rushing and our activists have been shouting —

well, he's free to look the other way. We'll keep working toward a better version of ourselves. We'll keep looking for signs of progress, for stories that give us hope, for folks committed to helping and healing what divides us. We'll keep moving. We always do. I couldn't be prouder. *Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.*

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Artist Santiago X created the Serpent Twin in a way that one can see a kind of sidwinding.

# A serpent and mounds

Artist Santiago X connects us to Illinois' indigenous past

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

If you head to Schiller Park a massive serpent will greet you.

Made from soil and ancestral dirt from numerous tribal lands in the nation, Pokto Cjinto (the Koasati translation of Serpent Twin) is a concept from the neighboring community and area organizations to pay homage to those who inhabited the land before colonization. But it's the creation of indigenous futurist artist Santiago X, a citizen of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana and the indigenous Chamoru from the island of Guam.

The Serpent Twin is an earthwork piece of public art — an effigy mound of soil similar to those found in Cahokia, Illinois (home to Monks Mound). It is also just one bookend of two that will connect the North Branch of the Chicago River to the Des Plaines River along the 9-mile stretch of Irving Park Road when complete. Serpent Twin will sit in Schiller Park, and the Coil Mound (many tiers of soil resembling the coiled body of a snake) will sit in Horner Park.

"For those who don't know, Cahokia is the largest mound civilization north of Mexico, and at its peak in the 1300s, it had a higher population than London," X said. "I'm trying to remind people of that presence and the grand nature of indigenous civilizations and their ability to create communities and trade networks and cultural epicenters. We had those things here pre-Columbus, preinvasion. I walk around these American cities, and I don't see the presence of the indigenous point of view, the indigenous architect. ... I don't see the presence of indigenous place makers in any of these cities, so I would like to return to that or at least catalyze the movement to create indigenous spaces again."

The mounds will anchor the Northwest Portage Walking Museum, a yet-to-be-designed interactive trail slated to bring more awareness of the histories of the communities that have called the North Side of Chicago home, said Heather Miller, executive director of the American Indian Center. The entire project (mounds and museum) is a collaboration among the American Indian Center, Chicago Public Arts Group and the Portage Park Neighborhood Association. The American Indian Center will be the steward of the site.

"This has very much been a community-driven project, very much conceived from a large group of stakeholders," Miller said. "It's a very innovative project and something that has never been done before. And the building of the mounds is pretty historical in the fact that no Native person has built a mound since the founding of the United States. We're doing some pretty cool work with this project."



Aria Tucker, left, and Akio Pochel-Peters, cousins and both 4 years old, help with mound shaping in Schiller Park.



Artist Santiago X, works on mound shaping a large-scale, augmented, public earthwork installation at in Schiller Park.

X, a Lincoln Square resident, has been studying mounds for some time because his ancestors were mound builders. He is interested in the concepts of mounds as foundations and as points of portals. His contribution to the 2019 Chicago Architecture Biennial centers on the ancestral practice of mound building as well.

Per X, mounds take different forms and serve different purposes, just as there are buildings for different uses. Considered the very first public art of this region, mounds were formed to tell a story (a living story — sometimes a reincarnation story and, in

some cases, a story of way finding) and connect us to the bigger picture of things. X said his mounds are intended to activate our awareness, and our connection to the waterways and to a sustainable urbanity through our human perspective and through our experience.

X created the Serpent Twin in a way that one can see a kind of sidwinding in the land — it's as if you're witnessing the trail of the serpent as it turned up the land, and you don't know if it's coming or going. X said the Serpent Twin's surface will continue to change over time because indigenous

plants were planted along its body; the mound will grow in height as the plants take root.

"These effigy mounds are a conjoined serpent, and the serpent goes in and out of the earth around you," he said. "The serpent surrounds you as you stand looking south towards the river. You really think about the power that we have or don't have over the land and over this world, and what does it mean to exist in perpetuity and harmony with the earth? As opposed to just creating places out of vanity or displacing ecosystems and tainting waterways."

"When the coil mound is completed (after another \$50,000 is raised), it will be an effigy mound, and it will have a spot atop it where temporary structures can sit. You're supposed to walk up the spine of this serpent, surrounded by indigenous plants, and think about loss and renewal. It's kind of a manifesto for an indigenous future — envisioning us building our cities higher through the distortion of the colonial landscape. I envision our cities being built on Chicago conceptually. That's where I'm going with the gestures that I'm doing."

It's X's biggest endeavor yet — not just physically, but historically and in principle. He answered the call when the request for artists was put out by the organizations because he wanted to call attention to the precolonial maps of Chicago and try to decolonize the land.

"A lot of us don't even know our connection to mound building. It's been so buried; it's not taught in schools," X said. "The presence of living mounds, if you go to any city and Google mounds on Google Maps, you're going to see mounds. Memphis, there's big mounds in the center of downtown; there's mounds east of Indianapolis; there's mounds in New Orleans — they're everywhere. I think that the distortions of colonialism have really caused us to lose a grasp of the importance of these architectural wonders."

But X is doing his part to draw attention to the traditions of the past while looking toward the future.

"These interventions are ways for us to think about creating places that honor the earth and perpetuity, and places for us to think about what we're doing and healing spaces as opposed to scarring spaces," he said. "I'm honored to be able to bring back mound-making in this context as a way to reclaim the landscape and to give it back. In the end, we're not just making pretty things or forms, but we're trying to reinvigorate ancestral traditions, mining futures from ancestral truths and trying to re-create a presence in this world as artists and makers."

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## SOCIAL GRACES

# Telling your date vaping is a deal breaker

BY HANNAH HERRERA GREENSPAN  
Chicago Tribune

**Q: How do you tell your date that vaping is a deal breaker?**

A: With all the new info and health concerns surrounding vaping, it's reasonable to have concerns about dating someone who vapes regularly. If you are a "hard no" on dating someone who enjoys vaping, it would be a good idea to

bring it up when you first meet, before either of you gets too invested. If you meet someone via a dating app, you could mention, "looking for nonsmokers/nonvapers" on your profile.

But if you meet someone who has long-term potential and has an undesirable habit, it could be worth it to give that person a chance. If vaping isn't a total deal breaker, maybe you can try to encourage breaking the vaping habit or decreasing

usage. You could offer your support in the process.

It's best to be honest because, at some point, your true feelings will come out. If you would find yourself less attracted, disgusted or resentful because of the vaping habit, and if the person isn't able to adjust, the two of you might not be a good fit.

— Erin Tillman, dating coach and author of "The Consent Guidebook"

A: I don't think this is a fair question because how do you tell people that anything is a deal breaker?

How much they weigh, how much they earn, how they practice religion? You don't. You write a polite email or text, wish them the best and say that you're not a fit, but you're sure they're going to make someone else really happy one day. No need to explain why you're rejecting them since it's not your job to



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change them. Flip it around: Would you like people to offer to explain why they're not interested in you? Full honesty is great in theory, but in practice it's kind of tactless and unnecessary to

achieve the same goal.  
— Evan Marc Katz, dating coach and author of "Why You're Still Single"

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# THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

## See an animated feature or a ballet doc

By WEB BEHRENS

### Monday

#### CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Adult juries curate the huge variety of movies screened at Facets' 36th annual festival: features and shorts, animation and live-action. Public screenings are every night this week at 7 p.m., with lots of matinees Friday, Saturday and Nov. 10 (closing day). Two intriguing choices: the animated feature "Fritzi: A Revolutionary Tale," pictured, about two girls and a dog living behind the Iron Curtain (in German with subtitles); and "A Delicate Balance," a documentary about four top ballet students at a Quebec academy (in French with subtitles). Most screenings are at Facets, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave. ("Fritzi" is hosted by Davis Theater in Lincoln Square.) \$10, \$6 for kids aged 2-18. [facets.org/cicff](http://facets.org/cicff)

### Wednesday

#### GIZMOS FUN FACTORY'S TODDLER TIME

This enormous southwest-suburban indoor playground typically opens after school for big kids, but little ones get the space all to themselves twice weekly: Toddler Time is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Flock to the enormous Tinker Tot Toyland, a four-level play maze designed for kids under 44 inches tall. At Gizmos Fun Factory, 66 Orland Square Drive, Orland Park. \$10. [gizmosfunfactory.com](http://gizmosfunfactory.com)

### Thursday

#### NEVERMORE PARK

With his superhero- and anime-influenced work, Chicago artist Hebru Brantley makes art kids love. Now his heroic characters Flyboy and Lil Mama have soared into a magical 3D universe all their own: Nevermore Park. Housed in a 6,000-square-foot gallery space in Pilsen, the immersive experience lets visitors wander among Brantley's sculptures; wear 3D goggles that reveal hidden messages on the walls; and peruse collages of pop-culture ephemera that track black history. Open Thursdays through Sundays, through Dec. 1, at Nevermore Park, 949 W. 16th St. \$28. [nevermorepark.com](http://nevermorepark.com)



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## TOP PICKS

Monday, Nov. 4:  
CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, Nov. 9:  
MCA FAMILY DAY: HYPERTEXT

### Friday

#### 'THE OTHER CINDERELLA'

This Afro-centric take on the famous fairy tale is a beloved perennial by Black Ensemble Theater. In Jackie Taylor's version, the wicked stepmama works at the post office, and the Fairy Godmama hails from Jamaica. The show runs Thursdays through Sundays through Jan. 19 at Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St. \$45-\$65. [tinyurl.com/y66bjwfs](http://tinyurl.com/y66bjwfs)

#### SANTA HQ

If you're going to embrace the December holiday this early in November, Santa HQ is a great first stop. This fantasyland

(courtesy of HGTV) gives families a free place to kick-start their holiday spirit. Santa HQ kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday with a three-hour "Jamming in my Jammies" party at Fashion Outlets of Chicago, 5220 Fashion Outlets Way, Rosemont. Free to visit; Santa photo-op packages available for purchase. [santa-hq.com](http://santa-hq.com)

### Saturday

#### NEIGHBORHOOD TOY STORE DAY

A number of Chicago-area retailers have special events planned for Neighborhood Toy Store Day, such as raffles, prize wheels, sales and more. Participating retailers include Play in Logan Square and Lincoln Park; Toys Et Cetera in Hyde

Park and Andersonville; Timeless Toys in Lincoln Square; and Oak Park's Gepetto's Toy Box. To find a store near you, visit [tinyurl.com/y8s9qghj](http://tinyurl.com/y8s9qghj)

#### ONCE UPON A SYMPHONY: 'THE BOY AND THE VIOLIN'

A Brazilian fable about a boy's journey with his violin takes the spotlight in Once Upon a Symphony, an interactive performance series with music designed for pre-K kids. At 10 or 11:45 a.m. at Symphony Center's wheelchair-accessible Buntrock Hall, 220 S. Michigan Ave. \$17. [tinyurl.com/y425fp2w](http://tinyurl.com/y425fp2w)

#### MCA FAMILY DAY: HYPERTEXT

The Museum of Contemporary Art's monthly day for families (geared for those with kids aged 12 and under) hosts four hours of drop-in activities led by Chicago artists. This month's theme, Hypertext, riffs off the current exhibit, "Direct Message: Art, Language, and Power." 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The MCA, 220 E. Chicago Ave. Free for families with kids 12 and under. [tinyurl.com/y3n6xr4m](http://tinyurl.com/y3n6xr4m)

### Sunday

#### ROCK AND ROLL PLAYHOUSE: PURPLE PARTY FOR KIDS

Every few weeks, Brooklyn-born Rock and Roll Playhouse serves up a new concert in Pilsen, each time focusing on a revered rock band or solo artist. This time, kids 9 and under walk in through the out door when the Playhouse covers Prince. Doors open at 11 a.m., show begins at 11:30 at Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St. \$15. [tinyurl.com/y4f994qm](http://tinyurl.com/y4f994qm)

#### MEET YA AUTHOR NEAL SHUSTERMAN

Author Neal Shusterman was already known in literary circles for his "Unwind" sci-fi series and for his National Book Award-winning "Challenger Deep." His latest is the Printz Honor-winning "Arc of a Scythe" series, which reverses dystopian lit. Grab a copy of "The Toll," the brand-new conclusion to the trilogy, and meet Shusterman at 2 p.m. at Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville. Free to attend; \$20 for "The Toll." [tinyurl.com/yyp52s](http://tinyurl.com/yyp52s)

Web Behrens is a freelance reporter.

## Former Bear Forte helps install 1st changing table in men's room

By ALISON BOWEN

Over the summer, former Bears player Matt Forte brought his toddler to Maggie Daley Park. But when the 3-year-old needed a bathroom break and training pants check, Forte couldn't find a changing table.

After quickly realizing that trying to change his son in a hot, cramped port-a-potty wasn't going to work, he instead put his son on his lap on a bench.

"You need changing tables for both women's and men's bathrooms," Forte said. "Us dads, yes we do change diapers."

This won't be an issue for parents next summer — Forte was on hand Tuesday morning to help install a changing table in the park's field house, which previously only had a changing table in the women's bathroom.

Since his first child was born, Forte said he's had many moments of searching for a place to change diapers for his children, who are now 8, 6 and 3. The first time, he remembers, was in a Chicago restaurant with his wife.

At the dinner table, he could tell his son needed a diaper change — the baby seemed uncomfortable, shifting around — so Forte took him to the bathroom, where he expected to find a changing table.

"Before having kids, I just thought all bathrooms had them," he said.

He checked the wall — no table. He looked in the larger stall, thinking it might be there. Nothing. So he sat on a toilet and changed his son on his lap.

"It wasn't easy," Forte said.

He was balancing a squirming child, who he was trying to keep both safe and clean.

Last year, Donte Palmer's photo of changing his son's diaper on his lap went viral, and the response helped inspire a



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Former Chicago Bears running back Matt Forte, right, helps install a changing table with John Adduci, a local distributor, at Maggie Daley Park.

Pampers campaign to install 5,000 changing tables by 2021 across North America, including the table at Maggie Daley Park. Nine out of 10 dads have been in a public restroom without a changing table, according to the company. John Adduci, a local distributor who installed the changing table Tuesday with Forte, said he also failed to find spots to change his two sons, now 9 and 12. Instead, he'd use a table or the floor, or hand them off to his wife to change them in a women's restroom.

"Kids need their butts changed," Adduci said, "and it's nice to have the same essentials."

It's not only children's changing tables that advocates say are needed; the group Universal Changing Places started a campaign for adult changing tables, which can be useful for people with disabilities and their family members. The group lists several Illinois locations that have them, including O'Hare International Airport and Chicago's Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.

In Illinois, new legislation passed this year will require that most men's and women's restrooms open to the public have baby changing facilities by January 2020.

Jacob Smithers, an elementary school principal in Rock Island, said such measures are a good start. He'd prefer legislative action, he said, instead of what he's been doing for the past decade — telling every restaurant they should have a changing table. The first time was after he changed his infant son on a pile of paper towels on a restaurant's restroom floor.

"If you have high chairs, if you have kids' menus, this would be a great thing," he tells restaurant owners.

Smithers is working on an app, Changing Table Locator, which would compile thousands of locations for parents.

"The problem's not going to go away," he said. "People are going to keep having babies."

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# Spa patron says she was singled out for her size

'Fat shaming' all too common for women, experts say

BY KATE THAYER

To soothe her knotted muscles after a long road trip recently, Ann Grauer decided to make a stop at a Korean-style spa in Niles, Illinois, and treat herself to a whole body scrub.

But her reward turned to heartache when she said she was declined the service due to her size — something that hadn't been a problem during previous visits.

"Anyone who has ever struggled with weight or their own feelings about their body ... will know, I felt incredibly shamed," Grauer said. "It was like in the book 'The Scarlet Letter.' I felt like I had a great big F on my chest for fat."

Grauer, who also detailed her experience in a Facebook post, said employees at King Spa & Sauna Chicago told her that while she could use the pools, saunas and other areas within the large spa, she was too heavy to receive a body scrub treatment, even though she had received the treatment before — and at a higher weight.

As employees explained different reasons for why it might not be safe for her to receive the scrub, Grauer said she saw a man who appeared to weigh more than the 230-pound weight limit exit the spa, and when she inquired, she was told men did not have the same rule.

"You've got to be kidding me," Grauer said. "It's one thing about the weight, but it is another thing to have two sets of rules for men and women."



ANN GRAUER

Ann Grauer in a photo she took in front of the salon where employees said she was too heavy to receive a body scrub treatment.

A man who answered the phone at the spa said management was investigating the incident and declined further comment.

Less than 24 hours after Grauer wrote about her experience on Facebook, her post garnered more than 1,600 likes, was shared more than 600 times and received hundreds of comments, some from women who said they had had similar experiences at the spa.

Experts say this isn't surprising, given how "fat shaming" seems to be socially acceptable, especially when it comes to women.

With "fat shaming, like every other attitude toward the body, women are judged far more," said Barbara Risman, sociology professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Grauer said she decided to share her experience because it's not the first time she's felt singled out for her size, and it's not about bringing negative attention to the spa, a place she's frequented and enjoyed a few times, even though she lives in Milwaukee.



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Lisa White, 33, poses for a portrait in Chicago. White saw Ann Grauer's Facebook post about being refused a service at King Spa & Sauna in Niles, Illinois, and recalled a similar experience she had at the spa several years ago.

After Grauer first entered the salon and paid the initial fee, she went back to the part of the salon where she could schedule the scrub treatment. It was there that an employee kept telling her "no," Grauer said. She then noticed a sign she hadn't seen before near the desk, far from the front entrance, which said customers must weigh less than 230 pounds.

Grauer, 54, said she's been working on improving her health in the past year and has lost 60 pounds, but still is above the limit.

"She tried to tell me the table wasn't strong enough," Grauer said. "I said, 'no, no, I've had this done here before.' " A manager then told her it was because the oil would make the service too slippery, but that didn't explain why weight or gender matters, Grauer said. "He just kept saying we have a problem with heavy women."

Eventually, after feeling embarrassed in front of other patrons, Grauer got a refund, left the salon and drove home.

"I've been working so hard on my self-image and helping myself to get healthy," she said. "I came here to relax and have a treat, and it's been ruined."

Lisa White, 33, of Chicago, saw the Facebook post and recalled a similar experience she had at the salon several years ago.

White brought her mother to the spa to use the common areas. In one part of the spa, patrons are nude. But in the other, they wear provided clothing — shorts and a medical scrub-like top, White said.

White, a size 26 or 28, said she could not fit into the clothing and brought her own yoga pants and T-shirt, which she had done during a previous visit. White said she even was careful to bring cotton

clothing free of synthetic materials.

An employee spotted her from across the spa and "screamed at me because I wasn't wearing the correct outfit," she said.

When White pointed out that the salon could provide larger sizes, the employee "exploded on me," telling her the spa's usual clientele is not overweight. "He said, 'It's not something we cater to.' "

"I had never had an experience like that where I was so blatantly discriminated against because of my size," added White, who said she's struggled with weight since high school.

She said she was embarrassed to talk about the incident until she saw Grauer's post, in part because "I don't think people talk about (weight discrimination) ... unless you've been a larger person ... or you know somebody who's fat."

"It's still somewhat culturally acceptable," said White, who said she's become more comfortable in her size. Yet, "it's still a shame thing in our culture."

Risman said while she's seen improvement in fat shaming, it's often under the guise of health advice, and it's still a problem.

With social pressure and conversation, Risman said there's hope for further improvement. "We've seen lots of these kinds of negative norms decrease over time."

"Women used to get thrown out of restaurants for wearing slacks," she said. "It's a matter of identifying what the problem is and creating a social critique of the problem."

Social norms change all the time, she said. "It seems to me fat shaming should be one of those."

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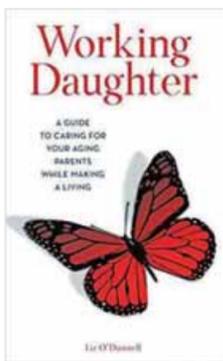
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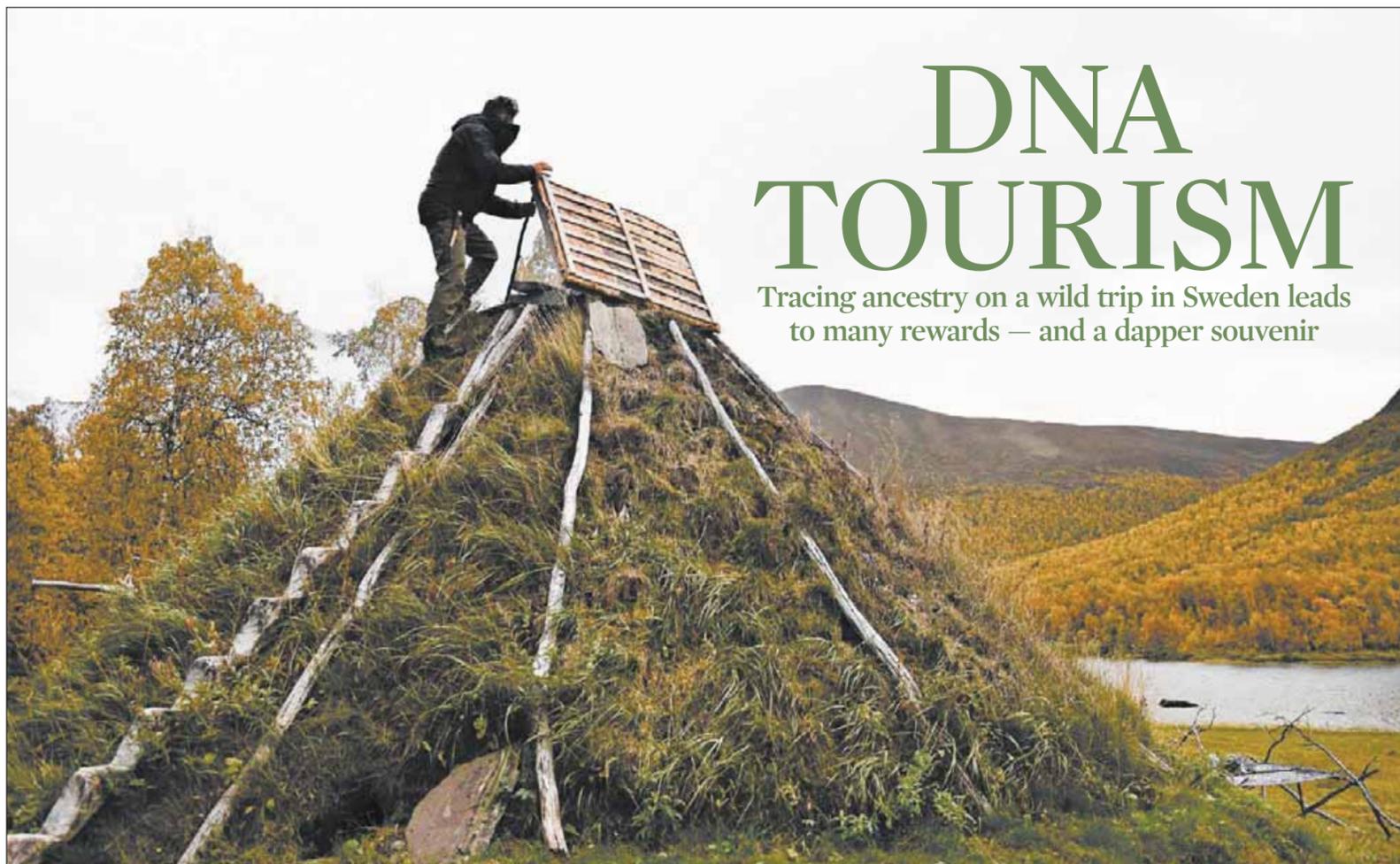
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## DNA TOURISM

Tracing ancestry on a wild trip in Sweden leads to many rewards — and a dapper souvenir



Mikael Vinka stands on top of a traditional goathie home at his Sami Ecolodge near Ammarnas, Sweden.

**STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY MARK JOHANSON**  
Chicago Tribune

GOTHENBURG, Sweden — Smoke billowed out of a hole at the center of a grass-covered tepee as I passed plates of cured moose sausage, flat bread, cheese and cloudberry jam to the seven other strangers gathered in this traditional Sami home in Sweden's northernmost Lapland region.

This was a complete digital detox: no electricity, cell signal or running water. Outside the conical dwelling (called a goathie in the indigenous Sami language), the air threatened to dip below freezing. Yet, with my toes curled into a reindeer pelt and the central fire invoking another round of storytelling, none of the modern sacrifices seemed to matter.

Owner Mikael Vinka regaled us with stories of herding his reindeer across the snow-dusted forests that blanket Sweden's Arctic frontier — a region the Sami call Sapmi. Over the next three days, he led us hiking into the birch-topped Vindel Mountains. We dared our bodies to enter a frigid lake before defrosting them in a fire-heated sauna. At night, we chased the faint charreouse glow of the northern lights across an untainted sky.

When, on the final day, Mikael urged us to sit on a mossy mound and feel the energy of the earth, the cynic in me wanted to crack. But I couldn't. Mikael had spoken of Lapland with such doe-eyed sincerity. He connected so deeply with his environment that he could disappear into it for days. I wanted that kind of unburdened freedom. I needed to feel what he felt too.

To reach the Vinka family's Sami Ecolodge meant a four-hour drive from the regional airport in Lulea to the hamlet of Ammarnas, followed by a 45-minute boat ride into the vast wilderness of Vindelfjällen Nature Reserve, one of the largest protected areas in Europe. I came all this way not only to purge myself from the trappings of cellphones, social media, work and city noise, but also to embark on a spiritual journey to try to discover who I am at my core.

Like an increasing number of Americans, I've become curious about my heritage. How (if at all) has it molded me into the person I've become? Results from one of those ubiquitous DNA kits suggest the highest percentage of my genetic code is from Sweden, so it felt like as good a place as any to begin.

I split my journey into three parts, each with a distinct objective. First I'd explore the geography — Sweden's famous wildlands — with those who maintain the deepest connection to them in the 21st century: the Sami. Then I'd head south to uncover the history of my great-grandfather's journey to America in the seaport of Gothenburg. Finally, I'd connect with the people — specifically a few distant relatives — to see what of the national character I could find lingering in myself.

My stay in the far north taught me that woodlands and rivers and overgrown ravines are not just feral spots on an ever-busier map; they're our link to sanity, a global necessity and a Swedish birthright given to those lucky enough to live in a nation where 69% of the land is forested.

For the next stage of my journey — the history leg — I had to leave the musky dew of Lapland behind for the salty air of southerly Gothenburg.

It was from this industrial seaport along the rocky Bohuslan Coast that most of the 1.3 million Swedes who departed for a new life in America between 1850 and 1930 took their final steps on Swedish soil. After



Hikers enjoy the vast wilderness of Lapland's Vindelfjällen Nature Reserve.



Crayfish are found in abundance along Sweden's west coast near the city of Gothenburg.

checking in at New York's Castle Garden (from 1855) or Ellis Island (from 1892), the majority settled in Chicago, Minneapolis and the greater Midwest, where the landscape and climate resembled home.

Swedes make up a tiny fabric of the American quilt, but this mass exodus of nearly 25% of the population left a big mark on Sweden. To learn more, I visited the House of Emigrants, a small museum in the city's old Customs House (now a casino), from which nearly all Swedish emigrants passed.

The museum looks at the reasons Swedes immigrated to America, the ship lines that took them there and what they left behind. In my great-grandfather Carl Johansson's case, it was a shot at a better life, the White Star Line (1911), and everything he knew and loved — along with the extra "s" in his surname, discarded for simplicity's sake in his adopted homeland.

So important was this mass emigration to Sweden's history that one of its most popular reality TV shows, "The Great Swedish Adventure" ("Allt för Sverige"), invites Americans with Swedish ancestry to come back and discover their roots. Like any good show, however, there's a catch: Along the way, cast members are kicked off for losing cultural and physical challenges. Only the winner meets their Swedish rela-

tives for a family reunion.

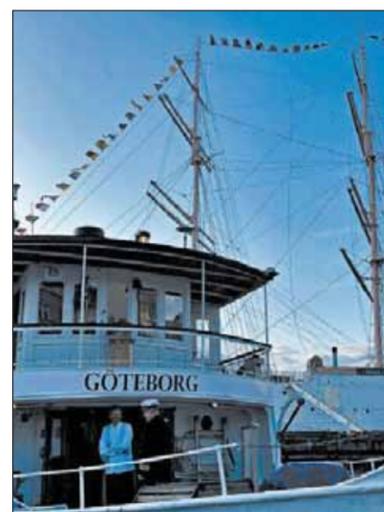
I saved myself the humiliation of losing a Swedish reality show by contacting the descendants of Carl's sister, Gerda, directly.

Gerda's great-granddaughter, Camilla Sandell, lives in a lovingly restored falu-red cottage in the countryside just outside Gothenburg. When she heard I'd be in town, she bought loads of crustaceans from a local fisherman, set a table with white wine and nutty Vasterbotten cheese and invited the extended family for a crayfish party — a feast typical of Sweden's west coast, where the critters run wild.

It's a strange thing to meet a family who shares some of your bloodlines but grew up in another land, speaks a different language and has its own customs. Yet it's equally bizarre how little that seems to matter by the second glass of wine. In fact, it struck me sitting at that dinner table with 10 Swedes that my preference for deference, for humility, for having enough of a personality but not too much to cause a scene makes me rather Swedish at my core.

My parents had visited some of these relatives in Sweden a decade prior. They put together a genealogy-inspired DVD for me and my siblings and gave it to us for Christmas. To say I was mildly intrigued would be generous.

I've spent most of my adult life traveling



Residents of Gothenburg have a strong connection to the sea thanks to its history as a major hub for shipbuilding.

the globe for work, but never once put Sweden on the agenda. I can't say why. As a kid, the mere fact of having the most popular last name in Sweden was enough for me to cheer for their soccer team in World Cups and study the country for geography projects. It was always the most tangible connection I had to somewhere else.

But to visit? Perhaps it wasn't exotic enough. I've always been attracted to everything wholly foreign, so it was quite a surprise to find during my two weeks in Sweden that something startlingly familiar, something in my DNA, could shock my senses even more.

When all the crayfish were decapitated and wine bottles emptied, Camilla reached into her closet for a box. Inside was a black top hat, the kind you might see in period movies, from another shared relative named Axel Johansson. The newspapers protecting it were from the 1940s. Despite my protests, she wanted me to have it.

There's an old Swedish fable about a hat that takes on a new life with each person who wears it. If I brought my long dead relative's hat back home with me, Camilla said, I would not only have something to remember them by, but the hat could have a new story.

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# Danube trio: Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest



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Strung along the Danube River, three capital cities — Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest — make up a triangle of enjoyable urbanity at the heart of central Europe. Each of these capital cities shares a common Habsburg history, and thanks to their proximity — only one or two hours apart by train — combining all three into one trip is a breeze.

Vienna ranks at the top of my list of elegant European cities. Once the capital of the mighty Habsburg empire, it has a rich culture you can almost inhale — and an easy livability that I admire.

From a sightseeing point of view, Vienna is the sum of its illustrious past, with a dizzying number of sights and museums to explore. But the overall vibe of the city itself is just as enjoyable. Having lost World War I and her political power, Vienna has kicked back, becoming an expert in good living.

Vienna has a long history as Europe's music capital, and classical music performances are everywhere, from public parks to the Vienna State Opera — which belts out 350 glittering shows a year. Gilded high culture can be surprisingly affordable here — an opera standing-room ticket is about the same price as a cinema ticket.

Whether you're enjoying Strauss in a park or lingering in a genteel cafe, Vienna is a class act. For a literal taste of old Vienna, step into one of its cafes to relax with a cup of coffee, a thick slice of cake and a newspaper. With crystal chandeliers and worn red-velvet chairs, these establishments have the charm of times past.

Less than an hour's train or boat ride away from



St. Michael's Gate in Bratislava's old town is the last surviving tower of the city wall.



Budapest's single best attraction: steamy Szechenyi Thermal Bath in City Park.

Vienna, Bratislava, the Slovak capital, is a convenient "on the way" destination between Budapest and Vienna. Its compact old town is lined with venerable cafes, Renaissance arcades and fun-to-browse boutiques.

A few hours are plenty to get the gist of the city. Though lacking blockbust-

er sights, Bratislava is an unexpected charmer and perfect for strolling. Head straight to the old town and wander its mostly traffic-free streets.

The petite main square features a historic fountain, built to celebrate the 1563 coronation of Maximilian II — the first Habsburg emperor to also be

crowned "King of Hungary." Back then, Slovakia was part of Hungary, which was ruled from Austria. (Got that?)

Finish your stroll with a hike up to Bratislava Castle, the city's most prominent landmark. Originally a military fortress, in the 18th century it was transformed into a royal residence for

Habsburg Empress Maria Theresa. While it now houses exhibits, the main reason to head up the hill is for the views over the city and the Danube.

Bratislava's energy is inspiring, but the true powerhouse of this region is Hungary's capital, Budapest. It can be challenging and complicated, but Budapest is worth it: It's an enjoyably cosmopolitan place of unexpected elegance.

Straddling the Danube River, it's technically two towns in one, with mighty bridges linking historic Buda and modern Pest. Hilly Buda is dominated by Castle Hill. The royal palace marks the place where one of Europe's mightiest castles once stood. Since the 14th century, Hungary has been ruled from this spot.

Because of its heritage, Budapest feels more grandiose than you'd expect for the capital of a relatively small country. The city boomed in the late 19th century, after the Habsburg rulers made it co-capital —

with Vienna — of their vast Austro-Hungarian Empire.

That boom peaked with a flurry of construction in anticipation of a citywide party in 1896, the 1,000th anniversary of the arrival of the Magyars (Hungary's original ethnic group). Budapest's long-standing rivalry with Vienna spurred its planners to build bigger and better.

Many of the city's finest landmarks date from this era, including the neo-Gothic Hungarian Parliament, the opulent State Opera House and the voluminous Central Market Hall.

Budapest's residents, like their Viennese neighbors, have retained a keen knack for living well. Spend an hour or two (or the whole day) splashing and soaking in one of the city's many thermal baths. Though public baths can sound intimidating, they're a delight — and are my personal favorite among all of Budapest's inviting experiences.

The city's cafe culture has made a strong comeback (the communists had closed down the cafes, fearing a dissident breeding ground). The old coffeehouses are being restored, rivaling those in Vienna and dripping with Habsburgian nostalgia. Whiling away the afternoon at a genteel coffeehouse while nursing a drink or savoring a delicate dessert is a favorite pastime.

For panoramic views from the remaining castle ramparts, ride the cute funicular up to Castle Hill. Or cap a day of sightseeing with an evening cruise on the blue Danube — the chain that links the three capitals of Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest.

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## TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

# Can you find our missing resort credit at the Riu?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT  
King Features

We need help with recovering a missing resort credit. Earlier this year, we booked three rooms at the Riu Palace Tropical Bay in Negril, Jamaica, for a family reunion.

The reason we booked this resort over going to others in the Negril area was that it advertised a \$470 resort credit per room if we booked through Orbitz.

When we checked in, the Riu gave us coupons for services at the hotel. We explained that we were to receive \$470 in resort credit per room. The staff told me that they cannot honor this and I needed to take it up with my booking agent.

Instead of wasting time on vacation, we waited until we returned and spent a total of seven hours on the phone with Orbitz in hopes to clear this situation. In the end, Orbitz made claims in writing stating that they do not take responsibility for this mishap and, in fact, the hotel is to be held responsible to remedy this situation.

A coupon is not a credit. A credit is money that can be used up to the amount of the credit. A coupon is a discount on any additionally purchased services.

We feel that the hotel advertised something that was enticing enough to lure us to book and they did not honor their advertisement. It is unfair and not right. Can you help us?

— Rohita Land, New York

A: You're right — a resort credit is not the same thing as a coupon. Orbitz, the site through which you booked your stay at the Riu Palace Tropical Bay, should have worked with the hotel to secure your credits.

I know you didn't want to let this problem interfere with your vacation, but the sooner you say something, the easier the resolution. A quick appeal to a manager or to someone at a higher level at Riu might have fixed this problem while you were still in Jamaica. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of Riu Hotels & Resorts on my nonprofit

consumer advocacy site.

Ultimately, this was something your online travel agency should have fixed — either during or after your stay. But Orbitz simply deferred to the Riu. By the way, I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of Orbitz's customer service executives.

In fact, Orbitz decided to split hairs on your definition of "credit." "Orbitz cannot accept responsibility for what you felt was the misuse of the word 'credit,'" it wrote. "Please understand that Orbitz has advocated on your behalf to the property on several occasions request-

ing compensation due to this matter, in which we have been unsuccessful."

Orbitz offered you a \$270 refund and a \$200 coupon as a resolution, but you were unhappy with that. I contacted Orbitz on your behalf, and it offered you \$940 in Orbitz credit, which you can use for a future trip. You accepted the offer.

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## CELEBRITY TRAVELER

# Vocalist's cheerful earful on her travels

BY JAE-HA KIM  
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Jazz vocalist Diana Panton says that when people ask her for travel tips, she recommends visiting Portugal. "I was impressed with the affordability (there)," says the Canadian musician. "It's a great place to go on a budget. There's lots of interesting architecture, history, tasty food and natural landscapes at a fraction of the price of most other European countries."

Panton, a resident of Hamilton, Ontario, where she was born and raised, recently released the family-oriented CD "A Cheerful Little Earful." An edited version of our conversation follows.

**Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?**

A: I have a soft spot for Paris. My parents enrolled me in French immersion at school when I was little, and I later went on to do a master's degree in French literature. During university, I had the opportunity to teach in Paris for a year and a half, and now I get the tug of nostalgia beckoning me back to Paris every couple of years. I always feel a sense of artistic freedom there. I love the attention to detail and all the specialty shops. Some of my favorite things to do in Paris include wandering on foot, taking photos and stopping for a chocolate chaud in a local cafe. To cap it off, a stroll along the Seine never disappoints.

**Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?**

A: The first trip I recall was to Hawaii. Though my parents found it quite touristy, I loved the fact that



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everyone would give you heavenly smelling flowers to wear around your neck. At (age) 6, Hawaii seemed like paradise to me.

**Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?**

A: Travel underscores the diverse approaches to life. There is no one way to live, and when you travel it opens up a world of possibilities. Whenever I return to Canada, I try to bring home a little bit of the spirit of the place I was visiting, and this enriches my everyday experience.

**Q: Where are your favorite weekend get-aways?**

A: I have a favorite cottage on Lake Ontario only a short drive from where I live. It is a great place to decompress and refuel my batteries.

**Q: If you've ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?**

A: I was in Taipei for December one year. There was no snow, but there were cute Christmas trees and lots of festive spirit.

**Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?**

A: When I was looking for an apartment during

my first extended stay in Paris, the Rue Mouffetard in Paris reminded me of Westdale Village near where I live in Hamilton, because of the array of small shops and mix of families and students attending nearby universities.

**Q: What would be your dream trip?**

A: I would love to spend a whole month or two in a very remote but not austere natural landscape.

**Q: What is your worst vacation memory?**

A: The worst vacation was a camping trip when I was little. I was very attached to my stuffed animals and felt they should all come along for fear of them feeling left behind. Anyway, upon returning from that trip and making multiple trips to the house while unloading the car, somehow the garbage collectors assumed my box of toys was for pickup and I lost all my stuffed animals in one fell swoop. It was devastating and it was several years before I would accept another stuffed animal from anyone. In my mind those I had lost were irreplaceable.

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Joy Ryan — better known on the internet as “Grandma Joy” — and her grandson, Brad Ryan, tour Wrigley Field this autumn in between visits to national parks. They’ve set out to see all 61 national parks and have amassed a social media following along the way.

# Grandma Joy, on a quest to see it all

The 89-year-old internet sensation swings through Chicago in between national park visits

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

If you don’t like the view, change your lens.

That’s what Brad Ryan did after he finished years of higher education only to find out that becoming a veterinarian wasn’t the “end all, be all” he thought it would be.

“I was going through my worst depression in life and I had been honest about the fact that I definitely had suicidal thoughts during vet school,” said the 38-year-old Ohio man. “When a second-year student committed suicide, I thought I needed to get out. And for me, Mother Nature was always my greatest healer.”

He drove to the Great Smoky Mountains for a reset with his octogenarian grandmother Joy Ryan, known as “Grandma Joy,” riding shotgun. That was four years ago. What started out as a single road trip turned into six, with a goal of visiting all 61 U.S. national parks.

Brad has been chronicling their adventures on social media, and the duo has become an internet sensation with more than 27,000 followers on Instagram and several national news spots. Per Brad, Grandma Joy can’t go to the grocery store in their hometown of Duncan Falls, Ohio, without having people ask for a photo.

“We have been charged by moose and Grandma has unfortunately run across a skinny dipper on the side of a lake in Yellowstone National Park,” Brad said in late September, when he and Grandma Joy dropped by Chicago in between park visits.

“We’ve had beautiful epic moments like being trapped in a bison herd for four hours at Yellowstone, walking through the redwood trees, watching the sun rise over the Grand Canyon. We could go on and on.”

The Ryans had just finished seeing their 31st park when they visited the country’s newest: Indiana Dunes National Park.

“We had a nice ranger who was very giving and patient with me, trying to plow through all that sand,” Grandma Joy said. “Oh my word! That was a tad of a struggle, but we made it.”

“She showed us all the different flowers. I have sassafras in my backyard, but I didn’t find out until yesterday that a sassafras tree has three kinds of leaves.”

Amid their adventures, the Ryans have strengthened familial bonds. For years, Brad thought by achieving his career goals he would find validation and fulfillment, and his life would then take shape. He did all of that and still found that he was not the person he wanted to be.

“It was sort of the Dorothy Gale (‘Wizard of Oz’) analogy, right?” Brad said. “Everything that I ever needed was right there at home the whole time and I had lost sight of that.”

“When you’re on the open road, it forces conversations to emerge that might have otherwise gone unspoken. We had a whole family legacy that I didn’t know about and she would have taken to her grave.”

“I think we just take that for granted as we push forward in life to pursue our careers. I definitely had.”

This was Grandma Joy’s first visit to Chicago. She was in awe of the city lights.

“I couldn’t believe all these people live in these great big buildings — millions of them,” she said. “It looked like Christmas time.”

Before the Ryans left for Isle Royale National Park in Michigan, we picked up some advice from Brad and life lessons from Grandma Joy.

The interview has been condensed and edited.

## Grandma Joy

### On getting tired hiking through parks:

Sure, I get tired sometimes, but what’s the alternative? Stay home? I don’t think so.

### On her view on life:

I look forward to life. I lost my boys and husband, but you just take it one day at a time and you look around and see other people in a lot worse shape than you. So every morning I wake up and thank God for giving me another day and trudge forward.

### On her favorite park so far:

There is something special about every park. People just need to get out and go. Go to the Indiana Dunes because it’s not far from here.

### On the benefits of driving a Ford Escape hybrid while checking out nature:

We were going up this mountain, and when the fog went away there was this tiny little bear cub walking along the edge, just as big as you please, and then he jumped down and began digging for worms. It was fun to watch him because he didn’t know we were there because the car was so quiet. He just took his time and wandered around.

### On getting caught in the middle of a bison herd:

It was fun to just sit there and watch — there were little ones, big ones, middle-sized ones. It’s amazing to see all these things that you see on the Travel Channel and then you see them in person. You can’t believe the difference when you see something in person. In every park, so



Grandma Joy looks at the Ernie Banks statue before a tour of Wrigley Field. This was her first visit to Chicago, where she was in awe of the city lights. “I couldn’t believe all these people live in these great big buildings — millions of them,” she said. “It looked like Christmas time.”

beautiful. It was just amazing.

### On her lessons to Brad:

You just have to be positive. The glass is half-full, not half-empty. Stop and smell the roses.

## Brad Ryan

### On Grandma’s lessons:

She loves animals like I do — that’s one of the things that we connect on. She was the grandma who was adventurous enough to take her shoes off and get in the stream with me to lift up rocks to find little critters. That planted the seed and my love of nature and wildlife.

When she told me in her 80s that she had never seen mountains or the great, charismatic wildlife of the United States, that’s what broke my heart because I knew that if she had the financial means and the ability to go and see these things, she would have really soaked it all up. It just kind of haunted me.

She makes the most of her life and she’s always looking at life through a very grateful lens. I just felt what a missed opportunity if I couldn’t somehow show her the world. (Brad created a GoFundMe page to help pay for their travels; Hyatt will provide lodging for the remainder of the trip.)

### On the completion of their road tripping:

Nov. 7, if all goes well, we’ll be at 49 out of 61, and that’s every national park in the lower continental United States. At that point, it’s Hawaii, Alaska and two in the Caribbean.

The old Brad was completely disappointed if I didn’t complete 10 items on a to-do list when I visited a place. Now I’m not so distracted by the end goal — that’s a lesson I got from her.

When I had to slow down to her pace when we were visiting the parks, she would point out the designs on caterpillars, say, “Look at the roots on this tree. Doesn’t that look like a sculpture?” She’s able to point out all these things that I probably would not have seen. I’ve learned to live more presently because of her.

I dream about her seeing grizzly bears catching salmon by a river and watching caribou walking across the Arctic Circle and things like that. I hope that happens. It’s a constant battle that I have: Don’t think about that. Focus on these beautiful seagulls that are putting on a show for us on the shores of Lake Michigan. And we did. We sat there for two hours and it was amazing.

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The guitar-shaped hotel at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino opened on the tribe’s land in Hollywood, Florida, in October.

## Guitar-shaped hotel opens at Florida Seminole casino

BY CURT ANDERSON  
Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — It looks like a rock ‘n’ roll guitar that Led Zeppelin’s Jimmy Page would have played. But this one is 450 feet tall and a light-beam hotel that the Seminole Tribe wants to become South Florida’s latest tourist destination.

The Guitar Hotel had its grand opening in October on the tribe’s land in Hollywood, once only a

trailer park and some smoke shops. It’s the latest step in the Seminole Hard Rock empire, which includes naming rights on the Miami-area stadium where the 2020 Super Bowl will be played.

“It really is special,” said Mitchell Cypress, vice chairman of the Seminole tribal council. “The Seminoles now are known throughout the world.”

It’s a unique addition to South Florida’s tourist landscape and no

hotel in the world is like it. It has more than 600 rooms and at night beams of light mimic the strings of the guitar.

The \$1.5 billion project also has a refurbished venue for concerts and other events. It has a giant pool and lagoon, retail shops, restaurants and, of course, gambling.

Jim Allen, CEO of Hard Rock International, said the brand already is filled with guitars, so why not a hotel?

“Wouldn’t it be really cool if we could design a hotel shaped like a guitar?” Allen remembers saying. “Before, we were more of a locals facility. Now, we have the ability to market this internationally.”

NEWS TO USE

# Midwest offering plenty of holiday happenings

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 holiday season kicks off Nov. 23 in Moline, Illinois, with the annual Lighting on the Commons. The downtown event includes tractor-drawn wagon rides — this is the headquarters of John Deere, after all — appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus, holiday music, fireworks and, of course, the official lighting ceremony. [www.lightingonthecommons.com](http://www.lightingonthecommons.com)

■ A Stained Glass Retreat will be held Nov. 17 at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, Illinois. Lynne Ulett, owner of Alton Stained Glass Works, will instruct beginners on glass cutting, grinding, foiling and soldering to complete their own piece. An overnight stay at the lodge is required to participate, and the workshop cost is

\$94 per person plus the cost of lodging. [tinyurl.com/y6qpe2p3](http://tinyurl.com/y6qpe2p3)

■ The 76th annual Holiday Folk Fair International will be held Nov. 22-24 at the State Fair Park Exposition Center in West Allis, Wisconsin. The cultures of more than 50 countries will be represented in areas including the World Cafe, All Nations Theater, International Stage and International Bazaar. There will also be a Chef's Stage featuring cooking demonstrations. [www.folkfair.org](http://www.folkfair.org)

■ The annual Holiday Market at the American Club in Kohler, Wisconsin, will be held Nov. 22-24. The market brings vendors from across the Midwest offering decorations, handmade toys, clothing, food items and more. The market also operates at the Kohler Design Center on Saturday. [tinyurl.com/y5e4amxe](http://tinyurl.com/y5e4amxe)

■ The Actors Theatre of Indiana in Carmel is staging "Alabama Story," through Nov. 17. Inspired by true events during the civil



QUINN KIRKPATRICK

Fireworks brighten the sky in downtown Moline for the annual Lighting on the Commons.

rights era, the play deals with the controversy involving a children's book in which a white rabbit marries a black rabbit. [tinyurl.com/y4ezlfef](http://tinyurl.com/y4ezlfef)

■ The seven Indiana state park inns are offering a winter special from Nov. 24 to Feb. 27. Stay one night Sunday through Thursday and get the second night free. Go to [www.indianainns.com](http://www.indianainns.com), click on the inn at which you'd like to stay, then Specials & Events.

■ Ninety-two decorated trees will give a holiday feel to the Indiana History Center in Indianapolis during the annual Festival of Trees. Scheduled Nov. 15

through Jan. 4, the event will include daily holiday singalongs, visits with Santa Claus on weekends and special events, such as a Holiday Author Fair and a chance to try seasonal local beers. [tinyurl.com/ybw8qlxp](http://tinyurl.com/ybw8qlxp)

■ If you're thinking about using rail service for Thanksgiving travel, Amtrak reports that the Chicago-Milwaukee corridor is the busiest in the Midwest. Space is limited on Hiawatha Service between the two cities, so a reservation will be required for travel from Nov. 26 to Dec. 2. Check schedules and book tickets at [tinyurl.com/yxbww4tp](http://tinyurl.com/yxbww4tp).

■ The Crown Center Ice Terrace in Kansas City, Missouri, offers outdoor ice skating sheltered by a billowing white tent and a view of the 100-foot-high Mayor's Christmas Tree. Skating is available every day except Christmas through March 8. [tinyurl.com/y5trwvx7](http://tinyurl.com/y5trwvx7)

■ The 35th annual Silver Bells in the City will be Nov. 22 in downtown Lansing, Michigan. Among the activities will be the Electric Light Parade, lighting of the official state Christmas tree, a community sing and Silver Bells Village, featuring vendors selling a slew of holiday items. There will also be live

entertainment. [www.silverbellsinthecity.org](http://www.silverbellsinthecity.org)

■ The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in Indianapolis is opening a new exhibition called "Blurring the Line" on Nov. 16. The exhibit showcases the works of five native artists who were recipients of the 2019 Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship. The works include paintings, installations and mixed media. It will be on display through Feb. 2. [tinyurl.com/y68zek7s](http://tinyurl.com/y68zek7s)

■ The Great American Rail-Trail envisions a trail for biking and hiking stretching across the U.S. Parts of the trail already exist in the form of local trails in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. Read about the trails at [tinyurl.com/y5yf6fq5](http://tinyurl.com/y5yf6fq5).

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](mailto:ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com).

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

India. They're in the peninsular area of the country roughly parallel to the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.

## Less is more: 'Nakations' gaining popularity

By DAVE G. HOUSER  
Tribune News Service

One of the latest travel trends is all about stripping things down to the basics. The "nakation" — aka clothing-optional tourism — is a fast-growing segment of the travel industry, experts say.

Shirking that outer layer at nude beaches and resorts and even on clothing-optional cruises has become the vacation choice du jour for hundreds of thousands of free-spirited Americans.

It's certainly bringing in big bucks in Florida, where the state's tourism department reports that nude recreation made a \$74 billion economic impact in the Sunshine State last year.

Mature adults, 45 and older, make up the majority of nakationers, according to Mary Jane Kolassa, media relations representative for the American Association for Nude Recreation.

"The demographics are shifting, however," says Kolassa. "We're seeing more millennials, Gen Xers,

African Americans and Hispanics opening up to the joy and freedom offered by the nude travel experience."

Behavioral scientists theorize that the appeal of nudism may relate in part to the need in our increasingly complex world for "tech detoxing" and going "off the grid" as remedies for the frenetic modern lifestyle.

A number of travel agencies, such as Texas-based Castaways Travel, charter entire vessels for clothing-

optional cruises. Castaways co-owner Donna Daniels estimates her company will book about 7,500 passengers this year on three chartered voyages.

"We organize special activities for our clients, including costume nights, body painting and adult comedians," says Daniels.

Campers have lots of opportunities to go natural as well, according to Kolassa, who notes that most of the association's clubs maintain campgrounds that welcome nude campers.



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Many travelers appear interested in stripping things down to the basics for a "nakation."



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## FORK IN THE ROAD

WHAT TO EAT WHEN YOU GET THERE



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Hundreds of vendors pack the Hmongtown Marketplace, where fresh farmed vegetables are among the myriad items readily available.

# SINGULAR ST. PAUL

The older and smaller of Minnesota's Twin Cities boasts a food scene second to none

BY MELANIE D.G. KAPLAN  
The Washington Post

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Twin schmin.

When I recently visited St. Paul, I was vaguely aware of another city nearby. I saw skyscrapers in the distance and heard mention of a twin — a sparklier, sassier, busier, bigger city slightly to the west. A city that gets first billing and all the love.

I registered that other city in my mind and then dismissed it altogether. Because St. Paul, I discovered, is more fun than second fiddle and too important to be an afterthought.

St. Paul is the capital of Minnesota, the older and smaller of the Twin Cities. It's quieter and more relaxed, wholesome and family-friendly, with an air of romance, as though it's winking at a bygone time. St. Paul is hardly a sleepy town — it attracts big-name entertainers, goes hockey crazy in the winter and this year opened Allianz Field, a gleaming world-class soccer stadium. I ran out of time during my visit before I ran out of highly recommended restaurants.



The Fitzgerald cocktail, named after fiction writer and St. Paul native F. Scott, is a featured drink at the Commodore restaurant and lounge.



Tongue in Cheek restaurant, a cozy spot on the gritty east side of town, has several tasty "teaser" appetizers to choose from.

### Local faves

"One bite. Like an oyster." The friendly bartender at Tongue in Cheek instructed me on how to eat the "teaser," or amuse-bouche. I'd ordered — a large spoon artfully packed with colorful ingredients. "You should get it in four flavors: basil, blueberry, toffee peanuts and then the funk of the blue cheese." He was right. It was the most interesting single bite I'd taken in recent memory. The rest of the meal at this cozy spot on the gritty east side of town was just as flavorful: a pea shoot and burrata salad with stone fruit and pine nuts; zucchini pad thai. The menu also has meat options, such as fried chicken ramen. Five-course "carnivore" and "herbivore" tasting menus, \$70 and \$65, respectively, are available for dinner; brunch is served daily.

If you're looking for more taco than the overpriced, dainty "street style" options that have been popping up everywhere recently, head to El Burrito Mercado, an institution on St. Paul's west side (confusingly on the south side of town). At the cafe (there's also a sit-down restaurant), I ordered two huge tacos for \$6 and sat, listening to salsa music and talking to a mustached Mexican man who works at Vietnamese and Chinese restaurants. Located in an area that's called District del Sol for its many Latino-owned businesses, El Burrito Mercado has been a fixture for decades. At the market, pinatas hang from the ceiling and shoppers read signs in Spanish, buying souvenirs; Fanta bottled in Mexico; freshly made tamales, empanadas and guac; and bakery items like tres leches cake and cookies the size of portobello mushrooms. Return in May for the neighborhood's Cinco de Mayo celebra-



Keg and Case West 7th Market is a food and retail hall that includes a 15-foot-high mushroom grow chamber and your pick of over 50 flavors of cotton candy.

tion, one of the largest in the country.

### Guidebook musts

I was eating my mushroom toast on the patio at Holman's Table one morning when a small jet landed nearby, taxied down the runway and stopped on the tarmac, mere feet from my breakfast. What a way for an aviation geek to start the day! Holman Field, the onetime headquarters of Northwest Airlines, opened this all-day restaurant before the 2018 Super Bowl to feed hungry VIPs arriving in their private jets. Now, most of the 100-plus daily takeoffs and landings are corporate aircraft (no commercial flights means no security hassles), and the restaurant is a great spot for pilots and passengers to grab a bite. Let's just say I was mesmerized by every little plane that landed before me, wobbling down the runway. A floatplane took off,

a Black Hawk helicopter was towed into the Minnesota Army National Guard hangar, and I couldn't imagine being more delighted if a Richard Scarry book came to life. Eventually, I realized my toast was cold — a shame because the food is too good to be forgotten. Insider tips: Bring binoculars and download the LiveATC app to listen to air traffic control. Ask to sit in the viewing area on the tarmac, and order a Red Eye or Airmail cocktail around the firepit.

Step back in time at the Commodore, an art deco and Jazz Age restaurant and cocktail lounge in the Cathedral Hill neighborhood. Perhaps best known as a favorite spot of F. Scott Fitzgerald's (the writer and wife Zelda lived upstairs in the early 1920s), the legendary restaurant has its own colorful history — home to a basement speakeasy during Prohibition and a destination for Chicago mobsters. Beautifully

restored and glamorous, with a killer bar, the Commodore serves starters including lobster deviled eggs and Waldorf salad and entrees like seven-spice cauliflower and beer-battered walleye. You'll want to dress up here, to honor the history and romance of the Commodore, which turns 100 in 2020. Toast the Fitzgeralds with a gin cocktail named for him and a sparkling wine concoction named for her. (In the summer, take a Fitzgerald walking tour with the Minnesota Historical Society.)

### Markets

Keg and Case West 7th Market, a food and retail hall that opened last year in the old Schmidt Brewery, was described to me by St. Paulites as a little "too hip" and "too glossy" for St. Paul, maybe more at home in that other city to the west. I predict even the locals who said this will, in time, come to love the market. Entering, you

see a dazzling, 15-foot-high mushroom grow chamber at Forest to Fork, a shop that sells wild foraged and cultivated mushrooms (more than a dozen species at any given time, counting the 800 pounds that grow in the chamber each week), foraging supplies, books and tools. You can find an "Edible Mushrooms of Minnesota" calendar, mushroom cocoa mix, a "brushroom" for mushroom cleaning and "Mush love" stickers. Also at Keg and Case: House of Halva, where you can order a tahini smoothie and halvah in unexpected flavors like coffee; Spinning Wylde, offering cotton candy in more than 50 flavors (black licorice, rum and coke); and In Bloom, which cooks all its food over fire.

It's easy to forget, when you're walking past the crowded indoor stalls or outdoor vegetable stands in Hmongtown Marketplace, that you're in the Midwest. The sounds, smells, voices on TV and faces proclaim, "Southeast Asia!" St. Paul is said to have the nation's largest Hmong population, and when locals shop here, it feels like home. Hundreds of vendors pack the market with trinkets, soaps, bowls, cosmetics, traditional Hmong headaddresses and robes, platform shoes, DVDs, fake eyelashes, knockoff designer handbags and cheap toys. You can also find 50-pound bags of jasmine rice (for that friend who has everything) and another section with Asian produce like rambutan (a relative of the litchi), jackfruit and ginger root knobs the size of my fist. There are plenty of authentic and flavorful street food spots to try here and countless restaurants nearby. Favorites are Ngon Bistro (Vietnamese-French) and Trieu Chau (Vietnamese).

## HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

## Home as a photo gallery

By ELIZABETH MAYHEW  
The Washington Post

Without question, we are living in a photo-saturated world. Most of us have access to thousands of images on devices we carry with us everywhere. Mariam Naficy, founder and chief executive of Minted design marketplace, says pictures have become a form of social currency. "Posing for them, taking them and sharing them have become how we communicate with friends and family."

So you have to wonder, if we're already inundated with photos of our kids and dogs, do we need to have images of them hanging in our homes too?

For many of us, the answer is still yes, but we're not using family photos in the way we used to.

"My clients want their family photos to have a visual impact and not be scattered throughout the house in random frames," New York interior designer Ashley Whittaker says. She prefers to consolidate her clients' photos in a private space in their homes and hang them in a gallerylike fashion.

New York interior designer Todd Klein agrees that family photos should stay in a home's private spaces — the master bedroom, the dressing room, the mudroom — for three reasons. One: You probably spend more time in the private spaces of your home, so you interact with the images more frequently. Two: Most family photographs need to be viewed very closely because they are small and intimate.

"Hang small photos over a big sofa," Klein says, "and they will get lost." And three: By hanging photos in a gallery configuration, you can create an interesting arrangement with a bigger presence, like an art installation.

With thousands of images on our phones, it is hard to zero in on the few images of family and friends that are frame-worthy, not to mention wall-worthy.

So how do you narrow them down? Tessa Wolf, creative director of the online framing com-



ASHLEY WHITTAKER

A family photo wall designed by Ashley Whittaker for a Connecticut client.

pany Framebridge, says to start by doing a quick scroll through your camera roll. "Don't spend more than five minutes doing it," she says. "See what photos immediately pop out to you and mark them as favorites as you go; that way you can easily find them in an album." If you use a photo editing app, Wolf says to look first at the photos you've already chosen to edit; they were probably the best ones when you took them. Choosing from those pre-selected favorites will prove much more manageable.

Or you can hire a professional to help. As part of her decorating services, Whittaker helps her clients curate their family photos. She and her team select, crop and edit the images, ensuring every family member is equally represented in the mix.

Once you select your favorite photos, you want to take into account the size and scale of the images. If all your images are

similar in style or tone (for example, they're all from the same photo shoot or taken on the same day), choose a mix of close-up and distant images to add visual interest. Also, Wolf says, mix the size of the photos to give a more organic feel to the final arrangement.

If you are going for a more varied look, Wolf says, mix black and white photos and color photos together on a wall. "Just be sure to have a nice mix of the two throughout the gallery wall so it looks balanced." And she adds, "You can easily convert a color photo to black and white on your phone, in Instagram, or using pretty much any photo editor like VSCO."

When it comes to printing images, most online sites will automatically check the image's resolution and then suggest the largest size at which you can print it without compromising the quality. Wolf says many phone

photos can be printed larger than you would think: "A photo from a new iPhone can be blown up to about 22 by 30, which is huge."

For framing, Naficy, Whittaker, Klein and Wolf agree that frames don't have to match, but choosing frames with a similar hue will create a more unified look. For example, Wolf suggests mixing white and silver or natural wood frames — using different widths and textures — but all in similar color and tone.

Both Whittaker and Klein also like to incorporate family keepsakes into their clients' gallery walls. "Our goal is to create arrangements for our clients that feel special and, most of all, personal," Whittaker says. Klein likes to think of these arrangements as scrapbooks of a family's life; he includes framed diplomas, invitations, ticket stubs — as he says, "all the different things that people save because they mean something." Though incorporating

other items into your gallery wall display is more interesting, it can also be more challenging to hang. Naficy says to look for similar hues, shapes, textures and patterns and group them together for a more cohesive display.

When creating a gallery wall, Wolf says, you don't want the outer edges of your arrangement to be square; you want them to be imperfect so you can add new pieces as you get them. She advises keeping 2 inches between each piece so that the arrangement looks intentional and maintains a degree of consistency no matter how big it gets. If you have less space between the pieces, Wolf says you will have trouble controlling the arrangement; more space and it will look like you didn't plan to hang the pieces together.

And whatever you do, Kline says, "hang each picture using two hooks, so the frames don't move around."

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## STYLE

WHAT TO WEAR NOW

# 4 essential beauty products this season

By **TARA PANIOGUE** | Los Angeles Times

The arrival of the cooler months means it's a good time to update your beauty routine by adding some fresh items to your vanity. With this in mind, that's how we ended up at the Sephora House of Beauty event last month in Los Angeles. The beauty expo included Instagram-worthy installations, meet-and-greets, master classes, exclusive new products and beauty services.

We wandered the expo looking for must-have items for fall. Here's what caught our eye.

### 1. SKIN: Tatcha the Essence, \$95

"Most of us come out of the summer ever so slightly dehydrated, with a smidge too much sun exposure," said Vicky Tsai, founder of Japanese-inspired skin-care brand Tatcha. The San Francisco-based brand is a favorite for stars including Salma Hayek Pinault and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Tsai recommended Tatcha's the Essence Plumping Skin Softener, released in 2017. "The No. 1 thing you can do for that is a combination of exfoliation, gentle and deep, along with (using) antioxidants, which will help neutralize some of the free radicals caused from sun exposure. The formula that we have that would do that best for you in one product is called the Essence. The formula is a double fermentation of green tea, rice and seaweed and instantly it increases hydration of the skin about 140%." Available at [sephora.com](http://sephora.com) and [tatcha.com](http://tatcha.com).



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### 3. EYES: Kosas 10-Second Liquid Eyeshadow, \$28

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Briogeo founder Nancy Twine next to the company's display for its new honey hair mask.

### 2. HAIR: Briogeo Don't Despair, Repair! Honey Moisture Deep Conditioning Mask, \$36

Briogeo's original Don't Despair, Repair! Deep Conditioning Hair Mask was awarded an Allure Readers' Choice Award last year. Its refreshed hair mask is a new take — it has the addition of organic honey on a fan-favorite product. The limited-edition honey mask comes in a bear-shaped container similar to the honey bear bottles seen at grocery stores. This hair mask is suited for very dry hair, especially hair that has been damaged by a long, hot summer. Available at [sephora.com](http://sephora.com) and [briogeo.com](http://briogeo.com).



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### 4. LIPS: Charlotte Tilbury Matte Revolution Lipstick, \$34

In the way that the leaves change color this time of year, so should your lipstick color. In the summer, a clear gloss or a subtle pink is ideal for the beach. However, with cooler weather, fall fashion and holiday parties, you might want a richer, bolder lip. Charlotte Tilbury's Matte Revolution lipstick line offers a selection of deep burgundy, berry and red in a matte finish that could spice up your fall beauty routine. Available at [sephora.com](http://sephora.com) and [nordstrom.com](http://nordstrom.com).

# An easy, frugal French fashion look



**ELLEN WARREN**  
Answer Angel

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** A fashionable friend who lives in Paris knows I like to keep up with the street fashion there. She sent me some phone photos she took of random women who looked especially great wearing a simple leather belt in black with a circular metal buckle — nothing flashy. French women are wearing a belt at their true waistline with dresses, skirts, pants and even over sweaters. Is this something that is suitable for all women, or is it just for French women who seem to dress with flair no matter their age or circumference?  
— Candace G.

**Dear Candace:** Go for it! No matter what age or dimensions you are, a handsome belt can amp up your look. I checked with my friend Patricia Tennison, who spends part of every year in Paris running writers' workshops ([pariscafewriting.com](http://pariscafewriting.com)). Patty tells me that the belt thing is huge this fall in Paris and sent me a link to a French chain store, [ba&sh](http://ba&sh.com) (ba-sh.com), to illustrate her point. The "Camus belt" shown on the website is all leather, 1.5 inches wide and goes for \$135, which is way over my budget (and hers). This prompted both of us to go shopping for a look-alike at a bargain rate. I bought one by Nine West at a Marshalls for under \$15. Granted it's 100% polyurethane, but it looks like leather to me. Before leaving for Paris, Patty scored a Steve Madden reversible (black/white) at Macy's for \$34 that looked nearly identical to the French one. She reports she'll be wearing it on the streets of Paris any day now. Faux leather nowadays looks so much like the real thing and is, in many cases, just as durable — as vegans discovered some time ago. I've looked for quality belts in thrift



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The street fashion in Paris this fall has women wearing simple black leather belts with all manner of clothing.

stores across the country, and they're snapped up so fast by sharp shoppers that I've not had much luck. But that shouldn't stop you from continuing to try to find one when strolling the aisles at Goodwill et al. One final point: Curvy women often think that a belt at the waist is not flattering, but the truth is quite the opposite. They have a slimming effect, especially on a garment that is loosely draped. Try it!

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** You know that "We Can Do It" Rosie the Riveter poster? I'm seeing a lot of boiler suits (mechanic suits?) a la Rosie on fashion sites and stores like J. Crew, and even in department stores. We used to

call them jumpsuits, but ... whatever. These seem to be made of heavier, industrial-looking material and I wonder what you think of them?  
— Mandy S.

**Dear Mandy:** Whatever you call them, this all-in-one-piece garment sure makes getting dressed easy in the morning. Wrestling with it in the restroom is a different matter. I've been attracted to jumpsuits and their ilk for a long time (I've got three in black), so when I saw "The Modern Utility Jumpsuit" for \$100 on [everlane.com](http://everlane.com) I ordered one. Even in a size 6 it was huge, baggie and unflattering. The material was heavy and it made me look twice

my size, especially the rear view, if you get my drift. The many pockets of these boiler suits are a huge draw, but my best advice is that you look at yourself in a three-way mirror before you buy. Many of these come with a self-fabric tie at the waist. A belt like the one mentioned in the answer to Candace (above) would help reduce the bag factor.

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** I love the color maroon. It is my favorite and I know I look good in it. I've got shoes, shirts, socks, pants, shorts, a jacket, a tracksuit — all maroon. I can't seem to break out of it and add other colors to my admittedly limited wardrobe. Should I be looking

into something else? If so, what?  
— Steve J.

**Dear Steve:** We all get stuck in a rut. In the grand scheme, yours is pretty benign. But sure, yes, you'd be well served by adding some variation to your wardrobe. It doesn't have to be dramatic — that doesn't sound like your style. Little by little introduce some other colors into your clothes palette. Maroon (aka burgundy) goes well with neutral shades like white, cream, beige, khaki and olive. Navy is a good basic choice to pair with maroon too. Consider a pale yellow button front shirt. Even some socks in a maroon stripe with other colors would be a good start.

### Angelic Readers

Lots of you had something to add to my thoughts on why women wear baseball caps and sunglasses. I said they're a good cover for no makeup/bad hair days, but there are other pragmatic reasons:

**Sarah B. writes:** "Some people have eyes that are so sensitive to sunlight that a hat is not enough." Mary Anne agrees with Sarah, as do Joy L., Vicki K. and Cathy W.

**From Marilyn B.:** "Many of us have eyes that are super sensitive to light, be it sunlight or even 'natural' overhead light in stores. It not only hurts but can damage the eyes. I wear both sunglasses and a baseball cap year-round when walking my dog every afternoon, rain or shine. It has zero to do with anything else."

**Peggy L. says:** "One could comment on the fact that there are other more attractive hat choices, especially for those of us with curly hair, but most do not allow one to comfortably wear a headset to listen to music, podcasts or the radio while walking or running."

### Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to [answerangel@ gmail.com](mailto:answerangel@ gmail.com).

THE **GOODS**  
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# Our favorite lamps

Just as daylight saving time ends

BY DARCEL ROCKETT | Chicago Tribune

The time change might not be your favorite date on the calendar each year, but it's inevitable, right? So make the most of it with a shopping trip to find some home decor that will light up your life with a bit of panache. After all, you will be waking in the dark and going home in the dark over the next several months. We found these lamps that may do the trick. And if not, you at least get an extra hour of sleep. Fall back, remember?



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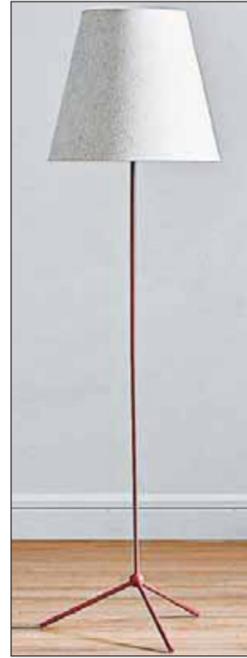
TOM DIXON

Tom Dixon's copper Melt table lamp has a half-metallized shade that creates an extraordinary optic effect when turned on. \$725, switchmodern.com



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Gregory Long, clockwise from top left, (male winner) with Natasha Overturff, Nicole Klotz (female winner) and Zachary Heller



Giordano Dance Chicago company

## CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



### 14th Dancing with the Giordano Stars a sellout

Giordano Dance Chicago's 14th annual Dancing With the Giordano Stars fundraiser was a sellout at Park West on Oct. 3. Over 400 supporters turned out for the event that was inspired by ABC's hit TV series "Dancing With the Stars" and to cheer on their local favorites.

Eleven Chicago notables were paired with Giordano's professional dancers during a ballroom dance competition. "Civilian" dancers and their partners performed the compulsory fox trot followed by a dance of choice, with styles ranging from swing to salsa.

In the end, judges Ashley Wheater (Joffrey Ballet artistic director) and Tracey Tarantino (founder Zzazz Productions) voted Gregory Long as best male contestant, with his Giordano dance partner Natasha Overturff, and Nicole Klotz as best female contestant, with her dance partner Zachary Heller.

Kristine Kinder (with her partner Jacob Frazier) was recognized as top fundraiser (overall), while Wendy Berger (with Cesar G. Salinas) won as the audience favorite because of the funds she raised during a text-to-donate portion of the event.

"Dancing With the Giordano Stars" raised over \$240,000 to support the organization's Jazz Dance/Science & Health Program, as well as its community outreach and mentorship programs, jazz dance advocacy and company operations.

GDC teaches over 300 classes in four under-resourced Chicago public schools, working with third, fourth and fifth graders by integrating science and health with dance.

"In this day and age, the arts are the first thing to be cut in the schools," said Nan Giordano, "but we're proud to be filling that void for so many."

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

More coverage: Find more photos and events at [www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace](http://www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace). Visit Candid Candace's website at [www.candidcandace.com](http://www.candidcandace.com), or follow her on Twitter @CandidCandace.

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Wendy Berger (audience favorite) with Cesar G. Salinas



Tracey Tarantino and Ashley Wheater



Sandy Golub and Elise Paschen



Chris and Christine D'hondt



Aida Johnson-Rapp Karyn Pettigrew



Collin McKenna, from left, Kristine Kinder (top fundraiser), Jacob Frazier and Linnea Stureson Tolbert



Joshua Blake Carter, Nan Giordano (GDC artistic director) and Michael McStraw (GDC executive director)

## Quit looking for even trade when dining out with friends



JUDITH MARTIN  
Miss Manners

**Dear Miss Manners:** When dining out with friends, I have found, over the years, that my wife and I spend much more money than when we eat out by ourselves. When it's just us, she does not drink any alcoholic beverages, and I limit my drinks to one. If we order an appetizer, it's to share.

After we went out with friends, we ended up spending \$25 more than we should have, as the other couple ordered very expensive meals. Each had more than one drink, and they each had their own appetizer. (This is an extreme case. Usually we spend about \$10 more than we should have.)

Dining out with our friends is one of our cherished pastimes. We have started to ask for separate checks, but I feel awkward doing so, as I do not want to offend the various friends we dine with. I also noticed a few friends' body language showed they were surprised by this, but they said nothing.

Is it offensive to the friends we are going out with to ask the server for separate checks when he/she starts to take our order? I'm tired of paying for everyone else's drinks and meals.

**Gentle reader:** Then you should probably steer clear of any sort of entertaining or social life.

Annoying as it may be, dining at restaurants with friends is rarely going to be an even trade. Avoiding awkward negotiation is difficult. Even under the best of circumstances, it is more likely to strain a

friendship than enhance it.

If you insist on eating out rather than having people over and hoping that they reciprocate (also generally a losing proposition if you are looking for an even exchange), Miss Manners suggests you get over your shyness about asking for separate checks. Then you can enjoy your own food without monitoring what your friends are consuming.

**Dear Miss Manners:** We are looking forward to settling into our new, small community and meeting our neighbors. We received a communitywide email from a neighbor we have yet to meet, informing us of a party they will be having, to which we are not invited (not surprised, not expected).

The email was alerting us to the fact that multiple watercraft would be mooring in the community waterway, and additional cars would likely be creating traffic congestion on the street — and "Thanks in advance for your understanding."

We do not object to a neighbor entertaining guests, but how do we convey our desire that our privacy and property be respected as they enjoy their guests in a polite, civil manner?

**Gentle reader:** Miss Manners suggests you not assume your neighbors would give uncivil parties unless you instructed them otherwise. You should respond by wishing them a pleasant evening.

**Dear Miss Manners:** If someone is riding in the back seat of a car with friends, and the driver drops off the other friends first, should the remaining one in the back seat move up to the front seat?

**Gentle reader:** Etiquette

encourages this without demanding it, although Miss Manners takes into account the distance to the final destination, the outside weather conditions and the car speed at the time the previous friend disembarked.

**Dear Miss Manners:** Years ago, when gentlemen walked on the outside of a woman when walking along the street, the way I heard it was that it was to protect the lady from threats. Was this, or is this still, the case?

**Gentle reader:** It was and is the case, and threats from the street have not, unfortunately, disappeared.

**Dear Miss Manners:** Could you please tell me proper etiquette for a wedding reception that has now been changed to a "pre-elopement party"? Does this call for the same gift as a wedding?

**Gentle reader:** The pre-elopement party is a new one on Miss Manners. She is inclined to classify it still as a wedding reception — for which presents, though perhaps appreciated, are not customary. She assumes that the guests are not expected to bring ladders to abet the impending escape.

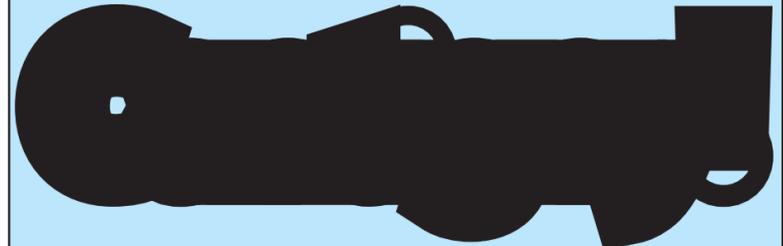
**Dear Miss Manners:** What is the best response to a gentleman who looks over to you in church and says, "By the way, your perfume is very nice."

**Gentle reader:** "Shhh."

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to [missmanners.com](http://missmanners.com) or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.



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Maria Diaz, left, and Roland Stewart are neighbors at Roosevelt Collection Lofts on Delano Court in Chicago. The neighbors are seen in Stewart's apartment last month.

# FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

City residents talk about making community connections

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

**W**hen Realtor Kate McClelland moved into her Craftsman-style bungalow in Mayfair 10 years ago, she had no idea it would turn out to be a such a great spot for her. A long-term suburbanite, she moved to the Far North Side area after a divorce, having never lived in the city. The move proved fortuitous.

"I ended up with neighbors on either side of me that sort of decided that they were going to help take care of me," McClelland said. "There was an adult son and his elderly father living on one side of me and an elderly mother with an adult son living with her on the other side of me and they've all been in the neighborhood since the '60s."

The son of one neighbor helps her clear the snow with his snowblower, so she doesn't have to shovel. A neighbor down the street makes it a point to text her when she has a package on her porch or when her daughter's vehicle is parked in the wrong area on street cleaning day. And the care is reciprocated. McClelland has raked leaves in a neighbors' yard when doing her own. She has also given baked goods to neighbors when she's stress-baking and bonded over political signs with

the young couple down the street. She doesn't envision herself moving anytime soon.

"The neighbors on my block watch out for each other," she says of her neighborhood. "It's like a microcosm of the melting pot of Chicago and everybody gets along."

Neighbors can affect one's happiness. According to a 2018 AARP Foundation study that explores the relationship between loneliness and social connections, getting to know one's neighbors can help reduce the former condition. While age and urbanicity are factors of loneliness, 61% of adults aged 45 and older who have never spoken to a neighbor are lonely, compared with 33% of those who have spoken to a neighbor.

"I think that people have different ideas, depending on what their experience has been about what neighbors are good for, what they're bad for and how much attention to pay to them," said Julienne Derichs, a Highwood-based licensed clinical professional counselor. "One of the things that surrounds us all the time is our environment, so if you feel disconnected in your environment, that does impact happiness. What we know about happiness is when people are connected with other people, their levels of happiness go up."

Alex Smith, founder and CEO of The Cares Family, a

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### ELITE STREET

## Tom Skilling's former condo is remodeled, relisted

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

After 10 years of renting out a unit that he once had lived in, WGN-Ch. 9 chief meteorologist Tom Skilling sold his two-bedroom condominium on the 31st floor of a lakefront high-rise in the North Side Edgewater neighborhood for \$270,000 in January — and the unit now has been lightly remodeled and is back on the market again for \$299,900.

Skilling, 67, bought the 31st-floor unit close to four decades ago and lived there for many years. In 2009, he traded up to a larger unit on the 19th floor of the building, paying \$770,000 for it. Skilling told Elite Street that he now lives in that 19th-floor unit with his roommate, WGN-Ch. 9 news anchor Sean Lewis.

The 31st-floor unit measures 1,519 square feet and has two

baths and a 30-foot, south-facing terrace. Skilling rehabbed the unit in 2009.

"I love that building," Skilling told Elite Street. "I've been in that building for going on 40 years. We moved downstairs, and I fixed 31C up."

In October 2009, Skilling placed the 31st-floor unit on the market. However, after about a year on the market, another option materialized.

"I tried to sell it, but it was right after the market collapsed, so what happened was, my roommate Sean's cousin wanted to move down to Chicago and was about to be married. She and her husband moved in with their two children and a dog and rented it. The little ones are growing up and wanted a yard, and off they went. It worked out all right."

Skilling said he didn't intend to

remain a landlord for long.

"I'm frankly glad to be rid of the extra assessment," he said.

The condo sold in January for \$270,000. The new buyers did some light renovations, including new paint throughout and new kitchen flooring. However, they subsequently decided to buy another unit in the building, listing agent Scott Gettleman, of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices KoenigRubloff, told Elite Street. As a result, they listed the condo Oct. 2.

The condo has a master bedroom with a large walk-in closet and a steam shower, Elfa organizers in both bedroom closets, and a kitchen with custom dark wood, soft-close Roborn cabinets, granite and stainless steel appliances.

**Near West Side condo sells for \$5.72 million:** A five-bedroom,

4,949-square-foot penthouse condo in the Near West Side's Loop Gate neighborhood sold Sept. 6 for a neighborhood record of more than \$5.7 million, and the buyer appears to have a close connection with the building's developer.

The ninth-floor penthouse atop the newly constructed building at 900 W. Washington Blvd., which sold as raw space, sold for an amount never before seen on the Near West Side. Groupon co-founder Brad Keywell's Coco Ventures LLC company paid \$5.1 million in April for a massive four-bedroom, 15,840-square-foot residence with a 15-car garage, in a brick building on the Near West Side.

Now, records show that the buyer of the penthouse, which is a

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VHT STUDIOS

WGN chief meteorologist Tom Skilling sold an Edgewater condo in January, and it's already been relisted for \$299,900.

# Girlfriend is paying taxes but isn't on home's deed

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: I live with my boyfriend and have been with him for about 12 years. We have two children. He bought a house, and he's the only one on the deed. I've been paying the real estate taxes on the home since he stopped paying the taxes. I also pay the house bills. Do I have a claim to the property?**



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A woman has been living in and paying real estate taxes on her boyfriend's house but isn't on the deed. Unless she lives in a common property state, she likely will not be able to demonstrate partial ownership rights.

A: We'll deal with your question in two parts. On the one hand, if you live in a state that recognizes common law marriage and community property, you may have a case for your claim. If you qualify as a common law spouse, you may have marital rights in and to the marital home. You'd have to talk to a family lawyer to discuss this further. Some nine states are community property states, mostly western and southwestern states, along with Louisiana and Wisconsin.

If you don't live in a community property state, you probably can't claim an ownership interest in the home. Your boyfriend owns the home. You live in the home. The two of you are not considered married and as such have a situation that is quite common with people who live together but are not married.

Let's say you two rented an apartment and one of you paid more of the expenses than the other, or maybe all the expenses. One way to look at it is that you chose to live in that arrangement and that each party might pay whatever they want but neither person can force the other one to pay more. In this imaginary rental situation, one person could be on the lease but the other person pays most of the rent and other housing expenses. Unless the couple has an

arrangement in which they have agreed to split everything equally, it might not be possible to force the person who didn't pay their fair share to ante up.

Looking at your actual situation, your boyfriend may have paid most of the expenses for the purchase of the property, plus taxes, insurance and maintenance early on, while you didn't pay anything (if you were even in the picture when the home was purchased). We doubt a court would force you to pay your share of all the expenses for the time when you didn't live in the home or even after you moved in.

What was the intent of the owner (your boyfriend) and what was your intent when you moved in? It's tricky. Without a partnership agreement or other document, it would be hard to go back in time and charge you for your share of what you might owe or his share of what he might owe.

You have two kids together, so the real issue is determining what's going on with your relationship, determining how your finances should be handled for household expenses and for your kids, and then

deciding how you should own things.

We know it's hard. You and your boyfriend have been together a long time. In that time, have you ever had a heart-to-heart conversation about your finances and how to pay for things like your home and your kids?

If not, you need to have that conversation. Then decide whether you should have joint ownership of the home or not. Consider who is paying for what in the relationship, including payment for the home and the costs of raising the kids, and who does other non-paid work such as cleaning and maintaining the home, mowing the lawn and other tasks that must get done.

Once you decide whether you and your boyfriend are moving forward as a unit or are separating, you'll know what kind of attorney you need and you can parse all of these other issues. Good luck.

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# Elite

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trust, has close ties to Taris Real Estate LLC, which is the firm developing the building. Taris Real Estate LLC is based in a second-floor office in the building at 350 N. Orleans St. in River North. And Travis Aronson, who public records list as the trustee of the trust that purchased the penthouse, is listed as the director of business development for the proprietary trading firm Ronin Capital LLC, which is based in that same office.

In addition, Taris managing director Patrick Buck previously has been listed on U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission documents as the chief compliance officer for a prior trading firm, Kimbo Trading, that was managed by Ronin Capital founder John Stafford Jr.

In a brief interview, Buck declined to comment to Elite Street about the identity of the penthouse's buyer.

The penthouse is one half of the top floor of the building at 900 W. Washington. The other equally sized penthouse on the ninth floor remains on the market, with an asking price of \$5.5 million.

**Prairie-style mansion goes for \$1.6 million:** A six-bedroom, 8,410-square-foot Prairie-style mansion



JAMEY JOHNSON

This six-bedroom, 8,410-square-foot Prairie-style mansion in Northbrook sold Oct. 3 for \$1.6 million.

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The house was not technically new construction. The seller was a builder who several years ago took a 1961 split-level and gutted it to create a Prairie-style house, which was designed by architect Charles Roig, with a teak and limestone exterior, 25-foot ceilings and, in one place, a transparent glass floor.

Builder Kenny Ferrigno's Olive Branch Development bought the mid-century split-level in 2016 for \$550,000, gutted it and remade it into a two-story Prairie-style home. Features include 6½ baths and a kitchen with 8-foot-tall imported Wenge wood doors. The house also is a fully integrated smart home with Google Home and Amazon Alexa support throughout.

Edward Hanna of Superior Real Estate Network, who represented the buy-

ers, said his clients were drawn to the house's "contemporary, very modern look."

"The pictures don't do it justice," he said.

Listing agent Jamey Johnson of Kale Realty praised "the eye of the team and just putting together such a magnificent property."

"They upgraded the inside with magnificent styles," she said. "It was well put together."

The house first was listed for \$1.9 million in May 2017, and its asking price actually was increased in August 2017 to \$2.1 million. It then was reduced to just under \$2 million in September 2018. Three more price cuts followed in 2019, with the final decrease to \$1.75 million in April.

Public records do not yet identify the buyers.

*Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.*

# Neighbors

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U.K.-based organization whose mission is to reduce loneliness across generational divides in communities, said the disconnect with neighbors is prevalent in his country and his hometown of Camden Town as well. It's why he started the organization in 2011.

"We know that it's important to connect with our neighbors, but the

space to do so is diminishing," Smith said. "It's the pace of the big city. One of the things that makes big cities amazing are there are people and cultures from every corner on earth and that draws people as well as the economic and cultural opportunities, but that same transience and speed in the city is what is increasingly leaving people feeling left out, left behind and lonely."

Maria Diaz and Roland Stewart, residents of the South Loop's Roosevelt Collection Lofts, became friends after they moved into the multiunit building in 2015. The third-floor neighbors are retirees and make it a point to do activities together like movies or dinner. Stewart says as he's gotten older, he's realized sociability matters. It has been difficult getting to know other neighbors in the building due to their work schedules, so he makes it a point to make meaningful connections outside the building while enjoying the city. Diaz, however, attends activities the building's leasing office organizes and connects with her neighbors at those events.

"I think in a dwelling like Roosevelt, you have more chances of connecting with someone," she said. "Mind you, there are some people who like to be by themselves. They like their quiet time. But being in this setting, I have choices: If I want to stay alone, I'll stay alone, but if I want to socialize, I'll socialize. That's the pluses of a building like this; you see these people all the time and they tend to open up more to you."

Neighbor relationships can keep a resident in a neighborhood despite life changes, McClelland attests. She's seen Buena Park residents who have a life change (a new baby) refuse to leave because their sense of belonging and connection to their neighbors is tangible.

"We don't always like to be around people, but we do always want people to be around," Smith said. "Relationships lift us up, particularly in times of challenge and times of change, but somehow our economies have prioritized what's efficient over what's important and the spaces for people to interact face to face meaningfully; to spend time to pause, reflect, have conversations about their days — those spaces are the ones which are feeling squeezed."

Smith encourages individuals to recognize the agency they have within their own communities to combat some of those difficulties, and interact with other people who

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— Alex Smith, U.K.-based The Cares Family CEO/founder

may not be like them on day-to-day basis. Derichs suggests simply making eye contact, smiling and saying "hello" when you see your neighbors will bring about an opportunity to connect with them. As she says, "it's the micro-moments that we have in life that bring us happiness."

Ravenswood resident Michelle Wilkinson is doing her part to connect neighbors with her new start-up, Neighbor in the Know, a personalized service that helps new residents of Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Andersonville and Uptown navigate the neighborhoods. Through one-on-one meetings and walking tours, Wilkinson connects potential residents directly with nonprofits, small businesses and other neighbors they might have something in common with.

"One of the benefits of this service is to help people feel more connected to their community," Wilkinson said. "It's also really important to connect different generations of people and people of different backgrounds to each other because that's how you start feeling more like a community — when you know different people of different stripes. As adults, we've all gotten so busy, it's really difficult to meet new people and get connected with your neighbor and with your community. I feel like it's a priority and I'm hoping through Neighbor in the Know, I can help people find that."

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## Is a home inspection required when buying a home?

Among the myriad steps of buying a new home is having a home inspection performed once you're serious about purchasing a specific house. But as far as your lender is concerned, is a home inspection required?

Home inspections are certainly a smart move. Performed by certified professionals, the inspection will evaluate the existing condition of all aspects of a house, including the roof, foundation, electrical and plumbing systems, heating and cooling mechanicals, walls, windows, and insulation.

These inspections typically cost \$300-\$500 and result in a detailed report laying out the area-by-area findings throughout the house.

Typically, homebuyers order a home inspection after having their offer on a house accepted, giving them a chance to negotiate any price adjustments based on deficiencies or required repairs identified by the inspection, or to abandon the offer altogether.

As smart as it is to order an inspection, however, your lender almost certainly won't require it. What mortgage lenders do require is an appraisal of the home, but this is not at all the same as a home inspection.

Whereas an inspection assesses the quality and condition of the home's structure and its major systems, an appraisal aims merely to determine the home's fair market value, so the bank can be sure the requested loan is appropriate given the value of the property.

One exception is for FHA loans, where the required appraisal also includes a basic inspection to determine that the home is safe and habitable. But the FHA inspection component comes nowhere near the comprehensiveness of a professional home inspection.

Gaining a complete understanding of a home's physical strengths and weaknesses before you purchase it is invaluable. Just be clear that the inspection is an investment you make to protect your own interests — and peace of mind — rather than the lender's.

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# Lakeview mansion with heated driveway: \$4.2M

**ADDRESS:** 2856 N. Hermitage Ave. in Chicago  
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This 10,000-square-foot home features three open sides of light and overlooks a park. Outdoor space includes a blue-stone patio with a built-in grill, pergola, yard and landscaping. A half-court, regulation-size basketball court can be found indoors. The kitchen and breakfast room are made up of Christopher Peacock cabinetry. Other interior features include a hand-painted library, walnut-paneled elevator, grand living room, separate formal dining room, butler's pantry and three fireplaces. The penthouse-level kids floor includes a recreation room and three en suite bedrooms. The master suite features an attached office, private terrace, custom walk-in closet and marble master bathroom. The home also features a three-car attached garage and heated driveway.



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# Moving to escape high taxes? Make it a clean break

By LIZ WESTON  
NerdWallet

Breaking up can be hard to do if the other party doesn't want to let you go. People who move out of high-tax states may learn this the hard way — through a residency audit.

States such as New York, California and Illinois use the audits to claim that your recent interstate move was just a tax dodge and that you still owe their state income taxes. Proving you've actually moved and plan to make the new place your permanent home — yes, the burden of proof is on you in a residency audit — often requires far more than flashing your new driver's license or spending a certain number of days outside the old state.

## Who is most at risk

Anyone who moves out of a high-tax state could face scrutiny, but tax experts say the residency audit risk increases if:

- You moved to a state with a much lower tax burden.
- You still have a home or business ties in the old state.
- You moved just before selling a business, a bunch of stock or some other valuable asset.
- You're in a high tax bracket.

Wealthy people who move away from high-tax states are virtually certain to face a residency audit, says tax attorney Mark Klein, a partner at Hodgson Russ in New York. The stakes can be substantial: New York collected about \$1 billion from residency audits from 2013 to 2017, according to Monaeo, a company that sells a location-tracking app for proving tax residency. More than half of the 3,000 or so people audited each year lose their cases, and the average amount collected per audit was \$144,270,



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Monaeo calculated.

Auditors go where the money is. You're unlikely to be audited if you're already in a low tax bracket and cut all ties to your old state. But the more you have to gain from a move away from a high-tax state, the more careful you should be about making that move, tax experts say.

## What really matters in a residency audit

Many people mistakenly believe they need only spend 183 days of each year outside their former state to win a residency audit, Klein says. But if you spend more days in the high-tax state than you do elsewhere, you could still be considered a resident. That can be a particular problem for the "migratory rich" who own homes in multiple states, or even for more ordinary people who travel a lot. Klein advises his clients to spend at least twice as much time in their new home state as in their old one.

Auditors look at a wide range of factors for evidence of where your true home lies. Are you still seeing doctors and dentists in your old location? Does your family celebrate holidays there? Where's your safe deposit box?

## Create a good paper trail

Creating a substantial paper trail can be key to

winning your case. Register to vote and get a driver's license in your new state, but don't stop there. You also should change vehicle registrations, update the address where you receive bank statements, bills and other mail, and revise your estate-planning documents to reflect the laws of your new state.

People under residency audits typically need to prove where they were each day of the year in question, Klein says.

Cellphone records — which can show where you were with each text or call — can be used by taxpayers to prove their case but also can be subpoenaed by the tax agency.

Other data sources include travel records, credit card receipts and toll collection devices.

You may need to maintain records indefinitely. Although most audits happen within a few years of the last tax return you filed, there is often no statute of limitations if a state finds that you should have filed a return but didn't.

People at high risk of audit also should consult a tax professional who specializes in residency audits, especially if they're keeping a home or business in their old state or if their move might not be their last.



DREAMSTIME

Outdoor furniture in natural fibers such as seagrass, wicker, bamboo or rattan looks great inside the home as well.

# Bring it inside! Outdoor pieces that can transition to indoors

By KATHRYN WEBER  
Tribune Content Agency

If you've ever walked through the patio section of your favorite home center, you know how great some of the outdoor furniture looks. Serious upgrades have been made to outdoor furniture, and it almost looks like what you'd see indoors. If you need a few pieces (perhaps a new table or some comfy chairs), look no further than the patio section of your local retailer.

## Outdoors in

We've all seen the migration of outdoor living, but that doesn't mean what goes outside can't come inside. There's a real practicality for bringing outdoor furniture into your home. For example, pet owners and those will small children will appreciate the durability of spill resistant fabrics and rugs.

And because these pieces are usually budget-friendly, they're real contenders for indoor use. That way, if Fido chews up the sofa cushion, you aren't out \$600 on a down-filled pillow that fills your living room with white fluff. Plus,

kids can spill grape juice to their heart's content around outdoor fabrics that are washable and resist stains.

For a living room sofa that has seen its better days, don't think twice about replacing it with an outdoor sofa. Maybe what you need is a whole living room set; you can easily put one together that will look terrific and give you a lot of bang for your decorating buck.

## Quick change

If you like to change things up in your home, adding outdoor furniture inside gives you the ability to change with the seasons. With an abundance of seat cushion choices in various colors, patterns and fabrics, you can swap out cushions with the seasons, or just on a whim, and not be set back for the price and time it takes to reupholster.

Or, you can change pieces altogether. Outdoor furniture prices are more affordable than indoor furniture, so you can swap out with new pieces as you like. Of course, you can always repurpose your outdoor furniture to, well, the outdoors.

## Easy swaps

One of the easiest uses of outdoor furniture is for seating. Add an outdoor seat in your bedroom, and you can have five for the price of one inexpensive slipper chair. Then you can use the extra chairs in the living area. Or, look for cute design accessories such as small tables that can be set next to chairs. With all the outdoor colors to choose from, your accessories can add a bright and unexpected punch of color to your home.

For something more substantial, try a pair of wicker chairs in any room where you entertain guests. They'll look terrific and give you a natural touch. In the foyer, try a charming outdoor wicker settee to create an easy spot to place a purse or put on shoes.

Throw in some poufs for a fun reading spot in the kids' rooms. Always opt for a natural fiber such as seagrass, wicker, bamboo or rattan. These textures have a timeless look and ageless appeal that works indoors as beautifully as it does outdoors, and brings a little of the outside in.

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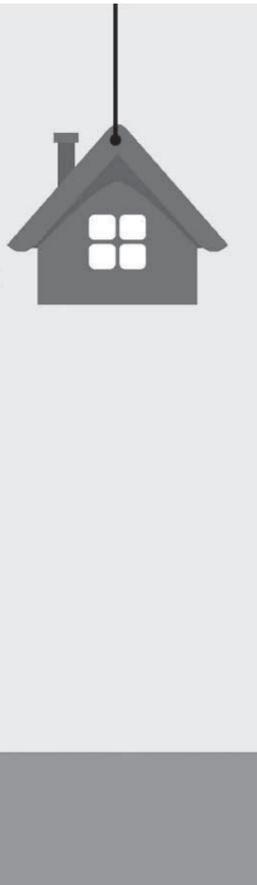
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In housing markets across the country, rapid home-price growth and low inventories of affordable housing make it harder for prospective homebuyers to get their foot in the door.

That's especially true for millennials, nearly half of whom identified cost of living as one of the biggest barriers to buying a home compared with other generations, according to a new Bankrate survey.

Forty-five percent of millennials (ages 23 to 38) cite cost of living as holding them back from buying a home, compared with 38% of Gen Xers (ages 39 to 54) and 31% of baby boomers (ages 55 to 73).

Student loan debt, which is now at \$1.6 trillion, also

disproportionately stands in millennials' way, with 23% citing it as a roadblock compared with 15% of Gen Xers and 5% of baby boomers who want to buy a home.

Bankrate's survey gauges Americans' ability to save for a down payment and closing costs — and their knowledge about minimum requirements — during a time when the country's notable lack of affordable housing in many areas is a hot-button issue.

Those who don't own a home but want to often are hampered by income that isn't high enough, coupled with high living costs. And that's forcing younger homebuyers, in particular, to find creative ways to realize their dream of homeownership.

Other key findings from the nationwide survey:

■ Millennials are most likely to save their own down payment money (53% of them do so compared with 47% of Gen Xers and 45% of baby boomers).

■ On average, millennial homeowners needed three full years to save for their down payment. As a means of comparison, Gen Xers needed two years and nine months, while baby boomers required two years and six months.

■ Just over half (51%) of all adults in the U.S. didn't know the minimum down payment required to buy a home.

Although younger homebuyers may feel the deck is stacked against them financially, they're using multiple avenues to fund the down payment and closing costs for their first home.

In addition to actively saving more of their money toward a down payment and closing costs than other generations, 33% of millennial homeowners say they used a down payment assistance program or grant, compared with 27% of Gen Xers.

One worrisome finding shows that millennials are twice as likely to dip into their retirement savings than other generations to fund their housing costs, which can spell trouble later.

With Americans not saving enough for retirement, tapping a 401(k) account to pay for a house can hurt millennials' financial security in their later years.

In many cases, perceived barriers to homeownership could be easily overcome with the right guidance and

## Methodology

Bankrate commissioned YouGov Plc to conduct the survey with 2,582 U.S. adults. The survey was conducted online from July 31 through Aug. 2. The figures have been weighted, employing a nonprobability-based sample using both quotas upfront during collection and then a weighting scheme on the back end designed and proven to provide nationally representative results. To determine the average number of years to save for a down payment (actual and anticipated), an estimated average was calculated based on the polling response ranges provided.

education, says Bruce McClary, vice president of communications with the nonprofit National Federation for Credit Counseling. A good first step: talking to a HUD-approved housing counselor who can provide specific guidance for your situation.

Income, for example, is a factor that many people say prevents them from buying a home, but there are loan programs and down payment assistance grants to help those folks, McClary says.

“People of all income levels transition from renting to homeownership, even in housing markets that seem more challenging than others,” McClary says. “Credit issues are another area of misconception because people assume their credit doesn't meet the right guidelines. It's not a permanent impediment (to homeownership).”

While some folks have no desire to own a home, those who do worry about being able to make it a reality.

One in three respondents (32%) don't think they'll ever be able to save enough for a down payment and closing costs, Bankrate's survey found. And this sentiment becomes more pronounced with age:

■ 27% of millennials say they don't think they'll ever be able to save enough for a down payment.

■ 37% of Gen Xers don't think they can save enough.

■ 60% of baby boomers feel the same way.

First-time homebuyers, as a whole, rarely put down 10% or more on their first homes. In fact, the median down payment amount for first-home buyers is 7%,

according to the National Association of Realtors' 2018 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers.

The decline in median down payment amounts highlights the accessibility of low-down payment loan programs, but it also shows major gaps between income and home-price growth, says Jessica Lutz, vice president of demographics with NAR.

“Wages simply aren't keeping pace with home prices,” Lutz says.

Indeed, a NAR calculation from March shows that between 2012 and 2018, home prices jumped 47% while wages rose 16% comparatively.

Saving up to buy a home is more like a marathon than a sprint, especially for younger homebuyers. Older generations were typically able to do so faster.

Some of these perceptions could have something to do with the fact that Americans, in general, have skewed notions of the minimum down payment requirements to buy a home.

When asked about the minimum required down payment, 51% of Americans didn't know the answer. Another one in four (28%) said 20% or more of the purchase price is required.

Just 2% of all respondents said 0 to 5% down, which is the actual standard minimum, depending on the loan program. All government-insured loans fall into this area, as well as conventional loan programs that require a minimum of 3% down.

However, it seems respondents aren't fully aware of these options that offer a more affordable entry into homeownership.

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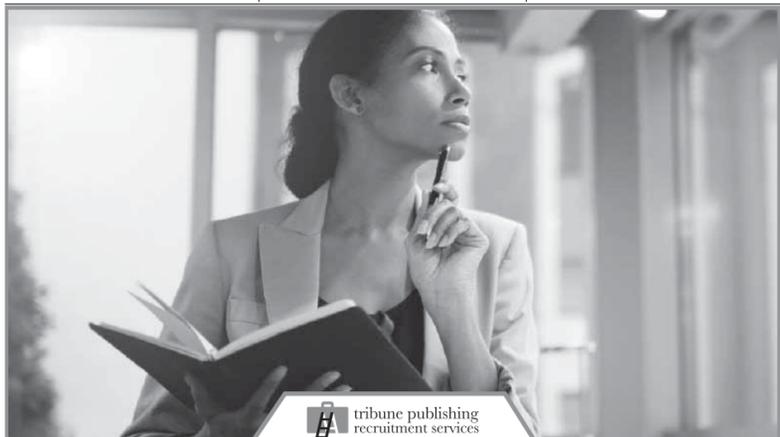
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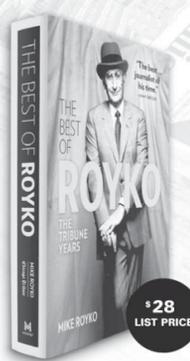
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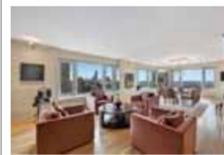
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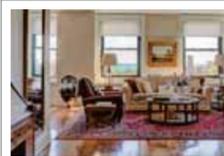
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In 2018, a little over 23% of vehicle trade-ins were two years old or newer. People who swap cars so quickly likely will owe more money than what the vehicle is worth.

# HOLDING ON

## Focus on finding vehicle that will stick with you

BY MATT JONES  
Edmunds

The prospect of paying too much for a new vehicle often fills shoppers with dread, which explains why so many invest hours researching prices, trade-in values and interest rates.

But while getting a good deal is important, it does not guarantee immunity from making the costliest financial mistake: purchasing the wrong vehicle and selling it soon afterward to buy another new vehicle.

Edmunds transaction data suggests that people make a hasty change with surprising regularity. In 2018, for example, just over 23% of vehicle trade-ins were two years old or newer.

Because two years is generally not enough time to hit the break-even point of a car loan, most people who swap cars this early will owe more money on the loan than what the vehicle is worth.

### A costly change of mind

To illustrate how heavy the financial penalty for

making such a quick switch can be, consider this fictitious situation in which you bought a new Honda Accord LX in 2017.

You spent hours getting price quotes, comparing interest rates and calculating payments. The research paid off: You were able to snag a deal for \$20,643, shaving roughly \$3,400 from the MSRP of \$24,030. Once all taxes and fees were factored in, your “out-the-door” cost came to about \$22,700.

By most accounts, this amount would be considered a good deal.

But soon after the purchase, you realized you didn't like the Accord and decided that an SUV would be a better fit for your lifestyle. You sell your Accord to the dealership just two years later for a trade-in value of \$13,522.

That's a full 40% less than the original all-in cost of \$22,700 you paid only 24 months earlier. In actual dollars, the Accord value dropped by \$9,185.

Although this scenario is fictitious, the dollar amounts are real. The selling price, trade-in



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY

When it comes to car shopping, most people focus on getting the best price. But ultimately, the best money-saving tactic is to choose the right car and keep it.

amount and effective depreciation percentage in this scenario were based on actual transactions in which 2017 Honda Accord LX models were swapped for newer vehicles in 2019.

While a 40% loss is substantial, it is worth noting the Accord holds its value rather well compared to other vehicles in the market.

On the other hand, the effective depreciation amount for a 2017 Ford Fusion SE — a vehicle that

tends to lose value more quickly than the Accord — would be 47%. In real dollars, that equals a loss of \$11,314 on a vehicle that sold, on average, for \$21,713 before taxes and fees.

These significant drops in value on the trade-in will easily outweigh the money saved by diligent price shopping. And what often happens next is that the buyer will roll the unpaid balance of the older car into the new vehicle's loan, making it more expensive

and extending the time it will take to gain equity.

### How to make the right car-buying decision

Our suggestion to avoid making this costly mistake is to be especially thoughtful about the needs your new set of wheels should satisfy. Here are some tips to help you get started:

1. Consider variables that might alter your transportation needs. Is a change in family size on the horizon? Could a move — either home or work — be possible? Ensure your vehicle is equipped to handle not just your current tasks but your potential future needs too.

2. Read expert and consumer reviews. Maybe you've always been loyal to a brand and have never bothered looking at the competition. Reviews from actual owners and experts may point out issues to be aware of or other vehicles that may be a better fit.

3. Make your test drive more effective. Drive the vehicle on a route that

allows you to mimic your normal commute. Don't be afraid to ask for an extended test drive. Climb in and out of every seat in the vehicle and test all seat adjustments.

Will the back seat have enough room for rear passengers to sit comfortably? How is the visibility? Is it easy to get in and out of the vehicle?

4. Determine the true cost of ownership before making your deal. Investigate anticipated repair rates, maintenance, insurance and fuel costs.

5. Give yourself an easier out. If you're concerned you may need to switch vehicles in the near term, consider purchasing an inexpensive used car or entering into a shorter-term lease instead.

When it comes to car shopping, most of the focus goes toward determining the right price. But ultimately, the best money-saving tactic is to choose the right car and hold onto it.

This way will shield you from the brunt of depreciation and negative equity.

## Luxury glass feature could reduce fuel costs

BY MARK PHELAN  
Detroit Free Press

A feature that began as a \$2,500 option on luxury convertibles just might boost the fuel economy or electric range of your next car.

Better making the world a safer place through lower emissions and petroleum consumption doesn't float your boat, could I interest you in never again burning your legs on sunbaked leather upholstery as you hop into a car that's a cool

72 F compared to 90 after sitting in a parking lot?

How? The Suspended Particle Device, a film that turns vehicles' sun roofs and other glass from transparent to opaque, blocking the infrared and ultraviolet light that superheat interiors and prematurely age leather and other materials.

“You can control the amount of heat and glare coming into the cabin,” said Joe Harary, CEO of Research Frontiers, the Woodbury, New York, nanotechnology research

firm that developed the film. Prices for the film are falling.

Microscopic particles line up when a small electric current runs through the film, effectively creating a window shade that blocks up to 99.5% of light. When the current stops, the particles flip back to their unaligned positions, returning the glass to transparency. The film attaches to the inside of the sunroof or window.

Turn your car off and the sunroof turns black. Light

and heat don't get in, and potential thieves can't see valuables left inside. Turn the current on as you return to the car and the windows clear.

Less heat in the car could allow automakers to shrink air conditioning compressors up to 40%, reducing cost and weight. AC compressors use a lot of energy, so a cooler car will burn less fuel.

Twenty-five upcoming vehicles — most of them electric — have signed up to use glass with the film.



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TOYOTA

The 2019 Toyota Corolla Hatchback has a lot more curb appeal.

## A kicky Corolla hatchback

By HENRY PAYNE  
The Detroit News

Waiting at the Pittsburgh airport arrivals curb to pick up my son, I was approached by one of the fiercest cops I have ever seen. He was as big as Mount Rushmore and armed to the teeth.

Good lord, what had I done?

"Is that the new Corolla?" he thrilled like a kid on Christmas morning, ogling the 2019 Toyota hatchback tester I had driven from Detroit. Phew, he just wanted to talk cars.

Yes, yes. I know what you're thinking. He wanted to talk about Corollas? But Toyota's seventh generation is not your typical Corolla appliance.

Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda has let it be known that he wants his Toyota and Lexus brands to have more curb appeal, and nothing is immune, not even his entry-level egg beater.

For decades Corolla has been a best-seller in the class thanks to its bullet-proof value equation. Pick up a Corolla and it will run seemingly forever. Corolla's reliability has won over generations of buyers.

But it has never made anyone's heart beat faster. Until now.

With the new Corolla, Toyota is rewarding its generations of loyal subjects with a snazzy hatchback XSE they can finally enjoy. My new cop friend was not the only admirer on my Pennsylvania road

### 2019 TOYOTA COROLLA HATCHBACK

Base price:

**\$21,220**

including \$930 destination charge (\$25,686 XSE as tested)

#### Vehicle type:

Front-engine, front-wheel drive, five-passenger compact hatchback

**Power:** 168 horsepower, 151 pound-feet of torque

**Transmission:** 6-speed manual

**Weight:** 3,000 pounds

**Fuel economy:** EPA mpg, 32 city/42 highway/36 combined

trip.

There's a lot to drink in for generations of starved Corolla owners.

Begin with the racy grille anchored by the Toyota logo. The lights sweep toward the fenders like winglets, while the whale-like grille below could swallow an ocean of krill.

The lines roll backward across a raked windshield to an aggressively sloped rear window that gives Corolla the appearance of speed even when it is standing still. The look is capped off by a dramatic roof aerofoil.

Inside, Corolla's once bland furniture has been transformed into an electronic wonderland, with a

fully digital tachometer and table console screen. Sure, the electronics often over-nanny you (a Toyota family trait), but tech is a good thing and Corolla is even updated with Apple CarPlay, which Toyota has long resisted.

The manual is nicely calibrated for precise shifts and it is mated to a chassis that wants to play. Throw the Corolla into a cloverleaf and its stiff, new Global Architecture (which also undergirds the much-improved Camry) begs for more throttle. You want more, and that is where the 168-horse Corolla comes up short.

For while the 2019 Corolla is the best ever, it must compete in a ferociously competitive class that has not stood still while Toyota baked its tasty new muffin.

There are hatchbacks galore in this segment, and they are all nice bargains with a little more character than the Corolla. There's Corolla's chief rival, the Honda Civic, which loads the segment with more model flavors than Baskin-Robbins. There's the Sport hatch (in manual, hatch), and the Si coupe, and for the really ambitious, the brawling Type R.

That said, it's good to see Corolla in the game. For the first time in memory, Corolla is a car that turns heads.

Henry Payne is auto critic for The Detroit News.

## A few more points about jump-starting your vehicle



BOB WEBER  
Motormouth

**Q: I appreciated your caution on connecting the negative to a grounding point when using jumper cables. A self-proclaimed family expert stated it is safe to connect it to the battery as long as you do the negative first. Can you comment on this theory please? Would that be safe, or not?**

— A.K., Chicago

A: Often, self-proclaimed experts have been awarded the title by dummies. Here is the proper way to do a jump start:

1. Connect the positive (red) cable to the donor car.
2. Connect the positive (red) cable to the recipient car.
3. Connect the negative (black) cable to the recipient car away from the battery.
4. Connect the negative (black) cable to the donor car away from the battery.

Connecting both clamps to the battery risks a spark and explosion from any hydrogen gas coming from the battery. That's not safe.

**Q: A few decades ago, maybe less, you would hear of people dying of carbon monoxide inhalation as a result of sitting in closed cars in winter with the engine running. Is this still a problem? What about sitting in closed cars with the A/C running?**

— N.T., Walnutport, Pennsylvania

A: Sitting inside the car while the engine is running is not unsafe. But sitting in an enclosed area like a garage is dangerous. With



LISA F. YOUNG

Connecting both cables to the battery risks a spark and explosion from any hydrogen gas coming from the battery.

the advent of push button start/stop making key removal unnecessary, forgetful drivers are leaving their cars running. Since most cars are also very quiet, that clue is also fading away. We have CO detectors in our house. You should, too.

**Q: During my last oil change at the dealer the service rep said I needed to have my brake fluid flushed on my 2013 Camry. They claim this is required every 30,000 miles to avoid rust in the line. I never heard of this on any car I've owned, and I am 76 years old. Is this legit or another way to nickel-and-dime me? Cost is over \$125 each time.**

— B.S., Ingleside, Illinois

A: Although changing the brake fluid periodically is a fine prophylactic measure, it is not mandated by most carmakers, especially every 30,000 miles. There are test strips available to test for residual copper in the brake fluid which would indicate that it is time to change.

**Q: My car's check engine light came on with a code P2097 diagnosis. The code was cleared, but it was sug-**

**gested that I may be a "digital driver" and that there is no fix for this concern. After being told what a "digital driver" is, there is no way I am that type of driver. A week later and the same scenario again. They clear the code and tell me to keep bringing it in whenever it comes on.**

**My question is, what do you think of this digital driver nonsense?**

— B.N., Chicago

A: According to the Urban Dictionary, "A car driver who resists the analog world, proving a curve is a sequence of straight lines, and that incessant acceleration mixed with braking approximates a smooth highway speed. Most often found by locating the guy with car-sick passengers. 'That drive back from the bar with Leo nearly made me hurl — he's such a digital driver! Nearly killed the hula girl on the dash.'"

Basically, it is somebody who is constantly tapping the gas and brake. I know such a person.

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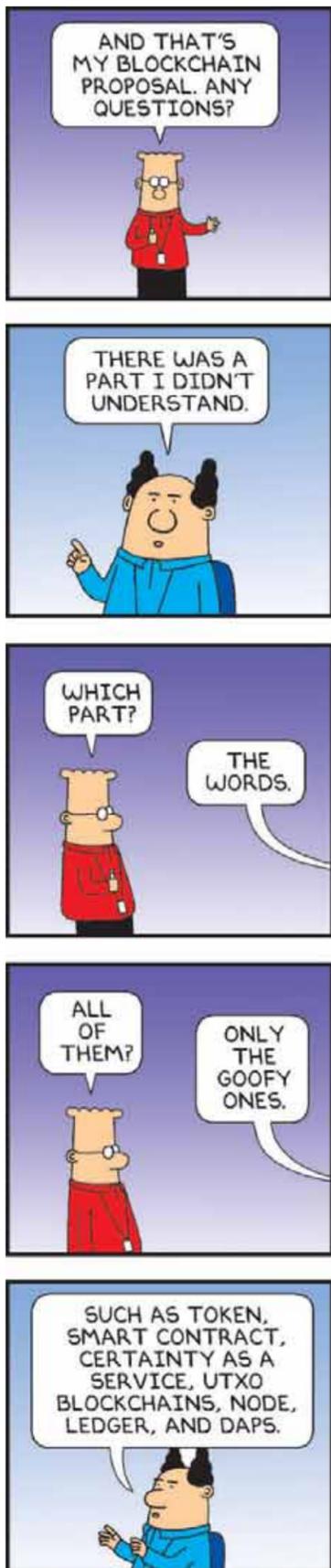
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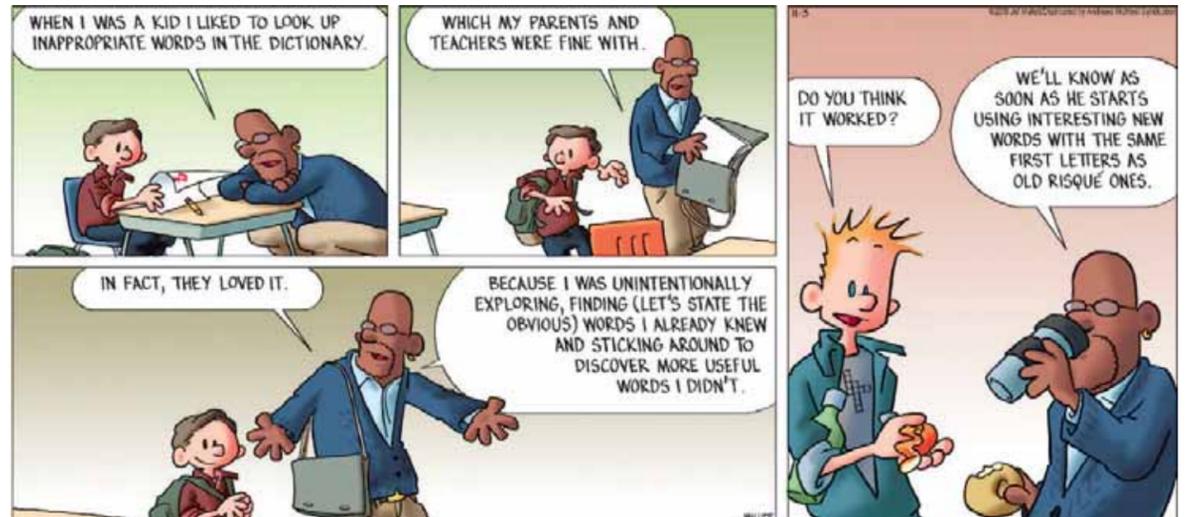
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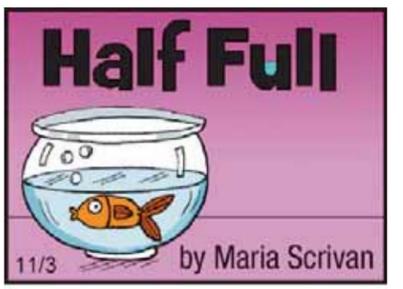
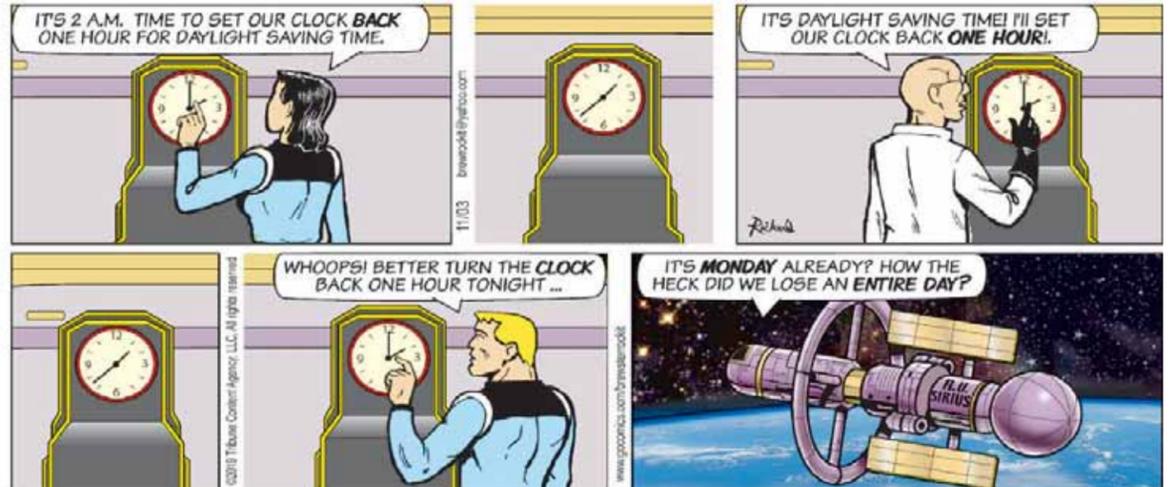
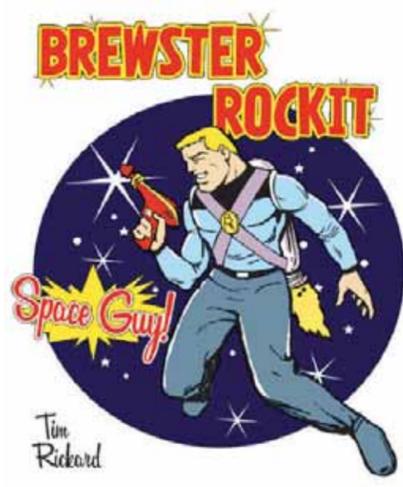
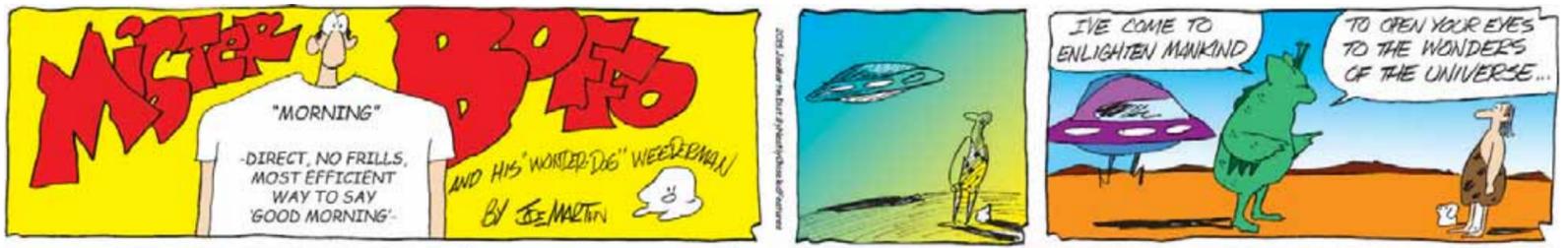
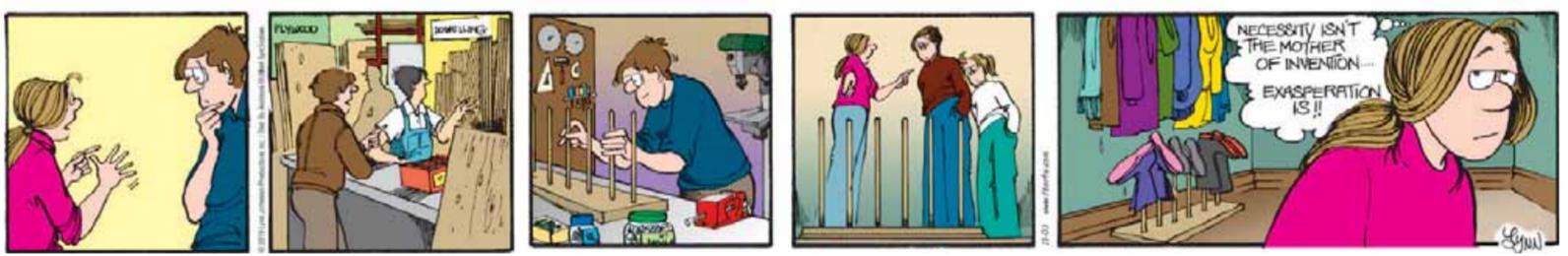
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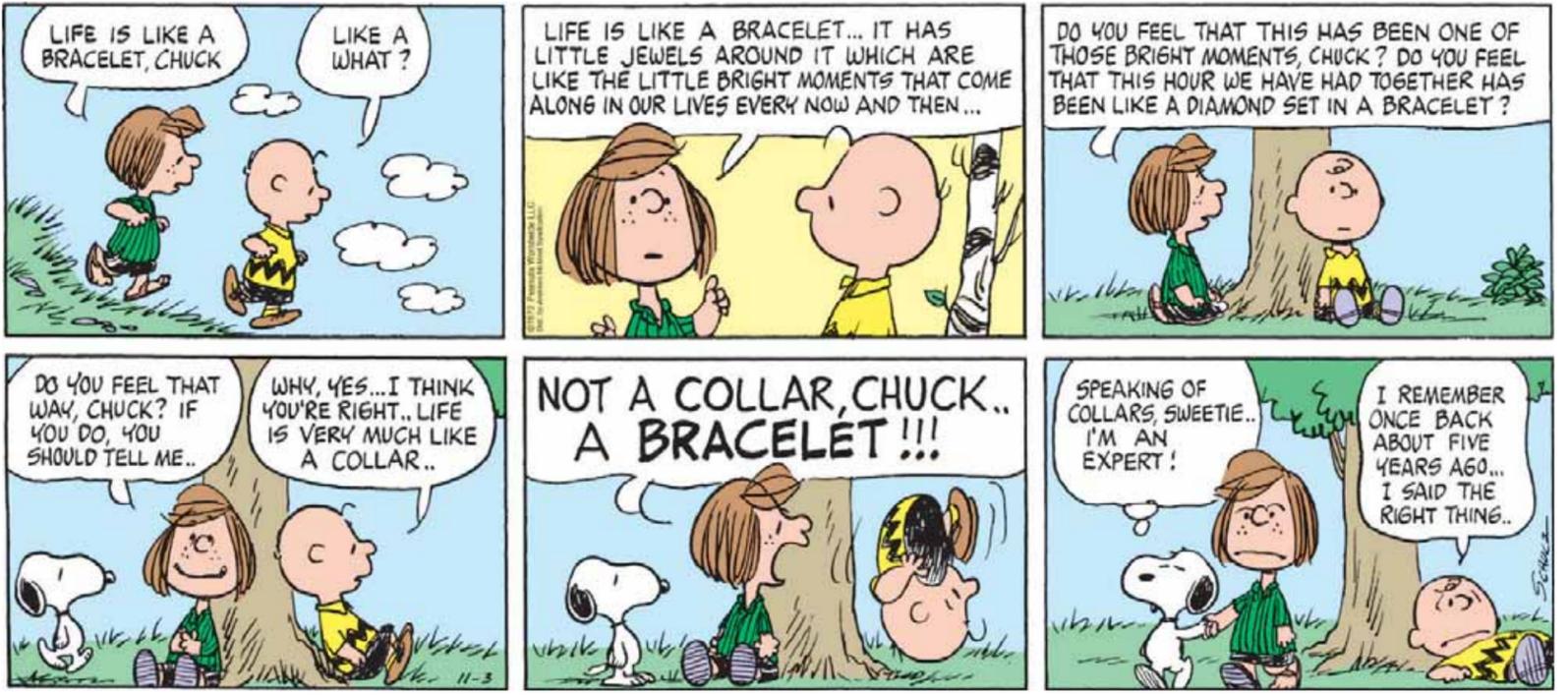
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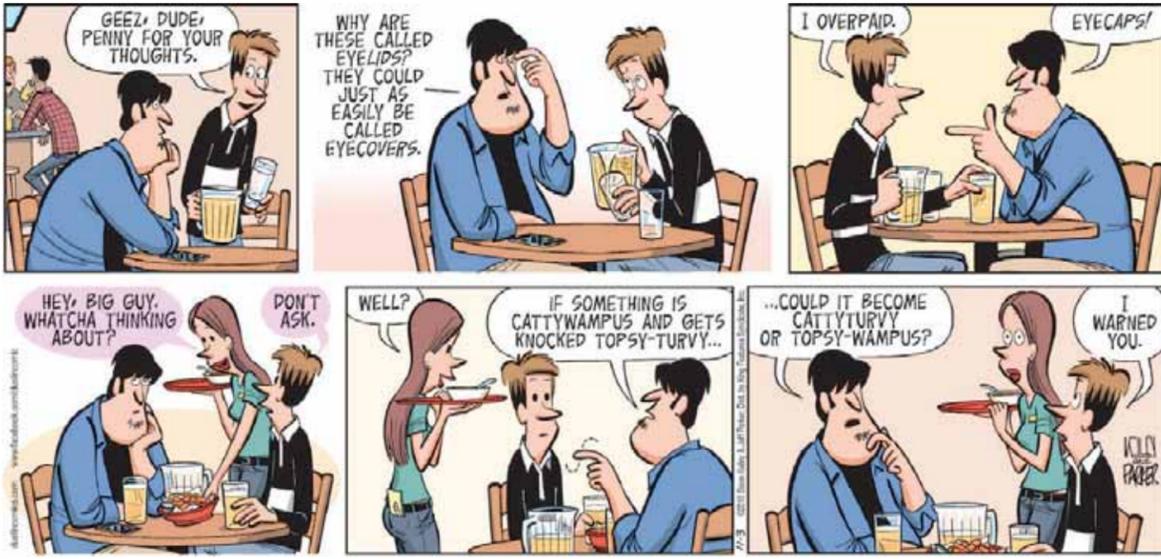
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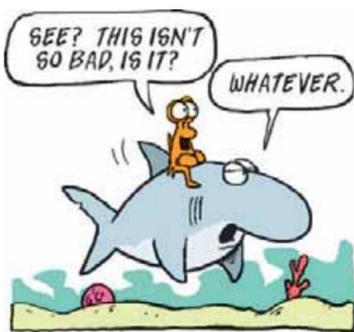
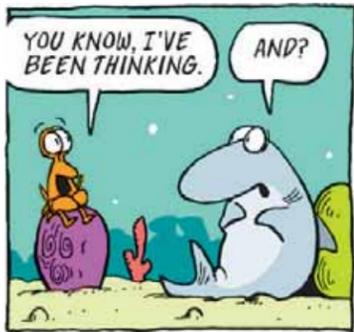
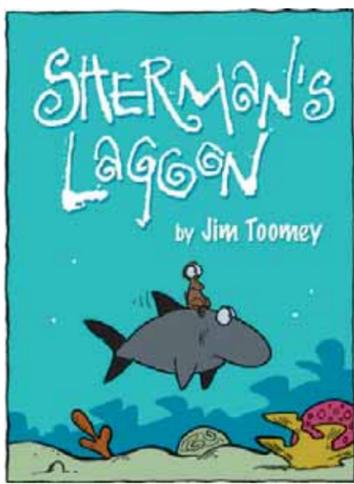


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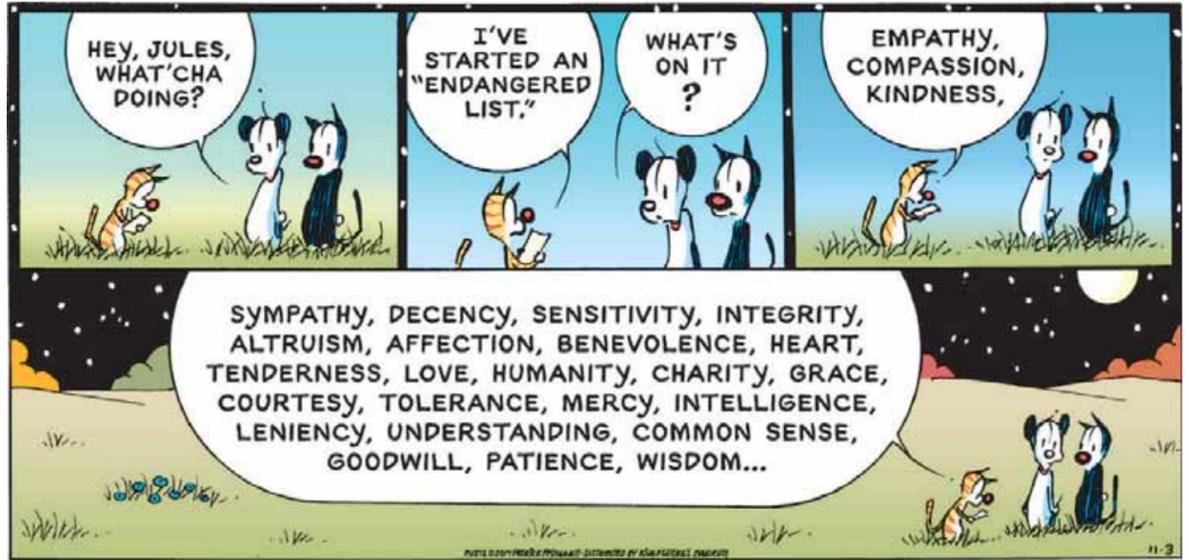


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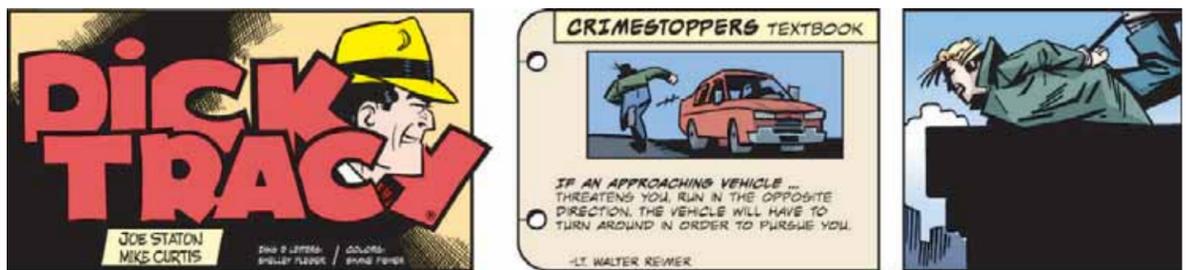
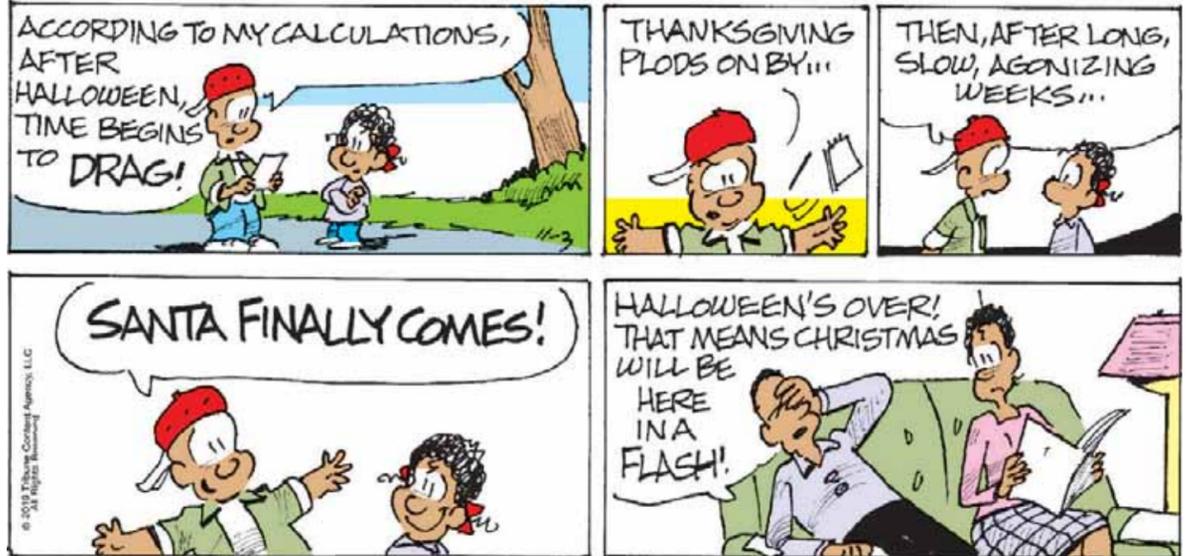




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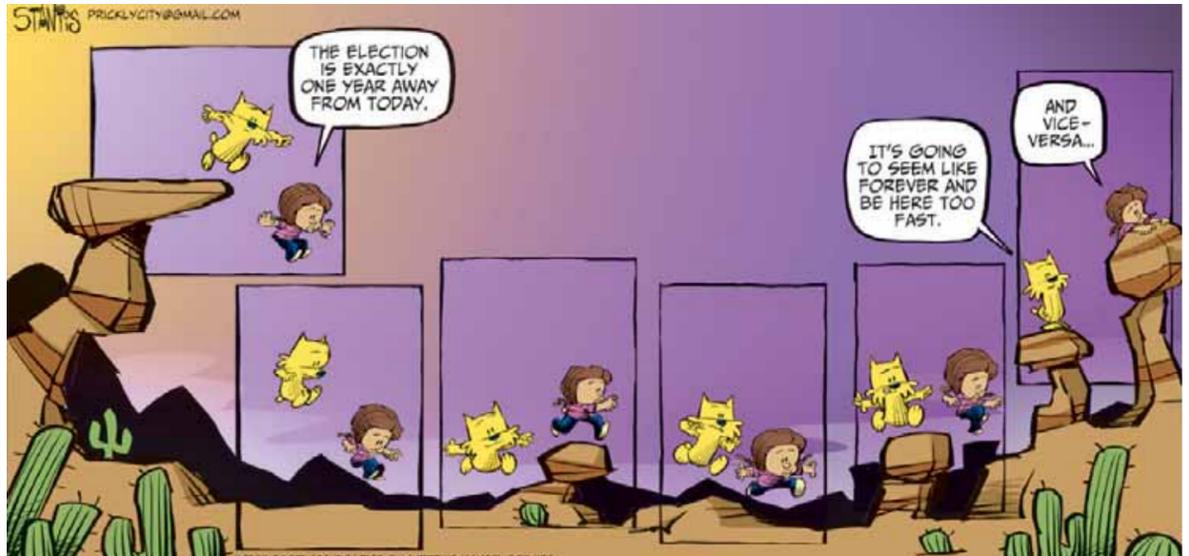
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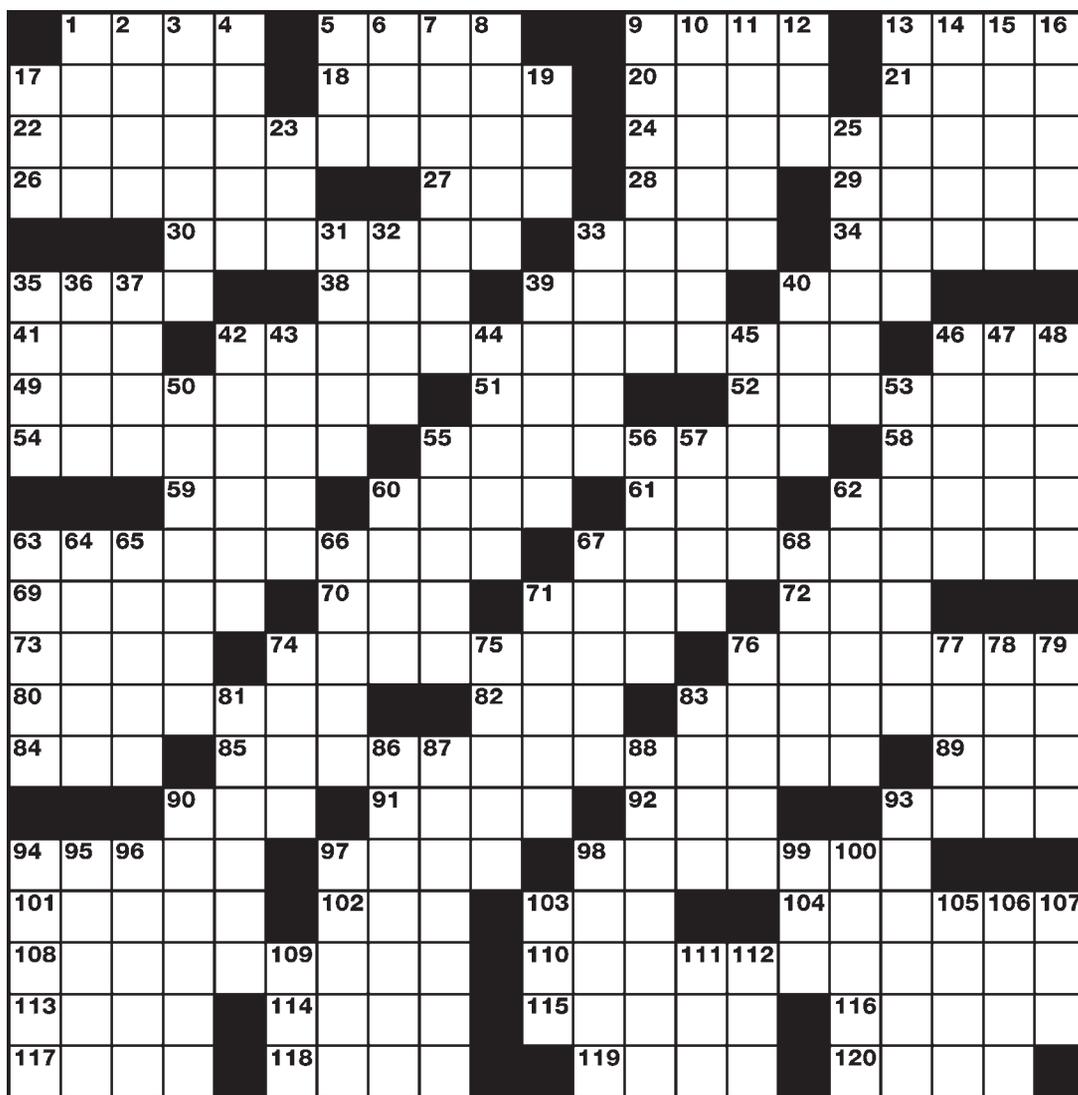
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### Across

- 1 Canine cry  
5 Legal gig  
9 Ounce fraction  
13 Feeling sore  
17 News sources  
18 Venue for vows  
20 Move gingerly  
21 Bangkok tongue  
22 Criticism, some say  
24 Reception ritual  
26 Name evoking "Respect"  
27 Oomph  
28 Be fooling  
29 Emporium walkway  
30 Modernize a room  
33 European erupter  
34 Bride's pride  
35 Annual milestone, for short  
38 Pleasantly diverting  
39 Cruiser's speed measure  
40 "Craft" brew  
41 It might be "on canvas"  
42 Reply lacking enthusiasm  
46 IM Pei alma mater  
49 Academic settings  
51 Parisian water  
52 Vatican's \_ Chapel  
54 Unsuccessful entrant  
55 Entry points  
58 Ivy League member  
59 77 Down collector  
60 Muscles above abs  
61 One in Attila's army  
62 Small choir  
63 Word to the wise, perhaps
- 67 "Heck," for instance  
69 Urgent requests  
70 "Green" prefix  
71 Fly the coop  
72 Shakespearean stir  
73 "\_ never fly!"  
74 Battery category  
76 Meeting handouts  
80 Prone to wear  
82 Granola grain  
83 Undue influence  
84 Physics class equation  
85 Not much of an attempt  
89 Moral lapse  
90 Braying beast  
91 Quite a lot  
92 Expenders of many BTUs  
93 Just slightly  
94 Florentine "You're welcome!"  
97 \_ serif typeface  
98 "Apparently ..."  
101 Passover feast  
102 Oral hygiene org.  
103 Starter like ante-  
104 Settled accounts  
108 Gambler's risk reducer  
110 Spacecraft's success  
113 Bangkok's locale  
114 Pennsylvania port  
115 Get used (to)  
116 "\_ lift?"  
117 Show sorrow or joy  
118 Dish (out)  
119 Phony coin  
120 Regarding
- 3 Filled with frost  
4 Bat-making machine  
5 Common vacation rental  
6 Menu phrase  
7 Periodic payment  
8 Meeting-room stand  
9 Place for a PC  
10 Collide with  
11 Carne \_ (Mexican grilled meat)  
12 Gibson or Brooks  
13 Raiment  
14 Come after  
15 College buildings  
16 "Oh no!"  
17 Film student's deg.  
19 Account exec  
23 Country singer  
25 Punch servers  
31 Quite a lot  
32 Club assessment  
33 Come after  
35 City near West Palm  
36 Lessen, with "down"  
37 Charitable gifts  
39 Coleridge contemporary  
40 "... \_ the custom"  
42 Art on walls  
43 Electrical expenditure  
44 Show surprise, say  
45 Timberlake's former boy band  
46 Sporty Mazda model  
47 Seaside nook  
48 What cogs contain  
50 Entry points  
53 Magnates

### Down

- 1 Pick up on  
2 Garfield canine



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- 55 City south of Milan  
56 As long as  
57 Reunion attendee  
60 Banjo accessory  
62 Maximally atypical  
63 Hawker's talk  
64 Starter for modern  
65 Further along, in a document  
66 Dame \_ Mirren  
67 Crooked card game  
68 More than ready
- 71 Bagel-like roll  
74 Hertz alternative  
75 Cash advances  
76 First appeared  
77 Household accumulation  
78 Certain tenor solo  
79 Transmit  
81 "That ticks me off!"  
83 One-stripe GIs  
86 Arrival announcement
- 87 Everglades mammal  
88 Momentous  
90 Generational separator  
93 Whispered lines  
94 Quaint complaint  
95 Milton Hershey colleague  
96 Outdoor outfitter Bauer  
97 Royal Cavalry weapon
- 98 Hair curlers  
99 Govt. air monitor  
100 Exodus edibles  
103 Tire gauge meas.  
105 Nutritional choices  
106 Click the back-arrow icon  
107 Org. with Open events  
109 FDR, but not TR  
111 Capote nickname  
112 Piano piece

## Quote-Acrossic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

## Clues

Clues	Words
A. As the scale shows: 2 wds.	<u>78</u> <u>94</u> <u>5</u> <u>142</u> <u>61</u> <u>43</u> <u>12</u> <u>136</u>
B. Rough and disorderly	<u>80</u> <u>100</u> <u>60</u> <u>140</u> <u>127</u> <u>1</u> <u>111</u> <u>36</u>
C. Granting that	<u>125</u> <u>22</u> <u>159</u> <u>130</u> <u>4</u> <u>41</u> <u>66</u> <u>112</u>
D. Bewildering	<u>48</u> <u>20</u> <u>115</u> <u>98</u> <u>151</u> <u>137</u> <u>74</u> <u>38</u> <u>63</u>
E. Praise for an achievement	<u>114</u> <u>56</u> <u>88</u> <u>150</u> <u>67</u>
F. Columnist, often	<u>113</u> <u>54</u> <u>89</u> <u>134</u> <u>10</u> <u>145</u> <u>59</u> <u>76</u>
G. Inasmuch as: 2 wds.	<u>65</u> <u>153</u> <u>132</u> <u>143</u> <u>17</u> <u>31</u> <u>110</u>
H. Regard with devotion	<u>37</u> <u>149</u> <u>116</u> <u>49</u> <u>70</u> <u>93</u> <u>18</u>
I. Approve of: 2 wds.	<u>138</u> <u>104</u> <u>124</u> <u>9</u> <u>24</u> <u>64</u> <u>42</u> <u>52</u>
J. In addition to: 3 wds.	<u>160</u> <u>72</u> <u>11</u> <u>139</u> <u>123</u> <u>103</u> <u>92</u> <u>16</u>

K. Because of: 2 wds.	<u>35</u> <u>96</u> <u>8</u> <u>87</u> <u>2</u> <u>120</u> <u>69</u> <u>50</u>
L. Matted hair	<u>107</u> <u>82</u> <u>55</u> <u>7</u> <u>128</u> <u>19</u> <u>73</u>
M. Braid	<u>152</u> <u>75</u> <u>30</u> <u>46</u> <u>85</u>
N. Confess: 2 wds.	<u>131</u> <u>117</u> <u>101</u> <u>109</u> <u>45</u>
O. Trojan king Priam's wife	<u>156</u> <u>122</u> <u>146</u> <u>26</u> <u>108</u> <u>68</u>
P. Unconventional	<u>25</u> <u>99</u> <u>133</u> <u>40</u> <u>53</u> <u>86</u> <u>155</u>
Q. Awkward	<u>129</u> <u>62</u> <u>84</u> <u>6</u> <u>14</u> <u>33</u> <u>27</u> <u>44</u>
R. Indicate indirectly	<u>135</u> <u>105</u> <u>39</u> <u>141</u> <u>157</u> <u>77</u> <u>51</u>
S. Ultimate goal: hyph.	<u>83</u> <u>3</u> <u>28</u> <u>119</u> <u>90</u> <u>57</u>
T. Scram!: 2 wds.	<u>144</u> <u>97</u> <u>118</u> <u>126</u> <u>34</u> <u>15</u> <u>154</u>
U. Macaroni shape	<u>91</u> <u>58</u> <u>102</u> <u>13</u> <u>121</u>
V. Length-wise	<u>148</u> <u>71</u> <u>23</u> <u>29</u> <u>79</u> <u>47</u> <u>106</u>
W. Prelude to a kiss	<u>158</u> <u>21</u> <u>95</u> <u>147</u> <u>81</u> <u>32</u>

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## Environmentalists' Dreams

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## Across

- 1 Paton and Arkin  
6 Church area  
10 Mountain ash  
14 Spring time shrub  
15 Dancer Montez  
16 Mixture  
17 Earth's urgent need  
20 Affirmative vote  
21 Damp  
22 Fits of anger  
23 Acct.  
24 Pungent  
26 More of 17 Across  
34 Parisian dads  
35 Dewy  
36 Eureka!  
37 "\_\_\_ a little husband ..."  
38 Carta preceder  
39 Jewish month  
40 Vase  
41 New  
42 Licorice seed  
43 More of 17 Across  
46 Electrical unit  
47 Frequently: poet.  
48 Stamp or record repository

- 51 Dress style  
54 Expert  
57 More of 17 Across  
60 Karenina  
61 Protagonist  
62 Discussion subject  
63 South African colonist  
64 Former British PM  
65 Stone marker

## Down

- 1 Aquatic plant  
2 Easter bloom  
3 Medicinal herb  
4 Capture  
5 Shrimp entrees  
6 Jai \_\_\_  
7 Stalag inmates, for short  
8 Slovenly  
9 Musical aptitude  
10 Beethoven opus  
11 Designer Cassini  
12 Ascend  
13 One in authority  
18 Bank transaction  
19 Made a mistake

- 23 Female college student  
25 Europe's neighbor  
26 Coleridge's addiction  
27 Indian statesman  
28 He played *Father Goose*  
29 Was drawn  
30 Thesaurus man  
31 Forearm bones  
32 Deep crevice  
33 Rabbits  
38 Clyde's Bonnie, e.g.  
39 Medical school subj.  
41 Ruth's mother-in-law  
42 Influences  
44 Related to throat tissue  
45 O'Neill's daughter  
48 Semite  
49 Cotton fabric  
50 Poison  
52 Italian currency  
53 Object of reverence  
54 Conduit  
55 Stir up  
56 Formerly  
58 Haggard novel  
59 Little one

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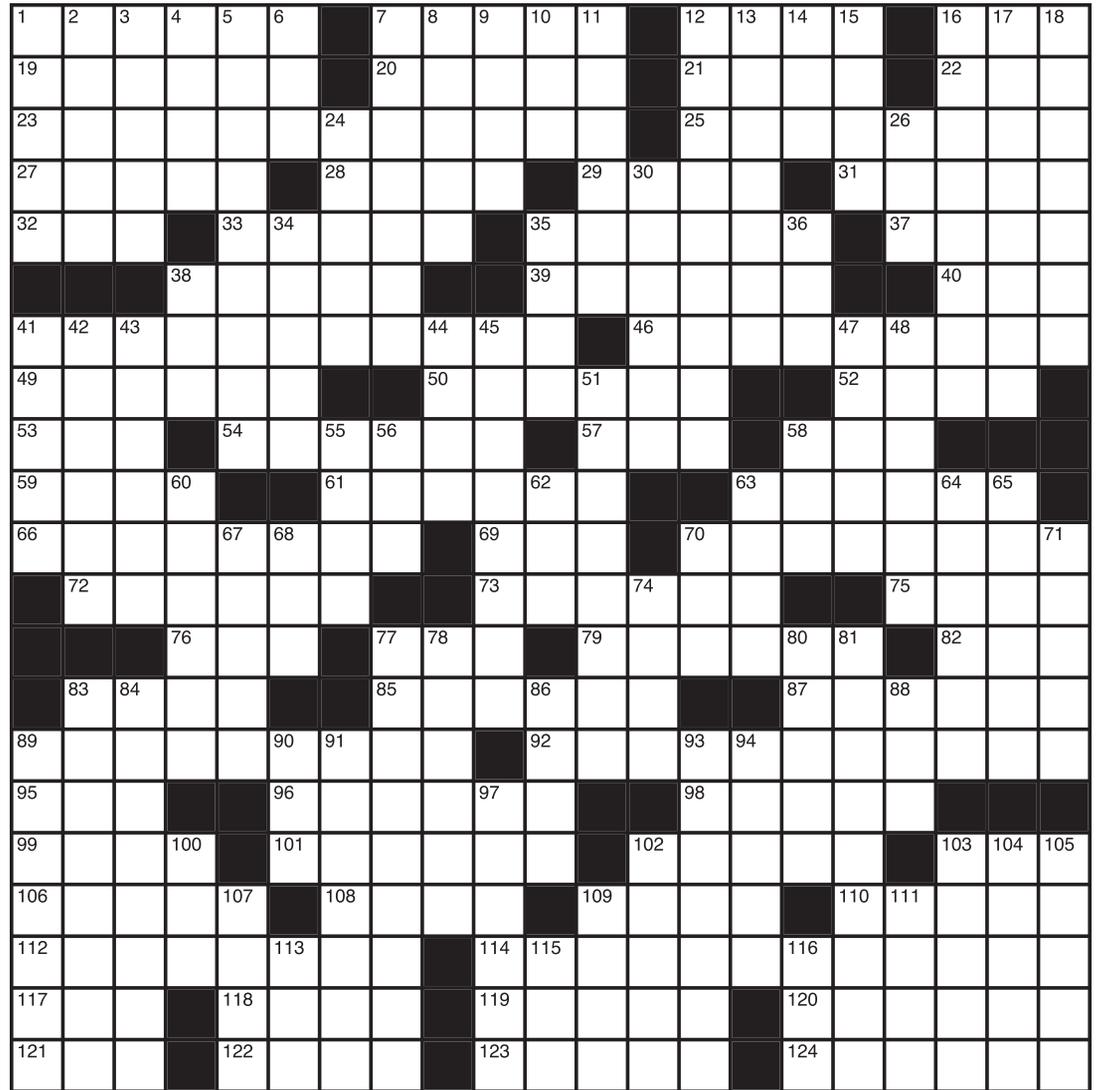
- 1 Apes
- 7 Wise advisers
- 12 "That's how it \_\_\_!"
- 16 Gown complement
- 19 Parks with games
- 20 Plane figure
- 21 Emotion linked to schadenfreude
- 22 "I \_\_\_ you liked your drink,' sez Gunga Din"
- 23 Coiffure created using a mirror?
- 25 Catholic leader appealing to a younger demographic?
- 27 Pry
- 28 Nailed
- 29 School support gps.
- 31 '50s TV innovation
- 32 Longing
- 33 Slender bit of stemware
- 35 Woos
- 37 Branch of Islam
- 38 One often seen in a parlor
- 39 Establish firmly
- 40 Coll. major
- 41 Aggressive tie feature?
- 46 Becoming a full-grown dog?
- 49 Soft leathers
- 50 Convert to ready money
- 52 Pharma offerings
- 53 Downed
- 54 Game with plenty of kicks
- 57 Extremity
- 58 Window coolers
- 59 Some pvt. equity ventures
- 61 Ejection
- 63 Much party food
- 66 Topper for a tiny barn?
- 69 Not Rep. or Dem.
- 70 Result of a hotel sprinkler malfunction?
- 72 Termination
- 73 Two trios
- 75 Alike, in Arles
- 76 Tats
- 77 Letters on a tap
- 79 Basilica display
- 82 Challenge to "You're wrong!"
- 83 Horse hue
- 85 "Manic" time in a 1986 hit
- 87 Duped
- 89 Abundant greens?

- 92 Sleazy bar offering?
- 95 WWII carrier
- 96 Krishna, for Vishnu
- 98 Events with vandalism
- 99 Surprised greeting
- 101 Small size
- 102 "Inferno" part
- 103 Wall et al.: Abbr.
- 106 Signs
- 108 Bento box staple
- 109 Sulk
- 110 Inborn
- 112 Sad Rogaine result?
- 114 Superhero beachwear?
- 117 Period
- 118 Part of Xerxes I's realm, nowadays
- 119 Where sailors go
- 120 Called from a sty
- 121 "L.A. Law" actress
- 122 Audition cry
- 123 Reactions to mosquitoes
- 124 Derisive looks

**Down**

- 1 Sizable
- 2 Goddess of peace
- 3 Fruit served in balls
- 4 Dope
- 5 Settings for many ghost stories
- 6 U.S. number-issuing agcy.
- 7 Ronnie of the Ronettes
- 8 Actress Anouk
- 9 Pleased
- 10 Geological period
- 11 Squish
- 12 Elude
- 13 Convenient, as shopping
- 14 Night before
- 15 Coordinate audio and video
- 16 Asset in a crisis
- 17 Names (to)
- 18 House of Lords group
- 24 Frighten
- 26 Places to buy stamps: Abbr.
- 30 Romanticized 18th-century highwayman Dick
- 34 Dogie catcher
- 35 Middling grades
- 36 Frequent auto race sponsor
- 38 One on foot, in signs

- 41 One of a Biblical 150
- 42 Offer more than
- 43 Tyke
- 44 Clinches
- 45 Strongly favoring one side
- 47 Workout ctrs.
- 48 Grass used on some golf greens
- 51 Sheep tender
- 55 Baskin-Robbins buy
- 56 Word with stick or ball
- 58 Army-forming insect
- 60 Like a monkey
- 62 OKC-to-Tulsa dir.
- 63 "Go \_\_\_ Watchman": Harper Lee novel
- 64 Rwanda's capital
- 65 Pollen producer
- 67 Title Brooklyn lawyer in an Alabama courtroom
- 68 Want as a price
- 70 Jazz guitarist Montgomery
- 71 Leave out, in speech
- 74 Little dogs
- 77 In a hurry, maybe
- 78 Appropriate for versification
- 80 Otherwise
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## Jumble

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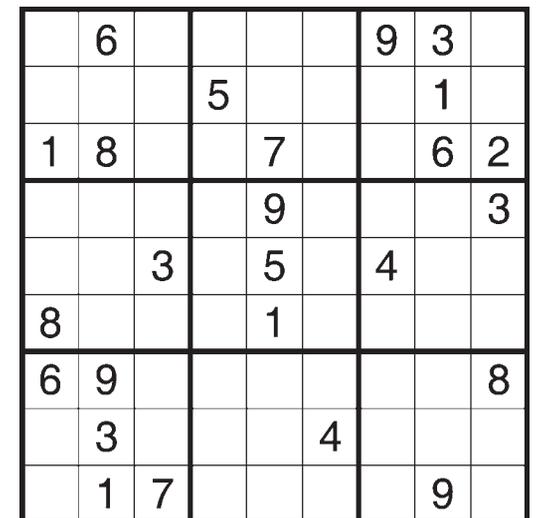
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## Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**



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## ANSWER ANGEL

SNEAKERS ARE FINE  
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ELIZABETH BANKS WEARS MANY HATS IN THE  
MOVIE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING PHILANTHROPIST

# MULTITASKER

# Elizabeth Banks wears many hats

BY PAUL PLUNKETT

Variety

Receiving the 2019 Pioneer of the Year award from the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation, Elizabeth Banks is leading in a new field.

In addition to her achievements as an actor, director, producer and writer, Banks also devotes considerable time and money to a wide array of philanthropic efforts and organizations.

And on Sept. 25 she was the first female director to receive the honor in the 78-year history of the Pioneer of the Year Dinner benefiting the Pioneers Assistance Fund. Banks was surprised and delighted by the prestigious honor.

"I'm pretty excited to be following in the footsteps of so many incredible past honorees," says Banks, who joins a who's who of legendary recipients such as Cecil B. DeMille, Jack Warner, Darryl F. Zanuck, Cheryl Boone Isaacs and last year's honoree, Tom Cruise. "And we've already raised over a million dollars for the Pioneer Assistance Fund, which feels really great."

The Pioneers Assistance Fund is dedicated to taking care of the industry's own when adversity strikes, be it illness, injury or natural disasters.

As with a number of past honorees, Banks has worn many hats in the business.

For the upcoming "Charlie's Angels" reboot, she not only directs, produces and appears in the film, but also co-wrote the screenplay.

"I like to multitask and I love my job. That helps a lot," she says.

Banks had early roles in films such as "Wet Hot American Summer," 2002's "Spider-Man" and its two sequels, "Catch Me if You Can" and "Seabiscuit."

Continuing to build her resume with roles in films across genres, her comic skills showed she could more than hold her own in comedies on screens large ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin") and small ("Scrubs" and her Emmy-nominated turns on "30 Rock" and "Modern Family").

One possible regret Banks might have in terms of her acting career is that she feels she might have missed the boat when it comes to one of her favorite



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***"I like to multitask and I love my job. That helps a lot."***

— Elizabeth Banks

film genres.

"I'm pretty disappointed that I came into the industry at the moment that they decided to stop making rom-coms, because I grew up loving romantic comedies," she recalls. "All of the female stars of the '80s, '90s and early 2000s, they were all in romantic comedies."

The clout she's earned gives her the ability to help other women coming up in the industry.

"I believe that empowered women empower women," she says. "And I'm definitely trying to do that in my life and in my work. I grew up in sort of a matriarchal family, I love making sure that women matter."

# Sneakers aren't just for the gym



ELLEN WARREN

## Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

What is your rule on sneakers/trainers/athletic shoes at work? I like to wear Converse-type sneakers with my knee-length skirts. Is it too youthful and try-too-hard?

— Suze C.

**Dear Suze:** There are no rules on this. Sneakers can look great with skirts no matter what your age and the only question you have to ask yourself is what is everyone else wearing? Workplaces are getting more casual by the day — shorts, flip-flops, T-shirts and sundresses show up in offices across the country. But in some places there are dress codes. Or, common sense. There's merit to the idea that you should dress for the job you want, not the job you have. But in some workplaces, if you showed up in a dress, heels and hose or a suit and tie you'd be laughed out of the place. Look around at your co-workers. They're probably the best indication of what works where you work.

*And another question about dressing informally...*

## Dear Answer Angel

**Ellen:** I have noticed more people dressing quite casually at memorial services. Is there a distinction in terms of attire for funerals versus memorial services that are held weeks and even months after the person has passed away?

— Karen K.

**Dear Karen:** If a funeral is held in a place of worship, you should dress respect-



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Sneakers and skirts are a classic pairing to wear almost anywhere.

fully and not in something scanty or suitable for a day at the ballpark. For memorial services, it depends. I once went to a memorial service at a baseball park on a hot day where dress was very informal. Dress for a memorial in the woods or a picnic setting would be more casual than for one in the library of a fancy club or at an elegant restaurant. Consider your surroundings and dress in keeping with the event site.

## Dear Answer Angel

**Ellen:** I enjoy wearing straight leg pants in summer when I can wear sandals and not wear hosiery. However, in cold weather with other shoe styles I need to wear knee-highs

with pants. This creates a problem with the pants not being able to slide down the leg when going from a seated to standing position. Is there any hosiery I can wear to solve this problem?

— Sherry H.

**Dear Sherry:** Static cling is irritating, especially in dry weather and the colder months but there are some easy fixes. A bit of hair spray on the socks and on the inside of the pants leg will eliminate the cling. Rubbing those areas with a dryer sheet also works as does adding fabric softener to your wash or a dryer sheet when drying your clothes. Lotion or moisturizer on your skin also is a solution. There are also

anti-static products such as Static Guard spray available at drugstores.

## Angelic Readers

*So many of you had strong opinions and suggestions on the issue of whether visitors should be asked to remove their shoes at the front door.*

From Sharon S.: "Someone who doesn't want shoes worn in the house shouldn't allow bare feet, either. Oils from the skin can soil carpets. House slippers or socks are a better option. There are many cute, comfy options." Cynthia H. writes, "We have been a shoeless household ever since we found our toddler eating

something black and nasty off the floor over 30 years ago. Since then, I have spent far less time and money cleaning our floors and rugs. Plus, I feel good about going barefoot at home. We have clean hotel-type slippers, shoe covers and various socks for our guests and visitors available near a bench at the front door. We also advise them ahead of time when possible so they can bring slippers or 'indoor shoes' if they wish."

Kaye A. says, "I think asking people to remove their shoes, without offering an alternative, is rude. The people who have the 'no shoes' policy should offer cheap flip-flops or the kinds of washable slippers

hospitals provide, so their guests can have *something* on their feet." Many readers — Regina M., Char B., Sue B. and Marcia S. — agreed that if shoes are not allowed, guests should be offered something, like those paper booties popular among service people who work inside homes (available on amazon.com). Cathy W., Cindi C., Valerie S., Kathleen K., Fran, Rich L., Cathy W., Katharine S. and Sharon P. have shoes/slippers/no-slip socks in their purse, backpack or car just in case. Kathleen N. says, "I feel that telling guests that they have to take off their shoes is rude. ... If someone is adamant, they should provide slippers for guests or tell them in advance that they may not wear their shoes and then they can decide to attend or *not*."

## Reader Rant

**From Therese N.:** "Getting new clothes from retailers that have without a doubt been previously worn. I am so tired of stinky clothes! Please someone develop a fail-safe way that makes clothes *non*-returnable after being worn. A major discount chain even has a category called 'previously worn — reconditioned.' Ewww. Worst offenders are dresses and formal gowns. Sure, that stupid tag that says 'do not remove' will not work — it is easily reattached with an \$8 tagging gun. Also, fitting rooms should have wet wipes available for persons to wipe their armpit areas prior to trying on clothing."

## Now it's your turn

Send questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to [answerangel@angellellen@gmail.com](mailto:answerangel@angellellen@gmail.com).

# Houseplant how-to

BY JESSICA DAMIANO  
Newsday

The day lilies have faded, and chrysanthemums are stepping up to take their place. Sure, they'll lend an autumnal backdrop as we sip pumpkin lattes while wearing football jerseys, but then what? Once the leaves have dropped and the cone-flowers have become brittle, brown shadows of their former selves, where's a plant lover to turn?

Indoor plants offer "a multitude of benefits to residential and commercial spaces," advises Jonathan Lehrer, chair of the Horticulture Department at Farmingdale State College and who teaches a course on indoor plants. And when people "become more dissociated from the natural world, indoor plants help preserve a tenuous connection," he adds.

But take care: Houseplants are completely reliant on their owners for sunlight and nutrition. Get grounded in these fundamentals.

## The basics

Water, sunlight, nutrients. These ingredients sound easy enough, but the combination differs from plant to plant.

**Watering:** Generally speaking, too much water can kill any plant. Waterlogged roots rot. Too little water can be deadly, as well, but most plants provide warning signs — like wilting — before succumbing to such neglect.

Assess plants' needs every couple of days by inserting your finger deeply into the soil. When the soil is dry at root depth, it's time

to water. And unless otherwise recommended, lighten up on watering over winter, when plant growth slows.

The best way to water most plants is to put the pot in the sink (or bathtub or shower, if the container is large) and apply water s-l-o-w-l-y until it runs out the drainage holes in the pot's bottom. Flushing the soil also helps prevent salt buildup from fertilizers.

Most indoor houseplants are tropical plants that won't survive winter outdoors in our climate. On their home turf, they are exposed to high humidity that can be difficult to duplicate indoors. Insufficient humidity often manifests as browning leaf tips. Should this happen, trim affected tips with sharp scissors and expose the plant to moisture by misting daily, running a humidifier or placing the pot into a rimmed pan that contains about an inch of pebbles and water.

Be sure to keep plants away from forced-air heating vents and don't put them on radiators, which can cause soil and plant-tissue dehydration — even death.

**Sunlight:** Plants need appropriate sunlight to photosynthesize. A southern exposure offers the brightest light. While there are plants that require the brightest exposures possible and others that thrive under office lighting, most do well with lots of indirect light. Even your brightest window may not provide enough sunlight for those with strong light requirements over winter, when sun exposure is at its lowest.

East- and west-facing locations are ideal for most



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Houseplants, unlike garden plants, are completely reliant on their owners for sunlight and nutrition.

plants, but keep them a foot or two from the brightest windows or place a sheer curtain over windows to filter sunlight.

## Right container

Plants that outgrow their pots can become "pot bound," when roots cannot grow outward but begin to encircle themselves. To avoid this, move plants into a larger container once a year, just before they begin their active growing phase in spring. Plants should be moved to a pot that's 2 inches larger in diameter; don't be tempted to progress to a larger pot than that to avoid the task for a few years. That can result in poor soil-to-plant ratio: When it's too high, roots can't keep up so soil remains moist for too long, increasing the chance of root rot.

When repotting, cover the drainage hole with a small rock or fragment

from a broken clay pot. This will be sufficient to keep soil in while allowing excess water to drain. Add as much potting mix as necessary to ensure the plant sits at the same level as in the old pot. If plants are "pot bound," gently separate roots with your fingers before replanting. This will redirect them outward into the soil for water and nutrients.

Insert the plant into the pot and fill gaps with more potting mix. Tamp down firmly to eliminate air pockets, then water well.

## Proper nutrients

Plants growing in containers — indoors or out — require more fertilizer and water than those in the ground.

Choose a granular slow-release fertilizer or a liquid fertilizer, which is added to the watering can, typically with every second watering. Follow label instruc-

tions and remember that less is often more: Overfeeding is worse than underfeeding.

With few exceptions, fertilize only between the beginning of March and Thanksgiving Day, allowing the plant to rest from actively growing during winter.

## Plant safety

Many houseplants should be kept out of reach of small children, who tend to put all sorts of things into their mouths.

Consider, too, the lure and accessibility of vining plants; place them on high shelves. Even if they are not poisonous, they can be pulled down and cause injury. And all plants pose choking hazards.

Check with National Capital Poison Control ([poison.org/articles/plant](http://poison.org/articles/plant) or 800-222-1222) before bringing a houseplant into a home with children, and be

aware that plants labeled as safe for cats or dogs might not be safe for humans (and vice versa). To search the complete plant database to see which plants are poisonous to pets: [aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants](http://aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants).

## Trendsetters to try

Out with cactuses — though we still love them — and in with unusual succulents and unique (and photogenic) houseplants. Here are my picks for the year's hottest:

- Krinkle Kurl wax flower (*Hoya carnosa*)
- Climbing onion (*Bowiea volubilis*)
- Queen of the Night cactus (*Epiphyllum oxypetalum*)
- Delta maidenhair fern (*Adiantum raddianum*)
- Citrus radd
- Bonus plant: Marimo moss ball (*Cladophora aegagropila linnaei*)

# A wardrobe that's good for environment

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Another school year often brings a new “back-to-school” wardrobe, be it uniforms or a different look for a new grade. But before you go out to buy more, consider some statistics found in author Elizabeth Cline’s latest book, “The Conscious Closet: The Revolutionary Guide to Looking Good While Doing Good.” Data like:

■ A third of the microplastic pollution junking up our oceans is coming from what we wear.

■ A garbage truck’s worth of unwanted fashion is landfilled in the United States every 1.3 minutes.

■ For every two million tons of textiles we keep in circulation and out of landfills, we can reduce carbon emissions equivalent to taking 1 million cars off the road.

Cline walks readers through the impact that clothes, “our most personal and universal possession,” have on the environment. In her 2012 book, “Overdressed: The Shockingly High Cost of Cheap Fashion,” Cline drops knowledge that clothing brands’ frequent churn of new styles and more affordable fare (aka “fast fashion”) sway consumers to buy more. And in turn, shoppers dispose of “staggering volumes of unwanted clothes,” which ends as waste (23.8 billion pounds of clothes and shoes in the garbage each year or 73 pounds per person in the United States).

The sequel is “The Conscious Closet,” which offers tips for consumers to build a wardrobe that does less harm to the environment and is of higher quality, all while maintaining your style and keeping up with trends.

“‘The Conscious Closet’ is as much education as it is giving people tips and tools for how they can make a difference,” Cline said. “What I’m doing with ‘The Con-

scious Closet’ is showing people how to live sustainably and that’s not an individual project, it’s a cultural project — it means changing the way that we live and what we value.”

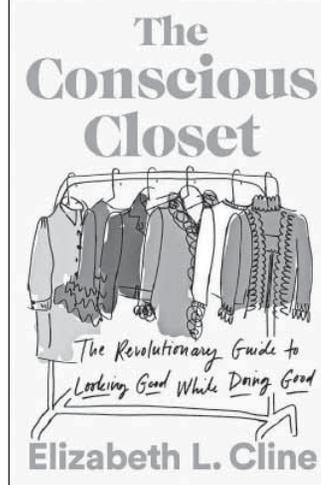
The Tribune talked with Cline about buying less, but feeling more fulfilled in the process when it comes to being more aware of what you do as your “second skin.” The interview has been condensed and edited.

**On the idea of microfiber pollution and feeling overwhelmed about rethinking your whole clothes game:**

“Fast fashion became more common and people were more inclined to wear their clothes a few times. Now we don’t have the economic incentive to take care of our clothes, but I think that we still have an environmental incentive. People deserve to know the health impact of what they’re wearing, the environmental impact of what they’re wearing and the social impact of what they’re wearing. When people start making different choices in their life, I found that they feel empowered. You find the things that you feel good about doing.”

**On the concept of donning a uniform for school or work, changing the conscious closet equation:**

“The book is a choose-your-own adventure. In the beginning, everybody decides if they’re a minimalist, a traditionalist or a style seeker. So if you’re more of a Steve Jobs person, then you’re a minimalist, which means you feel empowered and freed by having fewer items of clothes. And there are all sorts of strategies in the



KERI WIGINTON/PLUME

Elizabeth Cline believes the culture of clothing consumerism in the United States needs to change and offers some assistance in her new book “The Conscious Closet.”

book for minimalists, for people who want to build a really small, curated, ethical and sustainable wardrobe. But there are also a lot of tips for people who love fashion and trends.”

**On building a sustainable wardrobe on a budget:**

“A lot of the big brands are doing more sustainable initiatives, like H&M and its Conscious collection and Zara has Join Life. There’s a lot of big brands that are incorporating sustainability into their business like Levi’s and Adidas, that it’s easier to find than most people imagine once you start to look. I also always tell people to use the Good on You website, which makes it a lot easier to shop ethically and sustainably in mainstream stores.”

**On the meat-and-potatoes**

**rule — 70% of the clothes you own should be meat and potatoes, 30% should be icing and fluff:**

“It’s just about trying to figure out what really works for you instead of shopping because we’re so frustrated with what we’ve got. It’s really about thinking through your ratio of accessories to basics to icing to the really statement-making pieces. Because once you’ve figured that out, it makes your life so much easier.”

**On personal shoppers and brands like Universal Standard helping consumers build a foundation of core pieces:**

“I think that it’s great that more brands are offering to help you curate a closet. I’ve gotten a lot of distance out of using a wardrobe-organizing app called Cladwell. It helps me figure out how to pair

things together that are already in my wardrobe. What I love about Cladwell is it reminds you that you have a closet full of clothes, you have plenty to wear and it just gives you inspiration for how to pair everything up in an interesting way.”

**On this book making people stop and think before they buy:**

“Fashion is responsible for 8% of carbon emissions, but it’s also our second skin. Clothing matters, and I think that it can really make your life better if you set aside a little more time to think through your wardrobe, think through how you’re shopping and figure out if there are ways that you can go about it in a more mindful, conscientious, responsible, sustainable way.”

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# Are product subscription services worth it?

BY HELEN CAREFOOT  
The Washington Post

*Are your cleaning supplies accumulating into clutter? Here's what you really need.*

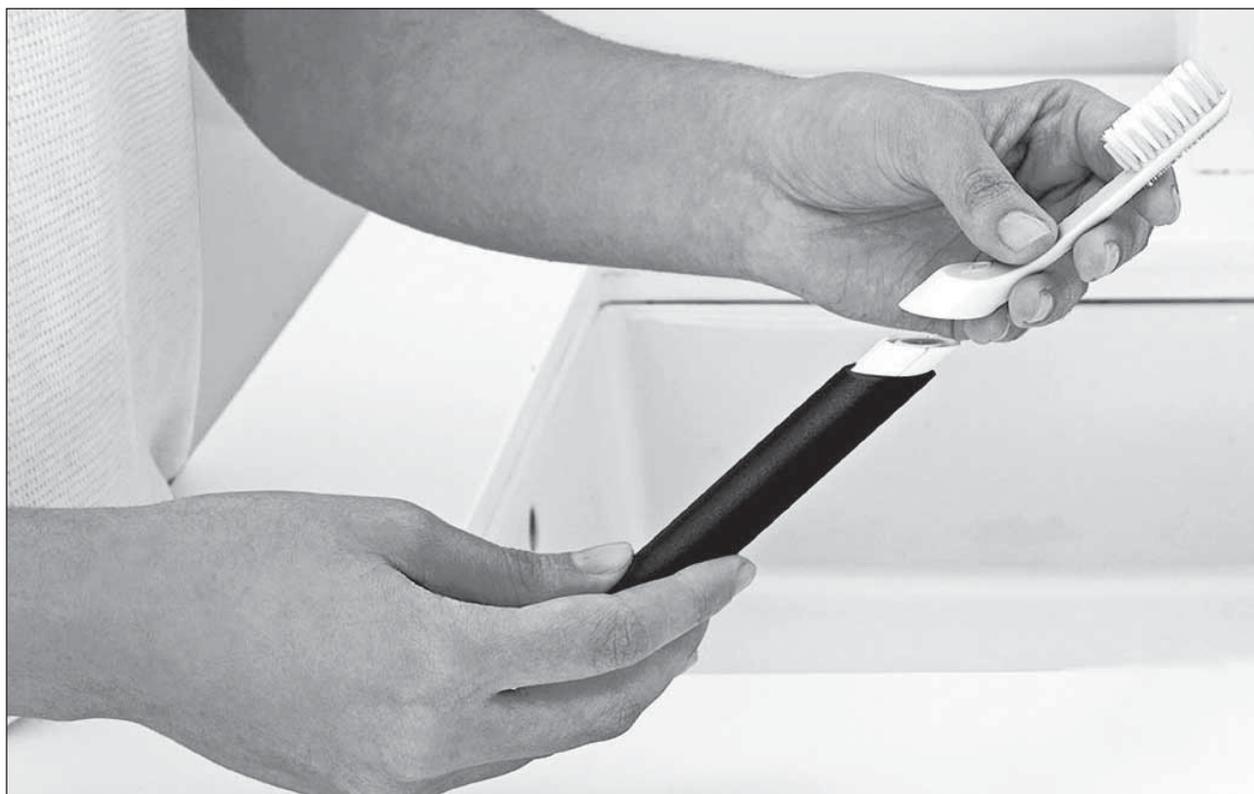
*There are a lot of toothbrush options out there. We asked experts for their picks.*

*The best hand soaps, according to a chef, an artist, a dermatologist and more.*

Receiving mail can be a pleasure, especially when it's a monthly delivery of cosmetics samples to test out or a rented designer dress. Since Warby Parker shook up the eyeglasses industry back in 2010, numerous direct-to-consumer (DTC) companies have cropped up. Many send items in beautiful boxes and envelopes that eliminate the need for you to do anything more than peel yourself off the couch and walk to the mailbox.

But would you be just as excited to open a box of cleaning supplies, razors or toothbrush heads? A crop of companies, including Quip (electric toothbrushes), Billie (razors), Grove Collaborative (cleaning products), Skura Style (kitchen sponges) and Chewy (pet supplies), deliver the more mundane necessities to your home.

Several come in colorful but minimalist packaging seemingly inspired by Glossier, the makeup and skin-care company whose simple aesthetic is often seen as the paragon of millennial-targeted advertising. The companies advertise on Instagram and podcasts popular with one of the global economy's most valuable customer groups. Research from Accenture projects that spending by people between ages 20 and 40 will reach \$1.4 trillion annually and will represent 30% of all retail sales in the United States by 2020. So what speaks to this demo-



QUIP

Some popular boxes are curated to suit the customer's needs, while others — such as Quip with its electric toothbrush — replenish items that need to be replaced regularly.

graphic?

Some of the popular boxes are curated to suit the customer's needs, while some — such as Quip, Skura Style and Billie — replenish items that need to be replaced regularly. (The American Dental Association recommends replacing toothbrushes and toothbrush heads every three to four months; the American Academy of Dermatology advises people change razor blades after five to seven shaves.)

Liz Cadman, founder of subscription box review company My Subscription Addiction, has seen an increase in the number of replenishment boxes on the market. Her team of reviewers assigns ratings to boxes of products ranging from underwear to cleaning supplies, based on factors such as price and ease of delivery. She says the boxes that typically draw high

marks from reviewers and customers deliver these variables plus something extra.

"Customers want a good value, a brand they can trust, quality products, and some element of delight," she said in an email. For example, Billie eliminates the "pink tax," an added cost in some states to women's care products such as tampons and razors.

However, Sucharita Kodali, an analyst at research firm Forrester, says that for products to survive competition, they generally have to perform as well as or better than the main competitors in their category at a similar price point. "Ultimately I think the challenge with these products are the same problem that Diane von Furstenberg had with her wrap dress. Everyone just starts to copy it," she says. "Target or Walgreens can easily mimic

the style attributes of these DTC companies in their private label offerings if they want to."

Companies in the home industry have to overcome a major hurdle: Many of their products are similar in price and quality to their competitors, Kodali says.

Some brands have expanded into traditional retail stores. Alana Bracken, a 24-year-old writer who lives in Manhattan, heard about Quip through advertisements on social media but purchased her electric toothbrush when she saw it at Target for \$30. She'd been using a manual toothbrush before and now gets refills from Quip delivered to her house every three months for about \$5.

For Bracken, price is a major factor that influences her subscription choices. When she was in college, she received a Birchbox subscription as a gift, but

she canceled it after about six months because she couldn't justify the price point and "didn't feel like it was improving my quality of life." She's had her Quip for nine months and said she will probably continue using it barring a major increase in price. "It's frankly a great toothbrush and I feel like it cleans your mouth a little better than a manual, and I really like having two minutes counted out because I'm not going to sit there with a timer on my phone."

She doesn't see herself subscribing to a box for cleaning supplies, however, because it's easy for her to run to the store when she needs to buy more. "Even if you're barely adulting, you can go down to the drugstore and pick up a bottle of Windex when you run out," she says.

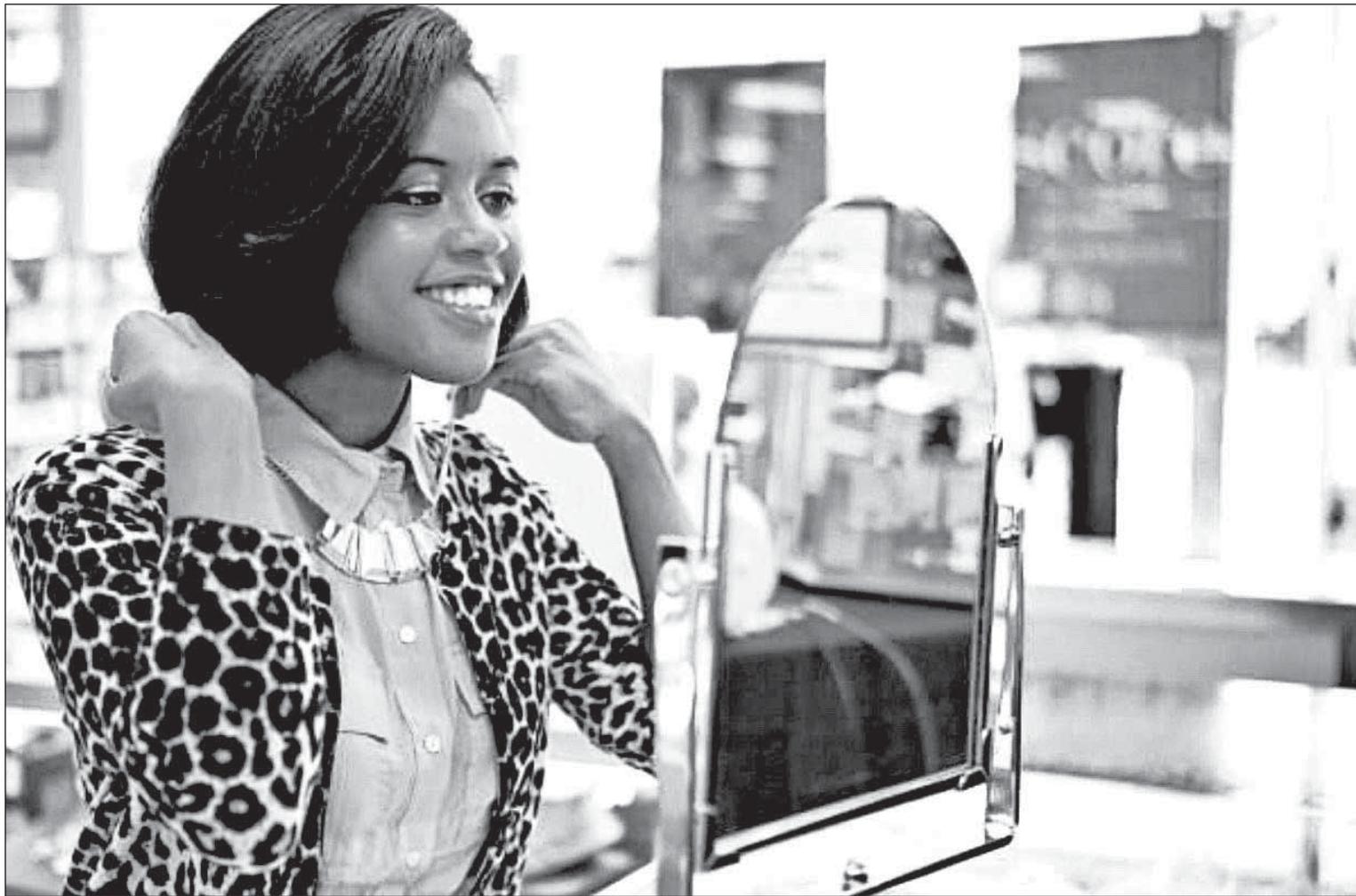
Shumaisa Ahmed, a 23-year-old consultant who

lives in the District of Columbia, subscribes to Billie. She wasn't tied to a specific razor brand previously and would sort through the options at Target and CVS mostly based on what appeared to be high quality at a good price. She says she'd spend between \$10 and \$15 but wasn't replacing her razors often and sometimes had trouble matching the reusable blades to the handles.

She signed up to get a refill every three months and has so far only received one round, but she's happy with the product. "I like it and I think it's a good razor, but I don't think it's revolutionary or anything," she says.

Heather Comeau values the convenience services that brands such as Chewy provide. The 48-year-old Alexandria, Virginia, resident pays \$49 every two or three months to get cat litter delivered to her door (she adds other items such as cat food to reach the \$49 minimum for free shipping). She pays about \$9 for 20 pounds of Tidy Cats litter through Chewy — about the same as store price. Before becoming a Chewy customer, she bought litter for her two cats, Billy and Chirpy, mostly at Harris Teeter but had trouble lugging the bags up to her third-floor apartment. Now the delivery person does it. She says she wouldn't continue the service if the company stopped delivering right to her door.

In many cases, Kodali says, what drives consumers to purchase goods comes back to the price. "There needs to be something that gives you a compelling reason to try it and that it's at least priced similarly to what you'd get otherwise, or you at least get some feature like more refills that could be valuable."



ARAMIDE ESUBI/TNS

Do you walk into a store and immediately move toward the bright shiny object, but realize you have nothing to wear with it after buying it?

## Figure out shopping style to fix closet woes

**BY ARAMIDE ESUBI**  
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When I enter a store, I always get overwhelmed! I buy the same thing every time. I end up buying something that goes with nothing else that I own.

Do any of these statements sound familiar to you? If so, you may be suffering from shopping struggles. Bad habits are hard to break and can have a detrimental effect on your closet, and your pocketbook. You know that feeling of having nothing to wear in the morning? It can probably be traced to some type of shopping misfire or affliction.

I'm sharing three shopping behavioral traits, how they affect your wardrobe and some tips to head them off the next time you hit the stores.

### The bright shiny object shopper

This shopper is easily wooed by anything different or shiny or dazzling. She walks into a store and zeroes in on one item that really stands out. This shop-

per tends to purchase one-off pieces that feel super special and are typically colorful, bold, patterned or have some kind of embellishment. This shopper wants her clothes to be fun and unique, and they are.

But then this shopper gets home and realizes she doesn't have anything that goes with those new plaid pants because all her tops are patterned.

**Quick fix:** Next time you shop, take along one of your statement pieces and only try on options that will go with the item.

### The in-a-rut shopper

Main symptoms of this habitual shopper include a closet full of clothes that are all the same color (usually black), a majority of clothes purchased from the same two or three stores or clothes that all have a similar cut or shape.

This ailment often is caused by a lack of time (the shopper has an hour to get something, so she selects the pieces she knows will work for her body), laziness (no desire to try on something different) or a

fear of trying something outside her comfort zone. The end result is a closet that is dull or feels incomplete.

**Quick fix:** Schedule a two-hour chunk of time to shop without pressure and try on three or four things you can't possibly imagine buying. Bonus points for going into a store you've never patronized.

### The something's missing shopper

This is a particularly tricky disorder because it's easy to fall into and difficult to diagnose. This shopper loves to buy clothes, but often gets the sense that something is missing from her wardrobe. Then one day she realizes, "Holy moly, I own no necklaces!" She then wonders where to start.

**Quick fix:** Start by shopping for that one thing you lack. Purchase a few necklaces or scarves or belts, take them home and try them on with what you have. Return what doesn't work. Experiment, and eventually you will come up with complete looks that work.

# Statecraft

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50. Bridge position
51. Tender, in Tijuana
53. Old Boys
56. State named for Charles I's wife
60. El \_\_, TX
61. Author Loos
63. Brainstorm
64. Suffix for trick or hip
65. OH or MI city

66. Ointment

67. Spooky
68. Degrade
69. Freeman Gosden role

**DOWN**

1. Toddler's term
2. Cupid
3. Egg element
4. Rodgers and Hammerstein classic
5. Pile up
6. Eastern greeting
7. Kristofferson
8. Author LeShan
9. Mississippi River feeder
10. 1988 Matt Dillon flick
11. Smidgen
12. Funnyman Jay
13. Drones
21. Hilo honker
23. Concert halls
25. Small cookie
26. Apportioned
27. Win by \_\_
28. Canary's quarters
30. Silly
31. Egg-shaped
32. Occupied
33. On one's toes
35. Shreveport's state
40. Philosopher Immanuel
41. North or South
43. Artist Miro
45. Cushy
47. Dali's Persistence of \_\_
48. Outpourings
52. Get the lead out
53. Church recess
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55. PC operator
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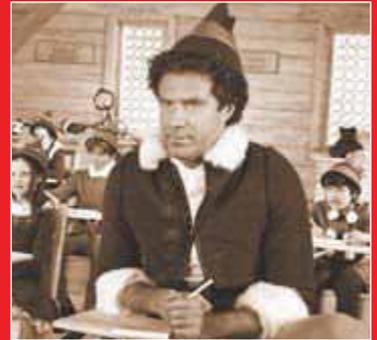
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SESAME STREET

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**GLORIA ESTEFAN** The "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You" singer appeared several times, but in 1991, she got all the Muppets dancing to "Conga."



**ELLEN DeGENERES** The talk-show host visited *Sesame Street* in the '90s for a fun skit in which she explained to Elmo how the names Ellen and Elmo sound alike.



**MICHELLE OBAMA** As first lady, Obama appeared on the show more than once to discuss healthy eating, and she also made several public service announcements alongside Muppets.



**LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA** The *Hamilton* impresario played a villainous real-estate agent, Freddy Flapman.



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### Stars Fly in Midway

Less than a week before Veterans Day, the star-packed *Midway* (Nov. 8) opens in theaters to tell the story of the Battle of Midway, a pivotal turning point in World War II's Pacific Theater. **Mandy Moore**, 35, plays Anne Best, who holds her family together when her U.S. Navy husband (**Ed Skrein**) is called into action. "This isn't a one-dimensional war movie," says the *This Is Us* TV actress. "You're getting a slice of the home front, with families and wives." The movie also features Patrick Wilson, Luke Evans, Woody Harrelson, Dennis Quaid, Aaron Eckhart and Nick Jonas.

### Under the Sea—Live!

Take a dip when *The Wonderful World of Disney* presents *The Little Mermaid Live!* (Nov. 5 on ABC). The star-studded event will feature a costumed cast performing music from the original animated film and Broadway show, integrated with clips from the classic movie. "It's something that we've been working on for a while," says **Queen Latifah**, 49, who will play Ursula the sea witch. Other performers will include Auli'i Cravalho (Ariel), John Stamos (Chef Louis), rapper Shaggy (Sebastian the crab) and Graham Phillips (Prince Eric).



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

## JUDY GREER

The *Descendants*, *13 Going on 30*, *Arrested Development* and *Kidding* star, 44, is back on the big screen opposite John Cena in *Playing With Fire* (Nov. 8). She plays scientist Amy Hicks in the comedy about firefighters who meet their match when they answer a call to rescue a group of rambunctious kids.



**What's funny about grown men caring for kids?** I think it's funny to watch men who claim they know everything realize that they don't know anything. It's very easy and quick for kids to show you that.

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**When did you know you were funny?** When I first started acting professionally, I kept getting auditions to be the comic relief, the silly best friend and the funny sidekick. So, I was like, "Oh, I guess I'm funny. I guess I'm the funny person."

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## CAN'T-MISS CHRISTMAS CLASSICS

We picked 14 yuletide touchstones that everyone needs to see at least once. There's a good chance you'll catch one on TBS or TCM sometime during the season. —*Samuel R. Murrian*



**1 It's a Wonderful Life** (1946) The hard-won uplift and triumph of director Frank Capra's fantasy drama hasn't lost a bit of its power over the decades. James Stewart gives his most iconic performance as George Bailey, a banker who discovers the value of his life thanks to a visit from his guardian angel. According to the American Film Institute, *It's a Wonderful Life* is the most inspiring movie of all time.

**2 Miracle on 34th Street** (1947) Winner of three Academy Awards, the dramedy stars Edmund Gwenn as a department store Santa who claims to be the real thing and



features a young Natalie Wood. The 1994 remake starring Richard Attenborough is a Christmas classic too.

**3 A Christmas Story** (1983) Based on the writings of Jean Shepherd, the family comedy—centered on a boy who pines for a Red Ryder air rifle—has aired in 24-hour blocks on TNT and/or TBS since Christmas 1997.

**4 The Bishop's Wife** (1947) Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven star in this rom-com about a bishop mentored by a charming angel. It was remade in 1996 as *The Preacher's Wife* with Denzel Washington, Whitney Houston and Courtney B. Vance.



**5 Christmas in Connecticut** (1945) Barbara Stanwyck charms in this rom-com about a magazine writer who falls in love with a fan. (*Christmas in Connecticut* was remade in 1992 as a TV movie directed by Arnold Schwarzenegger.)

**6 Meet Me in St. Louis** (1944) This turn-of-the-20th-century slice-of-life musical showcases Judy Garland debuting "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." The number will give you chills to this day.

**7 The Shop Around the Corner** (1940) James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan star as co-workers who can't stand each other—only to realize they're falling in love through anonymous letters. Sound familiar? *The Shop Around the Corner* was remade in 1998 as *You've Got Mail*, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

**8 A Charlie Brown Christmas** (1965) This half-hour animated special premiered on TV as Charles M. Schulz's *Peanuts* became an international sensation in the mid-'60s. It has been a yuletide staple ever since.

**9 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** (1989) Chevy Chase and the Griswold clan make the most of a holiday where everything goes disastrously, hilariously wrong.

**10 A Christmas Carol**, aka **Scrooge** (1951) Of the countless adaptations of Charles Dickens' 1843



novella to hit the screen, this one with Alastair Sim as Scrooge is the best: dramatic, funny, even frightening.

**11 White Christmas** (1954) *Casablanca* director Michael Curtiz steers Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye in the highest-grossing film of 1954. Filmed in vivid Technicolor, *White Christmas* was the first movie re-released in VistaVision.

**12 Elf** (2003) This sunny, irreverent comedy has so many charms and bright spots (like Ed Asner as Santa Claus and Zooey Deschanel as a department store elf). But *Elf* simply wouldn't be what it is without Will Ferrell as Buddy, an irresistible, childlike elf in search of his father (James Caan).

**13 Love Actually** (2003) The R-rated rom-com featuring Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson and many others—and a fantastic soundtrack—was a huge hit.

**14 The Nightmare Before Christmas** (1993) Tim Burton's Halloween-Christmas mashup is one of the scariest movies ever aimed at kids. The stop-motion musical has grown so iconic, film critic Roger Ebert even compared it to *Star Wars*.

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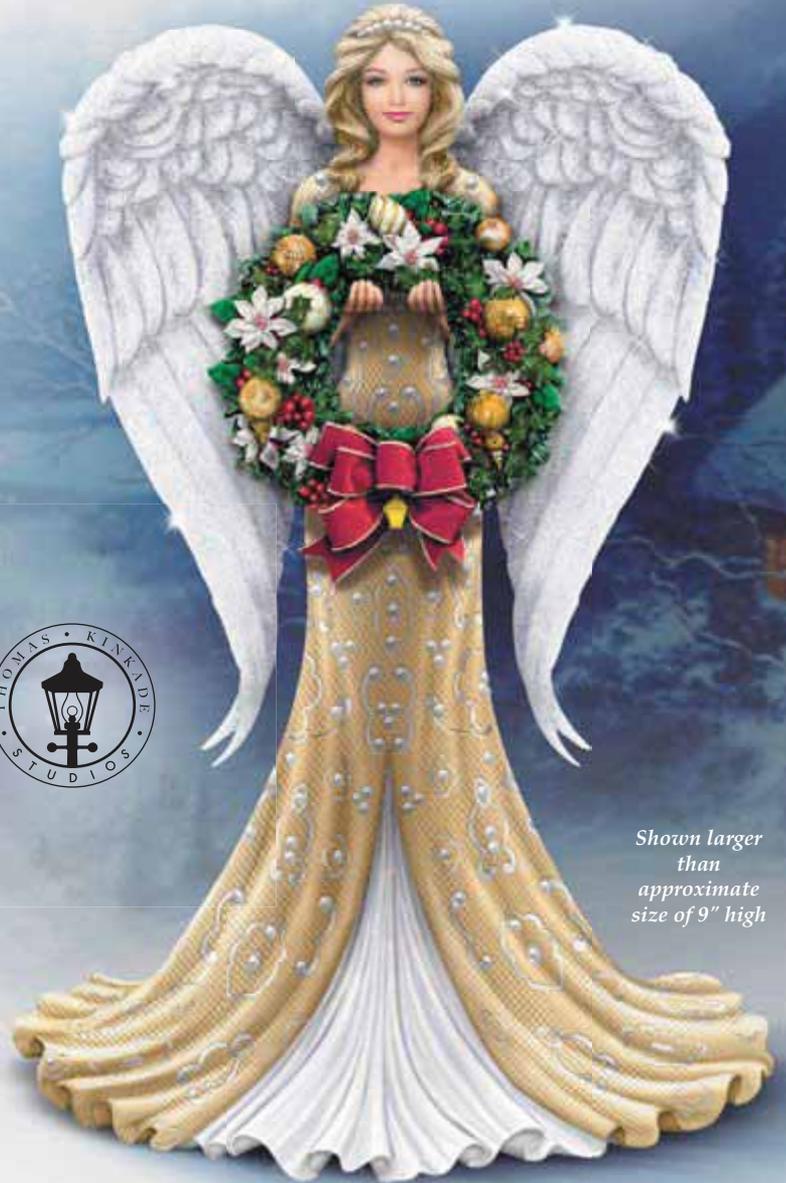
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# 2019'S MUST-SEE HOLIDAY MOVIES

We could publish an encyclopedia of holiday viewing pleasures, but we don't have the space. Instead, we've collected a selection of our favorites. Go to [Parade.com/holidaymovies](https://www.parade.com/holidaymovies) for all of 2019's new releases! By Mara Reinstein

**A**nna Kendrick recently crossed an item off her bucket list. "I've always wanted to be in a Christmas movie," she says. "I love Christmas movies. I love the Christmas season. I love Christmas decorations. I know everybody complains that the season starts earlier and earlier, but I'm secretly in a corner thinking it's awesome."

The actress, 34, spreads that joy big-time in the comedy movie *Noelle*, which premieres Nov. 12 on the new Disney+ streaming service. (Go to [disneyplus.com](https://disneyplus.com) to sign up.) She plays the "half-bossy, half-sweetheart" title character, who happens to be the daughter of newly retired Santa Claus. Her brother Nick (Bill Hader of *Barry* fame) is next in line to take the job in the North Pole but goes missing. It's up to Noelle to find him and save the holiday. "Lessons are learned and feelings are felt, and it's warm and fuzzy with laughter along the way," she says. "It's all so darling, I could just scream."

But not sing—at least not this time. "There's no bursting into song," says Kendrick, who was nominated for a Tony at age 12 for the musical *High Society* and showed off her vocals in all three *Pitch Perfect* films. "It still feels like a musical because it's so bright and happy."

## THE MAINE THING

For Kendrick, Christmas has always been the most wonderful time of the year. Growing up in Portland, Maine, she felt like she was living in a winter postcard. "It was like a Thomas Kinkadee painting!" she says. Her dad, William, a history teacher, moonlighted as the resident Santa Claus at the local Christmas fair every year. Yes, his white beard was real.

The Kendrick family—which also includes her mom, Janice, an accountant, and her older brother, Michael—attended midnight mass every year. As a member of her high-school choir, "We would go downtown in the Old Port and dress in Victorian garb and carol," she says. Her favorite song: the standard "Good King



Anna Kendrick is Santa's daughter in *Noelle*.

Wenceslas," because "it can be really sweet and sad and cheery and upbeat."

She remains fiercely proud of her hometown roots more than a decade after moving cross-country to Los Angeles. She still can't believe her Hollywood aspirations became a reality. (Indeed, she was nominated for a Best Supporting Actress Oscar at age 24 for her role alongside George Clooney in the movie *Up in the Air*.) "It does blow my mind that I'm doing well," she says. "All I really wanted to do was become a working actor." Now she's so busy, she jokes, that her Christmas wish is to squeeze in more sleep in 2020.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

This December, Kendrick will take a break and return to Maine for the holidays. “My dad and I watch football with the sound off and put the music of *The Nutcracker* on in the background,” she says, “because one year we did that and all the plays lined up exactly and we freaked out. So now we see if it will ever happen again. It hasn’t, but we try.” The family will also exchange presents on

Christmas morning—though, she admits, she’s a terrible gift-giver: “I’m so bad I need suggestions for what to give family members—that’s what I would like for Christmas.”

And another thing she wants for Christmas is for audiences to warm up to *Noelle*—and to do so for many Christmases to come.

“Hopefully it’s the next movie that you watch with your family,” she says. “I’d like to be part of a tradition!”

A Christmas movie drinking game? Go to [Parade.com/noelle](http://Parade.com/noelle) to find out more.

## IT'S A HOLIDAY IN THE WILD FOR ROB LOWE & KRISTIN DAVIS

The last time Rob Lowe and Kristin Davis worked together, they were trying to prevent impending disaster in a 1999 TV miniseries called *Atomic Train*. “I was very intimidated because he was a childhood crush,” the actress recalls of her hunky co-star, who made more than one heart pound in such ’80s Hollywood hits as *St. Elmo’s Fire*, *The Outsiders* and *About Last Night*.

Two decades later, the two—now good friends—have reunited, with no disaster in sight. In *Holiday in the Wild* (streaming now on Netflix), she plays a lovelorn New Yorker who goes to Africa on a safari for Christmas and falls for Lowe’s laconic small-plane pilot. (Lowe’s youngest son, John Owen, plays Davis’ son.)

“I have great love for Christmas movies because when you and your family are arguing about what to watch, it’s something everyone can agree on,” Lowe, 55, says. He and Davis, 54, shot in Zambia last year specifically so the *Sex and the City* alum—an animal activist and mother of two—could work with untrained elephants and address the continent’s widespread poaching crisis within the film.

“I’ve been lucky to be in a few traditional Christmas movies,” Davis says, “but sometimes you have to widen your horizons when you’re telling a story around the holidays. This is family-friendly, romantic and you’ll learn something.”

“It’s going to make you feel good,” Lowe says. “More than anything, it’s a misty-eyed, feel-good movie.” —M.R.



Remember Rob Lowe’s other Christmas movie? Go to [Parade.com/lowe](http://Parade.com/lowe) to find out why it will make you cry.

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Catch the holiday spirit with Dennis Quaid, Kristin Chenoweth, Dolly Parton and more! All times Eastern.

**LAST CHRISTMAS** This rom-com about a London department store elf features the music of late singer George Michael, including “Last Christmas” and previously unreleased tracks. Starring Emilia Clarke, Emma Thompson and Henry Golding. *In theaters Nov. 8*

### THE MISTLETOE

**SECRET** Based on the book of the same name, a loner searches for a blogger who shares similar feelings. Starring Tyler Hynes, Kellie Pickler and Patrick Duffy. *Hallmark, Nov. 10, 8 p.m.*



**KLAUS** A postman befriends a toymaker in this animated feature. Starring Rashida Jones, J.K. Simmons, Joan Cusack and Jason Schwartzman. *Netflix, Nov. 15*

**THE KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS** A medieval knight time-travels to present day and falls for a schoolteacher. Starring Emmanuelle Chriqui, Vanessa Hudgens and Josh Whitehouse. *Netflix, Nov. 21*

### CHRISTMAS AT GRACELAND: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

An art curator takes a temporary job at Elvis’ former mansion. Starring Adrian Grenier, Kaitlin Doubleday and Priscilla Presley. *Hallmark, Nov. 23, 8 p.m.*



### A VERY VINTAGE

**CHRISTMAS** An antique shop owner enlists the help of a handsome newcomer in town to return a relic to its rightful owner. Starring Tia Mowry-Hardt and Jesse Hutch. *Lifetime, Nov. 27, 8 p.m.*

### MERRY HAPPY

**WHATEVER** A daughter brings her boyfriend home for the holidays in this new series. Starring Dennis Quaid, Bridgit Mendler and Brent Morin. *Netflix, eight episodes, Nov. 28*



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### MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

A tech entrepreneur struggles with family and a budding romance during the holidays. Starring Kelly Rowland. *Lifetime, Nov. 30, 8 p.m.*

**THE MOODYS** This American adaptation of an Australian comedy series follows the Moody family during a very dysfunctional Chicago Christmas. Starring Elizabeth Perkins and Denis Leary. *Fox, six episodes, Dec. 4*

### A CHRISTMAS PRINCE: THE ROYAL BABY

In the third *Christmas Prince* movie, a baby is added to the mix as a 600-year-old treaty goes missing. Starring Rose McIver, Ben Lamb and Sarah Douglas. *Netflix, Dec. 5*

### CHRISTMAS TOWN

A woman leaves Boston for new beginnings in the small town of Grandon Falls. Starring Candace Cameron Bure, Tim Rozon and Beth Broderick. *Hallmark, Dec. 1, 8 p.m.*



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A choir director falls for a talented singer's widowed father. Starring Scott Wolf and Kristin Chenoweth. *Hallmark, Dec. 7, 8 p.m.*

### CHRISTMAS AT DOLLYWOOD

A bankrupt Broadway producer sees her salvation in staging a Christmas festival at a famous theme park. Starring Danica McKellar and Dolly Parton. *Hallmark, Dec. 8, 8 p.m.*

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By Marilyn vos Savant

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—Joe Rihn, Englewood, Fla.

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Customer Rating **★★★★★**

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ITEM 61988/39631  
98899/69470 shown

COMPARE TO HDX **\$3.97**

MODEL: 1208512D

SAVE 74%

13750125

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

36" PICKUP AND REACH TOOL

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$2** ~~\$3.99~~

ITEM 61413/62176  
94870 shown

COMPARE TO ARCMATE **\$15**

MODEL: 328

SAVE 86%

13780698

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

40" x 72" MOVING BLANKET

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$4** ~~\$4.99~~

ITEM 69504/62336/47262 shown

COMPARE TO PRATT RETAIL SPECIALTIES **\$9.98**

MODEL: H0000VUBAN

SAVE 59%

14091632

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

4 PIECE, 1" x 15 FT. RATCHETING TIE DOWNS

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$7** ~~\$12.99~~

ITEM 63094/60405  
63056/63057/63150/65668/61524 shown

COMPARE TO KEEPER **\$22.80**

MODEL: 5805

SAVE 69%

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60566/63601/63991  
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**SUPER COUPON**

5" JUMBO ALUMINUM HOOK

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1** ~~\$1.99~~

ITEM 92077/60342 shown

COMPARE TO TOOL SHOP **\$2.99**

MODEL: 92645

SAVE 66%

13763881

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

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**YOUR CHOICE \$2** ~~\$3.99~~

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

Item 61675 shown

COMPARE TO KOBALT **\$9.98**

MODEL: 62742

SAVE 63%

13781448

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

AMMO DRY BOX

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$4** ~~\$5.99~~

ITEM 63135  
61451 shown

COMPARE TO RANGEMAXX **\$9.99**

MODEL: 1312-92

SAVE 59%

13799250

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

80 PIECE ROTARY TOOL KIT

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$7** ~~\$9.99~~

ITEM 63292/63235  
97626 shown

COMPARE TO PROFESSIONAL WOODWORKER **\$22.76**

MODEL: 51832

SAVE 69%

13814477

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

4-1/2" GRINDING WHEEL FOR METAL

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1** ~~\$7.99~~

ITEM 61152  
39677/61448 shown

COMPARE TO DIABLO **\$4.47**

MODEL: 880045220701F

SAVE 77%

13743693

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

4" RATCHETING BAR CLAMP/SPREADER

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1** ~~\$1.99~~

ITEM 46805  
62242  
68974 shown

COMPARE TO IRWIN **\$6.49**

MODEL: 1964747

SAVE 84%

13765842

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

16 OZ. HAMMERS WITH FIBERGLASS HANDLE

Item 47873 shown

TYPE ITEM

CLAW 69006/60715/60714/47872

RIP 69005/61262/47873

**YOUR CHOICE \$3** ~~\$5.79~~

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

COMPARE TO KOBALT **\$9.98**

MODEL: 62742

SAVE 63%

13787631

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

AUTOMATIC BATTERY FLOAT CHARGER

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$5** ~~\$9.99~~

ITEM 64284  
69955/42292 shown

COMPARE TO SCHUMACHER ELECTRIC **\$30.41**

MODEL: S61

SAVE 83%

13802425

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

SOLAR ROPE LIGHT

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$9** ~~\$12.99~~

ITEM 62533  
63941/64625  
68353 shown

COMPARE TO HAMPTON BAY **\$32.97**

MODEL: 64130

SAVE 72%

13814984

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

4 PIECE PICK AND HOOK SET

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1** ~~\$1.99~~

ITEM 34328/63697  
63765/66836 shown

COMPARE TO CRAFTSMAN **\$8.99**

MODEL: 41513

SAVE 88%

13744948

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

3 PIECE DETAIL BRUSH SET

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1** ~~\$1.79~~

ITEM 40439/69638 shown

COMPARE TO BLUE HAWK **\$9.4**

MODEL: SSV-WEL20

SAVE 89%

13768012

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

3 PIECE HEX SHANK SOCKET DRIVER SET

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$3** ~~\$4.99~~

ITEM 63909/63928/68513 shown

COMPARE TO DEWALT **\$15.98**

MODEL: DWMA240R

SAVE 81%

13788568

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

MECHANIC'S GLOVES

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$5** ~~\$5.99~~

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ITEM 62434, 62426, 62433, 64178, 64179, 62432, 62429, 62428 shown

COMPARE TO VALEO **\$14.99**

MODEL: 25521

SAVE 66%

13809395

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

1500 WATT DUAL TEMPERATURE HEAT GUN (572°/1112°)

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$10** ~~\$14.99~~

ITEM 62340/62546  
63104/96289 shown

COMPARE TO BLACK+DECKER **\$28.06**

MODEL: H61300

SAVE 64%

13818744

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 1/3/20\*

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