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New CPS contracts rely on iffy funding

Mayor, district counting on money that may not be there after 1st year

BY HAL DARDICK AND HANNAH LEONE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago Public Schools leaders have come up with enough cash to pay for the first year of new union contracts, relying on a couple of one-time windfalls to patch up the spending plan.

But for the next four years, they're taking a bit of a leap by counting on money that's not guaranteed to materialize. The district is banking on the state to keep its pledge to increase school funding, which can change year to year. CPS also is relying on its own ability to significantly raise property taxes, which assumes a healthy economy.

CPS officials said their revenue projections are based on historical trends and noted that the state is committed by law to increasing funding. The contracts "are responsible and affordable based on conservative assumptions about our finances and anticipated revenue," district spokesman Michael Passman said in a statement.

Wall Street, however, is worried about the state's ability to keep increasing CPS funding by up to \$70 million a year.

"Should Illinois' own financial problems result in reduced (school) funding ... the fiscal pressure (on CPS) could be immense," Standard & Poor's Global Ratings analysts wrote in a report.

Ratings agencies noted that

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With about a fifth of ballots still to be counted Friday, the union said the measure was passing overwhelmingly. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

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President Donald Trump has waged a campaign to impugn the motives of the whistleblower.

How a CIA analyst sparked an inquiry

One relatively junior staffer acted on info many knew

BY GREG MILLER, GREG JAFFE AND PAUL SONNE
The Washington Post

The lights are often on late

into the evening at CIA headquarters,

where a team of elite analysts works on classified re-

ports that influence how the

country responds to global crises.

In early August, one of those analysts was poring over notes of alarming conversations with White House officials, reviewing details from interagency memos on the U.S. relationship with Ukraine and scanning public statements by President Donald Trump.

He wove this material into a nine-page memo outlining evidence that Trump had abused the powers of his office to try to coerce Ukraine into helping him get reelected. Then, on Aug. 12,

the analyst hit "send."

His decision to report what he had learned to the U.S. intelligence community's inspector general has triggered an impeachment inquiry that now imperils Trump's presidency.

As the impeachment inquiry entered a new phase of public hearings on Wednesday, the outlines of the case have been thoroughly established:

Trump, his personal lawyer

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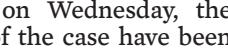
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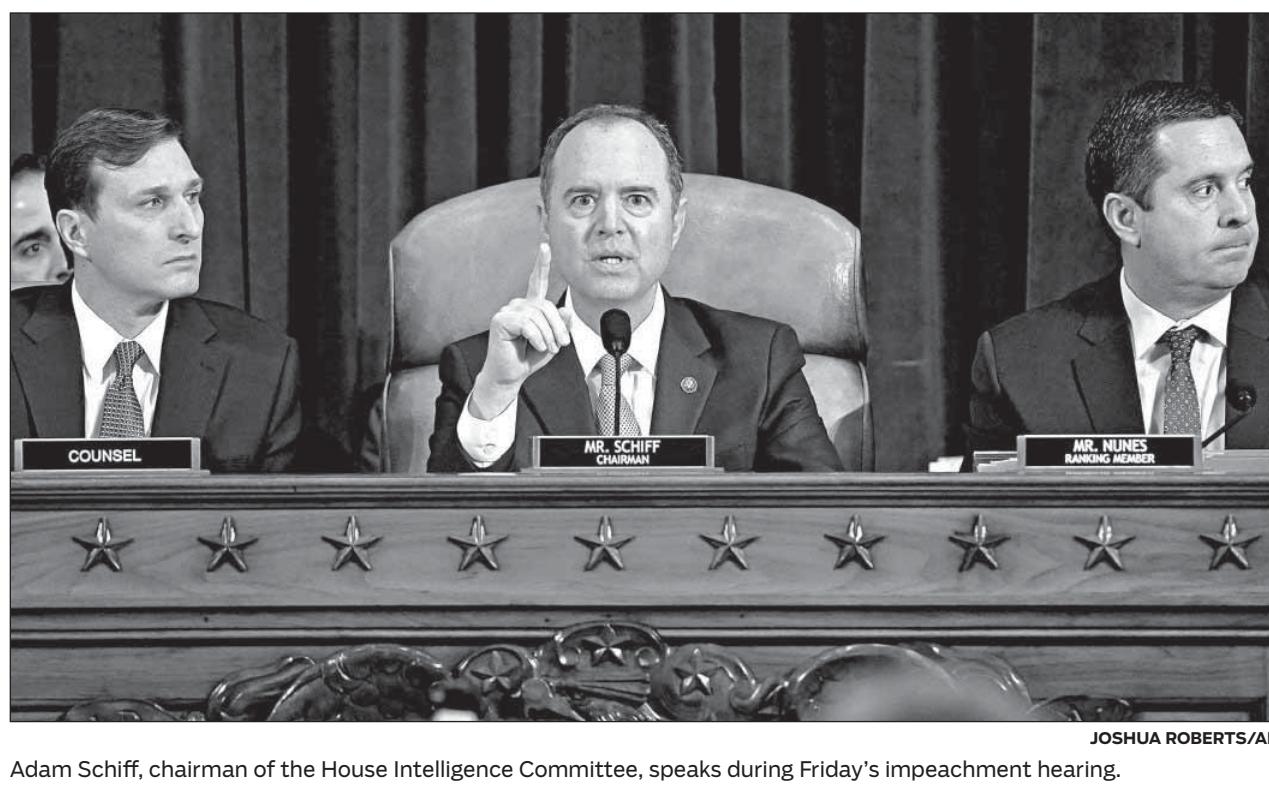
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ADAM SCHIFF, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, speaks during Friday's impeachment hearing.



JOHN KASS

Schiff plays the hero in impeachment farce

California Democrat Adam Schiff, the House Intelligence Committee chairman, has been in his glory in running the Trump impeachment (inquiry) hearings, with the TV spotlight upon him and his allies in Washington's Democratic Media Complex urging him on in this totally unnecessary farce.

Yet from his perch up high at the hearings, with that long neck and those pursed lips, I figure Schiff could have at least worn a black robe trimmed with fur. He presides over this absurdity like a medieval churchman in a bad movie, determined to burn all the witches and win the adoration of all those little people he finds beneath him.

Wasn't it only yesterday that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi thought going full impeachment on President Donald Trump was a political mistake? But now she's determined to take him down. And Lord High Inquisitor Schiff is indeed grateful. But what has this really accomplished?

It has already caused collateral damage to former Vice President Joe Biden, the moderate-left Democrat who once openly bragged on video about putting his thumbs on the scale of Ukrainian justice, while his son Hunter was doing questionable gas business in that famously corrupt country. Each day the Democrats pursue impeachment, Biden is weakened in the critical, early states of Iowa and New Hampshire.

You think Schiff's impeachment hearings don't hurt Biden? OK, then please tell it to Michael Bloomberg, the big gulp New York billionaire who is moving into the Biden breach. Another is former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, an African American born on the South Side of Chicago. He wants to cut into Biden's last remaining firewall among African American voters in South Carolina. Patrick doesn't make this move without a wink and nod from Biden's beloved boss, former President Barack Obama.

What Impeachment Theater tells us is that Democratic moderates have been overwhelmed by the left, now

the dynamic force in their party. This was inevitable. Years ago, the Republican establishment collapsed of its own weight after all those jobs were sent overseas, and all the needless wars that cost American blood and treasure. The Bushies hoped to use Trump to suck up all the media oxygen, and then they'd slide in. They miscalculated. Trump was never the cause of the GOP establishment collapse, only the symptom of it. And now they hate him.

But back to Schiff and the farce in Washington. The hearings were full of Washington speak, the players mumbling what seemed like forgotten tongues about the sacred rights, feelings and prerogatives of federal bureaucrats who were irritated by the fact that they serve at the pleasure of a president many of them despise.

Trump angrily tweeted at one diplomat who was there as a feeling witness, not a fact witness, but were Americans moved one way or another by the testimony? I don't think so.

The feelings of bureaucrats are important, yes, feelings are intensely important to the left now, and tears are even better, especially on TV, since they'd rather not talk about the economy or of Democratic presidential candidates wanting to impose government health care and strip private insurance from union workers in critical battlegrounds like Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

The president sets foreign policy, not the unelected diplomats. Trump is accused of withholding aids to Ukraine unless Ukraine investigated the Bidens and reported Democratic intrigue in Ukraine running up to the 2016 election. Democrats now argue that this is bribery, and that foreign aide should not serve domestic political interest. But presidents always played it that way, with surrogates making end runs around the foreign policy bureaucracy in Washington.

Truman had his Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe. Billions of American dollars have been given to Egypt, so it won't attack Israel. Obama gave millions of dollars in cash on pallets to

Iran to sweeten the mullahs. One of his top foreign policy aides, Ben Rhodes, famously bragged to the New York Times about how easy it was to manipulate American journalists on the way to Obama's Iran nuclear deal.

Obama withheld anti-tank missiles promised to Ukraine. Why? Because he was president. He was elected to set foreign policy, even if that meant leaning over a hot mic in 2012 and tell Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to inform Russian boss Vladimir Putin that "after my election I have more flexibility." Was that smart? No.

Was it smart of Trump to call to the Ukrainian president and mention the Bidens? No. But he did it.

Is it impeachable? With an election less than a year away, is impeachment the orange hill that the Democrats should die upon? No.

Many of you will disagree. Many have and will offer reasonable counterarguments. Some of you might think the Schiff Show has been a valuable exercise in saving the republic just so that Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders or the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, can wreak their will upon it and upon the economy.

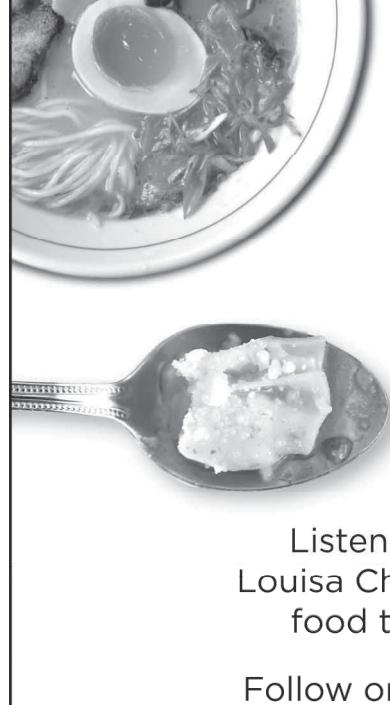
Trump's bombastic personality has been an issue from the moment he defeated the unlikable Hillary Clinton and sent the Washington establishment and their Beltway media palace guardians into absolute hysterics. They've been quite hysterical for three years.

You want to get rid of Donald Trump? You want to retain him? Here's what you do: Go to the polls next November and vote. That's how we do things.

It won't satisfy Adam Schiff, but then, he's always wanted to be a screenwriter. And he can write himself into another movie, and play the hero, once again.

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After unexpected death, drive 'out of love' provides comfort



MARY SCHMICH

Shortly after they heard the news that Donald Lee's body had been found in Lake Michigan one morning this October, four members of Lee's extended family took time off work, got into a car and drove north from Atlanta to Chicago.

Heartbroken and mystified, they weren't sure what the trip would bring, but they knew they had to go.

"Out of love," says one of his nephews.

Lee was a familiar face in certain parts of Chicago's Uptown neighborhood, where he sold StreetWise, a magazine that supports homeless people. A tall, thin, quiet man with a big smile, he could be found outside the Dunkin' Donuts, the Starbucks and the Popeyes near Devon Avenue and Broadway, always, according to one customer, "impeccably dressed."

But at some point, he stopped appearing in his usual spots. His friends at the StreetWise Alcoholics Anonymous meetings wondered why he hadn't shown up to collect his two-year sobriety coin. Down in Georgia, the niece he usually talked to several times a day wondered why she couldn't reach him.

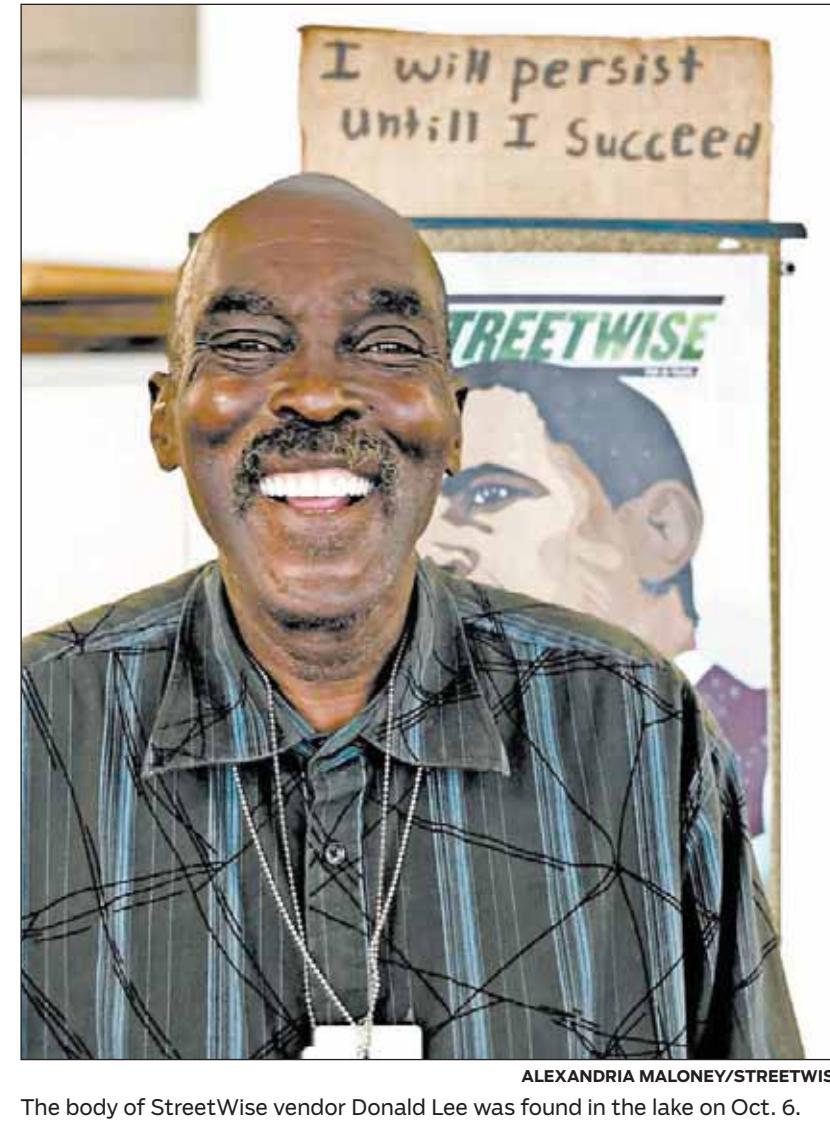
As it turned out, on a day this October, Lee's cellphone was found on a window ledge outside a shop on Broadway, and soon afterward, his family learned that his body had been found in the lake in Uptown. He was 64.

According to Lee's relatives, he grew up in Chicago, one of eight kids, and attended Malcolm X College. Many years ago, when his family moved to the South, he went for a while too, but after his mother died, he headed home.

"This was too slow-paced for him, too warm," says his niece Rhonda Thomas, who lives near Atlanta. "He liked the cold. He loved Chicago."

But Lee had mental health struggles, and somewhere along the way, his life got off track. With his mother gone, Thomas said, he lost his guide, and for a couple of decades his family lost touch with him. Records show that he was often arrested for misdemeanors, that he spent some time in prison and that he was routinely without a stable place to live.

"When he came to StreetWise, he was completely homeless," says Ron Madere, the magazine's sales manager. "But he was a good vendor. He worked diligently. He was one of those vendors who was serious. He wanted to change his conditions."



ALEXANDRIA MALONEY/STREETWISE

The body of StreetWise vendor Donald Lee was found in the lake on Oct. 6.

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— Ron Madere, the magazine's sales manager

Christmas.

But something happened. On Oct. 9, Thomas learned that her uncle's body had been found in the lake three days earlier, and so she, her husband, her son and her cousin Everett got in the car for the 14-hour drive.

Chicago was foggy and cold. They talked to a detective and a social worker, to people at StreetWise and at Lee's church. They went to Dunkin' Donuts and Popeyes, met Lee's landlord and neighbors. They took comfort in hearing people talk of him fondly and in the detective's assurance that his body showed no signs of trauma. What they didn't get was a clear answer to what happened.

But they had to get back to work, and the hotel was expensive, so they drove home, still heartbroken and mystified, but feeling a little better for having come.

The police say Lee's death remains under investigation. The medical examiner says the autopsy results are pending. Lee's family is raising money through a GoFundMe account to have him cremated and his remains shipped to Atlanta for a memorial service. His niece says he'll be with them "in spirit" at Christmas.

In the to and fro of this big, busy city, it's easy for a man like Donald Lee to live and die without much notice. But he will be mourned by those who knew he was more than he seemed to strangers rushing by.

"He wasn't just a person you'd pass on the street," says his nephew Everett Lee. "He was adored by the people close enough to appreciate him. We can't make up for lost time, but we can show that he was loved. I just want him to be remembered as a person that was loved."

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school. "I think he was there to be in fellowship with like-minded people."

A couple of years ago, Lee got back in touch with his Georgia clan. He and his niece Rhonda took to talking several times a day, often before he went to work and before he went to bed.

Once, at an AA meeting, recalls A. Allen, a fellow StreetWise vendor, Lee said he needed to buy insurance so that if anything happened to him he wouldn't be a burden on his niece.

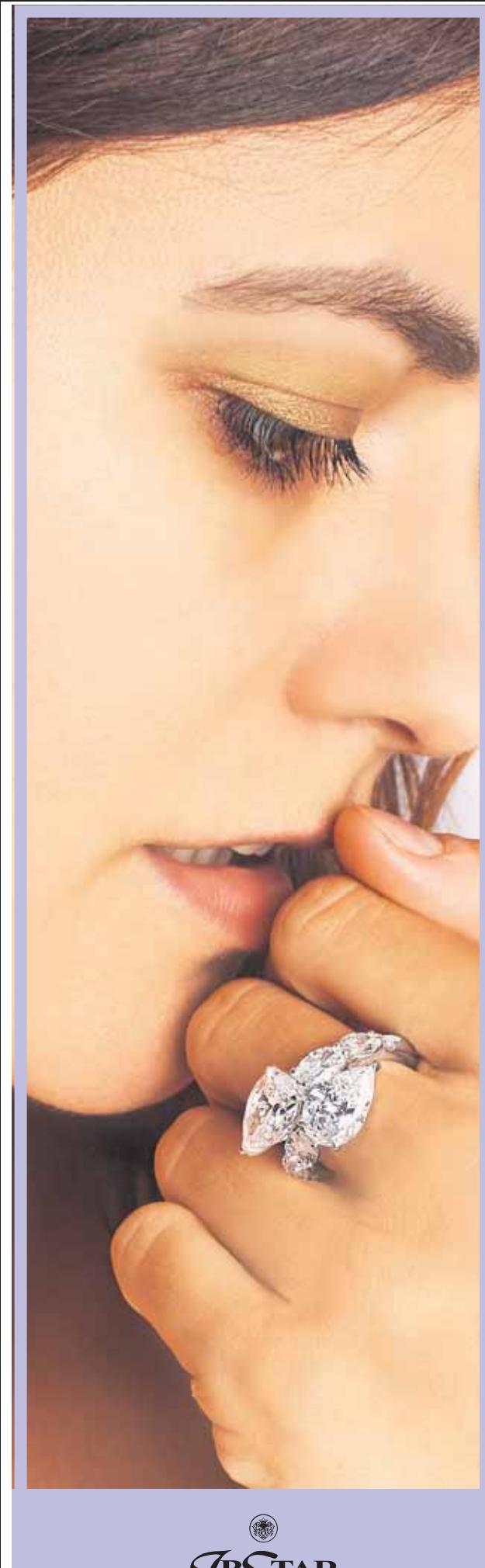
Last Christmas, Lee went South to visit. When his niece offered to buy him a plane ticket, he protested. He'd ride the Greyhound, he said. He liked looking out the window.

For a week and a half last December, he reconnected with family, most notably his brother, his last living sibling. He shared their Christmas dinner. He stayed away from alcohol, though he didn't mind a cigarette.

When he rode the bus back north, he took food with him and put it in his freezer. Not long ago, he bought a Greyhound ticket to return this

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CTU ratifies contract, averting another walkout

Measure was passing with about 80% voting yes

BY HANNAH LEONE

The Chicago Teachers Union has voted to ratify its tentative contract agreement with Chicago Public Schools, averting the prospect that the city's longest teachers strike in decades could resume.

With about a fifth of ballots still to be counted late Friday, the union said the measure was passing by an overwhelming margin, with about 80% so far voting yes.

President Jesse Sharkey said in a statement that members "understand that we won the best contract that we were able to get given the balance of forces that we have."

If the union had rejected the contract, it would have opened up the possibility that the strike, which lasted 11 school days, could resume. But Sharkey sought to put that concern to rest, while noting the CTU didn't get all it wanted.

"Do I feel like we got everything we deserved in schools? No. And I hope our members aren't satisfied, either. We live in one of the richest cities in the wealthiest nation in the world, and it's time Chicago officials start investing in the future of our city — our children," he said.

The new agreement must now be approved by the Chicago Board of Education, which meets Wednesday to take up the matter.

After the strike — marked by boisterous union rallies and a tense war of words between union leaders on one side, and Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago Public Schools officials on the other — the walkout was suspended after a final showdown Oct. 31 over how many of the missed school days would be made up.

That agreement resulted in an estimated 300,000 schoolchildren and 25,000 union members returning to the classroom the follow-



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Chicago Teachers Union staff members count votes on the tentative contract agreement at CTU Center.

ing day. But the union still had to ratify the contract, by a simple-majority vote of rank-and-file members, before the strike was formally called off. The vote took place Thursday and Friday at CPS schools and union headquarters.

Both sides have called the tentative agreement historic.

It includes \$1.5 billion in combined additional spending over the course of the five-year agreement, compared with the contract that expired in June. The total annual cost of that contract was \$2.6 billion in its final year, according to CPS. Under the agreement, if it's approved by the school board, the new spending would ramp up annually, from \$115 million this year to about \$500 million in additional spending expected in the final year, according to CPS figures.

For the current year, that's \$33 million more than

what CPS had planned for when the Board of Education approved the budget in August, while negotiations with the union were underway.

That figure includes \$15 million more for pay and benefits, with 3% cost-of-living raises that are half a percentage point higher than the raises initially budgeted for. CTU's deal will also add \$11 million for a restructured pay scale for support staff such as nurses and teaching assistants; \$5 million for measures to get substitute teachers in hard-to-staff schools, improve pipelines for nurses, social workers and case managers, and support students in temporary living situations; and another \$2 million for reducing class sizes.

Some of the changes set out in the contract will kick in right away, while others will be phased in. By the end of the five years, teachers will see 16% raises in addition to regular pay increases for experience and education, and every school will have its own social worker and nurse. Classes over certain size limits could get funding to split into two classes with another teacher or to add a teacher assistant.

At union headquarters Friday evening, volunteers wheeled ballot materials into elevators and up to the open space where others counted votes methodically, sorting by network and school. Ballots that needed extra attention were placed in boxes marked "supplemental pending questionable" and "supplemental to be checked."

Debby Pope, a retired Gage Park High School teacher now works part time for the union, volunteered to help count votes.

Pope has experience counting votes for the union, and she estimated counting between 250 and 300 ballots

in the hour and a half she'd been at it Friday.

It's important to her that everyone who thought long and hard and cast a ballot have their vote counted with care, she said.

"I was very invested in the strike," Pope said. "... I feel this contract is a referendum for everything the union has been fighting for, for our students."

Pope's daughter went to Whitney Young Magnet High School while she was teaching at Gage Park, and the disparity in resources at the two schools motivated her to become more involved. She said the tentative agreement represents important resources her students deserved but didn't get.

In the newly released November issue of "Chicago Union Teacher," a CTU publication, teachers and union staff tackle issues within the tentative agreement and highlight its gains.

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Articles warn against sliding back into the "rut of routine" and encourage members to keep fighting for more.

"Scarce resources force educators to be pitted against one another, deeming one position as more important than another," wrote Leslie Westerberg, a CTU delegate and librarian at Nixon Elementary School, in an article titled "Our work is not done: the need for more librarians in Chicago Public Schools."

Cook County Commissioner and CTU organizer Brandon Johnson wrote a piece titled "Organizing to build a more perfect union."

And Dennis Kosuth, a certified school nurse who works in CPS and was on the CTU bargaining team, wrote about the state of nursing in the district and how the contract addresses concerns. Nurses plan to keep meeting and organizing in order to collaborate and make sure the contract is enforced, he wrote.

"A nurse in every school every day was a simple demand that our unions and the school communities could get behind, but it took real collective effort and an 11-day strike to make progress towards that reality," Kosuth wrote. "We should all take pride in that work, because our students will be the beneficiaries of it."

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After early hope, Lightfoot batting .000 in Springfield

Mayor says she came 'quite close' to financial aid

BY RICK PEARSON,
JOHN BYRNE
AND JAMIE MUNKS

As lawmakers ended their work for the year providing none of Chicago's requested financial assistance, Mayor Lori Lightfoot pleaded for patience and said she deserved credit because her efforts in Springfield came "quite close" to fruition.

But close isn't a victory, and Lightfoot's second trip to Springfield since winning City Hall's top office left her batting average at .000 in scoring difficult help from the state — most recently in changing casino taxes to benefit Chicago and her push for a graduated real estate transfer tax.

"I wouldn't say that we struck out. We actually came quite close," Lightfoot told reporters on Friday, a day after legislators adjourned their six-day fall session.

"But in a very compressed period of the veto session, there were a lot of people who raised a lot of concerns back from the spring that weren't able to be accommodated in a very short period of time. So I feel optimistic, given how far we came in a short period of time, to get this right. And we'll be back at it in January, and I feel optimistic that we'll get it over the threshold at that point," she said.

Lightfoot maintained that she is still "new to a lot of people that are down

there" in Springfield and was "working on building relationships." But now, in office for a half-year and with the importance she has placed on her wants from Springfield, the new-to-office meme may be losing its value as an excuse.

Back on April 10, when she made her first visit to Springfield as mayor-elect, Lightfoot stressed that her City Hall operation in the state Capitol already was working.

"We will be very active in Springfield. ... We will make sure, as we have already, that we're fully cognizant of the issues that are moving for a vote in the chambers of the General Assembly," she said then.

"We'll have boots on the ground here and I'm confident that we'll be able to get the things advanced that are going to be necessary to move us forward," she said.

Conversations about the city's revenue needs, she said then, have "already started."

But lawmakers adjourned their spring session in May, with leading legislators saying the city had made no formal requests for fiscal help other than to urge that Chicago's interests in funding schools and infrastructure projects were represented.

In her State of the City address in August, Lightfoot made known she had two requests for Springfield: the graduated real estate transfer tax, to help fill the city's estimated \$838 million budget hole, and tax changes to make a Chicago casino more sellable to prospective operators.

A month later, a mayoral

spokeswoman released a statement saying, "With Mayor Lightfoot only just recently taking office, the new administration is working to develop strong partnerships," including "engaging with local and state leaders and the governor's office."

And yet, lawmakers already had lined up against the real estate transfer tax, with a group of city progressives arguing with Lightfoot over revenues to help fight homelessness and Republicans not wanting to be viewed as authorizing a tax increase.

At the same time, legislators had warned the administration that opening up the casino law would open the door to a variety of gambling interests which could end up killing any changes.

As Lightfoot arrived in Springfield on Tuesday for the final three days of the fall veto session, her agenda was given little chance for passage, raising the question of why she would make such a high-profile trip when she would get nothing in return.

To be sure, Lightfoot entered City Hall with financial problems not of her own making and fought against the Democratic "machine" to win her office, potentially making her power a bit suspect to the organization Democrats who run Springfield.

Additionally, Lightfoot was forced to divert some of her time and attention before the veto session to dealing with the Chicago Teachers Union strike that lasted 11 school days to achieve a new contract.



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But some lawmakers, including Republicans, said privately that Lightfoot's failure to deliver from Springfield represents a "learning experience" for the mayor.

"Springfield is not going to be a pushover. It took a lot of work with previous mayors (to advance their agendas). Springfield isn't just going to roll over for a mayor of Chicago," said one leading Republican lawmaker who asked not to be named to avoid jeopardizing working with Lightfoot.

Senate President John Cullerton, a Chicago Democrat who is retiring in January, said the short nature of the fall session was no help to Lightfoot involving issues "that should happen over time."

"She never has been in this arena, she's never been down here," Cullerton said, adding that Lightfoot's predecessor, Rahm Emanuel, had a "huge advantage" with his legislative experience in Congress.

"So, she's getting better at it, just like she's learning to deal with her own City Council. So, that's my observation," he said.

Some Democrats credited Lightfoot for her latest Springfield visit, including a closed-door question-and-answer session with House Democrats. But they also faulted the administration for a lack of preparation in dealing with the fall veto session.

For her part, Lightfoot was optimistic that the problems her agenda faced in Springfield could be overcome when lawmakers reconvene in January, saying, "You've got to take the long view about Springfield."

"We'll just keep working hard to make sure we articulate what our agenda is, what our needs are, and build those relationships and understand what people outside of Chicago also need and want," she said. "And I feel very good about where we are."

But Southwest Side Ald.

Raymond Lopez, 15th, Lightfoot's loudest critic on the City Council, said he's worried the mayor's confidence about delivering those items next year might be misplaced, and that the city will suffer because of it.

"We heard time and again she was confident she would deliver the real estate transfer tax, she was confident she would deliver the casino during veto session," he said.

"Having delivered neither, she really needs to take a look at where she's placing her optimism," Lopez said. "I think she underestimated the need for human interactions and relationships with lawmakers who represent the whole state and the needs of their constituents."

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CPS is no longer mired in an immediate financial crisis, as it was before the state approved additional school funding in 2017. But S&P also pointed out the district's finances are still precarious.

The district is working to build up adequate reserves, deal with growing teacher pension system debt and borrow less during the course of each school year to keep up with the bills.

As a result, S&P, Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investors Service continue to list CPS bonds as non-investment grade — often referred to as "junk" ratings. That shows Wall Street has limited faith in CPS' ability to pay its debts and means the district has to pay more to borrow money, compounding its financial woes.

CPS' financial challenges loom as the Chicago Teachers Union late Friday announced members had voted to ratify their contract. Although Lightfoot cast the tentative deal as a good one that was "in CTU terms, historic," some union members have been critical of their leadership for not getting even more.

This year's tab

To settle a two-week strike, CPS negotiators



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot arrives with CPS CEO Janice Jackson to make a statement about the Chicago Teachers Union strike on Oct. 29 at City Hall.

agreed to five-year contracts that were more costly than anticipated.

The contracts significantly boosted employee pay and committed the district to hiring more than 750 social workers, nurses, special education case managers, counselors and other support personnel over five years. CPS also agreed to set aside \$45 million annually to reduce class sizes, support sports programming and increase pay for veteran teachers.

The Service Employees

International Union Local 73, which represents custodians, security guards, special education classroom assistants and bus aides, already has ratified its contract. The CTU approved late Friday, and the Board of Education is scheduled to vote on both contracts Wednesday.

The additional contract costs for the current school year total \$137 million: \$115 million for the CTU contract and \$22 million for the SEIU contract. In addition, the district has to pay \$60

million or so in teacher pension contributions that the city had been picking up, courtesy of Lightfoot's proposed city budget.

CPS already included \$89 million in its budget to cover higher personnel costs, but that amount now falls short of what's needed under the tentative contract deals. To cover the rest, plus the additional pension costs, CPS is planning to rely mostly on two pots of money: an extra \$66 million in tax increment finance district surplus funding

freed up by the city, and \$68 million saved by not having to pay teachers for six of the 11 school days lost to the strike.

Risks ahead

CPS still has to come up with money to cover the remaining years of both contracts. The CTU contract would run through the 2023-24 school year, while the backdated SEIU contract would expire a year earlier.

The district won't be able to bank savings from strike days. And TIF surpluses could decline in the coming years, so the district can't count on the same level of that money.

It can, however, be sure that the costs related to the new contracts will continue to rise. By the fifth year of the CTU contract, CPS will need \$504 million more a year to cover the added costs. For SEIU, that cost will be at least \$54 million.

That comes to \$558 million in additional costs by the 2024 budget year — about 8% more than the \$7 billion the district spent last year. In addition, CPS expects City Hall to continue to require the district to pay at least \$60 million a year in pension contributions that the city previously covered.

CTU says the city should resume covering the pension costs it made CPS pick up this year.

"This is something the city has structurally assumed the cost of for decades," said Pavlyn Jankov, education policy analyst for CTU, referring to the pension costs. "They're shifting that cost onto CPS. We think that should be turned around and put back into CPS."

So where does the money come to pay for the next four years of the contract?

CPS officials say they can come up with all the money they need from two sources: a yearly boost in property taxes by as much as state law allows, and annual bumps in state school funding that lawmakers committed to two years ago. Maxing out property tax increases is expected to generate more than \$100 million a year, and the state is supposed to chip in \$60 million to \$70 million more each year.

Neither is a sure thing, however.

The state's property tax cap law limits annual CPS property tax hikes to 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower — plus any additional taxes that can be collected from newly constructed buildings just placed on the tax rolls.

In addition, CPS charges a separate property tax dedicated to teacher pension fund contributions that is not subject to the those limitations. It's set at a fixed rate, meaning the district can collect even more money when city property values rise substantially.

But all that anticipated growth in property tax money could go by the wayside if there's a significant economic downturn that suppresses property values, dampens inflation or both. In the aftermath of the Great Recession, CPS property tax collections declined by \$110 million in school year 2010-11, according to the district's budget reports.

Relying on state government historically hasn't always panned out for CPS. When state finances are tight, school funding increases tend not to be as big. Currently, the state is grappling with a host of financial issues that include a bill backlog of more than \$6 billion and a rising pension debt that now tallies nearly \$134 billion.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker hopes to address the state's financial woes — and keep up with the state's commitment to increased education funding — by enacting a graduated income tax with higher tax rates on individuals and joint filers whose income tops \$250,000. Voters will decide that question in November 2020. If voters reject it, the state's ability to keep its commitments could be imperiled.

The Civic Federation budget watchdog group identified another uncertainty related to state funding.

If enrollment continues to decline, as it has in recent years, and city property values continue to rise, CPS' level of state funding could decline.

That's because the state

CPS has to come up with money to cover the remaining years of both contracts.

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uses enrollment figures and property values to gauge how much each school district can afford to pay for education costs. If a district has fewer students, and more property wealth to tax, the state figures it can pick up more of its own tab.

CPS, however, maintains that it would keep the highest level of state funding "in the years ahead."

The Lightfoot administration tried to put the contract costs in perspective. Jennie Huang Bennett, the city's chief financial officer and CPS' former top financial official, said "\$100 million on the scale of a \$6 billion (day-to-day operating) budget is really not a lot for them to find."

In addition, the district also is looking for ways to cut costs, said Bennett, who noted the unusually long length of the five-year contracts allows CPS to plan further into the future.

Other challenges

Although the 2017 state school funding revamp pulled CPS away from the brink of insolvency, the district's finances are still shaky — as evidenced in its junk bond ratings.

For most of the current school year, CPS will have "a negative cash position," according to a Civic Federation's analysis. That means the district will have to use its line of credit to keep up with paying its bills — a frowned-upon financial practice that's akin to a family using the credit card to pay for everyday essentials, like groceries.

Meanwhile, CPS has relied heavily on long-term borrowing in recent years to build new schools and fix old ones. That debt now stands at about \$8.4 billion, and more borrowing is anticipated this year.

The cost for paying down that long-term debt now runs about \$700 million a year, and it's expected to grow to more than \$800 million over the next eight years, according to CPS budget documents.

Also growing is the district's debt to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund, which stands at a record-high \$12.2 billion. The retirement fund has less than half of the amount of money it needs to pay for future retiree benefits.

The shortfall means CPS is making about \$120 million of its yearly pension contributions out of funds that would otherwise go to classroom education. The special property tax dedicated to pensions, coupled with increased state help, isn't expected to cover the district's entire pension tab until 2031. Grappling with all of that will be even more difficult now that the contracts call for the district to spend more money than it had anticipated.

"The structural gap created by the contract is not insurmountable, in our opinion, but will make producing structurally balanced budgets even more difficult over the next five years," S&P concluded. "The ability of the district to continue to improve its financial standing in fiscal years 2021-2024 is uncertain."

CTU maintains that the district can afford the costs of the new contract, noting the pledged increases in state funding and contending that the city could free up even more tax increment money.

"The big picture is that the mayor has options to give CPS a lot more," Jankov said.

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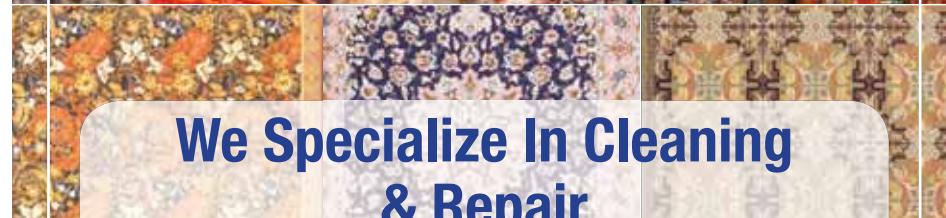
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State Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, smiles as Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton takes his photo Wednesday on the House floor after the passage of a bill involving prescription insulin.

Lawmakers OK insulin and cannabis measures

Vaping-related ban, college athlete bill left by the wayside

BY JAMIE MUNKS AND DAN PETRELLA

SPRINGFIELD — Ethics reform, pension consolidation and a proposal to make a Chicago casino more attractive to investors grabbed a lot of attention and energy during the Illinois General Assembly's six-day fall veto session, but lawmakers also took up a host of other issues, from public marijuana consumption limits to placing a price cap on insulin.

Other high-profile measures, including a flavored vaping product ban and a bill that would allow college athletes to make money off endorsement deals, stalled and won't be brought back up until at least early next year.

Still, lawmakers passed legislation that put to rest questions around where people will be able to use cannabis in public when adult-use sales begin Jan. 1. Restaurants and bars are out, but the measure allows on-site consumption at dispensaries and retail smoke shops with designated areas for smoking or using cannabis, with local government authorization.

The clean-up legislation lawmakers approved also clarified some of the details surrounding the expungement provisions of the pot legalization law, which allows people with low-level convictions for marijuana possession of up to 30 grams to qualify to have their public records on those cases erased. It also clarifies details of related revolving door rules for lawmakers and their immediate family

members and allow cities and counties to begin collecting sales tax on cannabis on July 1 rather than Sept. 1.

During the veto session, which ended Thursday, Illinois lawmakers also voted to cap out-of-pocket insulin costs at \$100 for a 30-day supply in the state, a measure advocates say is badly needed to address soaring prescription drug costs.

The Senate on Thursday signed off on changes the House made a day earlier, and the measure is now before Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who supports it.

The price cap, which applies only to state-regulated commercial insurance plans, would take effect Jan. 1, 2021.

counsel patients about potentially dangerous drug combinations.

The legislation also expands the duties pharmacy technicians are allowed to perform with the proper training.

Rep. Mike Zalewski, a Riverside Democrat who sponsored the bill, called it "the product of a long, hard, good task force effort."

Another bill lawmakers approved in the closing hours of the veto session would require online marketplaces like eBay and Etsy to collect state and local sales taxes on purchases made by Illinois residents. The Illinois Retail Merchants Association estimates the change would

More than 1 million Illinois residents are living with diabetes, and insulin prices have risen significantly over the past decade.

People with diabetes have higher-than-normal glucose levels in their blood, and depend on prescription insulin to regulate those levels and prevent potentially life-threatening complications.

More than 1 million Illinois residents are living with diabetes, and prices have risen significantly over the past decade. The bill was modeled after a new law in Colorado, which became the first state to limit out-of-pocket insulin costs earlier this year.

The House and Senate unanimously approved legislation that would require pharmacies to give pharmacists breaks, limit their shifts to 12 hours, give them more time to review patients' drug histories and eliminate other working conditions that can cause distractions or fatigue.

The measure was based on recommendations from a state task force that was formed in response to a Chicago Tribune investigation that found 52% of 255 Chicago-area pharmacies had failed to warn about combinations of drugs that could cause harm or death.

The Tribune series previously prompted a new law requiring pharmacists to bring in about \$380 million in additional revenue annually for the state and local governments, not including any locally imposed sales taxes.

Lawmakers approved a measure in the spring that was supposed to make this change, but the new legislation fixes errors in the original version.

The General Assembly also approved a measure to extend tax breaks for private aircraft maintenance companies based in the state, which Pritzker has said he would veto. The measure would forgive taxes owed by those companies since an exemption ended in 2014.

In the Senate, where the bill saw overwhelming support in Thursday's vote, lawmakers said letting the tax forgiveness plan end would cost their districts jobs.

"It would be a devastating negative impact on my district if those jobs were to leave," said Sen. Christopher Belt, a Democrat from downstate Calumet.

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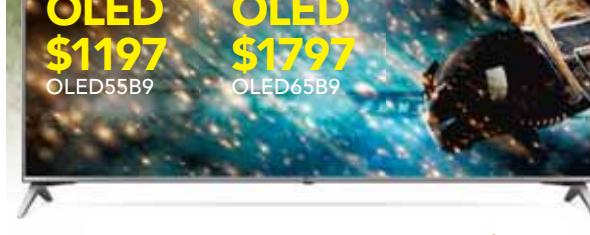
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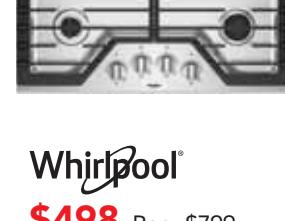
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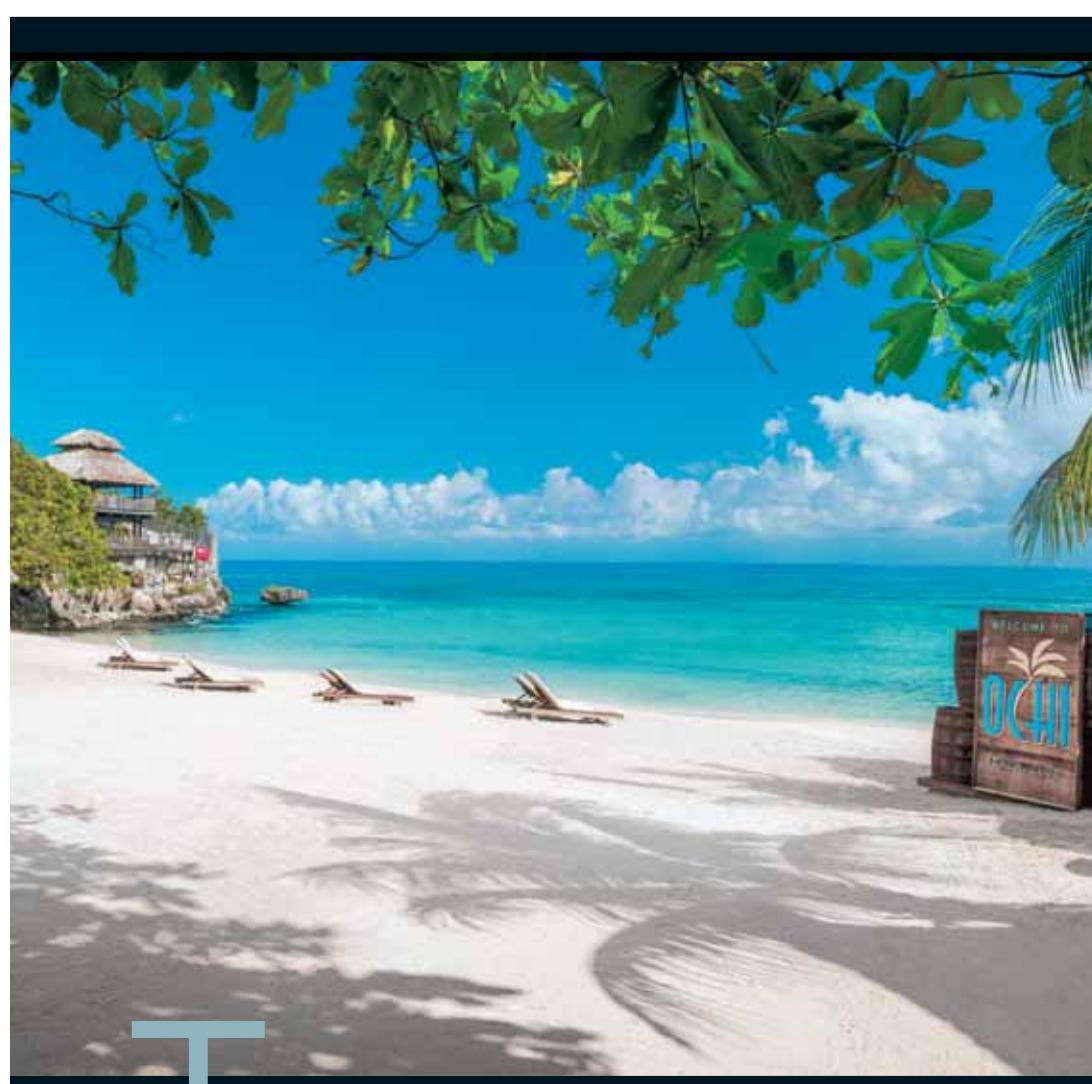
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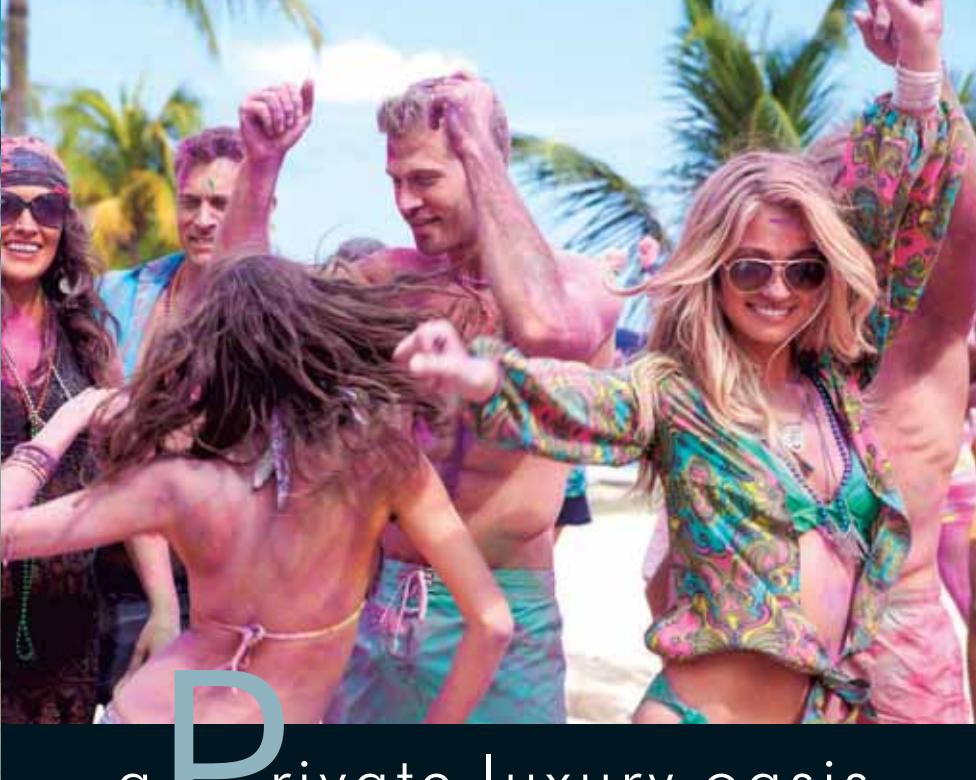

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Oak Lawn village manager charged in hit-and-run

Oct. 10 crash critically injured pedestrian, 48

BY ZAK KOESKE

Oak Lawn's village manager has been charged with three misdemeanors in connection with a hit-and-run crash in Chicago Ridge last month that critically injured a pedestrian, police said.

Chicago Ridge police announced Friday that Larry Deetjen had been charged with leaving the scene of an accident, failure to give information or render aid resulting in injury and failure to give information after striking a person. He also received moving violations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and failure to exercise due caution, police said.

Chicago Ridge Police Chief Robert Pyznarski said the department had sought the approval of felony charges against Deetjen, but was unable to secure them.

The longtime village manager turned himself in Thursday night and was released from custody a short time later after posting bail, his attorney Michael Walsh said.

"It's an unfortunate accident," Walsh said Friday. "We hope the victim is improving, but absent that I have no other comment."

Deetjen, 70, was driving his village vehicle in the 10100 block of Harlem Avenue around 8:02 p.m. on Oct. 10 when he struck a 48-year-old man and continued on without stopping, police said.

The victim, who police said was homeless but who has family, was found unresponsive, but breathing just east of the roadway, Pyznarski said. He suffered multiple fractures to his body and head, as well as brain swelling, according to police reports, and the chief said last week his condition had not improved since the crash.

A motorist who was driving in the lane directly to Deetjen's left later told police he saw the pedestrian crossing Harlem and laid on his horn to warn both parties, but his attempt was unsuccessful.

Police used a combination of witness statements and video surveillance evidence to identify the offending vehicle, a blue 2009 Ford Crown Victoria with municipal plates that was registered to the village of Oak Lawn, and trace it back to Deetjen.

In a brief statement the village manager provided police outside his home a few hours after the crash, he told officers he had not known he'd struck anyone with his vehicle, the chief said.

Deetjen said he'd just left a wake and was driving northbound on Harlem Avenue in the lane closest to the curb when he heard a vehicle to his left honk its horn, according to police reports.

He said he then felt an impact and saw something fly up in the air, but believed it was just a "barrel or barricade" and continued driving to his gym in Countryside, the report states.

His take-home village vehicle, which was impounded as evidence, had front passenger side damage consistent with the crash, according to the report.

Deetjen was taken into custody and submitted to a breathalyzer test and gave a urine sample in the early morning hours after the crash, the report states.

The test showed no alcohol present in Deetjen's system and he was released from custody without charges later that day, police said.

Following the crash, Oak Lawn's village board placed Deetjen on paid administrative leave, pending the conclusion of the police investigation. In that capacity, he has not had access to a village vehicle, officials said.

The crash marked the second time in recent years Deetjen has left the scene of a traffic accident before police arrived.

In 2013, he drove his village-owned vehicle into a ditch in Palos Park after he said he'd "miscalculated a

turn on Southwest Highway and got stuck in a snow/ice-covered shoulder," according to an email he sent the Southtown following the incident.

Deetjen and his wife, who was a passenger in the car, then walked to a nearby CVS store, where he called for a ride home and summoned the Oak Lawn Public Works department to come get the vehicle, according to a police report.

He faced no charges in

connection with that case and Oak Lawn village attorney Paul O'Grady said the two incidents were "unrelated."

An investigation of last month's crash corroborated Deetjen's statement that he had visited the gym after the crash before traveling to O'Hare airport to pick up his daughter who had flown in from New York.



Deetjen

Deetjen's daughter told police she hadn't noticed damage to her father's car when he picked her up, but that he'd told her one of his headlights had been knocked out after he struck an "unreflected barricade," according to a police report.

She told police her father's demeanor appeared to be normal and he did not seem distressed when he

picked her up, the report states.

A forensic analysis of Deetjen's cell phone found no call or text message activity around the time of the crash, according to the report.

Oak Lawn Mayor Sandra Burry said Friday that with the case now wrapped up the board likely would review the police reports and convene a special meeting in the coming days to discuss Deetjen's future with

the village.

"It's just a real tragic situation and we just are keeping everyone involved in our prayers," she said.

In Deetjen's absence, Oak Lawn Police Chief Randy Palmer has been pulling double duty as the acting village manager.

Deetjen is due in court Dec. 10 in Bridgeview, police said.

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Girl, 6, sees father shoot mom's new boyfriend outside school

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL

A 6-year-old girl witnessed her father fatally shoot her mother's new boyfriend outside an elementary school on the West Side, according to Chicago police.

The shooting happened about 9:30 a.m. Friday as the mother, holding her infant daughter, was walking the girl to the Moving Everest Charter School while the boyfriend waited in a parked SUV, police said.

As Richard L. Buick, 30, sat behind the wheel, the girl's 27-year-old father walked up and fired a .40-caliber handgun, hitting Buick several times, police said. The baby, the girl and her mother were not hit.

A teacher at the school, Andrew Scott Musso, 42, was in a hallway with a colleague when he heard three loud bangs.

Musso said he first helped students get to safety, then ran outside with a nurse.

They saw a woman near the SUV, screaming for help, and Buick slumped over in the driver's seat. The front windows were "blown out."

Musso, a former firefighter and paramedic, said he relied on "instinct" and his emergency training. The nurse began CPR while Musso hopped into the front passenger seat and worked on getting the driver out.

"I looked at the gentleman in the driver's seat and he looked to be in a bad shape. I looked for a pulse and couldn't find one," Musso said.

Buick's foot slipped onto the gas pedal and the SUV jolted forward. "It went like all the way down, so the wheels were squealing," Musso said.

Crouching in the passenger seat, he said he grabbed the wheel and began steering, weaving past police officers and pedestrians who had gathered at the scene.

"It was pedal to the metal, going very fast. I looked at a police officer straight in the eye and the car was going right at him and I just swerved, trying not to hit people," Musso said. "I saw a guardrail ... those things are designed to get hit ... so I just slammed it into the guardrail and it stopped."

The SUV came to rest near a parking lot of the In

and Out Food Mart at 401 N. Laramie Ave. Musso said when officers got to him, there was some confusion because they weren't sure who he was until bystanders began hollering: "No, he was helping!"

Buick was pronounced dead at 10:14 a.m., according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. An autopsy Saturday found he died of multiple gunshot wounds.

The suspected gunman remained at large Saturday night. Authorities have alerted a fugitive apprehension team, police said.

Buick's girlfriend had filed an emergency order of protection against the suspect on Jan. 16, 2018 and it remains in place, Cook County records show.

The suspected gunman, from Chicago's West Side, was arrested in March for violating the order, but the charge was dropped the next month, records show. He was convicted of resisting or obstructing a peace officer during an arrest in March 2014. A charge of domestic battery was later dropped, records show.

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2 in custody in connection with killing of nurse

BY DEANESE WILLIAMS-HARRIS

Two people were taken into custody late Friday night after a nearly 15-mile pursuit of a vehicle that matched the description of one involved in the Tuesday homicide of a nurse in the Little Village neighborhood, according to Chicago police.

Shortly after 11:45 p.m., police officers spotted the SUV that looked like the one used in the fatal Tuesday shooting of a 32-year-old Frank Aguilar. A pursuit began in the 2300

block of South Sawyer Avenue in Little Village and ended when the SUV crashed into another vehicle in the 7500 block of South Perry Avenue in the West Chatham neighborhood, police said.

No injuries were reported and charges have yet to be filed.

Tuesday night, Aguilar, was walking on the sidewalk carrying laundry when an occupant in a gray-colored SUV fired shots. The victim was taken to Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago with a gunshot wound to the chest and

pronounced dead at the hospital.

The victim's family gathered Friday night in Little Village seeking justice for Aguilar known to co-workers as "The Great Nurse."

The killing of Aguilar followed the shooting of a 7-year-old girl who was trick-or-treating on Halloween, also believed to be related to an ongoing gang conflict in Little Village. A 15-year-old has been charged in that shooting.

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Peoples Gas exec chosen to succeed Rep. Arroyo

Pick by Cook Dems is likely to face Madigan challenge

BY DAN PETRELLA

Divisions within the Cook County Democratic Party were exposed Friday night as party leaders on the Northwest Side chose a replacement for former state Rep. Luis Arroyo, who resigned earlier this month after being charged with bribing a state senator.

The party committee-men in the 3rd House District tapped Eva-Dina Delgado to fill the seat, but House Speaker Michael Madigan has said his chamber would challenge the qualifications of anyone chosen with votes from Arroyo's 36th Ward. If she's seated, Delgado would hold the seat until January 2021.

Delgado, an attorney and a member of the Chicago Police Board, is the chief of staff at Peoples Gas. Previously, she worked in legislative affairs for the CTA and the Chicago mayor's office under former Mayor Richard M. Daley. She was one of six candidates who asked to be considered for the seat.

While he resigned his House seat, Arroyo held on to the position of 36th Ward committeeman, which gave him the largest share of the vote in selecting his replacement. Arroyo was a no-show at Friday's meeting of the committeemen in the district, but he gave his votes to Ald. Ariel Reboyras, giving the 30th Ward committeeman enough votes to control the selection.

"We the committeemen made a decision because of every voter, every voter that needs to be represented in the 3rd Legislative District, including the 36th Ward," Reboyras said after announcing Delgado as the choice. "I want to make that clear: including the 36th Ward."

Reboyras said he did not coordinate the selection with Arroyo and that he arranged Friday night's meeting with him through attorneys.

Arroyo was backing another candidate for the position, who chose not to put his name into consideration, Reboyras said.

Delgado was chosen "legally, with an open process," he said. "There was no backroom deal."

Reboyras said it was important for the process to include input from the 36th Ward to avoid disenfranchising thousands of largely Latino voters.

Reboyras said he may pursue legal action against Madigan if the House refuses to seat Delgado.

Because Reboyras used Arroyo's votes to make the selection, other committee-men, including 35th Ward Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa and state Sen. Robert Martwick, the 38th Ward committeeman, boycotted the process. Several potential candidates also withdrew from consideration.

"I think it's a disservice to all of these candidates to allow them to go through this process when it's very clear that they are unlikely to be seated," Ramirez-Rosa said before leaving the meeting. "And I would urge any candidate that wants the respect of the community, that wants to be trusted as a candidate to fill this vacancy, to also leave this process because ultimately this process appears to be corrupt."

Martwick didn't attend Friday's meeting but had given his votes to Ramirez-Rosa.

Delgado said she was encouraged to run by state Sen. Iris Martinez, who doesn't live in the 3rd District but participated in the selection process as a proxy for former Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno, the 1st Ward committeeman.

She said she knows Arroyo from her time representing the city

and the CTA in Springfield but didn't speak with him about taking his House seat.

"I consider myself a person ... of great integrity," Delgado said. "And personally I wouldn't want to be involved in something that was marred."

As for the potential challenge to her qualifications in the House, Delgado said she's focused on meeting voters and collecting the signatures she needs to get on the March primary ballot.

"That's really where my mind is right now," she said.

In addition to having the support of Reboyras and Martinez, Delgado has ties to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who chairs the county Democratic Party. Delgado's husband, Erik Varela, is now a registered lobbyist for Union Pacific Railroad but previously worked in government affairs for Preckwinkle's office.

"I would ask people to look at me, look at my credentials," Delgado said. "And I'm happy to defend my credentials and what I've done."

Arroyo was charged Oct. 28 in federal court in Chicago with bribing a state senator to support sweepstakes gambling legislation that would have benefited one of Arroyo's City Hall lobbying clients. He resigned his House seat four days later, but has refused calls from party leaders to give up his committeeman post.

State law required local party leaders in the district to meet and pick Arroyo's replacement within 30 days of the office being vacated.

Committeemen in the district got a weighted vote based on the number of ballots cast for Arroyo in their city wards and in one suburban township in the November 2018 election.

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Holzhauer claims 'Jeopardy!' crown after two-day battle

BY SUZANNE BAKER

James Holzhauer's day job as a professional sports gambler came in handy this week as he claimed the title of undisputed champion of "Jeopardy!" season 35.

After a tense two-day battle, the Naperville native walked away with the \$250,000 prize after finishing with a total of \$76,923.

But it was no runaway for Holzhauer, who faced off against Chicago librarian Emma Boettcher, the woman responsible for ending his 32-game winning streak in June.

The clash of the two trivia titans was the rematch "Jeopardy!" fans had been waiting for, and the win could have easily gone to Boettcher had it not been for Holzhauer's betting bravura.

After losing the first game Thursday, Boettcher won Friday, her \$38,600 total topping Holzhauer's \$27,597 by just over \$11,000.

However, because the scores of the two-day finals are combined to determine the winner, Holzhauer's first day total of \$49,326 gave him a commanding lead over Boettcher's \$26,400 going into the second day.

In the end, his \$76,923 two-day total topped her \$65,000 final amount by

nearly \$12,000.

Boettcher's second-place win netted her \$100,000 in prize money.

Third place and \$50,000 went to New York physics teacher Francois Barcomb. He tallied \$5,000 over the two days.

Family and friends of Holzhauer packed Quigley's Irish Pub in downtown Naperville Friday afternoon to cheer on the native son who now lives in Las Vegas.

All were on the edge of their seats until final wager reveal because the game was back and forth between Holzhauer and Boettcher. "I don't know where they pull this (information) out of their brains," said pub owner Nancy Quigley, reacting to some of the questions and the intensity.

Holzhauer was ahead after the initial Jeopardy! Round with a score of \$8,800 to Boettcher's \$6,600 and Barcomb's \$1,200.

Boettcher came back in the Double Jeopardy! round, ending with \$21,600 to Holzhauer's \$17,785. Barcomb only added \$400 to his score.

Final Jeopardy was all about the wager, because all three managed to give the correct response — What are Japan and Russia? — to the answer, "A

dispute over Etorofu, Habomai, Kunashiri & Shikotan has kept these 2 countries from ever signing a WWII peace treaty."

Boettcher bet \$17,000, bringing her one-day total to \$38,600.

Holzhauer wagered \$9,812 and ended with \$27,597, \$11,003 behind Boettcher.

Holzhauer's father, Juergen Holzhauer, said the game came down to the wire. "It was not a slam dunk," he said.

"I trusted that he could do it. I had no doubt," the elder Holzhauer said. "She (Boettcher) was a worthy opponent."

James Holzhauer's stepmother, Allie Holzhauer, said so many of the games in the spring were won by James in a landslide.

"I think James enjoyed competing against someone who was so intelligent. I think he really admires her," she said.

"It was nice to see it was so close," she added.

Now that his son's "Jeopardy!" commitments are over, the Holzhauer patriarch said James can focus on his Las Vegas charity, Project 150, which helps homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students.

Juergen Holzhauer said James' celebrity has opened doors.



JEOPARDY PHOTOS



Chicago librarian Emma Boettcher ended James Holzhauer's run at a "Jeopardy!" record in June.

One of the trivia phenom's next adventures will be playing in a poker tournament in the Bahamas.

After that, the father said he's not sure what his son will do. Juergen Holzhauer said the family typically doesn't find out until all the paperwork is inked. "We're on a need-to-know basis," he said.

James Holzhauer's "Jeopardy!" regular game winnings totaled \$2.46 million with 32 consecutive wins, both the second-best numbers in show history, not counting tournament winnings.

Ken Jennings is the record holder with \$2.52 million over 74 consecutive victories.

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Students likely to be charged in stabbing

BY EMILY K. COLEMAN

"We're going to answer the tough questions. We're going to make sure we get all the facts."

The incident remains under investigation by both district officials and the Waukegan police.

Waukegan District 60 officials will be evaluating what occurred and will look at what safety measures can be enhanced, something it does on a continual basis, district spokesman Nick Alajakis said Thursday.

Waukegan High School has metal detectors and X-ray machines at each of its campuses.

The stabbing was the culmination of a verbal altercation between a 16-year-old boy and a 17-year-old boy in the bathroom, according to a statement issued Friday morning by Waukegan police.

Each boy stabbed the other, according to the news release. The unknown items used in the stabbing have not been recovered.

A District 60 spokesman had initially said that one student had stabbed the other and that both were taken to the hospital.

The 16-year-old was taken to an area hospital with "moderate injuries" and has since been released, according to the release. The 17-year-old remains in the hospital where he had been taken with "moderate to serious injuries."

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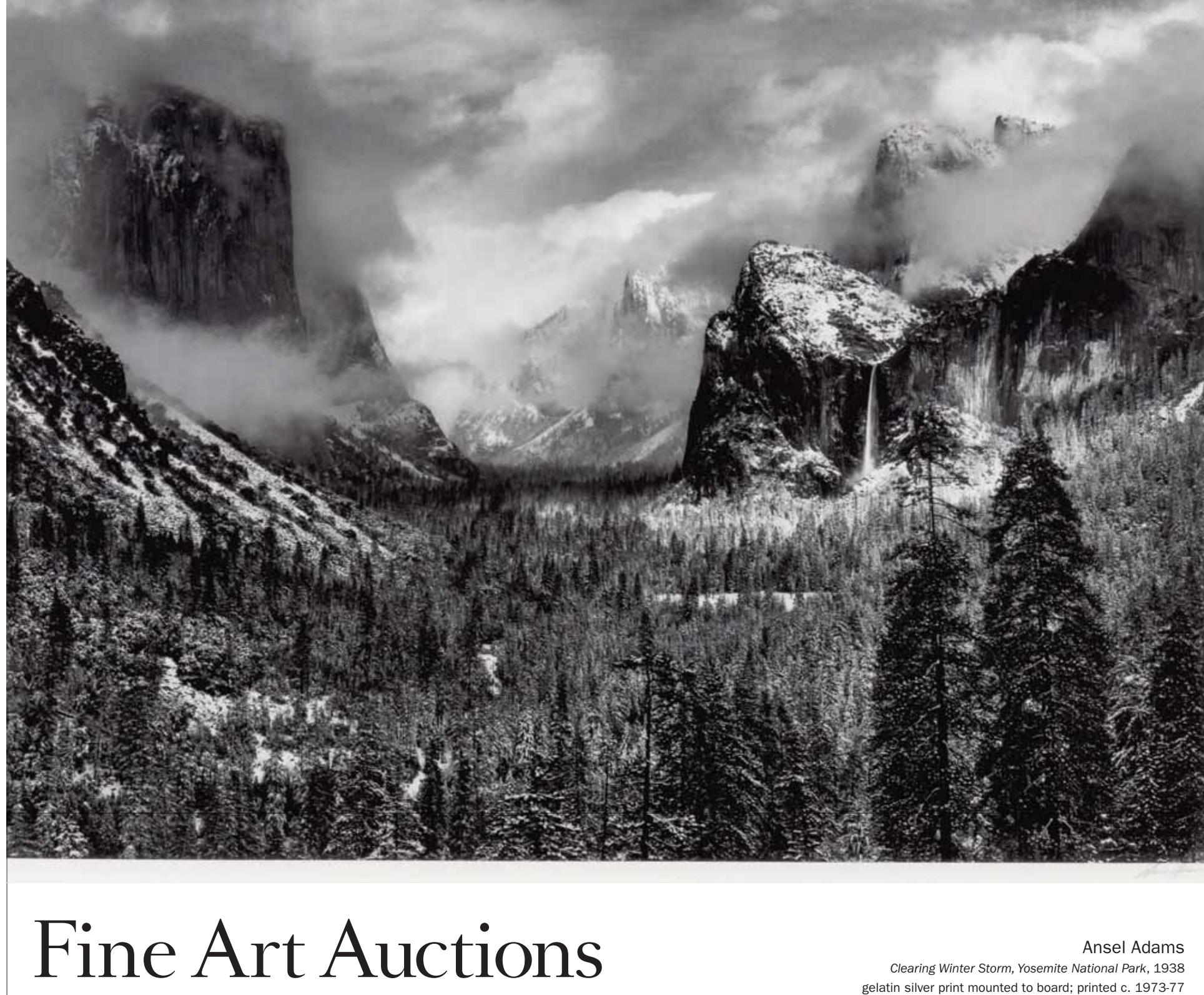


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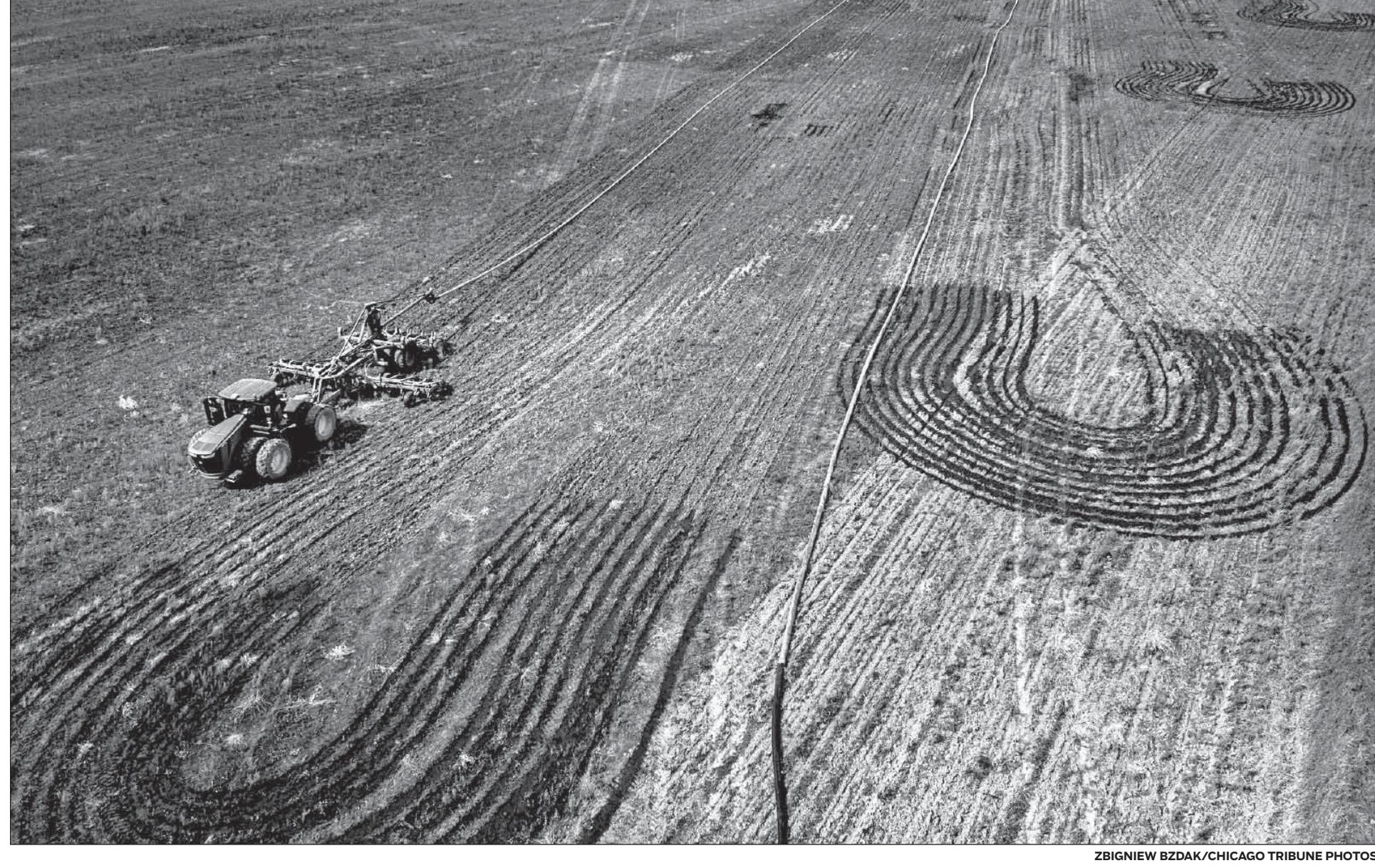
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A tractor spreads liquid cow manure from Chris Weaver's farmland near Montpelier, Ohio, on Sept. 23, 2019. Weaver, 45, raises about 3,000 dairy cows at that location.

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federal studies. Greater rainfall and more powerful storms are eroding some of the richest soils in the United States and, in doing so, washing bloom-inducing fertilizers from farm fields into Lake Erie. More frequent torrential downpours are also overpowering antiquated sewer systems at times, releasing a profusion of raw sewage into waterways, further polluting and degrading water quality.

Meanwhile, warmer temperatures are allowing the microbes within algae blooms — particularly the toxin-producing bacteria — to flourish in greater numbers and for more months of the year, posing elevated and prolonged risks to drinking water, wildlife and the \$15.1 billion tourism industry along Ohio's coastline.

The Great Lakes are all connected and collectively hold 20% of the world's fresh surface water, but each lake has unique features — depth, shape, size and surroundings — making them vulnerable to different aspects of climate change.

Algae blooms occur annually across the region in shallow, sheltered waters like Saginaw Bay in Lake Huron and Green Bay in Lake Michigan. A large algae bloom even developed once in the normally pristine waters of Lake Superior near the Apostle Islands, a harbinger that no environment is immune.

The danger is most acute in Lake Erie — the shallowest, southernmost and warmest of the Great Lakes — which is a natural incubator for these colonies of microorganisms.

While countries across the globe face drought and water insecurity, it's a bitter irony that some communities sitting on the edge of the planet's largest system of freshwater — more than 11 million people depend on Lake Erie for drinking water — are compelled to buy bottled water.

"As population explodes, water is going to be the most valuable resource on planet Earth by the end of this century. It therefore represents the greatest advantage that this part of the country has. This region — the Great Lakes region, the Snow Belt, the Rust Belt, whatever you want to call it — has faced hard times over the last 50-60 years," Kapczukiewicz said. "But ... if we can hold on, we may be the most valuable part of the country. Frankly, with what we have, (the Midwest) could be Saudi Arabia in 100 years. We just can't squander it."

Billions of dollars have been spent monitoring Lake Erie's water quality, overhauling drinking water treatment and reducing sewage outflows. But the biggest contributor to these blooms — agricultural runoff, which is responsible for up to 89% of the phosphorus flowing into Lake Erie — remains largely unregulated.

"The amount of manure from pigs, chickens and cows that goes into the western basin, that seeps untreated directly into Lake Erie, is roughly equivalent to all human



Workers milk cows as owner Chris Weaver walks past. He farms near Montpelier, Ohio, in the Maumee River watershed. The Maumee River flows into Lake Erie.

About this series

Tribune reporter Tony Briscoe is reporting from each of the Great Lakes to reveal how climate change is creating new threats to the planet's largest system of fresh water. In Part One, Briscoe visited Lake Erie.

Today: The shallowest Great Lake provides drinking water for more people than any other. Algae blooms are making it toxic — and it's getting worse.

Next: Cleveland residents are used to their water being brown, even if they don't know why. The answer lies at the bottom of Lake Erie.

Coming: In the Great Lakes' most productive fishing grounds, algae-fueled dead zones are eroding livelihoods

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waste from the cities of Chicago and Los Angeles combined," Kapczukiewicz said. "That's just how much animal manure is going in untreated — I'm not even talking about what they spray on crops. This is why we're living in the world we're living in."

A lot of moving parts'

The 1,500 square miles surrounding the Maumee River was once known as the Great Black Swamp, a marshland that fostered a wealth of wildlife and naturally filtered nutrients through plant roots.

When European settlers arrived in northwest Ohio in the early 1800s, they gradually drained the swamp, converting it

to farmland and introducing the livestock that would produce a concentrated source of manure. Nearby cities boomed in size, not only pumping their own sewage waste into the rivers, but also adding in phosphate laundry detergents before they were banned nationwide in 1994.

In the '60s and '70s, Lake Erie was so rife with nutrient pollution it was declared "dead." Under the Clean Water Act, implemented in 1972, the U.S. cracked down on municipal wastewater treatment facilities, industrial polluters and other contributors. And, for a while, the algae blooms subsided.

In the past two decades, however, the blooms have returned as large as ever.

Scientists say Lake Erie has endured harmful algae blooms historically, but the modern-day magnitude is believed to be increasing as a result of human activities and climate change.

Each year, as melting winter snowpack and spring rains cascade over the rural landscape of northwestern Ohio, a torrent of water flushes an unfathomable amount of manure and commercial fertilizer from farm fields into the Maumee River, a 137-mile waterway carrying waste from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Toledo, and eventually flowing into the shallowest end of Erie. Meanwhile, throughout the year, Detroit routinely pumps wastewater and sewage into its namesake river, as do other major metros.

These rivers become fuses as fecal-laden waters plunge into western Lake Erie. Nutrients — particularly phosphorus — trigger an eruption of microscopic algae, according to Chris Winslow, director of the Ohio Sea Grant, a research and education collaborative led by Ohio State University.

Just as humans need vitamins to grow, so does algae. Iron, potassium and nitrogen are essential and available in ample amounts. Human and animal excrement contain the missing ingredient: phosphorus.

"You bump up the phosphorus,

and they are just waiting to capitalize off of it," Winslow said.

An analysis of aerial photographs and state permit data identified 775 hog, cattle, dairy and poultry operations in the Maumee River watershed in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan in 2018 — a 42% increase since 2005, according to a report by the Environmental Law and Policy Center and the Environmental Working Group, nonprofit advocacy groups.

Of the large-scale "factory farms" in the watershed, more than a quarter had expanded since being built.

Although the Maumee only contributes 5% of the water entering Lake Erie, it is so loaded with phosphorus that it is the main driver of the algae blooms.

The most potent form of phosphorus, unblended with soils, acts as a catalyst for blooms each year. The amount of this full-strength phosphorus has increased 140% since 1990. Some experts suspect this can be attributed to a change in farming practices, namely no-till farming — a technique intended to curb soil erosion, but one in which layers of manure piled on top of farmland are more easily carried away by heavy rains.

Winslow said other factors are also at play.

"We have zebra mussels in our lake filtering the water differently than 40 years ago," he said. "We have larger farm operations. We have increased rainfall and runoff to take nutrients from the land into the water. We have warmer temperatures, and these organisms like warmer temperatures.

Some of these things have more of an impact than others, but there's a lot of moving parts."

The wettest 12 months on record

This fall, the Ohio countryside was a desolate mud pit marked by rampant weeds, standing water and stunted crops.

Over 880,000 acres intended for corn and nearly 600,000 acres for soybeans were left barren this year, as farmers opted to take

insurance money rather than risk a meager harvest.

Ty Higgins, spokesman for the Ohio Farm Bureau, described rural Ohio this fall as the "end of the world."

Farmers, he said, can use drought-resistant corn. They can plant strains that perform better in heat. But there's no silver bullet for rain.

"That's one curveball Mother Nature can throw farmers that they don't have a workaround," Higgins said.

Climatologists say the region has become soggiest.

A spike in greenhouse gases, largely from man-made carbon emissions, has driven global temperatures upward, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For every degree of warming, the atmosphere can hold 4% more moisture, which can translate into heavier and more severe downpours.

Since 1951, the Great Lakes region has seen a 2.3 degree rise in temperatures, a 14% uptick in annual precipitation and a 35% increase in the most intense storms. In the past year, the rain, snow and flooding across the Midwest was one for the record books.

Between September 2018 and August 2019, the Buckeye State endured the wettest 12 months on record since NOAA began keeping precipitation statistics in 1895.

Chris Weaver, 45, of Lyons, was one of the few who decided to plant this year — not that he had much of a choice. His family-owned dairy peddles three commodities: milk, meat and manure. With 3,000 cows on one farm in Williams County, his employees work around the clock corralling cattle into milking stalls. He depends on 5,000 acres of cropland for feed.

And each fall, Weaver draws from a manure pond the size of a football field to fertilize his land.

Manure, some might argue, is the greatest commodity for farmers with livestock. Not only does it benefit crop growth, the excess can be sold. Weaver charges about \$400 to cover an acre.

"Grandpa always told me, 'It smells like money to me,'" said Higgins, the farm bureau spokesman.

In the fall of 2018, because of the onslaught of rain, most farmers didn't get a chance to put fertilizer down. Those who did witnessed that money carried downstream in this year's spring rains.

It wasn't until July 1, about two months later than normal, that Weaver was able to get most of his corn, soybean and alfalfa crops in the ground. Weaver had some reserves to feed his cattle but not enough to make it a whole year without a harvest.

He was still anxiously monitoring the weather throughout the fall, praying there wouldn't be an early frost. He managed to reap his corn by mid-October while his soybeans withstood several inches of snow in November. The harvest, he said, would be enough to make it without buying reserves.

"It has to be a one-off," Weaver said, almost as if trying to convince

"As population explodes, water is going to be the most valuable resource on planet Earth by the end of this century ... It therefore represents the greatest advantage that this part of the country has. ... Frankly, with what we have, (the Midwest) could be Saudi Arabia in 100 years. We just can't squander it."

— Wade Kapszukiewicz, mayor of Toledo, Ohio



The water intake crib in Lake Erie for the Collins Park Water Treatment Plant in Toledo, Ohio, on Sept. 24.

himself. "We've had a lot of wetter years. But if it happens again next year, I'm going to really be scratching my head about what I'm doing."

"It's hard to imagine," he said, with his voice trailing off. If July 1 became the start of planting season, "I don't think we'd ever have corn here ever again."

In addition to sweeping manure and commercial fertilizer into waterways, the rain turns soil into claylike mud that prevents oxygen from reaching crop roots, killing the plants. Soggy soil also makes the land harder to tend, because large farms require heavy machinery, including tractors, prone to getting stuck in the muck.

Some farmers plant cover crops, such as peas and oats, in the fall to help absorb moisture from saturated soils and hold the nutrients from fertilizer in place. The problem is, these crops don't offer much of a return on investment. And, at the end of the day, farming is a business.

Weaver, however, sees other benefits beyond the monetary value. His in-laws live in the Toledo area and go camping each year near the lakeshore. It's also where he goes walleye fishing.

"Overall it's something where maybe I'm breaking even, but I'm doing something to help the environment," Weaver said. "I think every farmer is recognizing that (cities like Toledo) are affected, that they have to do better."

"We're only an hour from Lake Erie, so it's our backyard too."

But Weaver is in the minority. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, cover crops were used on less than 10% of cropland in Ohio in 2017.

Downstream, the Toledo area braces each year for verdant, bacteria-choked waters, no-swim advisories at beaches and noxious odors from scummy bays.

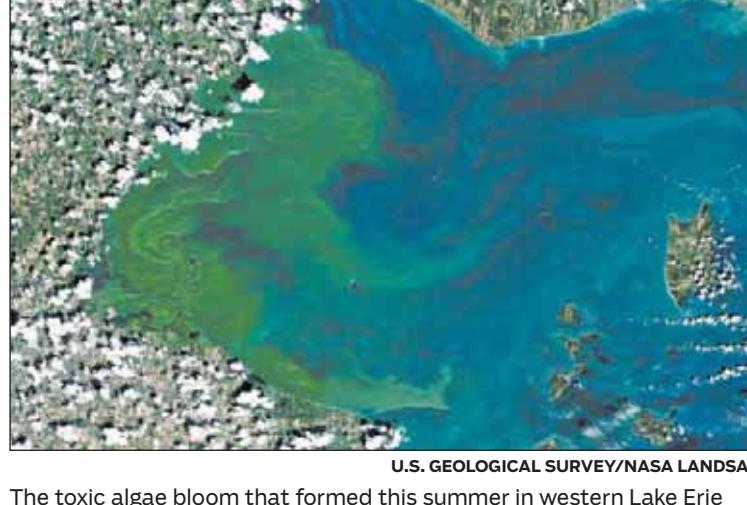
There's something wrong with the water'

The morning of Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, Crystal Jankowski, nearly nine months pregnant, awoke before dawn and noticed a number of missed calls from family members. Jankowski, whose father was ailing from liver and kidney failure, feared grim news about his condition.

Instead, Jankowski was jolted by ominous instructions from her mother: "Tell Josh to go find water — now! There's something wrong with the water."

More than 400,000 people and hundreds of businesses adjacent to the world's 13th largest lake suddenly found themselves without potable water.

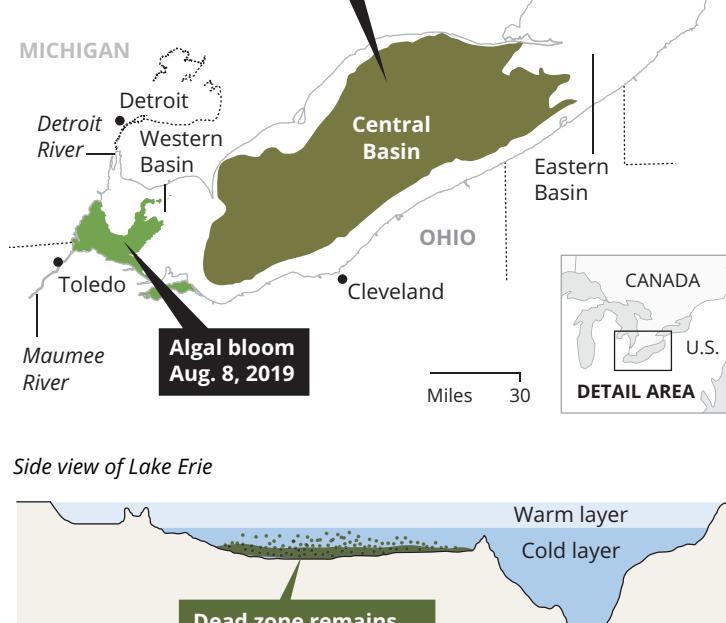
The culprit was *Microcystis aeruginosa*, a blue-green cyanobacteria known to create a toxin more lethal than cyanide or antifreeze. Its poison, which can cause liver failure, was so efficient at killing animals that scientists originally termed it "fast death factor." In one of the most deadly episodes, more than 50 people died in Brazil in 1996 when hospital patients were exposed to unfiltered water containing the toxin. Scientists say no deaths attributed to these toxins have



The toxic algae bloom that formed this summer in western Lake Erie was among the most severe that scientists have observed. In a NASA satellite image taken on July 30, the green medley of plankton and bacteria had grown larger than New York City.

How algae blooms and dead zones form

Lake Erie, the shallowest, warmest and southernmost Great Lake, is most influenced by warming temperatures brought on by climate change. Heavier rainfall washes farm and urban waste into the shallow Western basin, feeding large algae blooms. When algae dies and sinks, it consumes oxygen, creating a large dead zone that can't support fish and aquatic life.



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been reported in the U.S.

In Toledo, the bloom had drifted from Maumee Bay and engulfed the city's water intake 3 miles offshore and then stalled, leaving the neon green bloom to linger for days.

At the treatment plant, a lab test showed an alarming result: The drinking water had been compromised.

Following the historic shutdown, Ohioans went on a mad-denning search for water, many crossing state lines.

Josh Jankowski moved through the crush of people rummaging barren grocery store aisles. Nearly

three hours later, he returned with a package of baby wipes and a bottle of Pedialyte.

Not long after that, Crystal Jankowski began having contractions. The couple rushed to the hospital, where the emergency room was abnormally busy for a Saturday morning.

"Everyone thought they were sick. They had woken up, drank their coffee, took a shower. And then the morning news told people not to drink the water, and, if you did, here are the symptoms," she said.

Nurses told Crystal Jankowski to go home. She wasn't ready to

give birth, but even if she had been, the hospital was not accepting some patients for surgery because it didn't have access to sterile water.

"It was just scary. Nothing prepared you for this," she said.

The National Guard arrived to distribute one case of water per family, but fights broke out in the parking lot. Social media was filled with people describing futile searches for water.

"It brought out the best and worst of human nature at the same time," Kapszukiewicz, the mayor, said. "There was a lot of generosity: neighbors helping neighbors, a sort of charitable spirit, a lot of volunteerism. But it also produced a sort of ghoulish behavior. Convenience stores were quickly out of water all of a sudden. The price of bottled water spiked unnaturally at other stores. It was a traumatic event for the community, and five years later we're still dealing with the aftershocks of it."

With her contractions still far apart, Crystal Jankowski and her husband drove 40 miles to a friend's house and filled coolers, jugs and other containers with water.

They delivered them to friends and family members, then Josh Jankowski boiled some water and drew his wife a lukewarm bath. Both went to sleep hoping the crisis would be resolved before their daughter was due.

The next afternoon, moments before Crystal Jankowski returned to the hospital, Toledo officials announced the drinking water was safe.

But even after 12 hours of labor and complications from bleeding, the water was still foremost in Crystal Jankowski's mind.

"I was a big bubble of paranoia," Crystal Jankowski, 31, said. "All these things were going through my head. Did the doctor wash his hands with old water? Are they covered in toxins now? I wasn't intending to breastfeed, but I did. Because you need to mix the formula with water, and I didn't know where they were getting their water."

"As a mom, it makes me want to cry," Jankowski said, her voice quivering with emotion. "Every mother should enjoy the first time they hold their child. They shouldn't be stressing about whether there are toxins in the water."

Progressively more toxic

Lake Erie's noteworthy green tinge is the result of a medley of algae and bacteria. Phytoplankton, a microscopic green algae, is food for small organisms. Cyanobacteria, sometimes called blue-green algae, is actually an aquatic bacteria that captures sunlight for energy and produces oxygen like regular algae, but some also produce toxins that are harmful to humans and animals.

Microcystis aeruginosa is the most prevalent cyanobacteria found in Lake Erie. But it is just one of roughly a dozen that have collectively staked a larger claim since the introduction of invasive zebra and quagga mussels in the

1980s.

The fingernail-size shellfish filter copious amounts of water, ravenously eating the beneficial green algae and plankton that feed fish. The mussels don't consume the cyanobacteria, which, in turn, allows it to increasingly dominate the bloom.

While every type of cyanobacteria doesn't create toxins, it's clear that Lake Erie's annual bloom is becoming progressively more toxic. Since 2014, federal, state and local agencies have conducted routine water sampling for toxins, with 2019 being among the years when it was most severe.

Scientists are continuing to find new harmful substances produced by cyanobacteria, though they don't fully understand why these bacteria secrete them.

Researchers have theories. Some believe the cyanobacteria are producing toxins to kill a perceived competitor. Others believe that the bacteria cells produce toxins as nourishment when they are stressed. There is also evidence that links toxin production to the levels of nitrogen (an abundant nutrient also found in excrement) in the water.

No matter the reason, residents of Toledo remain on high alert.

Since the crisis, the Jankowskis store more than a dozen jugs of water in the basement. They've had a \$3,000 water filtration system installed for their shower and sinks. And they don't drink from the tap.

Mayor Kapszukiewicz is trying to erase these kinds of fears. Elected three years after the water crisis, he tries to drink tap water in public whenever possible. He kept the pressure on suburban communities that threatened to bolt the Toledo water system, which would have been a significant financial loss for the city. And his administration created an online dashboard showing the safety of drinking water that he intends to retire because it has never dropped below the "Safe" threshold.

There are no federal regulations on the amount of cyanobacteria toxins that can be in drinking water. But, in the aftermath of August 2014, the Collins Park water treatment plant quadrupled its capacity for carbon activated powder and chlorine, chemicals used to remove these toxins.

Toledo also accelerated the construction timeline for a new form of water treatment using ozone, a technique that is much more efficient at destroying cyanobacteria toxins. Since the 2014 crisis, the city has also vowed to find an alternative water source.

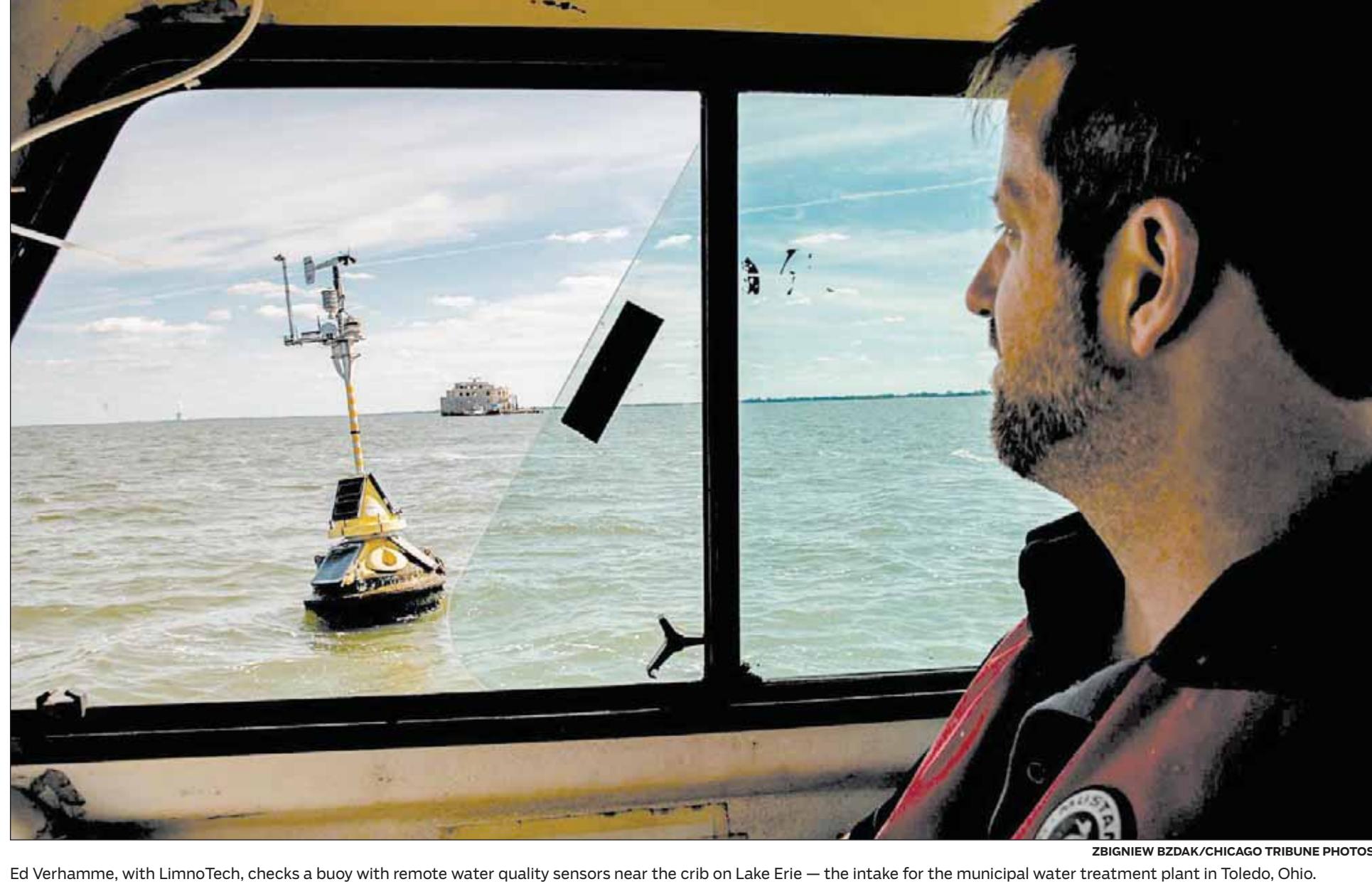
Before 2014, it could take as long as 12 hours to get test results on water quality. Now, a network of buoys is the first line of defense and produces results almost immediately.

The buoys are equipped with underwater cameras that measure cloudiness and pigment, which signals the severity of the bloom and toxins, according to Ed Verhamme, a coastal engineer for

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Microscopic menace



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Ed Verhamme, with LimnoTech, checks a buoy with remote water quality sensors near the crib on Lake Erie — the intake for the municipal water treatment plant in Toledo, Ohio.

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LimnoTech, an environmental consulting firm.

"An entire day can go by and you only have an opportunity to look at two samples," Verhamme said, referring to the former testing method. "That's why buoys are so important because every 10 minutes they give you a proxy for intensity of the bloom."

Applying chlorine, a chemical commonly used in water treatment, to water with large amounts of organic matter like algae can result in disinfection byproducts. The long-term health implications from consuming these substances are unclear. Research has linked some to an increased risk of certain cancers and miscarriage.

The new treatment is scheduled to go online August 2020 and should curb the amount of these incidental byproducts.

The adjustments that have been made and overhauls to come are unlikely to change things for **Markie Miller**, an activist for Toledoans for Safe Water, who has lived near Lake Erie her entire life. In the five years since the water ban, Miller, 30, said every summer is marked by caution and paranoia.

At the height of harmful algae blooms, many people will only drink bottled water. Drinking Toledo tap water has been compared to swallowing swimming pool water because of the pungent taste of residual chlorine. At local restaurants, complimentary glasses of water go untouched. Many of Miller's friends don't order coffee or other beverages that might require tap water as the base. And when using her Brita water filter, Miller sometimes will pour out an entire pitcher because she thinks the purified water still has a strange taste.

Even after amassing an encyclopedic knowledge of local water issues, Miller sometimes finds it hard to distinguish between a justifiable concern and a manifestation of her fears.

"The people at the water treatment plant are always ready to tell you that they are ready with an arsenal of chemicals, that we're prepared for another 2014. But I'm like, is this just as bad as ingesting toxins? Is it worse? I don't know. It does make you nervous," Miller said.

"I've done dishes to the point where my hands turn red, and I stop and think, 'Is this all in my head? Am I freaking myself out because I know too much about this?' After a while, it gets to you."

But this mindset is ingrained in local culture. At the height of summer, when most coastal communities flock to the beach, the beaches in western Lake Erie are deserted.

Many coastal areas are marked by signs with ominous advice: "Avoid swallowing lake water." In some instances, the state Department of Health ordered people not to even touch the water, given certain levels of toxins can cause rashes and burns.

"I know growing up here in this area every year, we would go up north to enjoy the beach in Lake Huron. It wasn't until I reached adulthood that I realized how



Verhamme, a coastal engineer, collects a concentrated sample of algae and bacteria near the intake crib on Lake Erie in September.

close we lived to Lake Erie or that it was our source of drinking water," Miller said.

"When people say they're going to the beach, your first response is 'Well, where are you going?'"

The algae blooms have even become popularized in a green beer, "Alegae Bloom," served in a can with comic book-like art depicting a green swamp creature emerging from the water.

This year, on the fifth anniversary of the water crisis, Miller and other activists went to Maumee Bay State Park. The weather was beautiful. It was sunny and bright. But the water was a radiant green, and there was nobody at the beach.

Other communities should take heed of what is occurring in Lake Erie, environmentalists say. These same cyanobacteria capable of creating toxins are found in ponds, rivers, lakes and oceans across the world — and with climate change, conditions are more conducive to their growth.

"In general, many of us have the view that these organisms can be world travelers," said Greg Dick, a researcher at the University of Michigan who studies cyanobacteria.

"They can travel across continents. There is some evidence they can be aerosolized in little droplets and clouds. They can get up in the jetstream."

"We have this saying when it comes to microbes: Everything is everywhere, and then the environment selects."

The southern end of Lake Michigan is an unlikely home for sizable blooms, due in part to the reversing of the Chicago River, a historic feat that sends much of Chicago's waste into the Mississippi River basin, contributing to the bloom in the Gulf of Mexico instead of Lake Michigan.

Sticks and carrots

Treating for toxins is a palliative approach, according to environmental advocates.

The broader issue with algae and bacteria blooms traces to phosphorus pollution. Since 2011,



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former Gov. Kasich spent more than \$3 billion on Erie's algae blooms, most of which went toward curbing sewage overflows from wastewater treatment plants and upgrading drinking water facilities.

However, in any given year, urban and suburban wastewater only contributes about 9% of the phosphorus flowing into western Lake Erie, at most. These wastewater treatment plants are regulated by the Clean Water Act, and Detroit's — the watershed's largest — has curtailed its phosphorus pollution by more than 51% since 2008.

Agricultural runoff, on the other hand, is responsible for as much as 89% and is not regulated under the Clean Water Act. In

2015, the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, a binational pact between the U.S. and Canada, established a goal of slashing phosphorus pollution into western Erie by 20% by 2020, a mark that experts say will surely be missed.

Ohio's Republican-controlled state legislature has prohibited farmers from spreading manure under certain conditions, such as ahead of a rain forecast or when soil is too saturated.

Farmers who want to fertilize more than 50 acres are also required to be certified on best practices. But the majority of legislative and executive proposals have been voluntary.

Higgins, the farm bureau spokesman, said it would be rash

to implement stricter regulations for farmers.

"Every farmer is different," he said. "Whether it's their soil type, their topography, their equipment — it's not a one-size-fits-all solution. That would be easy if we just said, 'Every farmer do this.' There's 50 different ways to skin this problem."

Last year, most farmers didn't fertilize, because of the rainy weather. But this spring's phosphorus pollution was the second highest since a team of government and university researchers began forecasting the bloom in 2002. Farmers say this absolves them and illustrates there are other sources that need to be investigated.

However, scientists who study the blooms say this is only confirmation that farm fields have been so overfertilized that residual fertilizer from previous years is continuing to contribute to the problem.

Considering the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Erie has held steady, Kapszukiewicz says, state efforts simply haven't been enough. And those most affected by the fallout continue to be frustrated because the issue is out of their control.

"The state of Ohio has been pretty good at providing carrots," Kapszukiewicz said. "It has been horrible at offering sticks. Carrots are good. Kasich spent \$3 billion worth of carrots. The legislature gave us another \$172 million worth of carrots this year. But all the carrots in the world aren't going to fix this problem without a stick."

A band of Toledoans petitioned to put a referendum on the February ballot that would create a Lake Erie Bill of Rights, a designation to grant the lake the same rights as a person. It would also allow environmentalists to sue on behalf of the lake.

It passed with 61% of voter support. Then, just as quickly as it was adopted, it was nixed by the legislature, which prohibited legal actions on "behalf of nature or an ecosystem."

In a flurry of recent litigation in federal court, local communities and environmental groups are seeking a cap on the daily amount of nutrient pollution that can enter western Lake Erie. Under the Clean Water Act, any body of water deemed impaired needs to have a federally enforceable plan to remedy its degraded status.

The Ohio EPA had already deemed western Lake Erie impaired but designated it a low priority, which brought on another lawsuit calling for the federal government to force the state to take action.

But locals like Markie Miller already knew that Lake Erie is impaired. For them, the designation was simply semantics; they want progress.

"It's like, if this has been a problem for so long, why haven't we taken action before?" Miller said. "Why wasn't it until it hit our kitchen sinks that we started going. Maybe we need to solve this problem?"

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GOP's case to replace party's mascot with lemming



REX W. HUPPKE

Public impeachment hearings began last week in the U.S. House of Representatives and we learned Republicans should change their symbol from an elephant to a cliff-bound lemming. It left me rooting for truth and asking my weekly question: "What the (BLEEP) just happened?"

Here's the GOP's dull-witted impeachment defense, in a nutshell: You might like President Donald Trump. And you might believe his July 25 phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy — in which the president appears to leverage congressionally approved military aid to get Zelenskiy to dig up dirt on a political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden — was ill-advised but not grounds for impeachment.

But you can't embrace the Trump-did-nothing-wrong defenses Republicans trotted out during the first public impeachment hearings and also claim you're tethered to reality.

For starters, the witnesses who testified — Bill Taylor, acting U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, and George Kent, deputy assistant secretary at the U.S. State Department, on Wednesday and former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch scheduled for Friday — are the type of people Republicans, prior to drinking Trump's Kool-Aid and getting all kooky-eyed, would have called "honorable patriots."

Heck, Taylor, a Vietnam War veteran, even criticized former President Barack Obama's Ukraine policy during his testimony, and both he and Kent were named to their current posts BY TRUMP OFFICIALS.



George Kent, left, and Bill Taylor are sworn in to testify before the House Intelligence Committee on Wednesday.

But Republicans dismissed these witnesses as "Never Trumpers" and treated them like they were rumor-mongering school kids.

House Republicans in the hearing also tried relentlessly to claim Trump couldn't have done anything wrong because military aid to the Ukraine wound up going through and Ukrainian officials never launched a Biden investigation. That overlooks the fact the aid was released only after a whistleblower report was filed.

Speaking of the whistleblower, Republicans continued their quixotic quest to round up that anonymous and protected-under-federal-law person. They griped about the lack of a whistleblower to demonize while sitting in front of two actual witnesses (Kent and Taylor) who were blowing the whistle on virtually everything the whistle-

blower had claimed. If an anonymous tipster tells you your dog ate your hamburger and then your dog tells you he ate your hamburger, the identity of the tipster becomes quite irrelevant. (Though you might still wonder when your dog started talking.)

Lastly, they complained witnesses were not giving a "firsthand account" of alleged misdeeds. Yet those same Republicans support Trump's refusal to allow people who do have firsthand knowledge — like chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and National Security Council legal adviser John Eisenberg — to comply with House subpoenas.

It's almost as if, and you'll pardon this giant leap of logic, Republicans don't really have a defense of the president's actions.

Another day, another school shooting — I

guess this just happens now: With breathlike regularity, children are shot to death in American schools.

It has happened so many times now that a Thursday mass shooting at a Southern California high school, which left two students dead and several others injured, was met both with sorrow and a broad sense of hopelessness.

As students were led out of the Santa Clarita high school by rifle-toting deputies, a Los Angeles Times reporter heard a student ask, "What kind of world is this?"

That a child should ask that question is a condemnation of us all.

Lawsuit against rifle-maker can move forward:

A bit of good news, perhaps, on the gun front came after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that relatives of victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting can

pursue a lawsuit against Remington Arms, the maker of the rifle that was used to murder 20 first graders and six teachers.

The Connecticut case could act as a road map for other victims of mass

shootings to get around a federal law that protects firearms makers from being sued when their products are used in crimes.

I say: Go get 'em.

The Bears should kneel before Colin Kaepernick:

The Chicago Bears quarterback situation is, in two words, not good. Mitch Trubisky has regressed this season and backup Chase Daniel is not likely to energize the team.

But the Bears organization has a chance to make the team better and make a statement. Exiled quarterback Colin Kaepernick will be giving a free-agent workout Saturday, and teams from across the league are expected to attend.

Kaepernick was tossed aside by the National Football League because he dared to protest social and racial injustice by kneeling during the national anthem.

The injustice of that reaction has become clearer since his departure, as teams have scooped up myriad subpar quarterbacks rather than taking a chance on a lightning rod like Kaepernick.

The Bears could use a lightning rod right now. Just as they could use a good quarterback.

Stephen Miller is a spooky racist ghoul:

Speaking of racism, Trump immigration adviser Stephen Miller, who we've all known for ages is a rabid white nationalist, was revealed to be a rabid white nationalist last week when the Southern Poverty Law Center released a trove of Miller's past emails.

They reveal a man obsessed with anti-immigrant views who relies on racist literature like the novel "Camp of the Saints" to back up his desire for a whiter America.

This is the man responsible for much of America's current immigration policy. If you aren't bothered by this, you're likely a fellow traveler of Miller's.

There's no new wall, suckers!

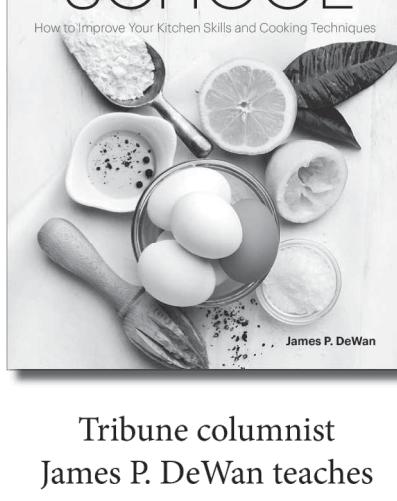
Finally, anyone who believes Trump's much-ballyhooed border wall is actually being built is buying exactly what the command-in-chief is selling.

Acting Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Mark Morgan told reporters Thursday the only new wall construction has come in places that already had fencing or barriers. The total amount of replacement wall covers 78 miles. The total amount of new wall is zero miles.

And for the record, Mexico hasn't paid for anything.

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President Donald Trump attends a campaign rally Friday at the CenturyLink Center in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Trump was combating corruption in Ukraine? Don't make me laugh.



STEVE CHAPMAN

The House Intelligence Committee is called for good reason: It oversees intelligence matters. But President Donald Trump's defenders on the committee think it's their job to insult our intelligence.

One of their more novel defenses of how Trump dealt with Ukraine is that he was implacably determined to root out corruption in that country. For sheer gall, that claim is hard to beat. It's as though Bill Clinton had rebutted allegations of an affair with Monica Lewinsky by claiming to be a virgin.

It's not just that Trump is personally corrupt, as he had to admit recently in settling a lawsuit that required him to shut down his foundation and pay a fine of \$2 million. Last year, he also had to pay \$25 million to settle lawsuits by students who said they were defrauded by Trump University.

His former lawyer Michael Cohen is in prison for providing hush money to adult film actress Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal, which he testified was at

the direction of Trump.

Tony Schwartz, who ghostwrote "The Art of the Deal," tweeted Thursday: "Donald Trump doesn't clean up corruption anywhere. He lives and breathes it every day, in every way."

It's also worth noting that Trump has never shown the faintest concern about corruption in any other country. Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, said Trump withheld aid because wanted to make sure that President Volodymyr Zelenskiy met Trump's demanding ethical standards. When Trump's concerns were assuaged, he lifted the hold.

In fact, as former Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch testified Friday, combating corruption was a high priority for her in Kyiv. When Trump removed her, he did so on the advice of Rudy Giuliani, who was working with corrupt Ukrainians she had antagonized.

Individuals, who apparently felt stymied by our efforts to promote stated U.S. policy against corruption — that is, to do the mission — were able to successfully conduct a campaign of disinformation against a sitting ambassador, using unofficial back channels," she said. Her removal only undermined the State Department's anti-corruption efforts.

Jordan's interest in the topic is a recent development. He and most House Republicans voted in 2015 to authorize lethal military aid to Ukraine — even though Transparency

International's Corruption Perceptions Index ranked it a dismal 142nd in the world. Corruption was not on the GOP radar then.

In 2017, Trump approved the aid despite Ukraine's reputation. In May, Trump's own Pentagon certified Ukraine's "continued progress" on corruption. Republicans in Congress didn't urge Trump to withhold aid to force reform, because they didn't see it as necessary — until Trump decided to pretend it was.

If he was determined to keep hard-earned U.S. tax dollars out of the hands of a crooked foreign leader, it was the first time. Trump has shown a fond affection for crooked foreign leaders, and he has been happy to provide them a cushion of U.S. cash.

Egypt gets some \$1.3 billion a year in military aid — triple the amount that Trump withheld from Ukraine. Yet Egypt scores nearly as low as Ukraine in the Transparency International index.

The worst-rated country in the world, Somalia, will get nearly \$500 million this year. Has Trump called President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed to request good-government reforms? Has he ever heard the name Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed?

Afghanistan and Iraq, notorious for corruption, get large sums of American assistance. Trump is a loyal friend to Vladimir Putin, who miraculously

became one of the richest people in the world on a government salary.

So is it plausible that Trump cared about graft in Ukraine? Don't make me laugh. Anyone who reads the memo of his July 25 phone conversation with Zelenskiy can see his mind was elsewhere.

Trump never uttered such words as "corruption" and "reform." He pointedly reminded Zelenskiy how much the U.S. has done for Ukraine. He urged him to investigate the Bidens. He told him to talk with Rudy Giuliani — who admits trying to get the Ukrainians to go after the Bidens.

When Zelenskiy expressed a strong desire for anti-tank missiles, Trump got to the actual point: "I would like you to do us a favor though." Not: "I would like you to adopt the following reforms to ensure that our assistance is not wasted." The favor was to unearth — or fabricate — information that would discredit Democrats, especially his potential 2020 election rival.

Jim Jordan may be able to fool many Republicans on the corruption defense. But I don't think he could fool a polygraph.

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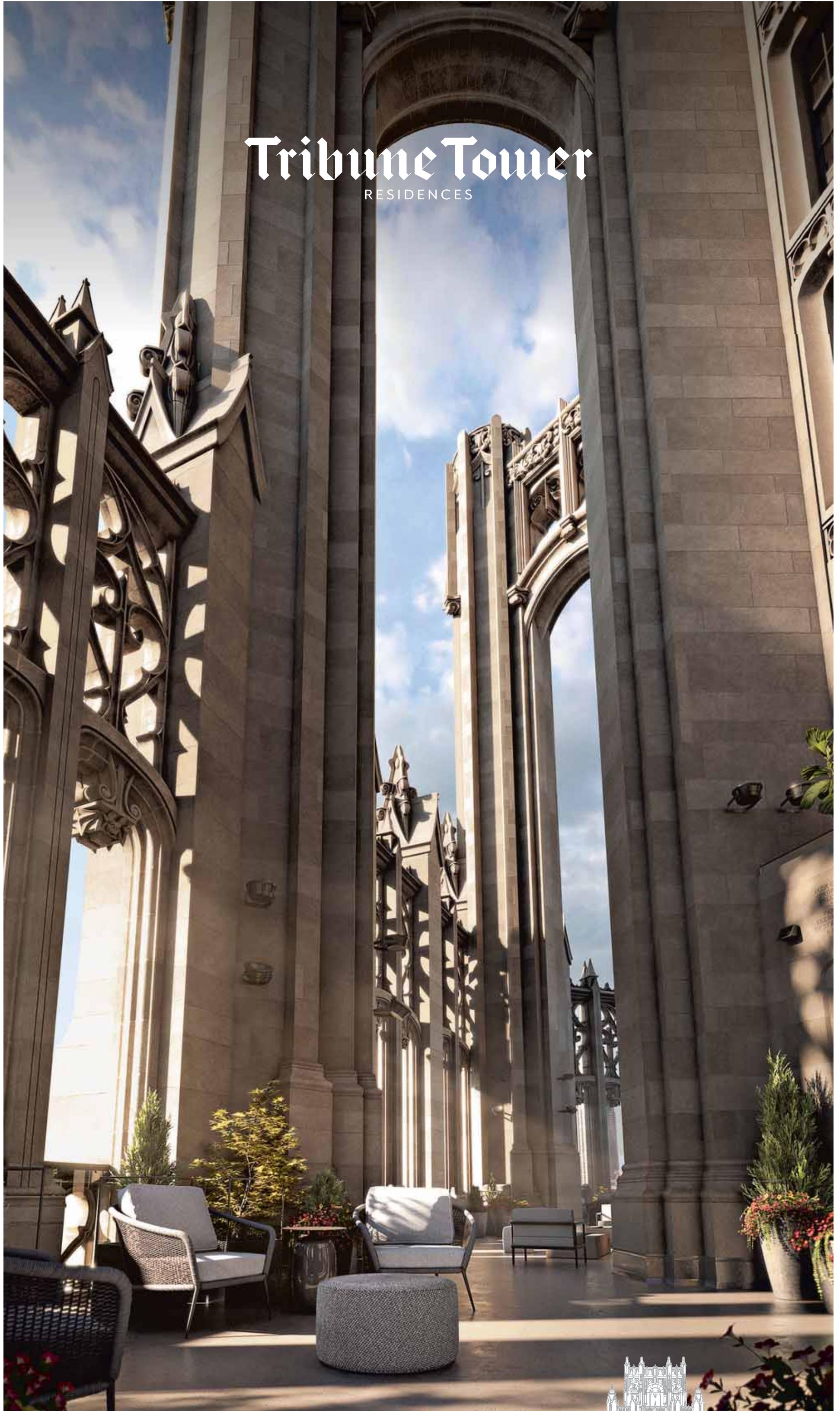
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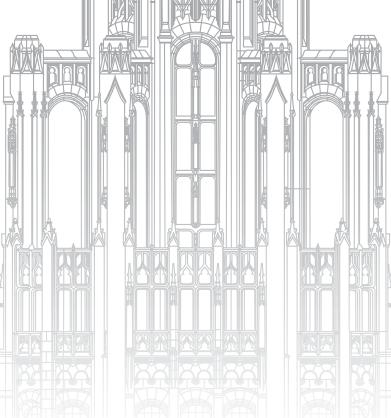
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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



Hang tough, Dish! Let Cubs-hating, Trump-despising customers opt out of paying for Marquee Network

Readers with long memories may recall that on Valentine's Day this year, I bailed on the Chicago Cubs. I had a number of reasons, including my discomfort with the strong financial support for President Donald Trump by most members of the Ricketts family, which owns the team.

But what motivated me finally to renounce the Cubs was the news that in 2020, nearly all the team's games will be on a proprietary cable/satellite channel estimated to boost subscriber bills by somewhere around \$5 a month. That channel, the Marquee Network, is owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group, a rabidly right-wing media company.

Scores of angry Cubs supporters wrote to rage that nobody cares which team I root for, which was fair enough. Fandom is a very personal thing, though evidently they cared enough to write to me about it. At the same time, scores of others wrote to express solidarity with me along with their determination not to pony up extra dollars on their cable or satellite bills next year to help line the pockets of the Ricketts family.

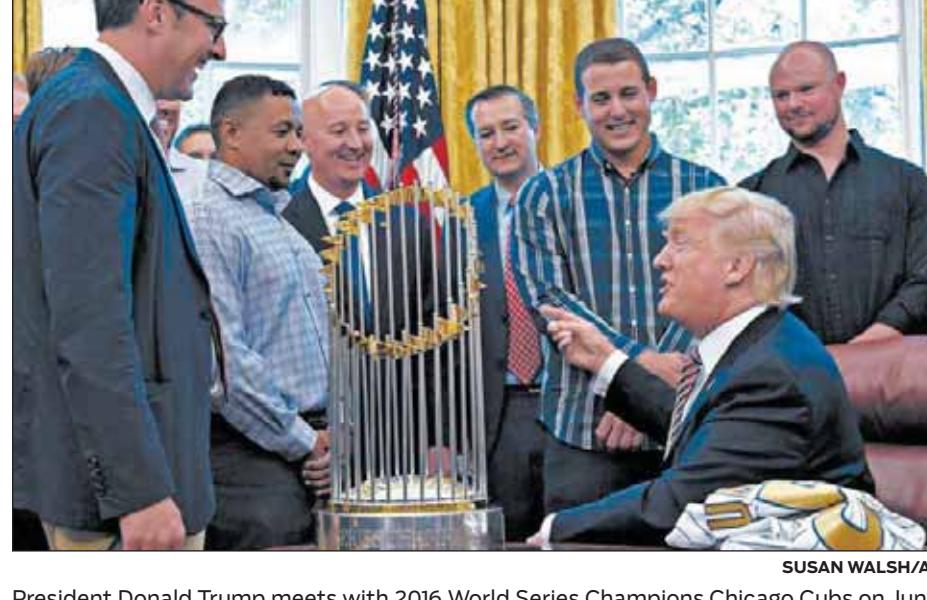
This form of abstention can be easier said than done. Cable and satellite companies don't typically offer a la carte channels so subscribers can pay only for what they want to watch and not pay for what they don't want to watch. This is in part because the individual channels — regional sports networks such as Marquee or NBC Sports Chicago, for example — insist that they be sold to consumers as part of a package deal, a bundle of channels that are included in an overall tier of service.

Why? Because if they weren't able to spread out the cost among all subscribers, the a la carte price they would have to charge per channel would discourage many casual fans.

"Our back-of-the-envelope math tells us that the Marquee Network would cost subscribers between \$50 and \$70 a month if it simply were sold on its own," said Brian Neylon, group president of Dish TV, the satellite service my family happens to subscribe to and that is currently not planning to offer Marquee.

Yes, there are a lot of Cubs fans. But they're dwarfed, Neylon said, by the number of people who are indifferent to baseball or who are White Sox fans.

"Our view is that those people, the vast majority of our customers, shouldn't have to subsidize Cubs fans," he said. "That's why we say the business model of regional



President Donald Trump meets with 2016 World Series Champions Chicago Cubs on June 28, 2017, in the Oval Office. Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts is at center and Cubs co-owner Todd Ricketts is at left.

sports networks is broken."

I like the sound of that. According to Tribune columnist Phil Rosenthal, who is all over the Marquee story, Dish and Comcast's Xfinity service are among the providers that still haven't agreed to carry the Cubs-only network. Dish has been particularly strong in this area and is still holding out against NBC Sports Chicago, thus depriving me of watching local mediocre pro basketball and hockey.

But all lofty principles aside, these companies are in business to make money. Dish does carry about 10 regional sports networks around the country, Neylon said, including my beloved Big Ten Network. If and when Dish and other holdouts decide they'll come out ahead if they carry Marquee and charge all their subscribers extra for it, they'll almost certainly fold.

If they do, I'll be the one having to make the tough choice.

Life hack: Watch the impeachment inquiry on double speed

The first day of public testimony in the impeachment hearings in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday lasted about 5 1/2 hours, which is more time than even most

of us political geeks wanted to devote to watching it. The solution — other than watching summaries and highlights at the end of the day — is to click into YouTube's playback control options and enjoy the proceedings in double time.

Yes, everyone talks very fast, but because the technology correspondingly lowers the pitch, you don't get the chipmunk effect and voices remain normal. And you'll find that your brain can take it all in just fine so there's no reason to miss a single word.

How to do it: Type "impeachment hearings livestream youtube" into your search bar and choose one to watch. If the hearings for the day are already underway, move the slider across the bottom of the image to the left until you're rewound to opening statements. If you want to watch live, just click the pause icon on the lower left. Then look for the playback speed control — on desktops and laptops it's hidden behind the "settings" icon that looks like a gear wheel; on mobile devices you need to tap on the image and then on icon that looks like three dots stacked vertically.

Choose the "playback speed" option, which YouTube began rolling out five years ago. It allows users to slow videos down to 25% of normal speed, a boon to musicians trying to figure out tunes, or juice it to 200%, my recommendation for political chat. Go

do something else for a while, then come back to your device and watch until you catch up to live action, at which point, obviously, playback reverts to standard speed, click pause again and go about your other business until it's time to catch up again.

No politician is going to complain that you didn't experience the full length of their dramatic pauses.

Artists, however, are not particularly happy about viewers having this option, as Netflix has been hearing since announcing in late October that it's testing a feature that will allow viewers to watch comedies, dramas and action shows at up to 1.5 times normal speed. The option is "frequently requested by our members," said Keela Robison the company's vice president for product innovation.

"No, Netflix, no," tweeted filmmaker Judd Apatow, one of many creative types who are aghast at the prospect. "Don't make me have to call every director and show creator on Earth to fight you on this. Save me the time. I will win but it will take a ton of time. Don't (mess) with our timing. We give you nice things. Leave them as they were intended to be seen."

I've tried watching some conventional TV shows and movie clips at accelerated speed and don't care for it much, actually. Even with pitch control, the movement of the actors is distractingly herky-jerky.

But I want the choice. If I want to try to consume, say, Apatow's 2015 comedy "Trainwreck" in 80 minutes instead of its approximately two-hour running time, well, that should be up to me if I'm paying to watch it. I feel capable of being the judge of whether absorbing all the nuances of Apatow's artistic rhythms is worth my time. "Save me the time" yourself, Apatow.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's reader poll to select the funniest offering on Twitter was, "When an employment application asks who is to be notified in case of emergency, I always write, 'A very good doctor,'" by @pungirlpam.

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CHICAGO FLASHBACK

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Greatness struck down by gunfire

BY TINA AKOURIS

Less than a week before gunfire struck down prep basketball star Ben Wilson, shattering his family and classmates and stunning Chicago, a Tribune sportswriter mused about the Simeon athlete's future.

There, in the last few paragraphs of his story about national signing day and the college destinations of top basketball prospects, writer Barry Temkin speculated on what college the 17-year-old Wilson would attend. Wilson, affectionately known as "Benji," was the only one of four highly regarded Illinois prospects who hadn't signed with a college, and his high school coach, Bob Hambric, said Wilson wouldn't sign until April.

Wilson, a 6-foot-8 forward, was ranked by some as the best basketball player in the country and had narrowed his choices to DePaul, Indiana and Illinois.

But on the eve of the first game of the 1984-85 season, Wilson was dead.

It has been 35 years since Wilson was shot twice on Nov. 20, 1984, during his lunch hour, dying of his wounds the next morning. But his legacy can still be felt at Simeon High School and by those who play the sport.

Until Wilson's jersey was retired on the 25th anniversary of his death in 2009, Simeon's best player always wore his No. 25. Nick Anderson, a member of the University of Illinois' 1989 Final Four team and later an NBA star with the Orlando Magic, paid homage to his teammate when he not only wore No. 25 during what would have been Wilson's senior year, but also throughout his college and NBA career.

Anderson was a close friend and had transferred to Simeon at Wilson's urging right before the 1984-85 season.

"I can remember that summer that I transferred, we spent the whole summer together — playing ball, hanging out, going to movies," Anderson told the Tribune in 2009.

"We just became so close. He was a brother to me."

Derrick Rose, who as a Chicago Bulls player was named the NBA's Rookie of the Year (2009) and MVP (2011), wore No. 25 while being compared to Wilson when he played for the Simeon Wolverines.

"It was an honor, because Benji was a legend," Rose said in 2009. "Benji meant so much to us. His story really scared me, knowing it happened to a great player. Anything can happen."

Wilson grew his legend helping the Wolverines win the Class AA state championship and finish end the 1983-84 season with a 30-1 record. But it was during the 1984 offseason when his reputation skyrocketed. The Tribune declared Illinois high school basketball's Class of 1985, Wilson's class, to be "one for the books — perhaps the best graduating class in state history."

Like other esteemed members of that group, Wilson was going to spend the summer honing his skills and reputation at basketball camps around the country, the Tribune reported in April of that year. "That's one reason to go to camp — good publicity," he said.

Wilson didn't disappoint.

In August, numerous scouting services crowned Wilson the No. 1 player in the country — and he loved the attention, especially after getting rave reviews from college coaches at a camp in Princeton, New Jersey.

"I liked it," Wilson told the Tribune, referring to his experiences that summer. "You got to play against all the best players. No, there wasn't any pressure on me to play well."

Soon the new season would start, and Wilson could begin cementing his legacy in Illinois basketball history alongside greats like Mark Aguirre, Isiah Thomas and Quinn Buckner.

But a chance encounter during Thanksgiving week destroyed everything.

In 1984, Simeon High School basketball phenom Ben Wilson's star was rising. A chance encounter destroyed everything.



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Friends and family mourn Ben Wilson during a graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery on Nov. 24, 1984.



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Curtis Wilson, Ben Wilson's oldest brother, accepts a framed team jersey from members of the Simeon High School basketball team during a retirement ceremony for Ben's number on Nov. 14, 2009.

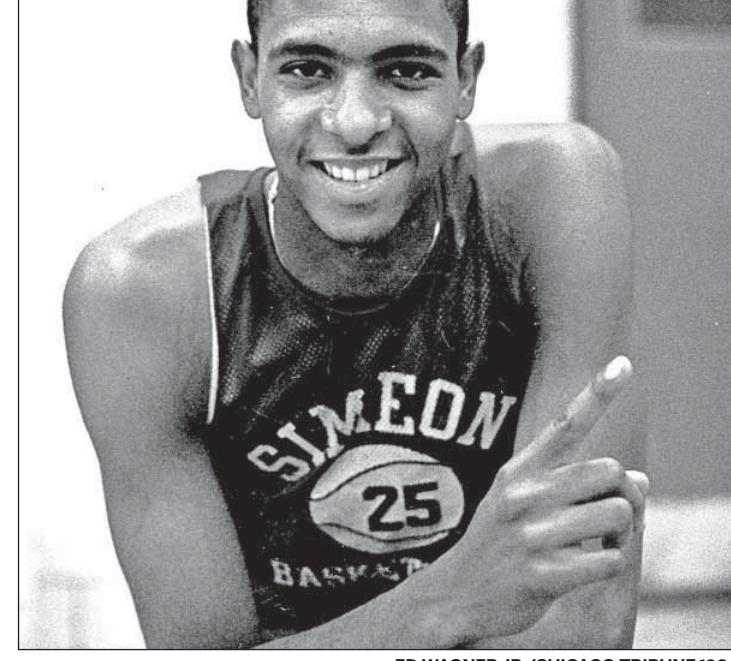
That Tuesday, Wilson decided not to eat lunch at Simeon. Instead, he left the South Side campus and walked down the street in the November chill to a convenience store with his girlfriend, Jetun Rush. There, according to accounts, Wilson crossed paths with some teenagers. Things quickly, horribly escalated.

Store owner Andre Thomas, according to a Tribune report, said he heard from witnesses that Wilson "was out front and he happened to bump into one of these three kids. Benji said, 'Excuse me,' and the guy said to him, 'There ain't gonna be no excuses,' and then he shot him." Wilson was struck in the chest and groin.

A friend saw Wilson right after gunshots had split the air.

"I came out of school on my lunch break and I saw him. He was sitting down against a fence and his eyes were closed," Leonard Carr, a Simeon junior, told the Tribune. "There were around 10 people standing around him. Some were running, some were crying. ... I couldn't do anything."

Wilson underwent five hours of surgery at St. Bernard



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Hospital in Englewood. The situation was bleak. His liver "was almost completely shot through," and a bullet had passed through his aorta, the

hospital's chief general surgeon, Dr. Hong-Ming Lay, said at a news conference.

Surgeons couldn't feel any blood pressure when Wilson

came into the operating room, Lay said. The hemorrhaging was so severe that Wilson had to be given twice the amount of blood normally found in the body.

Wilson's mother, Mary Wilson, was a nurse. So when she felt his feet while spending that night at her son's bedside, she knew there was no hope.

"I clutched his feet and prayed, 'God, give him my strength,' but his feet were already icy cold, and I thought, 'God, he's not living anymore,'" Mary Wilson said.

Ben Wilson died hours later, on the day before Thanksgiving.

"It's just so empty. There's no way I can explain this feeling. I'll never see my baby again," Mary Wilson said.

At a memorial service in the Simeon gym that day, school officials and community activists asked students to learn from Wilson's death.

"When will it end?" Simeon principal Ned McCray asked, referring to the gun violence. "When men stand up and say, 'Young men, no more. No more.'"

Wilson died the day Simeon was to open the season at the Rockford Boylan tournament against Evanston. Coach Hambric decided to take the team to Rockford, where Evanston players gave flowers to Simeon players before the game. Simeon won 71-50. No one openly talked about Wilson.

An estimated 10,000 people came out for services that Saturday. Wilson was buried at Oakwood Cemetery, where hundreds wept and cried out, "Why?"

Prosecutors charged two 16-year-old boys, Calumet High School students William Moore and Omar Dixon, with Wilson's murder. According to police and later testimony by Wilson's girlfriend, Dixon and Moore were among three teens blocking the sidewalk when Wilson attempted to pass through. After Wilson bumped into one of them and excused himself, he and the group exchanged words. Dixon grabbed Wilson's jacket pockets to rob him. When Wilson pushed Dixon away, Dixon told Moore: "This guy pushed me. Pop him."

Dixon and Moore went on trial in October 1985. Although authorities initially identified at least one of the youths as a gang member, prosecutors and defense attorneys did not address alleged gang involvement during the first trial.

Moore, the shooter, and Dixon were both convicted. Moore was sentenced to 40 years and Dixon to 30 years.

Dixon was retried in 1989 after the Illinois Appellate Court determined that Moore's confession was improperly used against Dixon in the original trial. The outcome of the second trial was the same.

In the months after his death, Wilson's family sued the Chicago Fire Department and St. Bernard doctors over his medical treatment. Wilson was shot at 12:37 p.m., wasn't taken to the hospital until 1:20 p.m. and didn't go into surgery until 3:14 p.m., the lawsuit said.

At the time, people suffering from traumatic injuries were taken to the nearest hospital, not the nearest trauma center. Wilson's shooting changed that.

The lawsuit, which sought \$10 million in damages, was settled seven years later. The family received an undisclosed amount; its lawyer, Jeffrey Goldberg, said the settlement would take care of Wilson's parents and Wilson's son, who was an infant when Wilson died.

After Wilson's death, a mayoral task force on youth crime prevention was created, and Mary Wilson was named one of the advisers to a \$3.9 million program to fight gang crime.

During an appearance in 1985 before the state legislature, Mary Wilson said she had found new purpose: "I'm beginning to feel that even in his death, there's something for me to do. We need to start thinking about what can be done to stop the killing. *The killing has to stop.*"

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EDITORIALS

Corruption eruption invites a Democratic tax debacle

Fifty weeks before voters say yea or nay to Democrats' plan for a graduated income tax that would rake in new dollars by the billions, here's what the people of Illinois see:

■ Citizens see federal agents ripping at the innards of Illinois governance and politics. From clout artists at Chicago's City Hall to lobbyists for a big utility to one state legislator who allegedly tried to bribe another, the feds are exploring how bills pass, how favors flow and how politicians scam their fellow citizens. These are individual cases, for now. But the intensifying percussion of warrants, raids and wiretaps reinforces the impression that corruption runs rampant here. Each alleged wrongdoing reeks of greed and personal privilege.

■ Citizens also see that several of the Democrats tainted by these scandals played roles in raising income taxes, property taxes, gasoline taxes and so on. Yet their serial tax increases never are enough to cover all the spending and borrowing. Witness the abject failure of the last two income tax increases, imposed in 2011 and 2017, to be the grand financial fixes that lawmakers had assured all of us.

■ Citizens see, and absorb as never before, the enormous burden of public pensions and other government spending here. The \$10,000 limit on federal income tax deductions for state and local taxes encourages more families to join the Illinois Exodus: Why wait for the next drop in house values here? And why pay ever-higher taxes to cover astonishing overhead costs conjured by the Illinois culture of political sleaze?

Will more billion\$ somehow reform Illinois politicians?

Against this sorry backdrop — the certainty of ever more tax gouges, the worsening corruption eruption — Gov. J.B. Pritzker and his fellow Democrats want voters to approve their open-ended amendment to enable graduated income taxes. Higher tax rates would hit big earners first. What lawmakers refuse to admit publicly — just try asking them — is that they'll next raise rates on middle-class taxpayers, too. That's where the real money is.

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We won't predict how voters will react to that dubious sales pitch. We are, though, pleased to stand with all the cheated Illinois taxpayers (1) who don't believe government here will magically turn trustworthy, and (2) who want Illinois just once to attack the spending side of the ledger — especially by reforming public pensions.

The next year is, then, a fraught time for the ruling Democrats. Scandal tarnishes their brand. Yet in Chicago and in Springfield, they've committed to so much past, present and future spending that they have no choice but to keep proposing ... *more and higher taxes*.

This desperate search for revenue now invites a Democratic tax debacle, with rival city and state factions competing to grab those fresh billions of dollars.

FBI raids weren't in the Pritzker Tax' playbook

When Democratic lawmakers put their graduated-rates amendment on the November 2020 ballot, they hoped not to breathe the word "taxes" until somnolent voters approved the game-changing measure. To anesthetize testy taxpayers, they



SCOTT STANTIS

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formed a Property Tax Relief Task Force — as if they really, really want to offset rising income taxes with a sop to gullible saps.

Ever since that heady springtime, it's been little but bad news for what Pritzker calls the Fair Tax.

Federal agents and prosecutors likely didn't set out to show Illinoisans how corruptly some of their governments exploit their interests. Whom do you expect the feds to indict next?

Here, of course, what's legal can be as offensive as what's illegal. Hence the public's disgust when word spread that, because Springfield refuses to seriously confront its retirement benefits crisis, state government's unfunded pension obligations have risen by another \$3 billion, to \$137 billion. Of course, that's the math of bureaucrats who answer to Illinois politicians. The independent numbers crunchers at Moody's Investors Service instead put the shortfall — taxpayers are on the hook for every penny — at \$240 billion.

Yet you're supposed to give Springfield's swift money managers more tax dollars?

Pritzker's own Office of Management and Budget telegraphed what we took as panic about the tax amendment's prospects when it skewed a required annual report to lobby for the Pritzker Tax. Voter refusal, the supposedly impartial report warned, could bring "dramatic budget cuts of approximately 15% to many essential services such as education funding and public safety" — or maybe, yes, yet another income tax hike.

(Private note to state finance officials: Don't soil government reports with threats that scream, "Governor, how'd we do?")

The Lori Lightfoot complication

Chicagoans are about to learn how their mayor wants to meet the high costs of school district and City Hall spending. During their fall veto session, Pritzker and legislators didn't fulfill her requests for legislation to enable future revenue from a casino, or from a revised real estate transfer tax.

Springfield lawmakers and their apologists see Lightfoot as a naif who doesn't know how to play their game. We see her as a mayor who now may have to raise property taxes, and who owes Pritzker & Co. no fealty whatsoever. If fed-up Chicagoans see higher city taxes as a reason to reject the Pritzker Tax, will Lightfoot break a sweat trying to change their minds?

Put it all together. Here's what the people of Chicago and Illinois are hearing incessantly: *Hi, I'm (taxes) a Democratic official (taxes), and we (taxes) just hate to (taxes) raise your, um, taxes. But we have (taxes) no choice.*

Oh — that Property Tax Relief Task Force, the eyewash? For now you can fuggedaboudit. Task force members blew their Oct. 31 deadline to give Pritzker and the General Assembly their initial recommendations. The veto session ended and nothing at all happened.

Why not? Republicans blame Democrats for showing zero interest in property

tax reform, which in theory could restrict local government spending. Can't have that.

Why won't Democrats 'let the people vote' on pension reform?

Chicago and Illinois don't have enough taxpayers to support their governments' cost structure. Even with about a quarter of state revenue gully-washing into the pension system, its debt only worsens.

Yet Chicago and Illinois pols always frame their support for tax increases as if major government costs are fixed, unchangeable demands that *cannot* be altered. That's wrong, and it's time the pols admitted as much. Other states have restructured major cost drivers. Why not Illinois?

When he lobbied Illinoisans to put the Pritzker Tax on the ballot, the governor told legislators to "let the people vote" on it. Why won't he also let the people vote on an amendment that would keep inviolable the pension benefits workers already have earned, but would reduce benefits earned in the future?

Maybe the governor and the other the ruling Democrats tell themselves that because they have total control of state and city government, they've done something right.

Maybe they think they'll persuade voters appalled by public corruption to ignore that and send those new billions of dollars to Springfield.

Or maybe all of that is the same self-delusion that tells politicians they'll be in power forever.

For now, Illinois' corruption eruption risks a Democratic tax fiasco. If the Pritzker Tax has to suffer an embarrassing defeat before our ruling pols admit they have to reinvent government here, no problem. We'll be pleased to help with pension reform and every other solution that helps the mistreated people of Illinois.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Nancy Pelosi was right the first time. The Democrats shouldn't have done this. They should not have tried to make the already overwhelmed American public believe that Donald Trump's umpteenth "norms" violation was a constitutional crisis. But no, the party's left-most elements insisted, and the Beltway press insisted. Mr. Trump had to be impeached...

My own favorite of stillborn Trump foreign policy ideas was his tweet, days before the anniversary of 9/11 this year: "Unbeknownst to almost everyone, the major

Taliban leaders and, separately, the President of Afghanistan, were going to secretly meet with me at Camp David on Sunday." The Taliban at Camp David — now *that* would have been impeachable.

All these decisions, and not least the events with Ukraine, are absolutely valid voting issues for the next election. If you're disgusted by the Trump-Giuliani Ukraine back-channel, don't vote for him. If you think Mr. Trump's protectionism and isolationism are bad for America's future, don't vote for him...

Presumably the Democratic left and its allies believe

the faux gravity of "impeachment" will grind down Mr. Trump's support at the margin and jack up anti-Trump turnout. One wonders...

What Speaker Pelosi may have recognized this summer is that the activists' take down Trump project was turning into three wasted years, and that voters might go looking for someone to blame for that. Once the Adam Schiff show closes, undecided voters will have about 10 months to decide if his politics of pursuit and retribution has been worth the trouble.

Daniel Henninger, The Wall Street Journal

• PERSPECTIVE •



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Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, left, attends the 2019 Obama Foundation Summit at the Kaplan Institute at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Can Deval Patrick's long-shot bid ease Democrats' anxieties?



CLARENCE PAGE

Having followed Deval Patrick's storybook rise from childhood poverty on Chicago's South Side to become the second black governor in U.S. history, I have a nagging question about his announcement that he's running for president: Why now?

He apparently wants to rescue the party from itself, although polls indicate most Democrats may not feel in need of rescuing. The Dems are being pushed to the left by popular progressive candidates such as Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. But former Vice President Joe Biden has been remarkably durable, despite misgivings about his early debate performances.

Enter Patrick days after former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg filed papers to meet Alabama's early deadline, although spokesmen said he still was making up his mind.

Each appears to think that he can offer something that's missing in the large field of 17 that existed before Patrick entered, although polls show

most Democrats say they are satisfied with the field they have. Yet many also are nervous and divided, after years of waiting for an opportunity to unseat President Donald Trump, about who's the best candidate to do it.

Patrick brings a lot of positives to the race. He has an inspiring life story, raised largely by a single mother, earning a scholarship to the ritzy Milton Academy in the eighth grade and graduating from Harvard Law School and being appointed assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department in 1994.

In 2007, he was elected governor of Massachusetts, a first for that state and only the second black governor in the nation.

He also served later as co-chair of Barack Obama's presidential campaign. Members of Obama's inner circle had encouraged him to run for president in 2020, but he turned it down, citing concerns for his family. Now that he has changed his mind, Obama's network of advisers and potential donors is expected to help him build a campaign in early primary states that begin voting in February.

But he also has some baggage for a man seeking the nomination in today's Democratic Party. The first problem I hear mentioned by some Democrats is his past ties to Bain Capital, the private equity firm that now-Sen. Mitt Rom-

ney, Obama's 2012 Republican opponent, founded before he went on later to become governor of Massachusetts. Obama ridiculed Romney's involvement with the sort of big-money Wall Street firm that many blamed for the financial collapse of 2008.

Democrats have grown only more critical at a time when progressives such as Warren and Sanders nip at Biden's heels. These days, Patrick needs to brace for attacks from the left, even as he is admired by many others as an accomplished business executive who could run the economy with a social as well as financial conscience.

In interviews, he has taken on that issue by calling on the rest of us to "stay vigilant or, as the kids say, 'stay woke,'" while also reaching out to those who have not reached the same level of social awareness and are "still waking."

That's clever, but rest assured that he will be called upon to put more meat on those bones of an idea. He also can claim success with running the Massachusetts health care plan begun by former Gov. Romney and emulated by Obama for the Affordable Care Act. But he also has to account for the complaints that he, like Obama, endured for the botched rollout of that plan's early days.

Biden still leads the pack, especially among African Americans — a cru-

cially important bloc in Democratic ranks. But his disappointing performance in early debates has helped Sanders and Warren, in particular, to challenge his position.

South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg also has moved up, partly because many see him as a promising second choice if Biden loses steam. Sens. Kamala Harris and Cory Booker may already have lost momentum.

Still, we must remember, no actual votes have been cast yet. Having whittled their already-crowded field down from about 25, it remains to be seen whether primary voters want to hear from yet another candidate — or two — with less than three months to go before the primary voting officially begins.

But presidential contests always surprise us. Patrick's bid is a long shot, but sometimes long shots can change a party's direction. I am thinking of our current president, for better or worse. Now the big question for Democrats is whether they can use Trump's name to unify their factions as well as Trump used Hillary Clinton's name to unify the Republicans.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Impeachment defense: Shout a lot

An old legal adage wisely instructs, "If you have the facts, argue the facts. If you have the law, argue the law. And, if you don't have either, just shout a lot."

It's true in law practice, and even more evident in the House Intelligence Committee impeachment probe. Day One of the House Intelligence public hearings on the impeachment inquiry clearly demonstrated the application of that adage.

Wednesday's televised hearing featured Bill Taylor, acting U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, and George Kent, deputy assistant secretary for the State Department. Both men are lifelong public servants who have served under Republican and Democratic presidents. Taylor is a decorated Vietnam combat veteran and a West Point graduate.

Their expertise and sober, cautious testimony fit the moment and stood in stark contrast

to the entirety of the hyperbolic hysteria of the Republican committee members' attacks on the proceedings. They described the hearings as "a carefully orchestrated media smear campaign" and tossed out right-wing, deep state conspiracy theories playing straight into the wheelhouse of President Donald Trump's base.

Democrats stuck to evidence from previous closed-door testimony and to the transcript of Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, in which the president appears to leverage congressional approval military aid to get Zelenskiy to dig up dirt on a political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden. They largely avoided any cutsey moments or dramatic oversteps.

Throughout the day, facts and law squared off against dramatic hysteria. Designated Republican attack dog Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan breathlessly and repeatedly made the baseless argument that "nothing ever happened." He didn't

have the facts to counter the two witnesses' testimony, so he resorted to empty shouting about hoax, conspiracy and media bias.

The impeachment theater will continue. Sadly, I think we can expect more of the same, hard facts battling against shouting and innuendo, and conspiracy theories galore.

It's bound to get uglier as the process plays out, but it's a vital part of our constitutional democracy: the part that protects us from blatant abuses of presidential power.

Gerald D. Skoning, Chicago

Dems' self-interest drives inquiry

Self-interest is at the heart of the Democrats' impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump's actions. Given that we are heading toward an election year, I am wondering if the Democratic presidential candidates who are senators must recuse themselves from voting on the possible conviction of President Trump should impeachment lead to a trial in the Senate? After all, on a matter as important as removing a sitting president from office, we wouldn't want to accuse Sens. Elizabeth Warren,

Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker, Amy Klobuchar or Michael Bennet of voting in their own self-interest, would we?

— Richard P. Bail, Chicago

Elected officials' self-preservation

We do not have a representative government; we have a professional government.

The primary concern of all elected officials at every level is to get reelected. It is their livelihood — their income, their health care, their pension, their mortgage payment and their children's college tuition. To get reelected, they must romance the rich, not just from their jurisdiction but also the rich from everywhere else, and not just people but also corporations defined, for funding purposes, as human beings.

Any issue, no matter how urgent — climate change, gun violence, an unsteady economy, a zooming debt, the dehumanizing of immigrants, deep-seated racism, the betrayal of our allies — all of this is of secondary importance to staying in office. The 2020 elections will be crucial to the future of our country, but they will not fix this elementary flaw

in our system of government.

— Philip L. Blackwell, White-water, Wis.

The Colin Kaepernick show

The Colin Kaepernick saga continues with a free agent work-out before a number of professional football teams. The outcome of this exercise has implications far beyond his athletic skills as the quarterback has made himself a social lightning rod.

While Kaepernick had every right to be televised kneeling for the playing of our national anthem, actions have consequences. Owners feel compelled to collaborate in filling seats. The extent to which they fail in this regard lessens profit and the money pool available for player compensation. Fans are the lifeblood of any professional sport, and to ignore their possible collective reaction would be foolhardy.

Professional skills aside, would Kaepernick become an unwelcome distraction in a locker room? Finally, can you really trust someone who has publicly placed his personal interests above those of his team?

— Bill Kucera, Elmhurst



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Heart surgery's benefits questioned

\$100M study: Stents, bypass are no more effective than drugs for clogged arteries

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON
The Washington Post

Some of the most common invasive heart procedures in America are no better at preventing heart attacks and death in patients with stable heart disease than pills and lifestyle improvements alone, according to a massive federally funded study designed to resolve a long-standing controversy in cardiology.

Researchers found that invasive procedures to unclog blocked arteries — in most cases, the insertion of a stent, a tiny mesh tube that props open a blood vessel after artery-clearing angioplasty — were measurably better than pills at reducing patients' chest pain during exercise. But the study, called ISCHEMIA, found no difference in a constellation of major heart-disease outcomes, including cardiac death, heart attacks, heart-related hospitalizations and resuscitation after cardiac arrest.

Overall, the keenly anticipated ISCHEMIA study results suggest that invasive procedures, stents and bypass surgery, should be used more sparingly in patients with stable heart disease and the decision to use them should be less rushed, experts said.

The \$100 million trial, presented Saturday at the annual meeting of the American Heart Association ahead of publication in a peer-reviewed journal, is the latest entry into a long



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The study presented Saturday suggests that invasive procedures should be used more sparingly in those with heart disease.

and contentious argument over how to treat artery blockages, one that has pitted powerful factions of American heart specialists against each other. It echoes a similar study 12 years ago that was heavily disputed by interventional cardiologists, the doctors performing the invasive procedures.

"This is a milestone study that people will talk about and write about for years to come," said Elliott Antman, a cardiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital who was not involved in the study and praised it for the wealth of information gathered and the rigor and sophistication of the analysis.

The ability to implant stents using a catheter inserted through blood vessels in the arm or groin has transformed cardiology over the past three decades. Stents have been clearly demonstrated to save lives in people who are suffering from a heart attack.

But as heart medicines such as statins have improved, there has been active debate about whether stents and other invasive procedures are more effective for people who aren't in the throes of a heart attack, but have stable heart disease — generally defined as having clogged arteries, sometimes accompanied by chest pain, or angina, when

they exert themselves.

A major study more than a decade ago found stents didn't work better than drugs, but it triggered criticism, and proper use of stents has become one of the most heated debates in medicine — in part because so much is at stake. Coronary heart disease affects 17.6 million Americans; companies that make stents are multibillion-dollar enterprises; the procedures are a major income stream to interventional cardiologists and hospitals; and many people who have stents credit their good health to the procedure.

The new study was designed to finally settle the

question of whether stents are better for patients with stable heart disease — and it could change how tens of thousands of people are treated in hospitals, transform how cardiologists talk with patients about their options, and save hundreds of millions of dollars in health-care spending each year.

But the debate over the trial's results began before it even finished. Critics compared a change to the trial's design to moving the goal posts midway through and worried that it would make the results of the trial hard to interpret.

The leaders of the trial fired back that the change

was part of the original trial design.

Now, the debate can begin about the evidence. More than 5,000 patients with moderate to severe stable heart disease from 320 sites in 37 countries were randomly assigned after a stress test indicated heart disease. Half received medical therapy and lifestyle counseling alone, and the other half received stents or bypass surgery plus medicine. Patients were followed, on average, for four years. There was no difference in the two groups' experience of a composite of five disease-related events, including cardiac death, heart attack, hospitalizations for heart failure and unstable angina, and resuscitation after a cardiac event.

The new study, Antman said, will give patients and doctors a solid framework to discuss the benefits and risks. For example, an elderly patient with stable heart disease who isn't very active but suffers some chest pain may decide on drug therapy. A younger patient who has more frequent chest pain that impedes active daily life could try medical therapy, and opt for a more invasive strategy if their lifestyle is still limited.

"We want patients to understand that it's OK to pause and it's not urgent that they have a procedure," said David Maron, director of preventive cardiology at Stanford University, one of the study's leaders. "It's important for physicians to understand how symptomatic a patient is — and what is it worth to the patient to go ahead and have a procedure."

Lawsuit aims to tie online chats to 2017 Va. violence

11 plaintiffs accuse far-right groups of conspiracy at rally

BY ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

The white nationalist rally that took a deadly turn in Charlottesville, Virginia, during the summer of 2017 shocked Americans with its front-row view of hatred on the rise.

But weeks before the violence, organizers were making preparations for the gathering in a corner of the internet.

Using a private server on a platform designed for online gaming, supporters of the rally discussed everything from restroom access to what to wear and what weapons they could legally bring (guns, knives, pepper spray) to the August rally.

Those online chats are now at the heart of a lawsuit that accuses more than two dozen individuals and entities, including white supremacists, of engaging in a violent conspiracy to violate the rights of the counter-demonstrators who gathered in Charlottesville to denounce racism and anti-Semitism.

During the weekend's

events, a neo-Nazi plowed his car into a crowd of counterdemonstrators, killing a woman and injuring dozens of other people.

The 11 plaintiffs in the lawsuit are using the online conversations to bolster their claim of a conspiracy.

"In many ways, social media has become the Klan den of the 21st century," said Amy Spitalnick, executive director of Integrity First for America, the nonprofit organization funding the legal case.

The lawsuit invokes a post-Civil War federal law written to protect black Americans from oppression by the Ku Klux Klan.

The case, which the plaintiffs anticipate will go to trial sometime next year, is a bid to connect online speech by far-right groups to real-world violence.

The Charlottesville plaintiffs, most of whom took part in the counter-demonstrations, are seeking unspecified compensatory damages as well as an injunction limiting the defendants' behavior.

The lawsuit cites more than 40 channels organized on the online platform Discord to orchestrate their weekend rally.

The online conversations were initially released by a left-leaning website called Unicorn Riot.

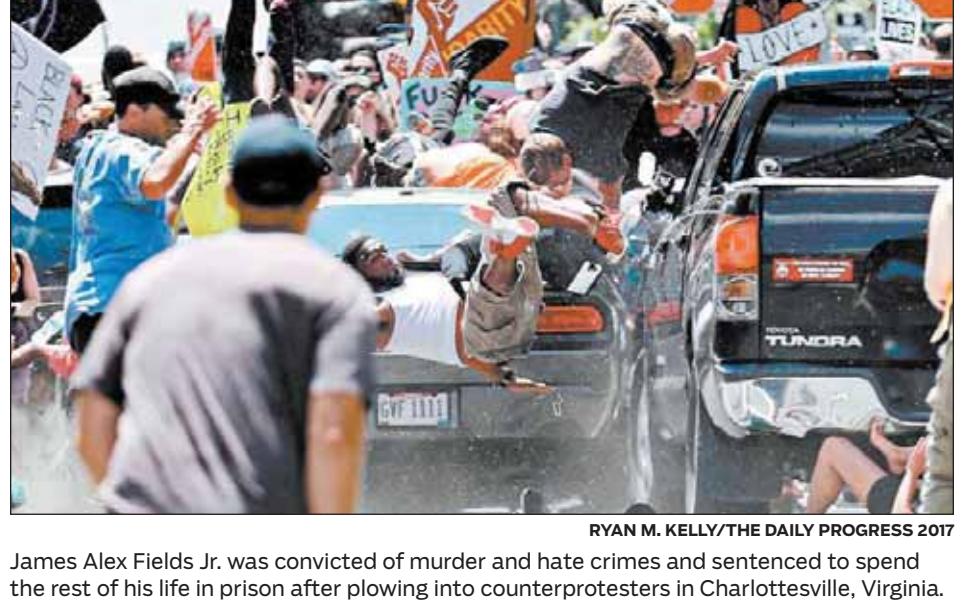
One defendant in the case, according to the lawsuit, vowed online that he would "come barehanded and barefisted," adding, "My guys will be ready with lots of nifty equipment."

The online planning and promotion of the rally show that "what happened there is no accident," Spitalnick said.

A Discord spokesman said the company is cooperating with all requests related to the case, adding, "We have a zero-tolerance approach to activities that violate our community guidelines and take immediate action when we become aware of it."

The defendants, who include white nationalist Richard Spencer, a leader of the rally, have denied involvement in or endorsement of any illegal behavior. Attorneys for the defendants have said they acted in self-defense and described the online conversations as "lawful event planning."

They have argued, too, that the rally was protected by the First Amendment right to free speech and the Second Amendment right



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James Alex Fields Jr. was convicted of murder and hate crimes and sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison after plowing into counterprotesters in Charlottesville, Virginia.

to bear arms.

Four attorneys representing defendants in the case did not return requests for comment.

During the weekend of violence, hundreds of neo-Nazis and white nationalists descended on Charlottesville to protest the planned removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. They marched through town wielding torches and shouting racist and anti-Semitic slogans. Skirmishes broke out before the deadly car attack.

The driver of the car,

James Alex Fields Jr., was convicted of murder and hate crimes and sentenced

to spend the rest of his life in prison. He is named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Last year, U.S. District Judge Norman Moon mostly rejected defendants' request to throw out the case. But he signaled to the plaintiffs that they should not seek to "label everyone at the rally (and for that matter on the internet) who disagreed with them as co-conspirators."

Whatever financial or symbolic effect the Charlottesville case ultimately has on white nationalist leaders, its potential to deter them from planning violence on the internet may be limited.

Extremists have migrated among multiple online platforms, even after getting ejected from mainstream sites such as Twitter and Facebook. And encrypted platforms give them a means of organizing anonymously, said Oren Segal, director of the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism.

Still, "even if it's not going to fundamentally change the way white supremacists operate online and how that evolves," Segal said of the lawsuit, "it's something to be said to hold people accountable for a seminal moment of hate in this country."

White House: Trump undergoes exam at Walter Reed

BY JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — President Donald Trump spent more than two hours at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on Saturday for what the White House said were medical tests as part of his annual physical.

The appointment wasn't on Trump's weekend public schedule, and his last physical was in February. Press secretary Stephanie Grisham said the 73-year-

old president was "anticipating a very busy 2020" and wanted to take advantage of "a free weekend" in Washington to begin portions of his routine checkup.

She did not specify which tests he'd received or explain why the visit had not been disclosed in advance. Trump's 2018 and 2019 physicals were both announced ahead of time and appeared on his public schedule.

Trump also spent time at the hospital meeting with the family of a special forces soldier injured in Afghanistan. And he visited with medical staff "to share his thanks for all the outstanding care they provide

to our Wounded Warriors, and wish them an early happy Thanksgiving," Grisham said.

It was the president's ninth visit to the hospital since taking office.

Trump's last checkup in February 2019 showed he had gained weight in office. At 243 pounds and 6 feet, 3 inches tall, he passed the official threshold for being considered obese, with a body mass index of 30.4.

That checkup, which was supervised by Dr. Sean P. Conley, his physician, took

more than four hours and involved a panel of 11 specialists.

"I am happy to announce the President of the United States is in very good health and I anticipate he will remain so for the duration of his Presidency, and beyond," Conley wrote afterward.

Test results were released six days later, showing that Trump weighed 243 pounds — up seven pounds from September 2016, before he became president.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP 2018

President Trump is seen with White House physician Dr. Ronny Jackson after his first checkup as president.

Married priests proposal is divisive

German Catholics cheer Amazon idea resisted elsewhere

BY KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's Catholics reacted enthusiastically when bishops from across the Amazon called for the ordination of married men as priests to address the clergy shortage in that region. Such reforms have been pushed for decades by many German bishops and lay groups who hope it can lead to the liberalization of centuries of Roman Catholic tradition.

There is resistance elsewhere for the proposal, however, with the conservative Catholic establishment making sure its voice is heard as Pope Francis prepares his own document — expected by year's end — that could determine whether married priests and female deacons become a reality in the Amazon.

Bishop Franz-Josef Bode from Osnabrueck, Germany, welcomed the proposals and suggested that a European synod similar to last month's assembly by the Amazon bishops could be a useful way to address pressing issues on the continent.

He told the Osnabrueck



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Diocese paper Kirchenbote that while the Amazon Synod's recommendations would not be transferable one-to-one in Europe, they might show the way forward to a similar type of priesthood in Germany that allows for combining work and family.

"Regarding the role of women in our societal and ecclesiastical situation, the recommendations are a tail wind for our efforts so far," Bode said.

A powerful lay organization, the Central Committee of German Catholics, or ZdK, stressed that its congregations are concerned about such problems.

"The question of whether we still have

enough priests who live in celibacy and can fulfill all the tasks needed in the community is one that needs to be asked in Germany as well," ZdK Vice President Karin Kortmann told The Associated Press on Friday.

"It's right to ask how we can open offices within the church without jeopardizing the basic principles," Kortmann said. "It is also a question of credibility that we discuss women's access to all offices within the church."

The ZdK will take part in the two-year "synodal path" meetings with the German Bishops Conference that holds its first plenary session in January in Frank-

furt. It is widely expected to push for married priests and the ordination of women, among other reforms.

Vicar generals from 10 German archdioceses sent a letter Nov. 5 to the bishops conference and the ZdK, saying they also consider "fundamental reforms of the church in Germany to be urgently necessary, indeed essential."

Cardinal Reinhard Marx, the archbishop of Munich and chairman of the bishops conference, expressed support for the Amazon Synod's proposal, but stopped short of calling for a global recognition of married priests.

In a statement after it ended, Marx tried to dampen expectations among German Catholics by saying "the synod was not about the abolition of celibacy, that's not going to happen."

The Catholic Church already allows for married priests in Eastern Rite churches and in cases where married Anglican, Lutheran or other Protestant priests have converted to Catholicism. But if Francis accepts the synod's proposal, it would mark a first for the Latin Rite church in a millennium and could help the church compete with evangelical and Protestant churches that are gaining converts, especially in South America.

The synod's proposals have not been universally embraced outside the region. Some key cardinals at the Vatican and elsewhere have voiced opposition, warning that married priests in the Amazon would create far-reaching, negative effects on the priesthood for the 1.2 billion-member church, while also opening the door to an even greater problem: What to do about divorced priests.

Most of these critics are from the hierarchy's conservative camp that has grown bolder in voicing skepticism or outright opposition to Francis. They form part of the high-level criticism buffeting the papacy over issues such as the clerical sexual abuse scandal, allegations of financial improprieties in the Holy See and doctrinal concerns.

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Outside the Vatican, Cardinal Camillo Ruini — a conservative who was St.

John Paul II's vicar for Rome and head of the Italian bishops conference — said he "hopes and prays that the pope doesn't confirm" the proposal.

Ruini acknowledged the priest shortage in the Amazon and said the proposal was understandable, "but I think it's the wrong choice," he told Corriere della Sera.

Ruini also suggested married priests would inevitably lead to divorced priests.

Most U.S. bishops have so far avoided emphatic pronouncements about the synod.

One of the more outspoken is Bishop Richard Stika of Knoxville, Tennessee, who says celibacy "is a living gift of a man to the church and should be the norm."

In an interview with the AP, Stika said there are practical reasons for excluding married priests, at least in the U.S. Many dioceses are struggling financially and would be hard-pressed to support a household that included a priest's wife and children, he said.

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Hackers exploit political biases to bait users to click malware

BY MARIE C. BACA
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WASHINGTON — Malicious software makers are increasingly turning to a new target to get you to click: your favorite politician.

The "Donald Trump Screen of Death" or a dancing Hillary Clinton are just some of hundreds of political-themed malware programs that are circulating on the internet, Cisco Talos cybersecurity experts said in a blog post this month. The programs vary in severity, from a nuisance that can be clicked away to malware that can hack a corporate network.

It's the latest iteration in our political world, preying on an partisan population that expects people to click according to their views, experts say. It also draws upon the already popular nature of sharing memes and other potentially biased information on social media.

"No one really fact-checks a meme — that would be pretty silly — so information can be shuttled in the same sort of way," said Heather Suzanne Woods, an assistant professor at Kansas State University and co-author of the book "Make America Meme Again: The Rhetoric of the Alt-Right."

As the 2020 U.S. presidential election draws near,

cybersecurity and social media experts are worried about the potential fallout related to a divided country. Already, Russia and other foreign nations have been working to take advantage of bias with disinformation campaigns, something they did during the 2016 U.S. election.

Malware is banking on a similar bias, experts say, incorporating political names and images to try to get people to click.

Malware has used these tactics for years, and experts warn that it could get worse over the holidays.

Craig Williams, director of outreach at Cisco Talos, the threat intelligence division of the technology conglomerate, says that with the 2020 election approaching, malicious software creators will target those in the holiday spirit via email or a social media link.

But those clicks come at a cost. Malware can be used to extort money or hack into a network. It can also install a havoc-wreaking update.

Even malware that appears to just be obnoxious can sometimes mask a more nefarious purpose.

Danny O'Brien, director of strategy for the Electronic Frontier Foundation civil liberties group, says malware-infected devices can be used for a wide range of criminal activities.

A program that allows access to an individual's contact list can create fodder for a "spear-phishing" campaign, like the one that preceded the hacking of Democratic Party networks in 2016. Hackers used official-looking emails to steal passwords from staffers and access opposition-research material.

And they're targeting victims across the political spectrum.

Cisco Talos researchers identified an "Obama Injector" that inserts code into a victim's device to hide a hacker's actions. "Putin Lockware 2.0" creates a screen that is difficult for the user to exit and demands a ransom payment in exchange for removal of the program. There's also "Dancing Hillary," which allows the user to control a dancing Clinton animation, though the purpose of the program is unclear.

O'Brien says malware with such an exaggerated political focus is more likely to be authored by petty thieves than a state-sponsored agent. Still, such programs can harm the political process regardless of the intent of the creator.

"What national experts in the previous election saw was that removing trust in the process itself was as important a goal as steering people to a particular candidate," O'Brien said.

Old dogs, new tricks: 10,000 pets needed for aging study

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON
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SEATTLE — Can old dogs teach us new tricks? Scientists are looking for 10,000 pets for the largest-ever study of aging in canines. They hope to shed light on human longevity too.

The project will collect a pile of pooch data: vet records, DNA samples, gut microbes and information on food and walks. Five hundred dogs will test a pill that could slow the aging process.

"What we learn will potentially be good for dogs and has great potential to translate to human health," said project co-director Daniel Promislow of the University of Washington School of Medicine.

If scientists find a genetic marker for a type of cancer in dogs, for instance, that could be explored in humans.

For the study, the dogs will live at home and follow their usual routine. All ages and sizes, purebreds and mutts are welcome.

Owners will complete periodic online surveys and take their dogs to the vet once a year, with the possibility of extra visits for certain tests. Their welfare will be monitored by a bioethicist and a panel of animal welfare advisers.

To nominate a pet, owners can visit the Dog Aging Project's website.

The five-year study was formally launched last week at a science meeting in Austin, Texas. The National Institute on Aging is paying for the \$23 million project because dogs and humans share the same environment, get the same diseases and dogs' shorter lifespans allow quicker research results, said deputy director, Dr. Marie Bernard.

The data collected will be available to all scientists.

Leslie Lambert, 33, a



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— Project co-director Daniel Promislow, above, with his dog, Frisbee

ect will develop those tools.

One dog year is roughly equal to seven human years, Creevy said, but that varies by breed. Large dogs have shorter lifespans than smaller dogs.

That makes large dogs better test subjects for the pill. Dogs weighing at least 40 pounds will be eligible for an experiment with rapamycin, now taken by humans to prevent rejection of transplanted kidneys. The drug has extended lifespan in mice. A small safety study in dogs found no dangerous side effects, said project co-director Matt Kaeberlein of the University of Washington.

Human devotion to dogs drives projects like this, the scientists said. Owners will fill out surveys, send records and submit a pup's poop for analysis if they think it will help all dogs live longer.

"People love dogs," said Promislow, who normally studies aging in fruit flies. "No one has ever come up to me and said, 'Oh my goodness, I just love fruit flies!'"

Promislow's mixed breed, 14-year-old Frisbee, will not participate to prevent a conflict of interest.

"It's too bad because she's a terrific example of a really healthy ager," he said.

Last survivor of the Hindenburg disaster dies

BY KATHY MCCORMACK
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CONCORD, N.H. — The last remaining survivor of the Hindenburg disaster, Werner Gustav Doehner, has died at age 90.

His son said a church service was held Friday for Doehner, who died on Nov. 8 at a hospital in Laconia, New Hampshire.

Doehner was the only person left of the 62 passengers and crew who survived the May 6, 1937, fire that killed his father, sister and

34 others. He was just 8 years old at the time.

"He did not talk about it," his son Bernie Doehner, said. "It was definitely a repressed memory. He lost his sister, he lost his dad."

Bernie Doehner said his father took him to visit the naval station years later, but not the Hindenburg memorial itself.

As the 80th anniversary approached in 2017, Werner Doehner told The Associated Press he and his parents, older brother and sister were returning from a

vacation in Germany on the 804-foot-long zeppelin to Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey. His father headed to his cabin after using his movie camera to shoot some scenes of the station from the airship's dining room. That was the last time Doehner saw him.

As the Hindenburg arrived, flames began to flicker on top of the ship. Hydrogen, exposed to air, fueled an inferno.

"Suddenly, the air was on fire," Doehner recalled.

Doehner said his mother

threw him and his brother out of the ship before she left, too.

They suffered burns. He would remain in the hospital for three months before going to a hospital in New York City in August for skin grafts.

Doehner was born in Darmstadt, Germany, and grew up in Mexico City. In 1984, he moved to the United States to work for General Electric as an electrical engineer, according to his obituary. He also worked in Ecuador and Mexico.



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Werner Gustav Doehner was 8 years old when he boarded the zeppelin in Germany with his parents and siblings.

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Analyst

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Rudy Giuliani and two diplomats are alleged to have collaborated to pressure Ukraine to pursue investigations to bolster Trump's conspiracy theories about the 2016 election and damage the prospects of his potential opponent in next year's election, former Vice President Joe Biden.

To advance this hidden agenda, Trump and his allies orchestrated the ouster of a U.S. ambassador, the withholding of an Oval Office meeting from Ukraine's new president and the suspension of hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. aid.

It is not clear whether any of this would have come to light were it not for the actions of a relatively junior CIA employee, who is now the target of almost daily attacks by Trump and right-wing efforts to make his identity widely public.

Dozens of senior officials—including the national security adviser, the secretary of state and the acting White House chief of staff—were either aware of or involved in the Ukraine scheme and failed to expose or stop it.

Ultimately, it came down to a lone analyst, in a cubicle miles from the White House, drafting an unprecedented document in the detached manner he had learned in his CIA training.

"In the course of my official duties," he wrote, "I have received information from multiple U.S. government officials that the President of the United States is using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 U.S. election."

This article is based on interviews with dozens of U.S. and Ukrainian officials, the whistleblower report, the White House call record and thousands of pages of impeachment hearing transcripts. Many officials and others spoke on the condition of anonymity, citing the sensitivity of the issue.

Current and former officials familiar with the ana-



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Mark Sandy, a career employee in the White House Office of Management and Budget, arrives at the Capitol on Saturday.

White House budget official testifies behind closed doors

lyst's actions said that he was daunted by the implications of his decision, both for the country and his career, and that he never contemplated becoming a whistleblower until learning about the nature of Trump's July 25 call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy.

For the call, a handful of national security officials monitored the conversation from the Situation Room.

Notably missing were national security adviser John Bolton, Vice President Mike Pence and Fiona Hill, Trump's top adviser on Russia and Ukraine, who had left her White House job days earlier.

The rough transcript of that call, which was released by the White House after the analyst's concerns became public, shows Trump opening with congratulations on Ukraine's recent parliamentary elections, then transitioning swiftly into applying pressure.

"I would like you to do us a favor though," Trump says, urging Zelenskiy to order investigations into a baseless claim that Kyiv is

hiding computer equipment that would supposedly prove it was Ukraine, and not Russia, that hacked the Democratic National Committee's network in 2016; and into a Ukrainian energy company, Burisma Holdings, that had employed Biden's son, Hunter.

The call is at the heart of

the impeachment inquiry in the House of Representatives, rising above all other allegations or evidence in significance, according to senior officials in the probe.

Several witnesses in the impeachment inquiry have said that Trump bears significant hostility toward Ukraine, stemming in part from the country's role in exposing the financial corruption of his 2016 campaign chairman, Paul Manafort.

The "blame Ukraine" idea gained additional traction after Trump hired Giuliani as his lawyer. The former New York mayor began scavenging the factionalized and often conspiratorial world of Kyiv politics for material that might be used to construct an alternate scenario of what happened in 2016 and

help blunt the Mueller probe.

Giuliani's activities became a source of concern to wary officials at the White House and the State Department in the early months of 2019, worries that intensified in May when U.S. Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch was forced out of her position in Kyiv over baseless allegations against her and Giuliani seized on her ouster to declare that he would be pushing a new agenda in the U.S. relationship with

Ukraine.

In May, Trump blocked a plan to send Vice President Mike Pence to Zelenskiy's inauguration and instead dispatched a delegation that included Energy Secretary Rick Perry, U.S. special envoy Kurt Volker and Gordon Sondland, a Trump megadonor with no diplomatic experience who had been named ambassador to the European Union.

The call ended at 9:33 a.m. Over the next 24 hours, a climate of fear and suspicion descended on the

White House, as officials who had either listened to the call or learned about it indirectly raised alarms with lawyers, senior officials including Bolton, as well as peers from the State Department and the CIA.

The day after Trump's conversation with Zelenskiy, the CIA analyst spoke by phone with a highly agitated official at the White House. The official was "shaken by what had transpired and seemed keen to inform a trusted colleague," the analyst noted in a memo he wrote to record the conversation.

The analyst appears to have concluded almost immediately that he was obligated to act, but seemed unsure about how.

The report he finally submitted reveals aspects of how he went about assembling this file. Though triggered by the July 25 call, he made clear that it drew on information that had been shared with him "over the past four months" from "more than half a dozen U.S. officials."

When the report was submitted on Aug. 12, it triggered a constitutional clash. White House officials fought for weeks to block the acting director of national intelligence from turning the complaint over to relevant committees in Congress, as required by law.

But the administration relented under mounting pressure, including demands by Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, and press reports including a Sept. 18 story in The Washington Post revealing that the focus of the complaint was a call that Trump had with a foreign leader.

Trump has waged a campaign to impugn the motives of the whistleblower, attacking him more than 50 times on Twitter and demanding that his identity be exposed.

But the events he set in motion, and the evidence now driving them, have moved beyond the complaint he submitted three months ago.

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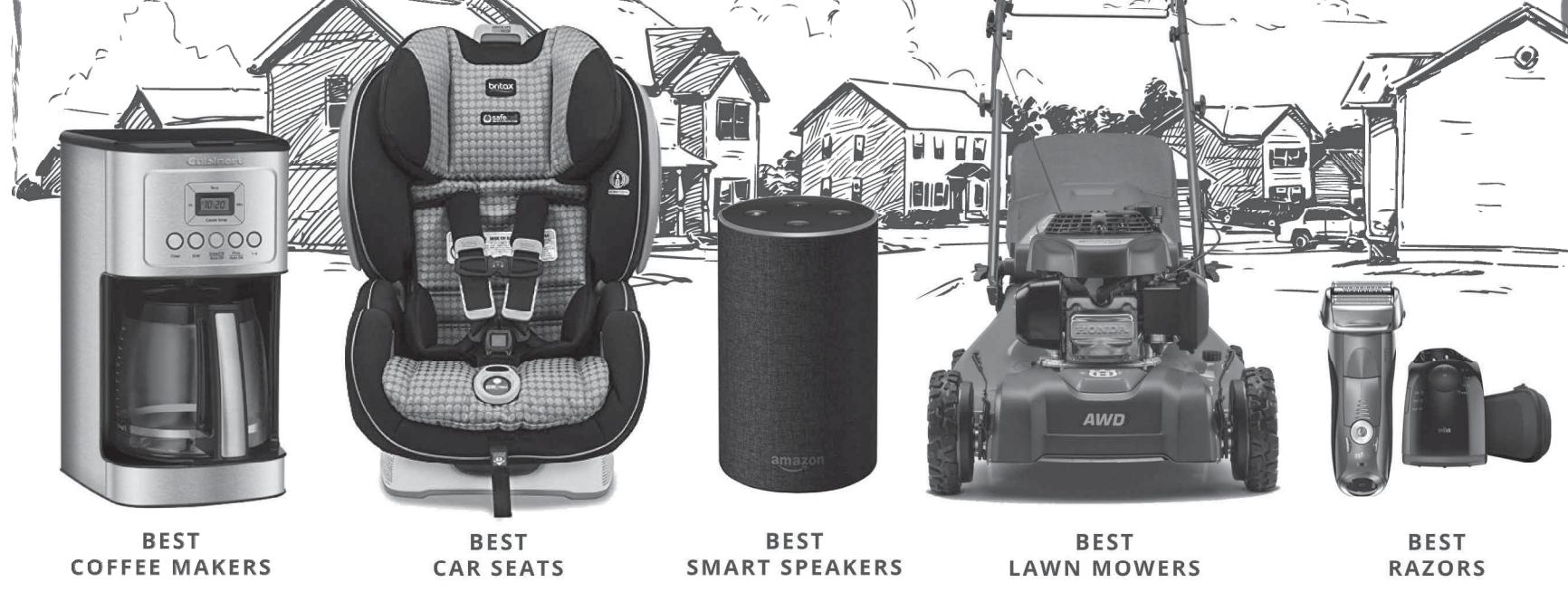
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Migrants wait inside a makeshift detention center in March in El Paso, Texas. Officials long warned that family separation would increase how long children would be held.

Border crisis no surprise

Officials anticipated kids languishing in custody and backups, but aimed to send migrants message

By Neena Satija, Karoun Demirjian, Abigail Hauslohner and Josh Dawsey

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When thousands of migrant children ended up stranded in U.S. Border Patrol stations last spring, President Donald Trump's administration characterized the crisis as a spontaneous result of the record crush of migrants overwhelming the U.S. immigration system.

But the backup also was a result of policy decisions that officials knew would ensnare unaccompanied minors in bureaucratic tangles and leave them in squalid conditions, according to dozens of interviews and internal documents viewed by The Washington Post.

The policies, which administration officials began pursuing soon after Trump took office in January 2017, made it harder for adult relatives of unaccompanied minors to secure the children's release from U.S. custody. Enhanced vetting of sponsors — including fingerprints and other paperwork — and the sharing of that information between child welfare and immigration authorities slowed down the release of children and exposed the sponsors to deportation.

The government knew the moves would strain child shelters, according to documents and current and former officials, but it was aimed at sending a message to Central American migrants: Coming to the United States illegally has consequences.

Administration officials said the policy was designed to protect children from potential abusers or criminals, but they also wanted to create a broad deterrent effect; they reasoned that undocumented migrants might hesitate to claim their children for fear of being deported. Authorities weighed deterrence — a central aspect of U.S. immigration policy under both President Barack Obama and Trump — against the possibility of children crowding into border stations. And they chose to push forward, knowing what would result.

"This will strain bed capacity," authorities wrote in a discussion paper in February 2018.

The approach caused thousands of unaccompanied minors to be stranded in U.S. custody and exacerbated the appearance of a crisis on the southern border — a major element underlying the administration's public request for billions of dollars in additional funding from Congress.

Lawyers were allowed to visit children in the border stations, and Democratic lawmakers were invited to tour the facilities when they were at their worst. They witnessed — and shared with the public — scenes of desperate children held in crowded cells without basic necessities.

According to current and former government officials, and emails and memos detailing the Trump administration's strategy, it is clear they knew that without enough beds in government shelters, children would languish in Border Patrol stations not equipped to care for them, making the government a target of lawsuits and public criticism — both of which occurred.

Top DHS officials have warned that the reprieve from the record

influx of migrants in recent months is probably temporary. Acting Customs and Border Protection commissioner Mark Morgan said last month that the number of people crossing the border is still higher than at the same time last year and remains a "crisis." Migration also typically increases in the spring, and the U.S. government is preparing for another surge of families and unaccompanied minors.

Such a potential wave of children is what inspired the early discussions about policy changes within the Trump administration in 2017 — along with debate about the policy's effects.

Staff at the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement, which is in charge of caring for unaccompanied migrant children, argued against the policy in weekly memos during the summer of 2017. Jonathan White, then-deputy director of the ORR's children's program, warned in a July 2017 memo that the administration's plan to separate children from their families and to alter the process of handing children over to sponsors would "result in significant increases" in how long children would be held.

White wrote that children would spend an average of 95 days in federal custody, far longer than the 20 days federal law allows, and that the department would need at least 6,500 additional beds in just three months. White declined to comment for this story.

Documents reviewed by The Post show that officials also estimated that HHS would need an additional \$686 million in funding — more than 50 percent above its planned budget — to accommodate the policy and create additional bed space.

But the administration did not formally request extra money for that purpose at the time, according to senior Democratic and Republican congressional aides who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private negotiations.

Mark Weber, an HHS spokesman, did not dispute those details but maintained that the border backups resulted from a historic influx of unaccompanied children. In May alone, 9,000 children were referred to the government's care, he said.

Administration officials also thought the backlog would be short-lived.

"At some point in FY19, the deterrent effect of the new policy should stop families and unscrupulous adult aliens from using the reunification process, normalizing and reversing the volume trend" of unaccompanied minors arriving at the border, authorities wrote in a discussion paper that

the National Security Council shared with senior administration officials. The paper was shared with an interagency group that met regularly in the White House Situation Room to discuss immigration and border security.

Some senior officials acknowledged in interviews that they expected some children to remain in custody for longer periods of time, but they said the policy was developed with child safety in mind; they did not want children to be released to smugglers or criminals.

"My number one concern on this was making sure that kids were safe," Tom Homan, former acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said in an interview. "I know it's a tough decision. It was never easy. You have to weigh the operational concerns, and the humanitarian concerns, and how long they're going to stay in detention. ... Yeah, it was going to increase the bed stay, but it wouldn't be like twofold, threefold, fourfold. We thought it was worth a try, and if it doesn't work, we can always pedal back and change gears."

Acting ICE director Matthew Albence said the policy was part of the "deterrent effect" the government was seeking: "The goal was to prevent these children from coming on this dangerous journey."

Albence, Homan and other Trump administration officials say the backlog arose because of Washington politics, blaming Democrats in Congress for being too slow to authorize funding for more shelter beds at facilities designed to care for children.

"No one who values child welfare and safety would argue smuggled, exploited and unaccompanied children at the southern border should be handed over to illegal alien 'sponsors' without reliable identity confirmation and background checks," said deputy White House press secretary Hogan Gidley. "The only ones responsible for crowded shelters are Democrats who want to preserve and expand loopholes used by child smugglers for purely political purposes."

A few months after the policy was implemented, HHS officials determined that it was not improving child safety.

Advocates saw a darker motive in policies that they say were "intentionally developed to inflict maximum anguish on children," said Heidi Altman, of the National Immigrant Justice Center. She said officials knew that their plans "would trigger a chain of events that left children hungry, abused and sick in overcrowded CBP facilities."

The Department of Homeland Security did a test run of the policy

in the summer of 2017, instructing border agents to interview young migrants about the relatives they wanted to live with in the United States. They then created "target folders" for those adults that could be used to take action against them, according to internal emails that the American Immigration Council obtained via the Freedom of Information Act and made available online.

At the ORR, then-director Scott Lloyd was thinking about the administration's "moral imperative" to protect children from smugglers and to ensure that gangs were not exploiting the child shelter system to enter the country.

"Our legal responsibilities are child welfare," Lloyd said in an interview. "But even from a child welfare perspective, it's desirable to deter people from taking that risk, putting their kids in that type of harm."

Lloyd said he and his staff agreed that better communication between his agency and DHS was the best way to address those concerns.

"We needed to know if a kid had any gang ties or gang ties in their family — we needed to make sure that DHS had that information and that we had that information," Lloyd said.

The partnership was formalized in an agreement that mandated significantly stricter fingerprinting and screening requirements for all adults who hoped to sponsor a migrant child or who lived in a house where a migrant child might stay.

"If this could get finalized and implemented soon, it would have a tremendous deterrent effect," Gene Hamilton, counsel to then-attorney general Jeff Sessions, wrote in notes he sent by email in December 2017 to Chad Wolf, the senior DHS official who is now in line to take over as acting secretary. The existence of the notes — but not the identity of the authors or the recipients — was first reported by NBC News.

Wolf declined to comment.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar and then-DHS secretary Kirstjen Nielsen — the two department heads tasked with carrying out the policy — voiced serious concerns, according to two officials familiar with the discussions. They worried that the agreement would be impossible to implement, could lead to longer detention times for children and would be viewed publicly as unnecessarily harsh,

said the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal policy deliberations.

Caitlin Oakley, an HHS spokeswoman, did not dispute that account, but she said in a statement that Azar "supports the Trump administration's goal of

enforcing immigration laws and securing the border."

Nielsen declined to comment.

One HHS employee who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters recalled Lloyd telling staffers that the White House wanted them "to do everything you can to prevent backups into border stations. But it is better that there be a backup in a border station than that we not enforce immigration laws and that we not deter migration."

Lloyd denied that account.

"I don't ever recall holding, even temporarily, the idea that backups at border stations was a remotely acceptable scenario," Lloyd said.

Internal memos show that for months before implementing the policy, government lawyers worried about lawsuits and discussed ways to claim that the policy would make children safer. In a January 2018 draft memo, viewed by The Post, Justice Department lawyers proposed defending the plan to conduct enhanced background checks and share them with enforcement agents as a means of protecting migrant children from witnessing the eventual deportation of their parents or relatives.

"We can argue that whether a proposed sponsor is subject to removal is a key factor in determining suitability, given the impact that immigration enforcement against, or detention of, a sponsor would have on the circumstances faced by" unaccompanied minors living with the sponsor, Justice Department lawyers wrote in January 2018 correspondence with DHS and HHS officials as part of an "analysis of litigation risk" associated with the agreement.

By the fall of 2018, most of the families had been reunited, and the number of unaccompanied children crossing the border had fallen, but the population of children in the shelters continued to grow, according to HHS data. By October 2018, migrant children were spending an average of more than 90 days in federal custody — exactly as White had predicted — more than twice the length of stays two years earlier.

Kevin Dinnin, the head of the nonprofit that operated a shelter for migrant children in Tornillo, Texas, said the crush of minors became increasingly severe through late 2018. Images of teenagers behind chain-link fences shuffling single-file from tent to tent had drawn public outrage, and Dinnin could not understand why children continued arriving at the shelter even though crossings had slowed and family separations ended.

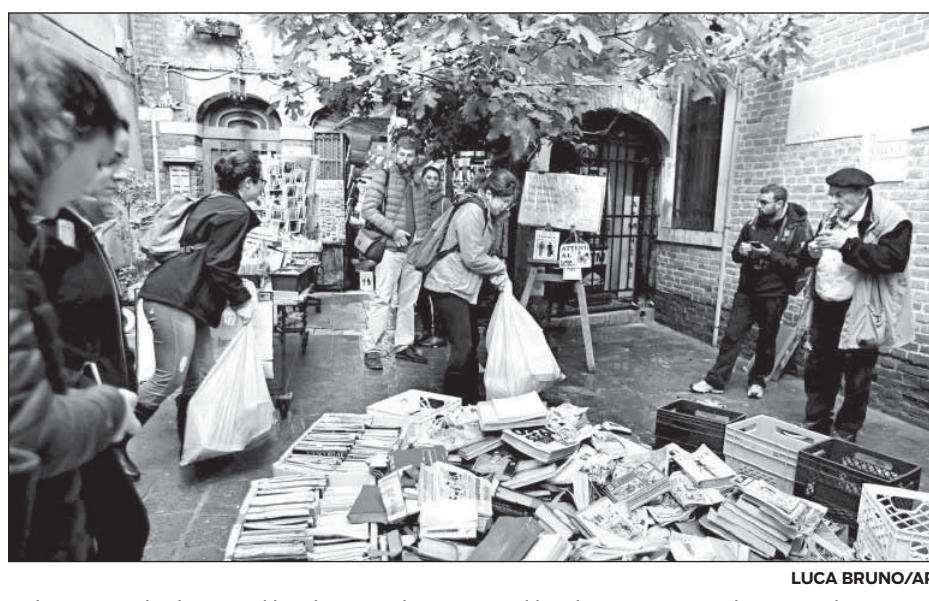
"The problem was, kids were coming and not being discharged," Dinnin said. "The average length of stay just kept increasing."

An HHS official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive policy decisions said the agency would never have opened the Tornillo shelter had it not been for the agreement with DHS.

"It was the increase in average length of care that created a need for thousands of beds," the official said.

"We needed to know if a kid had any gang ties or gang ties in their family — we needed to make sure that DHS had that information and that we had that information."

— Scott Lloyd, ex-director of the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement



Volunteers pile damaged books outside renowned bookstore Acqua Alta, or High Water, on Saturday in Venice, Italy. The flood soaked "thousands and thousands" of books.

Thousands of young Venetians aid efforts in flood of their lives

BY COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

VENICE, Italy — As soon as waters receded from last week's devastating flood, about 50 young Venetians, wearing rubber boots and gripped by a sense of determination, showed up at the city's Music Conservatory to help save precious manuscripts.

Thanks to their work, some 50 linear meters of archival manuscripts, dating from as far back as the 1500s, lay strewn in the conservatory's upper floors to dry when Italian Culture Minister Dario Franchetti visited this weekend.

"This is our city," said Laura Franco, a student at Venice's Music Conservatory who showed up with a handful of friends Saturday morning.

A growing network of more than 2,000 young Venetians are responding to the worst flood in their lifetimes to help salvage what they can, wherever help is needed.

Modeling their network after the so-called "Mud Angels" who famously poured into Florence from all over the world after the 1966 flood swamped that city's treasures with mud from the Arno, these youth

are calling themselves "Angels of the Salt," for the corrosive, destructive saline content of the lagoon water.

Social media allows them to be mustered where there is the greatest need. On Saturday that was the island of Burano and the hardest-hit area, the barrier island of Pellestrina, where one man died in Tuesday night's floods.

"We are going to bookshops, to libraries, to shops and restaurants, giving them a hand to try to help out. And when we find a lot of trash piling up, we organize carts to clean it up so it doesn't go in the water," said Vittorio da Mosto.

Many have been helping out at the aptly named "Acqua Alta" bookstore, which poked fun at the frequent high tides that until recently would typically rise playfully and recede, as if another tourist attraction. But last week, the bookstore was completely swamped, with the invading lagoon nearly floating a gondola that serves as a book display and waterlogging countless books.

"I lost thousands and thousands of books, worth thousands and thousands of euros," Luigi Frizzo said ruefully as he instructed

the volunteers to bring the ruined books to a nearby boat for disposal.

Institutions like the Venice Music Conservatory limited the volunteers to current and former students after an enthusiastic first-day turnout of the so-called "Angels."

"The problem was trying to stop all the volunteers. There were too many arriving with wet boots. We need people with some expertise," the conservatory's president, Giovanni Giol, said.

Giol said the manuscripts will be saved "thanks to the work of the volunteers."

Irene Maria Giussani, a 22-year-old viola student, has been using absorbent paper to help prevent ink on the manuscripts from running, and standing up books, including precious volumes containing all of Wagner's opera, to dry.

"It is mostly a disaster for the manuscripts, because for some there aren't even copies," Giussani said. "It means the music is lost forever."

The most precious manuscripts were being transported Saturday to Bologna and Florence, where they will be frozen in order to block any mold and also help push out the salt.

Warren unfazed by critics of goal to phase in health plan

BY ALEXANDRA JAFFE

Associated Press

WAVERLY, Iowa — Elizabeth Warren pushed back against critics of her newly-released plan to phase in implementation of a single-payer health care system, insisting Saturday that she is "fully committed" to "Medicare for All" and that she plans to first build on existing health care programs because "people need help right now."

"My commitment to Medicare for All is all the way," Warren told reporters, responding to critics who've questioned the timing behind the release of her implementation plan.

On Friday, the Massachusetts Democrat released a plan outlining how she would transition to a full Medicare for All program, first by using executive action to bring down drug and health care prices and by pushing Congress to pass a bill giving Americans the option to buy in to an expanded government-run Medicare plan.

Warren says she'll then work with Congress to pass pieces of a universal coverage proposal more gradually, with the whole thing being ready "no later than" her third year in office.

The transition plan drew criticism from opposing campaigns, with a spokeswoman for Joe Biden accusing Warren of "muddying the waters" on health care and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg's campaign calling it "transparently political."

A number of Democratic candidates, including Biden and Buttigieg, have proposed plans similar to the first phase of Warren's health care plan, which would allow Americans to buy into a public option.

Asked about the difference between her plan and Buttigieg's, Warren said "mine is about actually giving people Medicare for All that is going to be full health care coverage."

Warren also brushed off



SARAH RICE/GETTY
Presidential hopeful Elizabeth Warren has said she'll work to pass pieces of a universal coverage proposal gradually.

critics, insisting that she released the plan now because "right now is when it's ready" and that the details she's proposed are clear.

"Look, I've shown how we can do this without raising middle class taxes by 1 penny. I've shown how we can do this to get help immediately for people," she said.

But the latest rollout has underscored the political challenge she faces on Medicare for All, a policy some of her more centrist opponents have argued would hurt Democrats in the general election by turning off moderates and swing voters worried about too much government involvement in personal health care decisions.

On Saturday, Warren characterized her plan as allowing Americans to have "health care decisions that are just you and your doctor," rather than having intermediaries like drug companies in the process.

Warren has however faced persistent questions about the implementation of her plan, first on cost and now on timing. This release comes two weeks after she unveiled a much-scrutinized plan to pay for Medicare for All, which proposed raising most of the additional \$20.5 trillion her campaign believes would be needed from taxes on businesses, wealthy people

and investors — not the middle class. But some experts criticized that proposal for underestimating how much universal health care would really cost.

Now, her decision to delay passage of a full single-payer plan until well into her presidency has been criticized by some as an acknowledgement that some of what her opponents say is true: That Medicare for All will be too politically difficult to pass initially. The move could open her up to criticism from supporters of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who wrote the original Medicare for All bill and who argues on the stump for wholesale institutional change over incremental solutions.

Asked whether the move to break up implementation into two phases was an acknowledgment that passing a single-payer plan may be politically unfeasible, Warren told reporters, however, that "I don't see it that way at all."

Warren did seem to suggest, however, that the politics would get easier once Americans see what she's proposing about bringing people into the program gradually.

"When we've got tens of millions of people in the system, we've got lots of allies in the system," she said. "We'll transition to Medicare for All."

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Bolivia's crisis turns deadly as 8 people killed in clash

SACABA, Bolivia — Bolivia's political crisis turned deadly again when security forces opened fire on supporters of Evo Morales. Officials said Saturday that at least eight people died and dozens were injured in an incident that threatens the interim government's efforts to restore stability following the resignation of the former president in an election dispute.

Most of the dead and injured Friday in Sacaba,

near the city of Cochabamba, had been shot, Guadalupe Lara, director of the town's Mexico Hospital, told The Associated Press. He called it the worst violence he's seen in his 30-year career.

The national Ombudsman's Office said Sunday the death toll had risen to eight.

Angry demonstrators and relatives of the victims gathered at the site of the shootings, chanting: "Civil war, now!"



Protesters angering by Iran raising government-set gasoline prices by 50% blocked traffic in major cities and occasionally clashed with police Saturday after a night of demonstrations punctuated by gunfire, in violence that reportedly killed at least one person.

Judge reduces drugmaker's opioid settlement by \$107M

OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma judge who last summer ordered consumer products giant Johnson & Johnson to pay \$572 million to help address the state's opioid crisis on Friday reduced that amount in his final order in the case by \$107 million because of his miscalculation.

District Judge Thad Balkman's latest order directs the company to pay the state \$465 million. In

it, Balkman acknowledged that he miscalculated in his original award how much it would cost to develop a program for treating babies born dependent on opioids. The cost should have been \$107,000 not \$107 million.

Oklahoma's case against opioid drugmakers is the first state opioid case to make it to trial and could help shape negotiations over more than 2,000 similar lawsuits.

Most of the dead and injured Friday in Sacaba,

Emails show Trump property not among original G-7 sites

WASHINGTON — A newly released email shows President Donald Trump's golf resort near Miami was not among the original sites to be considered to host a major international summit next year.

Trump had claimed in August that his Trump National Doral had emerged as a top contender for the Group of Seven summit after Secret Service and other officials visited various locations. But an internal Secret Service email obtained by the government watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington

shows otherwise.

According to the July 12 email, agents were told to add Trump's resort after they had arrived at a list of four finalists.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Secret Service declined comment, citing "operational security reasons."

The email references "the original 10 site surveys we conducted at the end of May/beginning of June" and said: "Yesterday was the first time we put eyes on" Doral. The author of the email noted — without elaboration — that the

property presents "some challenges."

In announcing Doral as the site for the summit, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney called it "the best place" to host the meeting of leaders of France, Germany, Canada, Japan, Britain, Italy and the United States.

Two days after Mulvaney's Oct. 17 announcement that the summit would be held at Doral, Trump abruptly dropped the plan following accusations that he was using the presidency for enrichment.

A new site has not been announced.

Prince has 'no recollection' of Epstein accuser

LONDON — Britain's Prince Andrew has said he has "no recollection" of meeting a woman who claimed he forced her to have sex with him while she was a teenager allegedly held in "sexual servitude" by convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

The BBC asked Andrew,

59, about allegations by Virginia Roberts that she was forced to have sex three times with Andrew, including when she was 17.

"I have no recollection of ever meeting this lady," Andrew told the broadcaster in an advance clip from the interview, scheduled to be broadcast Saturday.

Andrew, the son of Queen Elizabeth II, admitted that his most recent stay with Epstein, after the late financier had already been convicted, was not "becoming of a member of the royal family."

Epstein was found dead in his prison cell in August in what was ruled a suicide.

Blast kills at least 18 in Syrian town held by Turkey

BEIRUT — A car bomb exploded Saturday in a northern Syrian town controlled by Turkey-backed opposition fighters, killing at least 18 people and wounding several others, Syrian opposition activists and Turkey's Defense Ministry said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that 19 people, including 13 civilians, were killed Saturday in the town of al-Bab in Aleppo province.

The Aleppo Media Center, an activist collective, said 15 people were killed in the blast in a busy part of town near a bus station.

Turkey's Defense Ministry said the blast killed 18 people and blamed the main Kurdish militia, known as the People's Protection Units.

It is not uncommon for reports to give differing casualty figures in the immediate aftermath of this kind of attack.

In Iraq: Anti-government protesters seized control of a strategic square in central Baghdad on Saturday, as they inched closer toward their goal of reaching the heavily fortified Green Zone, the seat of government, after days of violent clashes with security forces.

An activist involved in the protest movement was also shot dead, security officials and activists said, in northwest Baghdad.

At least 320 have been killed and thousands wounded since the unrest in the capital and the mostly Shiite southern provinces began Oct. 1. Protesters are angry at what they say is widespread corruption, lack of job opportunities and poor basic services despite the country's oil wealth.

Walmart changes disability reassignment policy after suit

AUGUSTA, Maine — Walmart has agreed to change its national policy for reassigning disabled workers to settle a lawsuit brought by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Maine.

The settlement requires Walmart to offer disabled workers a position in up to five nearby stores instead of just the worker's current location.

Walmart also agreed to pay \$80,000 to a worker

who was not offered the chance to transfer to another store.

The lawsuit, in federal court in Bangor, was filed on behalf of a longtime worker who developed a disability.

Walmart determined that the only positions that were suitable for her were as a greeter or fitting room associate. Such jobs were available in Waterville and Thomaston, but not at the worker's store in Augusta.

The BBC asked Andrew,

OBITUARIES

GRACE HUITSING 1921-2019

English professor had love for teaching, arts

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Grace Huising was an English professor at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights for 19 years.

"She was tremendously caring for her students, especially the foreign students who came from far away and didn't have family close by," said retired Elmhurst College English professor Mary Sytsma, who earlier worked with Huising at Trinity Christian. "She sometimes would bring those students to her home for the holidays."

Huising, 98, died of a heart condition Oct. 11 at her home, said her niece, Barbara Schultze. She had been a Carol Stream resident for the past three years and prior to that lived in Wheaton.

Born in Oak Park to a Dutch immigrant father, Huising graduated from Chicago Christian High School in Palos Heights. Unable to afford college right after high school, Huising worked for several years before going to college. She received a bachelor's degree from Calvin College in Michigan — now known as Calvin University — in 1946, and then a graduate degree in English from the University of Michigan.

Huising began her ca-



FAMILY PHOTO

Trinity Christian named Grace Huising an honorary alumna of the year in 2011.

reer as an English teacher at Illiana Christian High School, which now is located in Dyer, Indiana. One of her students, Joyce Vandermolen, was in the first graduating class at Illiana, which was founded in 1945.

"She loved education, and probably appreciated (her college education) more than someone who didn't have that gap," Vandermolen said. "Her life in a way was dedicated to teaching."

After about three years at Illiana, Huising took a job teaching English at Grand Rapids Christian High School, where she taught for 20 years. In 1968, she shifted to teaching college, signing on as an assistant

professor of English at Trinity Christian.

Huising later was promoted to associate professor.

"She loved students, and being part of their lives and spreading her love of literature," Schultze said. "She really loved all of the arts."

After retiring from Trinity Christian in 1987, Huising traveled to China for 11 consecutive summers to serve as a volunteer instructor of English as part of the English Language Institute there. Huising later taught English as a second language to Vietnamese refugees at her church for many years, friends said. Through her church, Huising also helped care for a refugee family from Ethiopia, Sytsma said.

"Grace was a tireless, tireless volunteer for helping that family and their English skills," Sytsma said.

Trinity Christian named Huising an honorary alumna of the year in 2011.

There were no immediate survivors.

"She was the kind of person who never married, but her arms were full," Sytsma said. "She had lots of people who she loved and cared for."

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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ON NOVEMBER 17 ...

In 1558 Elizabeth I ascended the English throne after Queen Mary I died.

In 1755 King Louis XVIII of France was born in Versailles.

In 1800 Congress held its first session in Washington in the partly completed Capitol.

In 1869 the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1889 the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon, and between Chicago and San Francisco.

In 1917 sculptor August Rodin died in Meudon, France; he was 77.

In 1926 the Chicago Blackhawks played their first hockey game, beating the Toronto St. Patricks 4-1.

In 1934 Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as Lady Bird.

In 1942 film director Martin Scorsese was born in Flushing, New York.

In 1962 President John F. Kennedy dedicated the capital's Dulles International Airport.

In 1968 NBC outraged football fans by cutting away from the closing minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin a television special, "Heidi," on schedule. Viewers were deprived of

state's presidential tally, forbidding Secretary of State Katherine Harris from certifying results of the marathon vote count just as Republican George W. Bush was advancing his minuscule lead over Democrat Al Gore. (Also, a federal appeals court refused to block recounts under way in two heavily Democratic counties.)

In 2001 the Taliban confirmed the death of Mohammed Atef, an al-Qaida chieftain, in a U.S. airstrike three days earlier.

In 2002 Abba Eban, the statesman who helped persuade the world to approve creation of Israel and dominated Israeli diplomacy for decades, died near Tel Aviv; he was 87.

In 2003 John Allen Muhammad was convicted of two counts of capital murder in the Washington-area sniper shootings. Also in 2003 Arnold Schwarzenegger was sworn in as the 38th governor of California. Also in 2003 Rush Limbaugh returned to radio after five weeks of rehabilitation for a painkiller addiction.

In 2004 it was announced that Kmart was acquiring Sears in a surprise \$11 billion deal.

In 2005 U.S. Rep. John Murtha, of Pennsylvania, considered one of Congress' most hawkish Democrats, called for an immediate U.S. withdrawal from Iraq.

In 2007 a Nobel-winning U.N. scientific panel said in a landmark report that the Earth was hurtling toward a warmer climate at a quickening pace.

In 2013 a string of tornadoes in central and southern Illinois killed six people, injured more than 100 and flattened large swaths of Washington, a city of 15,000 near Peoria. (Storms also killed two people in Michigan.) Also in 2013 a Boeing 737 crashed at the Kazan airport in central Russia, killing 44 passengers and six crew members.

In 2014 Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon activated the state's National Guard and declared a state of emergency in anticipation of a grand jury decision on whether to indict Ferguson police Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of African American teen Michael Brown.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS Nov. 16

Powerball 14 22 26 44 63 / 26
Powerball jackpot: \$70M
Lotto 7 14 15 17 26 36 / 7

Lotto jackpot: \$1.25M

Pick 3 midday 344 / 8

Pick 4 midday 2684 / 7

Lucky Day Lotto midday 6 18 29 30 42

Pick 3 evening 527 / 5

Pick 4 evening 6970 / 3

Lucky Day Lotto evening 20 23 26 27 32

Mega Millions 12 19 34 34 68 / 20

Mega Millions jackpot: \$178M

Pick 3 midday 613 / 2

Pick 4 midday 5615 / 9

Lucky Day Lotto midday 02 04 08 09 40

Pick 3 evening 167 / 3

Pick 4 evening 2398 / 1

Lucky Day Lotto evening 11 14 21 25 42

Nov. 19 Mega Millions: \$192M

INDIANA Nov. 16

Lotto 35 12 15 34 38

Daily 3 midday 671 / 8

Daily 4 midday 6674 / 8

Daily 3 evening 204 / 3

Daily 4 evening 9683 / 3

Cash 5 49 26 27 44

MICHIGAN Nov. 16

Lotto 01 11 14 33 37 40

Daily 3 midday 104

Daily 4 midday 0825

Daily 3 evening 937

Daily 4 evening 7973

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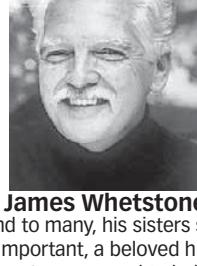
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James Whetstone

A great friend to many, his sisters still miss him, but most important, a beloved husband and companion for 50 years. Hard to believe that three years have flown by so quickly. I think of James daily as he continues to be by my side in spirit.

With much love, Marvin

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Death Notices

Aldridge, Jeffrey Peter

Jeffrey Peter Aldridge, age 78; beloved husband of Judy Aldridge, nee Briell; loving father of Brill (Jason) Garrett and Jeff (Jennifer) Aldridge; dear grandfather of James Aldridge; fond brother, uncle, and friend to many. Memorial Service Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Salvation Army, 615 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314 or [www.salvationarmyusa.org](#), are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home**. 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](#).



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Andreopoulos, Angeliki

Angeliki Andreopoulos, nee Karakasili, 86, born in Ekkisoula, Megalopolis, Greece, passed away Nov. 15, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Anestis; devoted daughter of the late Vasilis and Christina Karakasili, nee Papadopoulos; loving sister of Nick (the late Linda) and Konstantinos Karakasili, Fotini (Diamantini) Karadis and the late Elena and the late Yianni Karakasili; cherished aunt of Alexandra (Christopher) Demas and Christos (Alexandra) Karadis and great aunt of Panagiota and Baby Girl Demas; dear cousin and friend of many. Visitation Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 10:00 AM until time of Funeral Service at 11:00 AM at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 2701 N. Sheffield Ave, Chicago. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Church. For additional information, please call 847-375-0095 or visit [www.jgadinais.com](#)

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Aurience, Frances

Frances Aurience nee Mazzone age 69. Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Dearest mother of the late Jennifer Laden. Loving step-mom of Eileen Zemko, Anthony and Maureen. Cherished Grandmother of Emily, Matthew and Joey. Fond Sister of Ginny(Nick) Lunsford. Many nieces, nephews relatives and friends, Funeral Service Thursday 11 A.M. at Brust Funeral Home 415 N. Gary Ave. Carol Stream, IL Visitation Wednesday 2-9 P.M. Interment River Hills Memorial Park Batavia, IL 630-510-0044

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Barnett, Larry

Larry Barnett, 64. Caring son of Eugene (Enid) and the late Sara; beloved husband of Barbara; devoted father of Steven (Laura), Stephanie, and Ryan (Amanda Piza); proud grandfather of Lily, Alyson, Jack, and Vienna; cherished brother of Lynn Morris and Michael (Angela); loving uncle of many. Funeral service Monday, Nov. 18, 12 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to APS Foundation of America, [www.apsfa.org](#). For funeral info: 847-256-5700.

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BARRETT, SARAH G. 'SALLY'

In Loving Memory
Sister Sarah 'Sally' Barrett, 81, passed away unexpectedly on October 25, 2019 in Oak Park, IL. Sister Sarah 'Sally', a Catholic nun will be missed by her brothers, Alfred and Michael, her sister, Adeline, nieces, nephews and her dearest friend Elizabeth. Sister Sarah lived a life of service and will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

A Funeral Service in her memory will be held on Tuesday, November 19 from 9 to 10 am at St. Bernardine Catholic Church, 7246 Harrison St., Forest Park, IL. Interment will follow at 11:45 am at Queen of Heaven Catholic Mausoleum, 1400 S. Wolf Rd., Hillside, IL

Begoun, Ina Jean

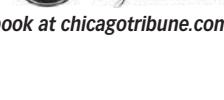
Ina Jean Begoun, nee Lefstin, age 86, of Northbrook, formerly of Lincolnwood, wife of Sherwin Begoun; mother of Michael (Jackie) Begoun, Miriam (Dr. Phillip) Markowitz and Richard Begoun; Grandma Gittie of Eric, Adam (fiancée Brittany), Zachary, Steven (Rachel), Andrew (Andrea) and Alyssa; great grandmother of Elizabeth; daughter of the late Sara and the late Samuel Lefstin; sister of the late Dr. Alan (late Dorinne) Lefstin; dear aunt and friend to many. Graveside service Monday, time to be determined, Walheim Cemetery, Gate 204, 18th & Harlett Ave., North Riverside. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the charity of your choice. For service time, contact The Goldman Funeral Group, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](#) (847) 478-1600.

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Berghthal, Dorothy B.

Dorothy B. Berghthal, age 85. Devoted daughter of the late Andrew P. and Magdalene. Loving sister of Andrew Berghthal, David Berghthal, and the late Eileen (late John) Geraty. Dear aunt of Mary Geraty, Margaret (Vito) Genaris, and Colleen Garety. Fond great aunt of Daniel and Nicole Genaris. Visitation Monday, November 18, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60646. Funeral Tuesday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Thecla Church. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info 773-774-0366 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](#)



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Bolimowski, Tomek A.

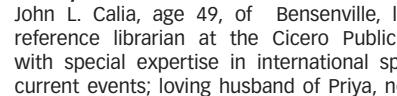
Tomek Arthur Bolimowski ("Tomasz" "Thomas"), 55, multimedia artist and professional interpreter, formerly of Chicago, passed away at home in San Diego after a prolonged illness, November 8th 2019. Born in Warsaw, Tomek attended Ain Shams University in Cairo and earned his M.A. in Linguistics from Maria Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin, Poland. Sorely missed by his long-time friend and companion, Liz Kavanagh of Chicago; son of Hanna Kenigsman Bolimowska and the late Stanislaw Bolimowski of Warsaw. Faithful parent to his "fur babies" - Lucy and the late Wiggle and Bo. A celebration of his life and art will be held in January 2020 - details forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Chicago K9 Enrichment Initiative (Lucy's Alma Mater) <https://www.k9ei.dog/> or <https://www.famousfidorescue.org/>. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois** 773-281-5058 or <https://www.cremation-society.com>.



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Cachur, Marian L.

Marian L. Cachur nee Lewandowski passed away peacefully on November 12, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Peter Cachur. Loving mother of Robert (Cheryl Janusz) Cachur and Carol (Michael) Moscicke. Proud grandmother of Julian A. Cachur, Trevor A. Cachur, Marian Moscicke, and Hans Moscicke. Cherished great grandmother of Matthew Moscicke. Dear sister of Benjamin, Adeline, Norbert, Bernice, and the late Richard and Leo. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held by Marian's family at a later date.



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Calia, John L.

John L. Calia, age 49, of Bensenville, longtime reference librarian at the Cicero Public Library with special expertise in international sport and current events; loving husband of Priya, nee Prak; dear brother of Roland (James D'Archangelis) Calia; cherished son of Grace, nee Bimonte and the late Roland Calia; dear cousin of many. Visitation Sunday, November 17, 2019, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet Monday, November 18, 2019, for a Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst. Interment Private. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](#)

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Catania OFM Conv., Br. Angelo

Br. Angelo Catania OFM Conv. died on November 13, 2019, in Libertyville IL. He was born Carmen Joseph Catania on March 22, 1942, to Frank and Lillian Rosalia (Russo) Catania in Oak Park IL. He was predeceased by his parents, and is survived by his brothers Guy and Frank, along with a number of cousins, nieces, and nephews. He professed Simple Vows as a Conventual Franciscan on July 15, 1963, and Solemn Vows on July 15, 1966.

Most of his decades of Franciscan service were spent in southern Indiana at the Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, or in Carey OH at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation. Through those years he worked in several different areas: cook, administration, retreat center staff member, and as part of the Shrine's pilgrimage team. His last period of service was at Marytown, the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Libertyville IL, greeting pilgrims around the Shrine and in the Gift Shop. When he wasn't greeting the buses at the Shrine in Carey, Br. Angelo was famous for his 'park-bench ministry,' either moving from person to person, or sometimes simply staying in one place as the pilgrims came to greet him. He listened to their stories, sharing in their joy or consoling them in their sorrows.

"Brother Angelo will be remembered by thousands of pilgrims to Carey," said Bishop John Stowe OFM Conv. of Lexington KY. "He was often the face of hospitality for the shrine: he relished greeting the pilgrims as they arrived on buses and sending them off with prayer as they departed. He was also known to have sung a verse of 'That's Amore,' especially with Italian-American pilgrims."

"Br. Angelo excelled at the ministry of presence," said Friar Jim Kent OFM Conv. "He had an ability to truly with people, and always tried to be aware of others' needs. He had such a listening heart and understood the value of giving people his time. He left a lasting impression on people."

Br. Angelo's cousin Ronald Catanzaro said "He was a true son of St. Francis for more than 50 years. He was a great family member, always present in our lives. He's going to be missed by all."

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 18 at noon in the Chapel at Marytown (1600 West Park Avenue, Libertyville IL 60048). There will be visitation and a funeral Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey OH on November 20. At Mount St. Francis IN there will be a funeral in the Chapel on November 26, with burial following in the Friars' cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the Province of Our Lady of Consolation, 103 St. Francis Boulevard, Mount St. Francis, IN 47146. For more information and photographs from Br. Angelo's years of service, please visit the Province website: [www.franciscansusa.org](#)

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Cirone, James Edward

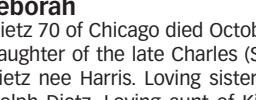
James "Jim" Edward Cirone, age 74; loving father of (Joseph (Caryn) Cirone; dear grandfather of Kyler and Braxton Cirone; fond uncle and friend to many. Jim's family would like to thank Paula Jeske, Roger Musso, Wally Clein, Robert Parrish, and the Findlay, IL community for their years of care and support. Visitation Tuesday, November 19th, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Wednesday, November 20th, 9:15 a.m. from **Sullivan Funeral Home**, 60 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521 to St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. Mass, 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Amita Health Cancer Institute, 1 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521 or <https://donation.adventhealth.com/ahh/>. Interment private. 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](#).



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DeMarco, Rosie

Rosie DeMarco nee Cooreman, at age 82, died peacefully on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at her home in Chicago, IL. Rosie was born January 2, 1937 in Mishawaka, IN. She lived the majority of her youth and adolescence on her parent's farm in New Carlisle, IN. She moved to Chicago in the late 1950s where she met her beloved husband, Frank. They married on August 20, 1960 and just celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Her life's commitment was to her family and friends. Rosie was the beloved wife of Frank DeMarco Jr.; loving mother of Mary DeMarco, Roseann DeMarco, Frank DeMarco and her dog, Chloe; beloved daughter of the late Marcell and Erma Cooreman nee Rodts; sister of Margie Flatt and Marcell Cooreman Jr.; dear aunt of her nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her loving extended family and her dearest friends. Memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral Services begin Thursday at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and will proceed to St. Priscilla Church for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment is private. In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Diabetes Association 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900 Arlington, VA 22202 or 1-800-342-2382. For more info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](#) or 708-456-8300.



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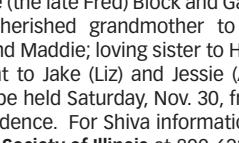
Dietz, Deborah

Deborah Dietz 70 of Chicago died October 31, 2019. Beloved Daughter of the late Charles (Sterling) and Dorothy Dietz nee Harris. Loving sister of the late John Randolph Dietz. Loving aunt of Kirsten Dietz. Dear cousin of William Harris, Jennifer Kraly, Thomas Chelius. Friend and valued political consultant to many. Cremation and services were private. Donations to Holy Name Cathedral Chicago will be appreciated.

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Donahue, Franklin A.

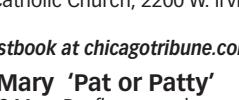
Franklin A. Donahue, 87 of Arlington Hts., loving husband of 61 years to Johanna (nee Bonazza); beloved father to Suzanne (Karl) Langhammer, Thomas (Jana) Donahue and Carolyn (Dan) Fitzgerald; cherished grandfather to Lauren (Fiance Andrew Tassy) Langhammer & Nicholas (Fiance Katie Kuranty) Langhammer, Caileigh and Jake Donahue, Haley, Sarah and Brian Fitzgerald; sister-in-law Mary Reifsteck; dear brother to the late Jerry; and fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Monday, November 18, 2019 from 4 pm until 8 pm at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (four blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Memorial Visitation 9 am, Tuesday, November 19, 2019 until the 10 am Funeral Mass at St. Edna Catholic Church, 2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Interment will be at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Edna Outreach Program. Funeral information and condolences can be given at [GlueckertFuneralHome.com](#) or (847) 253-0168.



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Dorman, Arleen 'Owie'

Arleen 'Owie' Dorman, 81, passed away surrounded by family on November 12, 2019. Beloved mother of Michelle (the late Fred) Block and Gary (Chantelle) Cipinko; cherished grandmother to Mollie, Dani, Phoebe, and Maddie; loving sister to Harvey (Lynda) Shiva will be held Saturday, Nov. 30, from 3-6pm, at Gary's residence. For Shiva information, please call **Cremation Society of Illinois** at 800-622-8358.



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Doyle, Lois E.

Formerly of Chicago, age 87, died on Friday, November 8, 2019. The Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 2200 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago.

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Druftke, Mary 'Pat or Patty'

1924 - 2019 Mary Druftke passed away peacefully on November 11, 2019 in Pickerington Ohio where she has resided in the past



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Fagan, Ronald Michael

Ronald M. Fagan, April 22, 1934 – October 26, 2019, of Chicago & Sun City Center, FL died after a long illness. His 85 years included time at St. Ignatius HS. He played football at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN. He served in the US Army and while stationed in CA, met his wife, Miki, also from Chicago.

He was a man of many talents, artistic and well read. He enjoyed sports, architecture, history and his hometown, Chicago. He retired from the City of Chicago after 35 years of service – Police Officer and Stationary Engineer with CPS. He had great stories about side jobs in breweries, other places and people he met along the way. Not one to sit around, after retirement, he worked for Prince of Peace Church, in Sun City Center, FL. He never met a stranger. He was curious and kind. With a twinkle in his eye, he famously asked, how is your love life? and are you happy? He offered sage advice about what really matters. He did, after all, walk up hill to school both ways and only he knew if a bear really slept in the woods.

He is remembered fondly by his wife of 59 years, Mary (Miki) Fagan, his five children, James (Randy) Fagan, Francis (Maribeth) Fagan, Gerriann Fagan and Gene Beatty, Michael (Georgetta) Fagan and Ronald (Norka) Fagan. His grandchildren, Conor & Patrick (IL) and Ronald and James (TX) & great granddaughter, Camilla, carry on his name. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Mary Fagan and his brother, Edward Fagan.

The family is thankful for his doctors, nurses and caregivers. Ron took comfort in knowing that he may be able to help others by donating his brain to Boston University's CTE Research Center for study. Last word of advice from Ron ... worldly things don't matter. You can't take them with you.

Family and friends will celebrate his life on Saturday, December 14th from 1 – 4 p.m. at 400 E. Randolph, Chicago, IL 60601. Donations can be made in his memory to www.gbs-cidp.org or Boston University CTE Center (Attn. R. Downes), 72 E. Concord Street, B-7800 Robinson, Boston, MA 02118.

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Ferguson, Charles 'Stan'

Charles "Stan" Ferguson, 74, of Palatine, IL and Fountain Hills, AZ, passed away on November 8, 2019. Beloved father of Heather (Ross) Vittore and Stan (Abby) Ferguson. Loving grandfather of Lucas, Shaun, Ella, and Anna. Longtime companion and friend of Debi Ferguson Cooper. Brother, uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Stan was a PGA Golf Professional and Instructor, spending almost 30 years as Head Golf Professional at Inverness Country Club. His charm and talents will truly be missed by all. Memorial Visitation will be held 3 PM - 8 PM, Friday, November 22, Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E Northwest Highway, Palatine. Memorial Service will be held 11 AM, Saturday, November 23 at the funeral home. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Evans Scholars Foundation, One Briar Road, Golf, IL 60029 or St. Peter Lutheran Church, c/o Comfort Dog Ministries, 111 W Olive Street, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Funeral Info 847-359-8020 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Fitzgerald, Robert Drake 'Bob'

Robert Drake Fitzgerald peacefully passed away at his home in Lake Forest IL on Monday, November 11, 2019. He was 86 years old and had been dealing, as gracefully as possible, with the advancing frustrations and challenges of living with dementia. Bob was born in Milwaukee WI on December 12, 1932. He was the first child of Robert and Virginia Fitzgerald and was joined by his brother Thomas Fitzgerald. Losing his father at a young age he, his brother and mother went to live with her family, the Barkers, in Louisville KY. Virginia remarried Charles Ilsley, and the family moved back to Milwaukee, joining the Ilsley children, stepson Lloyd and step brother Charles. Bob went to Milwaukee Country Day School and graduated from Brown University. Later he earned his MBA from The University of Chicago. Bob married Patty O'Riley of Lake Forest IL, on May 25, 1962, a union of love and devotion that defined the lives of both.

They had two children, Virginia and Robert and after a few years on the north side of Chicago they moved to Lake Forest. Bob was a banker, working for the Harris Bank, the Continental Bank and the Bank of America. His greatest professional success was as a private banker, bringing together his sensitivity and attention to the very human needs of clients with his expertise and understanding of the fiduciary world. He loved to travel, loved being with his family which included six grandchildren and being helpful to those in need. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Lake Forest where his strong voice could be heard enthusiastically contributing to the hymns. Bob is survived by his wife Patty Fitzgerald of Lake Forest IL, daughter Virginia Fitzgerald of Natick, MA, and her two daughters Maya and Harriet and son Bob Fitzgerald of Marblehead, MA. His wife Jennifer and four sons Owen, Henry, Ned and Wing and his younger brother Tom Fitzgerald of Milwaukee WI. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to PADS of Lake County, 1800 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085. Services will be held at a later date. Info: Wenban Funeral Home (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Fogarty, James Joseph

Jim found serenity on November 1, 2019, surrounded by his family. Jim was born in Chicago on December 13, 1934, to Evelyn and William Emmett Fogarty. He had a brother and sister, William (Bill) and Kathleen (Kay) Szymaniak. Jim leaves behind his beloved wife of the past 22 years, Arlene "Micki" Fogarty (nee Harstad), and the twelve children between their two families. The children of Jim and Myrna (nee Engel) include Anne (John Wall), Beth (Mario Bernardi), Jim (Julie), Margaret (Paul DeWoskin), Peter (Jennifer), and Gerard (Kelli). Micki's children include Tony Varco (Dawn), Julie Murray (Andrew), Peter Varco (Barbara), Christopher Varco (Nancy Mersch), Michael Varco, and Tiana Varco. Plus, thirty-one grandchildren and one great grandchild are blessed to call Jim their grandfather. Jim and Micki resided in both Ft. Myers, Florida and in Park Ridge and Des Plaines, Illinois. Jim was an avid golfer and played with family and friends at courses around the globe. Jim liked to travel, play cards and inspire people daily. Jim was a friend of Bill W and was grateful to lead an inspired and joyful life. Thank you to the many healthcare professionals for their care. Jim will be forever missed and always in our heart. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a charity of your choice. Jim loved nature. So, when you see the sun and the moon rise or set, lightning streak across the horizon, waves break along the shoreline, or a deer graze in the woods, know he is with us.

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Gilligan, Gail

Gail Gilligan nee Blackman, 87, a 57-year resident of Glenview, at rest November 14, 2019. Beloved wife for 58 years of the late John "Jack" Gilligan; loving mother of Carol Gilligan (Matt Mattson), Timothy (Gayle) Gilligan, Nancy (Mike) Villano, Thomas Gilligan (fiancée Nicole Giangregorio), John Gilligan (John Shields), and James (Fannie) Gilligan; proud grandmother of Erin, Kelly, Kathryn, Jordan, Meaghan, and Benton; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial gathering Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10 am until time of the Mass at 11 am at St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview, IL 60026. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Greene, Thomas R.

Thomas R. Greene, 65, of Zebulon, NC died October 26, 2019 at Duke Raleigh Hospital. He was the loving father of Jeremy Greene; cherished son of Kathleen Shepherd Greene and the late Robert R Greene; dear brother of John Greene, Elizabeth (Eric) Brown, Margaret (Tim) Saitta and the late Mary Greene and the late Florence (the late Gary) Hultman. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, November 22, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 502 S Park, Streamwood, IL at 10:00 AM. Interment of cremains will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL on Saturday, November 23, 2019. Arrangements entrusted to M J Suerth Funeral Home, 773-631-1240.



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Grob, Clara

Clara Grob, 93, of Burr Ridge, IL. Survived by her two loving daughters, Patricia (John) Kempton & Sharon (Thomas) Murphy, beloved grandchildren Carolyn, Lisa, Colleen & Karrie, as well as four cherished great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her dear husband of 72 years, Ernest, & her sister Ethel Gabl. The family would like to thank friends and caregivers for their compassion, support, and friendship during Clara's final days. Interment will be private. A memorial mass and celebration of life and love are planned for a later date. For enhanced obituary, please visit www.leonardmemorialhome.com.

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Grunst, Helga B.

(nee Schroeter)—Beloved wife of the late Karl; loving mother of the late Hans Dieter, Heidemarie (Martin) Cooney, and Guenter (Marie) Grunst; devoted grandmother to Scott (Carrie) Cooney, Sharon (Melissa) Ortiz, Anne Cooney, Mary Kate (Michael) Lydon, Martin Cooney, Karl, Krista and Katrina Grunst; great grandmother of Martin Sean, Nora, and Michael Lydon; fond sister of Fritz (the late Josefai), Eva (John) Fessel, and the late Suzie (Joe) Virgona, Charlotte (Gerhard) Zicher, and Harold Schroeter. Visitation Sunday 3-8 pm, **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL, 60618. Funeral Service Monday 10:30 am. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Diabetes Association are appreciated. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Hanson, Michael Amandus

Michael Amandus Hanson, 85 of Arlington Heights. Beloved husband of Geraldine (nee Hendrickson); loving father of Richard Hanson, Steve Hanson Miller, Kiel (LorieAnn) Hanson, Julie (JoAnn Lagman) Hanson and Paul Amandus Hanson; cherished grandfather of Kari Elizabeth Hanson, Lillian Bea Hanson and the late Jesse Amandus Hanson Lagman; dear step grandfather of six; fond brother of Kermit (Sandy) Hanson, Dudley (Barbara) Hanson, Jacqueline (John Wheeler) Hanson, late Richard B. Hanson, late Daniel G. Hanson, late Paul L. Hanson, late Roderick B. Hanson and late Joel P. Hanson; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be 9:00 AM, Sat., Nov. 30, 2019 at St. Simon Episcopal Church, 717 W Kirchoff Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Interment at a future date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. Suggested attire for the memorial service would be anything with St. Louis Cardinals or Green Bay Packers on it. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimer's Assn. Greater Illinois Chapter, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Funeral info. & condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

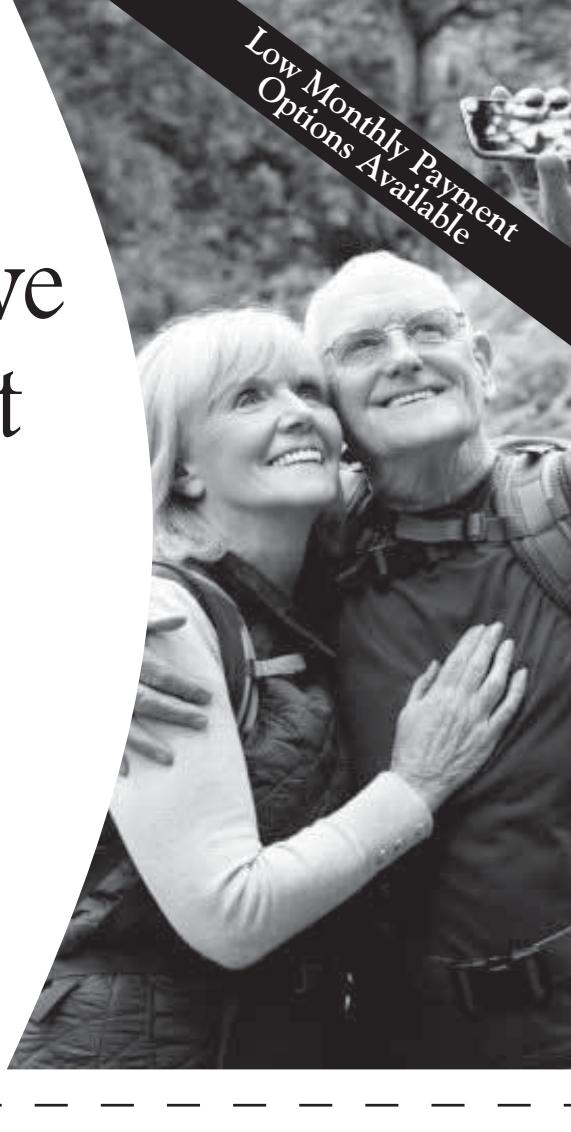
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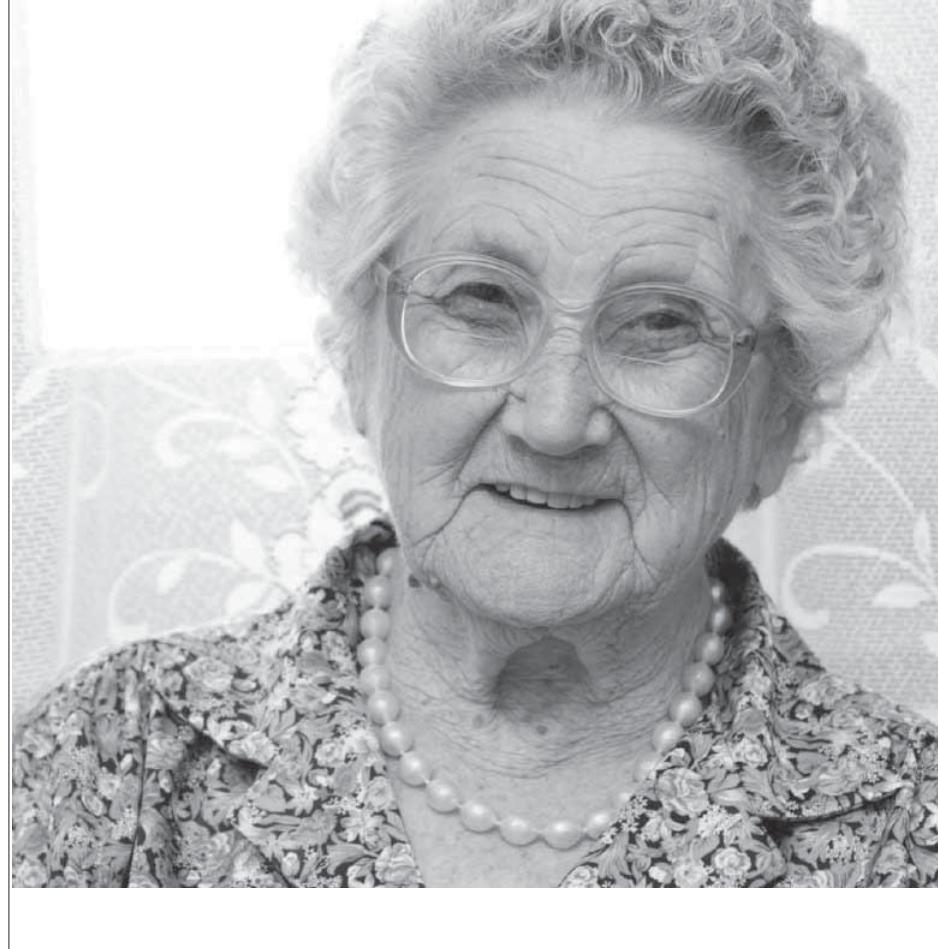
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Hazlehurst, William T. 'Bill'

William T. Hazlehurst (Bill), 71, of Sarasota, Florida, passed peacefully on November 14, 2019. Bill married the love of his life Barbara Powers in 1974 and was a loving father of their daughters, Kelly (Andrew) Phillips and Shannon (Rick) Rivero; cherished and proud Papa of William, Riley, Charles, and Payton. Loving son of Edward (Helen) and the late Elizabeth Hazlehurst; dear brother of Edward Jr., Kim, Katherine and Harry.

Bill was co-founder of William R. Powers Advertising. He also served as past President of Biltmore Country Club, Board member of The Founders Club and Elgin Academy. He was known for his quick humor, love of golf and fishing and being the first to leave the dinner table. Visitation Saturday, November 23rd, the Presbyterian Church of Barrington, located at 6 Brinker Rd, Barrington, IL. Visitation begins at 9 AM till the service begins at 10:30 AM. Donations to Elgin Academy <https://www.elginacademy.org/> or JDRF www.jdrf.org/sewi/

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Hoffman, Joanne F.

Joanne Frances Hoffman, nee Wilhelm, left this world on November 9, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Kurt P.; loving mother of Kurt (Julie), Matthew, and Kevin; and proud grandmother of Elizabeth and Paul. She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Agnes; loving sister of the late Mary A. (Robert) Hayhurst, Janet Wojtczak, and Frank (Diana) Wilhelm; loving aunt and fond cousin of many.

Visitation on Monday November 18 from 9:00am until time of Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m. at St. Juliana Church, 7201 N. Oketo Ave, Chicago, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Parkinson's Foundation.

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Immenhausen, Marye Adaline

9 Oct 1923 Galesburg, IL - 16 Oct 2019 Wilmette, IL
Marye Adaline McElvaine Immenhausen, remarkable woman, phenomenal storyteller, distinguished public servant, and inspired advocate for health and social justice, passed away peacefully in her Lake Michigan home, surrounded by love, family, and God's light in the early hours of October 16th, 2019. She was 96.

Marye was a longtime resident of the North Shore, in Skokie, where she served as Assistant Director of Day Nurses at Evanston Hospital, and in Wilmette, where she retired as Director of Health Services at New Trier High School after nearly 50 years of nursing. Marye continued to lead an active, civic-minded life through her non-gratuitous counseling with families in need, work in her daughter's shop, and active engagement with the PEO Sisterhood, Kenilworth Union Church, Knox College 50 Year Club and Pi Beta Phi Sorority, as well as women's health research initiatives and conferences.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Donald Claire and Hazel Hatch McElvaine, brother, Richard Hatch "Dick" McElvaine, husband of 45 years, Herbert G. Immenhausen, Jr., daughter-in-law April, and granddaughters, Julianna and Marye Sarah. Marye's legacy will be upheld by her friends, extended family, godchildren, children, Karl, Kathryn (Jack), KarenMarie, Kimberly (Bill), and surviving grandchildren, Aaron, Bridgid, Nathan, Kaiya, Darianne, Kristopher, and Mackenzie.

Her children and grandchildren invite you to join us at Kenilworth Union Church at 12 noon on Nov 23rd, 2019 for a celebration of life for our mother and our Teddy Gram. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to organizations important to Marye in life: NORD (www.rarediseases.org) or The Guillain-Barre Syndrome Foundation (www.gbs-cidp.org).

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Jemilo, John J.

John J. Jemilo, CPD, 89; Chicago native, of Independence Park; U.S. Marine Corp Sergeant; retired teacher, Chicago Police Department First Deputy, attorney, and professor, passed away peacefully at home November 15, 2019. After graduating from St. Rita High School and serving as Sergeant in the Marines, John joined and rose in the ranks

of the Chicago Police Department. By day he served as District Commander, Director of Training, Chief of Patrol, and First Deputy. By night, he earned his teaching degree from Chicago Teachers College, his M.A. in Public Administration from Illinois Institute of Technology, and his J.D. from John Marshall Law School. In "retirement", John served as Executive Director of the Chicago Crime Commission and also taught at Loyola and DePaul. He was a lifelong runner, swimmer and lover of sunflowers. Beloved husband of 36 years to Candace Joyce Wayne; devoted father of Claudia (the late Roger) Peterson, John (Vicki Torres) Jemilo, Leahрут Jemilo, Stephanie Jemilo, and the late Kurt Jemilo. Grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and mentor of many. Son of the late John and Stella Jemilo. Memorial mass Thursday, November 21, 10am, St. Viator, 4170 W. Addison St, Chicago, IL 60641. Shiva Friday, Nov. 22, 2-8pm at the family residence. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in his name to the Constitutional Rights Foundation, <https://www.crf-usa.org/> or BUILD <https://www.buildchicago.org/> or Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://splc.org/>. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremationsociety.com.

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Johnson, Edythe

Edythe Oman Johnson, 86, died on May 24, 2019, in Urbana, Illinois. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, David C. Johnson, children Jenny Marie Johnson and Erik O. Johnson, and two granddaughters. Edythe taught music at Naper, Elmwood, Maplebrook, and Meadow Glens schools; taught piano at home and North Central College; and accompanied many young soloists, elementary school orchestras, student choirs, and professional musicians. Music and music education were lifelong passions. Edythe will be inurned at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Naperville on November 22, 2019 at 10:00am.

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Kaneshiro, Emaline

Emaline Kaneshiro, 83, passed away on November 11, 2019. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Charles; children: Mike (Diane), Bert (Young Mi); nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Visitation will be held on December 15, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 pm, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. at Devon Church, 1630 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, IL 60660. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.



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Kinishi, Kyoko 'Kiyo'

Kyoko "Kiyo" Kinishi, nee Fujiyama, passed away peacefully at the age of 91 on November 13, 2019 in Waukesha, Wisconsin with family at her bedside. Kiyo was born on January 2, 1928 in the Los Angeles area, where she lived until her family was interned during World War II in the Rohwer camp in Arkansas. She lived the rest of her life in Chicago; Calumet City, Illinois; St. Charles, Illinois; Jacksonville, Florida; and Waukesha, Wisconsin. Kiyo was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, aunt, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her entire life was dedicated to caring for her family. She was always there with a listening ear, bear hug and will be sorely missed.

Kiyo is survived by her children, Diane (Gene Seyffer) Kinishi, Steven Kinishi, Michael (Kimberly) Kinishi, and Dawn (David Turley) Kinishi; her grandchildren, Stephanie (Ben) Schubring, Daniel (Amy Neve), Sarah, Nicholas, Brian, and Danika Kinishi and Veronica and Kai Blanco; and her great-granddaughter, Payton Schubring. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Toshiro Kinishi; her brother, Show Fujiyama; her sister, Teiko Furuya; her birth sister in Japan, Aiko Saiki; and many nieces, nephews, and their offspring in California, Illinois and other states.

A private memorial service will be held in December. If you wish to send condolences, you may do so through the Milwaukee Rescue Mission (milmission.org) or the Japanese American Service Committee (jasc-chicago.org).

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Kirby, James D.

James D. Kirby, age 92, U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Beloved husband of the late Mary C. (nee Speese). Devoted father of Meg (Tom) Noone and Kim Kirby. Loving grandfather of Shannon Ardema, Heather Yandel, Kelli Molck, Kerbi Seabolt and great grandfather of 8. Special friend of Lenora Nape. Member of Palos Memorial American Legion Post #1993, Palos Gun Club, Green Acres Sportsman Club and one of the founding members of Palos Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. Jim also worked as an outdoor columnist for many newspapers. Visitation Sunday, Nov. 17th, 3-8 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Monday, Nov. 18th, 11 AM service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, 225 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidashf.com (708) 974 4410



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Kloppman, Antoinette

Antoinette Kloppman, nee Borgia, age 92, of Oak Lawn, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2019. Loving wife of the late David P. Kloppman; Beloved mother of the late David (Gail Williams) Kloppman, Linda (Dennis) Kline, Judy (Bill) Cardwell, and Susann (Ben) Burnett; Cherished grandma of Dennis Paul (Michelle), Shawn (Jason), Jason, Kevin (Sarah), Brian, David (Carli), Casey, the late Corey, Katherine, Cole, Emily, and Sam (fiancé Katie); Adoring great-grandma of 13, soon to be 14; Dear aunt and cousin of many. Services will be on Monday, 11/18, with a visitation from 8:30-10 AM at

Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W 103rd, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, where a prayer service will begin at 10 AM in preparation for a 11 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Symphorosa Church, 6135 S Austin, Chicago, IL 60638. Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231.

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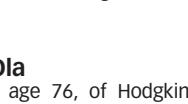
Georgia Korbakes nee Kotsiviras, 89, of Blue Island, co-owner of Korbakes Liquors, cherished daughter of the late Demetrios Kotsiviras and Vasiliki nee Perlegous, beloved wife of the late Peter G., loving mother of George P. (Katherine), James P., Chris P. (Alexandra) and Steve P. (Diane), proud grandmother of Peter G., Telemahos "Telly" G., Peter C., Stephanie R., Johnny C. Peter S. and John S., devoted sister of Kostula (late Hilias) Katsivilas, late Panayiotis (late Petros) Nastopoulos, Prokopios (late Vasiliki) Kotsiviras, Gregory (late Irene) Kotsiviras, Panagiotis (Soulia) Kotsiviras and Niki (late Christ) Kemperas, dear sister in law of the late Mae (late Nick) Davlantis, the late Alice (late George) Conkis, the late Chris (late Helen), the late Marie (late Joe) Jordon, late Pearle (late Jim) Lamorte and the late Patricia (late Charles F.) Synakiewicz, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Trisagion Service to be held at 6:30 pm. Family will gather for last respects Monday at 10:00 am at the Krueger Funeral Home, 13050 S. Greenwood Ave., Blue Island, then to St. Spyridon Church, 12307 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights for funeral service at 11:00 am. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park. Memorial donations to St. Spyridon Iconography Fund greatly appreciated. 708-388-1300 www.kruegerfuneral.com

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MacKenzie, Judith Ann

Judith Ann MacKenzie(nee Sassetti), 74, an avid cook and traveler of Bartlett who cherished time with her family, passed away Tuesday, November 12. Beloved wife of John; loving mother of Kristen Koridek-Phillips, Michael(Shannon) Koridek, and Jennifer Thurston; proud grandmother of Tyler, Delaney, Kennedy, Charlie, Quinn, and Evelyn; dear daughter of the late Charles and the late Anita(nee Gamboni) Sassetti; fond sister of Audrey(Jack) McKenna and Charlene(the late Buck) Swierenga.

Visitation Saturday, November 23 from 10:00am until time of service 2:00pm at Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory 950 South Bartlett Rd.(at Stearns Rd.), Bartlett. Cremation private at Countryside Crematory. Info www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com or (630)289-7575



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Maveety, Ola

Ola Maveety, age 76, of Hodgkins, passed away on November 14, 2019; beloved wife of the late Walter Maveety; loving mother of Margaret (Cody) Maveety-Torgerson & Elizabeth Kovel; proud grandmother of Tyler Kovel; dear sister, aunt, cousin, & friend of many. Visitation 2 to 9pm on Monday, November 18 at Hallowell & James Funeral Home,

1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family & friends will gather at 9:15am on Tuesday, November 19 at the funeral home for prayers, followed by a procession to St. Cletus Church, LaGrange. Mass at 10am. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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McFadden, Jr., John

John W. McFadden, Jr., 83, died peacefully on Friday, November 15, 2019.

John leaves behind his loving wife of 48 years, June McFadden; two daughters, Jeanne McFadden (Tom Sipple) and Maureen McFadden; four grandchildren, Shayden Sipple, Jack McFadden Sipple, and Ryan and Casey Sipple.

A Rosary will be recited at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2019 at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. The family will receive friends at the church until 2:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will follow the visitation at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2019 at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church with Rev. Gabe Cummings celebrating. Burial will follow in Greenwich section of Bonaventure Cemetery.

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Koziol, Rita

Rita Koziol (nee Lersch), age 88, passed away November 12, 2019. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 63 years Norbert J. Koziol. She leaves behind her loving children, Thomas (Carolyn), David (Kate) and Karen (Jeff) Frey; dear grandchildren, Lisa, Stephen (Samantha), Philip, Matthew, Abigail, Griffin and Veronica; and great-grandchildren Evelyn Grace, Amelisa Rita Louise and John Daniel. Rita and Norbert were very active in the Polish American Cultural Club of the western suburbs for over 35 years. Rita was a longtime teacher at St. Rene and St. Turibius grade schools for over 30 years. She was deeply loved and will be missed by many. Visitation 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, November 18th at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Prayers 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, November 19th from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com



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Meinholt, Harry

Harry Meinholt age 87 passed away on November 9, 2019. Beloved husband of Gerda Meinholt for 66 years. Visitation will be held Sunday, November 17th from 1-2:45 p.m. with Memorial Service will follow at Emanuel Church, Hales Corner, 10627 W Forest Home Ave, Hales Corners, WI 53130. For complete obituary go to harry-m-meinholt.forevermissed.com.

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Miller Jr., Otto A.

Otto A. Miller, Jr., 58, of Aurora, Illinois passed away at his home October 10, 2019 after a brief battle with cancer.

Otto was born January 16, 1961 in Chicago to Otto A. Miller, Sr., and Lucille S. Miller who both preceded him in death.

Otto was the proprietor of Webster Street Barbers in Naperville until his illness. He is survived by his siblings Phillip (Becky) Aguilar of North Carolina; Victoria Aguilar of Chicago; JoAnna Miller of Arizona, and many nieces and nephews.

Interment at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois. Services were private.

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Morin, Richard H.

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O'Donnell, John F. 'Jack'

John F. "Jack" O'Donnell of Sugar Grove, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at the age of 85. He was born June 21, 1934 in Jackson Heights, Queens, NY, the son of the late John and Margaret Edna O'Donnell (nee Foley).

Jack attended high school at the Brooklyn Preparatory School and, upon graduating, matriculated at Marquette University in Milwaukee, graduating in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. Following graduation, Jack worked for a short time as a journalist before enrolling in Officer Candidate School in the U.S. Navy in May 1957. He was commissioned as an Ensign in September 1957 and immediately attended Diving School in Washington, DC, where he trained as a Salvage Scuba Diver. He completed the diving program in January 1958 and was assigned to the USS Arikara, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Before departing for his post in what was then the territory of Hawaii, Jack married the love of his life in February 1958, Barbara Jean Lipton, a Jackson Heights girl he had known since childhood. Together they headed for the sun, palm trees and sea, and welcomed their first child, John, in November of that year.

Jack served in the Navy for five years, from 1957 to 1962, rising to the rank of Lieutenant, and serving variously in the capacities of Communications, Diving, and Recruiting Officer. Among the many assignments of his Naval career, Jack's dive team participated in nuclear bomb testing exercises in the South Pacific.

In 1962, Jack left military service as an officer but was recruited by the Navy to work for the Naval Security Group (NSG) as a civilian. At the NSG, Jack worked on a variety of classified intelligence gathering and protection projects.

In 1974, Jack was recruited by a close college friend, Eric Bishop, to join the American Dental Association (ADA) based in Chicago, where for the next 20 years he applied his formidable writing skills, penning speeches, congressional testimony and position papers advocating for the expansion of dental care insurance and group programs nationwide. He grew to understand and advance the often-overlooked role dental care plays in overall health.

Jack retired from the ADA in 1995, and then turned his attention full time to his twin passions, playwriting and following the fortunes of his beloved New York Yankees. He truly loved writing plays and enjoyed several successes along the way, seeing his works produced and performed in Washington, DC, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. He was a masterful letter writer, as his many friends and family members who were fortunate enough to receive them can attest.

Jack is survived by his sons, John (Susie) O'Donnell and Stephen (Maria) O'Donnell; his daughter, Leslie Burns; his grandchildren, Jack and Riley O'Donnell, Kayla, Bailey and Nina Burns; many other family and friends. In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara J. (Lipton) O'Donnell; his son-in-law, James Burns; and his sister, Mary (Robert) Noli.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday 11:00 a.m., November 23, 2019 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, (corner of Lancaster & Hardin) Aurora, IL 60506.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass. Interment will be private. Arrangements by **The Healy Chapel**, 370 Division Dr., Sugar Grove, IL 60554. For further information please call (630) 466-1330 or visit our website at www.healychapel.com to sign the online guestbook.

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Olivieri, Gertrude M.

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Age, 83 of Frankfort, passed away Thursday, November 7th, 2019 at Smith Crossing in Orland Park. Gert is survived by her loving family, children, Diane Olivieri, Don (Mindy) Olivieri, Janet (Kevin) Caschetta, John Olivieri, Teri (Nick) Galambos, Toni (Matt) Olivieri-Barton, siblings, Dolores Barber, Jim (Roxie) Foster, Joan Yearling, grandchildren, Michelle (Brandon) Mencini, James (Erin) Johnston, Brook (Taylor) Thompson, Robert Olivieri, Jaclyn (Joe) Ekhoff, Zachary (Karmen) Caschetta, Julianne Olivieri, Dan Olivieri, Abby Olivieri, Mindy Ecob, Jack Ecob, Margaret Olivieri-Barton, Frank Olivieri-Barton, great grandchildren, Nicolas Mencini, Gianna Mencini, James Johnston and Dean Ekhoff. Gert was preceded in death by her parents, Henry & Gertrude Klinkner (Pfeiffer), husband, Donald Olivieri, daughter, Mary Jo Olivieri and sister, Annette Murphy. Gert was a longtime member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Frankfort where she was active in the CCW. She was a member of Prestwick Country Club and an avid supporter of the Lincoln Way Special Recreation Association and Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Gert had a true love for art and developed an incredible talent for crafting which began when she lead her daughters' Girl Scout troops in the 70s and 80s. She loved to create crafts and joyously gave them to friends and family. She was Nana to her grandchildren and GGG Great Grandma Gert to her great grandchildren and was lovingly known as Mom "O" to everyone she welcomed into her home. Family will receive friends at **Kurtz Memorial Chapel**, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Friday, November 22nd, 2019 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and again at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 7659 W. Sauk Trail, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Saturday, November 23rd, 2019 from 10:00 AM until time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM. Interment, Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Frankfort IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls would be appreciated. For information, www.kurtzmanualchapel.com or 815-806-2225.

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Olszewski, Allen J.

Allen J. Olszewski, age 71, Army Veteran, loving father of Eric (Nancy) and Lance (Lisa) Olszewski; cherished grandfather of Elizabeth Josephine and Etta; dearest brother of Patricia (John) Folgers and Betty Jo (Craig Peterson) Olszewski; Visitation Sunday 12-4 P.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park. Interment Private. Funeral Info: 708 429-3200

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Ornas, Irene V.

Irene V. Ornas (nee Nowik), 91, of Sandwich, died November 14, 2019. Wife of the late Chester Ornas; loving mother of Donna Mosher and Cheryl (Ron) Sheaffer; caring grandmother to Lindsay (Brendan) Cloonan, Veronica Sheaffer, Matthew (Becky) Mosher, Austin Sheaffer, and Alex Sheaffer; dear great grandma to Evan Mosher, Poppy Dumbleton, Finley and Declan Cloonan, and Joshua Mosher. Visitation Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 3 to 8 pm at Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home, 435 N. York St., Elmhurst. Funeral mass Friday, November 22 at 10 am, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 145 E. Grand Ave., Bensenville. Burial at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. For info and condolences, www.PedersenRyberg.com or 630-834-1133.



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Oskvarek, Robert

Robert "Bob" J. Oskvarek age 80, passed away on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Beloved son of the late Joseph and the late Lillian Oskvarek; loving brother of Joyce (Gene) Roskos; dear uncle of Erik (Jennifer) and Jeffrey (Jacqueline) Roskos; proud great uncle to Jordan, Payton, Lily, Luke, Torin and Ariana. Bob's memory will be cherished by many cousins and friends. Retired security guard. Bob enjoyed playing the accordion and corovox for weddings and parties and was a member for many years with First Catholic Slovak Chicago District Branch S485.

Visitation Monday, November 18, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Orland Funeral Home** 9900 W. 143rd St. Orland Park, IL. Funeral Tuesday, November 19, 2019 10:00 a.m. at **Orland Funeral Home**. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. For more information 708-460-7500 or visit www.orlandfuneral.com

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Parz Jr, Arthur Jacob

Arthur J Parz Jr, 56, of Flower Mound, TX, formerly of Tucson, AZ and Brookfield, IL, cherished son of the late Arthur Sr. and the late Stella Parz passed away November 9, 2019. Beloved brother of Dan (Nancy), Paula (Leo) Golembiewski and Carol (John) Bagal. Loving father of Lexi (fiance Iyad) and Kai Parz and Aubree Combs. Adored uncle of Melissa, Dana, Adam, Jacob and Melanie. Friend of former wife, Cari Kumler Balocchi. Member of the International Order of Loyal Racoons. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. For more information visit www.daltonandson.com

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Perruso, Roland

Roland Perruso 1-24-36 11-11-19 Son, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Friend. Loved by all who knew him. Private services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to **Thornridge Funeral Home** (Janusz Family Funeral Service) 708-460-2300 or thornridgefuneralhome.com

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Postelnek, Carole C.

Carole C. Postelnek nee Cassel, age 87, beloved wife of the late Robert P. "Dutch" Postelnek. Devoted mother of Vicki (Scott) Sinar and the late Scott Postelnek. Proud grandmother of Ross and Rachel Sinar and Adam Postelnek, Brittney Jackson and Stephanie Mroczkowski. Dear sister of the late Susan (the late Jerry) Smolka. Beloved aunt of Peter (Torrie Flink) Kroll, Debby (Donn) Smith, Lisa Shuma, Mark (Leslie) Bailey, Rosie Postelnek, the late Heidi (Kyle) McCarthy. Service Tuesday, 12 Noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Zion Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org or Northshore Kellogg Cancer Center, 1033 University Place, Suite 450, Evanston, IL 60201, www.northshore.org/donate. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847-229-8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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Quirk, Therese F

Therese "Teri" Quirk, age 67, passed away peacefully in her home on November 5, 2019. She is mourned by her daughters, Amanda and Holly, her sister Maureen, her cats Sam and Ralph, and many more family members and friends. Born August 22, 1952, she spent her life in Chicago, IL devoted to her family, her animals and her career as a paralegal. Family and friends are celebrating Teri's life at a private event on November 30, 2019.

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Reinke, Russell "Gus"

Russell "Gus" Reinke, 97, Army Veteran and Retired Chicago Firefighter for 34 years and a proud member of the "Brotherhood of the Barrel". He called his own shots and never looked back, until the final siren. He was the beloved husband of 63 years, of the late Albina "Albie", nee Jastrzebski. Loving father of the late Ken (Kathe Fejer) and Jim (Mary). Cherished grandfather of Max (Ashley). Fond brother of the late Beulah Strandberg. Visitation Monday, November 18, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 6250 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago IL 60646. Funeral Tuesday, November 19, starting with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, going in procession to St. Tarcissus Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Burial to follow at Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the EMWQ Retirees', Widows' and Children's Assistance Fund, 20 South Clark, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60603. For more information, please call 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Rolander, Elizabeth Marie 'Beth'

Elizabeth "Beth" Marie Rolander, 73, of Northfield, passed away November 14, 2019. Beth was born in Chicago on June 23, 1946 and was the daughter of Ed and Mildred Rolander. She was the loving mother of Heidi Holzkamper (Scott) Bernover and Holly Holzkamper (Anderson) McGregor; cherished grandmother of Harrison and Hayden Bernover, Tekla, Pippa and Isla McGregor; beloved sister of Ted Rolander; dear aunt of Mark Rolander, Jennifer (John) Prestwich, and Scott (Lis) Rolander; fond great aunt of Aubrey Prestwich, Adam and Bode Rolander. She is also survived by her beloved dog, Loki. Beth was a graduate of Northwestern University where she was a member of Tri Delta Sorority. She received her graduate degrees from National Louis University. Ms. Rolander spent her career in the Chicago Public Schools and retired as an Assistant Principal at Mather High School. She was an advocate for students to give them the opportunities they deserve. Beth loved knitting for her grandchildren, practicing hot yoga, and spending time with family in the Northwests of Wisconsin. We will miss her. A memorial service will be held Friday, November 22 at 12 noon at Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hubbard Road, Winnetka. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Northwestern University scholarship funds at WeWill.Northwestern.edu. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Rosenberg, Richard L.

Richard L. Rosenberg, of Highland Park, Founder of Dearborn Wire & Cable, and affiliated companies. Beloved husband for 48 years of the late Sandra; loving father of Vicki Rosenberg (Robert) Frazer and Steve Rosenberg; adored Papa of Jacob, Gavriela, Benjamin, Rachael, Samuel, Noah, and Hannah; devoted son of the late Edythe Rosenberg; dear brother of JoAnn Rosenberg; cherished brother-in-law of Judith (Michael) Brostoff; treasured uncle of Scott Brostoff and Stephanie (Bob) Merz; great uncle of Sabrina, Isabella, David, Matthew, and Bruno, and countless extended family members and friends. Service Sunday, 12 Noon at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd, Skokie (At Niles Center Rd). Interment at Memorial Park will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, www.bgcc.org, Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, www.fid.org, or Charity of Your Choice. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Ryan, James 'Seamus'

James "Seamus" Ryan, native of Lodge Hospital, Co. Limerick, Ireland; beloved husband of Kathleen nee Sheehan; loving father of Katherine (Thomas) Barrett, James (Sheryl), Joseph, Michael, David (Rebecca), Thomas (Carrie), Joanne (Mark) Driessen, Francis (Joanna) and John (Shannon); cherished grandfather of 26 and great grandfather of 1; dear brother of Sean, Maureen, Willie, Tom, Paddy, Gerald, Frank, Margaret, Kathleen, Chrissie and the late Michael, Bernard and Joseph; fond uncle of many. Founding member and player of Limerick Men's Hurling Club. Long time member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 13. Visitation Sunday 2-8 PM and Monday 8:30 AM until time of prayers 9:15 AM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (1/2 Block East of Austin) to Immaculate Conception Church (Harlem & Talbot). Mass 10 AM. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Loyola McNeal Behavioral Clinic would be appreciated. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Salvano, Laura Ann

It is with great sadness that our family shares the passing of our gentle, giving, wife, mother, and grandmother. Laura Ann Salvano, 79, of Surprise, Arizona, passed away on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Laura is survived by her husband, Larry, children Michael, Pamela (Jonathan) Lurie, Karen (Paul) Shah, grandchildren Steven and Kevin Salvano, Benjamin and Jillian Lurie, Samantha, Stephanie, and Caroline Shah, great-grandson Connor, and her brother, Robert (Margaret) Long. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marshall and Annabel Long, and her sister, Susan Long. A celebration of Laura's life will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at the **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Please attend in casual attire. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Laura's name to either the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) or the Lewy Body Dementia Association (www.lbd.org). Condolences may be expressed on Legacy.com. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Schechtman, Gilbert Leslie

Gilbert Leslie Schechtman died peacefully on November 8, 2019 in Boca Raton, Florida. Gilbert was born March 2, 1931 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He moved to Chicago to attend the University of Chicago, graduating Phi Beta Kappa

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Schwartz, Joyce Neillie 'Phoebe Judy'

Joyce Nellie Schwartz nee Forrester, beloved wife of the late John Dale, loving mother of John and Bradley; dearest grandmother of Jon Schwartz, Jennifer Taylor, Graham Schwartz, Emily Tonon, Megan Buress and Michael Schwartz. She was the great grandmother of 10. Born in London, she married during WWI and made her home in Chicago. October 26, 2019 this beautiful soul joined her dear Mum and Dad. A life well lived, she traveled the world and outlived a wide circle of friends. She had a passion for knitting, gardening and reading you could always count on her for a cup of tea. We will long remember her wicked sense of humor, her kind blue eyes, her warm smile, roast beef and Yorkshire puddings, and generous heart. We're celebrating her life at 3 pm on November 24th, at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Avenue, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in her name.

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Shedor, Susan

Susan Shedor, age 75, of Montgomery, IL, peacefully passed away on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at Rush-Copley Medical Center in Aurora, IL. She was born May 30, 1944 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of the late Norbert and Dorothy nee Jankowski Bielitzki.

Prior to her retirement, Susan worked as a secretary in the insurance industry. She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Oswego, IL. Susan was a Disney Vacation Club member since 1995, a Chicago Cubs fan and adored her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband of 53 years John Shedor, daughters Denise (Peter) Bergmann of Oswego, Debbie (Vincent Zambo) Shedor of Oswego, IL, grandchildren Summer Bergmann, Jonathan and Jessica Zambo, sisters Terry Zachata of Westchester, IL, Bridget (Ernie) Sarley of Downers Grove, IL and nephew Zackary Sarley.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at DUNN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME with CREMATORIAL, 1801 S. Douglas Road, Oswego, IL 60543. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church, 551 Boulder Hill Pass, Oswego, IL 60543. Burial will follow at Risen Lord Cemetery in Oswego, IL. Memorials may be made to Lurie Children's Hospital 225 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. For additional information: 630/554-3888 or www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Sicher, Steven R.

Steven R. Sicher, age 52, sadly lost his grueling battle with cancer on November 5, 2019. Resident of Hermosa Beach, California formerly of Oak Forest. Graduate of Marist High School Class of 1985. United State Air Force Veteran and Air Force Academy Graduate Class of 1989. Masters Degree from University Southern California

"USC". Senior Vice President of Wells Fargo Advisors. "Favorite" son of Gail (Frank) Sicher-Sternard nee Zeano and late Edward F. Sicher. Beloved brother of Edward (Ghilher Ibethe nee Castro-Vargas) Sicher and Susan (John) Walsh. Spirited uncle to Cody, Seanna & Maxi Sicher and Katherine, Jacqueline, Grace & Patrick Walsh. Cherished nephew of Robert (Judy nee Cimoli) Sicher and Annette (Giuseppe) Talarico. Treasured cousin, friend and honorary uncle to many. Steve lived his life LARGE, HIS way. "How 'bout now?" Family and friends will gather at Ascension of our Lord Church, 15314 Summit Ave, Oak Brook Terrace, IL on Saturday November 23rd from 9:00 am until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 am. Interment private. A memorial gathering was held in Hermosa Beach, California on November 15th. For further info Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, Chicago Heights. 708-481-9230.

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Sizer, Robert Joseph

Robert Joseph Sizer, 76 of Sun Prairie, WI, formerly

Arlington Heights, IL beloved husband of the late Suk Nan "Connie"; loving father of Joy Lahvic (Kevin Rose), and Jane (Michael) Jacobs; loved grandfather of Sean (Marissa) & Lauren Lahvic, Genevieve, Alaina Yun and Joseph Jacobs; dearest great-grandfather of Beryl, R.J. and Nolan Lahvic; cherished brother of Mary Foley John & Tom Sizer, fond uncle of many. Visitation from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm, Thursday at the Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts, Rd., Arl. Hts, and Friday from 9:00 am until time of Mass at 10:00 am at St. Edna Catholic Church, 2525 N. Arl. Hts. Rd., Arl. Hts. Interment Queen of Heaven. In lieu of flowers contributions to Special Olympics Illinois, c/o Buffalo Grove Police Department, 46 Raupp Boulevard, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089 appreciated. Funeral Information, obituary, and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Stefancich, Kenneth G.

Kenneth George Stefancich, 69, percussionist and

mechanical engineer, lifelong Chicagoan, passed away peacefully November 14, 2019. Beloved husband of 18 years to Sandra Sue Swantek, M.D.; loving son of Rudolph Frank Stefancich and the late Rita Estelle Stefancich (nee Ackerman); devoted father of Marissa Celeste Stefancich and Rima Allysa Stefancich; proud grandfather of Paxton Mikene Hatch; dear brother of Bruce (Sandy) Stefancich. Predeceased by his biological father, Richard Snyder. Cousin, uncle, musical colleague, and friend of many. A musical celebration of his life is being planned. Gratitude to the caring physicians and nurses at Rush University Hospital, particularly Jamie Shammo, MD, Edward Gometz, MD, and Sean O'Mahony, MD. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Rush University Cancer Center (312) 942-6112 or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: <https://donate.lls.org/lls/donate>. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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Tierney, Noreen T.

Noreen T. Tierney (nee Kennedy), beloved wife of Edward H.; loving mother of Kathleen (the late Greg) Wall, Edward J. (Karen), Mary, John (Sharon), Patrick (Aimee) Tierney; dear grandmother of Edward S., Kelsey, Abigail, Alison and John. Noreen was an English teacher of Jr. High for 25 years and a substitute teacher for 15 years at St. Bernadette & St. Cajetan Schools. Visitation Monday 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:45 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank, IL 60459 to St. Louis de Montfort Church, Mass 10:30 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral info (708) 636-2320

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Twarski, Claudia B.

Claudia B. Twarski, age 74, of Niles, beloved wife of George Twarski; loving mother of Lisa (Bill) McKenna; Adored grandmother of Danny, Tommy and Billy; dear sister of Rose Marie Soraci; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, Monday 3:00 - 8:00 pm Funeral Tuesday 9:15 am to Our Lady of Ransom Church Mass 10:00 am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Donations to the Arthritis Foundation Appreciated 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Wolfe, Marie Marseille

Marie Marseille Wolfe, longtime Chicago resident, died at her Lincoln Park home on November 12th following a brief illness. She was cherished by family and friends for her kind and generous nature and in particular for her devotion to her nieces, nephews, and cousins. She always sought their company and loved and excelled at lavishing gifts and attention on them at birthdays and holidays.

Marie was born June 3, 1968, to Richard and Marilyn Wolfe. A graduate of Ethel Walker High School and DePaul University, she struggled with bipolar disease for a number of years, but persevered in seeking effective treatment and in leading an independent, stable, and meaningful life. Her psychiatrist humbly described Marie as "one of my successes."

Following college, Marie found and flourished in her vocation as an artist, continuously immersing herself in courses at the Art Institute of Chicago. There, she earned certificates in fine arts drawing and painting and was prodigious in her creativity. Another of Marie's cultural passions was the Lincoln Park Zoo. She never tired of exploring the grounds in all seasons.

She is survived by her siblings Rich (Katy), John (Rosemary), and Anne (Eric) and her nieces and nephews Robert, Greta, Parker, Hannah, Mason, Josie, and Evie.

Services for Marie will be held at Church of our Saviour, 530 W. Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, on December 7th at 2:00pm

In lieu of flowers, Marie's family requests that memorial donations be made to the School of the Art Institute Scholarship Fund or to Church of our Saviour.

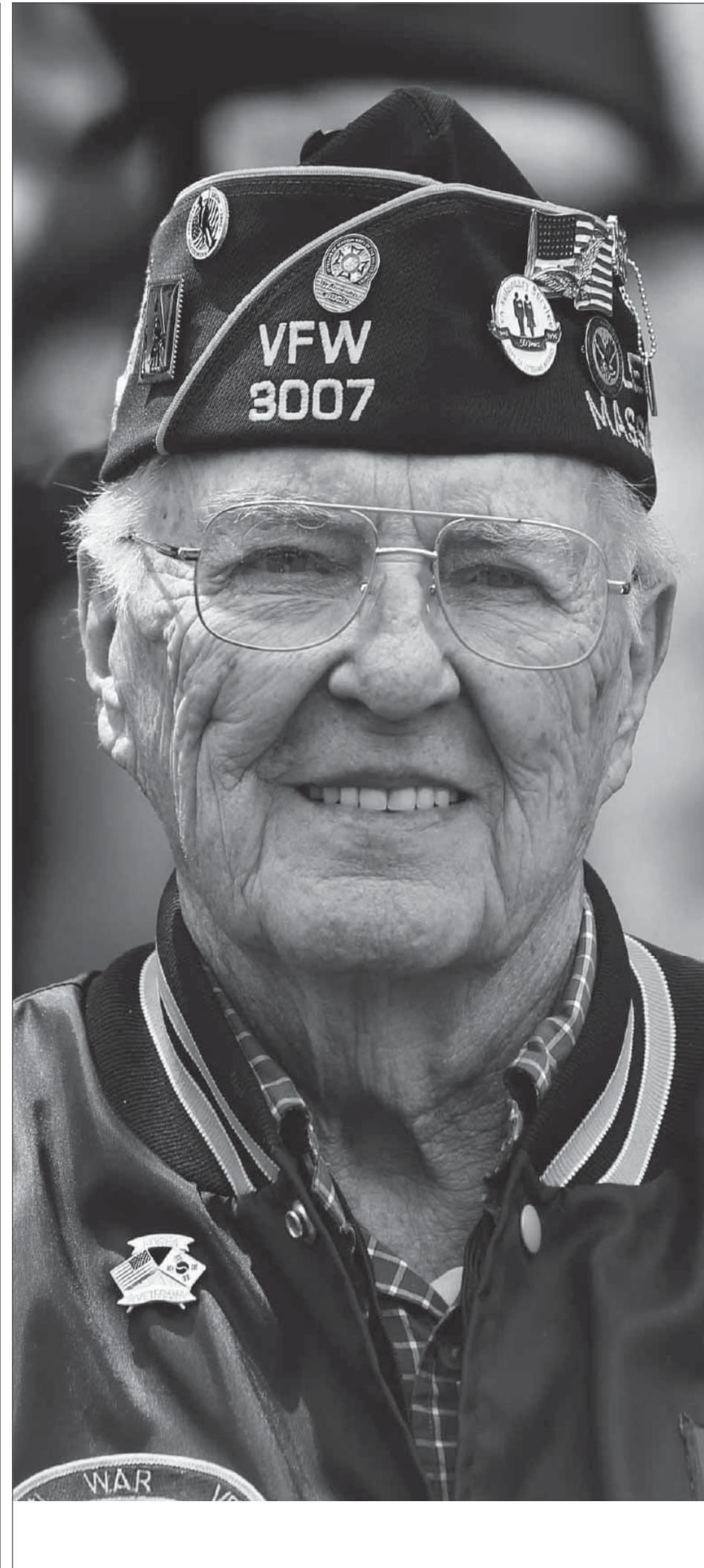
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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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SUNDAY, NOV. 17

NORMAL HIGH: 47°

NORMAL LOW: 32°

RECORD HIGH: 74° (1975)

RECORD LOW: 3° (1959)

Some light rain or snow today – chill continues

LOCAL FORECAST

**39****30**

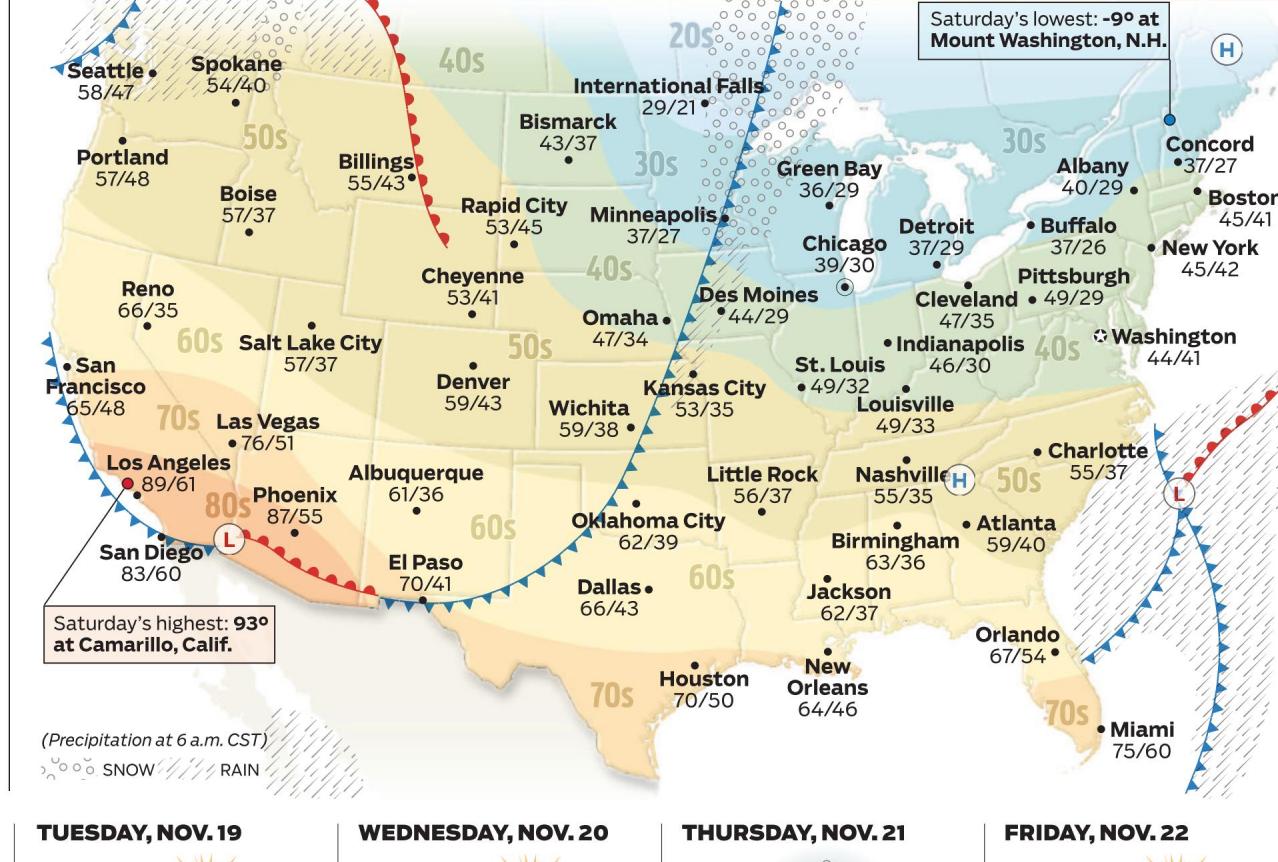
■ A weak cold front will be approaching from the west moving through our area toward evening preceded by cloudiness and a chance of light mixed precipitation.

■ Increasing and thickening cloudiness during the morning with a chance of some light snow by noon changing over to light rain during the afternoon.

■ Highs in the upper 30s. ■ Rain changing back over to light snow before ending from the west overnight.

■ SSW winds 8-15 mph shifting to the northwest at night.

NATIONAL FORECAST



MONDAY, NOV. 18

**40****28**

Mostly cloudy with a few periods of sunshine possible. Continued chilly with a below normal high near 40, some 7 degrees below normal. Light westerly winds 4-8 mph. Partly cloudy overnight.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

TUESDAY, NOV. 19

**42****31**

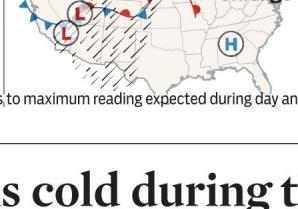
Partly sunny with a high in the lower 40s. An increase in cloudiness overnight. West to southwest winds 8-15 mph.



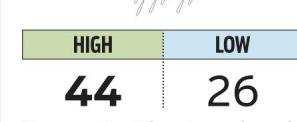
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

**50****37**

Partly sunny start with clouds increasing during the afternoon. A high near 50 which would be the first above normal high since Oct. 21. Rain spreads into the area from the west overnight. SW winds.



THURSDAY, NOV. 21

**44****26**

Overcast with rain and cooler — afternoon highs in the low to middle 40s. Rain diminishes from the west during the afternoon possibly changing to light snow before ending overnight. SW winds turn northwest 8-18 mph.



FRIDAY, NOV. 22

**36****26**

Partly cloudy, breezy and colder with a high in the mid 30s. High pressure builds in the plains bringing gusty northwest winds. Partly cloudy skies overnight, winds shifting to the southeast.



SATURDAY, NOV. 23

**39****29**

Some sun north and mostly cloudy south with a chance of rain far south later in the afternoon and evening. High temps upper 30s to low 40s. A good deal of cloudiness overnight especially south. Easterly winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What is the coldest autumn ever recorded in the Chicago area?
Michael J. Kitzinger, Elgin

Dear Michael,
The answer lies at the beginning of Chicago's weather records: Nov. 1, 1870. Chicago weather historian Frank Wachowski informed us that the city's first full meteorological autumn, the September-November period in 1871 with an average temperature of 47.9 degrees, is the coldest of record. Runners-up were the autumns of 1872 and 1875, both averaging 48.5 degrees. Ranking as fourth-coldest was autumn 1976 at 48.6 degrees. All three months in autumn 1871 averaged below normal. The season's highest temp was 87 on both Sept. 4 and 5, while the lowest was 9 on Nov. 23. To date, this autumn, despite the recent cold snap, ranks only in the top 40 coldest.

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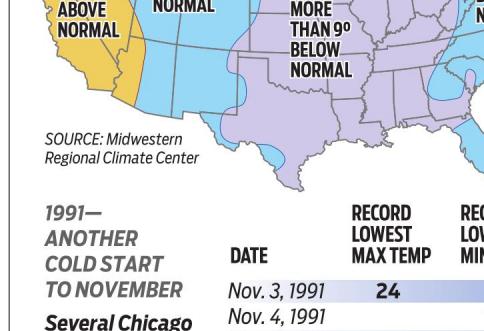
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Most of US was cold during the first half of November 1991

AVERAGE TEMP (°F): DEPARTURE FROM MEAN

November 1, 1991, to November 15, 1991

SOURCE: Midwestern Regional Climate Center



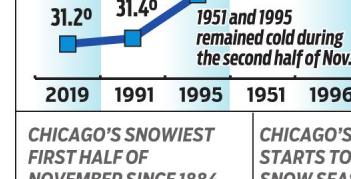
1991— ANOTHER COLD START TO NOVEMBER	DATE	RECORD LOWEST MAX TEMP	RECORD LOWEST MIN TEMP
Several Chicago temperature records were set in early November 1991	Nov. 3, 1991	24	
	Nov. 4, 1991	11	
	Nov. 5, 1991	19	
	Nov. 6, 1991	19	
	Nov. 7, 1991	27	13
	Nov. 8, 1991	11	
	Nov. 9, 1991	14	

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO'S COLDEST FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER SINCE 1872

Nov. 1 through Nov. 15

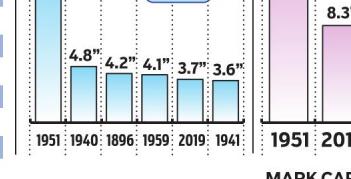
Mean average temperature



CHICAGO'S SNOWIEST FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER SINCE 1884

Nov. 1 through Nov. 15

Mean average temperature



CHICAGO'S COLDEST NOVEMBERS SINCE 1872

Through Nov. 15, the mean average temp for Nov. 2019 is 31.2°

40.3° NORMAL



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CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	43	21	Midway	42	29
Gary	43	28	O'Hare	42	26
Kankakee	42	25	Romeoville	44	26
Lakefront	39	34	Valparaiso	41	25
Lansing	41	21	Waukegan	38	24

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.10"
November to date	0.32"	1.66"
Year to date	46.44"	33.15"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	8.3"	6.2"
Normal to date	0.4"	0.4"
SOURCE: Frank Wachowski		

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

SUNDAY	WIND S/WS 10-20 kts.	NW 10-18 kts.
Wind 5-10 kts.	2-4 feet	2-3 feet

Sat. shore/crib water temps 39°/36°

U.S. SNOW COVER

NOV. 16	2018	2019
Area covered by snow	16.35	24.85

Average snow depth 0.5" 10.0"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	4 days	2 days

Subzero lows 0 days 0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading	Moderate
Sunday's forecast	Moderate

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Balancing immigration and economy

DACA recipients spend billions in US. What happens if its ending is upheld?

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

David Rodriguez was born in Mexico but has created a life in Chicago, where he is raising a family and running a business. A case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court could upend his American Dream.

Rodriguez, 30, co-owns Whisk, a restaurant in Chicago's Ukrainian Village neighborhood, with his brother Ricardo, 35. The Rodriguez brothers are among more than 33,000 Chicago-area individuals enrolled in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, a program that shields from deportation certain immigrants brought to the country as

children.

President Donald Trump has taken a hard-line stance on immigration and tried to phase out DACA two years ago.

Now it's up to the Supreme Court to decide the fate of thousands of "Dreamers," the name often used for DACA recipients. The court heard oral arguments Tuesday on whether the Trump administration's reason for cancelling the program is legally justified. The justices seemed split along political lines, with the majority of conservative jurists hinting they would rule in favor of the president.

Experts say ending DACA could put thousands of immi-

grants, many of whom have bought homes, earned college degrees or formed their own businesses, at risk of deportation and deal a blow to the economy.

David Rodriguez, of Albany Park, said he is concerned that losing his DACA protection would mean he'd have to leave the country and shut down his restaurant.

For most of his childhood, Rodriguez said his career aspirations were limited. Rodriguez dreamed of being a police officer — something that seemed impossible without proper immigration documents. His parents brought him to the U.S. from Mexico City when he was 2 years old, immigrating without legal permission.

"My parents would always tell

Turn to DACA, Page 2



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David Rodriguez, owner of Whisk, a restaurant in the Ukrainian Village neighborhood, is a DACA recipient who employs about 15 workers.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

After a Nov. 4 physical therapy session, Jaxtien Miller, right, gets help putting on his shoes from his brother, Gabbrien Boden, and father, Damien Miller, while his mother, Mercedes Boden, waits. Jax has a rare disease called metachromatic leukodystrophy.

No. No. No. No. No.

An insurer rejected out-of-state treatment for a 4-year-old's rare disease five times. It relented, but why is getting an OK so hard?

BY LISA SCHENCKER

PAYSON, Ill. — Jaxtien Miller doesn't seem very sick — yet.

On a recent Monday night, the 4-year-old bounced through his home in rural Payson, piecing together a giant firetruck puzzle on the kitchen floor. Then he sprang onto the couch, rolling around with his 11-year-old brother, giggling.

He then plopped all 49 pounds of his small, solid body onto his mother's lap for a snuggle.

But Jax's hands have started to shake, and he can no longer climb stairs on his own.

Those symptoms are just the beginning.

Jax has a rare disease called metachromatic leukodystrophy that could rob him of the ability to walk, sit and hold up his own head within the next year. Children with the disease typically die between the ages of 2 and 10.

There's no cure for the genetic disorder. There is a treatment that may slow the disease's progression but it cannot reverse damage that is already done nor restore abilities that are already lost, meaning time is of the essence.

Yet for most of the past two months, as his symptoms worsened, Jax and his family waited.

They waited for their Illinois Medicaid managed care insurance company, MeridianHealth, to approve treatment at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

The insurer sent the family letters denying requests for coverage five times. The insurer said the hospital was out-of-network, and Jax should get care closer to home. Those familiar with the



Jaxtien Miller gets help peeling a piece of fruit from his mother, Mercedes Boden, after a physical therapy session.

A common situation'

No one keeps data on how many patients' requests for out-of-state care are denied, but experts say it's not uncommon.

Typically, health insurance companies ask patients to get care at in-network hospitals — nearby facilities with which insurers have contracted rates. And that works fine for common conditions such as knee replacements, broken bones and many forms of cancer.

But when a patient has a rarer condition that in-network hospitals may not be familiar with and wants to go out-of-state for treatment by experts, insurance com-

panies may balk.

Between 25 and 30 million Americans have rare diseases, some of whom can require out-of-state care. Patients with all types of health insurance, including private insurance through their employers, can have a tough time getting their insurers to approve out-of-state care.

"It's a very common situation when you have experts that are not within your state and those are the only ones who can treat your condition," said Melanie Buzzelli, associate director of federal policy at the National Organization for Rare Disorders, a patient advocacy group.

Some experts say securing out-of-state coverage can be especially difficult for patients on Medicaid, a state and federally funded health insurance program that serves many low-income people.

Jax's insurer, MeridianHealth, is a Medicaid managed care organization, meaning it administers Medicaid benefits for the state. MeridianHealth is part of for-profit company WellCare Health Plans. Nearly 2.9 million people in Illinois have Medicaid, and about 2.2 million of them are part of Medicaid managed care organizations.

MeridianHealth said in a statement that privacy laws prevent it from discussing specific patients. But it said its "number-one priority is the health and well-being of our members."

Metachromatic leukodystrophy is the result of a genetic mutation, and leads to a breakdown of the protective covering around nerve cells and nerve

Turn to Jax, Page 3

Passcode loyalists shun ID advances

As phones increase use of biometrics, skeptics fear security risks

BY HEATHER KELLY
The Washington Post

Ashton Hickey appreciates some of the advanced features on her iPhone 8, like wireless charging and a camera that shoots high-definition 4K video.

But there's one she refuses to use: the fingerprint sensor that lets people access their phones with a single touch. Instead, she continually enters her six-digit passcode.

"I can handle typing that in," said Hickey, a freelance locations coordinator for movies and television shows. And she wouldn't ever consider the facial recognition on the latest iPhones. "Like more and more tech, it's [something] potentially nefarious, disguised as a way to make our life easier."

Hickey is one of a small but passionate group of smartphone owners resisting the recent wave of biometric security features, such as Apple's facial recognition technology and Samsung's iris and facial scans. Instead, they're sticking with passcodes or unlock patterns to access their smartphones even as companies push biometrics as key selling points on the newest thousand-dollar devices.

Avoiding commercial biometric security could be an increasingly difficult feat in the future. Smartphone makers are sticking with the tech and say it is faster and safer to use than a passcode alone. Facial recognition as an ID is already being offered to consumers outside of phones, including at airport check-ins, sports stadiums and concerts.

Computer science experts who study biometrics predict there will only be more options in the coming years, such as voice or heart-rate detection, signature authentication and even devices that can tell who you are by the way you walk. The Pentagon is already working on tools for gait and heartbeat identification.

But the passcode holdouts say they are worried about people gaining access to their phones through faulty fingerprint or face-detection tools. They fret about the security of their sensitive biometric data, which they fear could fall into the wrong hands. Some say they are concerned about law enforcement access, the trustworthiness of tech companies or normalizing a growing surveillance culture.

"I only have one face and 10 fingers, so my tolerance for theft of that data is extremely low," said Steve Schott, who works in manufacturing in Colorado. A Galaxy S9+ owner, Schott says he has never used the phone's biometric options, which include an iris scan, face recognition and fingerprint sensor. He says he doesn't know where the biometric information goes and who has access to it.

Some recent high-profile

Turn to Phones, Page 4

Some gamblers wager on outcome of current events

Prediction markets set odds on news

BY THOMAS HEATH
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump often regards the stock market as a reflection, equating its extended bull run as the ultimate affirmation. But the same free market levers that power Wall Street can also serve as a moving referendum on his presidency and all things Washington.

In an era where you can bet on the name of the next royal baby or whether Elvis is still alive, so-called prediction markets like Predict It are positioning themselves as serious forecasters of every conceivable political outcome.

PredictIt is a current events stock exchange that poses hundreds of questions — each its own “market” — at any given time. Users can plunk down as much as \$850 to tap the next justice to leave the Supreme Court (Ruth Bader Ginsburg at 73%),

forecast whether William Barr will still be attorney general at year’s end (92% say yes) or envision a 2020 presidential run by Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson (a hard no at 96%).

Then there’s Trump, whose impeachment battle has dominated the site. The odds of the Democrat-run House of Representatives voting to impeach him stood at 78% Wednesday morning, just ahead of the start of public hearings; they’d been as high as 80% in October. The site doesn’t see the Republican-held Senate voting for conviction.

John Aristotle Phillips, the Washington-based company’s co-founder, contends that the very nature of such platforms is a better picture of what people are thinking than what pollsters can extract from statistics.



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President Donald Trump's odds of reelection are pegged at 41% on PredictIt, a current events stock exchange.

“When people have a little skin in the game, they are more likely to distill facts from fiction and discount fake news,” he said. “The theory here is that markets can be effective at pricing future risk.”

An asset’s value is based on the size of the trading pool. Traders, much like their Wall Street brethren, make wagers based on their interpretation of news reports, public statements and other factors that can affect performance.

Prediction markets seek to harness the “wisdom of the crowds” — the theory being that large groups of people are collectively smarter than experts and polls.

Though PredictIt’s spokesman Will Jennings says it’s difficult to make a “blanket accuracy assessment, given the variety of markets,” he said the Washington, D.C.-based site’s handicappers are correct 70% to 80% of the time.

It forecast, for example, that Brett Kavanaugh would be on the shortlist to succeed Justice Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court. It also signaled that Kavanaugh would get the nomination hours before it was formally announced.

PredictIt was on the wrong side of Brexit, when the United Kingdom invoked its separation from

the European Union in a letter from Prime Minister Theresa May. Nor did it call Trump’s 2016 election victory; it said Democratic rival Hillary Clinton had a 95% chance of winning Florida, for example, but she didn’t.

PredictIt pegs Trump’s odds of reelection at 41%, which makes him the favorite one year out. As the incumbent, Trump has the historical advantage.

Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren, meanwhile, has an 18% chance, former Vice President Joe Biden is at 13% and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg stands at 12%, according to the website.

Though PredictIt comes across as quiz show meets Caesars Palace sportsbook, the 5-year-old site doesn’t have bookies and oddsmakers like the sports gambling parlors that populate Las Vegas or local racetracks. And it’s not a traditional pollster.

Rather, it’s a gambling-polling hybrid that essentially asks people to back up their political prognostications with money.

PredictIt allows traders to make predictions on future political events by buying 1- to 99-cent shares in binary outcomes. The resulting share price can be read as the probability of a specific event occurring, based on the collective intelligence of the market participants, according to the company.

The odds are set by the traders and what they are willing to pay. If a contract that pays \$1 if “Candidate X” wins an election is currently priced at 53 cents, the market says “Candidate X” has a 53% chance of winning and 47% chance that they will lose.

PredictIt’s team formulates questions that must have two sides to the bet, known as a “contract.” Only one option can be correct, and it’s a dollar, winner-take-all.

DACA

Continued from Page 1

us that we weren’t born here, and you have to keep hush-hush,” Rodriguez said of his family’s immigration status. “Things like that really discouraged me from even pursuing some type of higher education.”

Rodriguez said DACA changed his life. The program has not only helped him, but Rodriguez also said he’s been able to make an economic impact through tax contributions and employment. He said he employs about 15 workers, many of whom are parents who need a job to provide for their families.

“Now I’ve found my passion in the kitchen,” Rodriguez said. “What a lot of people don’t understand is that we pay a whole lot of money in taxes.”

In order to keep the restaurant’s doors open, Rodriguez said he pays about \$1,000 every year to renew his business license, plus additional taxes the city requires. Rodriguez said his restaurant’s impact seems huge and he can’t imagine the contribution bigger establishments owned by DACA individuals have in Chicago.

Since its inception, the program has helped nearly 800,000 individuals who were brought to the country illegally as children.

According to a 2019 analysis by the left-leaning Center for American Progress, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, about 6% of DACA recipients are business owners. Recipients also fill roles in a wide range of occupations, including food service, education and health care, the study found.

Nicole Svajlenka, an immigration senior policy analyst for the organization who worked on the study, said immigrants are entrepreneurial by nature and more likely to start their own companies.

Local communities “rely on immigrant job creators for jobs. We found that ... DACA business owners employ on average about four to five workers,” Svajlenka said.

Employers are also concerned about how ending DACA would affect their workforce. A group of more than 140 businesses and trade associations filed a friend-of-the-court brief Oct. 3 in favor of protecting the program. Three Chicago-based firms joined the brief, including energy company Exelon Corp., SpotHero, an online parking reservation service company, and Civis Analytics, a data science company.

Richard Lee, general counsel for Civis Analytics, said his firm’s decision to be part of the brief was rooted in the company’s culture that diversity, equity and inclusion apply both at work and in society.

“Immigrants make up a huge part of the tech industry,” Lee said. “It was important to say where we stand on certain issues.”

The U.S. economy could take a hit, losing \$460.3 billion in national gross domestic product over the next decade and collecting \$90 billion less in tax revenue during the same pe-



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Jose Quiroz, a DACA recipient, is a graduate of Palatine High School and real estate agent who manages the Dream City Team of Diamond Homes Realty.

riod, the group of businesses said in its brief.

In Illinois, DACA recipi-

ents contribute about \$202 million annually in state and local taxes, according to the Center for American Progress.

And the economic impact goes beyond business owners.

“We are just like everyone else. A lot of us buy houses and cars,” said Jose Quiroz, a 24-year-old Palatine resident and DACA recipient. “It would definitely have an impact to the economy if it was taken away.”

Quiroz was brought by his parents from Mexico City when he was 4 years old.

Today Quiroz manages Dream City Team, a real estate firm owned by Diamond Homes Realty, that employs two other workers.

He said he has helped 30 DACA recipients achieve the American Dream of becoming homeowners. But Quiroz also said the Trump administration’s crackdown on legal and illegal immigration has dampened interest in homeownership among DACA recipients, who are now less interested in taking on debt given the uncertainty clouding the program’s future.

“Two years ago about 50% of my clients had DACA. Now it’s about 25%. A lot of them were more interested in buying houses back then,” Quiroz said.

Both political parties and the president have expressed sympathy for DACA recipients, but the roots of the program are controversial. Opponents say it was unconstitutional for then-President Barack Obama to establish the program through an executive order.

David Bier, an immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, said DACA is a good policy, but it’s Congress’ job to create a solution, not the president’s.

“The president has discretion to end the program,” Bier said. “DACA is good policy regardless of what the president does, but it’s a separate question about whether the president can take it away.”

The Cato Institute filed a brief in support of the Trump administration.

Some other groups, like the Eagle Forum, an Alton, Illinois-based conservative group started by Phyllis Schlafly, have called for DACA’s termination. The organization filed a brief in December last year opposing the program.

Anne Cori, Eagle Fo-

rum’s chairman, said the group has opposed DACA since it was first introduced.

“We believe illegal immigrants should not be made legal,” Cori said. “Age is irrelevant ... It’s important for people to follow the law.”

Immigrant advocacy groups say they are prepared to roll out resources in case the court rules against DACA recipients.

“We don’t know exactly what a ruling from the court would mean,” said Fred Tsao, senior policy council for the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. “If a business is incorporated, it could survive the loss of the immigration status of its business owner.”

Tsao said his group has been preparing informational resources, including online presentations and referrals to legal service providers, in case the court rules against DACA. One of the services helps DACA business owners transfer ownership to a U.S. citizen to run the company on their behalf.

Under federal law, anyone can start a business regardless of their immigration status, said Iliana Perez, director of research and entrepreneurship for Immigrants Rising, a San Francisco-based advocacy group. The problem comes when a business owner faces deportation and he or she didn’t give a trusted friend or family member the legal right to their company, Perez said.

“I’ve been practicing law for over 12 years. They (DACA recipients) need Congress to pass a permanent solution,” said Fiona McEntee, an immigration attorney and managing partner for McEntee Law Group in Chicago.

McEntee, who works on DACA cases, said that stakes are high if recipients lose their DACA protection.

Rodriguez, like many other DACA recipients, is waiting for Congress to propose legislation that would lead to a pathway to citizenship. But so far lawmakers have come up short on agreeing to a solution that works for both parties.

“I’m a Chicago city boy,” Rodriguez said. “I love this country, and I get that people come to this country and don’t contribute anything, but I’m one of many that does. We pay taxes to the city and we are business owners. We’re actually doing good things for this city.”

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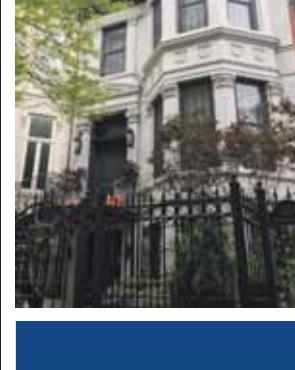
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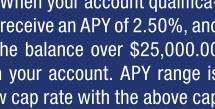
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fibers, known as myelin. Without that protective covering, the nerve cells and fibers become damaged.

Jax's family wants him to get a stem cell transplant with umbilical cord blood — a procedure that doctors have found can slow the disease's progression. Before the transplant, patients also typically undergo chemotherapy to clear out the affected bone marrow cells.

In some of the denial letters, MeridianHealth questioned the medical necessity of the evaluation and transplant. In all the denials, it said that Jax's family and doctors had not shown it was necessary for him to be seen by an out-of-network provider when he could go to closer hospitals. The family, and a nonprofit patient advocacy organization, appealed those decisions.

In a later denial letter, which came after an external review by a physician who is board-certified in blood and bone marrow transplants, MeridianHealth said it wouldn't cover the procedure in Pittsburgh but Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago could perform the transplant.

But Jax's family, and nonprofit organizations that support patients with the disease, argued that Lurie doesn't have nearly as much experience treating patients with metachromatic leukodystrophy as the hospital in Pittsburgh.

Lurie, one of the top children's hospitals in the country, treats metachromatic leukodystrophy and has performed two transplants on patients with the disease.

Lurie has never seen Jax and can't comment on him, the hospital said in a statement. "However, we also respect that parents and caregivers have a very important role in the choice of where their child receives care," Lurie said.

The Pittsburgh children's hospital has seen more than 170 patients with metachromatic leukodystrophy, said Dr. Maria Escobar, director of the Pittsburgh hospital's Program for the Study of Neurodevelopment in Rare Disorders. Twelve of the patients she's overseen since 2011 received transplants in Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh hospital began using a less toxic form of chemotherapy on patients with metachromatic leukodystrophy and similar diseases in 2011, and since then the survival rate of those patients has been 95%, Escobar said.

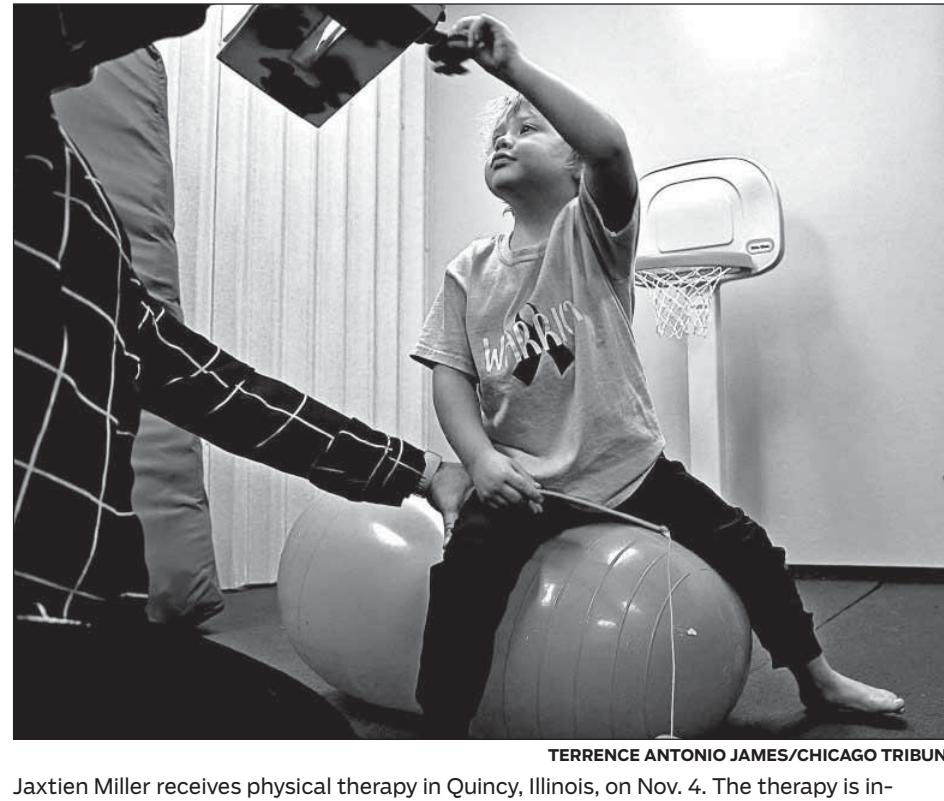
Some patients that Pittsburgh treated in 2011 are still alive, walking and talking today, Escobar said.

Dean Suhr, president and co-founder of the MLD Foundation, which supports patients with the disease, said he tries to send families to the three places that specialize in its treatment, which in addition to Pittsburgh include Duke University Medical Center and University of Minnesota Medical Center. The foundation has worked to help Jax and his family in recent months.

"The people that have seen a lot of MLD patients know what to look for, and how to be proactive in their responses as they're managing these patients," Suhr said. Two of Suhr's three daughters have been affected by the disease. His daughter Darcee died at age 10 in 1995, shortly after receiving a bone marrow transplant, and his daughter Lindy is 39, nonverbal and in a wheelchair.

Maria Kefalas, co-founder of Cure MLD, another group that has worked with Jax's family in recent months, agreed with Suhr's assessment. Kefalas' daughter Calliope also has the disease, and at age 9, she has lived longer than the doctors predicted. But she's nonverbal, eats through a feeding tube and needs 96 hours a week of skilled nursing care, Kefalas said. She wasn't a candidate for a transplant like Jax.

She called Jax's case of denial after denial by a Medicaid managed care company one of the worst she's seen. "If you're poor, if you're Medicaid-dependent, your child's life expectancy should not be dictated by whether or not they have Medicaid," she said.



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Jaxtien Miller receives physical therapy in Quincy, Illinois, on Nov. 4. The therapy is intended to help him maintain his muscle strength.

Finding a balance

Federal regulations say Medicaid must pay for out-of-state care under certain conditions, such as in a medical emergency or if the services are "more readily available" in another state.

But part of the challenge for Medicaid programs is that they work with limited public dollars, said Matt Salo, executive director of the National Association of Medicaid Directors. They have to find a balance between providing the best care possible for patients and spending money responsibly.

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In many cases, out-of-state care is justified, Salo said. But it's up to individual Medicaid programs and plans to figure out when.

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, which oversees Medicaid in Illinois, said, in a statement that "Health plans must provide care for covered Medicaid services, whether these are offered in Illinois or out of state."

The department said it monitors health plans to ensure that care is being provided, and has an appeals process for members who feel they've been wrongly denied care.

Many states have moved to using Medicaid managed care organizations, and last year, then-Gov. Bruce Rauner expanded and revamped Illinois' Medicaid managed care program in hopes of improving care for patients and saving money.

Critics of the system, however, have complained about late and missing payments from insurers to hospitals, and have said they worry about putting state and federal dollars meant

for patient care into the hands of for-profit companies.

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The race to help Jax

Jax has been on Medicaid his whole life. His dad, Damien Miller, works at an automotive shop, and his mother is a stay-at-home mom.

Though Miller gets health insurance through his employer, he can't afford to extend that coverage to the entire family.

That wasn't a problem until about a year ago. Jax's right eye started crossing inward. An ophthalmologist recommended he wear glasses for three months.

But when his eye didn't improve, the doctor referred him to a specialist at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, about a two-hour drive from Jax's home.

The specialist observed that Jax's nerves were raised behind his eyes and recommend an MRI. The test showed abnormalities,

at which point Jax was referred to a pediatric neurologist. After further testing, he was diagnosed with metachromatic leukodystrophy in July of this year.

That's when the race began to help Jax before he deteriorated further.

Boden and Miller applied for Jax to take part in two clinical trials of treatments for the disease. But he didn't qualify for either trial, his parents said.

Jax's family did all it could while waiting for approval from Medicaid.

They installed additional handrails to help Jax use the stairs at home. They set up a GoFundMe page and sold "Team Jaxtien" bracelets to raise money for his medical expenses.

The family distributed "Team Jaxtien" canisters to local businesses, which put them atop counters.

Boden describes her hometown — where the only businesses are a gas station and a dollar store — as a place where "neighbors look after neighbors."

Jax's parents also enrolled him in physical therapy in nearby Quincy, in hopes of keeping his muscles as strong as possible. During a recent appointment, Jax happily waded through a colorful ball pit, an exercise designed to help him with his full-body strength.

The physical therapist eventually coaxed him out of the ball pit for another exercise. She set up hurdles, a couple of inches off the ground, for him to step over while wearing ankle weights.

"Why?" Jax asked in a high-pitched voice, as she affixed the weights to his ankles.

He was growing tired from the exercises. He was losing his balance more easily and experiencing tremors.

"Why are we putting these on your legs?" the therapist responded. "These are going to make your legs stronger."

Changing the law

The two months that Jax's family spent trying to get insurance approval for the transplant were hard on the family.

"I'm trying to do everything I possibly can, and doing nothing is making me

feel helpless," said Miller, 31, before Jax received MeridianHealth's approval.

But once Jax got the OK from the insurance company, the family wasted no time. Within days of getting the call from MeridianHealth, they were on a plane to Pittsburgh.

But it shouldn't have been so difficult to gain that approval, said Suhr, with the MLD Foundation. The office of state Sen. Jill Tracy, R-Quincy, also got involved, contacting the state agency that oversees Medicaid, after Jax's grandmother reached out to Tracy's office.

Some groups have been working to try to make it easier for children on Medicaid to get coverage for out-of-state treatments. The Children's Hospital Association pushed for federal legislation that was signed into law in April that helps that cause in cases of medically complex cases.

That law goes into effect in 2022. It will be up to states whether to opt into it.

Boden likes the idea of

working to change federal law to make it easier for other sick children on Medicaid to get care out-of-state.

"I fear for other children in the future who are going to have to go through the same thing," she said.

But for now, she's focused on Jax. The 4-year-old spent this past week in Pittsburgh undergoing testing, in hopes of starting the transplant process soon. Doctors have to determine if he's still a good candidate for a transplant. After the testing, his parents will have to decide whether to move forward with the transplant, which carries risks such as death and disability.

If Jax undergoes the transplant, he'll likely have to spend three to six months in Pittsburgh recovering. There's no telling exactly how long a transplant might extend his life or quality of life.

But for the first time in months, Jax's family is moving forward.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION
BIG SHOURDERS CAPITAL LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SAN LUIS & RIO GRANDE RAILROAD, INC., et al., Defendants.) Case No. 19-CV-06029 v.) Hon. Thomas M. Durkin)

NOTICE OF RECEIVER'S PUBLIC SALE OF RAIL LINE AND RELATED ASSETS AND CLAIM/OBJECTION DEADLINE

Novo Advisors LLC is the Receiver in above-captioned case, pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division ("Court"). On November 1, 2019, the Receiver filed the Receiver's Motion for Entry of Orders (i) Authorizing the Sale of Certain Assets of Chicago Terminal Railroad Company Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims and Interests and the Distribution of the Proceeds, (ii) Approving Certain Procedures and Deadlines related to such Sale, and (iii) Granting Related Relief ("Sale Motion").

ASSETS TO BE SOLD: Through the Sale Motion, the Receiver intends to sell the rights, title and interest of Chicago Terminal Railroad Company in and to certain portions of a rail line and related assets located in or around the Goose Island neighborhood of Chicago ("Sale Assets"). The Receiver accepted an offer to purchase the Sale Assets in the amount of \$1,233,300, subject to higher or better bids at auction.

TERMS OF AUCTION SALE: On November 13, 2019, the Court entered an order (the "Procedures Order") in the above-captioned case, setting the timing and procedures of notice of the intended sale of the Sale Assets free and clear of liens, claims, encumbrances and interests; (2) approving bidding and sale procedures; (3) establishing a deadline for filing claims and objections to the sale of the Sale Assets; and (4) providing the Receiver with related relief.

The Procedures Order provides for, among other things, an auction sale of the Sale Assets ("Auction") on December 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (CST) at the offices of Fox Rothschild LLP, 321 N. Clark St., Suite 1600, Chicago, IL in the event that the Receiver receives higher and better offers for the Sale Assets.

To participate in the Auction, each potential bidder must deliver the following in form and substance acceptable to the Receiver: (a) evidence, to the Receiver's sole discretion, of a potential bidder's ability to close the sale of the Sale Assets in a timely manner, including a demonstration of financial wherewithal to close such sale; (b) an earnest money deposit by wire transfer or cashier's or certified check in the amount of \$125,000 payable to the Receiver; and (c) an executed purchase agreement, in form and substance acceptable to the Receiver in its sole discretion, that identifies all terms and conditions of its bid, provides aggregate consideration of the assets in \$1,258,300, and is not subject to any covenants, conditions, representations, regulatory approvals, or terms unacceptable to the Receiver in its sole discretion. In order to be considered timely, all Qualified Bids (as defined in the bidding procedures) must be submitted to the Receiver and its counsel on or before 5:00 p.m. (CST) on December 10, 2019. Subject to Court approval, the Receiver may impose other procedures prior to the Auction.

A hearing ("Sale Hearing") to consider the remaining relief in the Sale Motion, including authorization to accept the Winning Bid and Back-Up Bid (as defined in the Procedures Order) for the Sale Assets, shall commence on December 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. before the Honorable Thomas M. Durkin in Courtroom 1441 of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Sale Hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice other than by announcement in open court.

CLAIM/OBJECTION DATE: All persons or entities asserting an interest in the Sale Assets or its sale proceeds or that otherwise objects to the proposed sale of the Sale Assets ("Interested Parties") shall file an appearance and a short and plain statement of their interest in the Sale Assets ("Claim/Objection") with the Court by 5:00 p.m. (CST) on December 11, 2019 ("Claim/Objection Date").

ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROCEDURES ORDER AND FILE A TIMELY CLAIM/OBJECTION IN THE CASE BEFORE THE CLAIM/OBJECTION DATE SHALL BE BARRED FROM ASSERTING ITS INTEREST AGAINST THE SALE ASSETS OR THE SALE PROCEEDS. Any Interested Party that objects to the sale may also include in its Claim/Objection a more detailed explanation of its objection.

To be timely, your Appearance and a Claim/Objection must be filed with and RECEIVED by the Court on or before the Claim/Objection Date.

APPEARANCES AND CLAIM/OBJECTIONS WILL BE DEEMED FILED ONLY WHEN ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE COURT. Appearances and Claim/Objections may be filed electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system at www.ilnd.uscourts.gov (Court issued password required), or by mail delivery at the following address: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, 219 S. DEARBORN STREET, 20TH FLOOR, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604.

Prospective bidders should contact the Receiver at the address below for additional information regarding the sale and the requirements to participate in the bidding process.

Receiver: Novo Advisors LLC, Attn. Sandeep Gupta, 357 W. Chicago Ave., Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60654, SGupta@novo-advisors.com

Counsel for Receiver: Steven B. Towbin, Fox Rothschild LLP, 321 N. Clark St., Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60654, stowbin@foxrothschild.com, 312-517-9200

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Notice of Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors

THE CHALKBOARD LEARNING CENTERS, INC.

Please be advised that on October 16, 2019, The Chalkboard Learning Centers, Inc. (the "Company") executed a Trust Agreement and Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors, to Matthew Brash, not personally, but solely as Trustee-Assignee, is under a fiduciary duty, and has full power and authority, to sell or dispose of all assets of the Company at the highest and best price, individually or as one lot, and distribute the proceeds to the creditors of the Company in accordance with the priorities established by law. The Company provides quality education and materials and specialty toys for teachers, parents and kids.

The assets will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, with no representation or warranties of any kind. The Assignee may announce, at or before a sale, such other terms and conditions of sale and bidding that he believes, in his sole discretion, will result in the highest or otherwise best value for the Assets and is in the best interest of the estate (this includes, but is not limited to going out of business sale, bulk sale, auction, etc.). The Assignee reserves the right to change any and all terms of sale up to and through the date of sale, including the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel the sale.

The sale shall close on or before December 31, 2019.

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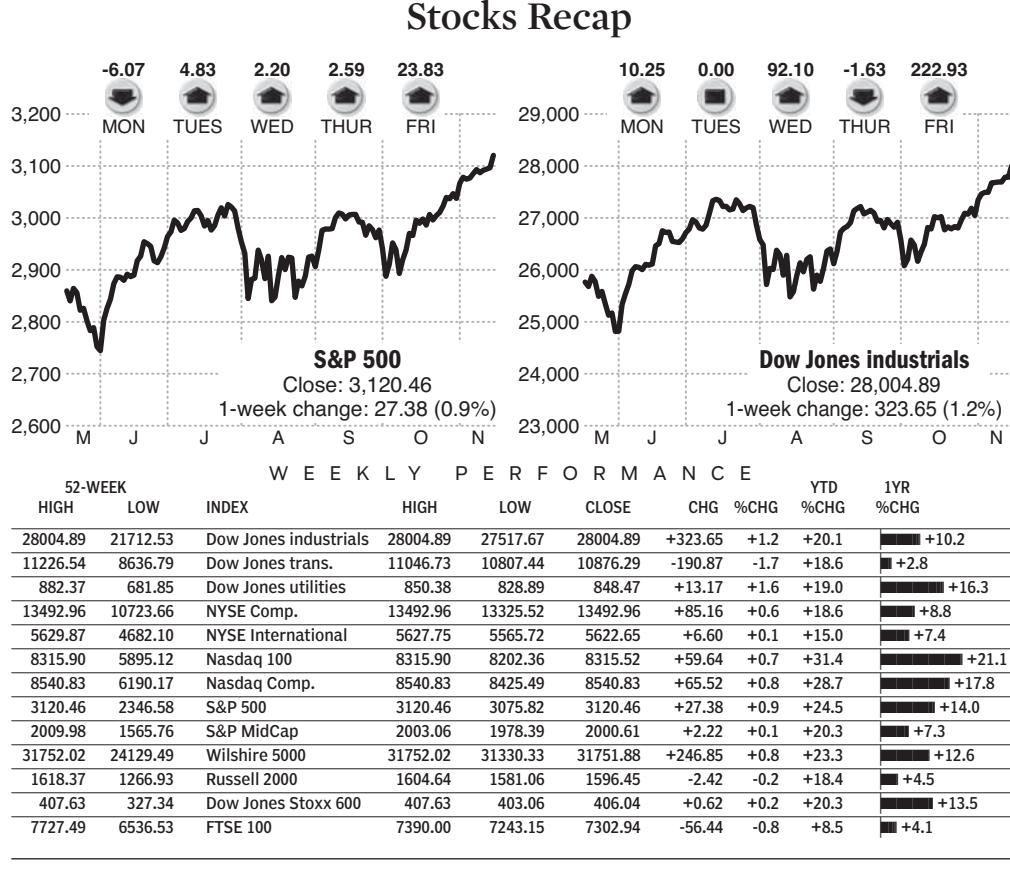
Matthew Brash, Newpoint Advisors Corporation, 1320 Tower Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173, 800-306-1250, mbrash@newpointadvisors.us

Student loan debt delaying home ownership by 7 years

As a result, the average U.S. adult carrying student loans is delaying homeownership by 7.7 years.

Another recent survey, by Clever Real Estate, found that almost a full half (48 percent) of current undergraduates with student debt already expect to put off buying a house because of their loans.

The survey also found that, on average, Americans believe 28 is the ideal age to buy a home. However, the median college graduate with student debt doesn't expect to be able

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Chesapeake Energy	.70	-.20
Gen Electric	11.52	...
Bank of America	32.93	-.33
Uber Technologies	26.79	-.22
Energy Transfer L.P.	11.62	-.60
Ford Motor	8.95	-.09
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.73	-1.08
Pfizer Inc	37.28	+.23
Disney	144.67	+.61
Callon Petroleum	4.37	-.17
Stryker Energy	2.15	-.13
AT&T Inc	39.50	+.12
Yamana Gold Inc	3.44	+.17

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Fuel Cell Energy	.83	+.39
Adv Micro Dev	38.56	+.27
Cisco Syst	45.09	-.37
Apple Inc	265.76	+.56
Microsoft Corp	149.97	+.01
Roku Inc	157.30	+.35
Sirius XM Holdings Inc	6.92	+.07
Micron Tech	47.71	+.52
Plug Power Inc	3.49	+.76
Clovis Oncology Inc	6.38	+.50
Comcast Corp A	44.56	-.63
Intel Corp	57.96	-.31
Qualcomm Inc	90.81	-.32

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	8.02	-.34
Citigp Vel Inv Crde	4.40	-.12
iPath Sh Term Fut	17.40	-.12
iShares Brazil	43.02	...
iShares China Large Cap	41.13	-.61
iShares Emtg Mkts	43.13	-.55
iShares EAFE ETF	68.32	-.06
Invesco QQQ Trust	202.91	+.16
SPDR S&P 500 Et Tr	311.79	+.28
SPDR S&P O&G Expdtr	21.96	-.88
SPDR Financial	29.75	-.09
US Oil Fund LP	12.08	+.09
VanE Vect Gld Miners	26.74	+.51

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	39.50	+.12
Abbott Labs	85.71	+.19
Alibaba Group Hldg	185.49	-.16
Alphabet Inc C	1334.87	+.23
Alphabet Inc A	1333.54	+.24
Amazon.com Inc	1739.49	-.46
Anheuser-Busch InBev	736.5	+.17
Apple Inc	265.76	+.56
Bank of America	32.93	-.33
Berkshire Hath A	329405.00	-.21
Berkshire Hath B	219.74	-.15
Boeing Co	371.68	+.26
Chevron Corp	120.64	+.90
China Mobile Ltd	39.13	-.73
Cisco Syst	45.09	-.37
Citigroup	74.40	-.72
CocaCola Co	52.67	+.46
Comcast Corp A	44.56	-.63
Disney	144.67	+.61
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.19	-.58
Facebook Inc	195.10	+.42
FEMSA	93.02	+.24
HSBC Holdings prA	26.50	+.01
Home Depot	237.29	+.45
Intel Corp	57.96	-.31
JPMorgan Chase & Co	129.53	-.85
Johnson & Johnson	134.94	+.19
MasterCard Inc	280.78	+.89
Merk & Co	84.90	+.13
Microsoft Corp	149.97	+.01
Novartis AG	90.04	+.67
Oracle Corp	56.42	-.07
PepsiCo	133.81	+.68
Pfizer Inc	37.28	+.23
Procter & Gamble	120.54	+.84
Royal Dutch Shell B	59.97	+.23
SAP SE	135.48	-.96
Taiwan Semiconductor	53.29	+.46
Toyota Mot	144.27	-.12
Unilever NV	59.12	-.04
Unilever PLC	59.03	-.93
UnitedHealth Group	269.40	+.12
Verizon Comm	59.51	+.16
Visa Inc	179.77	+.10
WalMart Strs	118.87	-.57
Wells Fargo & Co	53.80	-.30

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and northwestern Indiana as of Friday, November 15, 2019

Market capitalization in millions of dollars	Stock CAP	Stock CLOSE	Stock % change	Stock return
1 Boeing Co	209,178	371.68	▲+20.68	+9.0
2 Abbott Labs	151,574	85.71	▲+1.97	+23.0
3 McDonalds Corp	146,077	193.97	▲+3.36	+8.0
4 AbbVie Inc	131,067	88.63	▲+3.42	+4.1
5 Caterpillar Inc	80,306	145.31	▼-2.85	+17.7
6 Mondelez Intl	76,051	52.82	▲+1.09	+23.3
7 CME Group	73,177	204.20	▲+6.03	+12.1
8 ITW	56,297	175.16	▼-1.25	+33.4
9 Walgreen Boots Alli	55,462	62.14	▲+3.36	+22.4
10 Deere Co	54,939	174.48	▼-3.88	+20.5
11 Exelon Corp	43,764	45.02	▲+6.67	+1.9
12 Baxter Intl	41,579	81.44	▲+2.93	+27.8
13 Kraft Heinz Co	38,222	31.30	▼-1.15	-37.0
14 Allstate Corp	35,991	111.10	▲+2.91	+27.2
15 Equity Residential	32,107	86.46	▲+2.48	+28.0
16 Motorola Solutions	27,770	162.08	▼-2.88	+27.4
17 Discover Fin Svcs	26,494	84.52	▼-1.19	+25.0
18 Arch Dan Mid	23,865	42.87	▼-4.44	-5.2
19 United Airlines Hldg	23,409	92.51	▼-9.3	+8.8
20 Ntnh Trust Cp	22,576	106.55	▼-1.10	+12.9
21 Ventas Inc	21,730	58.30	▼-1.24	+2.0
22 CDW Corp	19,619	136.55	▲+3.03	+53.6
23 Grainger WW	17,424	323.47	▼-1.45	+9.2
24 Gallagher AJ	17,148	91.94	▲+7.79	+23.0
25 TransUnion	16,158	85.81	▲+5.19	+41.1
26 Dover Corp	15,902	109.47	▲+1.12	+30.6
27 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	14,494	246.30	▲+7.01	-22.4
28 ConAgra Brands Inc	14,020	28.81	▲+1.37	-10.3
29 CBOE Global Markets	13,246	119.49	▲+4.61	+8.4</

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Y19002547 on the
Date: November 7, 2019

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NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF
COOK COUNTY OF THE TIME AND PLACE
FOR FILING VALUATION COMPLAINTS
(ASSESSMENT APPEALS) RELATING TO 2019
REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that during the period
NOVEMBER 18, 2019 THROUGH
DECEMBER 17, 2019, the Board of Review
of Cook County will accept the filing of
valuation complaints (assessment appeals) for

HYDE PARK, LEYDEN, WORTH, WEST,
PROVOST

for the revisions and corrections of the 2019
Real Estate Assessments.

All complaints will be considered by the
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Approved by the Board of Review of Cook
County, Illinois in said County,
this 14th day of November, 2019.

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of Commissioners of Cook County, has
directed me to call a Special Meeting of the
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Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the hour of
12:00 PM, in the County Board Room,
Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark
Street, Chicago, Illinois. At said meeting, the
Fiscal Year 2020 Programs and Budgets for
Pace, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra
and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) will
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Very truly yours,
/S/ KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Cook County
Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the
Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois
11/16/11/20/2019 6511488

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Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals
Location: 69 W. Washington, 22nd Floor,
Chicago, IL
Date & Time: 12/4/2019 at 1:00PM

Reference: V 19-31
Subject: Property: 2545 Landmeier Rd, Elk
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Variance Request: increase height of fences

Reference: V 19-58
Subject: Property: 135 Birchwood Dr,
Northbrook, IL
Variance Request: reduce rear yard setback

Reference: V 19-60
Subject: Property: 13908 Linder Ave,
Midlothian, IL
Variance Request: reduce right interior side
yard setback, reduce lot width

Reference: V 19-61
Subject: Property: 6139 S. Edgewood Ln, La
Grange IL
Variance Request: reduce lot area

Reference: V 19-62
Subject: Property: 221 Graylyn Dr, Mt.
Prospect, IL
Variance Request: reduce the left side yard
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Reference: V 19-64
Subject: Property: 355 N. East River Rd, Des
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7 negotiating tips**1. Be prepared with an elevator pitch.**

Your elevator pitch in this case summarizes why you're worth the extra salary. I want and I need aren't going to get you very far here—the employer isn't concerned with what your preferences are. They want to make sure that you bring value in exchange for the extra salary bump or incentives added to your offer package. The more you emphasize those qualities in the negotiation process, the higher your chances of success. This is especially important if you're negotiating a raise at your existing job. The question of why is going to be one of the first you'll need to tackle. Wanting a raise is all well and good (who doesn't want one), but you need to show that you deserve it too.

2. Be specific and realistic.

This is where you should have a sense of what you're worth. And I don't mean that in a "my mom thinks I'm priceless" kind of way. I mean it in a "this is what people at my level in this field can make" kind of way. Once you know what you can reasonably expect, you can come up with specific dollar amounts as a counteroffer. Unrealistic counteroffers, just for the sake of seeing what you can get, are not likely to be met with success. Do your research—a search of similar positions on Salary.com can often give you a good sense of what the market-level salary is for your new or current job. Use that knowledge to come up with a realistic range for your salary. It's okay to reach a little in your counteroffer, but make sure it's within a realistic range.

3. Think outside the salary box.

You know you can negotiate for more than just salary, right? When you get a job offer, you may also receive information on company policies, benefits, etc. Core benefits like insurance coverage and retirement savings plans may be set in stone, depending on your new company's policies. However, you might be able to negotiate additional vacation or personal days, or work-from-home flex time. If the company seems pretty intractable on a salary bump, think about other ways you might be able to negotiate a more appealing package. But again, the key is being realistic. A junior employee is not likely to score an extra week of vacation up front, but if you think there's wiggle room on time off, work that into your negotiation.

4. Know what your limits are.

Part of being realistic about your negotiation means having a dealbreaker in mind as

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Seasonal focus: Stock clerk

Stock clerk — the job

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The skills

As a stock clerk, these are the skills that will help get you in the door.

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- Customer service skills

The requirements

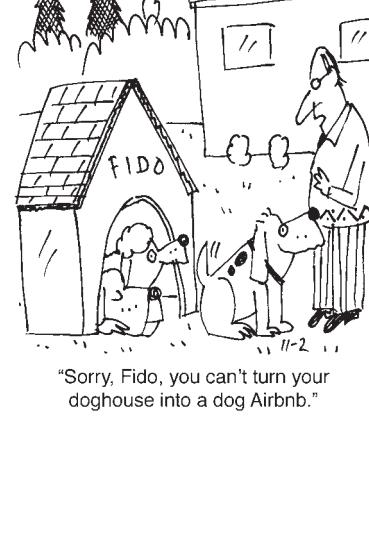
There's no formal education or training for retail stock clerks, though a high school diploma (or equivalent) is typically required. Stores usually provide on-the-job training for new employees, making this a good entry-level option for those interested in retail and strong enough to move heavy objects and stay on your feet for periods of time.

The pay

The median hourly pay for stock clerks is \$13.47, and the median annual salary is \$26,940. Jobs may be full-time or part-time. Per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 1 in 5 customer service representatives worked part-time in 2014.

The outlook

The number of stock clerks is likely to stay relatively flat, per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, but it's a field with a strong amount of turnover, so job openings are fairly consistent.

9 to 5

Even small resume lies can derail your job search

Alex Bloom says he learned a lot when he was a resident assistant at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. His resume indicates that his two years as an RA taught him how to be responsible, how to look out for others and how to help groups of individual personalities come together as a cohesive unit.

Except, he didn't.

Bloom is one of many job seekers who weren't content with padding their resumes with a few exaggerations. Instead, he created a false title and made-up responsibilities to appear more qualified than he was. "It's kind of an easy thing to do," says Bloom. "I really didn't think anybody would bother to check. There are a million people that are RAs. Who looks into it?"

That's a question for the HR industry, but Bloom's own lie was revealed because of a "stupid mistake," he says.

"I studied in Rome for an entire year, and that just happened to be one of the years I said that I was an RA," he says. "The company I applied to asked me about it during the interview — I think they just thought I made a mistake — but I stumbled so badly through my answer, I just decided to come clean."

And then?

"Well, the interview ended right there," he says.

Bloom says he considers it a lesson learned. "I actually talked about it in subsequent interviews," he says. But it's a lesson that could be taught to many of today's job seekers, whether they're fresh out of school or nearing the end of their working years. A recent study from staffing firm OfficeTeam indicates that nearly half of the workers polled said they know someone who included false information on a resume. Job experience, 76 percent, and duties, 55 percent, were listed as the two areas most frequently embellished.

Stick to the facts

Pumping up skills may be a little harder to detect during a background check but she says a strong hiring manager will know how to find the truth. The key for candidates is to be honest. It doesn't do you any good to make up something that can be easily disproved. If you're eager and open about improving your skillset, that's a good thing.

Put recruiters first

Terri Plank, a career adviser in Seattle, says she tells her clients to use resume formats that highlight the things most important to recruiters, therefore eliminating the need to lie. "If you worked for a company for 25 years while the company fell apart, I'd downplay the length of time you were there," Plank says.

"If you've learned that the company is looking to hire experienced workers, then the 25 years matter. If not, you better have moved up the ladder or those years will work against you. Both formats are honest but you're not obliged to shine a light on the bad parts of your experience."

Bloom took a different approach. "When interviewers would ask about previous jobs, I liked to tell them my RA story," he says. "I think they'd be a little shocked at first but ultimately, I used it as a way to highlight what I'd learned and how I'd grown. Sounds corny but that's what people are looking for, right? Growth?"

Bloom doesn't suggest strategically placing a dishonest statement on your resume, just to use it later as a positive, but he says his strategy worked for him.

"The first time I told that story, it was at an insurance agency in Syracuse, N.Y. I was offered the job at the end of the interview and worked there for three years," Bloom says. "I remember my boss saying, 'If you're going to tell me about something like that, I figured I could trust you.'"

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Don't make the same old mistakes when looking for a job

If you're having a hard time finding work, you probably spend a lot of time questioning those decisions that have brought you to this point. Did you major in the right subject? Did you quit that first job too early? Are you really any good at your job? Are you really any good at anything?

Those little voices in your head can sometimes be overwhelming but before you decide to focus on the worst decisions you think you've made, take a few minutes to think about some of the obvious-to-everyone-but-you mistakes you've been making during your job search.

"People have blind spots when it comes to work," says Ryan Tempe, a career consultant in Los Angeles who specializes in executive-level job placement. "They think they have a killer resume when in reality, it's the same-old, same-old — the same thing most of the other applicants have. They think they have a great opening when they go on a job interview when it's not interesting at all and they even think the suit they're wearing makes them look good when in fact, it makes them look like someone clearly unqualified for the position."

Time to regroup

Tempe says the first thing frustrated job seekers should do is take a break. "Maybe take a couple of weeks to reassess and get things together," he says. "A little bit of air can be good for you creatively, professionally and motivationally."

While you're taking that break, examine everything about your search. "Top to bottom," Tempe says. "From the font you use on your resume to the profile pic you use on LinkedIn. Go through it all."

And unlike before, don't just take your word for it. "Ask your friends, ask a neighbor, ask the guy on the bike path," says Tempe. "Find out what's working and not working with the most basic building blocks of your presentation."

In addition to the basics, here are several ways to rethink some of your most unproductive strategies:

Apply with care: Sending out resumes like you're tossing birdseed at a wedding isn't going to get you the right job. It's going to frustrate you and make you angry at yourself and others when you are either ignored or rejected. Target your search with companies that offer the type of job and future you crave.

Be professional: Take small steps to improve your professionalism, such as handing out personalized business cards or sending a thank-you note after an interview. This can go a long way toward making a good first impression. And kill that stupid email account already. No one's hiring Igotthegoods123@email.com, not matter how confident you think it makes you sound.

Don't go it alone: Networking is for the weak, right? You can do this on your own and you don't need anyone's help. Sure, you can take that attitude, if you want to sit on the couch for the next six months working on your screenplay. But if you want to get paid, enlist the help of others. Reach out to friends, family and former co-workers and bosses when searching for a job. You never know who might be able to offer a great lead on an open position.

Ask questions: Not asking questions is a sure-fire way to show that you don't care about the company or the position you're interviewing for. Go into each interview with some well-thought-out questions that demonstrate both your knowledge of the company and the position, as well as your enthusiasm and interest in learning more.

Tidy up your look: Hiring managers can usually size up a candidate in the first few minutes of an interview so you don't want their focus to be on your bedhead, wrinkled pants or neon shoelaces. Dress professionally for an interview and air on the conservative side when picking an outfit. Ask the salespeople for help if you're shopping on land or consult a friend — you know, the one you think dresses so much better than you — for an online shopping session.

Tone it down online: Negative blog posts about a former co-worker are never good. Same with offensive tweets, risqué Instagrams and woe-is-me Facebook posts. If you want to be hired, be the person you'd want to hire, in-person and online.

Concise cover letters count: Writing more is not always better, especially when it comes to cover letters. Hiring managers have to read stacks of cover letters when narrowing down a list of job candidates, so keep it brief and to the point. Let your resume do the talking when it comes to your work history and specific accomplishments.

Respect your past: Regardless of how valid you think your point-of-view is, it's not necessary to trash your former employer. If you're asked to comment on your previous job, do your best to put a positive spin on it rather than focusing on the negative aspects.

Be reasonable: Yes, you'll do a great job but don't go into any interview with expectations that far exceed your skills or experience. Keep in mind that job searches take time and patience, as does building your skills and working your way up the ladder of any business.

— Marco Buscaglia, Careers



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Why?

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Why did the Bears GM absolutely
have to have **Mitch Trubisky**?

BY DAN WIEDERER AND RICH CAMPBELL

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell stepped to the lectern. "With the second pick in the 2017 NFL draft..."

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'The Chicago Bears select Mitchell Trubisky'

The cameras were rolling behind the scenes on that Thursday night in April. In Lake Forest and in Philadelphia. In this document-and-share age, the landmark moment required immediate cinematic treatment.

Bears general manager Ryan Pace had sent a jolt through the draft, trading up from No. 3 to No. 2 to select North Carolina quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

It was a surprising and pivotal moment, arguably the franchise's most significant move of the past decade. With so much adrenaline pumping, the cameras kept rolling, gathering moments that the organization could splice together for a fan-enticing social media montage.

The resulting video — 1 minute, 51 seconds — premiered on the Bears' official Twitter account the next morning.

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PAUL SULLIVAN

Sign-stealing goes high-tech

Sign-stealing accusations levied against the Astros by pitcher Mike Fiers reverberated throughout baseball this week, leading to an MLB investigation, a Twitter spat between Yu Darvish and Christian Yelich and who knows what else down the road.

This story, as they say in the business, has legs.

It has all the ingredients to make for interesting reading — cheating, lying, modern technology and high-paid athletes and executives looking for an edge over their opponents in a sport in which some rules are made to be broken.

The only disappointing part of Fiers' expose in the Athletic is that it wasn't released during the Astros-Nationals World Series, when Fox Sports analyst Alex Rodriguez, the former PED user, could have shared his opinion on the difference between cheating via sign-stealing and cheating via juicing.

Sign-stealing has been an accepted part of baseball forever, and some personnel, including former White Sox coach Joe Nossek, were renowned for their ability to break the opposing team's codes.

But using a hidden center-field camera, which the 2017 Astros allegedly did, according to Fiers — who was on the team that season — is not only illegal but considered beyond the pale and could lead to a hefty penalty.

"It's certainly not something to be swept under the rug," Cubs President Theo Epstein said at the general managers meetings in Scottsdale, Ariz. "It needs to be fully investigated, bring light to it. I'm sure there will be appropriate action taken. ... There are always a number of teams there are rumors about, or more than rumors."

"It's just part of baseball. I'm sure some of them are based in fact and some in fiction. It's just important that any time this stuff comes up, MLB has to investigate it and take it very seriously, and we understand that they are."

Darvish became involved in the conversation tangentially when he discussed his World Series flop against the 2017 Astros in a YouTube video.

Though blaming himself instead of alleged sign-stealing, he also brought up an incident this year with the Cubs in which an opposing hitter was looking into left-center field during an at-bat, forcing Darvish to step off the mound. The Cubs-centric website Bleacher Nation discovered a video of such a moment between Darvish and Yelich.

When Darvish responded by tweeting "I'm not sure what he's trying to do," Yelich shot back on his Twitter account: "Be better than this. Nobody needs help facing you."

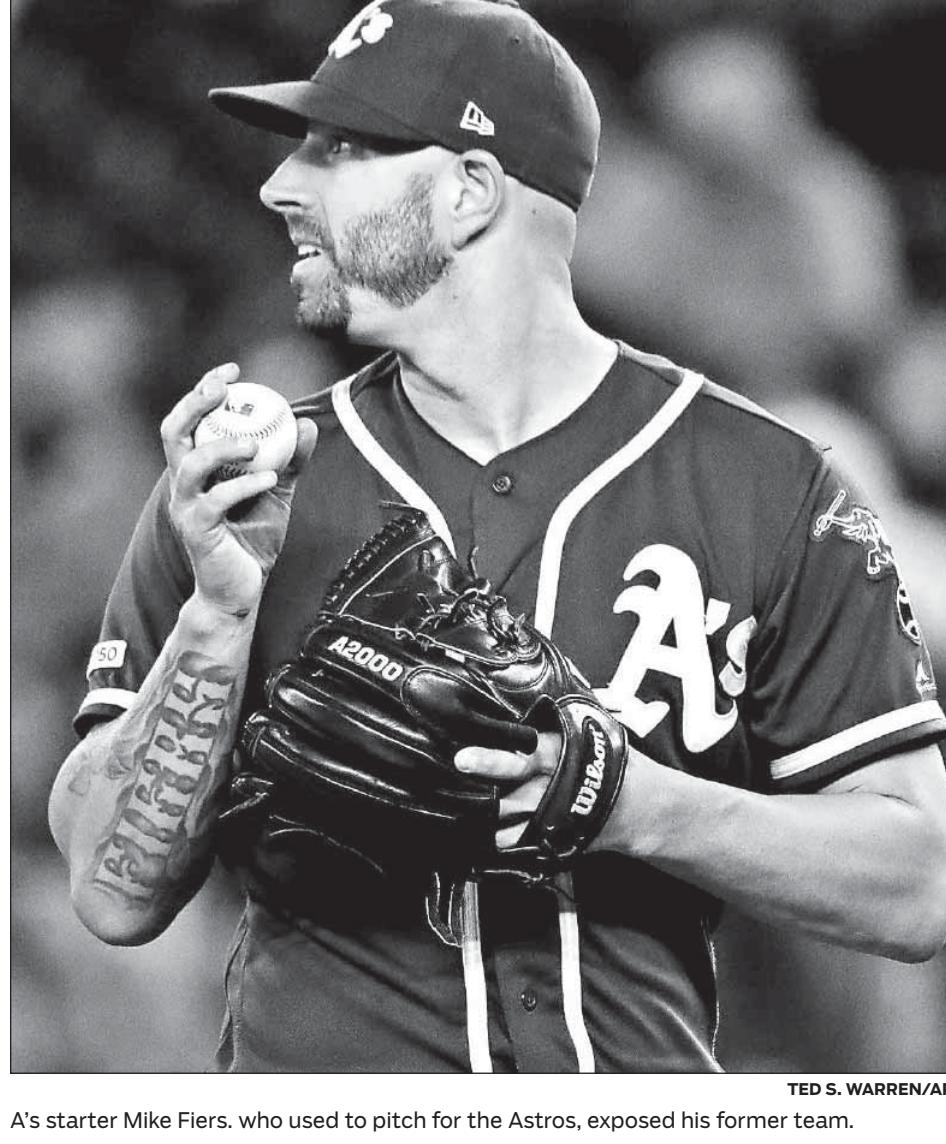
Former Sox pitcher and current Class-A Winston-Salem pitching coach Danny Farquhar also was quoted in the Athletic report describing an alleged sign-stealing incident during a Sox-Astros game in 2017, when a banging noise came from the Houston dugout to signal a changeup was coming.

A Twitter user who calls himself @Jomboy found the Sept. 21, 2017, game and tweeted a video that backs Farquhar's accusation.

Neither Farquhar nor the Sox brass mentioned the alleged sign-stealing afterward to the media. In fact, most of the accusations of sign-stealing go under the radar and don't come close to reaching the level of MLB scrutiny. A Cubs source said they believe a team was stealing signs off them in a postseason series, but they never went public with their belief.

Sometimes it's not even the players who play detective.

In 2013, Bob Gehrke, a 76-year-old Wrigley Field security guard who died in 2015, was working in the tunnel outside the



A's starter Mike Fiers, who used to pitch for the Astros, exposed his former team.

visitors clubhouse when he noticed a new cable wire stretching from the opposing team's video room to the dugout, even going through the dugout urinal.

A lifelong Cubs fan, Gehrke watched the opposing team's players come and go through the tunnel during a game and came to the belief they were stealing Cubs signs off the video monitors and somehow relaying them to someone near the dugout.

Gehrke told his superior about the wire, but his boss humored him and told him they'd handle things, reminding him not to discuss it with the media. Gehrke did, naturally, and I took a couple of photos of the wire in case anything came of his report. But the next day the wire was gone, and Gehrke said the opposing players gave him dirty looks every time they passed him in the tunnel. The Cubs never made a public accusation against the opposing team, which we are not naming because there was no proof or charges.

In September 2014, the Sox and Tigers engaged in a spat over an alleged sign-stealing incident at Comerica Park during Chris Sale's final start of the season. Sox outfielder Avisail Garcia reportedly told Tigers designated hitter Victor Martinez the Sox believed the Tigers were stealing signs from someone in the outfield.

Sale plunked Martinez in the sixth inning with the Sox up 1-0. Tigers manager Brad Ausmus, apparently informed of Garcia's conversation with Martinez, called Sale "weak" for hitting Martinez. Sox manager Robin Ventura responded by saying Sale "doesn't do weak things" and alluded to the alleged spying by saying Ausmus "should probably worry about his own team and investigate a little more in his own team."

Sale believed the Tigers were stealing signs because a player in the Sox dugout had been performing counter-espionage, spying with binoculars on the culprit in the

bleachers. A few days later in Ventura's office, Sale and Ventura engaged in a heated argument after Sale demanded Ventura call out the Tigers for the sign-stealing.

Instead, Ventura sent Sale home that day to cool off and declined to go into details about their argument when the Tribune reported it.

Reacting to the Athletic report on the Astros incident, Tigers GM Al Avila seemingly alluded to Sale's accusation in an interview for a story in Friday's USA Today.

"People have always been suspicious of different ways teams get signs," Avila told USA Today's Bob Nightengale. "I remember when Justin Verlander was pitching for us, he was always aware of things that might be going on. Chris Sale got upset thinking guys were getting signs from center field. This stuff has been going on forever."

If the Sox had made a stink of Sale's accusation in 2014, who knows what would've happened. Either way, they are now in the middle of the Astros sign-stealing because of Farquhar's accusation two years after the fact.

"Look, most of this stuff, let's call it club-on-club crime, so to speak, that usually gets handled pretty quietly between the two clubs and the league involved if need be," Sox general manager Rick Hahn said at the GM meetings.

"Over the last couple years the league has been very diligent in sign-stealing, and any concerns that the White Sox or any other club has had over that period time have been heard."

Now that sign-stealing has gone high-tech, and Fiers, now with the Athletics, ousted his former team, perhaps more sign-stealing allegations will surface.

This is not the story baseball wants.

But maybe it's the story baseball needs.

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BRAD BIGGS

Do you get a sense that the Bears will bring in a veteran quarterback to compete with Mitch Trubisky in 2020?

—@abebresn

Based on the first nine games this season, that move would absolutely make sense. But there's no way the Bears will publicly admit they are considering it.

They no doubt are holding out hope that Mitch Trubisky will turn the corner, and his three touchdown passes against the Lions surely provides a little confidence.

The team has a massive investment in Trubisky, so general manager Ryan Pace must cling to the notion that quarterbacks develop at different rates. There's certainly truth to that, but it's also a fact that some quarterbacks, even given ample time, never live up to expectations.

So my best answer is that Pace and his trusted advisers will wait until the season is over to contemplate what to do at the position. They're going to trust that Trubisky can make some progress in the final seven games, enough to strengthen their belief that he is the answer in 2020.

That's really all they can do, given everything that has been poured into building the organization around Trubisky.

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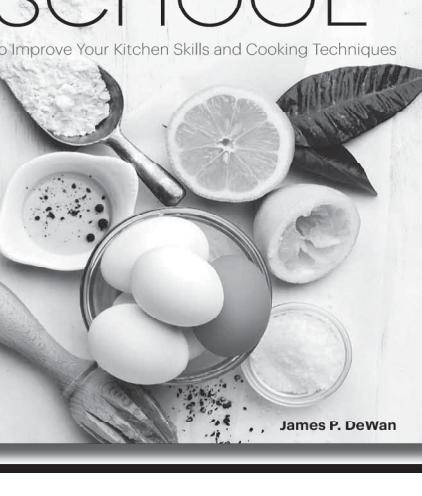
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BEARS

Bears loose at tight end

Woeful lack of production at crucial position among prime offensive headaches



BRAD BIGGS
Bear Essentials

Of all the disappointments on offense for the Bears this season, the disappearance of the tight end is the most difficult to explain. The position has been overstocked with seven players, including two on the practice squad, for much of the year.

Other than wide receiver Allen Robinson, just about every facet of the Bears offense has been underwhelming. You don't rank 27th in the league in scoring, averaging 18 points per game, with only one problem.

Trey Burton, who with an \$8 million annual salary on his four-year contract is the eighth-highest-paid tight end in the NFL, was placed on injured reserve Saturday, likely ending his season. He has only 14 catches for 84 yards in eight games, suffering a groin injury a week before the opener and a calf injury Sunday against the Lions.

General manager Ryan Pace on Sept. 2 labeled the groin injury as "mild," but it lingered and kept Burton from being 100% all season.

Adam Shaheen, a second-round pick in 2017, was a healthy scratch Sunday against the Lions and popped up on the injury report Thursday with a foot issue. He also will miss the Rams game.

Nagy last week cited attention to detail when discussing Shaheen's status.

"Some of the mistakes continue to show up in situations when he's been specifically taught how to do something," tight ends coach Kevin Gilbride said. "It's not every detail, but it's certain things we need him to do better."

Ben Braunecker maximized his opportunity against the Lions with a lunging 18-yard touchdown reception, which figures to earn him more chances Sunday against the Rams. With Burton and Shaheen out, perhaps it's a chance for Braunecker to step up.

But the question is: How have the Bears seemingly missed on the tight end position?

Burton was serviceable last season, catching 54 passes for 569 yards and six touchdowns. He was steady, but those numbers aren't what you would expect from one of the top-paid tight ends in the league. It was a projection to sign Burton and promote him to a starting role after he spent most of his four seasons with the Eagles as the No. 3 tight end.

The Bears projected incorrectly with Dion Sims in 2017 free agency. They viewed him as a very good blocking tight end with untapped athletic potential as a receiver and paid him \$6 million per year — a high price for a player with his specialty. He was a good blocking tight end for them until concussions derailed him last season but never showed promise as a receiver.

The Bears projected that Shaheen could make the transition from Division II Ashland. His college tape was impressive, and they figured he would have been a higher-profile prospect if he were from a bigger program.

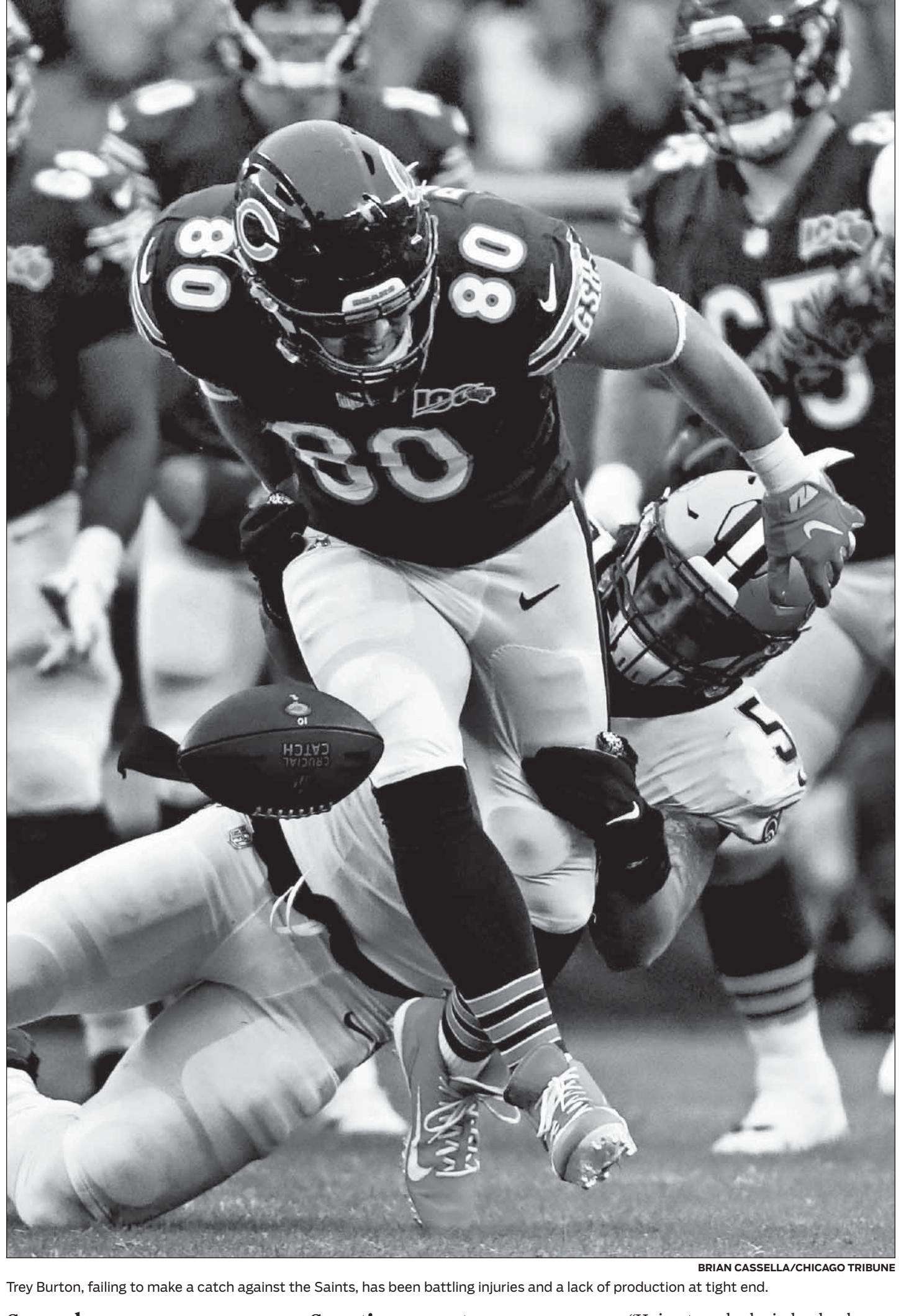
He has nine catches for 74 yards this season, and when a player keeps making mistakes in Year 3, that's troubling.

So the offense has been forced to adjust with little production from the position. Tight ends have been targeted 44 times — 15% of the 293 attempts — with 28 catches for 223 yards and one touchdown, Braunecker's score on a nice corner route.

Jesper Horsted, a converted wide receiver from Princeton, and Dax Raymond are rookies on the practice squad. Raymond is working as an in-line blocker. It's possible one or both could be promoted to the 53-man roster before the end of the season. Any game action would give the Bears a chance to evaluate them with an eye toward 2020.

Burton figures to be in the mix next season, if for no other reason than \$4 million of his \$6.7 million base salary is guaranteed.

It's not the biggest element that is ailing the offense, but the tight end is a big part of Nagy's passing attack. And it simply hasn't delivered.



Trey Burton, failing to make a catch against the Saints, has been battling injuries and a lack of production at tight end.

Secondary concern

It will be interesting to see how the Rams' revamped secondary, with cornerback Jalen Ramsey added via trade last month, plays against Mitch Trubisky. The Bears quarterback struggled last season in the 15-6 home victory against the Rams in Week 14, completing 16 of 30 passes for 110 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions.

The Rams mixed things up and played zone coverage in the red zone, where Trubisky was 3 of 7 for 16 yards with a 2-yard touchdown pass to eligible offensive lineman Bradley Sowell. The Bears were 1-for-3 on red-zone possessions.

"We were expecting a lot of man-to-man and they zoned us out," receivers coach Mike Furrey said. "It was guaranteed, 100% man (in the red zone on the scouting report). Then it was flat-out zone, zone, zone, zone."

"The biggest thing now is, obviously we were really young at that time. Now we just prepare for everything. You take a picture of what they're giving you — you've seen Cover-0, -1, -2, -3, -4 — so no matter what we (prepare for) during the week, let's adapt to whatever they're giving us or solidify that this is what we thought and this is what they're doing."

Scouting report

Jalen Ramsey, Rams CB

Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Jalen Ramsey, 6-foot-1 and 208 pounds, is in his fifth NFL season and preparing for his fourth game with the Rams after they acquired him in a blockbuster trade with the Jaguars last month. The Rams traded two first-round picks and a fourth-rounder to land the star cover corner. Ramsey has nine career interceptions, is a two-time Pro Bowl selection and was All-Pro in 2017.

"(Rams defensive coordinator) Wade Phillips has shifted since they got him," the scout said. "On third downs, they're much more man-heavy with Ramsey. What that allows is Jalen to go on the No. 1 receiver and gives them an extra guy somewhere else. So that means they can rotate a safety and play two-man to the other side of the field. You can use that safety to cut crosses or you can bring pressure up front and get an extra guy in the box. I think that's why they went out and got him. It was a huge price to get him, but they wanted a lock-down guy. In his first game, he played against Julio Jones and won a lot of battles. Julio caught two passes against him in true man coverage, a crosser and a fade route."

"He is extremely physical and real grabby, and if the refs let him play, he's going to grab all day long. He wants to snug up to the hip of the wide receiver and be physical. He's going to go after every single release. He wants to be in press man. He will play off in Cover-3 and quarters technique, which Wade plays a lot of, too, but when he plays man, (Ramsey is) up in press coverage and he's going to use his physical traits. He's got really good speed and he's got excellent hand contact at the point of attack, and he's long. He's got long arms."

"I'd bet they will put him on Allen Robinson a ton. Last week, he was on JuJu Smith-Schuster and he shut him down pretty much. The Rams got him to take the No. 1 receiver from the other team. It's not a case like New England where they use Stephon Gilmore versus the No. 2 and double the No. 1 receiver with bracket coverage. They put Ramsey on the No. 1. He will travel with the receiver (Robinson) in man situations because if you're looking at the Bears, who else would he go against? Someone else is going to have to win matchups. And if Mitch (Trubisky) gets stuck, which he has done this season when he can't find his first or second read and the ball automatically goes to Robinson, he better be careful this week with that."



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Bears tight end Trey Burton, who has gone on injured reserve, is tackled after a reception against the Vikings on Sept. 29 at Soldier Field.

Burton placed on IR, likely ending disappointing season

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Trey Burton's disappointing 2019 season probably ended Saturday when the Bears put the veteran tight end on injured reserve.

Burton has been limited by a groin problem all season, and he suffered a calf injury Sunday against the Lions. He has only 84 receiving yards and no touchdowns, which has amounted to a huge void in the NFL's 29th-ranked offense.

Burton hasn't been effective since he suddenly and inexplicably experienced groin pain the day before the Bears' wild-card round game in January against the Eagles, his former team. Burton's surprise absence hindered the offense in that 16-15 loss.

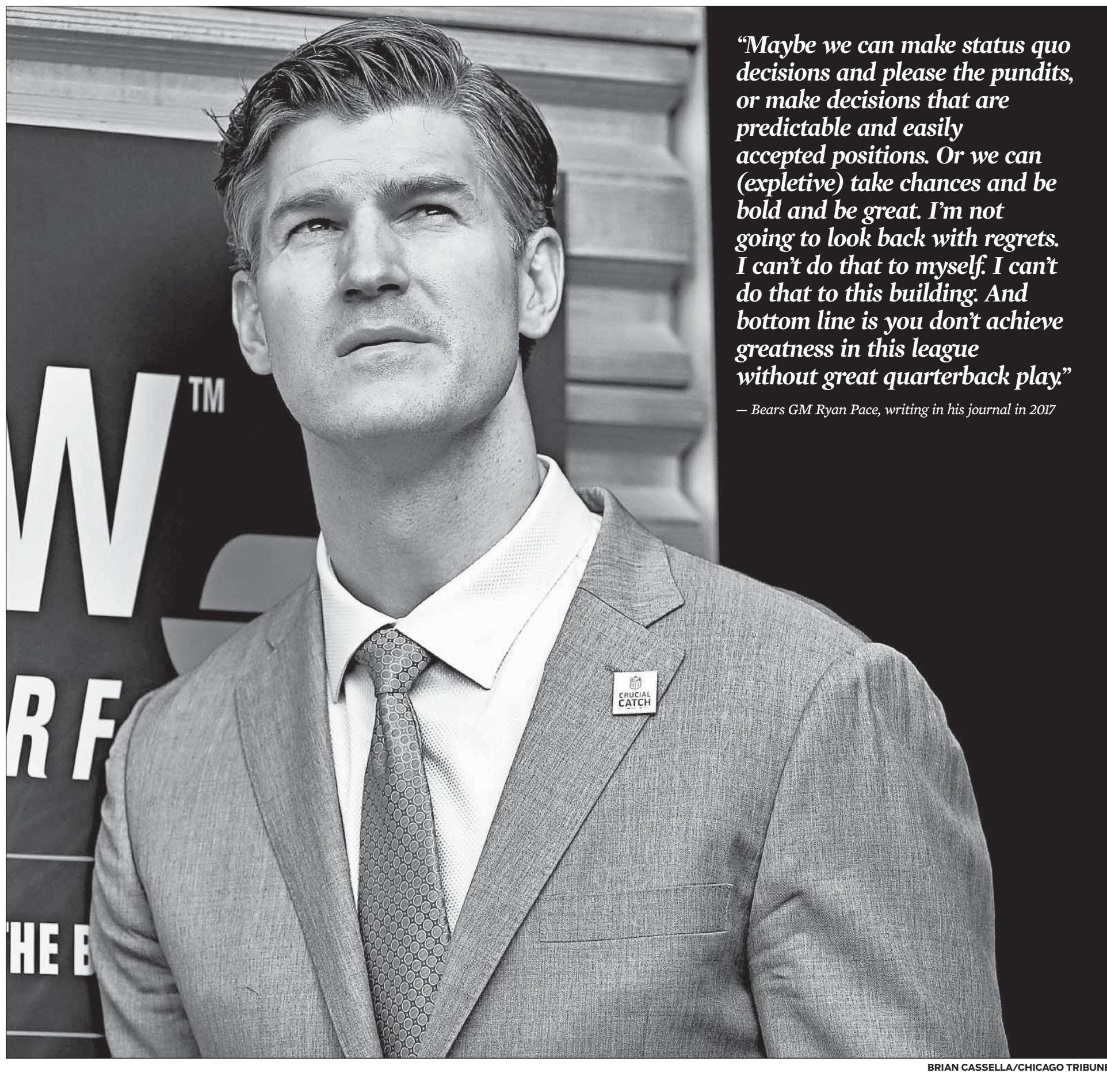
Burton had groin surgery but not until May. The Bears tried to manage his workload in training camp, but he never returned to full

fitness. Burton admittedly was less than 100% all season, and his lack of production in the passing game reflected that.

A player on injured reserve is off the active roster for a minimum of eight weeks, and only seven games remain. The earliest Burton would be eligible to return is the divisional round of the playoffs. The Bears, at 4-5, are three games behind the Vikings for the final NFC wild-card spot.

Burton is guaranteed \$4 million next season as part of his four-year, \$32 million contract.

The Bears promoted outside linebacker James Vaughters from the practice squad instead of tight ends Jesper Horsted or Dax Raymond. That leaves the Bears with three healthy tight ends for Sunday night's road game against the Rams: Ben Braunecker, J.P. Holtz and Bradley Sowell.

BEARS

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There was Pace, upstairs at Halas Hall, congratulating colleagues in the draft room and emphasizing the collective belief the Bears had in identifying Trubisky as the quarterback they just couldn't live without.

"That's conviction," Pace said. "On a quarterback."

There was Trubisky, 790 miles away, backstage at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, beaming with pride while on the phone with Bears coach John Fox.

"I'm glad I landed in the right spot," the 22-year-old quarterback said. "We're going to make it work. It's going to be perfect."

April 27, 2017.

The Trubisky selection was the first of three milestone quarterback moves that night.

Within a span of 1 hour, 14 minutes, three general managers got what they wanted. Each traded up in the first round. Each took a bold swing at a franchise quarterback. And after their war-room hugs and high-fives and celebrations were complete, each openly detailed that night's meaningful decision. With an undeniable rush, Pace expounded upon his philosophy of never having regrets, about making damn certain he would get the player he truly wanted. He highlighted Trubisky's accuracy, his ability to see and process the entire field, his knack for extending plays. He emphasized his unwavering belief that Trubisky had great "potential to be a championship quarterback," the key cog in allowing the Bears to enjoy sustained success.

"When you have an opportunity to get a quarterback of this caliber, you can't pass on it," Pace said.

In Kansas City, GM John Dorsey jumped 17 spots — from No. 27 to No. 10 — to select Texas Tech's Patrick Mahomes.

The Chiefs already had a reliable quarterback in veteran Alex Smith and a playoff-caliber team that had won 12 games the previous season. Still, in Mahomes, Dorsey and his talent evaluation team saw a transcendent talent with comic-book arm strength, impressive athleticism and a penchant for creating big plays.

Finally, in Houston, the Texans were preparing to plaster Clemson's Deshaun Watson all over the city — on billboards, on media guides, on ticket stubs. Who wouldn't be excited about landing a quarterback who posted a 32-3 record as a college starter, becoming a Heisman Trophy runner-up and a national champion in the process?

No wonder Texans GM Rick Smith felt compelled to trade up from No. 25 to No. 12.

As it always goes on draft weekend, each organization felt invigorated, sens-

ing unbridled promise for its future. But now, a little more than 2½ years later, the review of that night and that entire pre-draft process feels so much different.

In Kansas City, Mahomes is the reigning league MVP, a walking YouTube montage of touchdown darts and look-away dimes and ambidextrous magic. In his first 27 starts, including two playoff games, he has posted 16 300-yard passing games, 16 games with at least three touchdown passes and 11 games with both.

In Houston, Watson's statistical production and galvanizing leadership have the Texans staring through a wide-open window of opportunity with a chance to remain Super Bowl contenders for the foreseeable future.

Here in Chicago? Trubisky's erratic play has become a major civic crisis with the bottom of the Bears' once-hopeful season in danger of falling out. In the most agitated pockets of the fan base, calls for 33-year-old journeyman Chase Daniel echoed throughout the recent four-game losing streak.

In mid-November of the quarterbacks' third seasons, the statistical comparisons are startling.

■ Trubisky: 35 starts (including one playoff start), 7,109 passing yards, 40 touchdowns, 22 interceptions, an 87.2 rating and a 19-16 record.

■ Mahomes: 27 starts (including two playoff starts), 8,580 passing yards, 71 touchdowns, 14 interceptions, a 111.5 rating and a 19-8 record.

■ Watson: 32 starts (including one playoff start), 8,531 passing yards, 64 touchdowns, 23 interceptions, a 102.7 rating and a 20-12 record.

When the offseason arrives, there's a strong likelihood Mahomes and Watson will sign contract extensions that register as the most lucrative deals in league history. Meanwhile, Trubisky's development has gone wayward with the organization's faith in him being tested.

Not only has curiosity about Trubisky's second contract evaporated, there's now legitimate reason to question whether he even will remain the starter by Christmas.

So what happened? What went into the Bears' franchise-altering decision-making process before the 2017 draft? Why did Pace absolutely have to have Trubisky over Mahomes and Watson? And how did the Chiefs and Texans succeed where the Bears haven't in turning their quarterback dice rolls into a major payout?

To piece together the quarterback puzzle of the 2017 NFL draft, the Tribune spoke with more than two dozen people connected to the Bears, the league or the draft process. The Tribune exchanged anonymity for candor with some sources, given the sensitive nature of the situation, which continues to develop with much at stake for those involved.

Three quarterbacks. One draft. Three teams. All traveling disparate paths.

II**The Bears' search for the next Drew Brees**

In the days after the Bears selected Mitch Trubisky, Ryan Pace felt a powerful sense of accomplishment, a proud satisfaction in having a clear vision and seeing it through. In a moment of introspection, he scribbled into his journal. The entry was full of energy, the kind of no-regrets gusto that accomplished NFL general managers have.

Sure, Pace was hearing the doubters and critics lambasting his trade up from No. 3 to No. 2 and wondering why Trubisky was the quarterback he coveted so much.

But the Bears GM was unfazed. He was in control of an organization that had been so lost at quarterback for so long. In the 25 seasons that preceded the 2017 draft, the Bears had started 29 quarterbacks. None of them had been named to the Pro Bowl as a Bear. Only three — Steve Walsh, Rex Grossman and Jay Cutler — had won a playoff game.

As Pace wrote to himself, he hoped the fan base could direct its focus accordingly. Wasn't Chicago begging for its dear football franchise to take a big swing at addressing the most important position? And hadn't he done just that? For Pace, the Trubisky pick was about avoiding the cautious road or the low-bar temptation of merely trying to lift the Bears back toward 8-8. Hadn't Chicago been exhausted by Cutler's eight seasons and the polarizing quarterback's .500 record?

This was about a think-big, believe-big mission to win a Lombardi Trophy.

"Maybe we can make status quo decisions and please the pundits, or make decisions that are predictable and easily accepted positions," Pace wrote. "Or we can (expletive) take chances and be bold and be great. I'm not going to look back with regrets. I can't do that to myself. I can't do that to this building. And bottom line is you don't achieve greatness in this league without great quarterback play."

In many ways, Pace's fearless approach made perfect sense.

The question, though, was why the Bears had become so deeply enamored with Trubisky and only Trubisky. With their trade up, it was apparent that, in Pace's mind, the North Carolina quarterback had clearly separated himself from Deshaun Watson and Patrick Mahomes.

When multiple teams with quarterback needs began calling the Bears on draft day, considering possible trades into the No. 3 slot, Pace reasoned those same teams were calling the 49ers about No. 2. His biggest fear of losing the quarterback he so badly wanted triggered his aggressive instinct.

He was fixated on Trubisky and unwilling to accept a consolation prize. To move up one spot, he traded four picks: the Bears' first-, third- and fourth-round picks in 2017 and their 2018 third-rounder.

Over the previous eight months, Pace

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— Bears GM Ryan Pace, writing in his journal in 2017

knew he had to free himself and the Bears from the lengthy limbo that accompanied Cutler's stay. He admittedly became obsessed with college quarterbacks early in the 2016 season. With Cutler's contract out of guaranteed money, the impending sunrise fueled Pace's focus. His prototype was and still is Drew Brees. Pace was a 29-year-old pro scout with the Saints when they signed Brees as a free agent in 2006. That year, Brees and coach Sean Payton led the Saints back from Hurricane Katrina oblivion to the NFC championship game. Three seasons later, they all had Super Bowl rings. At Pace's introductory news conference as Bears GM in 2015, he mentioned Brees eight times. His objective, then, was to find the Bears' version. A quarterback who fully commands the game. One capable of erasing good defenses, bad play calls, questionable roster decisions and anything else that could go wrong with his lightning-quick mind, deadly accuracy and ability to connect with everyone around him.

Pace — who declined to be interviewed for this story — and his top lieutenant, director of player personnel Josh Lucas, became magnetized to Trubisky by midseason and ultimately reconciled some of the bigger issues that deterred others, including some within the Bears organization.

Pace wasn't concerned that Trubisky spent his first two seasons in Chapel Hill, N.C., backing up Marquise Williams, who wasn't drafted. As others scrutinized Trubisky's college inexperience — he threw only 572 passes compared with Watson's 1,207 and Mahomes' 1,349 — Pace focused on the constant spark Trubisky seemed to lend, even when he was in a backup role.

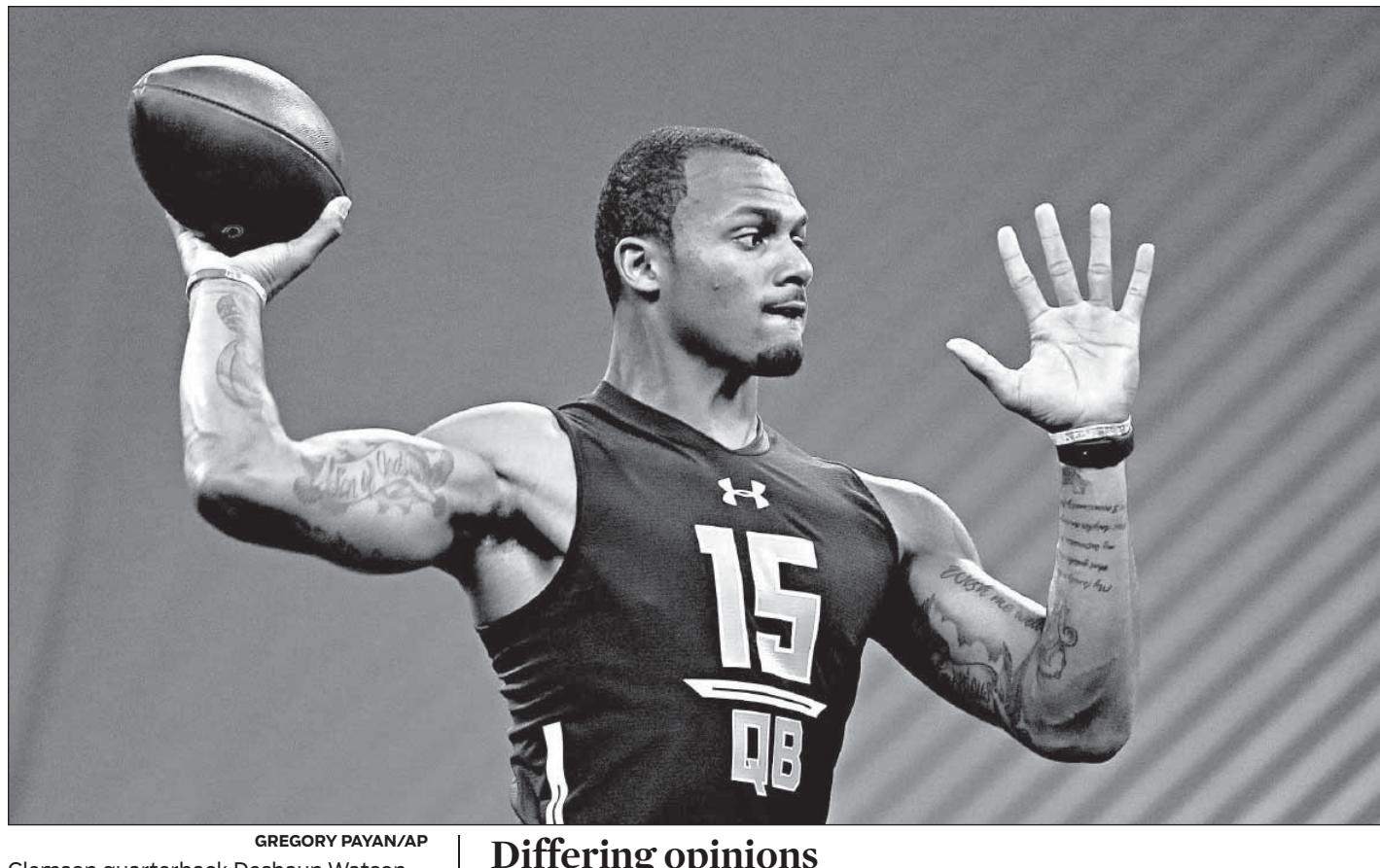
"Every time he got in the game," Pace said on draft night, "something happened in a positive way."

While Trubisky didn't ooze charisma like Mahomes and Watson, Pace deeply admired his humility. He valued Trubisky's family support system and dedicated approach. At the Senior Bowl three months before the draft, Pace emphasized the pluses of college success for a quarterback. "You want to look for a player who has lifted his program for the most part," he said. Brees did that at Purdue. That was also one of Watson's defining characteristics. What about Trubisky, whose Tar Heels went 8-5 and lost the Sun Bowl in his only season as the starter?

"I think Mitch did that in a lot of ways," Pace said on draft night.

In Pace's eyes, Trubisky also demonstrated the most important quarterback traits: sharp accuracy, ability to process defenses, poise under pressure. Pace saw excellent footwork that would enable Trubisky to win from the pocket in the NFL. He told colleagues at Halas Hall that Trubisky seemed like a 22-year-old Brees.

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Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson, on whom the Bears passed, takes part in a drill at the 2017 NFL scouting combine.

III**Ryan Pace's stealthy evaluation process for the 2017 QB class**

From the get-go, Ryan Pace believed it was imperative to keep the Bears' fixation on quarterbacks a secret. He went incognito to see Mitch Trubisky in his final college game, sitting alone in the stands at the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas, with his hat pulled low.

Later in the pre-draft process, the Bears chose not to host Trubisky, Patrick Mahomes or Deshaun Watson at Halas Hall. Instead, over a four-day span in mid-March, the Bears embarked on a three-city, three-quarterback scouting trip. Pace, Josh Lucas, coach John Fox, offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains and quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone began in Clemson, S.C., at Watson's pro day. From there they visited Trubisky in Chapel Hill and Mahomes in Lubbock, Texas. They hosted dinners and private on-campus workouts with Trubisky and Mahomes but not with Watson.

Over dinner at a Chapel Hill steakhouse, Trubisky impressed the Bears with his sense of humor and grounded nature. Conversation flowed smoothly. The quarterback's hand-me-down 1997 Toyota Camry amused the Bears brass in a positive way.

A day later and 1,500 miles away in Texas, Mahomes showcased his ridiculous arm talent in his private workout. He even pulled out some of the no-look throws he later flashed during his rise to stardom with the Chiefs. At dinner, his swagger was undeniable.

Pace and his staff liked so much about Mahomes and admired his Ben Roethlisberger-like ability to make strong down-field throws with defenders hanging on him. On the Bears' final draft board, Mahomes was their No. 2 quarterback, in the team's top "cloud" of prospects that also included Trubisky, Solomon Thomas, Jamal Adams, Leonard Fournette and Christian McCaffrey.

Still, that quarterback tour solidified Pace's affinity for Trubisky.

He considered it an important piece of the scouting pie. For months, Pace had kept his evaluations to himself, not wanting to influence his subordinates. As the reports returned — from area scout Chris Prescott, from national scout Ryan Kessenich, from college scouting director Mark Sadowski, from Lucas, from Loggains — the consensus in support of Trubisky energized Pace.

However, prioritizing secrecy in the pre-draft process created an unusual barrier between the personnel department and the coaching staff. Whereas in Kansas City and Houston, offensive-minded coaches Andy Reid and Bill O'Brien were in the center of the quarterback evaluations, the Bears were, for all intents and purposes, drafting Trubisky for the next coaching staff, a group that was a full season away from arriving.

Fox, who rated Watson as his top quarterback, didn't learn of Pace's intention to select a quarterback until the morning of the draft, according to multiple people with knowledge of the situation. Other prominent figures in the organization received the Trubisky news from Roger Goodell's mouth as the NFL commissioner announced the pick on live TV from a stage in Philadelphia.

For some at Halas Hall, a bit of confusion accompanied the excitement of the pick. Mike Glennon — signed 48 days earlier, guaranteed \$18.5 million on a three-year contract and promised the steering wheel for the 2017 offense — had been sent as one of the guests of honor to a team-sponsored public draft party at Soldier Field. While there, he watched the Bears select his replacement.

Even in the NFL's cutthroat and hypersecretive world, that struck some as an undeniable sign of disconnect.

On that April weekend, it became clear Fox was a lame duck, his relationship with Pace permanently fractured. Still, during multiple news conferences as the draft unfolded, Pace asserted there was a unified, collaborative approach to selecting Trubisky.

"John and I are arm in arm in all these decisions," Pace said the night of the pick. "So we talked about this thoroughly, and we're connected on this. John is just as excited as I am."

Differing opinions

Where NFL draft experts ranked quarterbacks Mitch Trubisky, Patrick Mahomes, Deshaun Watson and DeShone Kizer in mock drafts and positional rankings before the 2017 draft:

EXPERT	1ST	2ND	3RD
Chris Burke, Sports Illustrated	Trubisky	Watson	Mahomes
Nate Davis, USA Today	Trubisky	Mahomes	Watson
Sam Farmer, LA Times	Trubisky	Watson	Mahomes
John Harris, Washington Post	Trubisky	Mahomes	Watson
Daniel Jeremiah, NFL Network*	Watson	Trubisky	Kizer
Mel Kiper, ESPN	Trubisky	Mahomes	Watson
Mike Mayock, NFL Network	Watson	Trubisky	Mahomes
Todd McShay, ESPN	Trubisky	Watson	Mahomes
Matt Miller, Bleacher Report	Trubisky	Watson	Mahomes
Steven Ruiz, USA Today**	Kizer	Trubisky	Watson
Peter Schrager, Fox Sports	Trubisky	Watson	Mahomes
R.J. White, CBS Sports	Trubisky	Watson	Mahomes
Lance Zierlein, NFL.com	Trubisky	Mahomes	Watson

*Mahomes not listed; **Mahomes ranked sixth

IV**How the experts rated the 2017 quarterback class**

It is both easy and wholly unfair to apply revisionist history to the 2017 draft, to argue that the Bears' selection of Mitch Trubisky over Deshaun Watson and Patrick Mahomes was reckless and out of touch with the league consensus.

The fact is, NFL talent evaluators and draft analysts were divided and perplexed on how to stack the quarterback class. Mike Mayock, for example, arrived at the scouting combine that February touting Notre Dame's DeShone Kizer as the No. 1 quarterback. Mayock, then an NFL Network analyst and now general manager of the Raiders, acknowledged Kizer wasn't ready to be an immediate starter and had inconsistent mechanics. But Mayock also raved about Kizer's ceiling, calling him "the prototype NFL quarterback."

Big arm, Mayock said. Quick release. Smart. Athletic.

Eight weeks later, Mayock had reordered and finalized his quarterback rankings: Watson jumped to the top of the list, followed by Trubisky, Mahomes, Kizer and California's Davis Webb.

That's a small reminder of how fluid these rankings can be, how inexact a science the evaluation process and projection game truly is.

In more than a few circles, Trubisky was tabbed as the best pro prospect, lauded for his accuracy and quick release, his mobility and pocket awareness.

In the spring of 2017, a wide majority of major publications pegged him as the top quarterback in their mock drafts. Sports Illustrated. Fox Sports. The Washington Post. USA Today. CBS Sports. The Los Angeles Times.

ESPN's Mel Kiper also arrived for draft weekend with Trubisky as his top-rated quarterback and No. 19 prospect overall, followed by Mahomes (No. 26), Watson (No. 34) and Pittsburgh's Nathan Peterman (No. 59).

His colleague Todd McShay ranked the top five quarterbacks as Trubisky, Watson, Mahomes, Kizer and Tennessee's Josh Dobbs. But in McShay's opinion at that time, none was worthy of a first-round grade.

NFL Network analyst Daniel Jeremiah agreed. Jeremiah, who spent time as a college scout with the Ravens, Browns and Eagles, bunched three quarterbacks in his ranking of the top 50 prospects: Watson 28th, Trubisky 32nd and Kizer 33rd.

Trubisky? Not even on that list.

No one was projecting the Texas Tech quarterback as a surefire long-term starter, much less a can't-miss All-Pro who would win an MVP award in his first season as a starter.

The most common compliment was that Mahomes had a rocket arm and an ability to make off-balance throws with exciting results. But his habit of ad-libbing was worrisome.

"When I was a kid," Jeremiah said before the draft, "we played a game — 'Three Flies Up' — where you take a tennis ball and chuck it up in the air. Then there's a scrum of people and whoever catches it three times gets to be the thrower. That's kind of the way he plays a bit down the field, just throwing the ball up in the air ... If you charted his best plays, they have nothing to do with the play call. It's just him freelancing and making things happen. Which is exciting."

"But I look back on quarterbacks over the years and try to find guys who live and thrive outside of the play call, and it's a very thin list. You could make a case that it only contains one guy. That's

(Brett) Favre."

Similarly, some evaluators had justifiable concerns about Watson's deep-ball accuracy and wondered how he would handle the significant increase in NFL pre-snap responsibilities after coming out of Clemson's spread offense. The 32 interceptions he threw during his three years with the Tigers also were worrisome. That spring, Jon Gruden brought seven prospects to his made-for-ESPN "QB Camp" at the Wide World of Sports Complex outside Orlando, Fla. In addition to Trubisky, Watson and Mahomes, Gruden got on the field and in the film room with Kizer, Dobbs, Peterman and Miami's Brad Kaaya.

In evaluating Trubisky, Gruden — now the Raiders coach — admitted the North Carolina quarterback was "a big mystery to a lot of people." Without question, Trubisky's small body of work, with just 13 starts for the Tar Heels, was a red flag.

Furthermore, North Carolina's shaky finish to its 2016 season bothered Gruden. The Tar Heels, he pointed out, lost to Stanford in the Sun Bowl. They lost their regular-season finale to rival N.C. State. Two weeks before that, they lost another rivalry game to Duke.

And in mid-October, amid miserable conditions caused by Hurricane Matthew, Trubisky had gone 13-for-33 for 58 yards with two interceptions in a 20-point loss to Virginia Tech.

Still, Gruden emerged from his "QB Camp" visit with Trubisky impressed with the way he meshed so naturally with other players at the camp. "He's a fun guy to be around," Gruden said eight days before the draft.

He also spoke highly of Trubisky's attentiveness, information retention and sharp communication skills.

"What's not on the show," Gruden said, "are all the plays we install and all the things we challenge them to learn and go out on the grass to execute. He's into it. The thing I liked about Trubisky is that he is really into it."

Gil Brandt, a Hall of Fame personnel administrator who spent 29 seasons with the Cowboys, heralded Trubisky as his top quarterback in the draft, followed by Watson and Mahomes. Former Redskins GM Charley Casserley had the same order: Trubisky first, Watson second and Mahomes a very distant third, assessed as a possible bargain pick late in the first round or early on Day 2.

"The reason I have Trubisky over Watson," Casserley explained, "is he's a more consistent player as far as accuracy and decision-making."

Seven months later, as Trubisky made his first NFL start in a Monday night game against the Vikings at Soldier Field, Gruden was in the ESPN broadcast booth.

Like the Bears, Gruden had grown increasingly enamored with Trubisky's toughness and his "sincerity to be great."

Leading up to that game, in an interview with the Tribune, Gruden expressed his belief that Trubisky's future would be bright for a long time.

"I don't think adversity is going to bother him," Gruden said. "I don't think success is going to ruin him. I just think he has a lot of real good human qualities. And then you couple that with his athletic ability and his arm talent and you really have something here."

Even as a rookie, Trubisky's leadership traits were leaving an impression. So was his willingness to embrace the workload, not to mention the grand expectations of a scarred but hopeful fan base.

"He has that iceman quality," Gruden said. "He's just not a nervous wreck. He's got that calmness that you have to have.... I don't think it's going to be too big for him. I like that about him."

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Armed for the future

Chiefs trade up to draft a QB (Patrick Mahomes) in Round 1 for the first time since 1993

Reid says Mahomes can learn from Smith

Unlikely native, Mizzone star Charles Harris

V**The Chiefs' love affair with Patrick Mahomes**

When Chiefs general manager Brett Veach hosted his media session at the 2018 scouting combine, it was the perfect chance for Chicago reporters to pick his brain about one of his best friends — Matt Nagy. Veach's former Delaware teammate had jumped from Chiefs offensive coordinator to Bears head coach seven weeks earlier.

"Matt — great quarterback, cannon for an arm, but he's just an awful athlete," Veach cracked. "You see him run, it's like, embarrassing."

Pull up YouTube clips of Blue Hens football circa 2000, and it's clear that, even then, Veach knew how to evaluate a quarterback.

Looking back, Veach's comments that day included a slice of deeper insight. A prophecy, even. While discussing Patrick Mahomes' offseason promotion to starting quarterback, he offered a clue that the face of the NFL was about to change.

"He is one of the best players I have ever seen."

Wait, what?

What a thing to say about a quarterback who had started only one NFL game, a last-second 27-24 win over the Broncos in Week 17 with the Chiefs resting their starters while locked into the AFC's fourth playoff seed.

One of the best players he had ever seen? How could that be true of a quarterback who was widely questioned for his tendency to escape the pocket, improvise and take risks with his rocket arm? As it turned out, Veach's remark had as much sizzle as a Mahomes fastball, a stage-setter for the third 5,000-yard, 50-touchdown season in league history.

More than a year earlier, months before the 2017 draft, Veach became Patient Zero in the outbreak of Mahomes Mania inside Chiefs headquarters. As their co-director of player personnel at the time, he spread his infatuation with the rocket-armed quarterback among the organization's top power brokers, namely coach Andy Reid, then-GM John Dorsey and Chairman Clark Hunt.

Veach had locked onto Mahomes after his sophomore season in 2015. He was studying Texas Tech offensive tackle Le'Raven Clark when he was distracted by the uncanny arm talent, improvisational skills and bravado of the Red Raiders quarterback.

Veach's intrigue became obsession by the time the 2017 pre-draft process ramped up. Hence his calculated run-in with one of Mahomes' agents, Chris Cabott, outside a Los Angeles hotel ballroom at the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl that January. That meeting between two of Mahomes' biggest believers enriched the familiarization process for both sides. Any questions Veach had about Mahomes could be answered.

Veach and Cabott communicated for 94 straight days ahead of the draft, Cabott has said. Phone calls. After-midnight text messages. It was true love.

Veach skipped Mitch Trubisky's and Deshaun Watson's pro days but not Mahomes'. His infatuation with the Texas Tech quarterback had spawned a vision.

"His talent is unique and special. He is a special person," Veach told Kansas City media on March 14, 2018, the day Mahomes officially was elevated to starter after spending his rookie season developing behind Alex Smith.

"You have an innovative head coach and an innovative staff. You have a bunch of weapons, and we are looking to have fun. We have the best fans in the NFL and ... we want them to watch the scoreboard light up."

Those were the highlights of Veach's pre-draft sales brochure. Sure, the Chiefs' present was bright after the 2016 season. Smith had won 11 games and a division title in 15 starts. But with a proven coach and three future All-Pros already in place on offense, Veach saw an even brighter future with Mahomes.

It was imperative for Reid and Dorsey to see that too. Fortunately for Veach, history was on his side. He could describe Mahomes' combination of rawness, arm strength and moxie and be certain it would resonate with two men who had Super Bowl rings because of another quarterback with similar traits.

When Brett Favre led the Packers to the title in 1996, Reid was their assistant offensive line and tight ends coach, and Dorsey was a college scout in the organization.

So it's no wonder that while many evaluators doubted how Mahomes' im-

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provisional tendencies would translate to the NFL, Reid and Dorsey saw transcendent potential in his athleticism, arm talent and swagger.

But the franchise-altering question was whether Mahomes could be coached into playing from the pocket within the parameters of an offense that required more protection calls, hot reads and route adjustments than the Air Raid offense he ran at Texas Tech.

To find out, the Chiefs brought him to team headquarters three weeks before the draft. Over a six-hour visit, they got their answer.

VI

Patrick Mahomes rises above the rest

A pre-draft visit to Andy Reid and the Chiefs amounts to a deluxe car wash. Patrick Mahomes, Mitch Trubisky and Deshaun Watson each went through in 2017.

Brad Childress explained the itinerary to the Tribune the day the Bears hired Matt Nagy in January 2018. The longtime colleague of Reid and Nagy was the Chiefs assistant head coach in 2017. He followed Nagy to the Bears and is now a senior offensive assistant.

Reid, Nagy and Childress started with each quarterback by installing four plays. They diagrammed each one on the whiteboard and detailed it with route depths, splits, protections, the quarterback's drop, etc. Then the group watched video of each play so the quarterback could see them at full speed. All of that took a couple of hours.

After breaking for lunch, each prospect was introduced to team staffers and toured the facility. Then each quarterback was brought back to the meeting room and asked to detail for the coaches the four plays they discussed hours ago.

After the series of visits finished in 2017, GM John Dorsey had the coaches rank the quarterbacks on how they learned, retained and regurgitated the information.

He didn't believe Mahomes, Trubisky or Watson were Day 1 starters. But for the Chiefs to follow Brett Veach's recommendation and go all-in on Mahomes, Reid had to feel confident that Mahomes could learn his complex, quarterback-centric system.

"Or we're going to have to take these massive steps backward," Reid told the Kansas City Star after the fact.

Indeed, Mahomes was No. 1.

"And so he was able to handle it," Reid told the Star. "I'm not saying the other kids couldn't. But he was able to handle it, and we felt real good about that."

Nagy was part of the Chiefs' consensus that identified Mahomes as a once-in-a-generation player, certainly the top quarterback in the 2017 class.

Meanwhile, Nagy also appreciated Trubisky's grinder work ethic, pleasant personality and football knowledge. Trubisky impressed him enough, obviously, that Nagy was happy to unite with him with the Bears. When he interviewed for the coaching vacancy, he showed Ryan Pace his complimentary notes about Trubisky from their pre-draft meeting in Kansas City.

"Very impressed with Trubisky's aptitude," Childress recalled. "Obviously the skills speak for themselves. He was a very good interview."

But once Mahomes convinced Chiefs brass that his raw talent could be tamed, they had to have him.

On draft night, when the Bears' trade up was announced, the Chiefs were relieved Trubisky was the target. Mahom's camp knew the Bears liked their guy.

Mahomes' multisport background appealed to some at Halas Hall. The son of a former major-league pitcher, Mahomes was drafted by the Tigers in the 37th round in 2014 before fully committing to football.

The Chiefs loved that he grew up around big-league clubhouses, where he became accustomed to bright lights and big stages. To move up from No. 27 to No. 10, they traded three picks: their first- and third-rounders in 2017 and their 2018 first-rounder.

That night, Dorsey didn't dare mention Brett Favre's name. Publicly comparing Mahomes to the original gunslinger would have senselessly overinflated expectations for a quarterback they planned to keep on the bench for his first season. Then again, Dorsey couldn't quite help himself.

"I used to know a guy who used to flip it into coverage, too, sometimes," he said during his draft-night news conference. "He made it into the Hall of Fame one day. I'm not comparing them, but I'm just saying."

Dorsey felt the Chiefs had drafted Mahomes into "the perfect situation." Suddenly, the incubator Veach envisioned came into public view.

Most important, perhaps, Alex Smith was a magnanimous mentor to the quarterback drafted to supplant him.

Reid appreciated how Mahomes sponged Smith's daily examples of studying opponents and collaborating with coaches on the game plan.

"Patrick could buy him a castle, and he wouldn't pay for the experience he was able to have working with Alex," Reid told reporters when Mahomes made his first start.

Mahomes also credits offensive quality control coach Mike Kafka, a former Eagles and Northwestern quarterback, for his one-on-one dedication to helping him grow. Each week, Mahomes and Kafka formulated and carried out a plan to improve his mechanics and command of the offense. His on-field work had to be detailed. He was that raw.



MARK ROGERS/AP

Patrick Mahomes throws a pass during Texas Tech's pro day on March 31, 2017. Mahomes was MVP of the NFL last season.

Three months after the draft, Nagy explained to reporters how Mahomes was so amped during his first practice that he screamed play calls in the huddle loud enough for the defense to hear.

But beginning with his first game as the full-time starter in 2018, Mahomes was unstoppable. He threw for 10 touchdowns with no interceptions in the first two games, winning AFC offensive player of the week honors both weeks.

The highlights seemed endless. From his left-handed pass in a Monday night win over the Broncos to pedestrian checkdowns, Mahomes had command. He dominated.

His jaw-dropping off-script throws on the run diverted attention from his growth in basic areas, such as reading defenses and going through his progressions. But the Chiefs clearly saw him thriving as a pocket quarterback.

By January, with the Chiefs powering toward the AFC title game against the Patriots, the team's media department produced a 67-second campaign video titled, "Why Patrick Mahomes is the MVP."

Like selling Girl Scout cookies to a den mother.

The Chiefs' plan had worked to MVP perfection. Mahomes went from sitting out almost all of his rookie season to becoming the NFL's youngest MVP since Dan Marino in 1984.

Not everyone was shocked, though.

"You knew it was inevitable, it was coming," Veach told reporters after Mahomes was crowned. "That's why I said some of the things I said last year at the combine. The thing that surprised me was the ease at which he did it, the consistency at which he did it."

VII

The calming energy of Deshaun Watson

By the time the 2017 draft arrived, Texans general manager Rick Smith had worked past Deshaun Watson's shortcomings. It really didn't take much. Smith had sat inside Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., 15 weeks earlier for the final night of Watson's college career.

If the Texans had any significant doubts about Watson's perceived flaws — his arm strength or his accuracy or his ability to read the entire field — they were all trumped by what Smith had witnessed and felt sitting in the stands near field level as Clemson won its first national championship in 35 seasons.

In the pressure-packed moments of a legacy-defining game, Watson had proved to be the most special player on the field. He threw for 420 yards and three touchdowns. He took hit after hit after hit and responded with completion after completion after completion. He led a go-ahead 88-yard touchdown march late in the fourth quarter.

And after mighty Alabama responded to take a 31-28 lead with 2:07 remaining, Watson instilled an incredible calm confidence in his teammates, then took them 68 yards in nine plays for a championship-winning touchdown.

The final pass of Watson's career was a 2-yard TD dart to Hunter Renfrow with one second left.

Clemson 35, Alabama 31.

Smith knew he didn't have to complicate things or paralyze himself with the minutiae on a scouting report.

"Part of the evaluation process does involve and include measurements and numbers," Smith said on draft weekend.

"But I went to the national championship game. And I watched this guy

play against a pretty good defense. And I



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Quarterback Deshaun Watson, left, and coach Dabo Swinney celebrate Clemson's College Football Playoff championship after defeating Alabama 35-31 on Jan. 9, 2017.

VIII

Dabo Swinney and Jordan Palmer to the Bears: Draft Deshaun Watson

The scouting report on Deshaun Watson was hardly concern-free. At Halas Hall and around the league, there were worries about his slender frame and ability to hold up through weeks and months and years of beatings from NFL defenders.

Watson also had thrown 32 interceptions during his college career, 17 in his final season. That was an immediate red flag for many teams and a legitimate concern for the Bears' top decision makers.

Jordan Palmer, Watson's quarterback tutor throughout the pre-draft process, kept hearing those knocks and shaking his head. He told anyone who would listen the same thing: "Just don't overthink it."

Palmer shared that sentiment with the Bears, among many others. Focus, he suggested, on what makes Watson so special.

Palmer knew Watson had so many qualities that would immediately transfer to the NFL. His infectious charisma. His fearless playmaking. His stimulating leadership.

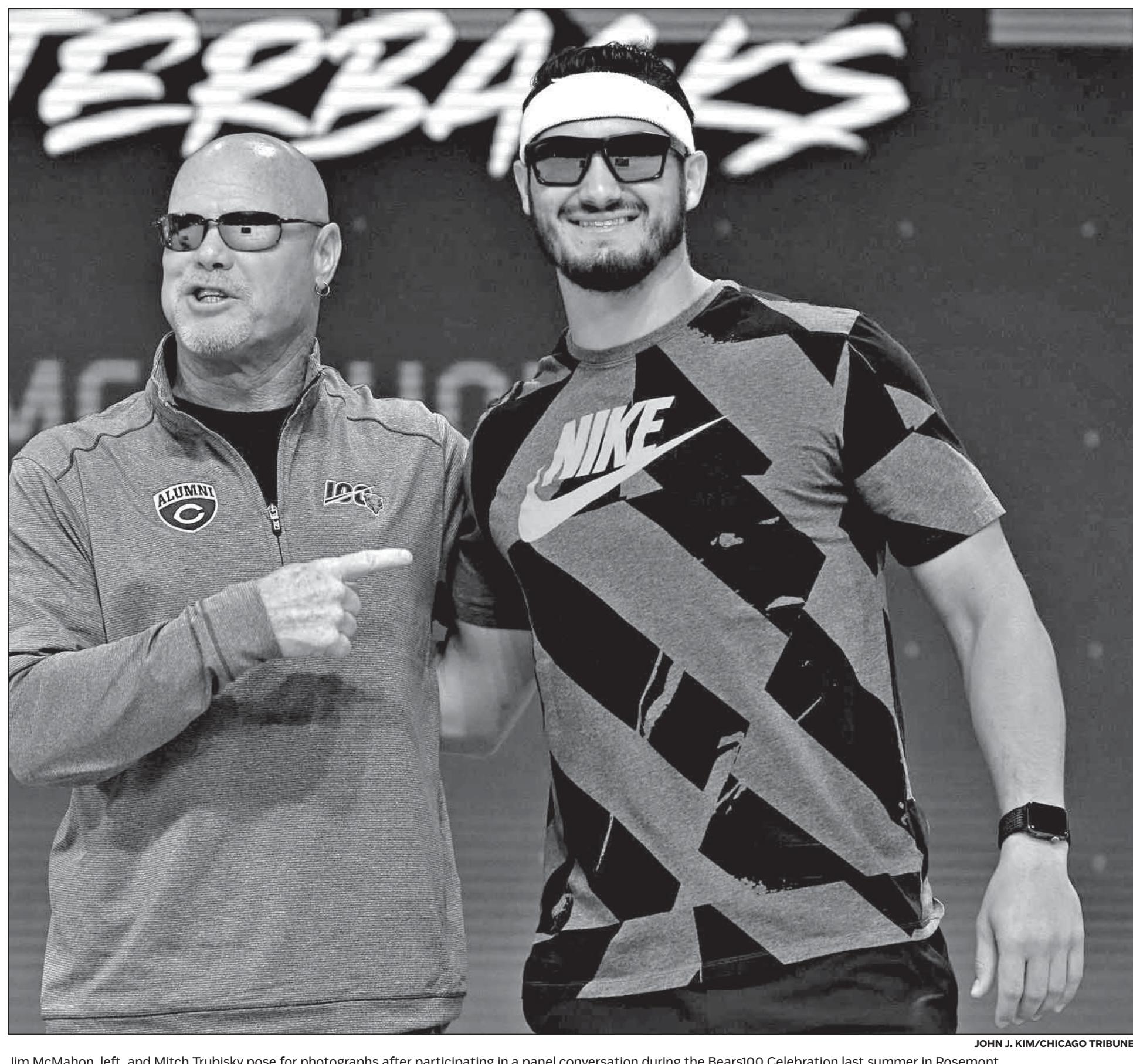
Watson had been strengthened during childhood as his family fought through poverty. He had shown toughness and maturity during his mother's battle with cancer. He had developed an indefatigable work ethic to go with his caring nature.

Best of all, Palmer emphasized, there was the national championship game. Two national championship games really. A year before Watson held up college football's most coveted trophy, he had endured the heartbreak of a 45-40 loss to Alabama, a stinging defeat that overshadowed his brilliant 405-yard, four-touchdown performance.

That gave NFL teams tangible evidence of how productive and locked in Watson could be under intense high-stakes pressure. They also had seen how Watson dealt with that heartbreaking runner-up finish in 2015 and then carried Clemson to the top of the mountain.

Almost instantly, Watson's final college game and final drive became a thing of legend. Tigers teammates talked about the almost hypnotizing belief in his eyes.

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Jim McMahon, left, and Mitch Trubisky pose for photographs after participating in a panel conversation during the Bears100 Celebration last summer in Rosemont.

Members of a nasty Alabama defense couldn't comprehend how much they had pummeled and battered Watson only to discover his fuel tank still was needling toward "F."

"We were trying to crush him," Crimson Tide star Jonathan Allen told the Tribune before the 2017 draft. "And every time, he came back tougher. It's just that competitiveness."

To be clear, the Bears never disregarded Watson's greatest strengths. In the stack of reports from scouts, coaches and front-office executives, there was universal praise for Watson's calm under pressure, his athleticism, his positive energy, his effect on teammates.

In fact, coach John Fox rated the Clemson star as his top quarterback in the 2017 class. So did quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone.

But ultimately, Ryan Pace and Josh Lucas had fallen harder for Mitch Trubisky, believing the North Carolina quarterback had greater pocket presence and accuracy.

Watson sensed early on the Bears' interest in him was minimal and shrugged past it. People in his camp, however, were perplexed. Quincy Avery, one of Watson's private quarterback coaches and a close confidant, scratched his head.

"It just seemed like a big mistake on their part," Avery said.

If the Bears were truly on the hunt for a franchise-changing quarterback, Avery wondered, why wouldn't they do the full gamut of homework on a two-time recipient of the Davey O'Brien Award, given to the top quarterback in college football?

Why hadn't the Bears held a private workout with Watson or taken him to dinner as they had with Trubisky and Patrick Mahomes?

Instead, they met with Watson during the assembly-line interview process at the combine and for a bit after his pro-day workout.

That was it.

"Honestly," Avery said, "I thought that either they had some kind of wild process where they were going to try to sneak under the radar and grab Deshaun because they had heard so many positive things about him. Or it was an organization with a bunch of dysfunction that wasn't prepared to be successful or didn't have the pieces in place to truly take the next steps."

During Watson's pro-day throwing session at Clemson, Fox spent much of his time beside Tigers coach Dabo Swinney, who had famously said a few months earlier that passing on Watson in the draft would be like passing on Michael Jordan. In his conversation with Fox, Swinney doubled down.

"I don't know how to articulate the type of greatness that's inside of (Watson)," Swinney said.

"And for me, that's what Michael Jordan represents. I'm sure when Michael Jordan was coming out of North



Carolina, he probably had some flaws. But it's about who he was. It's that will, that drive. You can't coach that.

"And that's what I want to make sure that I articulate (about Watson). This guy is brilliant between the ears. And he's special in his heart."

Palmer's pre-draft endorsements, meanwhile, came with important background.

He had been at Halas Hall as a player for chunks of 2013 and 2014, sharing a quarterbacks room with Jay Cutler.

He knew firsthand how badly the Bears organization needed a true hub of energy, a charging station for everyone in the building to plug into on a regular basis.

He knew the fire Watson could light during the week and the explosive performances he could deliver on game days. Palmer envisioned how all of Chicago would rally around Watson's think-big nature, intense drive and dynamic energy.

Palmer wanted the best for Watson. But he had one predominant wish.

"I want him to go to Chicago," Palmer said a month before the draft. "It's the perfect fit."

Then draft night came. The Bears were the first team to select a quarterback. They traded up to No. 2 and chose Trubisky.

"Honestly," Avery said, "I thought they were trying to make something that wasn't there. ... Deshaun was a proven winner."

"The Bears were trying to make Mitch Trubisky into a winner. You're trying to create something that hasn't necessarily been seen."

IX**Mitch Trubisky's stunted growth in Season 3**

By now, Mitch Trubisky's prolonged 2019 struggles have been well-documented. The end-zone interception in the fourth quarter of a Week 1 loss to the Packers. The easy completions turned into airmailed bloopers. The jittery footwork and anxiety in the pocket. That 9-yard first half by the Bears offense in Week 9 in Philadelphia.

Perhaps most significant, the Bears are 4-5 with an offense ranked 29th in the NFL in total yards. Three months ago, Super Bowl aspirations felt so real and within reach. Now? The Bears are playoff outsiders, a third-place team dealing with sharp disappointment. And for the last two months, Trubisky has been fighting through a crisis of confidence.

After Sunday's 20-13 win over the Lions, Trubisky ranks 25th in the NFL in passer rating (85.2). Meanwhile, Deshaun Watson (fourth at 107.1) and Patrick Mahomes (second at 114.1) have established themselves as MVP candidates on division-leading teams.

Mahomes' explosion last season validated what the Chiefs saw in him. Watson, meanwhile, enjoyed immediate success with the Texans in six starts as a rookie before tearing the ACL in his right knee in practice.

In three seasons, Watson has thrown just 23 interceptions in 1,060 attempts, including one playoff game. His synergy with coach Bill O'Brien has been undeniable. Watson also has shown savvy, knowing when to use his athleticism and creativity to turn nothing into something without being reckless.

In Houston, there's widespread belief that Watson's extensive college success bought him credibility with teammates and that his natural confidence creates a teamwide mindset. None of the Texans' 11 regular-season losses with Watson as their starter have been by more than one score.

The Bears, meanwhile, are still trying to find their formula for success. What's especially maddening is that Trubisky has shown the physical skills and mental fortitude to succeed at this level — at times.

They point to his six-touchdown explosion against the Buccaneers last season as proof he can make his reads and fire on-time, on-target darts. They reference the poise he exhibited in the fourth quarter of last season's playoff loss to the Eagles. They highlight the improbable 36-yard touchdown throw he pinpointed on the move and off script to Taylor Gabriel against the Redskins in Week 3 this season.

It's all in there. Somewhere.

Even Sunday, after the offense sputtered through most of the first half, Trubisky hung in and threw touchdown passes on three consecutive possessions in the victory over the Lions.

"What I really appreciated about



Mitch was the fact that he never got rattled in all that stuff," coach Matt Nagy said after the win. "It's hard for everybody to see in those moments because there were mistakes today that weren't his fault where it's easy to become unraveled. And he didn't do that. He stayed composed the whole time."

GM Ryan Pace has acknowledged that Trubisky needs to play better. But the Bears also realize the offense's problems aren't confined to quarterback play. The line has struggled. Tight end production has been nonexistent. At times, the commitment to the running game has wavered and the play-calling has been questionable.

Still, behind the scenes, efforts to stabilize and boost Trubisky's confidence have required time and energy on a weekly basis.

In some ways, Bears coaches have learned, Trubisky's admirable inner drive and self-critical nature can be his worst enemy, occasionally creating self-induced pressure that becomes suffocating.

In that regard, an argument can be made that the Bears' 100th season arrived at exactly the wrong moment.

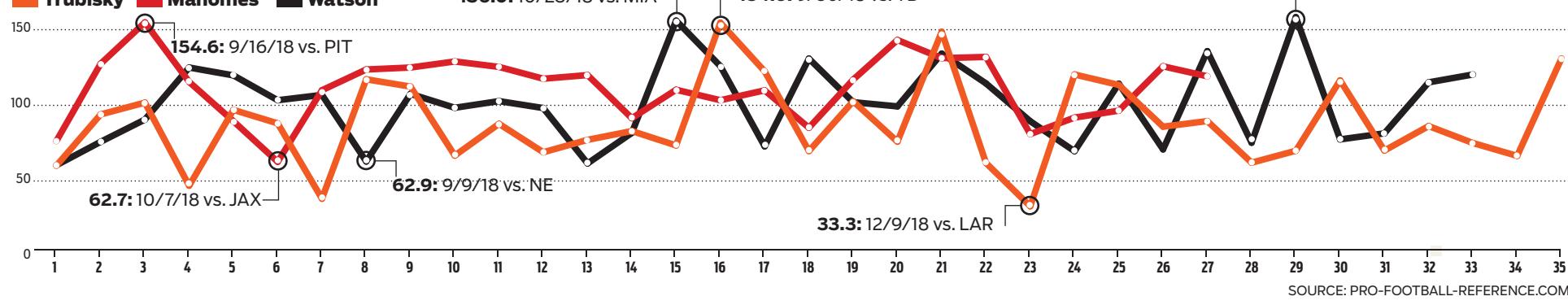
After Trubisky's bumpy ride through training camp this summer, with too many uneven practices and the tenacious defense feasting on an August interception binge, the Bears hosted the NFL's 100th-season kickoff party. That meant a big-stage Thursday night battle against the rival Packers.

Amid all the pomp and circumstance and with the whole league watching,

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BEARS**How Trubisky, Mahomes and Watson compare**

A look at the game-by-game quarterback ratings of Mitch Trubisky, Patrick Mahomes and Deshaun Watson, including their career highs and lows.



Trubisky failed to lead the offense to a single touchdown and threw a costly interception in the end zone late in the fourth quarter.

The Bears lost 10-3.

Trubisky lost some of his self-belief.

And with 10 days before the next game, the opening for an intensely self-critical quarterback to stew on his struggles was there.

"Three (extra) days to really dwell on it," Trubisky said in the middle of the next week. "Which you're not supposed to do."

A Week 1 Sunday noon game against the Giants — win or lose — probably wouldn't have felt so seismic.

"Maybe so," offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich said. "That (loss) was a slap in the face. But you've got to recover."

The reclamation project at Halas Hall has been demanding, with the Bears balancing their efforts to push Trubisky's knowledge of the offense forward with the need to simultaneously stabilize his psyche.

In Week 3, the Bears thought they had their remedy against a weak Redskins secondary and a game plan designed to provide the psychological jump start the whole offense needed. At halftime that night, everything was on script. Trubisky's first-half stat line: 20-for-23, 173 yards, three touchdowns. The Bears led 28-0.

Alas, that momentum was short-lived. With a chance to throw his fourth TD pass on what should have been a family-picnic toss to Anthony Miller from the 6, Trubisky instead made a predetermined read, a poor decision and a worse throw to Allen Robinson. Josh Norman picked off the pass. It was a frustrating blunder that punctuated an easy victory with a period rather than an exclamation point.

Six days later, Trubisky dislocated his left shoulder on the first series against the Vikings. Three weeks passed before his next game. His return against the Saints was one of the shakiest performances in his three seasons. Ugly losses to the Chargers and Eagles followed.

So much for refueling the self-belief tank. Even to outsiders, it's clear Trubisky has felt every ounce of the discouragement with the Bears' lackluster start. Quite simply, the 25-year-old quarterback has seemed to struggle mightily with struggling mightily.

The fear of having let an entire city down seems to be blanketing Trubisky's enthusiasm and confidence. Said one source who knows the quarterback well: "Think about it. How the (expletive) couldn't it?"

The arc on Trubisky's growth chart through two seasons didn't foreshadow his 2019 regression. As a rookie, with a receiving corps led by Kendall Wright and Josh Bellamy, Trubisky crossed the finish line with encouraging efficiency. His promotion to starter came after four games, far earlier than the Bears had hoped. But Trubisky's poise and playmaking flashes reinforced the potential Pace saw.

The 2018 season also showed growth and enough production to aid a 12-4 run to a division title and to earn an invitation to the Pro Bowl as an alternate.

And it's not as if Trubisky ever showed signs of being averse to this season's grand expectations. To the contrary, he embraced that opportunity.

"Honestly," Trubisky said at the Bears100 convention in June, "the sim-



Bears GM Ryan Pace and quarterback Mitch Trubisky talk after practice last summer. Pace's insistence on drafting Trubisky, at least so far, has been a disappointment.

lest way I can put it is, 'Let's go.' When your chance comes, you try to make the most of it."

With everything else slowly trending upward, the biggest change in 2019 has been the expectation. The high intentions, as Nagy prefers to label it. The elevated pressure.

To that end, Trubisky's college career never provided much evidence of how he might respond. He made only 13 starts for an 8-5 Tar Heels team that finished second in the ACC's Coastal Division and lost a nail-biter to Stanford in front of 42,166 people at the Sun Bowl.

As one league source put it: "He wasn't the point guard at North Carolina. He was the quarterback at North Carolina. You know?"

X

Is Mitch Trubisky fading from the picture?

In January, on a rainy Sunday in Florida, Patrick Mahomes, Mitch Trubisky and Deshaun Watson made good on a pact to gather for a ceremonial photo. They did so at Camping World Stadium in Orlando after playing in the season's penultimate game.

Trubisky squeezed between the two AFC quarterbacks with the words above each of their jersey numbers seemingly emerging in 3D: "Pro Bowl!"

All three players wore proud smiles, a "we told you so" clapback that Mahomes took to social media. In a Twitter post with that photo, the Chiefs quarterback wrote: "They said we had a bad Qb draft class! 2 years later..."

For all three, the future seemed so bright, so boundless. The weekend felt like the first of many January reunions they would enjoy deep into the 2020s.

Now? Trubisky has been left behind and left to deal with that baggage. And the Bears now must make a brutally honest assessment of their predicament, revising their evaluations and fallback plans for the rest of this season as well as the future.

Ryan Pace and the Bears will never have a souped-up DeLorean that can take them back in time to retry the 2017 draft process.

Instead, they must focus on being solution-oriented and forward-looking, which for the rest of 2019 means devising a plan to spark some kind of devel-

opmental breakthrough in Trubisky.

Internally at Halas Hall, a belief remains that every quarterback experiences a unique journey and that players such as Drew Brees or Alex Smith can offer Trubisky examples of peers whose emergence didn't occur immediately.

Brees was benched eight games into his third NFL season in 2003. As the Chargers began 1-7, the second-year starter threw 12 interceptions, seven touchdown passes and completed only 57% of his passes.

Eli Manning, in the middle of his third season in 2006, was struggling and under fire in New York, with the harshest of critics believing his time as Giants quarterback was running out. Now Manning owns two Super Bowl rings, with his Hall of Fame candidacy up for debate.

The danger of a premature surrender can't be ignored.

The Bears also recognize the high-profile struggles within the NFL's 2018 quarterback class — players such as Baker Mayfield, Sam Darnold, Josh Rosen and Josh Allen — and realize the frustrations aren't exclusive to Chicago.

In the Bears' ideal world, Trubisky would soon break out of the slump that has defined his third season and rod through the mental clog that has impeded his growth. All it may take, the organization believes, is one big play or one clutch drive or one exciting win to get things pointed back in a positive direction.

If and when that turning point comes, the Bears can exhale and try to get their quarterback's development plan back on schedule.

Still, that best-case scenario may be hanging by a thread. Each week, it seems, a new what-could-have-been reminder comes from Kansas City or Houston.

In Week 2, for example, while Trubisky and the Bears offense were stumbling through the first half of a win over the Broncos, Mahomes erupted for 281 yards and four touchdown passes against the Raiders — in the second quarter alone. (In Trubisky's 35 career starts, including playoffs, he has only seven games with more than 280 passing yards.)

In Week 8, while the Bears were digesting a brutal 17-16 home loss to the Chargers that included two fourth-quarter Trubisky turnovers, Watson was

sparking a 27-24 rally past the Raiders with 279 passing yards and three touchdown passes. The last was a Cirque du Soleil trapeze act in which he twisted and spun from two defenders, took a cleat to the eye, had his vision impaired and regrouped to fire an off-script, off-balance 9-yard scoring dart to Darren Fells.

"Doggone Watson," Raiders coach Jon Gruden said immediately after the loss. "He wills it out of his team. And he makes something out of nothing."

In contrast, a few hours earlier at Soldier Field, Trubisky overthrew what should have been a win-sealing 58-yard touchdown pass to Taylor Gabriel, with the speedy receiver open down the middle.

"You hit that," coach Matt Nagy said, "and it's close to being the dagger."

"Just missed," Trubisky admitted.

It was more undeniable evidence of the gap in playmaking prowess between Trubisky and his more accomplished draft classmates.

Heading into the Week 10 games, according to sportsbetting.ag, Watson and Mahomes were among the top six favorites for this season's MVP award, in a stratum with Russell Wilson, Lamar Jackson, Aaron Rodgers and Christian McCaffrey.

At this stage, the Bears' pleas for patience are falling on deaf ears, appeals seemingly made out of desperation more than realistic wishes. And the reality is Trubisky faces an incredible challenge to get himself and the Bears out from under the avalanche of criticism that has buried them.

Allusions to Brees or Smith trigger counterpoint references to Blake Bortles or Blaine Gabbert or Christian Ponder or Robert Griffin III or Vince Young. In some cases, critics point out, an anticipated leap never occurs.

For Trubisky, the next seven weeks will be telling. With nearly three dozen starts under his belt, it's quite possible his body of work is already large enough to formulate a verdict. And the Bears, at the very least, must start considering alternatives for 2020 and beyond.

Is this season recoverable? Can Trubisky get his career journey out of the ditch? Said one league source: "I think so. I really do. But he's going to have to be a tough mother (expletive). We're going to find out what his DNA is. Because that's a hard thing to pull out of."

Bears quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone still believes wholeheartedly in Trubisky's approach. "As long as (he) continues to fight and continues to get back up and try again and try again and try again," Ragone said, "eventually we're going to knock down that wall."

Whatever the case, that Pro Bowl snapshot now seems like an ancient relic. So does that journal entry from Pace and the hype video the team launched a day after drafting Trubisky.

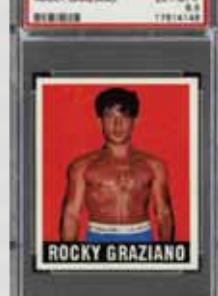
Pace has stressed since he arrived in Chicago how valuable a standout quarterback is to the long-term direction of the franchise. Without one, he has said, "you're a ship without a sail."

On draft weekend 2017, Pace was confident he had, at long last, found the Bears' Hope Diamond.

"There are times when you've got to be aggressive," he said then. "And when you have conviction on a guy, you can't sit on your hands. I just don't want to be average around here; I want to be great. And these are the moves you have to make."

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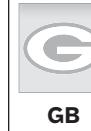
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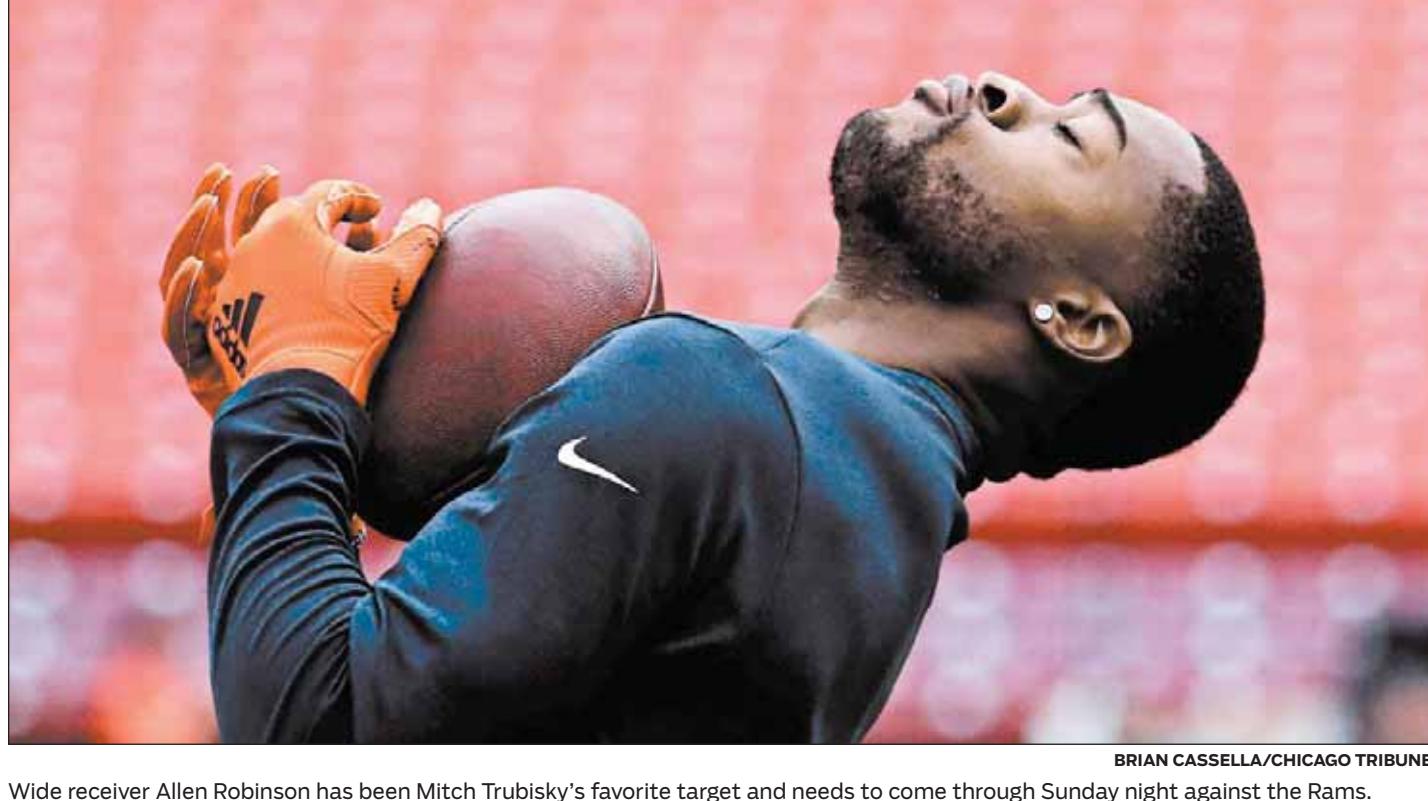
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Wide receiver Allen Robinson has been Mitch Trubisky's favorite target and needs to come through Sunday night against the Rams.

BIG STORYLINE

Stats talk; Robinson, Ramsey don't

BY DAN WIEDERER

For a man known for his loose lips, a brash playmaker featured in a series of video compilations highlighting his on-field trash talk, Rams cornerback Jalen Ramsey didn't have a ton to say about his upcoming battle Sunday night.

Any thoughts on Bears receiver Allen Robinson?

"I say it every week: It's not about who I am going against, it's about me," Ramsey said Thursday. "But he can make plays for sure. He's explosive. He can go up and get the ball. Their favorite target, of course. Physical. Yeah, he can make plays."

Anything specific in Robinson's skill set that makes him difficult to defend?

"I haven't covered him yet," Ramsey said. "So I couldn't tell you. Like I said, he's a good receiver and we're going to see how it goes on Sunday. ... I haven't played him in a game. So I don't want to speak on something that I don't really know about, to be honest."

Ramsey and Robinson were teammates with the Jaguars in 2016 and 2017 and had their share of battles in practice. But Sunday will be a different stage. Prime time. "Sunday Night Football." And Ramsey's goal is to make sure NBC commentators Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth don't say Robinson's name much.

Robinson is eager for the test.

"It's going to be physical," he said. "It's going to be competitive. It's going to be fun. I'm definitely looking forward to it."

From their time in Jacksonville, Robinson came to respect Ramsey's aggressiveness.

"With him being a longer corner, at some of the catch points, he tries to be a little bit more physical," Robinson said. "He's a physical tackler. It's some of the little nuances. If you catch the ball near the sideline, you know he's going to be physical."

As for the inevitable back-and-forth chatter?

"Again, for me, each Sunday is a little different," Robinson said. "I talk. He talks. It'll be fun."

The Jaguars traded Ramsey to the Rams in mid-October, and he still is getting acclimated to his new defense and responsibilities. Still, even as he searches for his first interception of 2019, there's a sense that his arrival has given the Rams defense a new edge.



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The Rams' Jalen Ramsey tries to take down Falcons receiver Julio Jones (11) last month.

"I would hope so," Ramsey said. "I play with a lot of passion and heart when I'm out there. I hope that's contagious not only with the secondary but with everybody."

"And regardless of what the stats may say, my production has been — I know that once you throw on the film and watch the film and people who know about football and actually watch the games, they can clearly see that I only get two targets a

game. If that. So basically what that tells you is usually I'm taking the quarterback off his first read. Right? Now the quarterback has to hold the ball a little bit longer."

Robinson is the Bears' leading receiver and quarterback Mitch Trubisky's favorite target, so Sunday's matchup should prove intriguing. The final stats will tell a story. Both players almost certainly will have more to say.

THREE KEYS

Can Mack & Co. rattle Goff again?

BY DAN WIEDERER

The Bears and Rams will meet in prime time for the second consecutive season. But this year, the high-profile Sunday night matchup features teams with a combined 9-9 record with continued efforts by each to find their footing. The Bears, coming off a relieving but unimpressive 20-13 win over the Lions, would love to build momentum with an upset. The Rams are trying to shake past last week's 17-12 road loss to the Steelers, their fourth stumble in six games. Here are three keys for Sunday's game.

1 Fluster the Rams offensive line and disrupt Jared Goff. Again.

After signing a four-year extension in September worth up to \$134 million, Rams quarterback Jared Goff has had a subpar season. Most alarming? He has 14 turnovers through nine games. He has been sacked 16 times and fumbled on six of those, with four lost, including two returned for touchdowns. Offensive line issues have been a problem for the Rams all year. Right tackle Rob Havenstein has been declared out for Sunday's game because of a knee injury he suffered in last week's loss to the Steelers.

Rookie Bobby Evans likely will start in Havenstein's place. (Attention: Khalil Mack.) Goff, meanwhile, may still be having nightmares from last season's game against the Bears. In Week 14, he went 20-for-44 for 180 yards with four interceptions in a 15-6 loss.

2 Win the battle: Allen Robinson must excel against Jalen Ramsey.

Cornerback Jalen Ramsey is still getting acclimated in Los Angeles, just a month after arriving in a trade from the Jaguars. But he's still one of the league's best lockdown cornerbacks — and one of the most renowned trash talkers. And he'll almost certainly be looking to knock Allen Robinson off his game with his physicality and his psychological warfare. Bears coach Matt Nagy said of Ramsey: "He's got ultimate confidence." Ramsey and Robinson were teammates with the Jaguars for two seasons in 2016 and 2017, so they are familiar with one another. Robinson, with 53 catches for 618 yards and three touchdowns this season, has been the runaway MVP for the Bears' discombobulated offense. And he'll need to have a significant impact on Sunday's game if the Bears are to get anything going offensively.

3 Be solution-oriented in the running game.

As if Nagy needed another twist to challenge his commitment to the running game, rookie David Montgomery suffered an ankle injury in practice Wednesday and was out of action Thursday. He returned to practice Friday and was listed as questionable on the injury report.

Montgomery's setback came just four days after the team waived backup Mike Davis. If Montgomery can't play Sunday or is limited in any significant fashion, the Bears will have to find ways to keep from becoming one-dimensional. That could mean a heavier workload for Tarik Cohen or more touches out of the backfield for Cordarrelle Patterson.

PREDICTIONS

All is not lost, but it might be getting close after Sunday night

BRAD BIGGS (4-5)

The Bears defense should be able to dominate the struggling Rams offense, which is particularly troubled on the line. Running back Todd Gurley isn't the same dynamic threat he was, and that has thwarted Jared Goff's ability to operate the play-action passing game. With Brandin Cooks out, the Rams lack a deep threat to take the top off the Bears secondary. So we're looking at two solid defenses and two underperforming offenses. Field position will be at a premium, and the Bears are in a tough position if running back David Montgomery is not 100 percent or is sidelined because of an ankle injury.

RICH CAMPBELL (4-5)

I appreciated how the Bears processed Sunday's win over the Lions. They recognized how flawed it was, and it didn't inflate their collective sense of self. Surely, they understand the elevated degree of difficulty as nearly touchdown underdogs on the road against the reigning NFC champs. Khalil Mack is due for a game-changing play or three. When the Bears have the ball, it makes sense for Rams defensive coordinator Wade Phillips to play zone like he did last year in the Bears' 15-6 win. If this Bears team is going to capture any magic, it's now or never. Eddy Pineiro makes the field goal this time.

COLLEEN KANE (5-4)

Who would have thought at the beginning of the season that this Sunday night game would be a meeting of two teams failing to meet high expectations? Both offenses have issues, but the Bears have more — and they could multiply with Montgomery battling an ankle injury. And while the Bears defense figured out how to shut down the Rams last year, this group doesn't have the same bite without Akiem Hicks and Danny Trevathan.

DAN WIEDERER (5-4)

This is a nod of respect to Phillips, the Rams mastermind defensive coordinator who knows how to handle a wounded opponent. The Bears offense has been a mess for months, and it's hard to see it getting on track against Phillips.



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NFL**AFC**

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	8	1	0	.889	270	98	4-0-0	4-1-0	6-1-0	2-0-0	4-0-0
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	174	150	3-2-0	3-1-0	4-2-0	2-1-0	2-1-0
Miami	2	7	0	.222	119	268	1-4-0	1-3-0	2-5-0	0-2-0	1-2-0
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222	130	238	2-3-0	0-4-0	0-6-0	2-1-0	0-4-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Houston	6	3	0	.667	238	191	3-1-0	3-2-0	5-1-0	1-2-0	2-1-0
Indianapolis	5	4	0	.556	194	193	3-2-0	2-2-0	4-4-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	197	3-2-0	2-3-0	3-4-0	2-1-0	0-2-0
Jacksonville	4	5	0	.444	176	189	2-3-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	0-2-0	1-2-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Baltimore	7	2	0	.778	300	189	3-1-0	4-1-0	5-2-0	2-0-0	3-1-0
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	200	202	4-2-0	1-3-0	4-3-0	1-2-0	1-2-0
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	192	228	2-3-0	2-3-0	4-3-0	0-3-0	2-0-0
Cincinnati	0	9	0	.000	137	259	0-4-0	0-5-0	0-5-0	0-4-0	0-3-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	284	239	2-3-0	4-1-0	4-3-0	2-1-0	2-0-0
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	208	240	4-1-0	1-3-0	3-2-0	2-2-0	2-1-0
L.A. Chargers	4	6	0	.400	207	194	2-3-0	2-3-0	2-5-0	2-1-0	0-2-0
Denver	3	6	0	.333	149	170	2-3-0	1-3-0	3-4-0	0-2-0	1-2-0

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	251	170	3-2-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	1-1-0	4-0-0
Philadelphia	5	4	0	.556	224	213	3-1-0	2-3-0	3-4-0	2-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Giants	2	8	0	.200	203	289	1-4-0	1-4-0	2-5-0	0-3-0	1-2-0
Washington	1	8	0	.111	108	219	0-4-0	1-4-0	0-6-0	1-2-0	0-3-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	204	182	4-1-0	3-1-0	5-2-0	2-0-0	1-1-0
Carolina	5	4	0	.556	225	228	2-2-0	3-2-0	2-4-0	3-0-0	1-1-0
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	260	279	1-3-0	2-3-0	3-5-0	0-1-0	1-2-0
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	191	259	1-3-0	1-4-0	2-4-0	0-3-0	1-0-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Green Bay	8	2	0	.800	250	205	5-1-0	3-1-0	5-1-0	3-1-0	3-0-0
Minnesota	7	3	0	.700	262	182	4-0-0	3-3-0	6-2-0	1-1-0	1-2-0
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	162	157	2-3-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	1-2-0	2-1-0
Detroit	3	5	1	.389	217	237	2-2-0	1-3-1	2-3-1	1-2-0	0-3-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
San Francisco	8	1	0	.889	259	129	3-1-0	5-0-0	5-1-0	3-0-0	2-1-0
Seattle	8	2	0	.800	275	254	3-2-0	5-0-0	5-1-0	3-1-0	3-0-0
L.A. Rams	5	4	0	.556	226	191	2-2-0	3-2-0	3-3-0	2-1-0	0-2-0
Arizona	3	6	1	.350	222	281	1-3-1	2-3-0	2-5-1	1-1-0	0-2-0



Free agent quarterback Colin Kaepernick participates in a workout for NFL scouts and media on Saturday.

Yet another twist with Kaepernick

Dormant QB's workout moved to new location at the last minute

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press

RIVERDALE, Ga. — Colin Kaepernick threw passes for about 40 minutes on a high school field, then signed autographs for hundreds of fans who gathered in an end zone to watch his NFL workout that was suddenly moved Saturday, the latest strange twist in the saga for the exiled quarterback.

About six team representatives made it to the new location, including Philadelphia Eagles vice president of football operations Andrew Berry. It appeared the Jets, Redskins and Chiefs also had someone in attendance.

Just 15 minutes before Kaepernick was scheduled to work out for 25 NFL teams at the Atlanta Falcons' training complex in Flowery Branch, his representatives announced the session had been moved 60 miles away to a high school in Riverdale. The stunning move seemed to catch everyone off-guard and came about an hour before the rescheduled workout was set to begin, putting many in scramble mode.

Kaepernick threw passes to free agent receivers Bruce Ellington, Brice Butler, Jordan Veasy and Ari Werts.

Kaepernick's representatives said they called the audible to let the media watch and videotape the workout, adding the shift was prompted "because of recent decisions made by the NFL."

"From the outset, Mr. Kaepernick requested a legitimate process and from the outset the NFL league office has not provided one," his representatives said in a statement.



Colin Kaepernick visits with fans following a workout Saturday in Riverdale, Ga.

In a statement, the NFL said it was "disappointed that Colin did not appear for his workout." The league referenced recent negotiations with Kaepernick's representatives over the workout and citing, among others, media availability and a liability waiver.

"Colin's decision has no effect on his status in the league. He remains an unrestricted free agent eligible to sign with any club," the NFL said.

The 32-year-old Kaepernick hasn't played since the 2016 season with the San Francisco 49ers. He helped start a wave of protests about social and racial injustice that season by kneeling during the national anthem at games.

The NFL in February settled a collusion grievance Kaepernick and former teammate Eric Reid filed against the league. Reid now plays for the Carolina Panthers.

Reid was at Kaepernick's workout at the new high school site.

Earlier in the afternoon, a number of NFL scouts had already gone inside

the Falcons' indoor training facility when word came Kaepernick's session was being shifted. It was moved from the sprawling suburbs north of Atlanta to Charles Drew High School in Riverdale — south of the city, near the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Dozens of media had been set up in a fenced-off parking next to the Falcons' facility. Former NFL head coaches Hue Jackson and Joe Philbin had been set to run the drills.

Kaepernick's representatives said the NFL "demanded" as a precondition for this workout that he sign an "unusual liability waiver." The reps said Kaepernick asked that media and an independent film crew be allowed to attend and videotape the original workout, and that the NFL denied the request.

"Based on the prior conduct by the NFL league office, Mr. Kaepernick simply asks for a transparent and open process which is why a new location has been selected for today," the representatives said.

PREDICTIONS**Week 11**

BY SAM FARMER | Los Angeles Times

Last week vs. spread: 6-5-2 | Season 72-73-3

Texans (6-3) at Ravens (7-2)

Noon Sunday | Ravens by 4½ | O/U 52
Lamar Jackson on one side, and Deshaun Watson on the other? This could be the most entertaining quarterback duel of the decade.

Ravens 31, Texans 27

**Jaguars (4-5) at Colts (5-4)**

Noon Sunday | Colts by 2½ | O/U 43½
Nick Foles is back and so is Jacoby Brissett. The key is Leonard Fournette against a Colts run defense that can go wobbly at times.

Jaguars 28, Colts 24

**Bills (6-3) at Dolphins (2-7)**

Noon Sunday | Bills by 6½ | O/U 41
All of a sudden, the Dolphins are riding the AFC East's longest winning streak. Luckily for Buffalo, the Bills are stifling vs. the pass.

Bills 23, Dolphins 18

**Broncos (3-6) at Vikings (7-3)**

Noon Sunday | Vikings by 10½ | O/U 40½
Brandon Allen has his moments, but he's on the road against a defense that gets after the quarterback.

Vikings 27, Broncos 17

**Jets (2-7) at Redskins (1-8)**

Noon Sunday | Redskins by 2½ | O/U 38½
The Redskins want to run the ball to take the heat off Dwayne Haskins. That's going to be hard to do against a defense that held Saquon Barkley to one yard on 13 carries.

Jets 24, Redskins 17

**Falcons (2-7) at Panthers (5-4)**

Noon Sunday | Panthers by 4 | O/U 49½
Green Bay got to young Kyle Allen. Can the suddenly productive Falcons do the same? The Panthers will have to feed Christian McCaffrey early and often.

Panthers 24, Falcons 20

**Cowboys (5-4) at Lions (3-5-1)**

BULLS AND BLACKHAWKS

NETS 117, BULLS 111

Slow start, little heart

LaVine racks up 36 in 'unacceptable' loss before home crowd

BY SHANNON RYAN

Wendell Carter Jr. said the Bulls had the proper "swag" in warmups Saturday night before facing the Nets. But as soon as the game started, they were dragging.

Perhaps knowing the Nets were without leading scorer Kyrie Irving, whose unavailability due to a shoulder injury was announced before tipoff, got into the Bulls' minds. Perhaps it was just another sign of the teams' frustrating inconsistencies.

Whatever it was, it prompted Bulls coach Jim Boylen to use the word "unacceptable" several times after a 117-111 loss at the United Center.

"What I'm disappointed in is our start, a home game, Saturday night in Chicago," Boylen said. "I can't play for them. They have to come out and they have to do it."

Unlike Thursday's loss in Milwaukee, in which the Bulls showed signs of life, the defeat to the Nets showcased the Bulls getting outplayed in every quarter except the second in the Eastern Conference meeting.

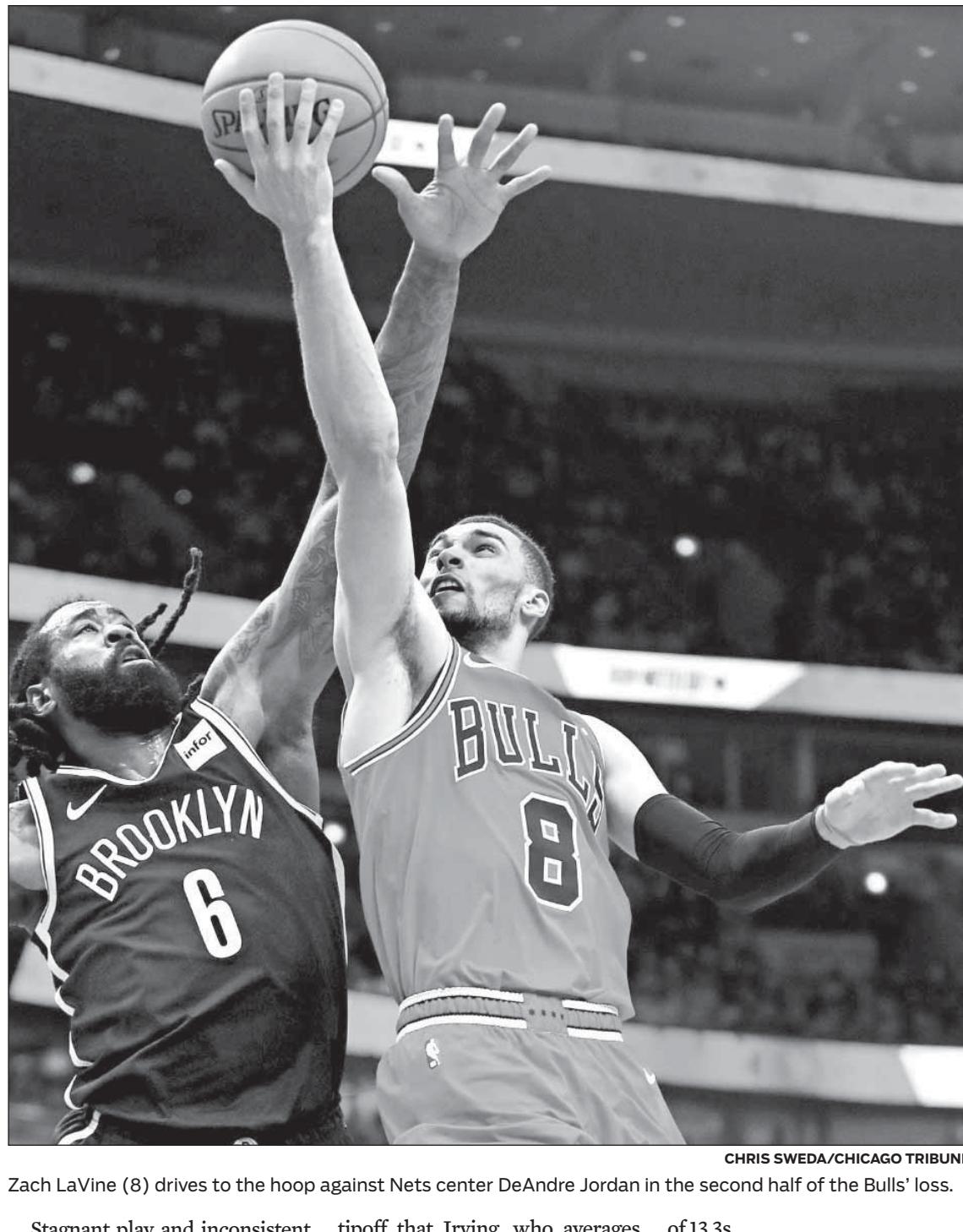
The Bulls preached that the season is young and this was no time to panic. But they also acknowledged problems need to be solved quickly.

"We just look at it as the 14th game," Carter said. "I know we don't want to keep saying, 'Oh, it's the 15th, 16th game and then eventually it's the 70th, 71st. It's very early in the season. We're still building this whole team together. I wouldn't stress about it too much at the moment, but (we) know that we don't have all day."

Boyle shrugged off the idea of lineup changes. "You've got to stay the course," he said.

The Bulls (4-9) were plagued by some of their familiar problems. They continued to shoot a high volume of 3-pointers but hit only 23.1% (9 of 39).

They struggled to find the basket anywhere, really, making only 35.2% from the floor.



Zach LaVine (8) drives to the hoop against Nets center DeAndre Jordan in the second half of the Bulls' loss.

CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Stagnant play and inconsistent stretches remain an issue.

"Sometimes you get the ball and it feels like 12 eyes staring at you," said Zach LaVine, who scored a game-high 36 points. "I'm not scared to take any shot. I'm not scared to miss a shot. I've taken all these shots before."

"If I'm the one to blame, I can take it. I know I'm in the gym working on my craft each and every night. I always look at myself first before anyone else. I just feel we have to do better as a unit."

A better job from the get-go would help.

Boyle bemoaned that he needed to burn two first-quarter timeouts to try to get players going as the Nets grabbed a 30-19 lead.

"That's unacceptable," he said. "You can't lose the first quarter at home by 11. We were fighting uphill the whole way."

The Bulls took a 56-50 halftime lead but were outscored 67-55 after halftime, including 43-33 in the fourth quarter.

The Nets announced before

tipoff that Irving, who averages 28.5 points and 7.2 assists while shooting 34.1% on 3-pointers, would not play because of a shoulder injury. That news likely crept into Bulls players' minds.

"Probably," said Carter, who registered his eighth double-double of the season with 18 points and 14 rebounds. "That's just human nature. We look at a team and they don't have their best player. Not to say we underestimated them, but we didn't come out and play how we would have played if he was playing. We've got to do a better job, stop showing our immaturity."

Unlike the previous two games, rookie Coby White's hot hand went cold.

The Bulls missed their first eight 3-point attempts before White hit one early in the second quarter. He was coming off impressive back-to-back performances, scoring 27 points with a franchise-record seven 3-pointers in the fourth quarter against the Knicks as well as a 26-point outing against the Bucks in which he hit

of 13 3s.

White shot only 1 of 7 from beyond the arc and 3 of 13 overall for seven points.

Forward Lauri Markkanen continued to confound. Despite scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 rebounds — his second double-double this season and first since the opener — he hit only 4 of 10 shots in 35 minutes.

He hit just his second 3-pointer of the game to pull the Bulls within 113-111 with 8.8 seconds left. The shot followed back-to-back LaVine 3-pointers that temporarily threatened a comeback.

But it was all too late.

In addition to being without their leading scorer, the Nets weren't much better from 3-point range, making only 10 of 43 (23.3%). Spencer Dinwiddie, starting in place of Irving, scored 20 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter while Joe Harris added 22 points.

From start to finish, the Bulls couldn't figure it out.

"You've got to win the games you're supposed to win," LaVine said.

BLACKHAWKS RECAP

The Blackhawks defeated the Predators 7-2 on Saturday night at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. The win was the Hawks' third straight and extended their point streak to five games. Alex Nylander scored a pair of goals. Erik Gustafsson, Dominik Kubalik, Brent Seabrook, David Kampf and Patrick Kane also scored. The Hawks chased Pekka Rinne with 8:21 left in the second period after he allowed four goals on 14 shots. Robin Lehner stopped 39 shots. The Hawks are 5-1-2 in their last eight. For more coverage, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](#)

Nylander has played more minutes with Toews than anyone else this season and constantly gets feedback from the Hawkscaptain.

"He continues to perform well," Colliton said. "There's probably been a couple shifts every game where he's dropped off a little bit. Sometimes that's what you remember when you watch the game. But when you look at all shifts, he's had some really good ones."

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"If you ask (Alex), he'll admit he has a ton of ability, a ton of upside that you'd expect a lot more production, and he's starting to get those opportunities," Toews said. "It's only a matter of time before he starts putting up numbers. Guy can skate, handle the puck. Look at the way his brother (Maple Leafs forward William Nylander) plays. They're almost identical. He's got a heck of a shot, too, so he's probably even a better shooter than his brother."

The Hawks obviously would love for Nylander to break out on the scoresheet, but as long as he's backchecking, playing hard and not taking shifts off, they're going to give him time to develop his confidence.

If they can turn him into the 25-goal scorer he was projected to be — something they don't have in their farm system — that's worth more to them than Jokiharju, especially if Boqvist and Mitchell can move for an asset.

Even with no goals in his last 14 games entering Saturday's

matchup with the Predators, Nylander isn't getting the side-eye from coach Jeremy Colliton wondering why he isn't putting the puck in the net.

"There's constant conversation for sure," Colliton said. "But the focus isn't really on, 'Oh, you haven't scored,' it's how you're

heading into Saturday's games.

Nylander and Jokiharju each had seven points — 2 goals and 5 assists. A defenseman playing third-pairing minutes shouldn't have as many points as a forward who has played on a line with Toews most of the time, so the Sabres probably have gotten more out of Jokiharju than the Hawks from Nylander to this point.

It's certainly close and too soon to declare which team won the

WHITE SOX

6 stats for Abreu's 6 seasons

BY LAMOND POPE

The White Sox announced Jose Abreu's return for 2020 with a tweet that featured a photo of the slugger and the words "He's back."

The three-time All-Star first baseman accepted a one-year, \$17.8 million qualifying offer Thursday. According to reports, a two- or three-year deal between Abreu and the Sox remains possible. Abreu made \$16 million in 2019.

Abreu had a .284/.330/.503 slash line in 2019, led the team with 38 doubles and 33 home runs and led the American League with 123 RBIs. He also had a career-high 152 strikeouts. His weighted runs created-plus (wRC+) — which estimates a player's offensive contribution in terms of total runs and adjusts that number to account for external factors such as ballpark and era — was 117.

Here are six more numbers that highlight Abreu's first six seasons with the Sox.

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For the fourth time in his career, Abreu led the Sox in home runs with 33.

He hit 36 in 2014, a franchise record for a rookie, and has hit at least 30 home runs in four seasons. He's the fourth Sox player with at least four 30-homer/100-RBI seasons, joining Frank Thomas (eight), Paul Konerko (five) and Magglio Ordonez (four).

Abreu is sixth on the team's all-time list with 179 home runs eight away from tying Ordonez (187) for fifth.

5

Abreu has five seasons with at least 100 RBIs, third in franchise history behind Thomas (10) and Konerko (six). His 100th RBI of 2019 came Aug. 25 against the Rangers.

With 123 RBIs in 2019, Abreu became only the second Sox player to lead the AL in the category. Dick Allen drove in 113 in 1972.

"It's just the work, the result of the daily work," Abreu said Sept. 29 of the accomplishment through an interpreter. "Working hard every day, having the support of all my teammates. It's really comforting just to have that."

Abreu has led the White Sox in RBIs in each of his six seasons and has 611 career RBIs, which ranks 13th on the team's all-time list.

30

Abreu has had at least 30 doubles in each of his six seasons. His final hit of 2019 was a sixth-inning double in the season finale Sept. 29 against the Tigers. It was his 38th double of the season.

Abreu is 17th on the Sox career doubles list (218).

319

Abreu led the Sox with 319 total bases. It was the fourth time he has had at least 300 in a season, tied with Konerko for third in Sox history.

Abreu is 15th on the team's all-time list with 1,821 total bases.

901

Abreu has played in 901 games, 37th on the Sox all-time list. He has played at least 154 games in four seasons and led the team with 159 games in 2019. He played in fewer than 130 games only once, in 2018.

That type of stability doesn't go unnoticed.

"He's the ultimate pro," Sox bench coach Joe McEwing said Sept. 9. "Every day he shows up to the ballpark, brings his lunch pail and goes about his business the right way."

Abreu needs 99 more games to become the 29th Sox player to reach 1,000.

1,038

Abreu has 1,038 career hits, 25th on the team's all-time list.

He collected his 1,000th hit Aug. 24 against the Rangers with a single to right field in the first inning.

Abreu finished seventh in the AL with 180 hits in 2019. He has led the Sox in the category in five of his six seasons.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NOTES

Fromm leads Georgia to SEC East title

Associated Press

Jake Fromm passed for three touchdowns and No. 4 Georgia's defense produced two late stops, clinching the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division title with a 21-14 victory over No. 12 Auburn on Saturday.

The Bulldogs (9-1, 6-1 SEC) sailed through three quarters with a 21-0 lead before Auburn (7-3, 4-3) rallied in the fourth.

Georgia held on to become the first team to win three consecutive SEC East titles since Florida won five in a row from 1992-96.

Fromm and DeAndre Swift delivered enough offense to keep the Bulldogs on track for a shot at the College Football Playoffs. Most of the way, though, it was clear the game featured two of the league's top defenses.

Auburn scored two touchdowns in the fourth, then had a pair of drives stopped on fourth down in the final minutes. Freshman Bo Nix threw three incompletions and was sacked on the Tigers' final drive starting from their 27.

Fromm was 13-of-28 passing for just 110 yards, but had a 51-yard touchdown pass to Dominick Blaylock and a pair of 5-yarders to Eli Wolf and Brian Herrien. Swift ran for 106 yards on 17 carries.

Nix completed 30 of 50 passes for 245 yards and a touchdown.

Clifford lifts Penn State: Quarterback Sean Clifford scored three touchdowns, leading No. 9 Penn State past Indiana 34-27 to keep its playoff hopes alive.

Penn State (9-1, 6-1 Big Ten) next week plays at No. 2 Ohio State, where the top spot in the Big Ten East will be on the line.

Clifford also completed 11 of 23 passes for 179 yards and ran for 55 yards. Journey Brown rushed 21 times for 100 yards and added a score. With Penn State ahead by a field goal with 10:45 to play, Clifford led an 18-play, 75-yard drive that ate 9:01 and ended when he plunged in from a yard out to put the game out of reach.

Peyton Ramsey completed 31 of 41 passes for 371 yards and a touchdown and ran for two more for the Hoosiers (7-3, 4-3) who outgained Penn State 462 to 371.

Taylor dominates: Jonathan Taylor rushed for 204 yards and two touchdowns, Aaron Cruickshank ran back a kickoff 89 yards for a score, and No. 14 Wisconsin beat Nebraska 37-21 on Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

Taylor became the first Football Bowl Subdivision player since at least 2000 to run for 200 yards three times against the same team, according to Sportradar. He had 221 against the Cornhuskers last year and 249 in 2017. The junior recorded his 11th 200-yard game, moving into a four-way tie for most in a career by an FBS player.

The Badgers (8-2, 5-2 Big Ten) quickly erased a 14-10 deficit in the second quarter. Jack Coan threw over the middle to A.J. Taylor, who spun away from two defenders and ran the rest of the way untouched for a 55-yard touchdown. Wisconsin linebacker Jack Sanborn intercepted a tipped ball on the first play of Nebraska's next series, and Taylor ran in from the 1 to finish a short drive that put the Badgers ahead 24-14.

The Huskers (4-6, 2-5) have lost four straight and five of their last six. They've dropped 10 in a row against Top 25 opponents. Before the game, Nebraska announced coach Scott Frost was given a two-year contract extension through 2026. Frost is 8-14 in his second season since leaving UCF, which he led to a 13-0 record in 2017.

Hubbard leads Cowboys: Chuba Hubbard ran for 122 yards and two touchdowns, and No. 22 Oklahoma State rolled past visiting Kansas 31-13.

Hubbard, the nation's rushing leader, also caught two passes for 42 yards.

Dillon Stoner caught five passes for a career-high 150 yards and two touchdowns and Spencer Sanders passed for 168 yards and a touchdown for the Cowboys (7-3, 4-3 Big 12), who won their third straight. Oklahoma State gained 481 total yards, including 243 rushing.

Kolby Harvell-Peel led Oklahoma State's defense with two interceptions.

Extra points: Joe Burrow threw for 489 yards and five touchdowns as top-ranked LSU (10-0, 6-0 SEC) beat Ole Miss 58-37. ... Clemson starting wide receivers Justyn Ross and Amari Rodgers were injured in the opening half of the third-ranked Tigers' 52-3 victory over Wake Forest. ... Chase Claypool caught four touchdown passes to match a school record and No. 16 Notre Dame shut down Navy's triple-option in a 52-20 rout on the 23rd-ranked Midshipmen. ... Michigan State defensive lineman Jacob Panasiuk was ejected from a 44-10 loss to No. 15 Michigan after a roughing the passer penalty in the fourth quarter. Panasiuk was removed from the game with Michigan leading 34-10. ... Justin Fields threw for a career-high 305 yards and matched his best with four touchdown passes as No. 2 Ohio State (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten) romped over Rutgers 56-21.



ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa is carted off the field after getting injured in the first half Saturday against Mississippi State.

ALABAMA 38, MISSISSIPPI STATE 7

Tide turns, QB done

Tagovailoa ruled out for season after being carted off field with hip injury

BY PAUL JONES

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Tua Tagovailoa sustained a season-ending hip injury being dragged down late in the first half on what was likely his final series of the day in No. 5 Alabama's 38-7 victory over Mississippi State on Saturday.

Tagovailoa was injured after a scramble when he was tackled from behind by Bulldogs linebacker Leo Lewis. The star quarterback needed help getting to his feet and was carted off the field with 3:01 left in the second quarter.

The junior had been nursing an ankle injury that needed surgery four weeks ago and caused him to miss a game and a half. Alabama coach Nick Saban said the injury Saturday was unrelated to the ankle. Saban called it a "freak injury."

Saban told ESPN at halftime the plan was to remove Tagovailoa from the game before the series when the quarterback was injured. Alabama was already up 35-7, but it was decided to let Tagovailoa play one

possession to get some work in the two-minute drill.

Tagovailoa was flown by helicopter to the St. Vincent's Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama, and was ruled out for the season Saturday night.

Tagovailoa had been nursing an ankle injury and Alabama was considering holding him out of this game.

"We can second guess ourselves all we want," Saban said. "I really don't make decisions based on players getting hurt."

The junior needed surgery four weeks ago for a high ankle sprain on his right leg that caused him to miss a game and a half.

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Tagovailoa was 14 of 18 for 256 yards and two touchdown passes against Mississippi State, giving him 31 TD passes on the season. He was replaced in the second half by Mac Jones, who went 7 for 11 for 94 yards.

The Crimson Tide (9-1, 6-1 Southeastern Conference) were coming off a 46-41 loss to LSU that nudged it out of College Football Playoff position to fifth in the latest

selection committee rankings. Now Alabama is facing the daunting task of trying to impress the committee without Tagovailoa, the Heisman Trophy runner-up from last season and a potential top-10 selection in the NFL draft.

Tagovailoa played well against LSU, passing for more than 400 yards, but he was gimpy at times, favoring his right ankle. Saban said Tagovailoa was a game-time decision against Mississippi State. He started and the Tide jumped out to a 14-0 lead on a touchdown run and a touchdown catch by Najee Harris, who finished with four TDs.

Mississippi State (4-6, 2-5) cut the lead to 14-7 on a 1-yard scoring run by Kylin Hill. The Bulldogs must now win out to be bowl eligible.

Harris finished with 88 yards rushing and 51 yards receiving. Jerry Jeudy had seven catches for 114 yards receiving for Alabama.

Tommy Stevens was 12 of 21 passing for Mississippi State and had just 82 yards passing. Stevens did rush for 96 yards on 10 carries.

The Bulldogs' struggles on offense continued against Alabama. Mississippi State had just 270 yards of offense and had only 82 yards passing against the Crimson Tide.

IOWA 23, MINNESOTA 19

Gophers' undefeated dream over

Minnesota's misery continues at Iowa's Kinnick Stadium

BY TRAVIS JOHNSON

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Minnesota's undefeated season came to an end in a place where the Gophers have struggled for a while.

Nate Stanley threw two touchdown passes and Tyler Goodson ran for a score to help No. 20 Iowa beat No. 8 Minnesota 23-19 on Saturday, handing the Gophers their first loss while hurting their playoff prospects.

The Gophers (9-1, 6-1) haven't won at Kinnick Stadium since 1999, losing nine straight on the road in the series. The loss will hurt them in the rankings, but they stay in control of their own fate in the Big Ten West Division race.

That, coach P.J. Fleck said, is something his team needs to remember.

"This is one game," Fleck said. "Everything else is sitting right in front of us. If we can play a game that poorly, we can come back from it."

"This is not the end of the world. It hurts. It should hurt — it's a rivalry game. This is what college football is all about. This is one game. That's all that means."

The Hawkeyes (7-3, 4-3) struck quickly, scoring touchdowns on their first three possessions, then held off Minnesota's charge in the second half for their first victory over a ranked opponent this season.

"We did a great job of controlling the first



MATTHEW HOLST/GETTY-AFP

half," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "We knew we were going to have to score some points today. It's no mirage how many points they've scored, the yards that they've had."

"We had to open it up," said wide receiver Nico Ragaini, who scored Iowa's first touchdown on a 21-yard pass from Stanley.

"Defensively, we started too slow," Minnesota linebacker Thomas Barber said. "You can't do that in a Big Ten game."

Minnesota got to 23-19 with 3:27 to play when Rodney Smith scored on a 1-yard dive. But Brock Walker's extra-point attempt missed. Iowa's Nate Wieting then recovered the onside kick.

The Gophers had a final chance. But

quarterback Tanner Morgan was sacked by Joe Evans and A.J. Epenesa on back-to-back plays, then backup Cole Kramer's pass was intercepted by Riley Moss on fourth down.

Stanley threw for 173 yards. Goodson rushed for 94 yards.

Morgan threw for 368 yards. Tyler Johnson had nine catches for 170 yards. The Gophers had 431 yards of offense.

"The biggest accomplishment there is we kept them out of the end zone," Ferentz said.

The Gophers' chance at making it to the CFP still took a hit with the defeat. But they're still in command of the West Division race with two games remaining.

COLLEGES

NU 45, UMASS 6

Hull's big day helps Cats end skid at 7

Freshman rushes for 220 yards, 4 scores in rout of feble UMass

BY JOHN JACKSON

Associated Press

After waiting his turn for nearly three months, Evan Hull made the most of his opportunity Saturday.

The freshman ran for 220 yards and four touchdowns, helping Northwestern snap a seven-game losing streak with a 45-6 victory against UMass at Ryan Field in Evanston.

Hull averaged 9.2 yards on 24 carries and became the first Wildcats player with at least 200 yards and four touchdowns in a game since Tyrell Sutton against Northern Illinois in 2005.

Hull had 15 yards and eight carries this season before moving into the starting lineup because of injuries.

"I put a lot of work into this, so to have this happen for me was a very good feeling," he said.

Northwestern (2-8) last won on Sept. 14 with a 30-14 victory over UNLV.

"A great team win," coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "I'm really happy for our guys. It's been a long time in the making for a win."

Quarterback Randall West was 19 of 36 for 175 yards, and Bilal Ally had 66 yards on 16 carries for UMass (1-10), which has dropped five straight.

UMass led 3-0 after one quarter and had a chance to expand the lead on the first play of the second. But Joe Gaziano blocked Cooper Garcia's 30-yard field-goal attempt, and Chris Bergin picked up the ball at the 15 and returned it 85 yards for the game-turning touchdown.

"The protection was good," UMass coach Walt Bell said. "The field goal just got hit low, and they turned it back for a touchdown. It had a chance to be a really close game at halftime, the majority of that being because of the way our defense played."

After Garcia connected on a 23-yard field goal, Hull had a 6-yard touchdown run for a 14-6 lead with 7 minutes, 59 seconds left in the first half. Less than three minutes later, Hull had a 38-yard scoring run to cap a 95-yard drive that made it 21-6. Hull had three rushes for 90 yards on the series.

Charlie Kuhbauer hit a 31-yard field goal in the third — after a Blake Gallagher interception — to make it 24-6.

Hull ran for a 46-yard touchdown early in the fourth for a 31-6 advantage and added a 31-yard scoring run a few minutes later to make it 38-6.

"I'm ecstatic for him," Fitzgerald said of Hull. "He's a great young man. He's got a bright future."

Raymond Niro scored Northwestern's final touchdown on an 11-yard run after Hull left the game. Hull was asked which touchdown was his favorite.

"All of them," he said. "This is still pretty new for me. Just being out there today and having the success that I did, the whole day is my favorite."

The Minutemen had 227 passing yards, but West and backup Andrew Brito missed a slew of open receivers.

Aside from Hull's rushing, the Northwestern offense continued to sputter. Quarterback Aidan Smith was less than impressive, going 7 of 13 for 76 yards with two interceptions.

The Wildcats played three quarterbacks, but not opening-day starter Hunter Johnson.

"He was banged up last week, so we were resting him," Fitzgerald said.



JIM YOUNG/AP

Northwestern running back Evan Hull smiles as he rushes for one of his four touchdowns Saturday against UMass at Ryan Field.



DYLAN BUELL/GETTY

Ian Book throws a pass in the third quarter of Notre Dame's 52-20 victory over Navy on Saturday.

NOTRE DAME 52, NAVY 20

A cool combo

Book throws 4 of 5 TD passes to Claypool in rout

BY LAMOND POPE

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Ian Book lofted a pass to the front-right corner of the end zone in the third quarter Saturday against Navy.

Wide receiver Chase Claypool made a twisting catch for a touchdown to complete a day for the Notre Dame record books.

Book threw five touchdown passes, four to Claypool, to lead the No. 16 Irish to a 52-20 victory against No. 23 Navy in front of 74,080 at Notre Dame Stadium.

"Chase always has the juice," Book said. "You can tell when he gets on a roll, you want to keep getting him the ball. Even though it might not be the clearest look, he's going to come down with it. That makes my job a lot easier."

Notre Dame's consecutive sell-out streak ended at 273 games, which had ranked second behind Nebraska's 373. The last time the Irish did not sell out a home game was 46 years ago on Thanksgiving 1973 against Air Force.

Those in attendance Saturday saw a sharp passing performance from Book.

He completed 14 of 20 passes for 284 yards and the five touchdowns in about 2½ quarters. It was his third game with at least five touchdown passes this season, a Notre Dame record.

"I feel great," Book said. "I'm confident, confident with all the guys on this team. The defense is doing an awesome job getting us the ball. They play so well and give us so many opportunities and our offense, we're starting to roll."

Notre Dame (8-2) recovered four fumbles. Navy (7-2) entered the day with eight fumbles lost this season. Two of Book's touchdowns came after Notre Dame recovered fumbles.

"I'm definitely really confi-



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Chase Claypool makes one of his four touchdown receptions as Cameron Kinley defends Saturday in Notre Dame's victory over Navy.

dent," Book said, "and this whole offense should be."

Book also had five passing touchdowns Sept. 14 against New Mexico and Oct. 5 against Bowling Green. He had four passing touchdowns last week against Duke.

"He works so hard," coach Brian Kelly said. "He does all the right things. It was just a matter of there was too much noise and he had to find a mechanism as the quarterback at Notre Dame to eliminate all the noise that comes with. (He) has found it and he's in a great spot, and he's going to continue to progress."

Claypool had seven receptions for 117 yards and also joined the Notre Dame record book. His four touchdown receptions tied a single-game school record. Maurice Stovall established the mark on Oct. 22, 2005, against BYU.

"(Book) is throwing the ball up and giving me a chance to make a play," Claypool said. "I'm happy that I'm able to make some plays for him just to build that trust a little more."

Said Kelly: "(Chase) is a guy

that is difficult to defend. He's virtually a guy that has all the weapons."

Book also found an open Braden Lenzy for a 70-yard touchdown in the second quarter. It was the longest scoring pass of Book's career.

"As a quarterback, those are huge plays," Book said. "Really, it's when you get those opportunities, make the most of it. When you hit big plays, it opens up your whole playbook."

Claypool had touchdown catches of 7, 47 and 3 yards in the first half. His final touchdown was the twisting 20-yard grab in the third quarter.

"We work on that all week," Claypool said. "We know it's a tough ball to defend and we try to take advantage of that any time we can."

Claypool noted that he once had 10 touchdowns in a game in eighth grade. Notre Dame will settle for Saturday's production any time.

"It was a fun day for everybody associated with Notre Dame," Kelly said.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

DePaul goes 5-0 1st time since '86

Associated Press

Paul Reed scored 18 points on 9-of-12 shooting and added 12 rebounds, leading DePaul to a 75-54 rout of Cornell on Saturday at Wintrust Arena.

The Blue Demons are 5-0 for the first time since the 1986-87 team started 16-0 under coach Joey Meyer.

That team, led by Dallas Comegys, Rod Strickland and Kevin Edwards, advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

Jalen Coleman-Lands scored 12 points and Devin Gage 11 for DePaul, which shot 50% (29-for-58) overall despite missing 15 of 21 3-point attempts (28%).

Loyola 85, Saint Joseph's 68: Cameron Krutwig matched his career high with 24 points, Marquise Kennedy and Tate Hall scored 16 points apiece and Aher Uguak 12 for the host Ramblers (2-2). Taylor Funk scored 15 points and Ryan Daly added 13 points, 10 rebounds and six assists for the Hawks (2-2).

Purdue 93, Chicago State 49: The Boilermakers forced 17 turnovers, had a 29-2 run during a decisive 10-minute stretch and grabbed 23 offensive rebounds in West Lafayette, Ind. Purdue (2-2) snapped a two-game losing streak. Freshman Isaiah Thompson finished with 17 points after scoring only three in the previous three games. Evan Boudreaux had 14 points and Aaron Wheeler added 10 points and 10 rebounds. Xavier Johnson scored 12 points and Andrew Lewis 11 for Chicago State (1-3), which fell to 0-51 against Big Ten foes as a Division I team.

Northern Illinois 96, Rockford 48: Eugene German had 21 points and Tyler Cochran and Brendon Hankerson 11 each for the host Huskies (2-2), who shot 51.5% (34-for-66) from the floor, including 9-for-19 from 3-point range. Brandon Emerick's 28 points led the Regents (1-2).

Bradley 65, Illinois-Chicago 56: Trailing 33-25, the Braves (2-1) used a 20-2 run to open the second half and held on in Peoria. Michael Diggins recorded his first career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Flames (1-3). Elijah Chiles had 14 points and 12 rebounds and reserve Ja'shon Henry scored 14 for the Braves (2-1).

Tennessee 75, Washington 62: Jordan Bowden scored 15 of his 18 points in the first half, Lamonte Turner had 16 points and the Volunteers upset the 20th-ranked Huskies in the first game of the Hall of Fame Classic tripleheader in Toronto.

Maryland 80, Oakland 50: In College Park, Md., Darryl Morsell led a balanced attack with 14 points, and the No. 7 Terrapins used a strong defensive effort to improve to 3-0 for the sixth straight year. Maryland is 33-6 at home over the past two-plus seasons. Xavier Hill-Mais led Oakland (3-2) with 18 points.

Virginia 60, Columbia 42: Mamadi Diakite and Jay Huff scored 13 points each for the ninth-ranked Cavaliers (3-0) in Charlottesville, Va. Mike Smith scored 16 points to lead the Lions (1-3), whose point total was the highest Virginia has allowed this season.

Villanova 78, Ohio 54: Saddiq Bey scored 19 points and Justin Moore added 18 for the No. 10 Wildcats in Philadelphia. Villanova (2-1) broke the game open with a 27-4 run in the final 6 minutes, 36 seconds of the first half. Ben Vander Plas led the Bobcats (3-1) with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Jason Preston added 16 points.

Memphis 102, Alcorn State 56: Lester Quinones had 21 points and 10 rebounds and Precious Achiuwa added 20 points for the 13th-ranked Tigers (3-1). Top recruit James Wiseman was sidelined because of eligibility issues.

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NASCAR

Gibbs' son still close to his heart

Memories come out during team's championship push

BY DAN GELSTON

Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Joe Gibbs keeps mementos of his late son on his office desk. There's a photo of a little girl who could barely walk but whose day brightened when J.D. Gibbs surprised her with a tour of the Joe Gibbs Racing shop. Hundreds of letters are stacked on the desk, written by fans, friends, strangers, all wanting to say thank you to J.D. for acts of kindness, big or small.

Gibbs turns 79 later this month and has spent a lifetime as a leader of men, notably as a three-time Super Bowl champion coach for the Washington Redskins and a four-time NASCAR Cup Series championship owner. He has three shots to win a fifth title Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway with a loaded lineup of Martin Truex Jr., Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch all in championship contention for the winner-take-all race.

Though the championship push comes tinged with sadness for Gibbs, those daily reminders of the difference his son made to others have helped ease the pain of his January death.

"I think it made a big impression on me from the standpoint (that) I'm kind of doing big things and big this and big that," Gibbs said. "J.D. would take individual time, and it comes back over and over again."

Gibbs quit the Redskins twice, each time surrendering the high-profile job to devote more time to his family. Gibbs' sons, J.D. and Coy, followed him into JGR, and it was J.D. who discovered Hamlin at a late-model test at Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway in the early 2000s. Hamlin dedicated this NASCAR season to J.D., and he opened with a bang — a Daytona 500 win that has propelled him to the brink of his first Cup title.

Gibbs even channeled his son's ethos during the season when Hamlin was going through a rough patch in his personal life. Hamlin and Gibbs had the kind of heart-to-heart talks that hadn't necessarily defined their 15-year working relationship.

Gibbs supported Hamlin just as he believed J.D. would have been by the driver's side.



TERRY RENNA/AP

Team owner Joe Gibbs watches Saturday's Cup Series practice.

"I leaned on him quite a bit. He helped me through. He really did," Hamlin said. "I think oddly enough, as all that went on, my performance went straight up, very linear. He's a person that, although I don't talk to much outside of racing, when I needed him, he was there and he helped."

J.D. Gibbs played defensive back and quarterback at William & Mary (1987-90) while his father coached the Redskins. He transitioned into NASCAR and the family business when the elder Gibbs launched his NASCAR team in 1992.

J.D. Gibbs was eventually co-chairman of JGR but began with the organization as a part-time driver and over-the-wall crew member. He even made 13 NASCAR national series starts between 1998 and 2002. He stepped away from JGR in 2015 when it was announced he was suffering from "conditions related to brain function." He was 49 when he died from complications of a long battle with a degenerative neurological disease.

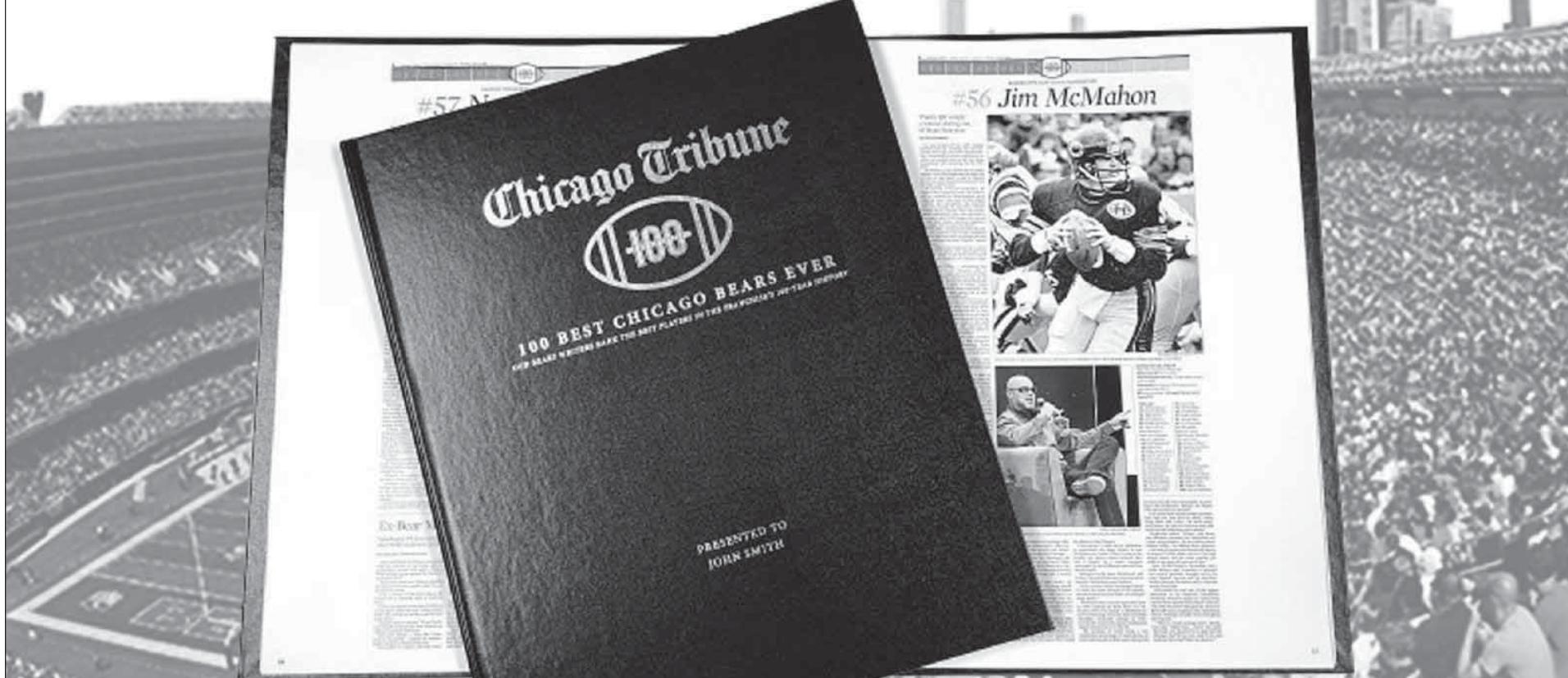
Joe Gibbs smiles when thinks of how much J.D. would love how the four-car team is having one of NASCAR's great seasons, with 18 wins in 35 races and Truex and Busch in position for a second career Cup title.

"He's in our team meetings each and every week, and I think his attendance rating is probably better than all the drivers' combined," Busch said. "(He has) the ability to be able to be around the shop and have the camaraderie with the employees and to have everybody pulling a little extra and going for a little bit more all the time."

Pushing 80, Gibbs hasn't lost his competitive edge.

J.D.'s widow, Melissa, and their sons are expected at the finale in Homestead, where they'll get another look at how much the visionary behind the careers of so many star drivers meant to the sport. Toyota made #DofItForJD buttons that executives and team members wore at the track — and could land in some celebratory photos if one of those JGR cars has a championship bash.

"It's been kind of one of those unreal experiences," Gibbs said.



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Boston	10	1	.909	—
Toronto	8	4	.667	2½
Philadelphia	7	5	.538	3½
Brooklyn	5	7	.417	5½
New York	3	10	.231	8

SOUTHEAST

Miami	9	3	.750	—
Charlotte	6	7	.462	3½
Orlando	5	7	.417	4
Atlanta	4	8	.333	5
Washington	3	7	.300	5

CENTRAL

Milwaukee	9	3	.750	—
Indiana	7	6	.538	2½
Cleveland	4	7	.364	4½
Detroit	4	9	.308	5½
Chicago	4	9	.308	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	10	3	.769	—
Dallas	7	5	.583	2½
Memphis	5	7	.417	4½
San Antonio	5	8	.385	5
New Orleans	3	9	.250	6½

NORTHWEST

Denver	8	3	.727	—
Utah	8	4	.667	½
Minnesota	7	6	.538	2
Oklahoma City	5	7	.417	3½
Portland	5	8	.385	4

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	10	2	.833	—
Phoenix	7	4	.636	2½
L.A. Clippers	8	5	.615	2½
Sacramento	4	7	.364	5½
Golden State	2	11	.154	8½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Brooklyn 117, Chicago 111

Milwaukee 102, Indiana 83

Charlotte 103, New York 102

Miami 109, New Orleans 94

Houston 125, Minnesota 105

Miami 109, New Orleans 94

Portland 121, San Antonio 116

Dallas 11, Toronto 102

L.A. Clippers 150, Atlanta 101

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Cleveland, 2 p.m.

Boston at Sacramento, 2:30 p.m.

Denver at Memphis, 5 p.m.

Washington at Orlando, 5 p.m.

Golden State at New Orleans, 6 p.m.

Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at New York, 6 p.m.

Charlotte at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

Indiana at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Portland at Houston, 7 p.m.

San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Boston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Utah, 8 p.m.

Okla. City at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NETS 117, BULLS 111

BROOKLYN: Harris 8-15 4-4 22, Prince 4-13 3-4 13, Allen 5-11 1-1, Dinwiddie 5-11 14-15 24, Temple 4-12 2-12, Claxton 4-6 0-18, Jordan 2-4 3-4 7, Shumpert 2-4 0-5, Pinson 4-9 0-0 10, Musa 2-9 0-0 5. Totals 40-88 27-31 117.

CHICAGO: Hutchison 2-6 7-8 11, Markkanen 4-10 6-6 16, Carter Jr. 5-10 8-8 18, Satoransky 2-8 0-0 5, LaVine 11-24 11-12 36, Young 1-8 3-3 5, White 3-13 0-0 7, Dunn 2-6 3-4 7, Arcidiacono 2-6 0-0 6. Totals 32-91 38-41 111.

Brooklyn 30 **20** 24 **43** — **117**

Chicago 19 **37** 22 **33** — **111**

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 10-43 (Pinson 2-5, Prince 2-6, Harris 2-8, Temple 2-9, Shumpert 1-3), Chicago 9-39 (LaVine 3-10, Arcidiacono 2-5, Markkanen 2-6, Satoransky 1-3, White 1-7). **Fouled Out**—White, Carter Jr. **Rebounds**—Brooklyn 40 (Jordan, Allen, Musa 7), Chicago 56 (Carter Jr. 14). **Assists**—Brooklyn 30 (Harris 8), Chicago 15 (White 3). **Total Fouls**—Brooklyn 30, Chicago 30. A-19,148 (20,917).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Kentucky (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Utah Valley, Monday.

2. Duke (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. California, Thursday.

3. Michigan State (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Charleston Southern, Monday.

4. Louisville (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. Central, Sunday.

5. Kansas (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. ETSU, Tuesday.

6. North Carolina (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Elon, Wednesday.

7. Maryland (3-0) beat Oakland 80-50. Next: vs. Fairfield, Tuesday.

8. Gonzaga (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. UT Arlington, Tuesday.

9. Virginia (3-0) beat Columbia 60-42.

10. Villanova (2-1) beat Ohio 78-54. Next: vs. Middle Tennessee, Thursday.

11. Texas Tech (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee State, Thursday.

12. Seton Hall (2-1) did not play. Next: at Saint Louis, Sunday.

13. Memphis (3-1) beat Alcorn State 102-56. Next: vs. Little Rock, Wednesday.

14. Oregon (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. UT Arlington, Sunday.

15. Florida (2-1) did not play. Next: at UConn, Sunday.

16. Ohio State (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stetson, Monday.

17. Utah State (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. UTA, Monday.

18. Saint Mary's (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cal Poly, Sunday.

19. Arizona (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. New Mexico State, Sunday.

20. Washington (2-1) lost to Tennessee 75-62. Next: vs. Maine, Tuesday.

21. Xavier (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Towson, Thursday.

22. Auburn (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Colgate, Monday.

23. LSU (2-1) beat Nicholls 75-65. Next: vs. UMB, Tuesday.

24. Baylor (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio, Thursday.

25. Colorado (2-0) beat San Diego 71-53. Next: vs. UC Irvine, Monday.

MAKE: C-Chevrolet; F-Ford; T-Toyota.

ODDS

AUTO RACING

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Lineup for Sunday's race; At Homestead-Miami Speedway; Homestead, Fla.

NOTE: Saturday's qualifying canceled due to inclement weather; Lineup based on owner points.

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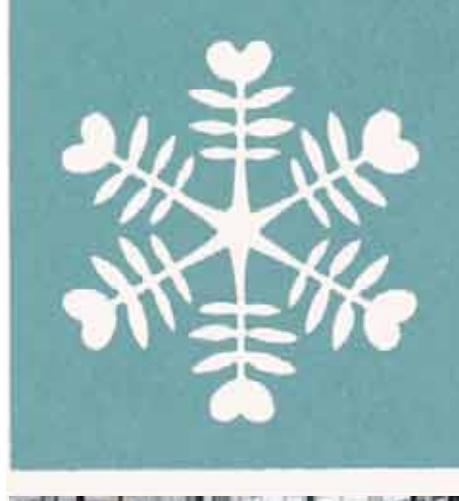
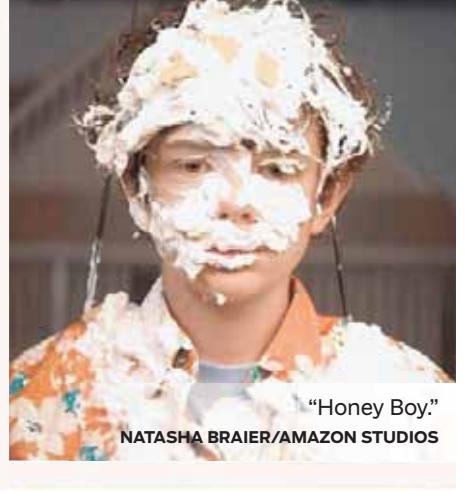
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WINTRY MIX

2019 holiday films offer both fact, fiction

By MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN | The Washington Post

Santa's workshop isn't the only production facility where the output is binary: What you get — a lump of coal or a shiny new toy — depends on whether you've been naughty or nice. Hollywood also operates in polarities, a division made more acute this time of year, when movies as entertainment are counterbalanced by films of substance — as often as not, ones that are based on true stories.

That doesn't mean that fiction is all fun and games, nor that fact-based films also can't be richly enjoyable. It depends on what you like.

For that reason, this holiday movie guide offers not one but two shopping lists: the first for the moviegoer with a taste for verisimilitude, and the second for anyone looking to get away from all that.

Opening dates and ratings are subject to change.

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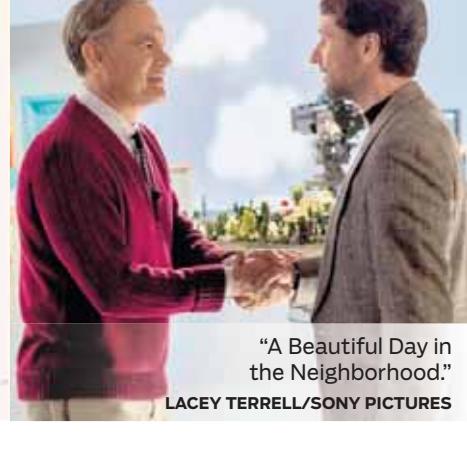
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When Chicago's Clark Street was down and out

Insightful book sparks memories of a vibrant, beaten-up boulevard



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

The Clark Street we know is not the Clark Street we knew.

Like most city thoroughfares, it is an organic byway, ever-changing, remolding itself in the visions of developers and architects and politicians.

Go ahead, take a walk. Wander along the eight-block stretch between the river up north to Chicago Avenue and you'll see places that signify this change.

There are snazzy hotels, fine restaurants, a Rainforest Café, a Walgreens, shops and condos. It's a sophisticated, prosperous area.

If I were to tell you what it looked like in the 1960s and 1970s, some of you might remember. But those who do not would have a hard time believing that its sidewalks were filled with sprawled drunks and that you could get a haircut for 60 cents at a barber college where you might meet a man who impersonated Abraham Lincoln. It was a beaten-up boulevard and home to a cast of characters trying to scrape by and survive.

So, to bolster my case but also to spark my own memories, I would ask you pick up a copy of a stunning new book, pointedly titled "Clark Street."

Look in wonder at the photos of what used to be.

The photos were taken by Tom Palazzolo, who moved in 1960

with two friends into a little apartment on Hubbard Street, just off Clark. A native of St. Louis and a former student at the John and Mable Ringling School of Art in Florida, he was soon enrolled in the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

On Clark Street he discovered places and people that grabbed his artist's eye and intensity, and with his cameras, a Rollei twin lens reflex camera and a 35mm Pentax, he captured much of what he saw and many who he met over the next decade.

Unquestionably these youthful encounters informed and fueled his career as a teacher and filmmaker of boundless energies and distinctive vision. He was drawn to stories and people who existed in society's shadows and became sensitively attuned to the back-alley ways and hidden wonders of

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There was a saloon on every block when Tom Palazzolo took this photo, exploring Clark Street in the 1960s and 1970s.

Jazz giants will pay tribute to Joe Segal



HOWARD REICH
On Music

It would be impossible for the jazz community in Chicago — and beyond — to repay impresario Joe Segal for all he has contributed to the music.

Having started by organizing jam sessions at Roosevelt University as a student in 1947, Segal has presented just about everyone who mattered in jazz ever since. Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins, Ornette Coleman, Dorothy Donegan, Herbie Hancock, Marian McPartland — you name the artist, and chances are he or she played Segal's Jazz Showcase.

Now several of Segal's admirers in music will convene to express their gratitude, in the form of a benefit concert Monday evening at the Studebaker Theater. Joey DeFrancesco, the world's preeminent jazz organist; Dee Alexander, Chicago's most celebrated jazz vocalist; and several other top-notch musicians are donating their services for an event to help defray Segal's medical expenses.

At 93, he needs 24/7 care at home.

"I'm hanging in all right," says Segal, who plans to attend the marathon concert and makes it to the Showcase most Sundays to catch the matinee.

"I still have problems walking. I'll probably be there in a wheelchair. I'll come out and wave at everybody and say, 'Thank you.'

Once musicians began hearing about the planned concert, they wished to express the same sentiment.

"A lot of musicians wanted to come and play, but we don't have enough time onstage for everyone," says Wayne Segal, the impresario's son, who now runs the club.

But Wayne Segal hastens to add that the concert is more than a benefit for his dad.

"It's to celebrate his contribution to Chicago, to the jazz scene and nationally and throughout the



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Joe, left, and Wayne Segal at Jazz Showcase. The jazz world will pay tribute to Joe Segal at the Studebaker Theater on Monday.

world," says Wayne Segal. "It's a celebration of his life, as well."

It has been a life rich in music, though not without its travails. In the early days of Segal's career, he practically was a one-man-band, booking musicians, finding far-flung venues in which to present them, selling tickets at the door and introducing the acts onstage.

Back then, in the 1950s and early '60s, jazz pulsed in bars, clubs, restaurants and hotel ballrooms across the city.

"There were clubs up and down Wells Street, even up in Evanston," remembers Joe Segal, who rented space wherever he could find and afford it.

"There was a place where we had to go through a bowling alley, and the jazz room was in back. We did stuff in Gary, Indiana. We did stuff in Hyde Park, at the Beehive, and also on campus (at the University of Chicago). We had Miles Davis with John Coltrane. We had clarinetist Tony Scott, who had a young unknown pianist named Bill Evans.

"The (touring) guests thought they'd come and play a little. Then they

heard our guys," adds Segal, referring to the power-house Chicago musicians he'd hired to back the visiting stars, such as drummer Wilbur Campbell and multi-instrumentalist Ira Sullivan.

"Then they knew they had to blow."

No Showcase venue was more exciting than the one on Rush Street, below the Happy Medium, in the 1970s. After dark, the sidewalks were thick with clubgoers dressed to the hilt. People queued up to get into the Showcase, the smoky, cavernous room often packed to capacity.

I heard tenor men Zoot Sims and Al Cohn blasting at each other from opposite sides of the room; Teddy Edwards drawing silken lines from his tenor at all tempos; saxophonist Sonny Stitt reminding us what hard-driving bebop was all about (he once tapped the ashes of his cigarette into my beer when I sat at a front-row table — I was honored).

Many listeners probably remember the Showcase best from a 15-year run at the Blackstone Hotel, at Michigan Avenue and Balbo Drive, ending in 1995.

A new generation of future jazz stars announced their arrival there, among them trumpeter Nicholas Payton, saxophonists David Sanchez and Chris Potter, pianist Danilo Perez and others, as well as the old beboppers Segal always loved most: trumpeters Red Rodney and Sullivan, alto saxophonist Charles McPherson and so many more.

Next came music at 59 W. Grand Avenue and, for the past several years, the jewel box of a club at 806 S. Plymouth Court.

"It's the best room we've had," says Segal, who's right about that.

But, of course, times and tastes change, and Segal knows well what a hard sell jazz can be these days. Marginalized on TV, radio and various pop culture outlets, jazz struggles to reach listeners outside the converts.

"The younger people don't have the background, so they don't really appreciate jazz as such," says Segal. "They've gone into rock and rap and all that stuff."

Not all, though. Swing by the Showcase on a Sunday afternoon, and you'll see parents introducing their kids to the music. During

the week, students from DePaul, Northwestern and Roosevelt universities, Columbia College and other nearby schools are checking out the scene.

In the meantime, Segal listens to his beloved jazz at home and fields phone calls from the old masters who are still around.

"I just talked to Jimmy Heath," says Segal, referring to a 93-year-old saxophonist from Segal's hometown of Philadelphia.

"I knew all those guys from Philly: Red Rodney, Jimmy Smith, Shirley Scott, Benny Golson, McCoy Tyner — a lot of good guys."

"Sonny Rollins is still around," adds Segal of the 89-year-old New York saxophonist.

"Sonny called me a couple weeks ago. We had a long talk about his time in Chicago. I mentioned a bunch of obscure musicians. (Back then) he got himself straight and joined Max Roach at the Blue Note."

What has Segal meant to jazz in Chicago?

"As far as I'm concerned, everything," says Wayne Segal.

"I remember when jazz was very unpopular in

Chicago, and he kept it going all these years."

Not surprisingly, Segal's contributions have won various honors, most notably a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters Fellowship, widely considered the country's highest jazz honor.

"I'm thankful I was able to do something constructive with my life," he says.

"I had five children, three of whom are still alive, including Wayne. And I have some very lovely grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

"I'm glad I got out of Philadelphia."

If he had to do all over again, would he?

"Yeah," says Segal. "But I'd try to be smart enough to make some money at it."

Joey DeFrancesco, Dee Alexander, Ari Brown, Henry Johnson, Greg Fishman and others will perform at 7 p.m. Monday at the Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave., \$30-\$350; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com.

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Chicago. He would make films such as "Now We Live on Clifton," about the gentrification of Lincoln Park; "Paraiso," about Mexican immigrants who work as skyscraper window washers; "I Married a Munchkin," about Mary Ellen St. Aubin who performed in vaudeville and, with her husband, the "Wizard of Oz" cast member Parnell St. Aubin, ran a South Side tavern called the Midget Club; and the self-explanatory "The Tattooed Lady of Riverview."

His camera went to Maxwell Street and Marquette Park; to the raucous Jerry's Deli on Grand Avenue, the 1968 Democratic Convention, a neo-Nazi march in Marquette Park.

He was tirelessly everywhere, taught for many years and has won honors and gathered many admirers. In his early 80s, he

remains a lively, ever-curious man.

"Tom is a unique as an artist and as a human being. He is unlike any person I have ever known," says Tom Weinberg, the film-maker/writer/teacher and creator of such landmark television shows as "Image Union" and "The '90s." "He brings such experience, perspective, artistry and joyful spirit to his work and to life. And he allows us to share that joy."

Weinberg also runs Media Burn, the independent video archive. Among its thousands of offerings are more than 50 by and about Palazzolo.

It is at mediaburn.org that you can see his 25-minute 1995 film titled "Down Clark Street," which was the inspiration for this book, self-published by Palazzolo and friends. It is currently available at The Book Table in Oak Park for \$24.99 and he expects it to soon be available in more area bookstores and cultural institutions. And it is a wonderful book, with 90-

some photos and three brief but illuminating essays from people who have known Palazzolo and this city for decades.

Don Di Sante, a visual artist who conceived this book and handsomely designed it, writes: "The photos, in their grittiness, reveal an intimacy not always seen in street photography. ... While some of these photos may make you smile, others are hauntingly tragic."

James Iska, a noted photographer and artful writer, provides a trip back into the area's past to explain how and why "this little strip of land has been an important part of the city history from the beginning." He introduces readers to such places as the Capitol Hotel, one of the first buildings in the city with an elevator; McGovern's Saloon, where future gangster Charles Dean

"Dion" O'Banion worked as a singing waiter, distracting patrons while his cohorts picked their pockets; and such nearby areas as "Little Hell" and "Towntown."

Warren Leming, a writer/director/musician/actor, observes in his essay that, "Tom has an artist's eye, the chops of a flaneur photographer, and the innate ability to find the essence of a complicated city: Chicago."

He also gets wistful, writing, "I miss that world captured in Tom's lens here ... miss its grit and wonder, and its cast of drifters, outcasts, panhandling hustlers."

None of the book's photos carry captions. None are necessary because they stand on their own, like visual poems, and because Palazzolo contributes short explanatory words.

Here is he on the ABC used bookstore: "Its long, narrow aisles filled with



There was nothing pretty about Clark Street in Chicago in the 1960s and 1970s, as shown here in a photograph by Tom Palazzolo.

pulp fiction, magazines, back issues of Life, Look and Playboy. ... An old pot-bellied stove stood by the door, sparks flying when logs were tossed in. It's a wonder the place didn't burn down."

He writes of the Surf Cleaners, "visually interesting inside and out. The owner, Sarkis Karakuzian, an immigrant from Armenia, greeted his customers with a smiling 'Hello, Charley! His painted abstract designs covered the walls inside and outside, floor to ceiling. Even the toilet seat had colorful designs on it."

Of the Standard movie theater: "I never went to a show there — too derelict even for me."

But he did visit and photograph the club called the

"Playhouse, across the street from the old Criminal Courts Building. ... Instead of soliciting me, I was advised by the strippers to 'Go home, buy some wine and cheese, invite a girl over to your apartment, and grab hold.' They must have felt sorry for me,

thinking I was too young to be wasting my time there.

Middle-aged men who worked in the Loop on the other side of the Clark Street Bridge were their prime customers."

We see photos of the ravaged faces of the people who frequented the taverns and dives that peppered every block, but we do not see inside any of these bars.

"Tom rarely frequented them, and anyway, he says, they were too dark to get a good exposure," Di Sante

writes.

Palazzolo's longest prose contribution reads like a sorrowful short story. It tells the heartbreaking tale of Carol Ann, who lived in a tenement apartment and suffered from a debilitating degenerative condition. An older man named Joe became "her Good Samaritan

... volunteered his time, mostly nights and weekends, helping her and providing some companionship."

You can guess how that ends, can't you? Carol Ann's condition did not improve. Know that the slice of the city captured in "Clark Street" is not a pretty happy place. But it is vibrant. And it is real.

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Why are reader choices so predictable?

Best-of lists by the people disappoint, with few exceptions



CHRIS JONES

Best Chicago restaurant. Best theater. Best blues bar. Best museum. Yadda yadda yadda.

Those annual lists, which came to popularity back in the 1990s, are now a tiresome staple of click-bait, advertiser-friendly cultural journalism, the subject of countless special issues and social-media shares. I worked on and edited several of them at the newsweekly Newcity back in the analog 1990s; we always claimed to have invented the best-of-Chicago special. Over time they morphed to, among many others, the (Tribune owned) Chicago Magazine and the Chicago Reader, which just published its 2019 edition (30,000 ballots! 300 categories!). These lists usually come in two flavors — one small set of choices composed by professional writers and critics and the other, writ large, by the citizens of our town, their choices commissioned through some kind of balloting.

For, as Sicinius puts it in "Coriolanus," "what is the city but the people?"

Sure. Yet in almost every case, the peoples' choice is either predictable, unimaginative, corrupt or boring. Usually, it is all four at once.

I didn't even need to look at the Reader's peoples' choice for best theater. I knew it would be the Steppenwolf Theatre Company; it is always the Steppenwolf, regardless of the ebb and flow of quality there over the years. I didn't even need to look at the choice of best blues club. I knew it would be Kingston Mines; it is always Kingston Mines, even though few who really love the Chicago blues would actually make that choice. And best Italian beef? Portillo's naturally, although that is just wrong.

Why, as every failed political



CHRIS SWEDA/Tribune 2018

Drummer Dana Hall leads his band Spring at the Green Mill Jazz Club. The North Side institution is a rare moment where reader choices get it right.

candidate has been prompted to ask their pillow, are the people always so darn disappointing?

Well, in part it's a sobering reminder that most people are not specialists in cultural fields and typically pick the best-known and best-marketed thing in any given cultural category: Steppenwolf gets the nod because Steppenwolf long has been the most famous theater in Chicago and the one with the clearest brand. The Green Mill actually has a good case for being the best jazz club in Chicago, but it is also not a coincidence that it is the only Chicago jazz club that most people could name. The well-exposed Portillo's has far more branches than Mr. Beef, where you will find a far-superior Italian beef sandwich.

In an era of vanishing expert critics, nothing makes the case for us better than these pathetic peoples' choices.

As Coriolanus said, infuriated by the banality of the mob: "When you speak best unto the

It is also not a coincidence that (The Green Mill) is the only Chicago jazz club that most people could name.

purpose, it is not worth the wagging of your beards."

Plus, of course, the people are corruptible. The people can be bought.

Every journalist who has worked on one of these lists in this town knows all about ballot stuffing, the moment when an enterprising restaurant or bar or comedy club decides to hand out blanks (or tablets) to its regulars, all of whom dutifully fill them out with about as much regard for the fragility of the actual democratic process as, at times, the Supreme Court of the United

States. Since publications, beyond begging, never have figured out how to stop this corruption in any kind of unified way — it is not like they are working with a pool of registered voters or can knock on people's doors to see if they are still living — they are forced to publish these atrocities and thus reward the miscreants. Year after year after year. Social media, that great and mighty negotiator of honest opinion, that lying Cuisinart for truthful ingredients, only has made it way worse.

All of these timeless issues around this annual horror clearly were too much for Mike Sula, the Reader's imaginative veteran food critic, who had been around these lists for a quarter of a century and actually took it upon himself this year to openly berate the people for the ongoing idiocy of their annual choices.

"I'm sorry readers, you got a lot wrong," Sula wrote, in a spectacularly eviscerating and anti-populist piece of critical elitism, variously accusing readers of just not

getting out much and, well, being shallow and insipid. You could almost taste the pent-up anger at all of those years of being forced to type "deep dish" and "Pizzeria Uno" in the same sentence, unchanged in two generations.

"Do do you really think the skinless mush tubes at Super-dawg are acceptable hot dogs?" Sula wrote, rhetorically, clearly knowing that most people don't know the difference.

Sula has bosses and had to pay some lip service to the choices of the paying customers, which the Reader dutifully laid out in all their nonexistent glory. We all do. And it's comforting to have some constants in our life.

But these Best of Chicago lists are totally useless when they come from the people: I'll take the recommendations of specialists and explorers who actually know what they are talking about.

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BOOKS

REVIEW

South Side character captured

3 books bring to life an area often ignored

BY PATRICK T.
REARDON

One of the seven chapters in Lee Bey's "Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side" is only three pages long and has to do with St. Thomas Episcopal Church, an architectural delight that the author-photographer found by accident at 38th Street and Wabash Avenue.

Bey, former architecture critic of the Chicago Sun-Times, was thrilled to discover this gem, built in the 1960s, which he describes as "an architecturally funky and bold structure," featuring four large triangular windows and red doors set in a wall of mosaiclike glass.

The small, predominantly black church is an example of the often vibrant building designs of the South Side, which one of Bey's sources lauds as "a curious mix of the ordinary and extraordinary."

Bey's book is one of three newly published works that have to do with aspects of the South Side that have been "overlooked" by the rest of the city and metropolitan region — indeed, the nation. Although this area of Chicago is the size of Philadelphia and home to more than 750,000 people, it is often written off as "a place where people are mostly black, poor, and murderous, living in squalor, disinvestment, abandonment, and violence," complains Bey.

The reality, he asserts, is that the "South Side contains the finest collection of architecture, parks, and green space in Chicago, outside of downtown."

Not only are there undiscovered jewels, such as St. Thomas Episcopal, but also nine Frank Lloyd Wright homes; myriad public schools and residences from the modernist disciples of Mies van der Rohe; and the D'Angelo Law Library at the University of Chicago, designed by Eero Saarinen, one of the 20th century's most respected architects.

That library, featured on the cover of Bey's book, is "a showstopper, with its crisp, undulating curtain wall of bluish glass that reads like the folds of an accordion's bellows." Nonetheless, it hasn't been designated a city landmark or listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It's not alone. "The South Side ... has been largely omitted from Chicago's architectural discussion ... flat-out ignored," Bey writes.

Over and again, he describes South Side buildings that have gone unrecognized and unprotected by the city and preservationists, such as Chicago Vocational High School, 2100 E. 87th St., "an art deco and art moderne hybrid that is so detailed and accomplished" that it merits being honored locally and nationally.

Or the nearby Bowen High School, 2710 E. 89th St., which is "virtually identical" to Schurz High School, 3601 N. Milwaukee Ave., on the North Side. Schurz has been a city landmark since 1978 and on the National Register since 2011 "as an acclaimed masterpiece of Prairie School architecture." Bowen, its twin, has gotten neither recognition.

Bey's "Southern Exposure" is a celebration of the architecture of the South Side and a love letter to the area where he grew up and has spent much of his life.

It is also an indictment of the institutional racism that has withheld honor from the dazzlingly designed buildings to be found south of Cermak Road and, even



Lee Bey's latest book, "Southern Exposure," captures architecture on Chicago's South Side, including Liberty Baptist Church, 4849 S. King Drive.



'Southern Exposure'

By Lee Bey, Northwestern University, 192 pages, \$30

worse, has "cruelly conspired" to drive down the value of all properties in predominantly African American neighborhoods. The result, Bey writes, is that "untold millions of dollars in potential real estate equity ... were robbed from property owners on the South and West Sides."

In a second of the new books dealing with the South Side, Renny Golden's "The Music of Her Rivers," the centerpiece of a collection of luminous poems about hardscrabble lives is "Steel Mills."

Those huge industrial fixtures on the Southwest Side for scores of decades, she writes, were where "Our fathers poured the gold like priests / transubstantiating molten for the world's architecture." That's a wonderful image, but those aren't the key lines.

Instead, they come in the middle of the poem when Golden writes about the men who, each workday, filed into the roar and clang of the plants:

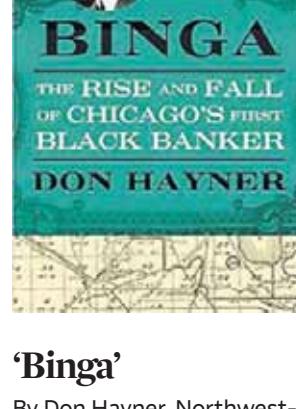
where they risked limbs / for the purchase / of a south-side bungalow. Men whose blunt fingers played accordions in Polka bands, / blues harmonicas at The-resa's Club, bodhran and fiddle at O'Halloran's / whose hands worked shearing machines, flywheels, cooling beds, gear boxes."

The history of Chicago is filled with tensions and violence between working-class blacks and whites on the South Side, and Golden acknowledges that in her "A Line Breaking: 1919 Riots." Nonetheless, as she shows in "Steel Mills," Golden sees deeper than these strains, sees how much the Poles, African Americans, Irish, Mexicans and others on the South Side share in their efforts to scratch out a life in an American society where they live on the lowest rungs.

Indeed, Golden's book is about the common struggle of the South Side laborers with that of the immigrants who come, legally and illegally, across the Rio



Lee Bey, former architecture critic of the Chicago Sun-Times, takes notice of several schools on the South Side, including Chicago Vocational High School, 2100 E. 87th St.



'Binga'

By Don Hayner, Northwestern University, 312 pages, \$24.95

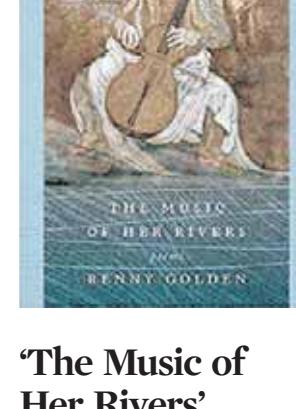
Grande from Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras and other southern nations.

While this shared experience of oppression and abuse may be forgotten at times, Golden writes in "Ná Géill, Nunca Abdicación (Never Surrender)" of Irish soldiers from the American army who, in 1847, swam south across the Rio Grande to fight with a Mexican people. They saw those Mexicans more as comrades than enemies in "a land of familiar chaos / poverty, ghosts, and roses."

Later, after the war is lost and they are about to be hung, the San Patricios, as they are called, "feet bound, ropes on necks, cheer the Mexican flag," even as it is lowered, and "America's flag rises in a strangled silence."

Golden builds her book around the rivers she has known: the Rio Grande, the Chicago with its Bubbly Creek, the Calumet and other Chicago-region waterways, natural and human-made, such as the Illinois & Michigan Canal, started in 1836.

This canal linking the Chicago River and the Mississippi, later replaced



'The Music of Her Rivers'

By Renny Golden, University of New Mexico, 87 pages, \$18.95

by the Illinois Sanitary and Ship Canal, was key to the city's development, and the men who built it are the subject of "Magicians," the Paddies from the Old Country but also former slaves:

We, the anonymous, caked in dirt. / Bruised hands gut meadows of canary weed, / sedge marsh alongside dark men with scarred backs, lashed by a deeper servitude ...

We are the nameless, who made / a silver highway for freight boats / pulled along towpaths by mules like us.

"The Music of Her Rivers" is a celebration of the "mules" of the past and the present, the women and men upon whose backs the world is built. In her final poem, "What the River Said," she writes:

This river tale is mine, is Chicago's, a history / as unsung as any in the flashpan of America's / rise from prairie and stream to a city / torn between the labor of slaves and immigrants / and the blueprints of city barons.

the original blockbusters." But the author argues that Binga never employed the worst of the panic-peddling schemes through which pernicious businesspeople racially flipped neighborhoods for profit:

He simply moved black families in, and then whites moved out. ... He surely knew that white flight would often be the result, but if whites moved out, that was their business. Binga did, however, spike rents and push sale prices higher, in much the same way that many other real estate agents did.

Binga got his share of criticism from African Americans who had to pay rents that were as much as 50% higher than the previous white occupants. That, however, was nothing compared with the white antipathy toward him. He was even blamed for the race riots in 1919, in which more than three dozen people — black and white — were killed.

Several days after the violence, a handwritten letter from "Headquarters of the White Hands" was delivered to Binga's home, asserting, "You are the one who helped cause this riot by encouraging Negroes to move into good white neighborhoods. ... You know what comes next."

What came next was a series of at least eight bombings at the banker's home and office over the next two years.

Binga survived the bombings, but his businesses couldn't survive the Depression. His bank was closed by state regulators in 1930, and he was convicted in 1933 of embezzlement for highly questionable actions, perhaps taken in desperation to save his bank and business. He spent nearly three years in prison.

Hayner's well-researched, well-balanced "Binga" highlights not only the life of the banker, but the South Side in which he made — and lost — his fortune. What's clear from this book is how, for better or worse, Binga was his own man. This is what led Du Bois to praise him so highly as "outspoken ... self-assertive ... (a man who) could not be bluffed or frightened ... (and) did not bend his neck nor kowtow when he spoke to white men."

No wonder Binga had the South Side's respect for so long.

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An anonymous Trump administration official will publish "A Warning" on Nov. 19; the Biblioracle urges readers not to buy it.

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'Warning' a toothless self-preservation

And anonymity is just a deference to undeserving Trump administration

BY JOHN WARNER

On Nov. 19, Twelve will publish "A Warning" by an anonymous Trump administration official, and I would like to urge everyone to not purchase this book.

For the Americans who would support Donald Trump even if he shot someone in the middle of 5th Avenue, the book is the work of a subversive deep-state operative plotting an internal coup.

For the rest of us who are worried about what additional damage President Trump may do to the office he holds and the country he is supposed to serve, allow me to make a more thorough, reality-based case.

First, this anonymous author's horrifying story of the Trump administration is already leaking ahead of its publication date.

Second, I don't believe in rewarding people who are in positions of significant power and influence who are too cowardly to stand up publicly for the principles they claim to hold.

Let's understand a couple of things: Anonymous is in fact not a deep-state operative. As his or her 2018 New York Times op-ed makes clear, Anonymous is a Republican who supports the president's

agenda. Anonymous also is not a "whistleblower." Whistleblowers, as we have seen with the brave individual who flagged the president's attempts to meddle in the integrity of the 2020 election, act out of a sense of duty by going through official, legal channels.

Instead, Anonymous is one of a very common species: a Republican who has worked in the Trump Administration and who believes he is every bit as dangerous to the country as any Democrat, and yet still does not do anything truly substantive to act on those beliefs.

Anonymous is for sure not alone. As Republican consultant Mike Murphy told MSNBC in September, one senator told him that 30 of his colleagues would vote to remove Trump from office if it could be done anonymously.

Gen. James Mattis, former defense secretary, studiously avoids sharing his true thoughts about the president in his new book, "Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead." We know this thanks to Mattis' former aide and speech writer, Guy Snodgrass, who wrote in his own book, "Holding the Line: Inside Trump's Pentagon with Secretary Mattis," about Mattis' concerns regarding the president's behavior.

Mattis says he owes a certain deference

to the office of the president to not speak out. It is not clear to me why he should defer to an office when the man holding it shows it no such respect. I understand it even less, considering our national security is in the balance.

I get Anonymous' hesitancy to reveal himself. President Trump is obviously more than willing to use the awesome powers of the presidency to enact revenge on those he perceives as enemies. The Ukraine whistleblower has much to fear. Trump is already using the U.S. Justice Department to try to unmask the identity of Anonymous under the guise of making sure no non-disclosure agreements have been violated.

Unfortunately, by staying undercover, Anonymous significantly blunts any chance of whatever warnings he wishes to issue having an effect, no matter how disturbing. I don't wish any harm to this person. I don't even support any investigatory efforts to have him unmasked without his consent.

That said, is it too much to ask for people who took an oath to the Constitution to live up to their pledge?

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

A Warning Anonymous

A REBORN TRUMP ANONYMOUS REVEALED

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 Education of an Idealist" by Samantha Power
 2. "Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger" by Rebecca Traister
 3. "Red Clocks" by Leni Zumas
 4. "Circe" by Madeline Miller
 5. "Fleshman Is in Trouble" by Taffy Brodesser-Akner
- Sally T., Chicago

Jami Attenberg has a special talent for bringing a "messy" family to life, and really, what family isn't messy. Sally should try "All This Could be Yours."

1. "She's Come Undone" by Wally Lamb
 2. "The Corrections" by Jonathan Franzen
 3. "House of Sand and Fog" by Andre Dubus III
 4. "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones
 5. "Midwives" by Chris Bohjalian
- Mary P., Rockford

Going back a bit to find the kind of drama Mary seems to gravitate towards: "The Shipping News" by Annie Proulx.

1. "The Anthologist" by Nicholson Baker
 2. "The Best American Short Stories of the Century," edited by John Updike
 3. "Nutshell" by Ian McEwan
 4. "Motherless Brooklyn" by Jonathan Lethem
 5. "Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel
- Michael T., Chicago

Some good substantive stuff in this list when it comes to contemplating the deepest recesses of the human condition. This makes me think "The Association of Small Bombs" by Karan Mahajan is a good fit for Michael.

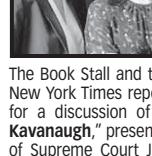
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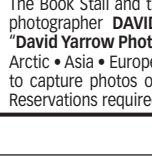
TUESDAY EVENTS



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Moving Forward
Tuesday, Nov. 19, Luncheon, 11:30 am
The Union League Club
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The Book Stall and The Union League Club present former Obama White House staffer KARINE JEAN-PIERRE, a Haitian-American political organizer and national spokeswoman for MoveOn.org, for a talk about her book "Moving Forward: A Story of Hope, Hard Work and the Promise of America." Reservations required by calling 847 446-8880.

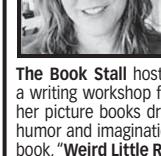
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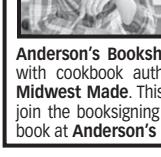
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SATURDAY EVENTS



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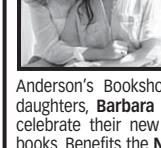
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Sisters First
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Pfeiffer Hall
310 E. Benton Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

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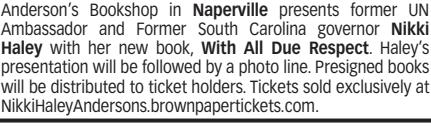
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HOLIDAY MOVIE PREVIEW



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Florence Pugh, from left, Saoirse Ronan and Emma Watson in director-writer Greta Gerwig's new adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's novel "Little Women."

The newest 'Little Women'

Playing Jo and Amy, Ronan and Pugh share defiant spirit

BY AMY KAUFMAN
Los Angeles Times

Florence Pugh is rapidly swiping her index finger across her iPhone, searching for Pam.

"Hang on, hang on," she says. "I'm going to get it. Where's Pam? Oh, this is killing me."

Pam is the name that Pugh assigned to her co-star, Saoirse Ronan, on the set of Greta Gerwig's upcoming "Little Women" adaptation, which opens on Christmas.

Pugh bestowed the alter-ego upon Ronan after shooting one of the most memorable scenes from Louisa May Alcott's classic novel: when Jo March (Ronan) reveals she has cut off her long tresses. Her three sisters are horrified — "Oh, Jo, how could you? Your one true beauty!" cries Amy (Pugh), the youngest — even though Jo sacrificed to earn money for their ailing father's recovery.

Enter Pam. When she started filming, Ronan had lustrous blond locks that

curled nearly to her waist. Post-haircut, however, she was forced to don an unsightly wig: almost a mullet but more of a shag.

"And that's when Flo came up with this character called Pam," recalls Ronan, 25. "Pam is from Australia, and Pam's got a lot of opinions about what's going on."

"She knits in between takes," Pugh, 23, says, suddenly sounding as if she's from Melbourne instead of Oxfordshire. "Saoirse would sit with her Ugg slippers twiddling her foot between takes with this ridiculous look, and it was wild."

This is the seventh feature film version of Alcott's 1868 novel. Gerwig — who wrote and directed — has taken a nonlinear approach, viewing the March sisters' formative childhood days through the lens of adulthood.

While all four sisters follow decidedly distinct paths — Jo wishes to defy societal conventions by remaining unmarried; Meg

wants nothing more than a husband and children — Gerwig's adaptation treats all their choices with respect.

Ronan first met Gerwig when she starred in Gerwig's directorial debut, "Lady Bird." She loves that "Little Women" was directed "not only by a filmmaker who's already become so important for our generation but a lady and one who was pregnant at the time."

"The four girls who lead this story are all very, very different, and they all allow a young girl to see themselves," continues Ronan, who is joined by Emma Watson (Meg) and Eliza Scanlen (Beth) in the film. "'Little Women' gives you the opportunity to relate to aspects of all the girls, because they're all different ages and want different things."

It's easy to understand why Gerwig cast the actresses in their respective roles. Ronan has been preternaturally mature since she was a girl, earning an Academy Award nod at 13 for one of her first movie roles, in 2007's "Atonement."

Pugh is a newcomer in

Hollywood. Her starring role in a 2016 British adaptation of "Lady Macbeth" earned her a BAFTA nomination, and she was about to shoot "Midsommar" when Gerwig was putting together "Little Women."

"I moved the shoot because I wanted her to be in it so badly," Gerwig says.

Ronan says she "grew up" on 1994 Gillian Armstrong's version of "Little Women," but Pugh was more familiar with Alcott's book. Her grandmother would read it to her every weekend.

"She hated Amy," Pugh says. "She'd always say, 'What a wicked, wicked girl!' It's so easy to love Jo, because she represents everything that we want to be. She has a voice, and she goes out there and she doesn't really give no (craps). But coming to the book later on in my life, I realized that every single thing Amy says is perfect. I love a naughty person in a book. It's my most favorite thing to see someone create havoc. We all want to be Jo, but realistically, I definitely think there are probably more pieces of me in Amy."

Amy, Gerwig theorizes, has long gotten "short shrift" by the public, which has often focused on her vanity. As a girl, Amy tries to mold her nose so that it will have another shape, and she is open about her desire to marry a rich man and have nice things. Jo, meanwhile, infamously turns down a marriage proposal from a handsome, wealthy suitor — Laurie, played now by Timothee Chalamet — and is more interested in becoming a great writer than centering her life around a man.

"I think Amy is so much more profound than people give her credit for," Gerwig says. "And in terms of femininity, neither one of them are feminine in the sense of having it merge with their identity. Both of them are masculine. Jo wants to be a boy, and Amy performs femininity because it's expedient for them to get what they want."

Gerwig's take on Jo evolved for 2019 too. She and Ronan had discussions about how the character was a mix of both Jo and Alcott, and the actress read "Marmee & Louisa," a biography that offered insight into Alcott's mind.

"It talks a lot about Louisa's dad," Ronan says. "...

When she started to do well, he was always very, very hard on her. He was great with the other girls but not with her, I think because she was sort of this asexual or bisexual tomboy girl who wrote about murderers.

"I think it's quite powerful ... that an author who wrote a beautiful, romanticized American classic could have potentially been at least bisexual. She married off her sisters and her lead character to a man, and the fact that the woman behind all of that wasn't necessarily interested in men? I think for her own spirit, she needed to paint her life in this sort of light, as opposed to what it was actually like. And that's kind of heartbreaking, you know?"

Ronan adds: "Amy and Jo are quite similar, actually ... They're both very defiant in spirit."

"They both have very stubborn personalities," Pugh says. "But I don't think they're enemies or rivals."

"I think they're both as feminist as each other," Ronan says, "because they both know what they want and stand by that."

CELEBRITIES

Cretton's 'Mercy' a movie of heroes

BY JEN YAMATO
Los Angeles Times

When Destin Daniel Cretton begins filming Marvel's highly anticipated "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" in the new year, he'll consider it the second superhero movie he will have made.

The first is "Just Mercy" starring Michael B. Jordan as civil rights defense lawyer Bryan Stevenson, whose careerlong crusade to save individuals from the death penalty and effect criminal justice reform is to get its own origin story onscreen.

After an awards-qualifying run in limited release beginning Christmas Day, the film will open nationwide on Jan. 10. But the attorney and activist at the center of "Just Mercy" entered the Hollywood spotlight in August after a special screening of the film in Los Angeles, when Cretton and actors Jordan, Brie Larson and Jamie Foxx — all of whom have Marvel movies on their resumes — assembled for an emotional Q&A. They

were joined by Stevenson, who drew the biggest applause.

Based on the 2014 New York Times bestselling memoir "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption," the film stars Jordan as the Delaware-born Stevenson, an eager young attorney whose compassion is awakened while working with clients on death row in the Deep South.

Foxx co-stars as Walter McMillian, an African American pulpwood worker sent to Alabama's death row in 1988 for the murder of a white woman, who maintains his innocence as his clock ticks down and his tenuous hopes for exoneration fade.

Directing a script he wrote with Andrew Lanham, Cretton tracks Stevenson's fight to overturn McMillian's death sentence and those of other inmates sentenced to die in Alabama, the only U.S. state that does not provide post-conviction legal aid to the condemned.

It charts the early work with advocate Eva Ansley



JAKE GILES NETTER/WARNER BROS.

Michael B. Jordan, left, as Bryan Stevenson, and Jamie Foxx as Walter McMillian in "Just Mercy."

(Larson) that led to the 1989 founding of the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit dedicated to battling racial and economic injustice, mass incarceration and excessive punishment.

Oscar-nominated producer Gil Netter ("The Blind Side," "Life of Pi") optioned "Just Mercy" and approached Cretton to direct. Cretton read the

book and found himself crying — and, to his surprise, laughing — in coffee shops as he pore over Stevenson's elegantly pointed and poignant writing.

"These characters are so human, and I just felt like I knew them," Cretton remembered. "I felt like they were my friends. By the end of this book, where you're



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

"These characters are so human, and I just felt like I knew them."

— Destin Daniel Cretton, writer and director

confronted with so many harsh truths, you expect to be depressed. But I somehow felt really hopeful and inspired."

Now based in Los Angeles and father to a toddler,

Cretton admits he didn't always feel that way. "To me it's really hard to be both informed and yet hopeful ... and that, to me, is the power of Bryan Stevenson and his work."

WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Liev Schreiber

"Ray Donovan" (7 p.m., 10 p.m., 1:30 a.m., Showtime): Ray Donovan (Liev Schreiber) is deeply immersed in therapy with Dr. Arthur Amiot (Alan Alda) as he struggles to be the man his family needs him to be as Season 7 of this Emmy- and Golden Globe-nominated drama opens. Unfortunately, there are still malignant forces and personalities from his past that can only be vanquished by occasional appearances by the Ray Donovan of old, especially when his father, Mickey (Jon Voight), resurfaces in New York. Eddie Marsan, Dash Mihok, Kerris Dorsey and Pooch Hall also star.

"2019 Soul Train Awards" (7 p.m., 10 p.m., BET; and 7 p.m., VH1): From the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, actresses Tisha Campbell ("Dr. Ken") and Tichina Arnold ("The Neighborhood") return for their second year as hosts of this annual celebration of the best in black music and entertainment. Among this year's nominees, Chris Brown leads the pack with eight nods, followed closely by Drake with seven nominations, with Beyoncé and Lizzo tied at six each.

"Good Eats" (7 p.m., 2 a.m., Food): In "The Turkey Strikes Back ... Again," Food Network's sardonic host and mad culinary scientist Alton Brown talks turkey in an hour-long Thanksgiving special that examines why turkey — one of the most versatile main courses out there — tends to be the centerpiece of family meals only during the holiday season. Hoping to keep this grand bird in the spotlight throughout the year, Brown presents three turkey recipes that should be in regular rotation for any family.

"Write Before Christmas" (7 p.m., Hallmark): Dumped by her boyfriend two weeks before Christmas, Jessica (Torrey DeVitto, "Chicago Med") decides to take a break from romance and send five special cards she bought for her ex to five people who have changed her life for the better in this uplifting holiday drama. With that simple gesture, she sets off a chain reaction of love in several lives and leads to romance for her beloved aunt (Lolita Davidovich) and a handsome neighbor.

"Bob's Burgers" (8 p.m., FOX): Worried that they're settling into a boring rut, Bob and Linda (voices of H. Jon Benjamin and John Roberts) refuse to let a threatening storm provide an easy excuse to blow off a party to which they've been invited. After venturing out into the tempest, though, they begin to have second thoughts in the new episode "Land of the Loft." Meanwhile, the kids test the resolve of their babysitter, Jen (voice of Wendy Molyneux). Other guest voices include Ken Marino and David Herman.

"This Is Life With Lisa Ling" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., CNN): Lisa Ling wraps up Season 6 of her series with "Fighting Terror in NYC," a finale that investigates the efforts that go into keeping Americans safe from terrorists. In the weeks leading up to New Year's Eve, an annual event noted for assembling hordes of American partygoers in largely unprotected public venues, Ling embeds with the New York Police Department to find out what it takes to keep New Yorkers safe from any threats.

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CBS	2	♦ (6:30) 60 Minutes (N)	God Friended Me: "The Last Grenelle." (N) C	NCIS: Los Angeles: "Human Resources." (N) HD		Madam Secretary: "Accountability." (N) C HD			
NBC	5	(7:15) NFL Football: Chicago Bears at Los Angeles Rams. (N) (Live) HD							
ABC	7	Kids Say the Darndest Things (N) C HD	Shark Tank (N) C HD	The Rookie: "Clean Cut."		News at 10pm (N) ♦			
WGN	9	black-ish: "Stuff." (C) HD	Last Man Standing C	Last Man Standing C	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) C	Chicago's Best		
Antenna	9.2	Two Dads	Growing	Growing	Johnny Carson C				
Court	9.3	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
PBS	11	Sesame Street's 50th Anniversary Celebration	Poldark on Masterpiece (N) C		POV Shorts (N) C	Check, Please!			
CW	26.1	Batwoman (N) C HD	Supergirl: "Tremors." (N)	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld C			
The U	26.2	A Perfect Christmas (NR, '12) Claire Coffee.		Harold and Maude (PG, '71) *** ♦					
MeTV	26.3	Columbo: "Agenda for Murder." C		Jeffersons C	Burnett	D. Van Dyke			
H&I	26.4	Star Trek C	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦				
Bounce	26.5	♦ The Long Kiss Goodnight	The Call (R, '13) ** Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin. C			Law ♦			
FOX	32	The Simpsons (N)	Bless the Harts (N) C	Bob's Burgers (N) C	Family Guy (N) C	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday	Fox Chicago Final Word ♦		
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AE		Godzilla (PG-13, '14) ** Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ken Watanabe. C			(9:32) American Sniper ♦				
AMC		♦ (6:53) The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead (N) C	(9:05) Talking Dead (N)	Walk:Dead ♦				
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BBCA		♦ Rambo: First Blood *** (8:15) Rambo: First Blood Part II (R, '85) ** C		Rambo III ♦					
BET		2019 Soul Train Awards (N)			Soul- Sh. (N)	Awards ♦			
BIGTEN		BTN Football in 60 (N) C	Divided We Stand (N)	BTN Football in 60 C		Drive ♦			
BRAVO		Housewives-Atlanta (N)	Married to Medicine (N)	Watch What (N)		Atlanta ♦			
CLTV		News at 7 News (N)	News at 8 News (N)	SportsFeed C		News ♦			
CNN		White House in Crisis (N)	White House in Crisis (N)	This Is Life (Season Finale) (N)	Declass.				
COM		♦ (5:15) Wedding Crashers	Zoolander (PG-13, '01) *** Ben Stiller. C		Horrible 2 ♦				
DISC		Alaska: The Last Frontier: "Having a Blast." (N) C		Building Off the Grid (N)	Building ♦				
DISN		Coop Coop	Gabby Gabby	Star Wars Big City	Raven				
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FNC		Watters' World C	The Next Revolution (N)	Life, Liberty & Levin (N)	Watters ♦				
FOOD		Good Eats (N) C	Thanksgiving (N)	Thanksgiving Cake (N)	Cake ♦				
FREE		♦ (5:50) Frozen (PG, '13) *** C (SAP) (8:20) Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas ♦							
FX		♦ (6) Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13, '17) *** C		Weekly (N) The Weekly Neighbors ♦					
HALL		Write Before Christmas (NR, '19) Torrey DeVitto. C		Christmas Wishes & Mistletoe Kiss ♦					
HGTV		Beach (N) Beach (N)	Off the Grid (N)	Hawaii Hunt. Hawaii Hunt. Hunt Intl (N)					
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IFC		♦ (5:50) GoodFellas ('90) *** (8:15) GoodFellas (R, '90) *** Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. C ♦							
LIFE		Random Acts of Christmas (NR, '19) Erin Cahill. C		(9:03) Sweet Mountain Christmas ♦					
MSNBC		(6:00) Kasie DC (N) C	American Swamp C	Headliners C	Dateline ♦				
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NBCSCH		♦ NHL Hockey: Sabres at Blackhawks (N)	Blackhawks Postgame (N)	Beer (N)	Poker (N)				
NICK		Most Musical Family SpongeBob SpongeBob	SpongeBob Friends C	Friends C	Friends C				
OVATION		♦ (6:30) Young Guns (R, '88) ** Emilio Estevez.		Inside the Actors Studio (N) C					
OWN		20/20 on OWN C	20/20 on OWN	20/20 on OWN C	20/20 ♦				
OXY		Killer Siblings (N) C	Snapped C	Snapped C	Killer Sib. ♦				
PARMT		♦ The Wedding Singer *** Overboard (PG, '87) ** Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell. C							
SYFY		♦ Captain America Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13, '14) *** Chris Pratt. C							
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TCM		Shane (NR, '53) **** Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur. C		(9:15) This Gun for Hire ('42) ***					
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HOLIDAY MOVIE PREVIEW

'Star Wars' launching Ackie into orbit

British actress in Skywalker saga but grew up a Trekkie

BY TRACY BROWN
Los Angeles Times

Naomi Ackie remembers choreographing fight scenes with her cousin during summer vacation while she was growing up.

Inspired by "Star Wars," these action sequences involved ducking and jumping and swinging big sticks at each other in the garden. She also made a bow and arrow that she would shoot around the house.

Consider it early preparation for her role as Jannah in "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," J.J. Abrams' final installment of the nine-film Skywalker saga that hits theaters Dec. 20.

Not much is known about the highly anticipated film or Ackie's mysterious new character. And as she sipped a flat white during a recent morning conversation in West Hollywood, Ackie was cautious about revealing anything that could be considered spoilers.

"She's fierce," said Ackie, carefully describing Jannah. "She's got a lot of history involved with the issues in the film. Once you find out her story, you're rooting for her and you can understand why she's fighting."

Very much aware of the limits of what is safe to share, the British actress pointed out that "The Rise of Skywalker" marks both the conclusion of the current sequel trilogy that began with 2015's "The Force Awakens" and continued with 2017's "The Last Jedi" and the full saga that George Lucas introduced in a galaxy far, far away in 1977's "Star Wars: Episode IV — A New Hope."

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Naomi Ackie stars as Jannah in "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," in theaters Dec. 20.

ping up the story, because we know this is the end of the Skywalker saga," Ackie said. "Her importance to the story has to be relevant — and it feels relevant, definitely, for some of the characters and for the larger picture."

Here's as much as we know now, more than a month before the film opens worldwide: Since the character's official introduction at Star Wars Celebration in April, Jannah has been seen wielding a bow and arrow astride a horse-like creature called an Orbok. She's briefly glimpsed

opposite Finn (John Boyega) in teaser footage, and it's known that she fights on the side of the Resistance.

A closer look at Jannah's weapon reveals it is a bow with two grips, and Ackie does confirm her character is ambidextrous.

"When you find out more about Jannah's history and where she comes from, it makes a lot of sense," said Ackie of the weapon. "That's all I can say, is the bow makes sense."

Drawn to acting at a young age, Ackie knew she wanted pursue the profes-

sion by the time she was in her midteens. Initially she hoped to become a Shakespearean actress and perform on the West End.

While studying at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, her interests expanded to include writing and directing theater.

"I'd always had the idea of film in the back of my mind," Ackie said. "But I think when you're not in America, and every film you see has American actors in it, you just think, 'Oh, that's Hollywood.' That's a totally different thing."

She made her feature film debut in William Oldroyd's "Lady Macbeth," a period drama about a young woman (Florence Pugh) stuck in a loveless marriage to an older man, which premiered at the 2016 Toronto International Film Festival. In addition to "The Rise of Skywalker," Ackie's upcoming projects include the second season of Netflix's "The End of the F***ing World," which begins streaming this week following its U.K. debut.

Despite her awareness of the "Star Wars" films growing up, Ackie said she "was brought up a Trekkie." She does have an affinity for animated fare such as "Mulan" and "Beauty and the Beast," but the blockbuster franchise that influenced her the most came from outside the Disney empire: "Harry Potter." She's a Slytherin who wears her green scarf with pride.

"Harry Potter was a really big thing for me," said Ackie. "Actually, if there was anything that made me want to be in films more, it was like looking at those kids and wanting that feeling of being a part of something epic."

While audiences are still in the dark on the details of "The Rise of Skywalker," Ackie said we have more information than she had when she started working on the film. Yes, she knew she was auditioning for "Star Wars" when she went in for what was officially an "untitled Disney project," and the final stages of the process included a chemistry read with Boyega. But she didn't know anything about Jannah or the film's story.

Landing the part meant months of working out, horse-riding and archery training. It wasn't until around three months into her training that she was able to read the film's script.

These days, the more she talks about "The Rise of Skywalker" the more Ackie

recognizes similarities between herself and Jannah. They are both willing to fight for justice and what they believe in, she said, although Ackie is much less likely to pull out any bow and arrows to make her point.

"I get angry at things and I want to fight against the system that makes people feel like they're not of worth," said Ackie. "That means sometimes I can't keep my mouth shut, and sometimes it brings out the warrior in me to have discussions that might not be easy."

She's aware that images like the one with her and Boyega, two black actors together in a "Star Wars" movie fighting bad guys, is significant. Ackie noted that people of color comprise a large part of "The Rise of Skywalker" cast, and that's still a rarity for films of its kind.

"I was quite nervous about the fact that I was a person of color coming into this space that has been predominantly white," Ackie said. "(There was) a lot of anxiety around that because you just never know."

Her worry is understandable in light of the racist and sexist online harassment that actress Kelly Marie Tran was subjected to for portraying Rose Tico in "The Last Jedi." Tran, who was the first woman of color to have a leading role in a "Star Wars" film, will reprise the role in "The Rise of Skywalker."

Ackie credits Tran for her courage in leading the way.

"We're in a place now where you know it is deemed as wrong to be discriminatory, but it's still happening," said Ackie. "So there's a certain level of courage and bravery that you have to have when you enter into these spaces where you know for a fact you didn't previously belong to."

Welcome to the 'Neighborhood,' Tom Hanks

How director persuaded actor to play Fred Rogers

BY AMY KAUFMAN
Los Angeles Times

By the time she was 4 years old, Marielle Heller had already rejected "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." As the eldest of three, she saw her younger siblings watching the PBS show and felt she had grown "too jaded and cynical" for Fred Rogers' brand of cheery positivity.

It wasn't until decades later, when she became a parent herself, that the filmmaker gave Rogers another shot. When her son turned 2, the first television program she and her husband allowed him to watch was "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood." The animated kids series, which launched in 2012, is produced by Fred Rogers Productions and espouses many of the same values as the original Rogers show — teaching children how to deal with difficult emotions like anger, disappointment and loss.

"It's like the parenting hack of all parenting hacks," Heller said. "It makes you a better parent, I swear to God, because it gives you, like, tips on how to deal with your children. And there's an episode for everything. When you're potty training, there's an episode that we all have sung and quoted a bajillion times that's, like, 'When you need to go potty, stop and go right away! Flush and wash and be on your way!'

Heller was steeped in the world of Daniel Tiger when the screenplay for "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" came across her desk a couple of years ago. She'd worked with the writers of the script, Micah Fitzerman-Blue and Noah Harp-



Actor Tom Hanks and director Marielle Heller at the premiere of "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" Sept. 7 in Toronto.

ster, on Amazon's "Transparent," and they'd mentioned they were trying to get a film made about Mister Rogers. At the time, however, the movie already had a director attached, but Heller nonetheless asked:

"Why am I not directing that?"

"I said something very bold like that because it felt so up my alley, being a mom with a little kid," Heller recalled with a laugh.

By the time she was offered the directing gig on "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" — which Sony Pictures will release on Nov. 22 — Heller had been anointed one of Hollywood's top directors to watch. She made her directorial debut in 2015 with the critical darling "The Diary of a Teenage Girl," about a 15-year-old's sexual awakening. Heller's follow-

up, last year's "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" was even better received. The film, which earned star Melissa McCarthy an Academy Award nomination, told the story of an author who forged letters by famous artists to make ends meet.

And — to the surprise of the producers on the Rogers film — she had also formed a relationship with the actor most coveted for the lead role: Tom Hanks. Coming off a period in which he'd played a handful of iconic real-life figures, including Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and Walt Disney, Hanks had already passed on the "Neighborhood" script three times.

Heller had become friendly with the actor after meeting him at a backyard birthday party held by his son, Colin Hanks. During

the gathering, Tom Hanks mentioned he'd just read an article in The New York Times about female directors. Heller pointed out she'd been quoted in the piece. Upon learning more about her, Hanks promised to watch "The Diary of a Teenage Girl." He made good on his word and set up a meeting with the filmmaker, telling her, "We gotta find a way to work together."

For years, Heller said, she and the actor would stay in touch, sending potential projects to each other. So when the team behind the Rogers film expressed how badly they wanted Hanks for their movie, Heller said she'd give it her best shot.

"So I called him and I described how I saw the movie — that I didn't want it to be a biopic," she remembered. "It was never

going to be a prosthetics thing — it wasn't going to be about trying to make him look just like (Rogers). It was really a character piece about manhood and what it is to be a good person. And he was like, 'Oh, OK, lemme go read the script with all of that in mind,' and signed on like a week later."

"A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" is far from a Rogers biopic. In fact, Hanks plays the supporting character in the film, which stars Matthew Rhys as an Esquire journalist tasked with profiling the TV legend. Based on Tom Junod's 1998 magazine article about Rogers, the movie explores the effect the star had on the writer, revealing less about himself in interviews than expressing a genuine interest in the journalist himself.

Shortly after the movie

was greenlit, Morgan Neville's hit documentary about Rogers, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" was released in theaters. The movie collected \$22.8 million in theaters, making it a huge box office success for a nonfiction film. At first, Heller admitted, "We had a moment where we kind of were, like, 'Oh, is this a good thing or a bad thing?' And then we thought, 'Oh, more Fred Rogers in the world? This is a good thing.'"

Before filming began, Heller visited Pittsburgh, where Rogers lived and worked for nearly his entire life. She visited the Fred Rogers Co., meeting with executives who'd worked there for nearly four decades and had been integral to the PBS show. She went to Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Rogers' hometown, where his archives are housed, sifting through the boxes of letters, photographs and emails he'd meticulously stored until his death in 2003.

She also met with Rogers' widow, 91-year-old Joanne Rogers, who lent her late husband's ties to the production and frequently visited the set during shooting.

What Hanks said he admired about Heller's approach to conveying Rogers' beliefs was that she made it a "slow-cooking recipe" without "fakery or trickery," allowing the character to express his identity through his actions instead of words.

Rogers "was not introduced as: here's the most important man there is," the actor explained. "She captured who he was without trying to explain it. She showed it through his behavior and the behavior of others when they were around him."

Times staff writer Yvonne Villarreal contributed.

HOLIDAY MOVIE PREVIEW

'Queen & Slim' a tale of outlaws, black experience

BY SONAIYA KELLEY
Los Angeles Times

For "Queen & Slim," screenwriter Lena Waithe's meditation on race relations and police brutality, director Melina Matsoukas drew visual inspiration from sources as diverse as Alfonso Cuarón's 2001 dramedy "Y Tu Mama Tambien" and Spike Lee's 1989 classic "Do the Right Thing." But the biggest influence came from YouTube.

"One of the key references for me has been real life, authentic struggles in the black community," said Matsoukas, who makes her feature debut with the movie, in theaters on Thanksgiving. "I watched a lot of YouTube videos of black people being pulled over by the police or encountering law enforcement, and it not necessarily ending well. Unfortunately, there are so many of those videos, but they were a major influence in how I wanted to approach shooting the opening scene."

Starring Daniel Kaluuya and newcomer Jodie Turner-Smith, our protagonists (known simply as Slim and Queen until the end) are forced on the run within the first 10 minutes of the movie. "A Million Little Pieces" author James Frey pitched the idea for the opening to Waithe at a party.

"He was like, 'Yo, I have this idea for a movie that I can't write,'" she remembered.

Frey described a scenario in



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Daniel Kaluuya is Slim and Jodie Turner-Smith is Queen in "Queen & Slim," from Melina Matsoukas and Lena Waithe.

which a black couple driving home from a first date are pulled over by a cop and forced to kill him in self-defense. "I was like, 'You're right, you shouldn't write that,'" said Waithe. "But then we exchanged information. I think he thought he was never going to hear from or see me again, but it just stayed with me."

She began drafting the story

while working on a TV project, partly in protest of the way she said she was undermined by the series' executives. "I was sort of dismissed and told, 'You're no longer needed, we'll take it from here,'" said Waithe. "And during the course of my time on that show while my hands were tied, I wrote 'Queen & Slim,' so it's really a sweet victory to me."

Matsoukas and Waithe first worked together on the "Thanksgiving" episode of "Master of None," for which Waithe shared an Emmy for comedy writing. When considering Matsoukas for "Queen & Slim," Waithe didn't realize it would be the director's first feature film (despite an extensive resume of TV and music video work, including HBO's

"Insecure" and Beyoncé's "Formation").

"It was everything I had been looking for for my first feature," said Matsoukas. "It was provocative, it was political, it was an opportunity, I felt, to move the culture forward."

After Kaluuya broke out with "Get Out" and continued to steal scenes in "Black Panther" and "Widows," it's hard to imagine the actor not being shortlisted for the role.

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FROM THE HEADLINES
(OR HISTORY BOOKS)**'Ford v Ferrari'**

Starring: Matt Damon, Christian Bale.

As the title suggests, this underdog sports drama is about a car race: the 24 Hours of Le Mans, an annual French endurance competition that, in 1966, pitted the Ford GT40 Mark II against Ferrari's 330 P3 after Henry Ford II (Tracy Letts) and his lieutenant Lee Iacocca (Jon Bernthal) got it into their heads to take on the Italians. But the central tension is between more than two car companies — one seen as a stodgy, and unlikely, upstart, the other the flashy favorite. It's also about the conflict, and ultimate partnership, between two very different men, both racing legends and both, despite butting heads, on the same team. Damon plays the implacable American Carroll Shelby, a previous Le Mans winner brought on by Ford to design its new muscle car, and Bale is British driver Ken Miles, a hothead who Shelby hopes will be Ford's ticket to victory. (Opened Nov. 15, PG-13)

'Honey Boy'

Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Lucas Hedges, Noah Jupe.

With a screenplay by LaBeouf that began as a therapeutic exercise during a court-ordered rehab stay, the sometimes-controversial actor's semi-autobiographical telling of his troubled childhood and youth in Hollywood is sure to have confessional elements. Jupe and Hedges play the young performer Otis — a character loosely based on LaBeouf, who began acting as a teenager — at various ages. As for LaBeouf, he plays a version of his own father: a volatile, sometimes-abusive addict who nevertheless loves his son. Because that description sounds, in some ways, like LaBeouf himself, "Honey Boy" — which plays fast and loose with time and reality — feels like the actor's way of exorcising demons that are personal and parental. (Opened Nov. 15, R)

'The Report'

Starring: Adam Driver, Annette Bening, Jon Hamm.

It's interesting to compare this film, inspired by the Senate staffer who wrote what's come to be known as the "Torture Report" — an exposé of the CIA's "enhanced interrogation techniques" in the wake of 9/11 — with "The Laundromat," the recent movie about the Panama Papers. Both films are about whistleblowing. Both were written by Scott Z. Burns (who also directs here), and both have Steven Soderbergh's fingerprints all over them. (The auteur directed "Laundromat." Here, he's just a producer.) But the approaches could not be more different. Where "Laundromat" was a darkly funny comedy with lots of fourth-wall-breaking, "The Report" — in which Driver plays

an aide to Bening's Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. — plays it completely straight. It might just be the most wonky Washington movie ever made, one in which a whiteboard features so prominently, it deserves a screen credit. (Opened Nov. 15, R)

'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood'

Starring: Tom Hanks, Matthew Rhys.

While last year's acclaimed Mr. Rogers documentary is still fresh in all our minds, a drama based on the late children's TV host hits theaters. Inspired by Tom Junod's 1998 profile of Fred Rogers in Esquire magazine, "Beautiful Day" tells the story of the friendship that develops between Rogers (Hanks) and a cynical and slightly damaged reporter (Rhys), who has only reluctantly accepted this new assignment.

Director Marielle Heller ("The Diary of a Teenage Girl" and "Can You Ever Forgive Me?") has an obvious affinity for such flawed characters, and frames the story (by Micah Fitzerman-Blue and Noah Harpster) as an episode of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," zooming out from the miniature village featured in the opening credits of the TV show to include a tiny copy of New York City — a metaphor for the big, scary world encompassed in Rogers's cheerful philosophy. (Nov. 22, not yet rated)

'Dark Waters'

Starring: Mark Ruffalo, Anne Hathaway, Tim Robbins, Bill Camp.

Ruffalo, who also produced this true-life drama, transforms himself into the slightly nebbishy attorney Robert Bilott, who bucked his employer — a Cincinnati law firm known for defending corporate clients — to take on the DuPont chemical company when the drinking water in a West Virginia community appeared to have been contaminated by an ingredient used to make Teflon. Based on a 2016 New York Times article, and coming out on the heels of a new book by Bilott, the film is an effective outrage machine in the mold of "Erin Brockovich" — a real departure for director Todd Haynes, who has never previously dipped into fact-based filmmaking. (Nov. 27, PG-13)

'Richard Jewell'

Starring: Paul Walter Hauser, Sam Rockwell, Kathy Bates, Jon Hamm.

Hauser, so memorable as Jeff Gillooly's co-conspirator Shawn Eckhardt in the movie "I, Tonya," takes center stage as the title character in this tale of the security guard who found a bomb during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Based on a 1997 article in Vanity Fair about how Jewell — a chubby nobody who dreamed of becoming a cop — went from hero to prime suspect, director Clint Eastwood's latest film promises to showcase Hauser's ability to find the humanity in characters who might otherwise be easy to caricature. (Dec. 13, not yet rated)

'A Hidden Life'

Starring: August Diehl, Valerie Pachner.

The story of Franz Jagerstatter, an Austrian conscientious objector during World War II who refused to fight for the Nazis, has been dramatized before, in a 1971 movie made for Austrian TV. But this is only the second time that writer-director Terrence Malick ("The Tree of Life") has looked to real life for inspiration. Could there be a reason that this film — a Palme d'Or nominee at Cannes, and winner of the François Chaléat Prize, awarded to films that embody journalistic values — is out now, when speaking truth to power is so under attack in America? As Jagerstatter (Diehl) asks in the film, "If our leaders — if they're evil, what does one do?" (Dec. 20, PG-13)

'Bombshell'

Starring: Nicole Kidman, Charlize Theron, Margot Robbie, John Lithgow, Kate McKinnon.

A recommendation: Watch the 2018 documentary "Divide and Conquer: The Story of Roger Ailes" before you settle into this story of the sexual harassment allegation that brought down the late, former CEO and chairman of Fox News (played here by Lithgow). Of course, the two movies are not the same thing at all. "Divide" explores Ailes's psyche, while "Bombshell" focuses on some of the women who brought accusations against him: notably Fox News anchors Megyn Kelly and Gretchen Carlson, played by Theron and Kidman. (Robbie portrays a fictional character: a Fox News associate producer named Kayla Pospisil.) But the Ailes doc is a useful primer, reminding viewers of just how powerfully — and with how much impunity — this man wielded his authority. (Dec. 20, not yet rated)

FOR ESCAPISTS**'Frozen II'**

Starring: Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Josh Gad, Jonathan Groff, Jason Ritter.

The character of Elsa (voice of Menzel) was, in the 2013 animated hit musical "Frozen," a rarity among Disney heroines in that she did not have a romantic relationship. Whether that will change in the eagerly anticipated new sequel is still a mystery, as is almost everything else about it. What we do know: Elsa — along with her little sister Anna (Bell), outdoorsman Kristoff (Groff), Olaf the snowman (Gad) and Sven the reindeer — embark on a journey to an enchanted forest to save their kingdom from a new threat. There are so many unanswered questions surrounding the film, a continuation of a saga inspired by a Hans Christian Andersen fable. Will its new songs, once again co-written by the husband-and-wife duo of Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez, repeat the magic of the first film? Do fans even want a sequel? If you have to ask, as Olaf might say, you really don't know anything about love, do you? (Nov. 22, PG)

'21 Bridges'

Starring: Chadwick Boseman, J.K. Simmons, Sienna Miller.

Boseman, the charismatic star of Marvel's "Black Panther," heads the cast of this crime thriller, playing a New York police detective in charge of a manhunt for a pair of cop-killers — one so massive it involves locking down the whole island of Manhattan, and every way in or out. Sound far-fetched? Just a little. Produced by brothers Anthony and Joseph Russo, whose last project was directing the Marvel movie "Avengers: Endgame," the action film comes with little other pedigree. Its Irish director, Brian Kirk, is best known for his work on "Game of Thrones." But it's Boseman who will fill the seats, while we wait for his next prestige film: an adaptation of "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," co-starring Viola Davis. (Nov. 22, R)

'Knives Out'

Starring: Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis, Michael Shannon, Don Johnson, Toni Collette, LaKeith Stanfield, Katherine Langford, Jaeden Martell, Christopher Plummer.

The new film by writer-director Rian Johnson ("Brick," "Looper," "Star Wars: The Last Jedi") is a darkly comic, deliciously nasty murder mystery — the love child of Agatha Christie and David Mamet — about the greedy heirs of a recently deceased mystery writer (Plummer). His death is being investigated as a possible murder by a private detective, played by Craig, who adopts a Southern accent halfway between Foghorn Leghorn and Colonel Sanders. For fans of old-school murder mystery, a genre that has fallen into disfavor, this contemporary take — part parody, part loving homage — is a treat. (Nov. 27, PG-13)

'Little Joe'

Starring: Emily Beecham, Ben Whishaw.

Beecham ("Hail, Caesar!") won the Best Actress prize at Cannes for her performance as a plant breeder who develops a species of antidepressant flower — one whose scent, or pollen, seems to

make people happy. But does it really? The first English-language feature from Austrian director Jessica Hausner ("Lovely Rita") is said to be a kind of understated horror flick, a subtle but sustained creep-out that evokes "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers" more than the work of her contemporary arthouse-horror peer Ari Aster. (Dec. 6, not yet rated)

'Cats'

Starring: James Corden, Judi Dench, Idris Elba, Jennifer Hudson, Ian McKellan, Taylor Swift, Rebel Wilson.

When the frankly bizarre trailer dropped for the new film adaptation of the famed stage musical, with songs by Andrew Lloyd Webber inspired by the cat poetry of T.S. Eliot, the world divided itself into two camps: those who thought the movie looked like the most ridiculous thing they had ever seen, and those who couldn't wait for it to come out. (There may actually be a lot of overlap between those two groups.) Dame Judi and Tay Tay in digital fur? Either you're there for it or you're not. (Dec. 20, PG)

'Uncut Gems'

Starring: Adam Sandler, Idina Menzel, Eric Bogosian, LaKeith Stanfield, Kevin Garnett, the Weeknd.

It looks like the people who have long hoped that Adam Sandler would stop making dumb comedies and return to the promise he exhibited in such films as "Punch Drunk Love" and "Spanglish" may be starting to get more of their wish. After his sensitive, subtle turn in Noah Baumbach's 2017 "The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected)," the clownish actor returns to serious form in this latest offering from sibling filmmakers Josh and Benny Safdie ("Good Time"). The dramedy tells the story of Howard Ratner (Sandler), a brash New York jeweler and compulsive gambler who is pulled along by a string of debts, lies and wild misfortunes. One thing you can be sure of with any Safdie Brothers film: You can never be sure where it's going to take you from one minute to the next. (Dec. 25, R)

'Little Women'

Starring: Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Eliza Scanlen, Florence Pugh, Timothée Chalamet, Laura Dern, Meryl Streep.

Writer-director Greta Gerwig's follow-up to her filmmaking debut, the multi-Oscar-nominated "Lady Bird," is an adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's beloved novel about four Massachusetts sisters during the Civil War (loosely based on Alcott's own family). Ronan, returning from her title role in "Lady Bird," plays headstrong Jo, an aspiring writer. Gerwig, who as an 11-year-old played that character in a community theater production, has said, "As a girl, my heroine was Jo. As a woman, it's Louisa May Alcott." Parts of all three — the writer Alcott, the character Jo and Gerwig herself — seem to have found their way into this new telling of the story. (Dec. 25, PG)

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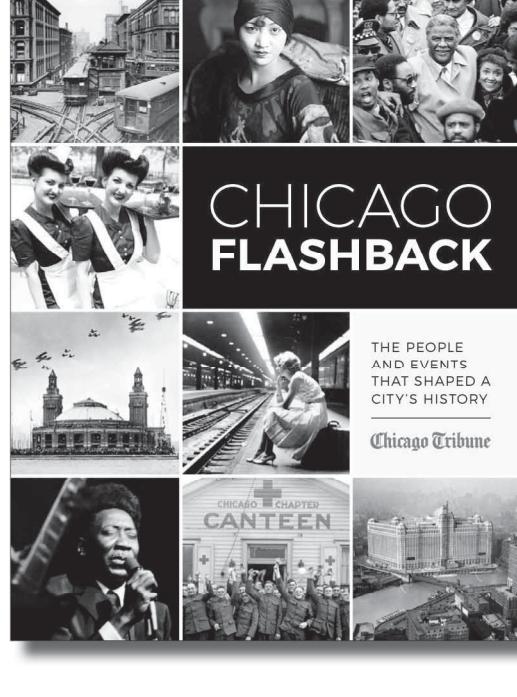
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ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON | [@askamy](mailto:askamy@amydickinson.com)

Secret illness starting to be noticed

Dear Amy: My dearest friend of more than 30 years, "Sarah," was diagnosed with Parkinson's a few years ago. As she is still a very active and successful executive at a big, highly competitive firm, she has chosen to keep her illness secret from everyone but her doctors, her husband and me. She has not even told her adult sons.

When asked about her unsteadiness and shaking hands, Sarah says she has essential tremor, a benign condition. However, despite medication, she is becoming noticeably frail, with increasingly obvious tremors, a weakening voice and an unsteady gait.

Yesterday "Kitty," a mutual friend, expressed concern and asked me if Sarah has Parkinson's. I said I understood that she has essential tremor. Kitty wasn't buying that explanation and said with genuine compassion that it was obvious to her and others that Sarah is suffering from Parkinson's. I suggested she express her concern discreetly to Sarah, if she felt it necessary.

My dilemma is whether to let Sarah know that her attempts to conceal her condition are no longer working. I don't want to add to her stress, but I also feel dishonest not discussing the issue with her.

— Friend on Shaky Ground

Dear Friend: People with chronic and degenerative diseases may not want to disclose their illness for a variety of reasons. Professionally, they fear that disclosure can present challenges including being discriminated against, not receiving choice assignments, even being fired.

The Parkinson's Foundation (parkinson.org) notes that "the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was created, in part, to keep employers from discriminating against people with disabilities or certain health conditions when they are hired, on the job, or being fired." Disclosing sooner rather than later will alert the employer that it is required to make reasonable accommodations.

Your friend has the right to keep her condition private, and her wisdom in disclosing this only to you is obvious: You have taken her privacy very seriously.

Yes, it sounds as if it is time for you to discuss this with her. Simply tell her your mutual friend is concerned about her health. Don't ask her if it is time for her to disclose; she will decide this on her own. Do offer her your continued friendship and discretion if she wants to discuss her

options with you.

Dear Amy: MUST we share the holidays with the (much, much, much younger) wife of our father? When we reached adulthood, she ripped apart our family — our very happy family that our dad tried to come back to.

She gloats about having ALL the money, money, money, talks sex, sex, sex, sexy-talk (because she was 40 years younger than our mom), and she makes fun of all of us (according to her, we are a bunch of loser-fatties). She's younger than all of us and 50 pounds lighter than we are.

Our dad is very frail and elderly, and we have witnessed her bellowing at him in an evil manner. Yes, he left ALL the money to her and she is now holding it over our heads. (Dumb move on his part, because I do not want or need the money).

I despise this cruel person. The problem is, he is still alive. Barely. I gag every holiday, but I also feel guilty.

— Gagging and Guilty

Dear Gagging: You sound like a fun bunch.

If there is a way for you to spend time with your father on his own, then you should make every effort to do that. If that is not possible, then yes, you must endure this terrible person because she seems to be the conduit to your father.

If he is being mistreated, then you should do much more than you are doing, which, from your account, is nothing. Stop thinking and talking about the wife and the money. Advocate for your very frail father.

Dear Amy: Responding to "RBF" who didn't like to be told to smile: I tell people to smile because if you smile, you will feel better.

I smile as often as possible, even when answering the phone. Also, if you keep smiling, people will wonder what you are up to.

Try returning a smile and see how that makes you feel.

— Do It

Dear Do It: You should try NOT telling strangers how to hold their faces — and accept them as they are. You'll feel great!

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BALANCING ACT

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'Students have been hurt by your actions'

Children's author takes aim at Wheaton school for canceling her talk over possible LGBTQ concerns

Children's book author Robin Stevenson was supposed to spend Oct. 2 discussing activism with 175 fourth and fifth graders at Wheaton's Longfellow Elementary School.

Her new book, "Kid Activists: True Tales of Childhood from Champions of Change," tells the stories of 16 historical figures — Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, Dolores Huerta, Helen Keller and Ruby Bridges, among them — and reveals what inspired them to leave the world in better shape than they found it.

"Even the activists I thought I knew a lot about, I didn't know a lot about their childhoods," Stevenson told me Monday. "Seeing the influences and role models that led them to be the people they became was really interesting. It's very much a book that I hope carries the message to young people that their voices and opinions matter and they can make a difference in the world. I think that's an important message for kids to hear."

I couldn't agree more. Unfortunately, the Longfellow kids didn't get to hear it.

On Oct. 1, Stevenson says she received an email from her publisher, Quirk Books, letting her know the Longfellow appearance had been canceled. Stevenson, who lives in Victoria, British Columbia, was in a hotel room in Chicago when she read the note. She had other appearances lined up that week at the Latin School of Chicago and elementary schools in Oak Park and Evanston, all of which she completed.

A Longfellow parent was concerned that Stevenson included LGBTQ rights champion Harvey Milk in her book, Stevenson said the publisher told her.

Stevenson had spent the previous couple of days exchanging messages with school officials,

who wrote to ask her for a detailed description of her presentation. She told them she would be discussing how she got started as a writer and what her writing process looks like. She would also be sharing a PowerPoint about some of the activists in her book.

"Focusing mostly on people who saw or experienced injustice as children," she explained, "who had important role models in their lives and who had a vision for how the future could be better or different."

Which people, the school officials wanted to know.

"I was planning to focus primarily on Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, James Baldwin, Dolores Huerta and, because the climate strikes were happening, a young indigenous water protector named Autumn Peltier," Stevenson said she explained.

Something about it just didn't sit well with school authorities, who pulled the plug on her talk.

"The day before the author's visit, a parent contacted Longfellow administration with concerns about the process we utilize to inform parents about author visits and the contents of the presentation and promotion," Erica Loiacono, director of community engagement and communications for Wheaton and Warrenville District 200, wrote in a statement.

"It was at that time administration was informed that the school did not communicate to Longfellow parents information about the content of the book being presented and promoted by the author. As a result, parents/guardians were not provided a sufficient opportunity to review the information and determine whether they wanted their child to participate in the program."

Stevenson remains convinced that Milk's presence in her book was the sticking point. Shortly after her talk was canceled,



The cover of "Kid Activists: True Tales of Childhood from Champions of Change," and author Robin Stevenson.

Stevenson wrote a letter to Superintendent Jeff Schuler and the school board of District 200. Last week, she posted the letter on her author website.

"This action sends a very harmful message to students, particularly students who are themselves LGBTQ+ or have family members who are part of the LGBTQ+ community," Stevenson wrote in the letter. "It says that their lives can't be talked about, that their very existence is seen as shameful or dangerous. It says that no matter how significant their accomplishments, or how much they contribute to the world, they can be erased and made invisible because of who they are."

"It reinforces ignorance and bigotry. It undermines the school's efforts to encourage all students to act with empathy and understanding. It perpetuates homophobia and promotes silencing, shaming, and discrimination. The impact of your decision is real, immediate, and distressing: students in your district have been hurt by your actions."

I asked Stevenson why she decided to share the letter publicly.

"Because I don't think this only happens one time or in one par-

ticular place," she said. "I think this happens over and over, and it often remains invisible — some schools just don't shelf LGBTQ books or invite LGBTQ authors in the first place. And when those books aren't on the shelves or in classrooms, LGBTQ students never get to see their lives or their identities reflected on the page."

Sharing the letter, she said, was her way of launching a conversation about the work we still need to do to make our schools inclusive and supportive for all of our children.

The district maintains that one particular figure was not the reason Stevenson's talk was canceled.

"The event was canceled based on the lack of appropriate notification of the author's visit," Loiacono wrote in her statement. "District 200's practice for scheduling author visits is to notify parents/guardians about the visit and the content of the book being presented and promoted well in advance of the program. This process allows parents/guardians the opportunity to request that their child be exempt from participating in the program."

It's hard for me to imagine a policy more antithetical to the very spirit of education.

All of us, at every age, in every endeavor, need to hear the stories and voices of people who live and look and love and worship in ways that don't mirror and reinforce what we already know.

All of us need to feed our brains and imaginations with examples of all the different ways to be human, all the different humans who shape our world. And all of us need and deserve to see some of ourselves reflected back to us so we see we're not alone and we see what's possible.

A school that refuses to afford its students those opportunities is doing them a major disservice.

In "Kid Activists," Stevenson writes about how Milk, one of the nation's first openly gay politicians to be elected to office in the United States, encouraged people to come out in the '70s, long before it was socially acceptable — or physically safe — to do so.

"Harvey felt that as long as straight people thought they didn't know any gay people, they could believe all kinds of terrible things about them," Stevenson wrote. "But if gay people came out, everyone would realize there were gay people in their lives — in their workplaces, among their friends, even in their own families. They would realize their negative beliefs, stereotypes and misconceptions were untrue."

Milk was assassinated at 48. It's impossible to know all he might have accomplished had he lived another three or four decades.

"This isn't really about one book or one canceled visit," Stevenson told me. "It's obviously touched on an issue there needs to be a bigger conversation about."

Stevenson launched it by making her letter public. It's on us to keep it going.

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Founder Quilen Blackwell works in the Southside Blooms urban flower farm, preparing the space for winter, on Oct. 22 in the Englewood neighborhood.

From vacant lots to flower farms

He moved to Englewood because he wanted to. Now, Quilen Blackwell aims to alleviate poverty through sustainability

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON

Hidden behind a car-lined street, and in between a few boarded-up houses on an Englewood block, sits an unassuming pasture of a seemingly neglected city spot of unruly weeds.

Walk up closer though, to the sidewalk, then the red gate, and you'll see deep rows of lively petals slicing through the blight like an autumn-colored rainbow. Chest-high zinnia flowers neatly scatter a once-vacant lot in an ombre of burgundy, burnt orange, marigold and ivory. Three sets of hands chop the plants down to ready the flower farm for winter. Piles of flowers hang over a wagon resting until harvest time.

Flowers were a business decision for Quilen Blackwell, who added this flower farm, known as Southside Blooms, as the floral branch to his nonprofit Chicago Eco House to "bring viable industry into the inner city."

He says there's a high demand for the crop domestically since 80% of flowers are produced overseas, but the plant's universal representation — of hope, love, joy — is what Blackwell is all about.

The vision for Chicago Eco House, which started in 2014 and aims to alleviate poverty through sustainability, began while Blackwell was tutoring Englewood high schoolers. As he started building relationships with the students and heard their stories and experiences, Blackwell felt a conviction, he said.

"I was thinking if I was one of these students, and someone like me was around — who had the means and opportunity — I would hope (that person) would use that to help me

out," Blackwell said.

Originally from Madison, Wisconsin, Blackwell lived a "Cosby Show" upbringing with his affluent family. His parents, who worked full-time in information technology and corporate operations, moved from the inner city of Milwaukee to escape the various issues that plague those communities, he said. Blackwell, in pursuit of a seminary degree, came to Chicagoland in 2011.

The decision to fully commit himself to a city, a neighborhood he wasn't from came down to a toss-up: "I could spend the rest of my life to make things better for myself and my family, or live my life where it can create opportunity for people just looking for a chance."

He and his wife, Hannah, moved to Englewood in 2015. "Because of my upbringing, I'm here because I want to be here," he said.

Chicago Eco House has three branches: an after-school program for kindergarten through eighth grade that exposes kids to urban agriculture; a paid two-week apprenticeship program; and Southside Blooms, where young adults ages 18 to 24 are given jobs as a florist and flower farmer.

The overall goal with these programs, Blackwell said, is to increase workforce development in the inner city, specifically for at-risk populations on the South and West sides.

Along with its first Englewood location, Southside Blooms is also in West Garfield Park and West Woodlawn. Each site has a flower farm, solar panels and a rainwater catchment irrigation system.

"It's more about being a full-service florist so people can come to us and get

bouquets and centerpieces," he said of Southside Blooms. "Part of the goal is to get young adults more into the florist side of the industry so they can become florists, do event planning, or just extend their reach into the industry."

A part of Southside Blooms' mission is to redirect young adults who may be heading down an unhealthy path, said Blackwell, who tries to recruit in places where young adults have been through more challenging circumstances.

"A lot of these kids, they just want a chance," Blackwell said. "They're not looking for a handout, not sympathy, they just want an opportunity to prove themselves."

Since the organization is still small, Blackwell has two payroll employees:

Kobe Richardson and A.J. Boyce. They work part time on the flower farm, and while the farm is out of growing season during the winter, they'll work more on the administrative side, explained Blackwell.

A 19-year-old Englewood native, Richardson said he "had a terrible childhood" and was "in a lot of trouble" growing up, to the point where he was "locked up back and forth as a juvenile." The absence of a father figure was a big part of that, he said.

"I was affiliated to the streets early," said Richardson, who was part of a gang at a young age.

To stay out of trouble, Richardson joined Crushers Club, a nonprofit gang alternative organization that has a boxing program and gym, in early 2015, and would — and still does — go every day to work out, he said. But that didn't eliminate all trouble from finding him.



A.J. Boyce, left, and Kobe Richardson work in the Southside Blooms urban flower farm in the Englewood neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago.

In January 2017, Richardson woke up in a hospital after being shot multiple times by someone he thought was a friend, he said. He told BET that Sally Hazelgrove, Crushers Club founder, was one of the first people he saw.

Earlier this fall, Richardson made national headlines after a 2016 photo of Hazelgrove cutting his locs resurfaced on Twitter.

For many, the image of a white woman cutting the hair of a black man is controversial because it not only brings up the "white savior" trope, but it also perpetuates the ongoing policing of and racism against black hair. Richardson said in a video that cutting his hair was something he "wanted to do" because he was "tired of it, tired of gang banging, tired of messing up."

Hazelgrove, who had previously been connected to Blackwell through a mutual friend, connected Richardson with Southside Blooms. He began working for Blackwell this spring

and saw the flower farm as a new experience to do hands-on and outdoor work.

"The atmosphere and the vibe the flowers give off to you, you can come through mad and it'll calm down your nerves a little bit," he said. "You get everyday experience here. It's helping me develop into a better man."

Boyce, a 23-year-old who earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science from Connecticut College in 2017, joined Southside Blooms as one way to attack his larger environmental mission, he said.

"I want to help develop agricultural methods for urban environments that can have a lot of community impact," said Boyce. "It's more sustainable and will also be implemented by people who are in the community."

Working with Southside Blooms has put Boyce in a lot of communities in the city that people would, in most senses, avoid." But being in those spaces has

caused the Washington Heights native to see the positives.

"There's a lot of passion and love that these communities have that I think most people have forgotten exist," he said.

Blackwell credits his Christian faith as the driving force behind Chicago Eco House and Southside Blooms. While he doesn't see the organization as a "Bible nonprofit," he said, meaning with an explicit mission to evangelize and tell people about Christianity, he said he does hope it shows God's love for communities that can often be overlooked.

"The reality is God hears the cries of every mom who's lost a son to gun violence. He hears the cries of all the people in a place like this," he said. "He sees all the suffering, all the blight. Eco House and

Southside Blooms is kind of the physical manifestation of God's love for the people in the inner city."

Long term, Blackwell sees flowers being to these neighborhoods what wine is to Napa Valley.

"You see all the vineyards and the wine industry support that area," he said about Napa Valley, "and we think flowers can do that for the vacant lots in Chicago." Blackwell's goal is to get business to a point where there is a customer base in these Chicago neighborhoods that support a large share of the industry. He believes things are going to turn around.

"We think it's pretty realistic," he said. "I've been in Napa Valley, and I was like, 'This could be like Englewood, like West Garfield Park.' It gives people hope. We're not just trying to do a nice little community project — there's a real, tangible vision."

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SOCIAL GRACES

Suggestions to get friends to step up potluck game

BY HANNAH HERRERA GREENSPAN

Chicago Tribune

Q: It's officially potluck season, and year after year, friends brings chips to the function. How do you tell them to step up their potluck game?

A: The best way to get people engaged in bringing a great potluck dish is to really create a sense of occasion. Let them know in the invitation. Right from

the beginning, let your guests know that their potluck contribution is a critical part of the event. Get them excited about how they're going to contribute, and they will be more invested in their dish!

To ensure people follow through, have them sign up with what they're going to bring by creating a shared document. The key is to get people to commit to a dish. This way they actually bring what they say they

will, and you don't end up with too many of one kind of dish at your party.

Ultimately, your guests will rise to the challenge if you create a sense of occasion and make it clear that their contribution to the potluck is a key part of the celebration.

— Lisa Orr, etiquette and protocol consultant

A: Be honest and direct. Let them know that you're looking forward to a delicious meal and want

everyone to contribute something enjoyable. Without anyone candidly reporting disappointment to the chip-bringers, they'll fly under the radar.

If you're organizing the event, assign the folks more prone to chip-mongering a specific recipe or a category. "Here's a link to an awesome dessert I saw. Do you think that's something you could do?" The infinite number of recipes on the internet can daunt more

novice chefs. Being given an assignment can alleviate the stress of choosing.

They probably default to chips because they don't enjoy cooking, so offer to make something together. For some, cooking has a mystique they've never conquered, and the notion of making something to share breeds more anxiety than excitement. If they're enthusiastic about being uninteresting, make space for that. Task them with

supplying booze, or the unsung hero of every potluck — plasticware.

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THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

Hunt for giant trolls at an arboretum

BY WEB BEHRENS

Monday

KIDS COOKING:
THANKSGIVING TREATS

Schaumburg Park District looks ahead to Thanksgiving with two 90-minute classes designed to get kids busy in the kitchen. The 6 p.m. Monday class is for little ones, ages 4-5, with a grown-up; the 6 p.m. Thursday class is for 6- to 12-year-olds. Bring a container to take home the snacks you make. At Bock Neighborhood Center, 1223 W. Sharon Lane, Schaumburg. \$30-\$45.

Tuesday

'SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS'

Chicago Kids Company presents its hour-long take on the classic tale of the beleaguered lass who flees an evil queen and takes refuge in a cottage with seven little folk. The musical performs Tuesday through Friday this week; it continues its run through Nov. 27 (the day before Thanksgiving), then again Jan. 15 through Feb. 21, at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. \$14-\$18. chicagokidscamps.com/snow-white/

Wednesday

'TROLL HUNT'

In just a few days, a large swath of Morton Arboretum will begin glowing with the annual "Illumination: Tree Lights" spectacle, a huge draw. So here's a tip: Six giant wooden trolls still lurk on the arboretum's 1,700 acres, and if you haven't yet found them all, now's your chance to try before the crowds arrive. (If you opt to wait, two of the trolls will be lit up during December.) Be sure to pick up the free "Troll Hunter's Handbook," which contains clues and a map. Daily at Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle. Typically \$15, \$10 for kids 2-17; \$10/\$7 on Wednesdays; free parking. tinyurl.com/y822r4mq

Friday

CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Millennium Park hosts the city's enormous beacon to Santa Claus — a 55-foot-



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TOP PICKS

Wednesday, Nov. 20:

'TROLL HUNT'

Friday, Nov. 22:
CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS
TREE-LIGHTING
CEREMONY

tall blue spruce that will glow for the first time Friday evening. The lighting ceremony begins at 6 p.m. with performances by Grammy winner Jonathan Butler; Cielito Lindo, Chicago's own family mariachi band; and cast members from "Eleanor's Very Merry Christmas Wish." Look for the tree inside Millennium Park, near Michigan Avenue and Washington Street. tinyurl.com/yyrd6zrp

Saturday

CHICAGO TOY AND GAME FAIR

With an enormous hall filled with new toys and games, this annual convention (affectionately known as ChiTAG) maximizes the fun factor. Check out the

"World's Largest Kid-Powered Rocket," launched every 15 minutes after small teams of kids jump on stomp pads that convert kinetic energy into air pressure. Be the first to play some brand-new games, including a few that have been mass-produced after their designers won past iterations of the Young Inventor Challenge. Families will find familiar brands too — like a "Frozen II"-themed scavenger hunt and merch from the upcoming "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" movie. ChiTAG opens at 10 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday at Navy Pier (Exhibit Halls A and B, on the pier's east end), 840 E. Grand Ave. \$14-15, \$7-8 for kids 3-12; grandparents are free Sundays with a paid kid's ticket. www.chitag.com

MEET 'CARDBOARD KINGDOM' CREATOR CHAD SELL

This fun graphic novel is also sort of a puzzle, conceived and drawn by Chicago artist Chad Sell for middle-school readers. Each chapter is written by a different author, and the fun increases as the different stories intersect, climaxing in one grand quest. At this interactive event, Sell leads a drawing demo and a craft project from noon till 2 p.m. at Aw Yeah Comics, 7925 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Free to attend, \$13 for "Cardboard Kingdom." tinyurl.com/y4p4wvf6

LILLSTREET FAMILY WORKSHOP:
MINI MENORAHS

Hanukkah begins Dec. 22 this year, but Lillstreet is ready to help you prepare now. At this two-hour workshop, kids work with an adult family member to create a mini menorah using terra cotta. After families decorate the clay pieces, Lillstreet staff will glaze them; you'll pick your menorah up later, before the holiday. 10 a.m. to noon at Lillstreet Art Center, 4401 N. Ravenswood Ave. \$70 per adult-child pair; \$35 for each additional kid. lillstreet.com/class/15351

Sunday

SUNDAY-MORNING CARTOONS
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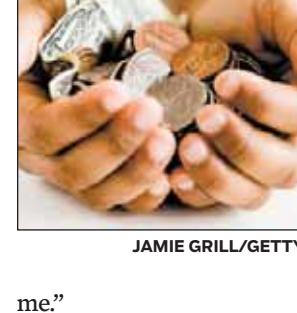
Tucked into the West Loop is wndr, a family-friendly museum. The institution kicks off a new monthly series Sunday, geared toward families: Watch classic cartoons while you help yourselves to an all-you-can-eat cereal bar! 10 a.m. till noon at wndr, 1130 W. Monroe St. \$20, free for kids 10 and under. tinyurl.com/y6kp65bc

SETTLERS' DAY

Get in the Thanksgiving spirit when this south-suburban forest preserve becomes a wayback machine. Costumed instructors demonstrate daily life for settlers and lead various family activities, including an exploration of pioneers' cabin homes, an imaginary wagon train and craft time. Donations of non-perishable food or money will be accepted at this annual drop-in event. 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. at Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 Paxton Ave., South Holland. Free. tinyurl.com/y4692umb

Web Behrens is a freelance reporter.

Survey: US kids' average weekly allowance is \$30

BY ALFRED LUBRANO
The Philadelphia Inquirer

survey, by the way.)

Paying for chores also becomes a knotty subject. It may be better not to compensate a child for making her bed because she should be doing that for free as a functioning, caring member of the household, some experts say.

Others counter that it's reasonable to remunerate kids for working around the house.

"We pay for specific chores, though we don't give an allowance," said Dom Episcopo, 52, a commercial photographer who lives in Philadelphia with his wife and 9-year-old son, Enzo.

Enzo gets \$3 for sweeping the kitchen and \$1 for setting the table. For vacuuming the hall, he earns \$5.

No matter where they come down on allowances, it's clear from the institute survey that parents put a good deal of thought into it.

"I certainly do," said Amy Harper, 49, of Bryn Mawr, a mother of a 12-year-old son. She asked friends, she read books. Ultimately, she decided to give him \$12 a week — an amount equal to his age, an oft-cited formula for deciding allowance.

Experts will tell you there's no single strategy for managing an allowance, although ideas proliferate.

For example, children should be old enough to count money, said Stephen Gray Wallace, director of the Center for Adolescent Research and Education in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

He was writing for an online site called Parent Toolkit.

Some parents don't offer cash at all, but fork over allowances through debit cards or mobile payment apps such as Venmo, according to a survey commissioned by CreditCards.com. (It found that just 40% of American kids receive allowances in its

spending, save, give. For the giving part, her son can put money in the collection plate at church on Sunday, or give it to the guy who plays saxophone on their street.

As for the spending part, "when he wants to buy something, he'll ask for an advance, and I'll typically say no," Harper said. "He can wait and save."

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Cat declawing raises the hackles of shelters

Surgeries do more harm than good, many vets say

BY MARISSA PLESCIA
Chicago Tribune

When Gina, a 10-year-old cat, was brought in to the Harmony House for Cats in Chicago, it was quickly discovered that she had a bad biting problem.

A veterinarian for the shelter did an X-ray on Gina's paws and discovered several leftover fragments from when she had been declawed, a procedure that includes the amputation of the last bone of each toe. The vet then had to perform another surgery to remove those extra fragments.

Soon after, Gina's biting habits declined and she was finally adopted a few months ago.

"It's not a perfect fix," Mary Veeneman, a board member for the shelter, said. "We couldn't give her the part of her toe that was amputated back, but we were able to make her much more ready for adoption."

The controversial declawing surgery was introduced in the 1950s by the late Niles-based veterinarian Andrew Misener. He wrote a short column for the American Veterinary Medical Association, announcing it as a simple and humane process for the cat.

But the Paw Project, a Los Angeles-based group, says declawing causes pain issues for cats and can lead to more destructive behaviors like biting and an aversion to the litter box.

Its efforts have, in part, led to cat declawing bans in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, parts of Canada and most recently the state of New York. It is now working on New Jersey, Florida and Massachusetts, according to Dr. Jennifer Conrad, the executive director.



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Some vets recommend trimming your cat's nails instead of declawing surgery.

Several countries have already banned the practice.

Marc Ayers, Illinois state director for the Humane Society of the United States, said the topic is currently pending in Illinois, but that there are several legislators discussing the idea of a ban.

"It's going to get brought up," Ayers said. "It's more of in terms of when they'll want to put it forward."

There are three forms of declawing: through a guillotine clipper that slips over the entire first part of the toe, a scalpel blade and a laser. All procedures amputate the last bone of the cat's toes.

A 2017 report in the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery says the removal of the claws often leads to severe back pain

and several adverse behaviors, like biting and aggression. The study also said many cats have remaining fragments from their declaw surgery.

Conrad said declawing can lead to a deterrence of the litter box, too, as the gravel can hurt their paws.

While many owners with compromised immune systems are concerned about cat scratches, Conrad said organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend against declawing because cat bites are far more dangerous and infectious to humans than scratching.

Dr. Cynthia Olsen owns Ravenswood Animal Hospital in Chicago and is a member of the Paw Project. Her current practice does not do cosmetic animal

surgeries, but she said that they sometimes treat cats who have had bad declawing surgeries in the past.

"Even the most skilled surgeons can leave pieces of bone fragments in, so they didn't get the whole part of the nail," Olsen said. "With that, they can again be painful. We equate it to always walking on rocks."

Michael San Filippo, a spokesperson for the American Veterinary Medical Association, said in an email that the organization believes the surgery should only be used as a last resort, but that it has concerns with legislative actions over veterinary procedures.

"Declawing is not typically a medically necessary procedure, but the veterinarian's ability to perform it can literally be a matter of life or death for some cats,"

San Filippo said. "Cats expressing destructive scratching behavior are vulnerable to being relinquished, abandoned or euthanized."

Based on Paw Project's research, shelters have seen a decrease in relinquishment rates in places that have banned cat declawing. Los Angeles witnessed a 43.3% drop, Conrad said.

Veeneman said Harmony House for Cats does not allow adopters to declaw their cats, and that this is common for many animal shelters.

She said they've had several declawed cats brought to their shelter with severe arthritic problems and behavioral issues, such as one cat that was never adopted because it had an aversion to the litter box.

"He was this perfect cat with this perfect temperament that everybody loved. And yet, he had a good life with us, but he ended up staying with us the rest of his life because we could not ever get his litter box issues under control," Veeneman said.

Conrad said there are several alternatives to declawing, including nail trims and scratching posts.

There are also gel nail caps that can be glued on and will fall off naturally.

"It's wrong to do surgery to prevent natural behavior that cats do and it's wrong to do such an invasive surgery when you think about what it really is," Conrad said. "It's cutting off their toe bones."

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Last year was an incredible ski year across the country. With plentiful snow falling throughout the mountains of the US, everyone seemed to get a great shot at a snow-filled ski vacation (with some beautiful sunny days mixed in).

The real question is where will you head this year? Family vacation to Breckenridge, buddies trip out to Jackson Hole, or the less traveled small town / big mountain feel of Sun Valley?

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The food truck craze has hit the slopes at Colorado's Steamboat Ski Resort, where a new option for hungry powder hounds is a snowcat that dishes out tacos.

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THE SNOW REPORT

Terrain parks, season pass wars, party hotels and dark-sky intrigue highlight ski season

BY ELAINE GLUSAC

Chicago Tribune

For snow lovers, winter is, believe it or not, too short. And never snowy enough. Ski resorts do their part to drum up business among the devoted by expanding their terrain, speeding up the lifts and piling on the après-ski drink deals.

They're also giving travelers more to do after the slopes close, from a light show in a Canadian pine forest to astronomer-led dinners in a backcountry Idaho yurt. And as ski resorts consolidate through acquisitions, the major players are battling it out to sell you a pass, which is top of the list among the following six news-making topics in North American high country.

Pass wars

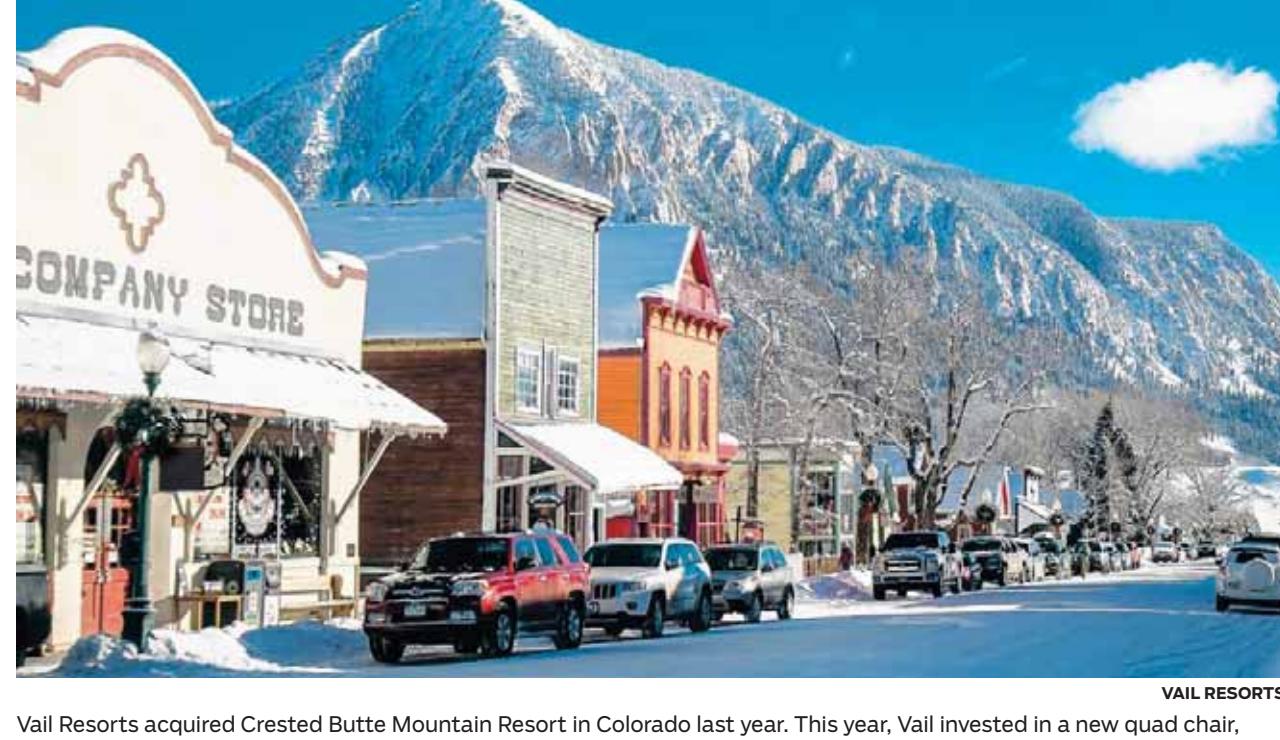
It's the Epic Pass versus the Ikon Pass as the competition between the multi-resort season tickets rages with resort consolidation. Ikon Pass offers access to 14 Alterra Mountain Company resorts, including Steamboat, Deer Valley and Squaw Valley, as well as 26 partners including Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in Wyoming and the two Boyne resorts in northern Michigan. Passes start at \$799 with date restrictions and \$1,099 without. Vail Resorts' Epic Pass, from \$739 with date restrictions and \$989 without, offers unlimited skiing at 37 resorts and limited access to dozens more, including 21 in Europe.

This year, small ski resorts around the country, including 14 in the Midwest, have their own new group ticket, the Indy Pass, good at 44 resorts from Pats Peak in New Hampshire to Mt. Shasta Ski Park in California, as well as 10 areas in Michigan and Wisconsin. The pass, which costs \$199, offers two days of skiing at each resort.

These independent areas are what Indy Pass President Doug Fish called "the heart and soul of American skiing, and if they're not healthy, the sport is in big trouble."

Faster lifts

Normally, reports on new chairlifts are TV-test-pattern dull. But Winter Park Resort's announcement of a six-person chair to replace a three-person lift, trimming ride time from eight to four minutes, is critical to reducing lift



Vail Resorts acquired Crested Butte Mountain Resort in Colorado last year. This year, Vail invested in a new quad chair, replacing a double on the front side of the mountain, doubling capacity on Teocalli Lift.



At the W Aspen, efficiently designed rooms include stylish bunk beds (rooms from \$299).

lines at the popular resort roughly 60 miles west of Denver. Steamboat Springs, where the 119-year-old F.M. Light & Sons deals Wranglers and Stetsons on the main thoroughfare, lives up to its time-arrested image. But after more than 30 years, the main lift will spin faster at Steamboat Ski Resort, which is replacing its gondola with a new version that will increase capacity by 40% and reduce ride time from 12 minutes to 10. Vail Resorts acquired Crested Butte Mountain Resort last year, and this year their investment is visible in a new quad chair replacing a double on the front side of the mountain, doubling capacity on Teocalli Lift.

Lodgings with extra sauce

The buzziest hotel opening of ski season, the 88-room W Aspen at the base

of Aspen Mountain, is ready for the après crowd with stadium seating beside a suspended DJ booth, and a heated pool and hot tub on the roof deck, open to the public. The vibe is trippy, from the carpeting inspired by topographic maps to acid-bright murals of Western landscapes. Most welcome in expensive

Aspen are efficiently designed rooms including stylish bunk beds or tiered doubles (rooms from \$299).

In December, a Soho House for mountain types will open in Breckenridge, Colorado, with Gravity Haus. The 60-room hotel at the base of Breckenridge Ski Resort's Peak 9 aims to attract outdoor enthusiasts who appreciate its co-working spaces, trampoline, Japanese-inspired onsen (hot spring), sports recovery center, coffee shop and Colorado-centric cuisine (rooms from \$229). Visitors bound for Snow-

basin Resort in Utah can spend their off-piste hours peering into high-tech telescopes in Ogden Valley's International Dark Sky Park at the astronomy-focused Compass Rose Lodge (rooms from \$209).

Après-ski diversity

Unless the slopes are lit for night skiing, most runs close down as natural light dims around 4 p.m. You could fritter all those evening hours away at the bar in classic après-ski style. Or try one of the new après alternatives.

At Whistler Blackcomb in British Columbia, the light-and-sound installation Lumina launches its first-ever winter show Nov. 28. Visitors follow a roughly milelong trail through snowy forests enchanted with haunting music and projections in a nostalgia-meets-sci-fi story of lost campers from Cana-

da's acclaimed Moment Factory, the creative firm responsible for the light show at Montreal's Notre-Dame Basilica and lighting effects of Childish Gambino's latest tour.

Why not ski in the dark? Sign up for Headlamp Night Skiing at Big Sky Resort in Montana. The guided small-group outing for up to seven in a party starts at 7:30 p.m. with a ride on the new, heated Ramcharger 8 lift up Andesite Mountain and a descent on freshly groomed runs using supplied headlamps as powerful as car headlights. But switch them off to appreciate the stars overhead (from \$410).

Highlighting the country's first Dark Sky Reserve, the Limelight Hotel in Ketchum, Idaho, gateway to Sun Valley, is offering Dark Sky Dinners. Guests cross-country ski or snowshoe to a backcountry yurt where a team of chefs prepares dinner and an astrophysicist guides viewings of the Andromeda Galaxy as well as Venus and Mars (rates for two including lodging start at \$2,300).

If you're Banff-bound, save your appetite after skiing Lake Louise, Mt. Norquay or Sunshine Village for Alberta Food Tours' "Eat the Castle" experience. The itinerary provides a backstage pass to the 150-chair operation at the landmark Fairmont Banff Springs resort with courses in four of its 13 dining venues (\$175 Canadian). In Vail, soak those aching muscles in the new float tank at the Lodge at Vail, a RockResort (\$316, including a massage and float). Or

check out the remodeled Colorado Snowsports Museum before witnessing the periodic Friday evening spectacles in which skiers dressed in vintage World War II 10th Mountain Division Ski Trooper uniforms descend in a torchlight ski parade.

Beginners welcome

If you've got a tot, this is the year to get them on skis as resorts beef up their training terrain and enticements. About an hour's drive from Chicago, Wilmot Mountain is debuting Three's on Skis, 90-minute lessons for 3-year-olds that focus on fun and games (\$64). Alpine Valley Resort near Elkhorn, Wisconsin, is opening a new 200-foot moving walkway known as a carpet lift for beginners. In Wyoming, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort expands its appeal as a family-friendly destination with a new quad chair that connects to its learning area, Solitude Station.

Let's talk terrain

Mountain expansion this year is dominated by the proliferation of Woodward learning parks. Founded in 1970 as a gymnastics camp in Pennsylvania, Woodward has grown into year-round action sports training facilities. This year, Woodward Mountain Park will open at Killington Resort in Vermont with six learning areas for skiers and snowboarders. New Woodward Mountain Parks will also open at Copper Mountain Resort and Eldora in Colorado, Boreal Mountain California near Lake Tahoe and Mt. Bachelor in Bend, Oregon. In Utah, Woodward Park City will be a stand-alone 125-acre campus with terrain park features for skiers and snowboarders, a 22-foot training halfpipe and two surface lifts accessing 10 lanes of snow tubing.

There's more expert terrain at Copper Mountain this year with 273 acres atop Tucker Mountain accessed by the new Three Bears chairlift to 12,421 feet. Telluride Ski Resort will open 40 new acres of north-facing gladed terrain for advanced skiers seeking chutes and rocks. In the biggest expansion on the continent, Kicking Horse in Golden, British Columbia, will add 660 acres including five alpine bowls, stretching its vertical descent to 4,314 feet.

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Embracing Europe in the winter months



RICK STEVES
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Every time I travel to Europe in the offseason, I find myself enjoying a cool and comfy tranquility — and not missing the heat and crowds that so often come with peak season. But even more than that, I enjoy catching Europe by surprise — at its candid best, living everyday life. When I travel outside of the tourist season, Europe seems even more welcoming than normal.

Some of my warmest European memories have been gained while wearing a sweater in the offseason. Lingering over cafe creme in a nearly tourist-free Paris, I'm joined by a tiny bird on the next wicker chair as we watch Parisians parade by. I enjoy a theater and music scene designed for locals rather than tourists. I take my time at a chateau in France's Loire Valley, with a big log on the fire and guards relaxed and happy to chat. I sit alone on a pebbly Italian Riviera beach and step into the wonder of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome with none of the jostle. Bundle up and get convivial with Europe in the offseason and you'll understand why, for so many, that's a favorite time to travel.

There are also some practical advantages to traveling in the offseason (considered November through March). Airfare is generally cheaper. Outside of places that get lots of business travelers, hotels and Airbnb-type rentals are also less expensive, and you can sometimes even bargain for deeper discounts.

In winter, you can usually walk right in at sights that are plagued with lines in peak season. Without



Travelers who visit Paris in winter get to experience a less congested, more European Europe.



Revelers in ornate, outrageous costumes and colorful masks descend upon Venice during Carnival.

having to buy advance tickets, you can often show up when you want at places like Florence's Uffizi, Paris' Orsay and Barcelona's Picasso Museum. Sightseeing crowds are thinner, allowing you to spend some

time enjoying Europe's treasures up close.

Of course, winter travel also comes with drawbacks. Because much of Europe is at Canadian latitudes, days are short, and it's generally dark by 5 p.m. The weather

can be cold, windy, drizzly and generally dreary, and you'll need to pack heavier, including a good waterproof coat and shoes.

In winter, sightseeing priorities change. You'll probably do less meandering and exploring of neighborhoods, and more beeline-ing to and from sights. Museums provide a warm and cozy haven, while outdoor sights can be harder to enjoy. Frigid weather can drain the fun out of even the Eiffel Tower and other must-sees.

Many sights operate on shorter hours in the offseason, often closing around sunset. English-language tours, common in the summer, are not as common in the offseason, when most visitors are natives. And winter sight-

seeing can be especially frustrating in smaller tourist towns, where many sights and restaurants close down entirely.

Offseason is a fine time to visit big cities, which bustle year-round, as well as the Mediterranean region (Italy, Spain, Portugal, etc.), which is often horribly hot and crowded in the summer, but fairly mild in winter. While Europe's wonderful outdoor evening ambiance tends to hibernate during winter in the north, it survives all year in the south. And, of course, in some places, such as Switzerland, winter activities — skiing, sledding and other snow sports — are an important part of the culture (and tourism).

The month leading up to

Christmas is an especially fun time in Europe. For instance, German towns big and small light up with Christmas markets, highlighted by carolers, festive decor, artisan ornaments and other handicrafts, and seasonal treats such as hot spiced wine. Christmas markets are also popular in Switzerland, Austria and other countries.

In London, Paris and other cities, buildings and streets dress in their holiday best, and outdoor ice rinks pop up. In Paris, hundreds of fresh-cut fir trees line the Champs-Elysees, sparkling with a dazzling display of lights. In Britain, a fun holiday tradition is the "panto" — campy fairy-tale plays with outrageous costumes, sets, dance numbers and audience participation.

Late winter brings more raucous revelry, when various Mardi Gras/Carnival celebrations brighten the mood throughout Europe in February. The quintessential destination is Venice, which erupts for 18 days in an extravagant festival of costumes, parties, dinners, themed parades and masquerade balls — a final debauchery before the restrictions of Lent. The festivities end with a huge dance on St. Mark's Square, lit with fireworks.

Outside of holiday and festival times, Europe is quiet in winter. While fields and squares are filled with color and vibrancy in the summer, in winter the atmosphere feels intimate, as naked branches, lonely vistas and solitary candles flickering in windows offer a peaceful charm with the promise of life and renewal just around the corner.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Expedia's Hotel Price Guarantee doesn't work

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I recently booked a vacation at the Jewel Grande Montego Bay Resort & Spa, an all-inclusive resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica, through Expedia. Between the time I made the reservation and my stay, the price of the hotel fell by more than \$1,000.

Expedia has a Hotel Price Guarantee program. If you find a lower rate online for the same dates, it will refund the difference. A company representative assured me I would be able to adjust the price.

Easier said than done. After several calls and emails to the online travel agency, Expedia says I don't qualify for the price guarantee program. All I'm asking is for Expedia to honor its price match program. Can you help?

— Celeste Brown, Norcross, Georgia

A: If Expedia told you it could match the price, it should. So why didn't it?

Hotel rates rise and fall with some regularity, but a \$1,000 price drop is no small deal. Expedia's Hotel Price Guarantee is limited to Expedia Rewards members. Under the program, if you find a lower rate online for the same hotel booked through Expedia, up until the day before check-in, it will refund the difference. But that guarantee only applies to "Pay Now" reservations. According to Expedia, you had a "Pay Later" booking.

But wait. The terms of Expedia's rewards program didn't mention a "Pay Later" exclusion when I reviewed them. How could you have known you didn't qualify?

I think a brief, polite email to an Expedia customer service executive would have yielded a more detailed answer. I list their names, numbers and email

addresses on my consumer advocacy site.

I asked Expedia if it could clarify. It turns out the Hotel Price Guarantee is only available for exact itinerary matches, including property, room type, rate plan, applicable refund policy and the dates of travel as booked through Expedia. Some of the factors were not the same in this instance, says an Expedia rep. By "rate plan," Expedia means "Pay Now" or "Pay Later."

"The promotional price on the hotel website was only for 'Pay Now' bookings," she told me. "The booking she made on Expedia.com was a 'Pay Later' booking. Thus, two different rate plans. I think there was a misunderstanding between the agent and the customer on this point." So, the agent you spoke with said the rate was able to be matched, but it wasn't.

"While the Hotel Price

Guarantee is available for 'Pay Later' bookings, the hotel's promotional price was only available for 'Pay Now' bookings," she added. Specifically, your travel dates were not all available for the lower promotional price.

Still, after I contacted Expedia on your behalf, it offered you the lower price. That's a great solution, but an even better one would be if Expedia simplified its Hotel Price Guarantee. A little less fine print and a little more common sense would eliminate problems like these — and increase the likelihood that you'll make your next reservation through Expedia.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER

Going solo lets you explore at your pace

BY JAE-HA KIM
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November is National Adoption Awareness Month. Journalist, author and adoptee, Seth Berkman, got a taste of his birth country when the New York Times sent him to report on the United Korean women's hockey team. Consisting of players from North and South Korea, select players trained and competed together as teammates at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Berkman's coverage spurred him to write "A Team of Their Own: How an International Sisterhood Made Olympic History" (Hanover Square Press, \$19.99).

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: How have your trips for work shaped how you travel?

A: Traveling for work has been one of the privileges of my job. In particular, traveling to smaller cities in America is always intriguing. I often find that it's helpful to capture the ethos of a location, to learn about the subject I'm reporting on. Environment can critically shape who we are. I also enjoy going running in new places. I find that's a great way to explore the intricate nooks of somewhere new.

Q: Where have you been to that you'd like to return to explore further?

A: Seoul. I was born in Seoul, then adopted at a very young age. I didn't go back until February 2018 for the Winter Olympics. I was so busy with work



duties on that trip and follow-up reporting trips, I feel like I really haven't had a chance to get to know the city where I was born.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: Vienna, Austria. I was lucky enough to live in Vienna for a few months on a fellowship and have immensely enjoyed going back. The city is a wonderful combination of old Europe and new style, which can be seen in their abundance of museums.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: Fukushima city, Japan. In the fall of 2017, I traveled to Fukushima to report on their preparation for hosting events at the 2020 Olympics (in Tokyo). While many parts of Fukushima are still uninhabitable after the 2011 (nuclear) disaster, the city of Fukushima is a great destination. Not only are there numerous onsens (hot springs) and great local restaurants, there is resonance in the sincerity of the residents and their hopes for more tourism and to change the perception that all of Fukushima is a permanently damaged area.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: I really like to travel

alone, because it gives you the freedom to explore at your own pace. I have cultivated some memorable friendships with people I've randomly met on the road, who I probably wouldn't have talked to or bothered to spend the time to get to know if I encountered them in New York. The city hardens you in a way that is not conducive to the best of human nature, so it's important to remember to let down my guard when I'm traveling.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?

A: I'm not a real weekend getaway person, but I do enjoy jogging in Central Park or running alongside the Hudson River. Go early, though, because these paths become too crowded later in the day.

Q: What is your best vacation memory?

A: On one of my first days in Seoul in February 2018, I randomly met up with a friend of a friend, who showed me around the city and had me run a lot of errands with her. It was a great way to explore. We ended the night in Itaewon until about five in the morning. She's an Olympic athlete and this was like a week before the Games began, so I'll keep her name confidential.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaejakim.com.

Hotels ride wave of Warhol-mania

Exhibit at Chicago's Art Institute spawns special rooms, dishes and much more

BY LORI RACKL

Andy Warhol predicted everyone would be famous for 15 minutes, but it's doubtful that even the prescient pop artist could have foreseen the ripple effects of the Art Institute's current exhibition.

"Andy Warhol — From A to B and Back Again" set in motion a flurry of whimsical hotel packages, along with spawning restaurant dishes and drinks in the artist's honor and plastering images of his iconic silkscreens on city buildings large and small.

"Andy Warhol is everywhere in Chicago right now," said Nora Gainer, director of partnerships and tourism at the Art Institute, where the ambitious retrospective is on display through Jan. 26.

"The ubiquity of his presence throughout the city, in mediums from murals to cocktails, speaks to the unparalleled appeal of his work."

More than a dozen hotels have gotten in on the act, with some offering Warhol-inspired stays that transcend the usual room-and-a-pair-of-exhibit-tickets bundle. One property even created a Warhol pop-up suite, where the campy props include painting supplies, a wig of unruly silver hair and a bowl of bananas.

"This exhibition has sparked the imaginations of our partners in a way that parallels the civic moment we had during the Van Gogh exhibition in 2016," Gainer said. "Both artists connect to audiences in a way that transcends generations."

Here's a look at how some Chicago hotels are riding the wave of Warhol-mania.

Pop-up pop suite

No lodging in the city has leaned in to the Warhol exhibit quite like Acme Hotel Co., which transformed one of its 130 rooms at its River North address into a playful shrine to the artist.

Starting at \$350 a night and bookable through the exhibit's run, the pop-up suite is tricked out with Warhol imagery, from throw pillows and prints of his instantly recognizable work to cardboard masks of the artist and a wig mimicking his hallmark hairstyle.

Pyramids of Campbell's tomato soup cans and tiny Brillo boxes — some of the mundane commercial products Warhol turned into art — are scattered around the ready-for-Instagram space. Warhol's quote about 15 minutes of fame is scrawled on the bathroom mirror, next to a fat pair of red lips. (The lips, a favorite backdrop for Acme guests' selfies, are permanent.)

On the retro record player, suite guests can play the Velvet Underground's 1967 debut album, the one with the Warhol banana on it, or pick up a paintbrush and let their creative juices flow on an easel in the corner.

"Acme's motto is 'Do your thing,'" said Liana Clark, the hotel's director of sales and marketing. "We embrace individuality and we embrace art. When we heard this exhibit was coming, it just made sense for us to do something with it."

The hotel bar manager, Derek Alexander, was tapped to design a cocktail to go along with the package, which comes with tickets to the exhibit.

"I went back to my overpriced liberal arts education and started tearing through some of my art history books for inspiration," said Alexander, who chose Warhol's 1984 portrait of music superstar Prince as his mixology muse.

"It's my interpretation of what the painting would taste like — floral, aromatic and bright," Alexander said about the drink Orange Prince, a combination of gin, curacao and other ingredients poured over a tall stack of blueberry and orange ice cubes.

The pop-up suite package includes two complimentary Orange Princes along with unlimited bacon "pop" corn at the hotel's Berkshire Room bar.

Field trips, fun and freebies

The Chicago Athletic Association hotel has a roster of Warhol-related field trips and programs, like a behind-the-scenes visit to the Museum of Contemporary Photography to see the artist's Polaroids that are usually confined to the museum's vault and a screen-printing workshop at All Star Press.

Warhol wore many hats during his life, one of which was film-maker. A couple of his 1965 mov-



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Acme Hotel Co. recently debuted a pop-up suite devoted to Andy Warhol, the subject of a new exhibition at the Art Institute.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Derek Alexander mixes an Andy Warhol-inspired Orange Prince cocktail at the Berkshire Room inside the Acme Hotel Co.



NICK GERBER

The Gwen hotel recently installed a window display highlighting Warhol's portraits of Aretha Franklin and Liza Minnelli.



GALDONES PHOTOGRAPHY

Served in an ornate perfume dispenser, Colognist is a nod to Warhol's print of Chanel No. 5. The print is part of the Ads Series for Warhol, who worked as a commercial illustrator before becoming a household name.

ies, "Poor Little Rich Girl" and "Camp," will be screened in the hotel's ballroom Nov. 21.

The Pittsburgh-born multi-hyphenate also designed a slew of album covers during his career. That's the inspiration behind a rotating list of cocktails being served at the Michigan Avenue hotel's rooftop hot spot, Cindy's, where an original Warhol portrait of Chicago philanthropist Cindy Pritzker, the restaurant's namesake, hangs in perpetuity above the fireplace.

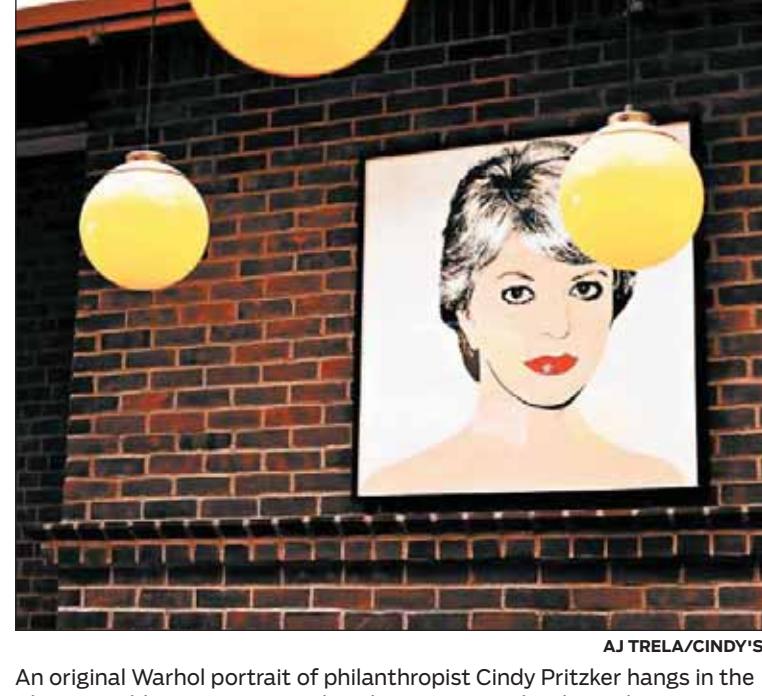
Further south on Michigan Avenue, The Blackstone hotel has a Warhol package that stocks your lakefront room with a canvas and paint set, along with some wine to kick-start the creative process. The hotel partnered with Kehoe Designs on its sidewalk window displays celebrating Warhol's art.

Mosey past The Gwen hotel on

North Rush Street to see another colorful window installment, this one built around portraits of Liza Minnelli and Aretha Franklin. The late Queen of Soul's album cover was reportedly Warhol's last piece of work before his death in 1987. Head upstairs to The Gwen's bar for Warhol's Wonder, a cocktail made with the artist's favorite booze, Jack Daniel's whiskey. It's served, appropriately enough, in a soup can.

The Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel's Filini bar and restaurant recently rolled out a Warhol menu featuring grilled shrimp with Campbell's bourbon sauce as well as cocktails named for some of the celebrity-obsessed artist's most famous subjects, such as Muhammad Ali and Mick Jagger.

That Warhol exhibit ticket will get you a free Absolut Warhol cocktail at the rooftop bar at The Wit Hotel. It's also your key



AJ TREL/CINDY'S

An original Warhol portrait of philanthropist Cindy Pritzker hangs in the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's restaurant that bears her name.

to unlocking a complimentary off-menu vodka concoction called "Self Portrait" for diners at Hotel Julian's steak joint, About Last Knife.

Creative cocktails

Lots of hotels have worked Warhol into their beverage menus, but Travelle at The Langham has taken it to another level.

The luxury downtown hotel serves seven distinctly different Warhol-inspired cocktails, priced from \$16 to \$20. Their presentation is so eye-catching that whichever drink gets ordered early in the night tends to end up being that evening's best-seller thanks to the power of visual suggestion.

"We've been working on this for months," said chief mixologist Slava Borisov. "It's way more involved than just 'see a picture and create a cocktail.'"

One of the offerings, The Monroe, plays off Warhol's penchant for repeating images. The drink — more like several drinks in one — gets delivered on a silver tray with four images of the movie star topped with small glasses of Grey Goose vodka. The liquid takes on various hues — blue, yellow, red and clear — depending on whether curacao, spiced pear or wild strawberry liqueur is added.

"It's our deconstructed cocktail," Borisov said. "We followed

Warhol's philosophy, reproducing the same cocktail over and over but in different colors and slightly different tastes."

The Colognist, served in an ornate perfume dispenser, is a nod to Warhol's print of the legendary scent Chanel No. 5. Bar staff soaked gummy bears in Ketel One vodka to infuse the alcohol with a subtle candy flavor. The drink is layered with hints of spiced pear, lemon, cranberry and cinnamon.

"We wanted to capture the aroma of perfume in a cocktail," beverage manager Thibaut Idenn said, noting that the dispenser can be used to consume the drink.

The most expensive beverage on the list, El Pajaro (Spanish for "bird"), stems from Warhol's depictions of endangered species; the artist was quite the conservationist at heart. The blend of mezcal, sherry, tawny port and chocolate bitters costs \$20, with the hotel donating \$1 of that to the World Wildlife Fund.

The honey-colored cocktail comes in a transparent bird-shaped glass, with a straw and garnishes tucked into its tail. The delicate drinking vessels were special ordered and handmade in the Czech Republic.

"Each one is signed on the bottom," Idenn said. "They're like pieces of art."

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NEWS TO USE

Midwest events will get you into the holiday spirit

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 popular exhibit "Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art" in Indianapolis will run Nov. 23 through Jan. 20. The exhibit features nine G-scale model trains that pass through miniature versions of famous sites in Indianapolis and the American West. New this year are the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and historic Spanish Colonial missions of the Southwest. The museum will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. tinyurl.com/y543fgkm

■ Rockford gets into the holiday spirit Nov. 30 with the seventh annual Stroll on State. The festivities will occupy more than 20

blocks downtown and include a parade, three stages for entertainment, fireworks, a market for food, beverages and shopping, horse and wagon rides, ice sculpting and more. Among the new attractions is Strollville, an interactive experience that includes elf houses kids can play in. tinyurl.com/yd54yyob

■ More than 4 million lights will decorate Rock Springs Park in Alton, Illinois, for the annual Christmas Wonderland. The drive-through exhibit includes decorated trees and holiday displays, and Santa Claus will be hanging out in the Enchanted Forest. The exhibit runs Nov. 29 through Dec. 29. www.christmaswonderlandalton.com

■ The History Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, hosts its annual Festival of Gingerbread from Nov. 29 through Dec. 15. More than 100 handmade gingerbread houses and designs made by artists of all ages will be on display. tinyurl.com/yd54yyob



EITELJORG MUSEUM

The "Jingle Rails" exhibit features model trains traveling past miniature landscapes of Indiananapolis and the American West.

■ Over 150 holiday displays will fill the RiverCenter in Davenport, Iowa, during the annual Festival of Trees. From Nov. 23 through Dec. 1, visitors can view the displays created by local designers, enjoy live entertainment, shop for holiday gifts, visit Santa, check out the model train displays and gingerbread village and more. The festival will be closed Thanksgiving Day. www.qcfestivaloftrees.com

■ The Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will stage its Metro Health

Christmas & Holiday Traditions exhibit Nov. 26 through Jan. 5. The exhibit focuses on holiday traditions around the world and includes 46 international trees and displays. More than 300,000 lights make up the exhibit, and there's also the Railway Garden, featuring model trains running through indoor gardens. tinyurl.com/yx9w6knr

■ Conner Prairie, the outdoor history museum in Fishers, Indiana, presents its Merry Prairie Holiday festival Nov. 29 through Dec. 29. Among the highlights will be the North

Pole Village with its toy workshop, Claus' Cabin and live entertainment; Prairietown, with a look at celebrating the season during the Civil War; and a ride on the Winterland Wagon. Area artisans will also have their work for sale. The festival is open evenings Friday-Sunday. tinyurl.com/yy2f585h

■ The Green Bay Botanical Garden celebrates the season with the WPS Garden of Lights. More than 300,000 lights are used to create nature-inspired displays that include an icicle forest, a 60-foot-long walk-through caterpillar

and animated butterflies. Horse-drawn wagon rides are available, and food and drinks can be purchased. Garden of Lights is open 5-9 p.m. Thursday-Sunday from Nov. 29 through Dec. 30 and is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. tinyurl.com/y5hur9xt

■ The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, will hold its 22nd annual Old World Christmas Market from Dec. 6-15. The market is modeled after the Christkindlmarkts held in Germany and features domestic and international artisans selling handmade items such as German nutcrackers and Czech blown-glass ornaments. Come hungry: Lots of German food is available. www.christmasmarketatosthoff.com

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time, but the listings are not an endorsement. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

West Virginia. Wheeling, the state's first capital, is located in the northern panhandle, and Harpers Ferry is in the eastern panhandle.

Airport trying to crack code for faster boarding

BY NATALIE B. COMPTON
The Washington Post

The airplane boarding process is clunky. Getting on a plane is slower and more complicated than ever, with more travelers opting for carry-on bags in an expanding array of classes.

London Gatwick airport is attempting a new time-saving solution to fix the problem: having passengers board the aircraft individually by seat number, sometimes from back to front.

"Early indications are that this new technique has the potential to reduce the overall boarding time," Abhi Chacko, head of enabling technologies and digital innovation for Gatwick Airport, said in a news release. "By communicating to passengers better and boarding passengers by seat number, we also expect to make the whole boarding experience more relaxing and, potentially, prevent large numbers" of passengers rushing forward at any stage.

The plan isn't fully implemented but is, rather, a two-month experiment. Airport staff members will test different boarding techniques to see what works best not only for speed but also for passengers' well-being.

Gatwick, the United Kingdom's second-busiest airport, seeks a method that prevents groups of passengers from crowding the gate, which causes congestion and boarding slowdowns. One trial will use digital displays at Gatwick's

Gate 101 to inform passengers when to board, starting from the back row.

However, priority-class, young families and people who need special assistance will continue to be the earliest to board.

JetBlue and Delta are experimenting with facial-recognition technology to shave minutes off boarding. Programs such as Mobile Passport, CLEAR, Global Entry and TSA PreCheck are continuing to work on cutting down time spent in security and customs.



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WHAT TO EAT WHEN YOU GET THERE



MARY BERGIN/PHOTOS FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chris Breedon shows off a Yo Mama burger, whose layers include a slice of goetta, at Arnold's Bar and Grill.

Goetta's got it going on

Cincinnati chefs are getting creative with this mashup of meat and grain

BY MARY BERGIN
Chicago Tribune

CINCINNATI — Chris Breedon, manager of Arnold's Bar and Grill, open since 1861, describes his casual menu as "Cincinnati condensed."

Burger meat is a mix of ground chuck, short ribs and Wagyu beef from the 125-year-old Avril Bleh butcher shop, four blocks away. Patties go on buns from the local Sixteen Bricks Bakery. The default side is Grippo's potato chips, made in Cincy since 1919.

The best-selling specialty burger is Yo Mama, named for Ronda Breedon, mother of Chris and a longtime Arnold's waitress who worked her way up to owner at the city's oldest bar.

"It's like breakfast on a burger, and the hardest burger to make" because of all the layers, the son explains. The cheeseburger gets a spicy kick from chipotle mayo and a potato pancake spiked with crushed red pepper.

On top is a sunny side up egg, but what makes the pudgy sandwich truly indigenous is a thin slice of fried goetta (that's GET-ah).

Goetta?
"It was medieval peasant food," says David Glier of Glier's Meats, whose family produces more than a million pounds of goetta a year in Covington, Kentucky, a hop across the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

What began as a humble German stew of long-simmering oats, seasonings and ground-meat scraps — pork and beef livers, hearts, tongues, skin and more — has turned into a ubiquitous food of regional pride, used by chefs in both casual and upscale settings.

"So many opinions about goetta are out there, starting with 'I'll never touch that,'" says Dann Woellert, a food historian and author of "Cincinnati Goetta: A Delectable History" (Arcadia Publishing, 2019). He's a self-proclaimed "goettevangelist."

"Some chefs have taken goetta to almost a hipster level," he says.

Brewers too: Christian Moerlein Brewing Co. released a goetta-inspired beer (made with pinhead oats) for Cincy's first goetta pub crawl this year.

Chefs across the city have embraced goetta as a local product, and some are taking culinary risks with it, spicing it up with jalapeno and cayenne.

For the city's famed Oktoberfest, Busken Bakery made glazed doughnuts filled with cinnamon crunch ice cream and goetta. Another vendor called "Hey Hey" sells goetta sauerkraut balls.

Taste of Belgium at The Banks, known for its waffles and crepes, serves the slightly sweet 'Nati



Glier's Meats produces more than a million pounds of goetta in a year.



One of the more elegant ways to eat goetta is in a puff pastry with poached egg, hollandaise sauce and veggie saute at French Crust Cafe & Bistro. The restaurant is one of the more casual spots owned by chef Jean-Robert de Cavel, whose work in fine dining has won the French-born chef wide acclaim.

crepe, filled with a fried egg, goetta, havarti cheese, roasted peppers and onions.

"Which brings up the subject of how to dress goetta: with ketchup, marmalade, syrup," Woellert says.

The Netherland eggs Benedict combines goetta, roasted tomatoes and a bearnaise aioli on an English muffin at The Grille at Palm Court, inside Cincinnati's downtown Hilton, where executive chef George Zappas makes his own goetta — a recipe he developed while working as the hotel's butcher.

A mile north at Findlay Market, midday entrees at French Crust Cafe & Bistro include a flaky pastry with a sauteed veggie relish, poached egg, hollandaise sauce and goetta. The restaurant is operated by chef Jean-Robert de Cavel, who also brought five-star dining to Cincinnati.

Eckerlin Meats, a block away, sells goetta by the loaf and pound,

or sliced and grilled on egg-and-cheese sandwiches. Eckerlin sells 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of goetta weekly. It's made with only pork shoulder and beef chuck, meaning it's "leaner, higher in fiber and less sloppy," says Josh Lillis, one of several family members working at the butcher shop that's over 150 years old. The seasoning blend, although proprietary, "is nothing crazy or super unique."

"Goetta used to be made out of necessity," Lillis notes. "Feeding a family meant using an animal from head to toe."

Lillis says Cincinnatians care deeply about goetta, especially in West Side neighborhoods that stick to tradition.

"They talk about whether it's too meaty, has too much oats or doesn't flip properly," Lillis says.

What began as hearty winter food is now sold year-round. It pops up in some unlikely places.

At Catch-a-Fire Pizza inside MadTree Brewing in the Oakley

neighborhood, goetta and a cracked egg top the Goettup, Stand Up pie.

"Most of our pizzas are named after Bob Marley songs," write Jeff and Melissa Ledford, the husband-wife owners.

Roasted garlic and olive oil, caramelized onions, peppadew peppers and cheeses complete the pizza. Goetta is browned a little before going onto the pie, and browns more while baking.

Even Camp Washington Chili, which goes through 60 gallons of chili a day, began sneaking in goetta this year. But you have to know to ask for the "513 Way," a customer's creation named after the local area code.

Owner Maria Papakirk says the 513 Way begins with a base of grilled goetta instead of spaghetti. Then it's standard five-way chili: red beans, meaty chili sauce, diced onions and shredded cheddar. The goetta comes from Queen City Sausage, best known

for making bratwurst and mettwurst.

"We use the same premium meats for goetta," says Queen City Sausage marketing director Mark Balasa. "Ours are not made with meat scraps" and onion is added to deepen flavor. The company sells 5-pound bricks to pre-sliced packs of goetta.

"They look like hockey pucks," quips founder Elmer Hensler.

Goetta production has tripled in 10 years.

Don't call it scrapple because "that's mushier" and made with cornmeal, says Glier of Glier's Meats. He considers it more like a hardy oatmeal than sausage. Goetta usually stays softer inside than meatloaf, so it breaks apart more easily when sliced and fried.

The ratio of pork to beef matters. So do the seasonings and choice of steel cut or pinhead oats as the binder. The mixture simmers for several hours, until the oats balloon and soak in the flavor of the meaty broth.

An acquired taste? Perhaps.

But the midsummer Glier's Goettafest that began as a one-day party in 2001 has expanded to eight days of goetta, beer, music and T-shirts emblazoned with slogans like "Goetta Grip" or "Goetta Life." Goetta is sold in mac and cheese, omelets, nachos and fried rice. Sliced goetta is fried for sliders, kabobs and glazed doughnuts. Quesadillas, tacos and calzones are filled with the festival's namesake product.

"When people make this at home, and some still do," Glier says, "it's usually part of a meal at Grandma's for Christmas."

Finding 'Joy' in Cincinnati: Cincinnati is well represented in one of the country's most popular cookbooks, "Joy of Cooking," whose ninth edition hit shelves Nov. 12. That's no coincidence: Marion Becker, daughter of original "Joy" author Irma Rombauer, had a home near the city and added regional favorites to cookbook editions after her mother's death.

Those additions include Becker's recipe for goetta.

Co-author John Becker, grandson of Marion, says he wasn't raised on goetta in Cincinnati: "My father (Ethan Becker) kept his cereals and breakfast meats separate — usually in the form of halved, pan-fried sausage links and fried cornmeal mush."

These days, John Becker lives in Oregon but still has his Cincy favorites, like chili from Empress and Skyline, as well as ribs and thick chips from Montgomery Inn and "the impeccably roasted chicken" at Floyd's, which serves Lebanese food near the University of Cincinnati.

Other Ohio favorites in "Joy" include buckeye candy, Cincinnati chili Cockaigne, Cincinnati-style cheese Coney hot dog, Ohio farmhouse sausage chili and Ohio Shaker lemon pie.

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HOME

MAKE YOUR SPACE

How to bring the feel of nature indoors

Decorators offer tips for biophilic design

BY KIM COOK
Associated Press

The term "biophilia," an affinity for the living world, was coined back in the 1980s by American biologist and author E.O. Wilson. We have an instinctive drive to connect with nature, he said, and the more we connect, the happier we are. That's why a walk in the woods can feel so good, or a sit on a quiet beach.

In our homes, we might try to bring the outside in with a potted tree, some herbs on the window sill, perhaps floral wallpaper or landscape art.

Some other creative ideas from innovative designers today:

"When I first started reading about biophilic design and how we needed to be flooding our homes with gorgeous natural views, daylight and plants I thought, 'Well that's dandy, but how about people in homes and work spaces that just don't have access to these things?'" says Phoebe Oldrey, who runs Smart Style Interiors in Tunbridge Wells, England.

"How do I, as an interior designer, give them the benefits of biophilic design? The answer came in the choice of materials we use in our designs, and natural materials is the way to go."

In one home, she designed floating maple cabinetry inlaid with a pattern of swallows in flight. In a dining/kitchen space with doors opening onto a leafy outdoor area, she placed a large light fixture composed of colorful glass bubbles; it's as though a cluster of errant balloons drifted in from the backyard. And in a weekend cottage, she placed a ceiling



A converted garage project by Bunch Design in Los Angeles where long clerestory windows were placed high on the walls of a living room. Afternoon sun streams through a skylight, and a stepped ceiling creates more interesting light plays.



ROCHE BOBOIS
One of the pieces from Roche Bobois' Bois Paradis collection from Maison Lacroix features a woodland scene in silhouette, giving it a wonderful air of mystery.

fixture made of woven sticks over the bed, evoking a cozy bird's nest.

Lighting is a great way to bring a biophilic element into a room.

If you like the idea of that stick fixture, check out Serena & Lily's Vero pendant made of wispy woven rattan twigs. All Modern has the Organique chandelier, a freeform "nest" of rubbed bronze. Arteriors Home has the Tilda fixture made of whitewashed

wood sticks, and the Wichita floor lamp crafted of downed teak tree trunks.

Brooklyn's Nea Studio has found a formula for treating green marine algae so it becomes firm yet malleable. Designer Nina Edwards Anker handcrafts the algae into light shades that cast a warm glow. Anker has also created a solar chandelier made from shells and photovoltaic modules; hang the fixture in a window and it becomes

a solar clock, turning on at dusk. Passing breezes make it a wind chime, too.

New technologies are giving us lighting that's more reflective of outdoor light. Ketra offers an LED system that can be tuned so the room lighting moves from warm candlelight to a wintry Arctic sky. Nanoleaf's light panels interlock; affix them to a wall, then operate them remotely to cycle through arrays like "sunrise" and "Northern Lights."

If you're renovating or building, think about adding cutouts beyond the traditional windows and sliding doors — horizontal lighting like skylights, for instance.

Bo Sundius of Bunch Design in Los Angeles says the firm always thinks about how sun and light moving across rooms can be used to connect interiors to the outdoors.

In one converted garage project, long clerestory windows were placed high on the walls of a small

living room. Afternoon light streams through a west-facing skylight, and a stepped ceiling creates more interesting light plays.

"The house sits in the middle of a dense residential neighborhood," says Sundius, "yet it feels airy and open."

This fall, Farrow & Ball debuted Colour by Nature, a collection done in collaboration with London's Natural History Museum.

Rare books, including an early color guide used by Charles Darwin, provided inspiration.

There's an orange-toned white inspired by the breast feathers of an owl; a green evinces the emerald hue of a mallard's neck.

Behr Paint's 2020 color of the year is a soothing green called Back to Nature; complementary colors include Light Drizzle, Secret Meadow, Dragonfly and Bluebird.

Murals can showcase nature dramatically; they work well in family rooms, hallways or bedrooms. For

something unusual, consider Flavor Paper's Saguaro Sessions collection. The studio's founder, Jon Sherman, and photographer Boone Speed were inspired by a trip to Saguaro National Park to make wallpapers that showcase macro photography of gemstones and minerals, with the crystalline structures creating unique patterns in extreme close-up.

Roche Bobois' Bois Paradis collection from Maison Lacroix features wood cabinets and screens, and upholstered seating, printed with a woodland scene. On the casegoods and tables, the pattern is in silhouette, giving them an air of mystery.

Bedding maker Buffy offers the Breeze comforter made of sustainable eucalyptus, and stitched with a wave and wind pattern inspired by the rolling hills of artist Maya Lin's Storm King Wavefield in Orange County, New York.

Buffy's also introduced a collection of naturally dyed sheets, with dye experts Maria Elena Pombo and Kathy Hattori. They've used botanicals like walnut, gardenia, turmeric and pomegranate to gently color the textiles.

Miami-based design house Plant the Future is known for biophilic installations like "living" plant murals on building exteriors. They also clad the walls of a Florida client's dining room in a blanket of soft green moss, and created a 3-D mural out of mushrooms for a client in Spain. They sell preserved moss circles and hearts to hang on the wall, moss letters, and a lush, cursive "I love you."

And to bring the outdoors in via scent, Otherland has soy-based candles with scents of smoke, wood fires, grass and desert sand.



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WHAT TO WEAR NOW

LaQuan Smith blazes a trail by trusting instinct

Designer gained fame by handing out leggings

BY LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

LaQuan Smith is all about the Champagne lifestyle: bubbly, luxurious and, especially when it comes to the women's clothes he creates, sexy.

The designer made his New York Fashion Week debut at 21 with a sleek and sassy collection he dubbed "Water Goddess." Ten years later, his rise seems meteoric in fashion years, from sneaking into industry events and handing out wildly colored and textured leggings he sewed in his Jamaica, Queens, basement to outfitting Beyoncé, Serena Williams, Jennifer Lopez, Kim Kardashian and Rihanna.

At 31, some see the self-trained Smith as a pioneer in pushing the fashion culture forward, but it was far from easy. He told The Associated Press in a recent interview that he owes his success to his singular passion — fashion — and staying true to himself by trusting his gut.

"It's just by doing what I love, just doing things that speak and represent me," said Smith, dressed in a killer red-and-blue plaid jacket, turtleneck, ripped black denim jeans and pristine white kicks. "I always like to start with a level of authenticity."

That authenticity was in play last month when Moet & Chandon named Smith one of its "Nectar of the Culture" ambassadors, along with other trailblazers in music, art and more, in celebration of Moet Nectar Imperial Rose. It's the latest in a long line of collaborations as Smith continues to build his namesake brand, sticking close to home to produce his clothes in Queens.

Some of Smith's lows struck early in life, after his grandmother taught him to sew when he was 13. After putting on a fashion show at his middle school, he was

thrilled to attend the High School of Art and Design, only to say goodbye to bustling New York in the 11th grade when his mother moved the family to Delaware, a place that held no allure. It was then that he was diagnosed with bone cancer, a truly "humbling experience," he said. Smith recovered and continued to pursue his fashion dreams, desperate to return to New York, but he was rejected by both the Fashion Institute of Technology and the Parsons School of Design.

"I was just kind of devastated and at a loss. I didn't really know how to get my head up off the ground," he said.

That's when he was offered an internship at BlackBook, the art and culture magazine, working for then-fashion director Elizabeth Sulcer. She was in demand for industry parties and events, and Smith made use of those contacts, showing up uninvited at times dressed in his own designs. He took to handing out his leggings to whomever would take them. In 2010, the effort paid off when he spotted Lady Gaga in a pair as he flipped through a tabloid while with his mom at a supermarket.

"My mom was, like, 'Yeah that's nice,'" he said. "I don't think she really got it."

The same year, Smith showed for the first time at fashion week and American Vogue's former editor-at-large, Andre Leon Talley, chatted him up. Also, Rihanna wore his gold chain-mail bodysuit in her "Rude Boy" video and later shouted him out on Instagram for his "money green," barely there net dress she styled over a bikini in Brazil.

"I was 21 years old and I had such an incredible amount of support from industry insiders, and then a couple years after that it sort of was like a crash and burn, where reality started to hit me," Smith said. "I had no business infrastructure, I had no money. It was just popularity. ... It took time for me to be able to

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The designer LaQuan Smith was rejected by both the Fashion Institute of Technology and the Parsons School of Design. He says he owes his success to staying true to himself and listening to his gut.

focus on, really hone in on, running a solid business."

It took time and the help of business partner Jacqueline Cooper, who remains by his side.

As a designer who is African American, Smith is a rarity in fashion. Diversity and inclusion in the industry is a persistent problem, he said.

"I always tend to feel, I don't know, maybe pigeonholed sometimes," Smith said. "I like to be introduced as a designer, not an African American designer. It doesn't mean that I'm ashamed of who I am. It's just that, when it comes down to my profession, why is skin color introduced first?"

As a company, he's a man of action, making broad use of Latina, black, Asian and curvy models to walk his runways. His custom business remains robust and he brings the same inclusive zeal to the range of bodies that belong to his private clients.

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A belted plaid dress from LaQuan Smith's fall collection.
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A Western-inspired denim look from LaQuan Smith's spring 2020 collection.
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'70s fashion is enjoying a resurgence



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel
Ellen: In the '70s I wore eyeglasses with enormous frames that covered half my face. Are they back in style? I've inherited some vintage ones that I was considering getting new prescription lenses for, but I'm not sure I love the look.

— Kendra L.

Dear Kendra: It is only a matter of time before a new generation discovers the retro charm of a fashion trend and brings it back after it's been collecting dust in a drawer, on a shelf or in the back of your auntie's closet. That's what's happening right now with the glasses you mention. I've seen them on actress Elle Fanning, in the pages of *Vogue* and in ads for fashion houses Gucci and Celine. Yup, they're back. I actually have a photo of myself shaking hands with President Jimmy Carter and, well, I'm showing off a lot of fashion don'ts in that picture, and the giant glasses I am wearing are among the worst. So, I'm not going to relive those bad choices. But, for those who want to give the '70s eyewear a try, there are plenty of shopping options. An internet search for "70s style glasses" will get you started. *Etsy.com* is a good resource for them, at reasonable prices. But if you really want to save money, thrift stores are loaded with discarded frames from the '70s. I've seen buckets of them near the checkout counters at Goodwill at prices under \$10.



Retro '70s glasses are definitely in right now, and there are plenty of options for those who want to try the look out.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: My daughter and I recently went for a mani-pedi at my local salon. I usually don't have a preference about who does my nails there since all the employees have done a good job. But, the last time I went a new nail tech did my nails and it was a really bad job. So, on this visit, when she was "assigned" to do my manicure, I politely told her about the problems of the last time and asked her to take greater care on these issues. It was all quite friendly and professional — and, I might add, she did a much more careful job this time and I was quite happy with the whole outcome. But afterward, my daughter told me she thought it was rude of me to mention

my dissatisfaction. What do you think?

— Audrey S.

Dear Audrey: You're the mom so of course you're right! (Just kidding.) I AM on your side on this one, though. How is the nail tech going to get better — and how are you going to get satisfactory service — if you're keeping your unhappiness to yourself? Sure, you could switch salons. Lord knows there seems to be nail places in every block and strip mall. You could complain to the salon owner. You could make it a point to book an appointment with anyone except the person who did a lousy job the last time. Or you could do what you did — constructive gentle criticism. Since your ap-

proach had the desired effect, I think you did the right thing.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: Do you think men over a certain age are too old to wear clothing plastered with the logos of their favorite sports team(s) or players?

— Katherine G.

Dear Katherine: If I answered "yes" to your question, I'd be labeled un-American! Male or female, you're never too old to support your team.

Angelic Readers

Sue A. writes: "I have a slight allergy/intolerance to the metal in the hooks and eyes on bra bands. Do other women find their back

itchy in that area? What can I do about it? I can almost reach it with my hand to put lotion there. I thought of putting lotion on the inside of the band in that area even. But with some clothes, one wouldn't want any lotion staining the material. I wonder if I am odd or are other women annoyed like this?"

From Ellen: I am annoyed too! It's astonishing to me that some bra manufacturers pay no attention whatsoever to the little things that make their products a torture. I'm talking about the hooks and eyes that rub, irritate and poke into your back. Or the lumpy stitching with itchy plastic "thread" that grinds into the flesh. Does anybody do

wear testing of these things

before they are foisted on us? For the reasons you point out, lotion is a poor solution. I've tried wedging a folded Kleenex underneath the hooks and eyes to protect my back, but it doesn't stay in place. Readers, tell me your bad bra stories — and your solutions.

Reader Rant 1

Debbie G. says: "What is it with coupons? The expiration dates are getting smaller to the point of needing a magnifying glass. I know, everything in print is getting smaller but this is crazy. And some now even have a dark background, making it even harder to read. And a lot of coupons expire so quickly. Geesh!"

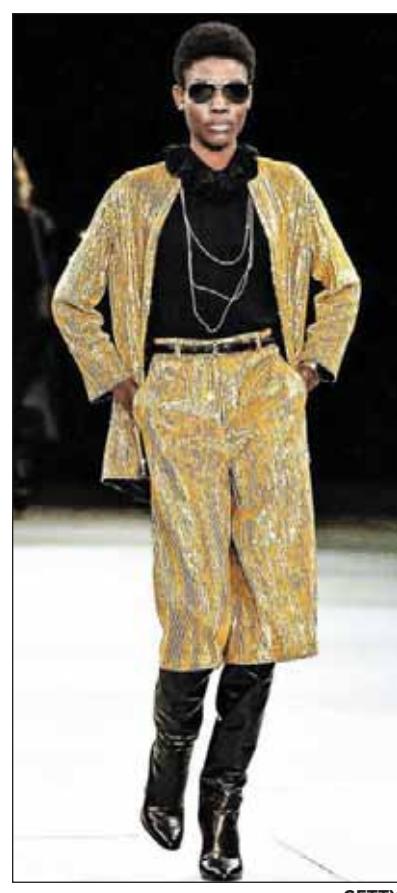
Reader Rant 2

Joan S. complains: "I recently sought out a new lipstick. I had to go through about 10 tubes before finding one that hadn't been used as a 'sample.' Come on, ladies, take a risk, buy it and try it at home. The rest of us don't want previously sampled lipstick."

From Ellen: I'm with you, Joan. Department stores and cosmetic superstores Ulta and Sephora have designated samples and disposable plastic tools to let you try before you buy. And many drugstores will let you try a lipstick (or other cosmetic) at home and return it for a full refund if you don't like it (but ask first about the store policy).

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.



Celine's glittering metallic gold suit for fall. GETTY



The fall runways sparkled with metallics like Altuzarra's pleated gold lamé skirt. GETTY

THE GOODS

YOUR HUNT IS OVER

How to rock fall's metallic trend

BY DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

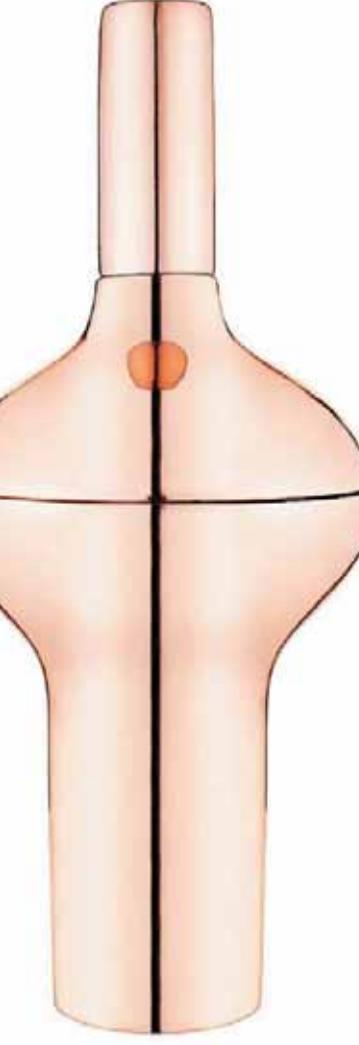
Fall's fashion runways were awash in silver, gold and copper — from Hedi Slimane's shimmering gold suit for Celine to Altuzarra's edgy dresses mixing knit tops with pleated lamé skirts. The metallic trend is also shining in home design. For a statement piece, look to Danish brand HAY for their origamilike folded metal Silt table, or Tom Dixon's sexy, sculptural copper cocktail shaker. Accent pieces like CB2's Nest bread basket or espresso spoons add a chic touch to your table. Your holidays just got a little brighter.



HAY's brass-finished stainless steel Silt table evokes the look of paper origami reimagined in metal. \$595, hay.com



Naturally chic: CB2's matte gold Nest bread basket uses woven twigs as inspiration for its form. \$33.96, cb2.com



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Tom Dixon's Plum Cocktail Shaker in shiny copper turns a barware staple into modern art. \$180, hivemodern.com



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"The Voice" contestant Katie Kadan



Payal Patel, from left, Tony Karman and Anna Schapiro

CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



ExPIERience 2019 gala celebrates Navy Pier

Navy Pier hosted its second fundraising event, ExPIERience 2019, on Oct. 23 with nearly 600 guests in attendance. Held in the Aon Grand Ballroom, the event raised over \$1.3 million to support the nonprofit's free year-round arts and cultural programming.

The evening began with trolleys transporting partygoers to the east end of the ballroom, where special firework displays lit up the lake during the reception. A lively marching band and colorful dancers from Chicago Samba led guests into the ballroom as curtains parted for the big reveal (created by Steve Abrams, event producer/artistic director, and Donna La Pietra, creative director).

Wraparound screens immersed guests via video in various Pier experiences led by artists Russell "Russoul" Pike Jr. and Pingy Ring. Following the video, the performers appeared live on stage singing and dancing with kids from The Happiness Club.

Emcee Bill Kurtis introduced Marilyn Gardner, Navy Pier president/CEO, who gave PepsiCo Beverages North America the People's Pier Award for its 25-year partnership. Bill Brodsky, Navy Pier board chair, later introduced former Mayor Rahm Emanuel as the first individual recipient of the People's Pier Award, thanking him for his involvement in the Pier's transformation and mission.

"Navy Pier has been an incredible jewel, going back to its service as a community college," Emanuel said.

Gardner introduced the final performer, Katie Kadan, a Chicago native who first appeared on the Pier as a singer in the Miller Light Beer Garden. She has gone on to be a fan favorite on "The Voice." She sang songs she wrote from her recent self-titled CD and closed with her rendition of Koko Taylor's classic blues track "Voodoo Woman."

In 2019, the "People's Pier" presented programs in partnership with more than 70 Chicago-based nonprofit arts and cultural institutions, plus 130 performance groups.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

MORE ONLINE: Find more photos and video of this event at www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace

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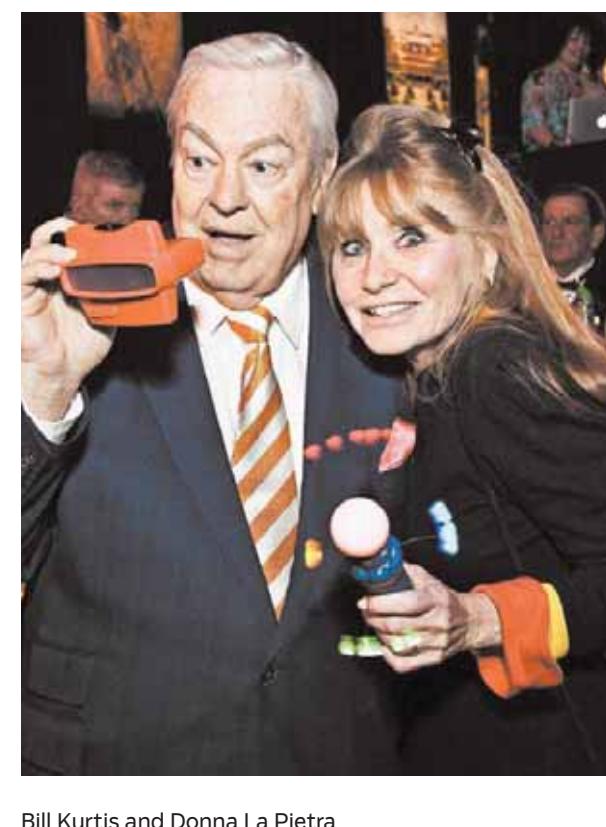
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chairman, and Mark Johnson

Marital status no business of meddling medical staff



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners:

When I take my 6-year-old to the doctor to treat allergies or colds, medical forms ask for my marital status. I've been leaving this part of the form blank ever since getting unsolicited advice on single parenting from a nurse a few months ago.

I provide a second emergency contact when the forms ask for one, and I'd be happy to give my marital status if I could see how it was relevant to my child's treatment.

Today, I was checking in my child for a medical procedure. The nurse asked me for my marital status, and I replied, "Oh, why do you ask?" I hoped she'd either give me a medical reason or move on to the next question, but instead she said, "So I can fill in this form."

Annoyed, I shortly answered: "Skip." She moved on to the next question. Could you please suggest a more polite way to handle this conversation the next time it comes up?

Gentle reader: "I am your child's primary parent. Neither of us is currently married — nor are we looking."

Dear Miss Manners: I am 70-year-old man from Asia, where old people are more respected. So it bothers me when teenagers or very young people whom I have never met before call me by my first name, when I have never given them permission to do so.

I think the protocol is that they address you by your last name, like "Mr."

Johnson" or "Miss Smith," until you tell them that they can call you by your first name, reflecting the relationship that has developed or whatever is your preference.

I have heard from many foreigners that Americans are rude in certain ways. Can you please clarify this issue?

Gentle reader:

Yes, but you will have to turn your thinking upside-down. In America, youth is respected. Strangely, even many old people endorse this feeling, to the extent of feeling insulted if they are treated with respectful formality.

Mind you, Miss Manners believes that this is a terrible system. It means no one has anything to which to look forward. But so it is. Furthermore, there is a widespread belief in instant friendship. Steps to intimacy, including the use of given names, have been all but erased. Therefore, the young who address you are not intending to be rude. They believe that they are being friendly, however unlikely it is that a friendship exists between you.

So their behavior is based on two patent falsehoods: that you are young, and that you are their friend. This is enormously patronizing, and Miss Manners shares your distaste.

Dear Miss Manners: My husband is a groomsman for some longtime friends of ours. They attended our wedding a couple months ago, and we are so excited for their coming union.

Then we found out that I am not invited to the rehearsal dinner — only he is.

Is it appropriate to express my disappointment to the couple?

Gentle reader: Only if you want to make for an

extremely awkward next encounter. The couple will either begrudgingly invite you to the rehearsal dinner or remain steadfast that it is wedding party only. If it is the latter, surely there are other spouses in a similar position. Miss Manners suggests you seek them out to plan your own evening's entertainment. And then resolve to have a lot more fun.

Dear Miss Manners:

There is a six-year difference between my sister and me, but there is no missing the fact that we are sisters. Lately in social settings, we are often asked which one of us is older. This question has been asked by complete strangers and co-workers.

With strangers, I have no hesitation in taking a page from your book and asking, "Why do you want to know?" and then changing the subject. My quandary is in responding to co-workers and their significant others.

Gentle reader: To be clear, if Miss Manners recommended, "Why do you want to know?" as a proper response, it was meant to be asked in a tone of mild curiosity, not shirt-gripping demand.

And she reminds you that strangers are no less entitled to a polite answer than family and friends, no matter how impudent the question. How about answering instead, "We are like twins. Can't you tell?" That should confuse them into silence — and changing the subject themselves.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanner.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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DREAMSTIME

Condos aren't for everyone, but can be a great way to experience homeownership without all of the upkeep.

The condo lifestyle

Is a condominium right for you? What to consider before buying

BY SARAH LI CAIN
Bankrate.com

Buying a condo can be a great way to dive into homeownership without worrying about much of the upkeep that comes with single-family homes and townhouses. Condo dwellers can also typically take advantage of shared amenities, plus having professional management to take care of building maintenance.

However, condos aren't for everyone, so it's best to figure out what your lifestyle and budget needs are first.

Short for condominium, a condo is a single unit within a multiple-unit property. Your individual unit is privately owned, whereas other areas are shared — amenities which may include a park, pool, playground, gym and a dog area.

David Lee, team leader and Realtor of David Lee Group with Keller Williams Realty in Orange County, California, says that shared areas of condos are usually managed by a condo association.

"A condo owner has the title to their individual unit but shares ownership of the common areas," says Lee. "Being a part of an association, condo owners typically pay an established monthly fee to cover their budget and expenses set by the association."

Condo associations can differ based on the requirements of the individual property. Some may impose additional fees to cover shared expenses such as unexpected building repairs or even adding new amenities that are approved by the condo board.

Here's a condo buying checklist to go over as you start your search.

Consider your lifestyle

Hate to mow the lawn and trim the

hedges? What about pressure washing your driveway? Are your finances such that having to lay out \$5,000 or more for a new HVAC unit or roof will be a burden? If you answered yes to these questions, condo living may be for you.

However, if the desire to have a large backyard outweighs the time you'll need to spend maintaining it, then another type of property like a townhouse could be for you. Or if sharing walls with a neighbor (as well as ceilings and floors) might shatter your peace, a condo may not be the answer. Condos tend to work best for those who have no problem with apartment living.

Work with a Realtor with experience in selling condos

If you've decided that condo living is for you, it's time to search for an agent who'll have your best interests at heart. Ideally, you'll want someone who has had a track record of selling condos so that you can trust that this person will help you address any concerns you may have, such as reviewing the condo association documents.

The agent will know the condo developments in your area and what issues, if any, they have including such things as finances, structure or infrastructure problems. They should be able to tell you if there's been acrimony over community issues and they will know which developments have fared best in resale values.

Decide what types of amenities you want

Properties can offer a wide variety of amenities — some you may use, some

not so much. When chatting with your Realtor, make sure to address the types of amenities you want in addition to other factors like location and budget so you can find the perfect place.

Keep in mind too that amenities you don't plan to use — a pool for example — may still be worth having because when you go to resell, a condo that lacks the amenities of others in the area will be at a decided disadvantage.

Make sure to find an FHA-approved condo

Mortgages for condos may not be as simple as for other types of properties. That's because in addition to the usual underwriting criteria such as your assets, credit and income, the condo building itself will come under scrutiny.

The FHA has a list of approved condo projects on their website. Conventional lenders may have similar requirements to that of the FHA, so seek the assistance of an experienced mortgage professional.

Research the property management company

Understand who'll be in charge of doing the upkeep is crucial since you want the property you purchase to be well-maintained. It can be frustrating to pay association dues only to have the amenities fall into poor condition, potentially affecting resale values or pushing dues higher.

When touring properties, ask who is in charge of maintaining the day-to-day operations. You can direct questions such as who handles resident requests and community rules to the property management company itself. Consider doing your own research on the company's reputation.

Review association fees and regulations

Apart from your mortgage, you'll need to pay association fees for the upkeep of the property and its amenities. Review those fees and ask what's included — examples include snow removal, lawn care and cleaning common areas.

In addition, ask about regulations that you'd need to abide as a resident. Are there any noise restrictions? Or rules about booking common areas in advance? Understanding these regulations ahead of time will help you figure out whether you'll want to abide by them.

Ask about special assessments

Special assessments are funds that the condo association requires to tackle a significant project — it's typically voted on by its members (that's you). It may not be common, but this is something you need to be aware of because you could end up paying more in association fees to cover this cost.

When looking at properties, ask about any planned special assessments or how one might work if there isn't one in effect. That way, you can be prepared and not get caught off guard.

A well-run association will avoid special assessments, except in extraordinary cases. After all, it should come as no surprise when streets need to be repaved after decades of use or the 25-year-old clubhouse roof needs to be reshingled. Ask for copies of the association's financial reports and make sure your lawyer or accountant reviews them to avoid getting stuck with a big bill for wear and tear created before you arrived.

ELITE STREET

Bears linebacker lists Vernon Hills home for \$565K

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Chicago Bears outside linebacker Leonard Floyd has listed his four-bedroom, 2,896-square-foot house in Vernon Hills for \$565,000 — just months after he traded up to a larger home a few blocks away.

The Bears drafted Floyd, 27, in 2016. The team recently picked up his fifth-year option, and he is due to earn a base salary of \$13.2 million in 2020.

In Vernon Hills, Floyd paid \$452,500 in February 2018 for the house that he is now trying to sell. Built in 2000, it has 3 1/2 baths, all-new hardwood floors, an all-new wood and wrought iron staircase, a new kitchen with white cabinetry and quartz coun-



tertops, new baths, new light fixtures, a finished basement, a two-story family room with a floor-to-ceiling stacked stone fireplace, a first-floor office

and a first-floor master suite with a vaulted ceiling and double sinks in the master bath.

Floyd listed the house Oct. 15. In April, he paid \$650,000 for a four-bedroom, 3,666-square-foot house about two blocks away. That house is on a more secluded street and also has a full finished basement.

Joanne Marzano of Coldwell

Banker represented Floyd in both transactions. She declined to comment on the deals.

Tommy Edwards sells house: Longtime Chicago radio broadcaster Tommy Edwards and his wife, Mary Lou, in October sold their four-bedroom, colonial-style house in Lake Forest for \$530,000.

Best known as a WLS-AM disc jockey during the 1970s and '80s, including as the "Animal Stories" partner of the late morning kingpin Larry Lujack, Edwards later worked at WRLL-AM and finally at WJMK-FM before retiring from radio in 2014. Edwards has stepped down as the Chicago

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Radio personality Tommy Edwards and his wife, Mary Lou, sold their 1991 four-bedroom Lake Forest home for \$530,000.

Questions to ask about a lease option to buy a home

BY BETH BRAVERMAN

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If you're dreaming of homeownership but don't quite have the down payment or credit profile to make it a reality, a lease-to-buy option is one of several avenues to consider.

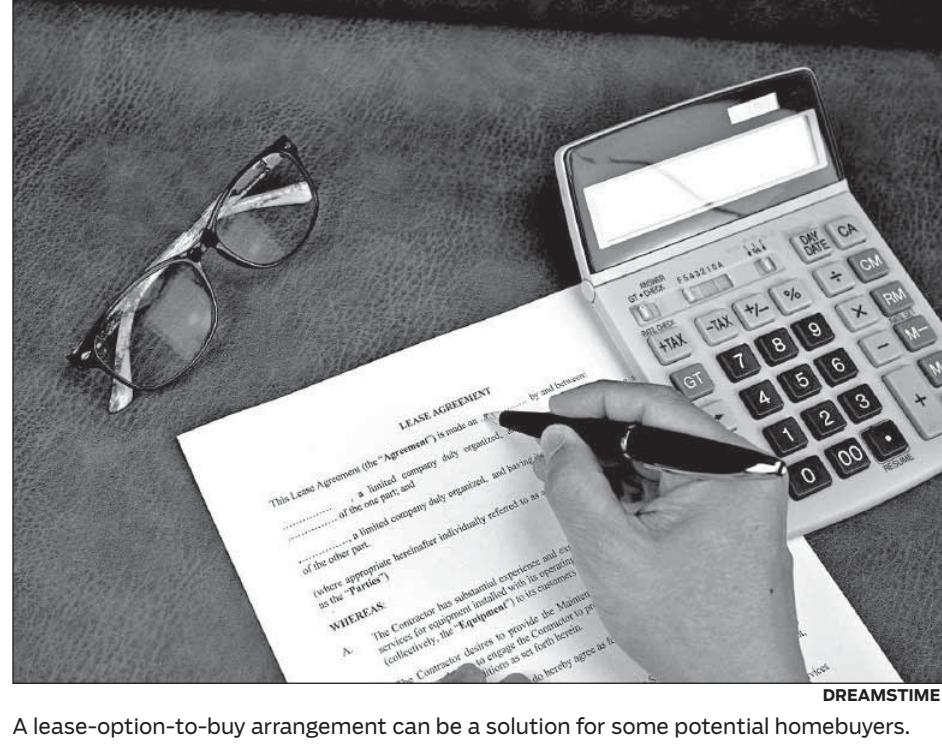
A lease option is a contract in which a landlord and tenant agree that, at the end of a specified period, the renter can buy the property. The tenant pays an up-front option fee and an additional amount each month that goes toward the eventual down payment. If you decide not to purchase the home at the end of the agreement, you'll lose your option fee as well as any money you put toward a down payment, but a seller can't come after you for opting not to follow through with the purchase.

Lease-option contracts go by other names, including: rent-to-own agreements, rent-to-buy option, lease-with-option-to-buy and lease-with-option-to-purchase.

These contracts can be complicated, so make sure you've answered the following questions first:

How is the deal structured? You'll want to understand the terms of the deal, including the length of the agreement and the amount of the option fee, which can be any amount but typically varies from a few hundred dollars to 20% of the value of the home. Typically, you'll pay above-market rent, with a portion of your rent going toward a future down payment on the property. You'll want an experienced real estate attorney to look over the contract before you sign it.

What's my plan to prepare for the purchase?



A lease-option-to-buy arrangement can be a solution for some potential homebuyers.

Talk to a lender before entering into the lease-option-to-buy agreement to make sure that they'll credit the money you've paid to the homeowner on top of your rent payments toward your purchase. This way, you'll know how much money you'll need to cover a down payment and closing costs later on.

"When you do a lease-option, you're betting that you're going to qualify for a mortgage and be able to execute and buy the property," says Timothy McFarlin, a Los Angeles-based real estate attorney. "Make sure that you have a path to do that."

In addition to amassing a down payment, use your time renting to improve your credit in order to qualify for the best possible rate when it's time to buy the home.

How is the housing market in my area? You can either agree on a

purchase price in advance or agree that the price will be contingent on an appraisal at the time of sale. Home values can fluctuate during your lease period, so it's important to know if the price can be adjusted before you buy.

In a market where home prices are going up, it can benefit the buyer to lock in a price in advance. But in a market where prices are falling, you may end up agreeing to pay more than the home will be worth at the time of purchase. In that scenario, you might have a harder time getting approved for a mortgage or assembling a sufficient down payment plus closing costs.

Who's responsible for what? The lease-option contract should spell out who's responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the home, as well as who is going to pay for fees and utilities. You'll need to have renter's

insurance, and the owner is responsible for purchasing landlord's insurance.

Do I need a home inspection? As with any home purchase, it's critical to get a professional inspection to ensure you're making a sound investment. It will cost a few hundred dollars, but it's worth it to ensure a property doesn't have major red flags. If the inspection report uncovers costly problems, you'll want to work out when those repairs will take place and who's going to pay for them.

Have I considered other options? A lease-option-to-buy arrangement can be a solution for some potential homebuyers, but it's not right for everyone. If you're not certain you'll be able to purchase the rental home at the end of the lease period, you might be better served with a standard rental agreement.



DREAMSTIME

Tax liability for property doesn't follow former owner

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Q: I owned a house for six years and then sold it. It appears the new owners never put the home in their names. Three years later I found out that the taxes on the home have not been paid during those years. The taxes are still in my name. If I pay the taxes, to keep them from being a problem on the home I now own, how do I go about regaining ownership of my old home? I have tried for months to get the new owners to pay the taxes but to no avail.

A: We must start with the question of whether the home you sold is in your name or the name of the buyers. We're pretty sure that if you closed through a title company, settlement agent or closing attorney, the home is now in the buyers' names.

At that closing you would have delivered certain documents and one of those documents would have conveyed your interest to the buyers.

It's more likely that the home is now in the buyers' names, but the local office that collects real estate taxes has not updated the taxpayer name in their records. In most jurisdictions, the real estate tax obligation goes with the owner of the property and does not follow that owner after the owner sells the homes.

More often than not, real estate taxes owed are the responsibility of the homeowner. When you buy a home, you must pay the real estate taxes on that home. If you sell the home and have not paid the real estate taxes, the buyer of your home would then become liable to pay those unpaid real estate taxes.

Local real estate tax offices don't want to chase after delinquent homeowners for unpaid real estate taxes. Those taxing

bodies only need to go after the property. When a homeowner fails to pay real estate taxes, the unpaid taxes become a lien on the property. As a lien on the property, the taxing authorities can sell off the rights to collect on the amount owed and the tax buyer can, after a certain amount of time, become the owner of the property. We're simplifying how the process works, but if the homeowner doesn't pay his real estate taxes, then the taxing authority sells those taxes and the tax buyer brings the taxes to current. If the homeowner still doesn't pay the amount owed with interest and penalties after a set time (to reimburse the tax buyer for the amount of the unpaid taxes plus interest), then that tax buyer can get the deed to the home and become the new owner of the home.

Of course, there are times when no tax buyer steps forward to buy the taxes on a home. This is typically because the amount of the taxes owed exceeds the value of the property. In this situation, the local municipality can eventually take over ownership of the property due to unpaid taxes.

Having said all that, you should check with the tax collector's office and find out what the process needs to be to have the tax bill put into the name of your buyers. It may simply be that the buyers forgot to put in a change of name and address form. You might be able to put that form in and then move on.

For any other situation relating to your real estate taxes, you'd probably want to talk to a real estate attorney and see if there are other circumstances that surround your situation that could lead to a different outcome.

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Elite

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Bulls' public address announcer after 25 seasons.

Edwards and his wife are heading to California to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

They first listed their house in April 2015 for \$725,000 and took it off the market in October 2016. They relisted it in March 2018 for \$689,000

and cut their asking price to \$669,000, \$649,000, \$639,000, \$600,000 and \$590,000 before finding a buyer.

Built in 1991, the house has two baths, tall

ceilings, crown moldings, first-floor hardwood floors, tray ceilings, millwork, a family room with a fireplace, a white kitchen with a center

island and granite countertops, and a finished lower level with office space and a cedar closet.

Listing agent Robin Bentley-Gold called the home "a very nice house" but declined to comment further.

The couple paid \$725,000 for the house in 2004.

Media blogger Robert

Feder first reported on the Edwardses' house sale.

WGN reporter sells condo: WGN-Ch. 9 reporter Gaynor Hall Patterson and her husband,

Devin Patterson, recently sold their two-bedroom, 1,035-square-foot condominium unit on the ninth floor of a building in the South Side Prairie District neighborhood for \$360,000.

A native Chicagoan, Hall Patterson started working for Channel 9 in 2008.

Hall Patterson and her husband paid \$311,000 for the condo in 2010.

The condo has one bath, a private balcony, floor-to-ceiling walls, 9-foot ceilings, a master bedroom with a walk-in closet and a kitchen with a breakfast bar, stainless steel appliances and a glass tile backsplash.

The unit had been listed for \$349,900.

Hall Patterson declined to comment on the sale or on where she is moving.

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Student loan debt delaying home ownership by 7 years

With so much student loan debt on their shoulders, it's not surprising that younger Americans are postponing buying their first home. But a couple of recent surveys have quantified exactly how long student loans are delaying homeownership.

According to data from the Federal Reserve, even a \$1,000 student loan debt can lower the homeownership rate by about 1.5 percent. That equates to putting off buying a house by 2.5 months.

But of course most Americans with student loans owe much more than \$1,000. In fact, as of July, the average student loan balance per debtor was \$37,172. That's more than three times the average balance than in 2006, according to the Fed.

Add to the increased debt load that household incomes have remained mostly stagnant for bachelor's degree holders, while rents have mostly increased, and it has been incredibly difficult for many graduates to pay down their debt.

As a result, the average U.S. adult carrying student loans is delaying homeownership by 7.7 years.

Another recent survey, by Clever Real Estate, found that almost a full half (48 percent) of current undergraduates with student debt already expect to put off buying a house because of their loans.

The survey also found that, on average, Americans believe 28 is the ideal age to buy a home. However, the median college graduate with student debt doesn't expect to be able to afford a home until age 35. In contrast, students with no student debt said they plan to buy a home by age 30.

A generational shift is also visible in the Fed data. In 2015, only 37% of millennials were able to become homeowners, which is approximately 8 percentage points lower than the homeownership rate of Generation X adults and baby boomers when they were the same age.



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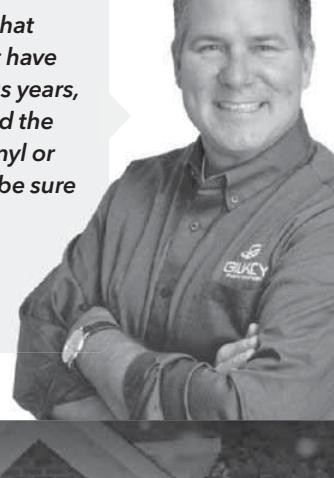
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Calling on Mom and Dad

Want to help your kid buy a house? Here's what to consider.

BY CARLA FRIED

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Buying a home is increasingly a multigenerational family affair. Four in 10 parents recently surveyed said they expect to help their children buy a home. That's more than double the percentage of parents who themselves got help from their parents when they bought their first home.

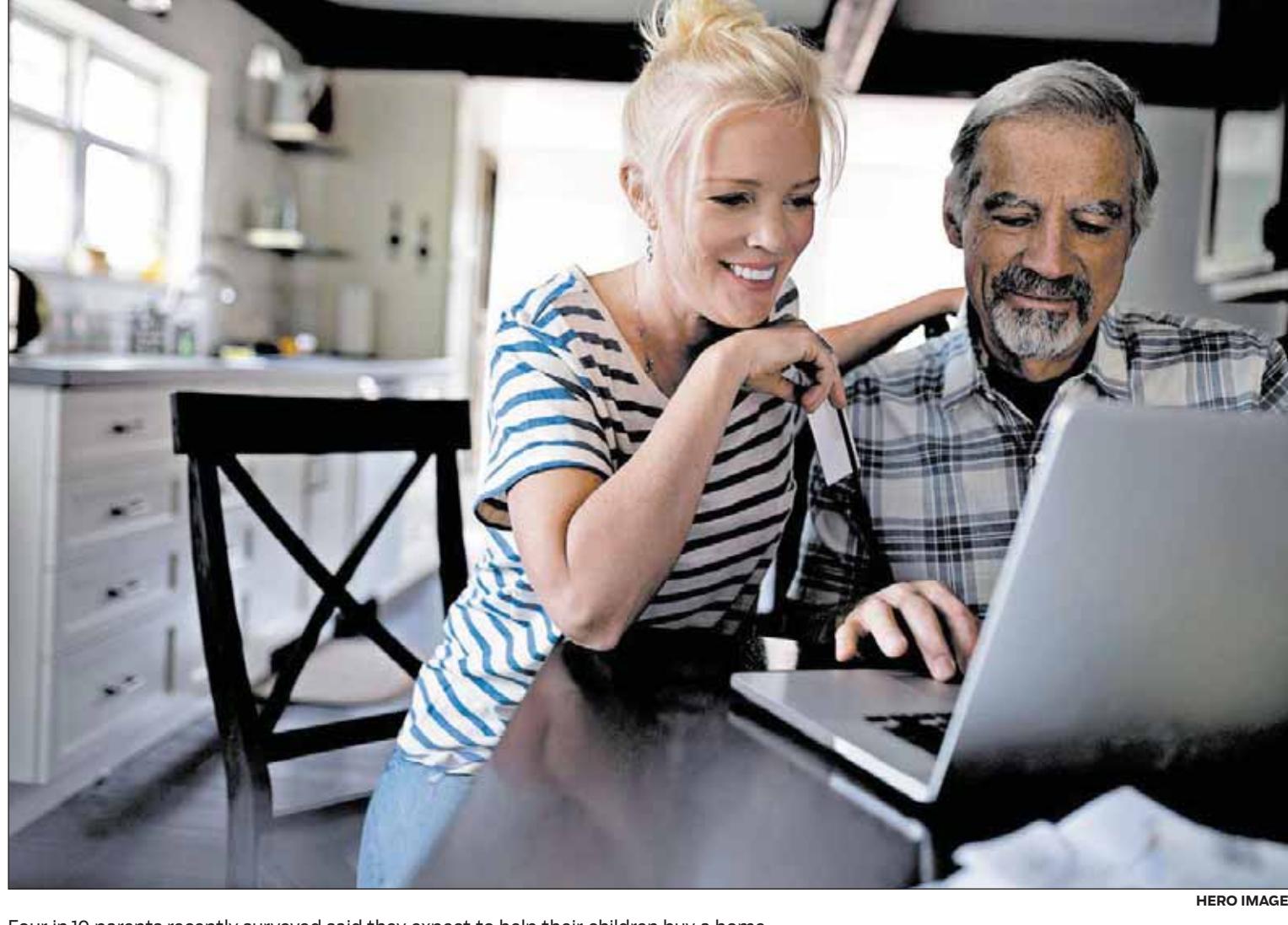
Home prices that have been rising faster than wages, combined with burdensome levels of student debt, are fueling this trend. Moreover, helping with home ownership is a here-and-now assist that can transform a child's financial life, rather than waiting to bequeath money down the line.

Whether you are the Bank of Mom and Dad or the adult child eager to buy, a successful intrafamily deal requires careful consideration of the various options:

Can you afford it? OK, parents, it is hereby stipulated that you, of course, want to help. Now the hard question: Can you cope with the long-term ramifications?

A \$10,000 gift you make at age 65 would be worth more than \$26,000 at age 85 if it kept growing at a 5% annualized rate. A \$50,000 housing stake today would be worth more than \$130,000 at age 85. If you have any inkling you could use that extra cushion in retirement, you probably shouldn't be gifting money today. You could consider making it a loan — more on this below — but also keep in mind that if you intend to pull the money out of a traditional 401(k) or IRA, you not only will owe taxes, but a large withdrawal could bump you into a higher tax bracket for the year.

Got a boomeranger at home? Help them save for a down payment. According to the Pew Research Center, about 15% of today's millennials are living at home, nearly double the rate when their parents were in their 20s and 30s. Making it a financial free ride does nothing to help your child build adulting muscles. If they're focused on paying off student loans, great. But if they have ample cash flow and want to eventually buy a home, now's the time they should start to save. You should insist that they set up a



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separate savings account and have automatic monthly deposits zapped into it from their checking account. A \$500 monthly contribution is a down payment fund of more than \$6,000 in just one year. That can be more than enough to qualify for a low down payment mortgage in many regions of the United States.

Gift vs. loan. Gifts are the easiest and cleanest way to help finance a home purchase. In 2019 anyone can give another individual \$15,000 without any tax implications. That means Mom can give \$15,000 and Dad can give \$15,000 to a child, and another combined \$30,000 to a child's spouse or significant other. (You can give more, but you will need to file a federal gift tax return. You won't likely owe a penny in tax as the first \$11.4 million — in 2019 — is

part of each individual's lifetime estate tax exclusion. But you need to file the paperwork.) Grandparents, aunts, uncles and generous friends are free to join in the gifting.

If your child will be applying for a mortgage, you will need to submit a letter verifying that the money you contribute is a gift, not a loan. If the money you contribute will be a loan, a lender is going to factor it into the calculation of your child's debt-to-income ratio. That's not necessarily a deal-breaker, but something to be aware of. And you definitely want a quick huddle with your tax pro to make sure you pass muster with IRS lending rules. You will need to charge your kid interest. The IRS publishes minimum rates each month. The long-term rate for loans made in May 2019 was 2.74%.

Co-sign carefully. If your finances and credit score are in great shape, stepping in as a co-borrower on the loan will likely get your child a better mortgage deal. Before you take this step, you might want to check with a financial adviser who can walk you through the math and the consequences.

Even if you expect your kid to make all the payments, in the eyes of the lender you are 100% on the hook as well. If something were to happen to your kid — a layoff, an illness — would you be able to easily step in and cover the mortgage, property tax and insurance? If you just hit pause when reading that, consider it a valuable warning.

If you do decide to co-sign a mortgage, and your child is single, make sure your kid immediately takes out a term life insur-

ance policy. In the event your child dies prematurely, the proceeds from the death benefit can help cover mortgage payments and other housing costs until you are ready to sell.

Make a joint move. Depending on family dynamics, you might want to consider moving with your kid into a home that can work for all of you. Financially, it can help ease everyone's burden. Sure, it will take some major adjusting for all parties, but before you knock down the idea, consider the upsides. Shared housing costs. Built-in grandparents for grandchildren — potentially helping with some child care — and no worries for how the adult children will be able to step in if needed to help care for an aging parent.



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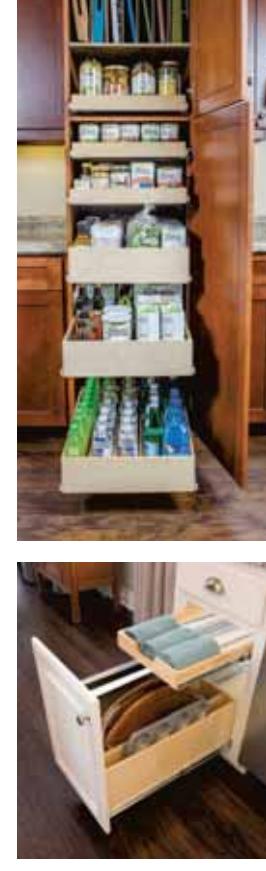
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Between our slow-growth economy, historically low interest rates and the mood of millennials to rent instead of own, income property has been on an upswing since the Great Recession.

Should you take the plunge on a rental property? Experts offer a qualified yes, provided you do your homework first. Here are things to consider before diving into income property.

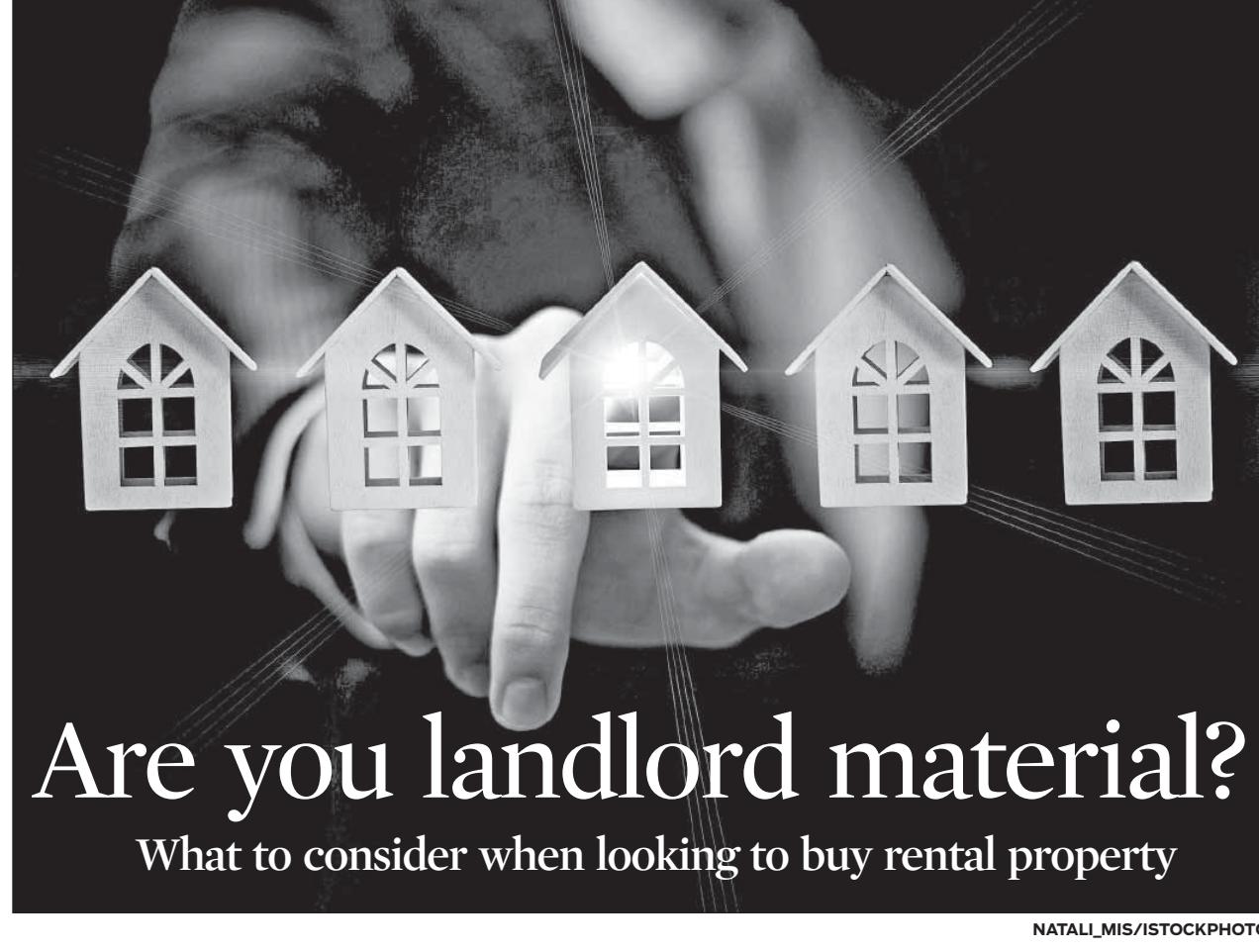
It's not as easy as it looks. To make the most of income property requires an accountant's eye for detail, a lawyer's grasp of landlord-tenant laws, a fortuneteller's foresight and, should you choose to manage your rental property yourself, a landlord's firm but friendly disposition.

"Where people who want to become landlords fall short is, they don't realize how much work goes into it," says Diana George, founder of Vault Realty Group, now part of Century 21.

So before you leap in, you'll want to consider whether you have the time and skill to put into managing a rental. While rental property is considered a passive investment, that doesn't mean you're fully passive in managing it.

Success requires a long-term outlook. Jeremy Kisner, a senior wealth adviser at Surevest Wealth Management in Phoenix, owns two Las Vegas rentals. The unit he's held for 13 years has had two tenants and low maintenance, while the other has had three tenants in four years — the last one a costly eviction.

He's taking the same



Are you landlord material?

What to consider when looking to buy rental property

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advice he gives his clients.

"The way that people get in trouble with almost all investments is, they just don't hold onto things long enough," he says. "With rentals, if you break even on a cash-flow basis, that's actually not too bad because you're paying down the principal and building equity that way. Then, you hopefully also see some appreciation."

So if you're looking to make money in real estate, you'll want to think long term. As you pay down or eliminate principal over the years, you should be able to grow your cash flow.

It's easy (and costly) to break the law. State landlord-tenant laws can act like an open manhole cover for rental owners who ignore them, according to Kathy Hertzog, owner of Erie, Pennsylvania-based Landlord Association.

Case in point is tenant security deposits. It's not as simple as collecting and holding the money.

"There is definitely

bookkeeping involved. You need to have that account for each tenant and keep that money in that account and save it," Hertzog says. "Security deposit laws govern how much time you have to return a security deposit when tenancy ends, less any expenses for cleaning and repair, all of which have to be itemized.

"In some states, if you don't turn that in, the tenant can go after the landlord for double their security deposit for failing to return it within the specified time period," she says.

Of course, this is only one aspect of the laws surrounding rental property, and there are many others that landlords must know in order to avoid running afoul of them. You'll want to be familiar with rules about eviction, fair housing and other regulatory requirements.

DIY or use a management service? If you purchase a rental property, should you be your own landlord or fork over 6% to

10% of your rental income to a management service? While there's no right answer for everyone, George and Kisner prefer to subcontract the work.

"They do the background check on your tenant, make sure they sign the lease and pay their rent on time," George says.

"That frees you up to manage your money, not your property and tenants."

Hertzog says there's a potentially steep downside to being your own landlord.

"If you get too close to your tenants and the tenants have financial problems, you can find yourself stuck because you don't want to evict them," she says. "You have to be very professional about it, because if somebody doesn't pay their rent, they're stealing from you."

On top of this issue, are you comfortable making the executive decisions that must be made in managing a property? Will you repair or end up replacing that failing air conditioner or leaky dishwasher? You'll

need to make the call as to what is the best course of action.

Budget for the unexpected. Failure to plan for the myriad expenses of owning a rental can become a fast track to disaster.

"As a landlord, you want to save about 20% to 30% of your rental income for upkeep, maintenance and emergencies," says Hertzog of the Landlord Association.

"You want to make sure you're not just living off that," she says, "because then when something big happens, you won't have any money to fix it, and now you're stuck because you're a landlord with a property that needs to be repaired quickly, and you don't have that money."

Remember to renew your leases. If mom-and-pop landlords have one glaring blind spot, it's the failure to renew tenant leases in a timely manner, according to George.

"You'd be surprised how many landlords don't renew their leases every year, so they're letting their tenants go on month-to-month leases," she says. "What's wrong with that? What's wrong is, their whole thinking is that now, if I want to get my tenant out, I can't because now they're not strapped to a lease."

"Also, they can't raise rent," says George. "The only way you can change rent is if you have them sign a form changing the lease every year. That's how you keep your tenants in check."

Depending on the state, landlords can give notice of eviction for a specified period.

In California, where George is based, the state allows landlords to give 60 days' notice for tenants who have lived in the property for more than a year (or 30 days for less than a year), though the situation may be different in rent-controlled cities. The landlord also might offer a new lease contract at the same time.

Want long-term tenants? Consider Section 8.

Section 8. aka the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Housing Choice Voucher Program, typically caps the rent for low-income Americans who qualify at 30% of their adjusted monthly income.

While some landlords are skeptical of the paperwork and potential upkeep problems presented by some Section 8 renters, Hertzog views Section 8 tenants favorably.

"Older populations and persons with disabilities are usually excellent tenants. They take excellent care of the property because this is their home. This is where they want to be. Plus, if they don't pay their rent or ruin your home, they risk losing their Section 8 voucher," she says.

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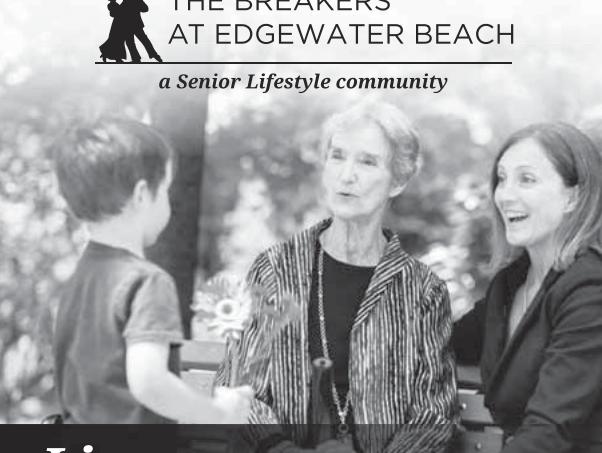
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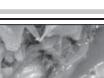
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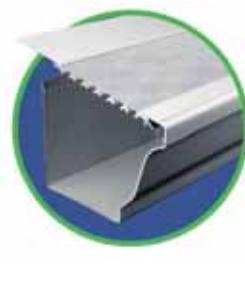
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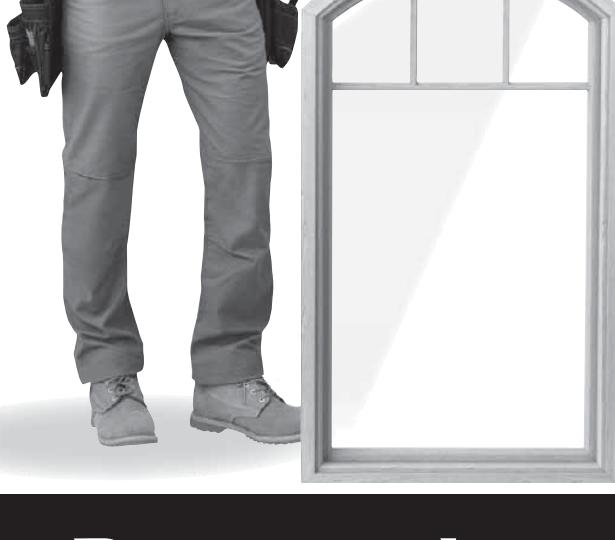
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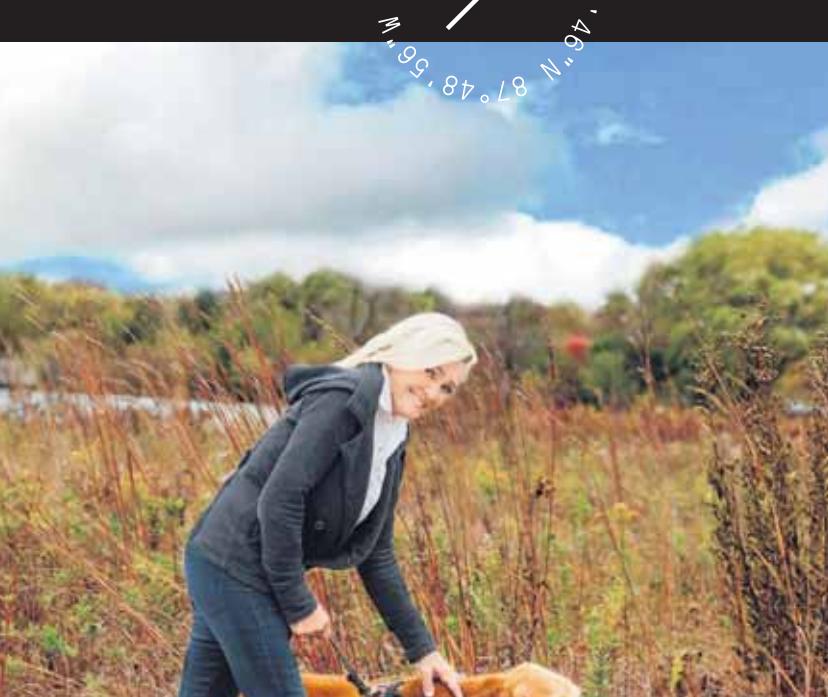
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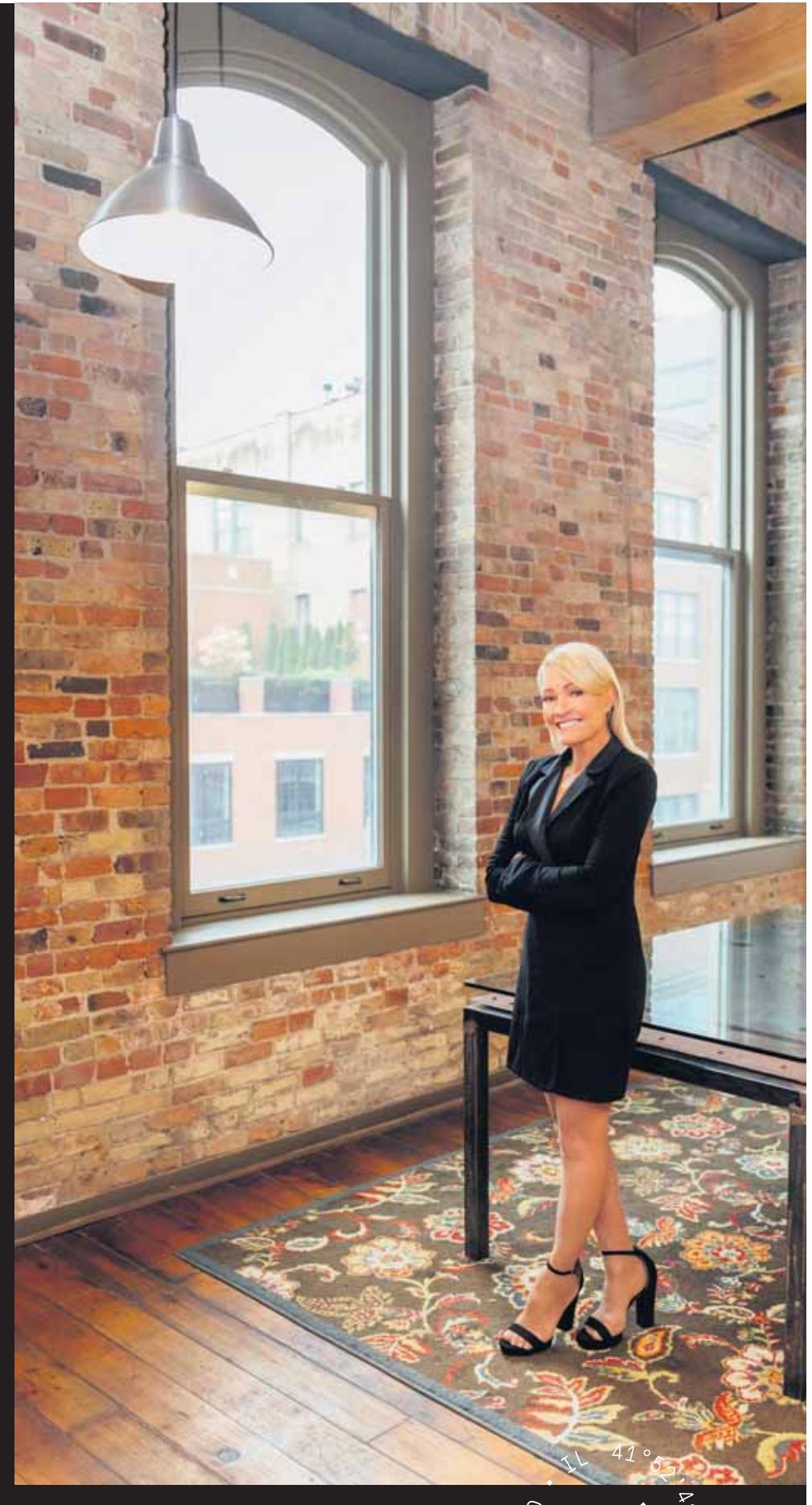
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The Rivian SUV on display at a media event this year. Deliveries are expected to begin around Christmas 2020.

The Tesla of pickups?

Rivian's all-electric truck ready for its close-up

BY CASEY WILLIAMS

Tribune News Service

It goes 0-60 mph in three seconds, can travel 400 miles between "fill-ups" and can tow 11,000 lbs. It can also ford three feet of water. It's the R1T pickup by electric vehicle startup Rivian and it will begin rolling out of its Illinois factory next year.

"It's cool-looking, futuristic — styling is very strong," said Jessica Caldwell, executive director of industry analysis at Edmunds. "It didn't feel cheap — nice vehicle. It should be fun to drive, a cool car, cool design, but not necessarily a price people can afford."

First deliveries from the automaker's Normal, Illinois, assembly facility, the former 2.6-million-square-foot Chrysler-Mitsubishi Diamond Star Motors plant, are promised by Christmas 2020. Expect the R1T pickup first, followed by the similar R1S SUV. Initial models will pack the most capacious 180 kWh lithium-ion battery pack — enough to generate 750 horsepower and achieve the claimed 400 miles range (135 kWh and 105 kWh versions arrive later).

Performance is impressive, but it's quite stylish too with cathedral LED headlamps, smooth flanks and deft body creasing. Interiors indulge in glassy flatscreens, rich leather and

wood trim. An entire grilling station can deploy from a storage tunnel between the bed and cab. It's all pretty great.

But Rivian faces the same challenges that other electric vehicles do.

"EVs haven't taken off in the U.S.," Caldwell said. "Trucks and SUVs are more popular, but Rivian has the same challenges as other automakers. This is all they do. It's not like Ford with the F-150 where they can make an electric version of it. Their biggest challenges are EV adoption rate, building infrastructure throughout the country and inherent cost of EVs."

The numbers are telling.

According to automakers' data and EEL.org, the best-selling EV through September was the Tesla Model 3 with 114,002 units sold, followed by the Tesla Model X (14,672), Tesla Model S (13,808) and Chevy Bolt (13,111). Ford sold 662,574 F-150s during the same period. EVs are about 2% of the U.S. auto market, but sales increased 81% between 2017 and 2018.

There are about 22,000 recharging stations in the U.S. and Canada, mostly in urban areas, and California has, by far, the most in the U.S. Running out of electricity tops fears of would-be buyers. Still, the EV truck segment will become crowded. Tesla plans a pickup after its Model Y

introduction while other automakers are laying plans.

General Motors CEO Mary Barra announced this year that her company is developing an all-new battery electric pickup, likely to be built at the Detroit-Hamtramck assembly plant in 2021 as part of an \$8 billion investment in 20 new EVs by 2023. Ford announced it will spend \$11.5 billion on electrified vehicles, including a Mustang-inspired crossover and all-electric F-150 pickup, by 2022.

Less established rivals include Bollinger and Attila, the latter developing trucks that it claims will travel 500 miles per charge and offered for step van conversions. Expect commercial versions with dually rear wheels and the ability to pull 35,000 pounds. Prices will start at around \$45,000 next year.

In contrast, Bollinger's slab-sided beast delivers off-road capability over luxury with 5,000 pounds payload capacity, 200 miles range and 614 horsepower. The trucks debut in 2021 for \$125,000.

Even with competition, Rivian has advantages.

"Building Rivian from a clean sheet meant there was no legacy, no silos, no handcuffs or anchors from the past — I had the beauty of being able to think about the product and company without compromise," said Rivian founder and CEO R.J. Scaringe.

The vehicles' abilities rise from their innovative



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Fully spec a Ford F-150 Platinum, GMC Sierra Denali, or Ram Limited and you're in Rivian territory. Not paying for gas also is a huge plus. And Rivian is more like an all-capable Tesla than other trucks.

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skateboard chassis that houses a flat battery pack and drivetrain in a contained module to which bodies of varying types can be attached. That allows Rivian to build the R1T pickup, R1S SUV, and delivery vans with the same foundation. It's a smart way to minimize development costs and maximize manufacturing efficiencies.

Ford Motor Company, Cox Automotive and Amazon apparently agree, investing over a combined \$1.5 billion in Rivian. Cox, which owns Autotrader and Kelly Blue Book, announced in September that it would invest \$350 million in the automaker. Amazon stepped up with \$700 million during February of this year while Ford acquired a \$500 million stake in Rivian last April.

The latter two go further than boutique investment strategies. Amazon recently placed an order for 100,000 electric delivery vans. As reported by Automotive

News, the vans will utilize a redesigned suspension, different interior and Amazon-specific application software. Vans will be in service during 2021 with 10,000 more to follow annually until contract fulfillment.

Ford has more strategic interests in Rivian: The automakers will jointly develop an all-new battery electric vehicle for Ford's EV portfolio. While Ford gets EV technology, Rivian will benefit from Ford's century-plus experience in engineering and manufacturing automobiles. Caldwell says it makes sense for Rivian to have a collaboration with the largest truck maker in the world and allows Ford to keep eyes on an upcoming competitor.

This won't matter if conservative truck buyers don't embrace batteries over grunting high-output gasoline engines.

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"Only 20% of the people who buy a new car know how to use all its features," said Roger Doster, AARP's

Michigan chief trainer for driver safety. Doster teaches classes in southeast Michigan. Most are at libraries, community centers and senior centers.

"The classes help people understand which safety features might suit them, and how to use them. Nearly 100% of people say they learned something."

The free classes last about 90 minutes. They're open to anybody, not just AARP members or retired people. You can find a class in your area on AARP's

website by searching for "Smart DriverTEK." You also can take online classes, if there's not a class that's convenient for you.

"We use videos to explain the technology, how to use it and its limitations," Doster said.

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The 2020 Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Widebody's enlarged fenders allow a wider track.

A sedan with major swagger

BY HENRY PAYNE

The Detroit News

Rounding Sonoma Raceway's high-speed downhill Turn 6, the 2020 Dodge Charger Hellcat Widebody compresses underneath me on stiffened performance springs and shocks. The 4,500-pound beast's big rear-end twitches as I slowly feed 707 horses through 11-inch-wide Michelin tires.

I open the throttle wide onto the back straight, and the Hellcat explodes like a Saturn rocket pointed at the moon.

I love Dodge family sedans.

Since its debut at the 2015 Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit, the Charger Hellcat has redefined the full-size car segment. The first four-door to produce over 700 horsepower, the Charger became an instant icon alongside its two-door muscle-car brother Challenger.

More importantly, it did its job as a brand halo, injecting the bloodline with performance steroids that have benefited all Chargers. Not to mention their sales.

While the rest of the big sedan class — Chevy Impala, Ford Taurus, Toyota Avalon — has been buried under an SUV wave, Charger has survived with Captain Hellcat at the helm.

For 2020 it's introducing a Charger Widebody variant for top Hellcat and Scat Pack trims. Widebody as in bodybuilding. Similar muscles are available on its brother Challenger.

Looking like pecs rippling from Charger's torso,

2020 DODGE CHARGER SRT HELLCAT WIDEBODY AND SCAT PACK WIDEBODY

Price as tested (Hellcat):

\$80,555

Base price: \$71,140

Price as tested (Scat Pack):

\$61,445

Base price: \$47,490

Vehicle type: Front-engine, rear-wheel drive, five-passenger sedan

Power: 707 horsepower, 650 pound-feet of torque (6.2-liter); 485 horsepower, 475 pound-feet of torque (5.7-liter)

Fuel economy: EPA mpg, 13 city/22 highway/16 combined (Hellcat, est.); EPA mpg, 15 city/24 highway/18 combined (Scat Pack, est.)

the Widebody's enlarged fenders allow a wider track for the performance sedan.

Wider track as in 1.5 more inches of rubber, a significant improvement on a big sedan like this, and a clever way to make the Charger's chassis more nimble in its twilight years.

More than just flesh and rubber are upgraded for 2020. To deal with the added tire grip, chief engineer Jim Wilder and his team of bodybuilders have imbued both the Hellcat and Scat Pack with significant upgrades for shocks,

springs and sway-bars. All this muscle doesn't come cheap, and Widebody versions will add \$5,000 to the bottom line.

That means a standard Charger Hellcat commands a price just under \$70,000, with my fully loaded Sonoma warrior (brooding, black-painted hood and all) clocking in at a nose-bleed \$80,555. That tops a price spread not unlike the luxury cars whose specs Charger competes with.

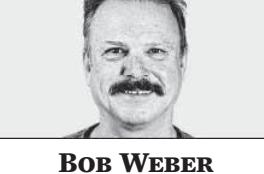
Front-wheel drive competitors like the Avalon and Impala offer room without sex appeal. Rear-wheel drive coupes like the Camaro and Mustang offer sex appeal without the legroom (even the roomy Challenger requires huddling the front seat to get in back). The Charger sedan stretches Challenger's wheelbase by 4 inches and puts it all to work in the back seat.

You can enjoy this roominess with the best interior in American muscle, period. A simple, sculpted dash cups a standard 8.4-inch screen and intuitive UConnect infotainment system. Apple CarPlay is standard for getting you where you want to go.

Someday Dodge will build Charger on a new, lighter platform. But for now, Detroit's favorite son has managed to maintain Dodge swagger while dusting it with personality that few others can match.

Henry Payne is auto critic for The Detroit News. Find him at hpayne@detroitnews.com or Twitter @HenryEPayne.

Making bridge crossings more efficient in rush hour



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: Here in Pennsylvania, there are many old, usually small one-lane bridges still in use. Most times there will be a sign posted on both sides saying, "Yield to Oncoming Traffic." In my area when there is heavy traffic at rush hour, cars will back up on both sides as each side takes turns going one at a time.

I think it would be much more efficient if, when traffic starts to back up, all the cars on one side would go and then all the cars on the other side would go. It would eliminate these long backups and waste of gas. This is akin to a construction zone where traffic is reduced to one lane and they either put up a traffic light at each end (for long-term construction) or have a person at each side directing traffic for short term events.

—D.P., Macungie, Pennsylvania

A: Undercoating is supposed to last the life of the car. Be sure to have the undercarriage washed regularly at your favorite tunnel car wash. Even undercoating can trap the brine that, upon drying, can attract future moisture.

—G.B., La Grange, Illinois

A: The short answer is no, they do not pay the invoice price that they may show you. But you may be confused by the manufacturer's suggested retail price with the dealer's invoice price.

The car dealer would like to get the MSRP and sometimes, with really



A Pennsylvania reader has a suggestion for making it easier to deal with traffic on small bridges in rush hour.

hot models, they do.

I won't go into things that affect the price the dealer pays because some of it has to do with the holdback they get from the manufacturer as well as the volume of cars they sell and so on. It gets complicated.

Q: I have run-flat tires on my 2013 BMW. I do not like the hard ride these tires give. I would like to change to regular tires and carry a compressor and a can of fix a flat in my trunk. Could I change to the same size on front and back?

—J.D., Orland Park, Illinois

A: You may certainly replace your expensive run-flat tires with traditional tires. And most new cars come with a compressor and tire sealer instead of a spare tire. It saves space and reduces weight. Because your front tires are a different size than the rears, I would advise against buying all four of the same size tires. Stick with the original sizes.

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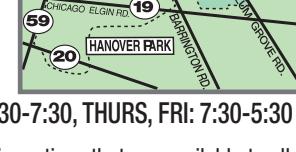
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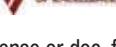


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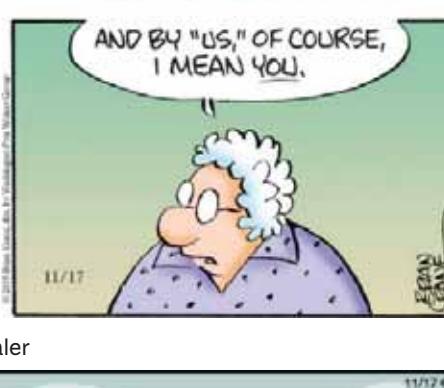
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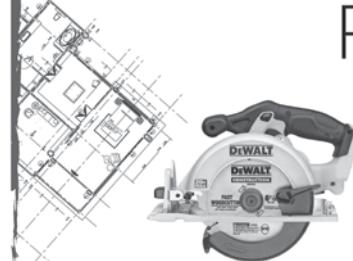
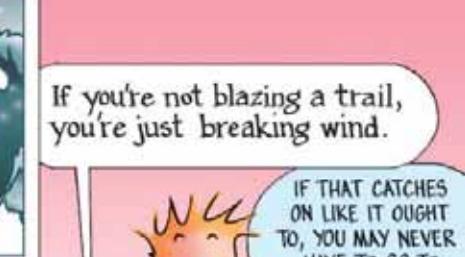
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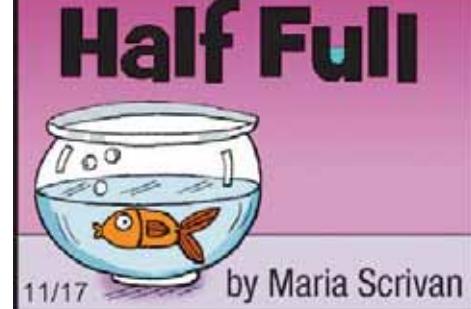
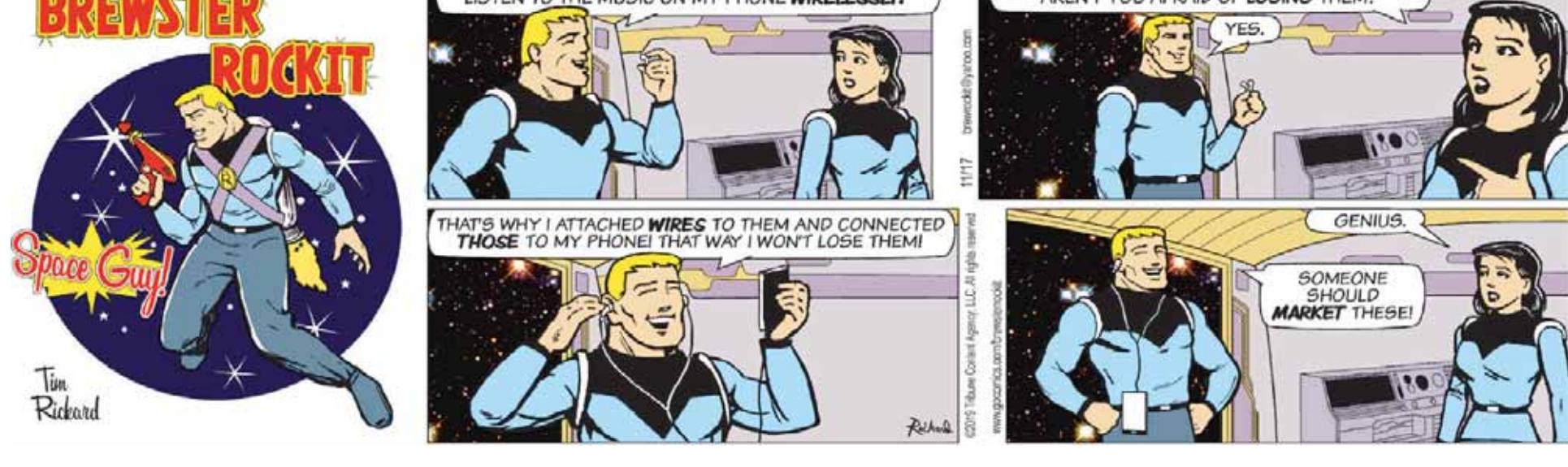
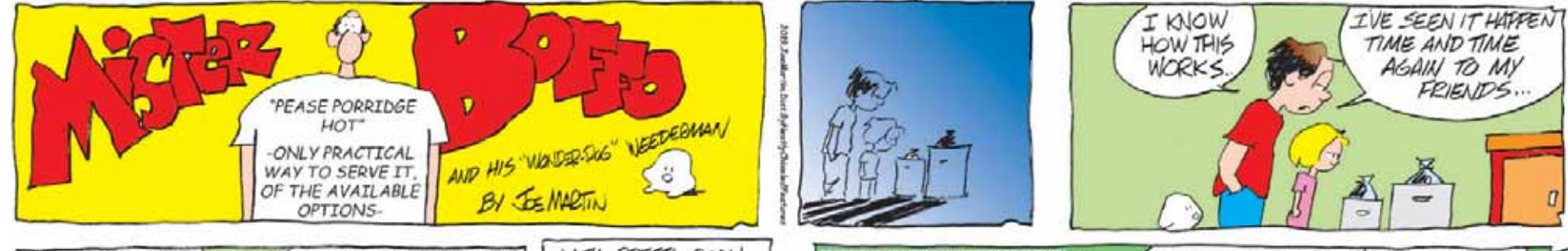
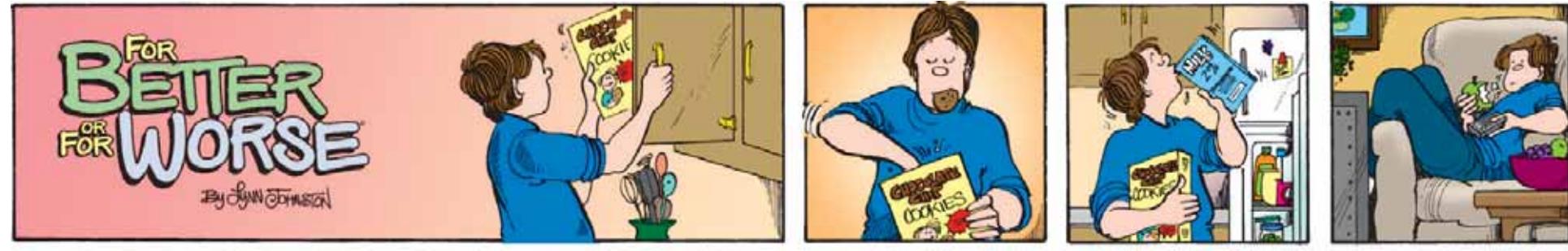
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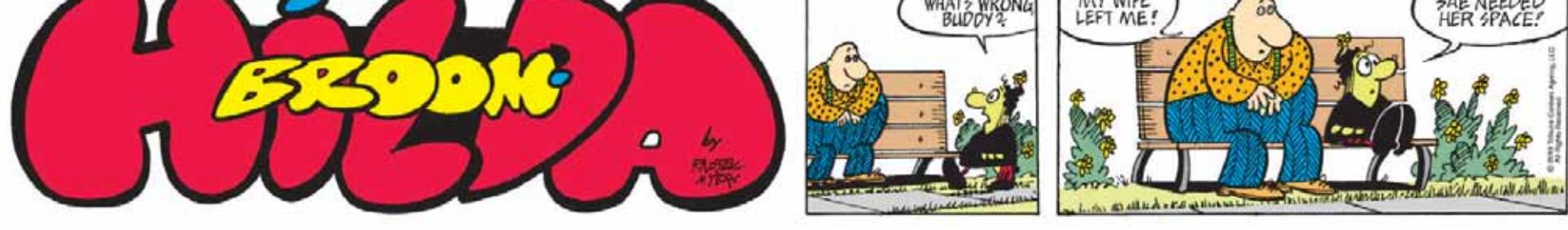
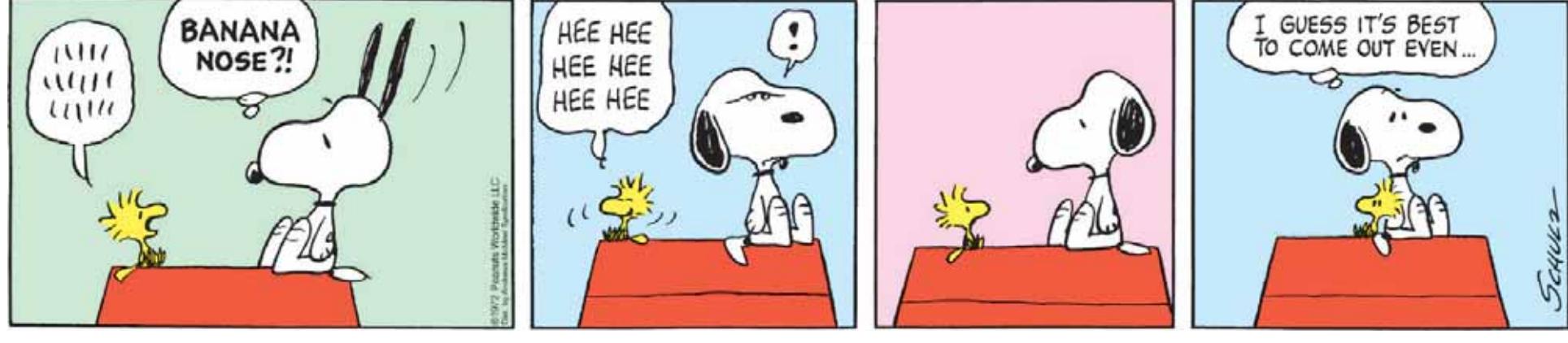
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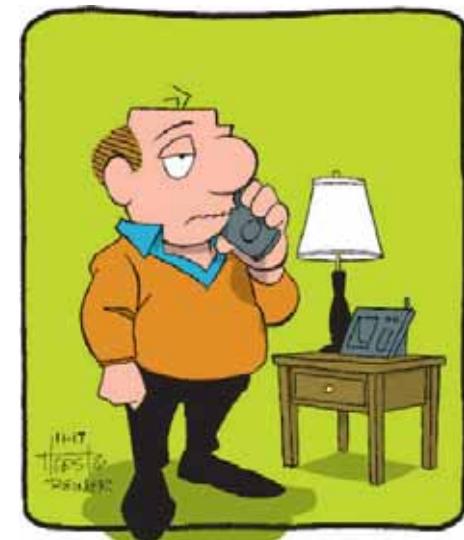
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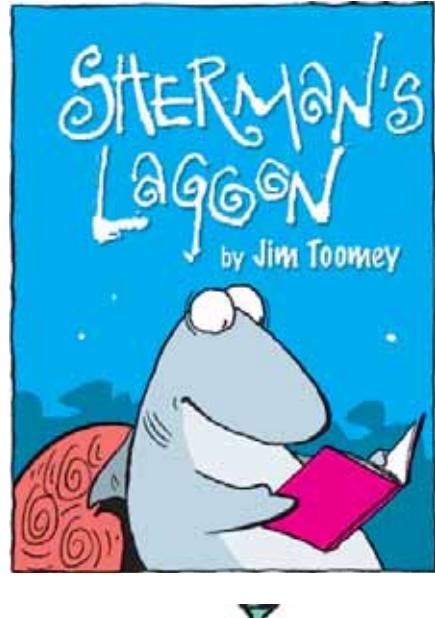


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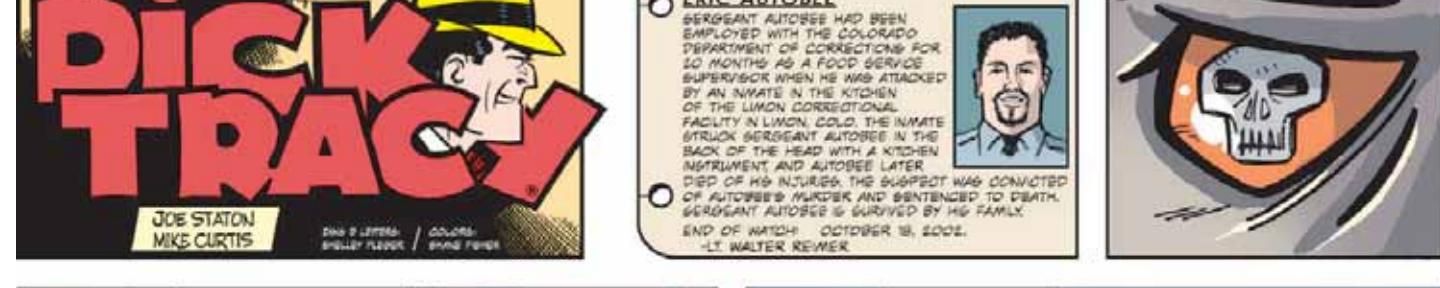
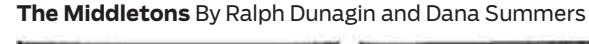
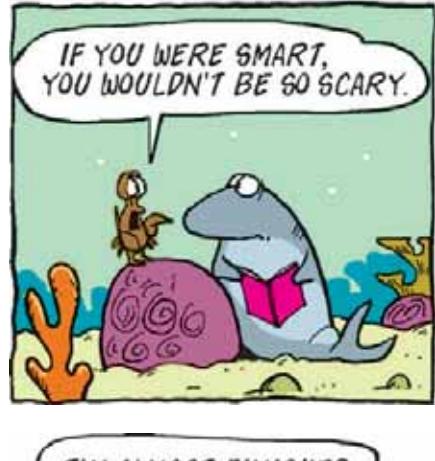
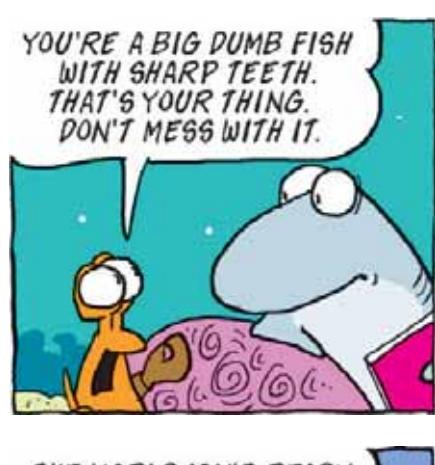
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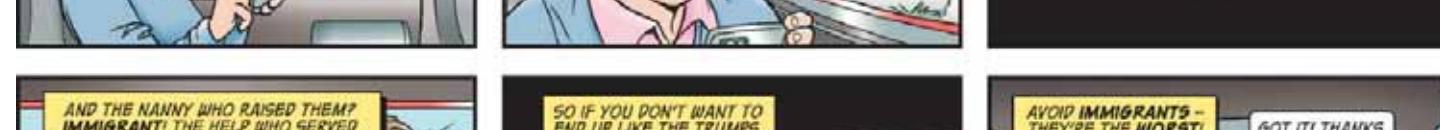
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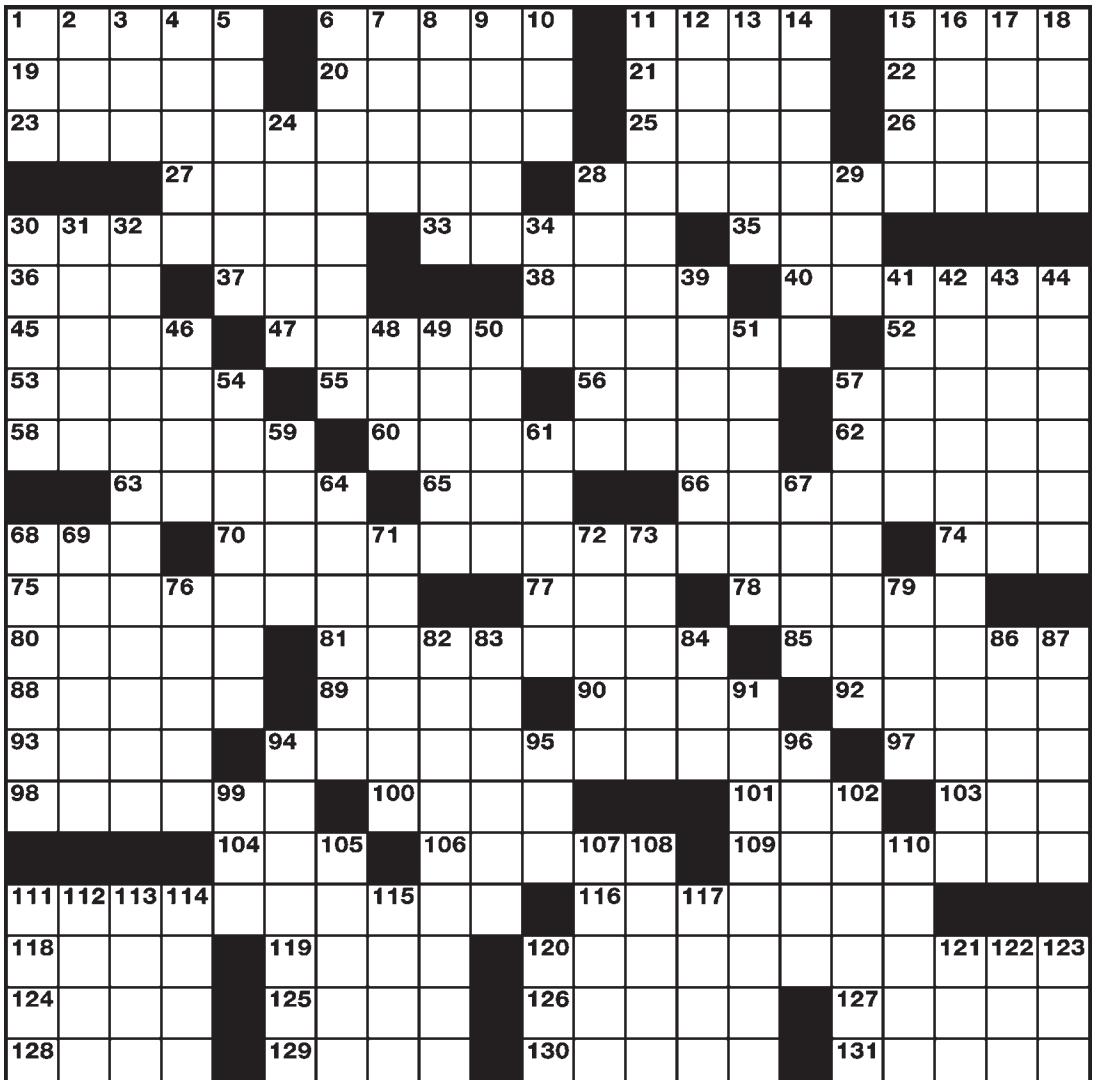
RATING MOVIES: A double-feature theme

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- Across**
- "... and — a good night!"
 - Shoe stat
 - Thick carpeting
 - Tumbler of rhyme
 - Needle or nettle
 - Dizzying drawings
 - Zorro's zilch
 - Something to think up
 - Pilot portrayer in *Airplane!*
 - Norwegian royal name
 - Imperfection
 - Meredith who composed *The Music Man*
 - Kevin Costner and Don Johnson, in *Tin Cup*
 - Mayflower* anchorage before Plymouth
 - Cornfield stem
 - Hot saison
 - Ending for Cray-
 - Part of SPCA: Abbr.
 - Must-have thing
 - Stove-top staple
 - ABA member
 - 007 foe in *Goldfinger*
 - Henry VIII's sixth
 - Mouse-like mammal
 - Type of thin bread
 - Video game giant
 - Without a doubt
 - Labor over
 - Fused, as on a circuit board
 - Portrayals
 - "O" in the OWN Network
 - Rightmost sundial numeral
 - Targeting

- 84 Down operative
- 70 *Rear Window* star, after retirement
- 74 Shoo— (easy winners)
- 75 *Animal House* chant
- 77 Training for EMTs
- 78 Gymnast Comaneci
- 80 Apathetic
- 81 Eisenhower National — Site
- 85 Everyday
- 88 Guy writing commercials
- 89 Turn over ground
- 90 Nastase of tennis
- 92 Retro "Cool!"
- 93 Knotted together
- 94 Composer for *Fantastic Four*
- 97 Ending for pun or prank
- 98 Bun seed source
- 100 Grimm story
- 101 Cornfield sound
- 103 Roof coat
- 104 Ask with earnestness
- 106 Laundry cycle
- 109 "Mental" asset
- 111 Wallace Beery, in *Billy the Kid*
- 116 Madrid art museum
- 118 Become bushed
- 119 Voice of Apples
- 120 Tom Hanks, in *The Green Mile*
- 124 Common quote notation
- 125 Sunni leader
- 126 Cybercommerce
- 127 Kids' song conclusion
- 128 Underworld river
- 129 11 Wall St. occupant
- 130 No longer trendy
- 131 Contractual details

- Down**
- Keg access
 - Early afternoon
 - Colony creature
 - My Fair Lady* composer
 - What Lerner teamed with 4 Down for
 - US women's 2019 victory
 - Contents of some kegs, for short
 - Swiss ski resort
 - Former senator Lott
 - Shaker —, OH
 - Certain underwater explorer
 - Radiant ring
 - "Time is money," e.g.
 - French folk dance
 - No time at all
 - Having the day off
 - Business jet pioneer
 - Newton's — of Motion
 - Thick liquid
 - Cater to
 - See 34 Down
 - Land by the sea
 - Even if, for short
 - '92 Harrison Ford spy film
 - With 29 Down, *Gemini Man* director
 - Page-corner fold
 - Home-center staffer wear
 - Manager portrayer in *Cinderella Man*
 - The Orchid Thief* author
 - Secret meetings
 - Distress signal



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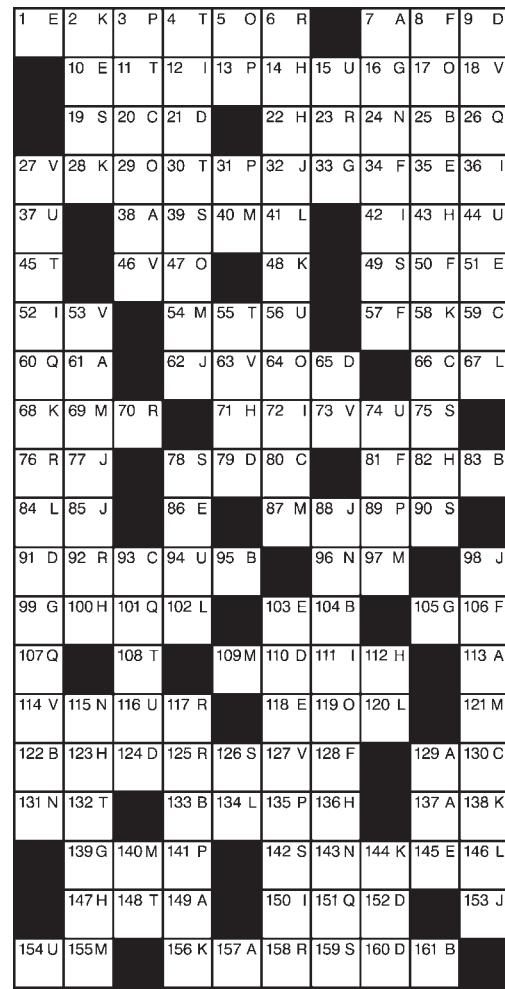
- Family nickname
- Not easily moved
- Ivy Leaguer
- Angular measure, in math
- Unattainable Star Trek* velocity
- Checked for fit
- Polynesian root crop
- Bee Gees-era music
- Far from acidic
- Shoe brand surname
- Baseball card stats
- Kate Hudson's mom
- Perform perfectly
- Piece of garnish
- Barbecue, for example
- Carne — (burrito filling)
- States of wrath
- Reckoning via sundial
- Glowing at dusk
- Espionage org.
- Irritated
- Petrol utiliser
- Salad green
- Looks through a keyhole
- Cattle holder
- Neil Tyson mentor
- Degree for GWB
- Gizmo
- Needling a good scrubbing
- Sealy alternative
- Inventor Howe
- Donald Duck nephew
- Bake sale orgs.
- Informal negative
- Iliad* setting
- Boomers' kids
- Baseball card stats
- Trident-shaped letters
- Vigor
- Prefix like atm-
- Tumbler edge
- Recommended actions

Quote-Acrostic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Shortcoming	149 61 7 129 113 137 157 38
B. Providing comfort	25 83 161 95 104 122 133
C. TV program schedule	59 130 20 93 80 66
D. Badly matched: hyph.	124 110 9 91 79 160 152 65 21
E. Backer	86 10 51 103 145 1 118 35
F. Extremely important	128 81 50 57 34 106 8
G. Computer circuit outlets	33 16 99 139 105
H. Ill-prepared: hyph.	43 147 82 71 22 100 14 136 112 123
I. Act without restraint: 2 wds.	36 111 150 12 52 72 42
J. Unconventional	88 77 98 62 85 32 153

- K. By no means: 3 wds. 144 58 28 48 138 156 2 68
- L. Rake over the coals: 2 wds. 84 146 120 41 134 67 102
- M. Alert: 3 wds. 40 97 54 140 155 109 121 69 87
- N. Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov 131 143 24 96 115
- O. Headlong dash 29 47 17 64 5 119
- P. Take away 31 13 3 135 89 141
- Q. Dreamy; listless 26 60 151 101 107
- R. One versed in morality 125 6 117 23 92 76 70 158
- S. Not at all: 3 wds. 142 78 126 159 49 90 19 39 75
- T. Intense dislike 132 4 108 45 55 11 148 30
- U. Wanton 74 94 116 154 44 37 15 56
- V. Church building 53 73 127 63 114 18 46 27



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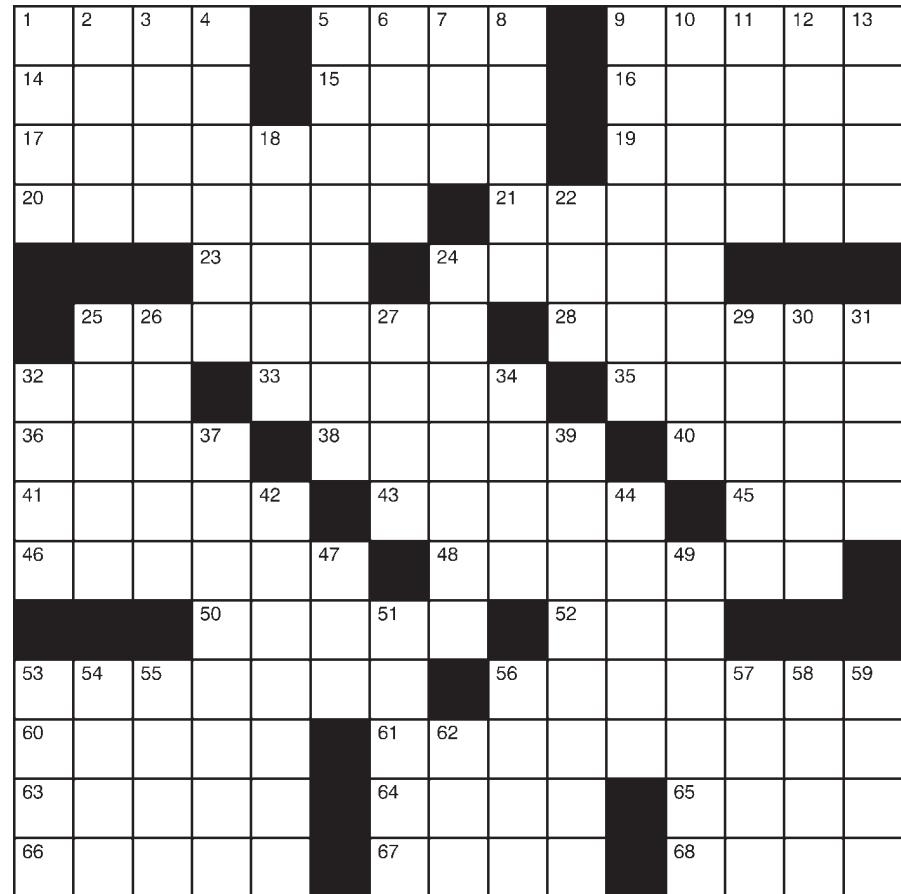
By Another Name

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- 1 Turkish potentate
5 Kind of stick
9 Resounding success
14 Debatable
15 The same: L.
16 Ecclesiastical surplice
17 ID nickname
19 Country-related
20 Garment sections
21 NH nickname
23 Negative adverb
24 Popular female vocalist
25 IL nickname
28 Mite
32 Arthur or Lillie
33 Singer Helen
35 Sacred: prefix
36 Hostelries
38 Consume
40 Catches
41 Breed of cattle
43 Figure food
45 Chinese religious principle
46 Painter's pigment
48 LA nickname
- 50 Make a musical transition
52 L to P
53 NC nickname
56 Garden bloom
60 Walking —
61 MN nickname
63 River of northeast France
64 Mine entrance
65 Ages
66 Spirited horse
67 Lily plant
68 Examine
- Down**
- 1 Electrical units
2 Objective
3 Sharpen
4 Goddess of wisdom
5 ME nickname
6 Probabilities
7 Set
8 Alpha's opposite
9 Moola
10 WV nickname
11 Italian commune
12 Now, in hospital parlance

- 13 American Revolutionary hero
18 Have: Fr.
22 Creek
24 Bureaucracy binding?
25 Finnish currency
26 Scope
27 Greek legendary character
29 Lariat
30 Of a city
31 Mediocre
32 Slant
34 Christmas
37 FL nickname
39 SC nickname
42 Made like a villain
44 Shore
47 Era
49 Undergarment
51 Arm bones
53 Garfield, and his ilk
54 Med. school subject
55 Unusual
56 Braking device
57 Sioux
58 Without
59 Former
62 Lyrical poem



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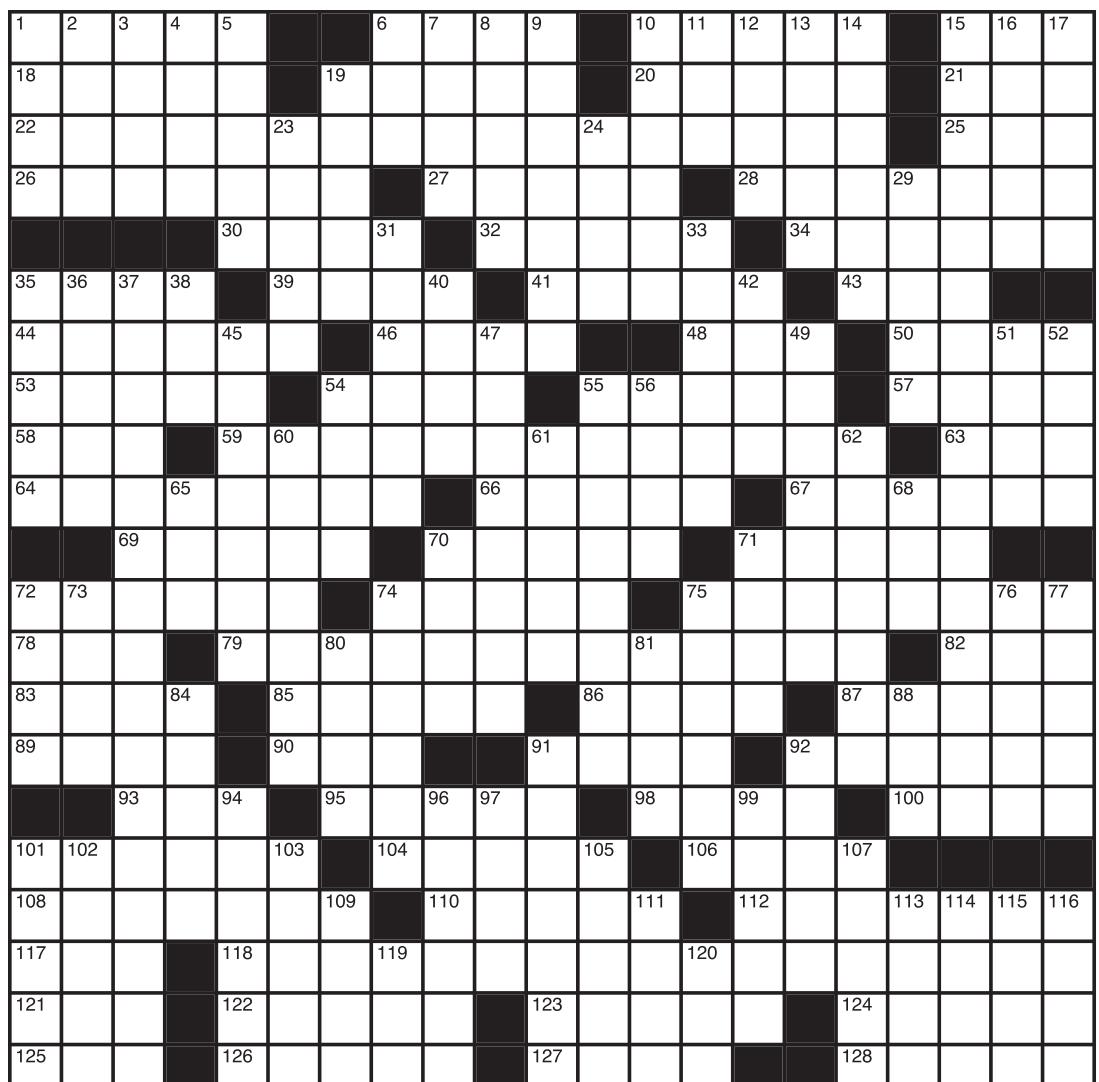
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Across

- 1 Arctic "snowshoe" critters
 6 Musical Mama
 10 Meter users
 15 Bit of beer, say
 18 Cluster of stars?
 19 Myanmar, at one time
 20 Look forward to
 21 Colorful card game
 22 Note to self before appearing on "America's Got Talent"?
 25 MGM rival
 26 Tile setter, often
 27 Firing offense?
 28 Well-mannered
 30 Bits of energy
 32 Stable dwellers
 34 Dresses down
 35 "What do you __?"
 39 Where to find Reubens and Cubans
 41 They're in the air
 43 Today, to Tomás
 44 Coop up in a coop
 46 Take a load off
 48 Cry out loud
 50 Soapmaking compounds
 53 Put a damper on
 54 Gospel travelers
 55 Fire sign
 57 Not just primary, as an heir
 58 Uzi's brother in "The Royal Tenenbaums"
 59 Ancient Greek warrior's pet monkey?
 63 Take advantage of
 64 Place to see X's and O's
 66 Witch
 67 Like the soles of walking boots
 69 Put on a pedestal
 70 Cinematic Sergio
 71 Actor's nickname that sounds like a golf term
 72 Posy pieces
 74 '90s candidate who opposed NAFTA
 75 Walter Reed hospital city
 78 Night before the big day
 79 Try to cure the effects of a skunk invasion on a semi?
 82 Carol opener
 83 Jeans name
 85 Like some probes
 86 "LOTR" menaces
 87 Leaders

- 89 Jumbo tail?
 90 Vicious with a bass
 91 Pea opener in toons?
 92 Fly over Africa
 93 Express opp.
 95 __ academy
 98 Go a round or two
 100 Many August births
 101 Spa offering
 104 Rope maker's supply
 106 Tried to make up for lost time
 108 Part of it is now a desert
 110 Whale tracker
 112 Short end of the stick
 117 Cru output
 118 Best Reader Award winner?
 121 Classic auto
 122 Adjust
 123 Cybersales
 124 Noted 2001 bankruptcy
 125 Solid start?
 126 Word in a Morton Salt motto
 127 Thin change
 128 1951 Reagan co-star
- Down**
- 1 Modern-day break-in
 2 Snape portrayer Rickman
 3 Ready in the field
 4 90° from norte
 5 Way through a fence
 6 "Scene's over!"
 7 51, for one
 8 Insincere flattery
 9 Pepperoni alternative
 10 ... Fitzgerald, __, Milhouse ...
 11 Stunned state
 12 Summoned to the door
 13 Does some meal prep
 14 Foul quality
 15 "That's not a baby bump?"?
 16 Signed
 17 Backyard amenities
 19 Canal craft
 23 Mesa __ National Park
 24 Toon adventurer
 29 They get the job done
 31 Scandalous stuff
 33 With 52-Down, bagel flavoring
 35 Competition carrot
 36 Mes con 31 días
- 37 Liven up the science fair?
 38 Dundee denial
 40 "I hate the Moor" speaker
 42 Victoria's Secret competitor
 45 Hiker's handful
 47 More honest
 49 Promise to marry
 51 End of an ultimatum
 52 See 33-Down
 54 Down Under bud
 55 Hot concert spot
 56 No surprise to a Disney World arrival
 60 Delightful bites
 61 Prosecutor's burden
 62 Pieces of pie, often
 65 Educator LeShan
 68 Common game piece
 70 "Why, then, __ soldier drink!" 40-Down
 71 More than just asks
 72 Hide in the forest?
 73 Happily-after link
 74 Critters with black eye patches
 75 Guns that don't shoot
 76 Playground comeback
 77 Pack animals
 80 Machu Picchu or Chichén Itzá
 81 Spanish 101 word
 84 How tuna might be packed
 88 Skinny swimmer
 91 Not straight up
 92 Pleasant surprise
 94 One of the 54-Across
 96 Golfers' headgear
 97 Beginning with
 99 102-Down month
 101 Pro Football Hall of Fame QB Brett
 102 Fire sign
 103 "The Pearl Fishers" priestess
 105 "The Good Fight" actress
 107 Social misfit
 109 When the story starts on stage
 111 Copy paper purchase
 113 Early Bond foe
 114 Pull down
 115 Familiar gamut
 116 Car-collecting comic
 119 "Country Music" chronicler Burns
 120 Bit of perjury

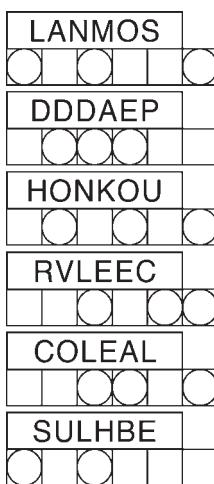


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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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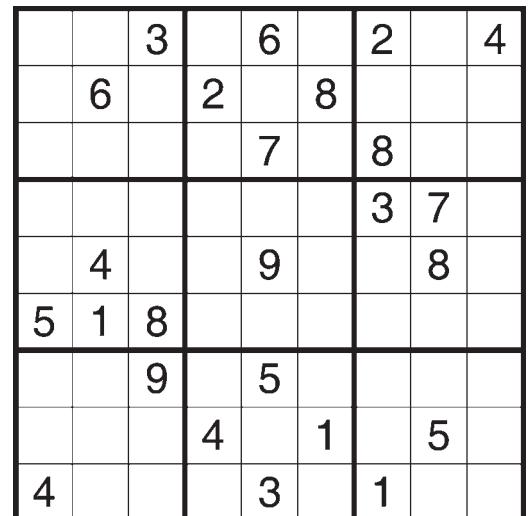
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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**



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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Nov. 17): Grow positive cash flow this year. Steady communication supports successful campaigns. Express your passion and it flowers this winter, inspiring new directions, educational opportunities and connections. Summer income wanes, so plan ahead. Travel and make a remarkable discovery. Stand up for what you love.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Relax and have fun. Unexpected guests or circumstances could disrupt your plans. Keep an open mind and flexible attitude. Go for substance over symbolism.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Consider consequences before committing to a household change. Especially listen to the youngest ones. Avoid surprises and take time to adjust to a new idea.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. You're learning fast. Don't get distracted or react without thinking. Get a second set of eyes to review important communications before sending. Avoid retractions.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Today and tomor-

row are good for making money. Don't forget an important job. Distractions abound ... stay focused and rake in a bundle.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Develop a stronger self-image. What do you stand for? Consider your ideals, goals and visions. Try a new outfit. Get creative with your style.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. Look back for insight on the road ahead. Take note of your dreams and subconscious musings. Discover unspoken clues. Strategize to realize an inspiring vision.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Teamwork gets the job done. Tackle a heavy load with help from your crew. Stick to practical priorities and ignore fantastical illusions or distractions.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Stay objective in a tense situation. A test or challenge requires a cool head. Without letting anyone push you around, keep the tone respectful. Diplomacy wins.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Unexpected twists could deviate your plans. Temporary confusion could arise. Your

exploration presents unconsidered distractions and educational side trips. Wander and discover hidden delights.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Contribute to shared accounts. Maintain a profitable venture with dedication despite a surprising turn of events. New ideas don't always work. Get terms in writing.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Strategize with your partner on common goals. Avoid risky business and stick to practical priorities. Don't worry about money, but don't spend much either.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Demand for your work is on the rise. Maintain your energy with health and fitness routines. Exercise burns stress and clears your head.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 8 ♥ 3 ♦ J 9 ♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 3 2

Right-hand opponent opens 1S. What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K 2 ♥ K 10 8 7 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ J 8 6

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent doubles. What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 4 ♥ A K J 8 6 5 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ J 6

Partner opens 5C and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 8 4 ♥ A J 7 2 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ 9 3 2

Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent overcalls 2C. What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones
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as South, you hold:

Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

CRIMSON (KRIM-zen): A deep purplish red.

Can you find 17 or more words in CRIMSON?

Average mark: 12 words
Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

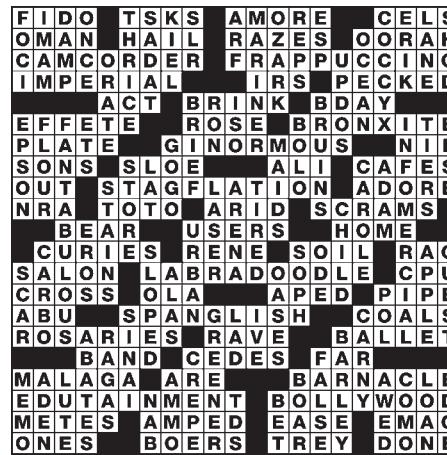
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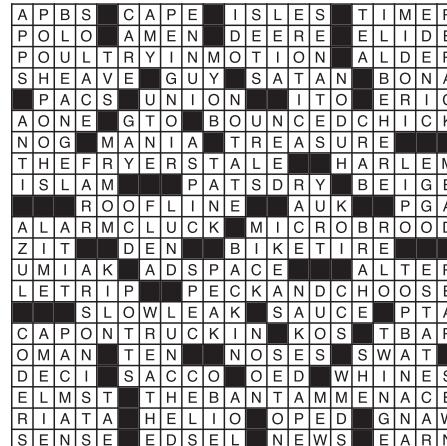
"TWO WORDS IN ONE"



"Hot Time"



"Fowl Play"



Last week's Quote-Acrostic

CHARLES COLTON: AMBITION: Ambition makes the same mistake concerning power that avarice makes concerning wealth. She begins by accumulating power as a means to happiness, and she finishes by continuing to accumulate it as an end.

Last week's Sudoku

5	7	8	6	1	4	9	2	3
1	9	3	8	7	2	5	4	6
2	4	6	5	3	9	8	7	1
9	1	7	2	4	3	6	8	5
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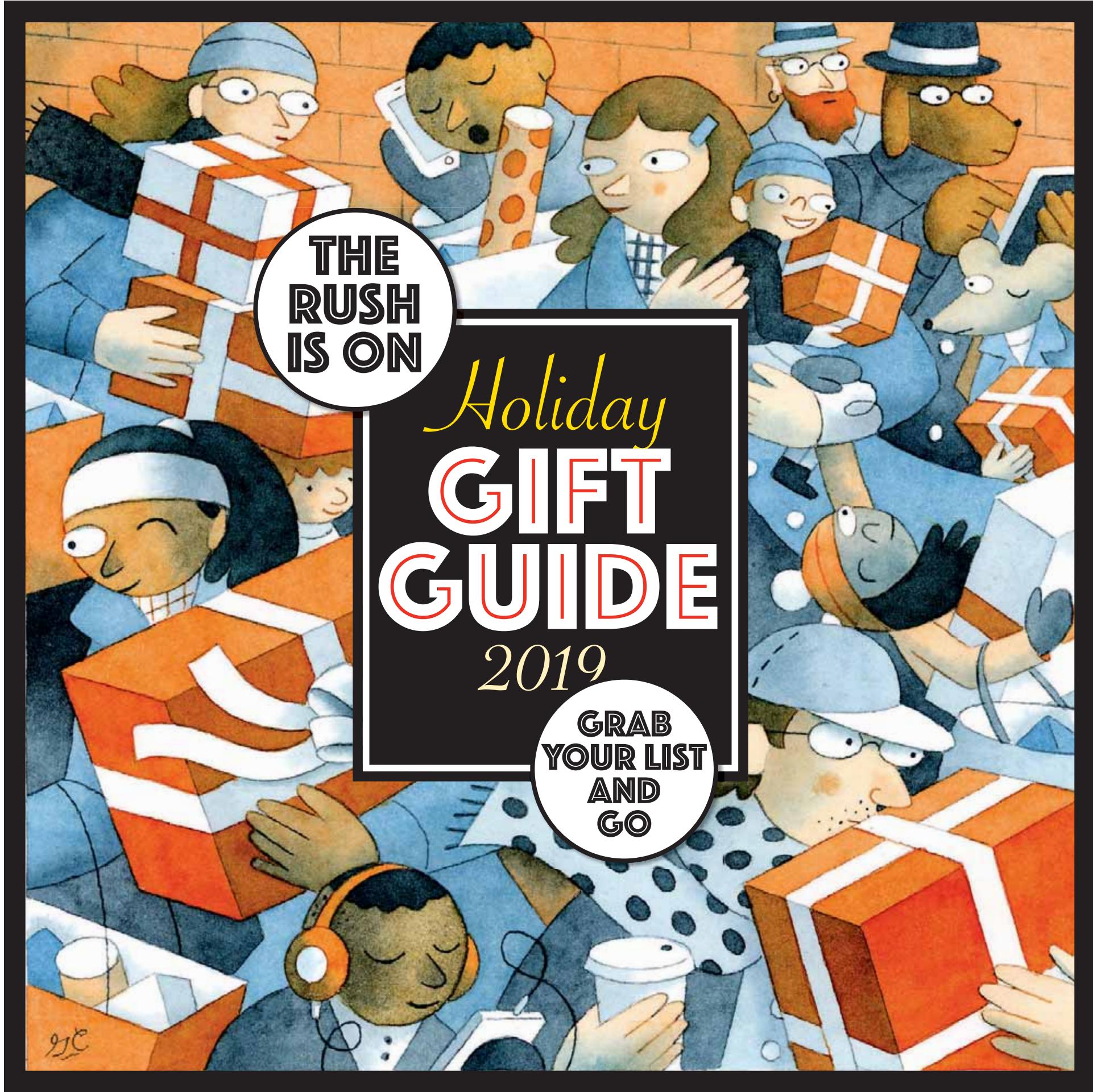
This week's Jumble

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They ended the concert just before the storm hit, and the audience left with —

RECKLESS
“A-BAND-DONE”





A colorful illustration of a crowded shopping mall or store during the holidays. Numerous people of various ages and ethnicities are shown from behind, all wearing winter clothing like coats, hats, and scarves. They are carrying large, wrapped gifts, mostly in shades of orange and white. Some are looking at their phones, while others are smiling or looking towards the camera. The background features a warm-toned brick wall.

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The Gifts That Stay With Us For A Lifetime

By Heidi Stevens | Chicago Tribune

So much about gift-giving is rushed: the shopping, the wrapping, the opening. What sticks? What sort of gift has the power to not just delight in the moment, but linger for the long term? Move with us through life? Change us a little bit, when we open it and forevermore?

I asked friends and colleagues and readers to tell me their most cherished gift ever. It could be a material item, or not. Given at a holiday, or not. The answers are lovely and, often, unexpected. Maybe they'll inspire an idea or two for you this season. ►

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My 28-year-old daughter gave me a signed copy of Michelle Obama's book, "Becoming." She stood in line for four hours to get it. She said it was the perfect interface between the two women she admired most. I still tear up when I think of her saying that to me. The gift was the book, but the real gift was my daughter's words.”

— Vickie Page McHenry

“The day I apologized to my son for the mistakes I made as a father and him telling me that we all make mistakes and I was a good dad and he loved me. He is gone now, so this is something I think about and hang onto every day.” — Bill Iggyarto

“**My mom made me a fleece blanket for Christmas in my 20s. 'Made' is a generous word.** It's a piece of cloth straight from JoAnn Fabric with unfinished edges. I was a bit heartbroken when I first opened it, but 20+ years later, it's on my bed every winter and I refuse to let her finish it. It reminds me not to let perfection get in the way of the good.”

— Jessica Gardner

“I searched 35 years for my birth family. My birth mother passed before I found her. Her stepson gave me her ashes.” — Tina Miles

“**My dad never had much stuff, but he gave me his 30th anniversary coin from AA.** I carry it with me all the time, and though practically worthless, it's among my few prized possessions.” — John Duffy

“My grandmother's Christmas tree topper. It's super old and spins and puts stars all over the ceiling and walls. She had it on her tree every year and it was mesmerizing. I'm 46 and still mesmerized.” — Kristi Hubert

“**When I got elected to the national board of directors of my fraternity, one**

of my friends gave me a special fraternity badge. It was the badge of the founder of our chapter in Massachusetts that, at one time, got removed because they initiated a black man. With me being elected, he thought we had come full circle and wanted me to have it."

— Marc Dumas

"A silver Hamsa bracelet my husband had made for me. I gave my niece a Hamsa necklace for Christmas before she moved to L.A. It turned out to be the last gift I'd give her. Hamsa is a symbol of protection, and I've always hoped she was wearing it when she died. I never take the bracelet off, keeps me feeling close to her."

— Karen Kellams

"The Easter Bunny gave me a butterfly net when I was 7. That changed my whole life!" — Doug Taron (chief curator at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum)

"Just recently from my husband: A picture frame with pictures of the street signs/corners of the three places we have lived together."

— Jennifer Riederer Marler



"My dad gave me a world atlas when I was 7. It was a real bound book, like grown-ups had, and my very first one like that. On the inside cover, my dad printed my full name in his perfect penmanship and had me underline it in red pencil. I treasure this atlas now because it was a gift from my dad for no reason, just because he wanted me to

learn how big the world was. This atlas is also a treasure because it documents the whole world as it was in my childhood. Turning pages, I see maps with countries that now have different names or different borders. There are countries or cities missing because they did not exist. The world changed much since that time, but not that memory of my dad teaching me about it."

— Cathy Higgins Gross

"When I was 9 or 10, my older brother bought me a pair of bright green patent leather shoes with a matching purse for Easter." — Dahleen Glanton

"My daughter-in-law inviting me into the birthing room when my first grandchild was born. I'll never forget the look on my son's face when he saw his son entering the world, or how excited he was to share that moment with me." — Michelle Harris

"When I was a kid, I kept checking out from the library the same book of vintage magic posters over and over again. ("100 Years of Magic Posters.") I loved it enough that I thought about it decades later, but it was so rare you usually couldn't find it on used book sites at any price. My wife kept an eye out for it for years, until she found it, bought it and gave it to me for Christmas."

— Jenni Spinner

"Seven years ago, I decided to move from Chicago to Northern California to be with my now-husband. I had worked for DePaul University for 10 years and my coworkers were a second family to me. Leaving DePaul, the job I loved and coworkers I adored was gut-wrenching. My coworkers took me to dinner on my last night. At the dinner table, they surprised me with a charm bracelet. Each of them purchased a charm that represented our relationship, a part of my personality, an inside joke or a part of my life in Chicago. I was absolutely stunned. They went around the table one-by-one and held up their charm, described why they bought it, what it meant to them about me, and put it on my new bracelet. That

charm bracelet is like my lucky talisman now. When I need to be reminded that I'm a hardworking, amazing professional, I put that charm bracelet on and it's like all the love and good wishes and positive working vibes get channeled to get me through the harder times." — Sarah Laggos

"When I turned 40 my parents gave me a pearl necklace. The necklace belonged to my deceased grandmother. My father had bought her those pearls with his very first paycheck. They had them cleaned and restrung just for me." — Julie Molony Stephan

"As an adoptive mom to two kids I would have to say they are the two best gifts I've ever received from two brave birth moms."

— Cindy Brickman Parker

"My husband gave me a small notebook for my birthday one year. I thought, 'Great, another journal.' But when I opened it, I was stunned. He had spent the entire month writing down each day things he noticed and appreciated about me. My eldest son brought me a bag of Lindt truffles, which he knows I love. He had carefully unwrapped each of them and written a small message of love, gratitude or appreciation and then rewapped them so I could be lifted each time I read one. These gifts touched my heart so deeply and really made me know that I am seen and loved." — Sarah Zematis

"The chance to be grandparents. We don't have children, but our dear friends were able to adopt a beautiful baby boy. Between them there was only one grandparent so they asked us to be the boy's grandparents too. I am so honored to be his Gigi and my husband is his Grand Dude."

— Johnnie Putman

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SHARP SERVING SET

Make sure your favorite folks are serving their greens with a beautifully sharp salad set. If you're smart, you'll pair the Unison Home Galvin Black Salad Servers with a vintage wooden salad bowl. \$45, unisonhome.com



CHIC PLANTER

A new green friend will stand them in good stead when winter takes its toll out-doors. Gift a plant in a chic pot (Mid-Century Planter) that will look right at home in a warm, modern interior. Your plants will be jealous. \$39.20, westelm.com

West Elm, Unison, Williams Sonoma



So Good...

You Want To Keep It

Every year, it's the same old story: You're virtuously shopping for others when the absolutely perfect thing-you-really-want pops up. Grab it for a friend, or keep it for yourself? The choice is yours. — Cindy Dampier



PERFECT CUP OF COFFEE

Your holiday dreams revolve less around sugarplums and more around that first, perfect cup of life-giving coffee — now, imagine a machine (the DeLonghi Eletta espresso maker) that grinds your beans fresh, froths your milk and makes the espresso. Bet you know someone else who dreams that same dream. \$2,000, williams-sonoma.com



SWEPT AWAY

If you understand the power of a beautiful, useful thing that can elevate your everyday chores — even sweeping the floor — you might find Berea College's Shaker Braid Brooms irresistible. They're made and sold by a college that supports tuition-free education and the long tradition of Appalachian crafts. \$55 each, bcshoppe.com



TRENDY WAFFLE TOWELS

Waffle towels are classics that are having a trendy moment. Food 52's Soft Cotton Waffle Towels have a range of colors that will perk up the bathroom, coupled with textural appeal. Consider this an upgrade to an item they'll use every day — the practical gift that feels decadent.

\$65, food52.com



FLAKY, WARM CROISSANTS

Want a gift they'll still be thanking you for after New Year's? Offer up Galaxy Classic and Chocolate Croissants that can pop out of the oven on any morning when a fresh-baked bit of Parisian flavor is in order. \$57.60, williams-sonoma.com



WINTER SNEAKER WITH STYLE

Heavy winter boots can be as weighty as they are warm, but a winter sneaker with style could definitely lighten your load, and your mood. Gift the Chuck Taylor All-Star waterproof sneaker to a friend who's as stylish and practical as you are.

\$110, nordstrom.com.

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You Want To
Keep It



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GLAM GAME

If you're a player, it'll be hard to hand over a game this glam. The Jayson Home Lucite Backgammon Set looks great on their coffee table ... but better on yours? \$295, jaysonhome.com



Jayson Home, Moma, Ikea

▲
IMPRESSIONIST WARMTH

A boring old scarf? Never. But a scarf with a wash of Impressionist color that will bring a soft, artful touch to a neutral winter coat? Sign us up for the Moma Matisse Scarf. \$60, store.moma.org



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**LIGHT UP
THE MUSIC**

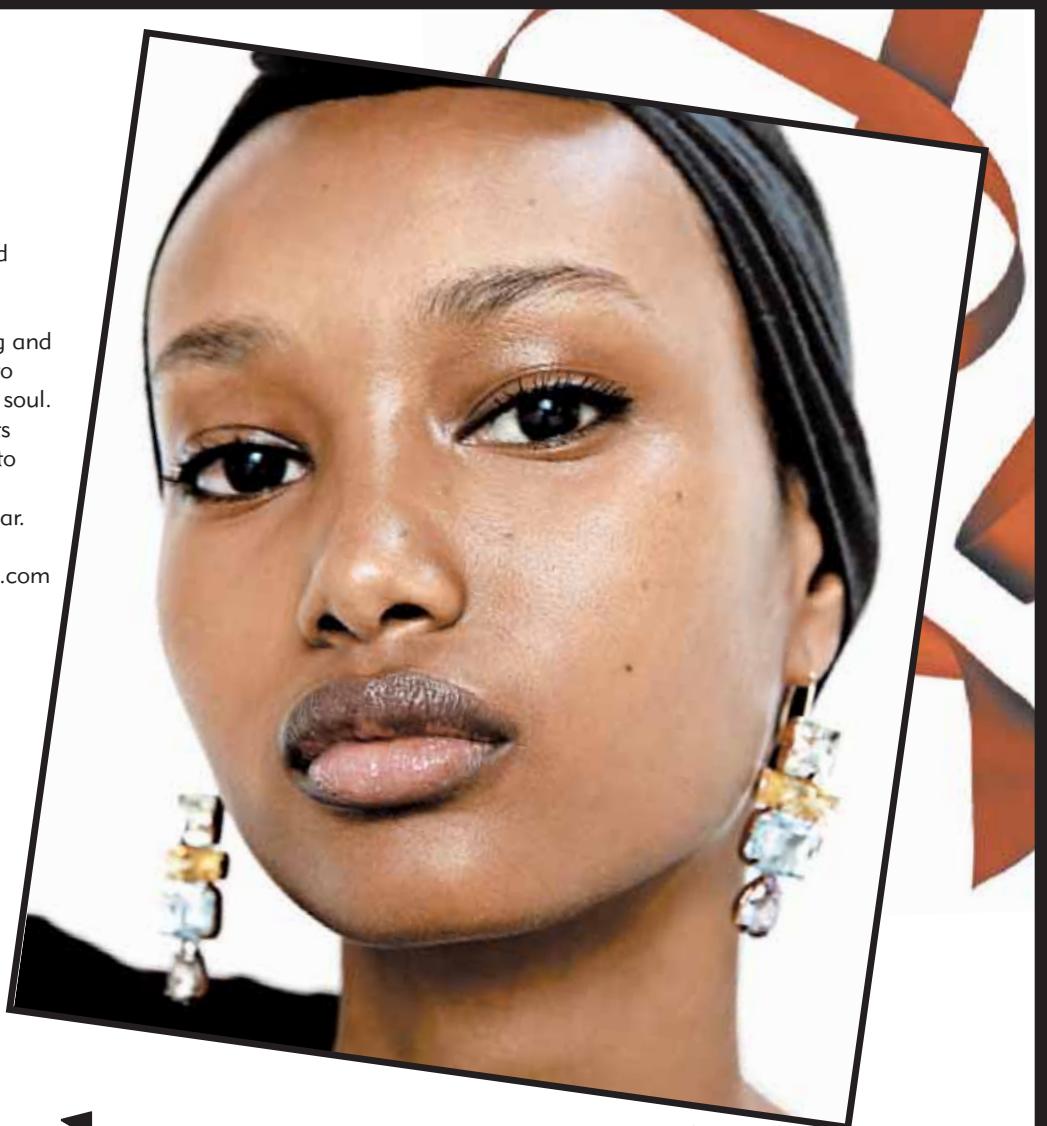
Keeping the music going is key. Getting a speaker (Ikea/Sonos Symfonisk Table Lamp Speaker) that looks so good you won't want to hide it is a huge bonus. Did we mention it's also a lamp? \$179, ikea.com





▲ **SOOTHING SOAK**

After you've finished your umpteenth gig job this year, you'll need these detoxing and calming bath salts to heal your body and soul. These aromatic salts will rejuvenate you to keep chasing those dreams into next year. \$32 for set, herbivorebotanicals.com



▲ **GLASS ACT**

Zara's brass and multicolored glass jewel-drop earrings give you maximum holiday sparkle. \$19.90, zara.com



▲ **ARTFUL REST**

Trying to catch some z's from all your side gigs on top of your 9-5? Don't let millennial burnout get the best of you. This adorable handmade Frida Kahlo sleeping mask will get your creative juices flowing even while you sleep. \$18.70, etsy.com

A Little Sumthin' For The Broke Millennial

It's not easy being a millennial. With crippling debt that seems to grow by the hour and with baby boomers waving their disapproving fingers and telling us stories of yesteryear, it's no wonder we're the most stressed out generation. We're too busy hustlin'! And we're still broke! We can't catch a break! But don't fret, my fellow broke millennials. We got your back this holiday season. We put together this dope guide with gifts under \$35 — featuring beauty, tech, art and food items for all the members in your squad. — *Hannah Herrera Greenspan, Christen A. Johnson, Adam Lukach, Susan Moskop*

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**COLD BREW, BRO.**

Break up with Starbucks and save some dough by making cold brew at home. The fine mesh strainer insert brews your grounds evenly and effectively minimizes silt. \$29.99, primulaproducts.com

IRON THRONE

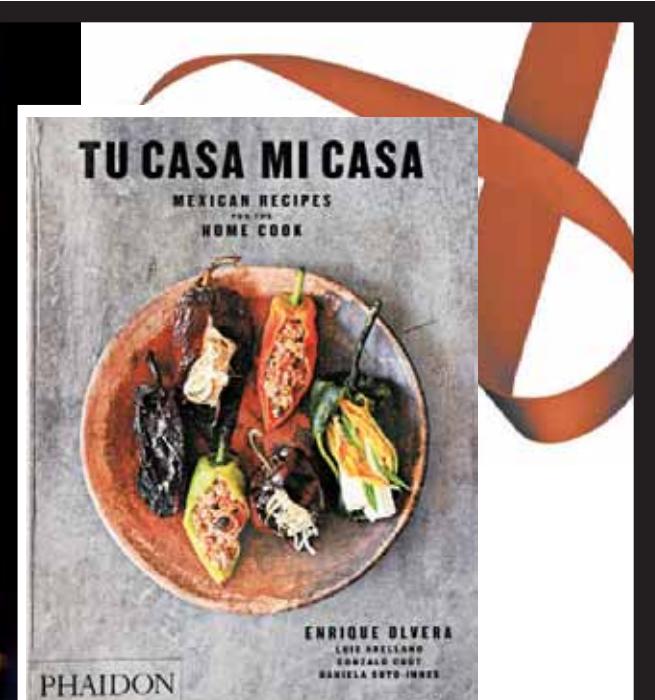
(of the stovetop) If you ever talk shop about your cooking, you've surely had someone preach the gospel of the cast iron skillet to you — whether you wanted to hear it or not. We're here to tell you that the hype is legit, and a Lodge 12-inch cast iron skillet is affordable. \$19.99, target.com.

**BEDSIDE STYLE**

Nature and technology come together right by your bedside in this half-vase-half-phone stand bloom box. The Bedside Smartphone Vase has handmade glazed stoneware that allows you to sneak a charger cord on the bottom so your phone can power up among the pretty petals. \$32, uncommongoods.com

**BRIGHT SPOT**

Nothing kills a nighttime wind down like wanting to read but only having that glaring, too-bright overhead light. Slide this silicone "lamp" over your cell's flashlight and create an ambiance without having to break the bank on that antique table lamp you've been eyeing at the consignment shop. \$8, genuinefred.com



THE PRO KNOWS

Grilling season may be over, but you can keep him cooking with "Tu Casa Mi Casa" from celebrated chef Enrique Olvera. The new book features over 100 of his signature recipes from savory huevos rancheros to cream of squash blossom soup — all optimized for the home cook. \$23.97, amazon.com



HIS NEW SIGNATURE SCENT

Need a surefire hit fragrance? Try Byredo's Mr. Marvelous. The woody, spicy fragrance has been called wonderful, exquisite and astonishing — with a bit of strangeness. \$175, nordstrom.com

Phaidon, Nordstrom

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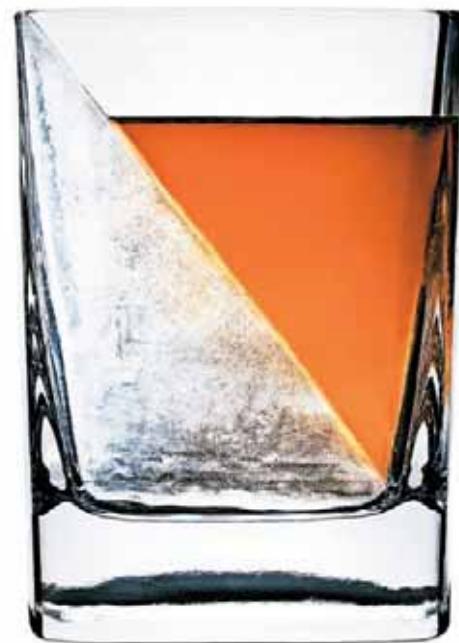
GLASS ACT

Think glacier vs. ice floe. This wedge-shaped ice block rests on one side of the glass and melt slowly, so your drink stays cool but not watered down. Includes one double old-fashioned whiskey glass and one silicone ice mold. \$18, store.moma.org



HEAD TRIP

The Poketo x Thousand Color Blocks bike helmet is 100% fashionable and 100% functional, with a rubberized matte finish and a pattern inspired by artist Ellsworth Kelly. \$95, explorethousand.com



Stylish Gifts For Guys

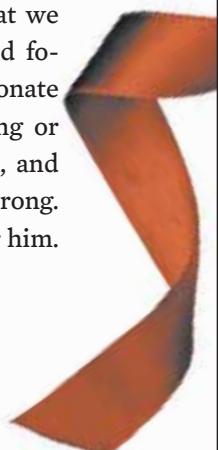
As you head into the holiday season, gift shopping for your guy can be a daunting task. What does he really want? It's tough to know. A sweater? No. Another boring tie? Who's wearing ties these days anyway? Skip the boxers, and no more socks. Ok, yes to socks, if they are as cool as the ones that we found. This year, get personal and focus on something he's truly passionate about, whether it's cooking, biking or his lifelong Star Wars infatuation, and it's almost impossible to get it wrong. Here are our can't-miss gift hits for him.

— David Syrek

EVERYDAY
EXTRAORDINARY

Give his best "Dylan" a little polish with Tiffany's sterling silver harmonica from the Everyday Objects collection. \$395, tiffany.com

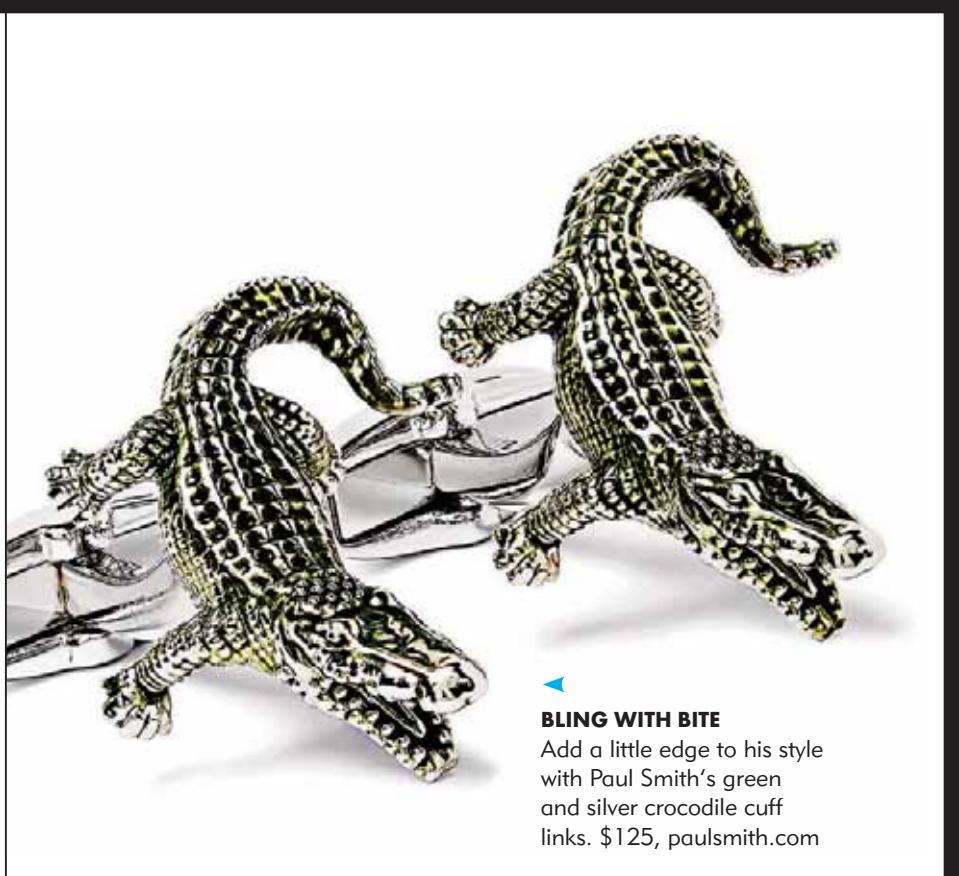
Thousand, Tiffany, Moma





▲ **HAPPY FEET**

Yes, you can give socks — again — but this time make them count. Kapital's cotton and hemp socks feature smiley faces on the heels to add a little cheer to his day. \$40, mrporter.com



▲ **BLING WITH BITE**

Add a little edge to his style with Paul Smith's green and silver crocodile cuff links. \$125, paulsmith.com



▲ **GIVE HIM SOMETHING WILD**

Fresh, foraged shiitake mushrooms will be his to cook with all year round with an organic mushroom growing log. \$30, uncommongoods.com



▲ **LAYER ONE ON**

Since 1902 J. Press has been a favorite among fans of Ivy League style. Its wool-blend fleece vest is the perfect insulating layer for his winter look. \$270, mrporter.com

Mr. Porter, Paul Smith, Uncommon Goods

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RISE AND SHINE

Add some style to his morning routine with Mühle's Rytmo chrome and resin shaving set. It includes a stand, a bowl, a badger shaving brush and a safety razor for an extra-close shave. \$124, mrporter.com



EMBRACE HIS ALTER EGO

The perfect stocking stuffer for the coolest dad is the Peanuts Joe Cool Snoopy with surfboard mini figurine. \$21.99, amazon.com



GET SPORTY

Tissot's racing inspired silver and black Chronograph bracelet watch with bright yellow accents gives the classic a sporty touch. \$650, nordstrom.com

Stylish Gifts For Guys



SNUGGLE UP

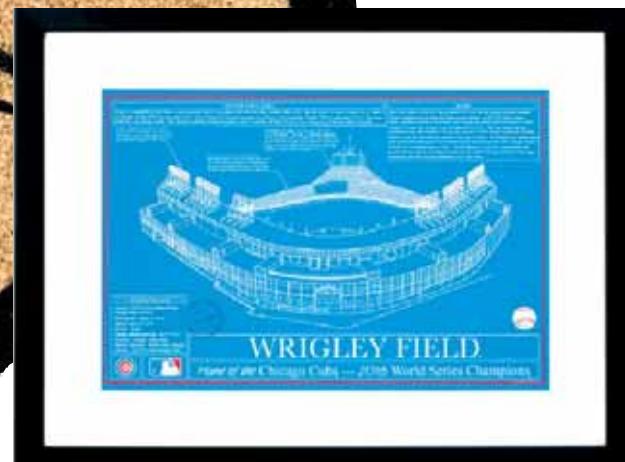
Keep him warm in style with Zara's hooded three-quarter length fleece duffle coat. \$229, zara.com

RELIEVE STRESS
Fantasy team got a loved one all tensed up? Help her relax with this Tiger Tail Knotty Tiger self-massager. It'll also come in handy should she ever go to the gym for a workout. \$19.95, tigertailusa.com

Gifts for sports fans (that aren't jerseys or tickets)

Sports fans just can't get enough. Year-round, they're checking their phones for the latest box scores, or following the game on live stream while at dinner. After they've been to every arena, and the closet is way too full of colorful, nylon shirts with last names on the back, what can you possibly give as a gift? Here are some of our favorites.

— Christen A. Johnson



SLIDE HOME
The Uncommon Goods Home Plate Doormat is the perfect welcome for your sports lover. Just don't slide in head-first when you visit. \$30, uncommongoods.com

NO MORE EXCUSES
Small space? No sweat. Treadly's super-thin, lightweight treadmill can fold so discreetly that it can slide under your bed. Sorry, but no more excuses for not getting that winter run in. \$699, treadly.co

PROTECT FROM THE ELEMENTS
Made with 100% repurposed fabric, this Cotopaxi Teca Half-Zip Windbreaker will keep hikers and campers protected from the elements. \$80, cotopaxi.com

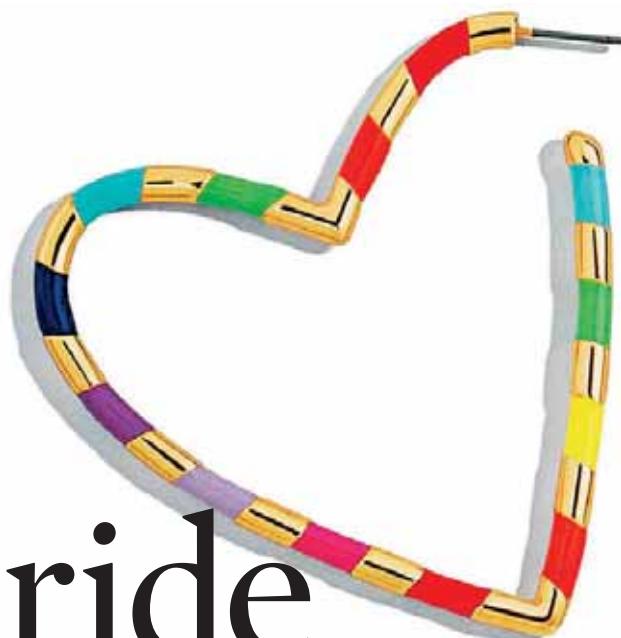
A BLUEPRINT FOR SUMMER
A true baseball fan can commemorate his or her team's iconic field with an Uncommon Goods Baseball Stadium Blueprint. \$185, uncommongoods.com

Uncommon Goods, Treadly, Tiger Tail, Cotopaxi

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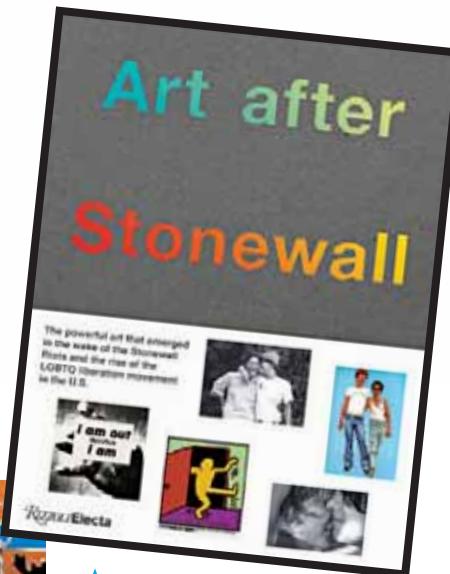
▶ PRONOUN POWER

Enamel pins are having a moment, and we're loving this take from the lesbian site Autostraddle. Autostraddle Pronoun Pin, \$10, hellogerch.com



Let Pride shine

We've got glitter. We've got pronoun pins. We've got books about LGBTQ art and activism. The gay community is more diverse and vibrant than ever, and gift options abound — both tried and true, and fresh as the latest memoir or style icon. Pull up a chair and meet the gifts your friends and family can't wait to receive. — Nara Schoenberg



▶ FOR ARTLOVERS

Illustrated with more than 200 works, this book shows the impact the LGBTQ civil rights movement has had on the arts. The book looks at the works of artists such as Robert Mapplethorpe, Catherine Opie and Andy Warhol, and explores painting, sculpture, performance, film and music. "Art After Stonewall, 1969-1989," \$31.61, amazon.com

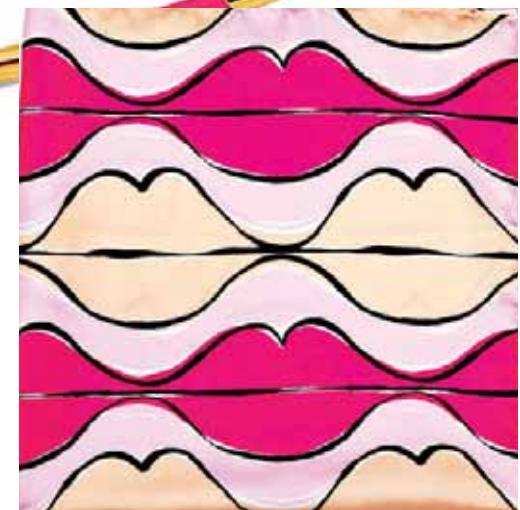
▶ THE HISTORICAL ANGLE

Flip through this photographic history of LGBTQ activism from the 1800s through the Stonewall riots and today. "We Are Everywhere: Protest, Power, and Pride in the History of Queer Liberation," \$22.77, amazon.com



▶ ALL HEART

We broke our "no more rainbows" resolution for these delightfully bright candy-colored earrings. Annaelle Heart Hoop Earrings, \$12, baublebar.com



▶ KISS OF COLOR

When it comes to gender-bending style, author and activist Jacob Tobia is a master. Revel in his sense of style. Pink Read My Lips by Jacob Tobia Scarf, \$20, thetiebar.com



GO FOR THE GOLD
Shashi's Fort Knox Ring is proof that all good things come in small packages. \$46, amazon.com



GLASS ACT
Danish design company HAY is making a splash with chic, inexpensive housewares like these mouth-blown glass Flare candleholders. \$25 hay.com

► LITTLE WONDERS

Macon & Lesquoy's quirky hand embroidered tiger brooch is just one of its many magical creations. To see the full range, go to sweetbellausa.com, to purchase, 888-266-1737. Prices range from \$24-\$58.



Super Chic (And Cheap) Gifts

Yes, it's the thought that counts, but your style-obsessed friends probably want a little something more. Thankfully, that doesn't mean going broke as you shop for them. From J.Crew's jewel embellished ribbon bow to Chanel's Le Vernis nail colors in the season's hot shades, we found the gifts that they definitely won't swap. So if a splurge isn't in your budget, but you still want major gifting points, have no fear. Here are 10 chic gifts that look way more expensive than they are. — David Syrek

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GARDEN OF DELIGHTS

Palais des Thés organic teas are stunningly beautiful to look at, but even better to drink. Organic Childhood Garden, and Lemongrass, Ginger and Carrot Herbal Teas, \$22 and \$8.50, us.palaisdesthes.com

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WINTER BLOOMS

Give her some serious flower power with Baublebar's sleek resin Floral Drop earrings with tortoiseshell accents. \$38 per pair, nordstrom.com

▲
MINIMAL MATTERS

Pared down and plush. Zara's Basic Coat in sand is anything but basic. \$49.90, zara.com

FRESH SQUEEZED

Williams Sonoma's illustrated meyer lemon apron features a handy pocket for holding notes and tools. \$27.96, williams-sonoma.com



CALI COOL

The sculptural Ivy pour-over coffee set brings the super-hot '70s California ceramics trend to their kitchen. \$18, urbanoutfitters.com



GLAM SLAM

It may not be the LBD of your dreams, but Chanel's Le Vernis Longwear Nail Colours are just as chic. \$28, nordstrom.com



TIE ONE ON

Give a little bling with J.Crew's jewel embellished ribbon bow. \$29.50, jcrew.com



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MODERN ART

Tara Ashe's Reversible Glass Vase is designed to be used two ways: fill the larger space around the colorful core with a full bouquet or turn it over to showcase a few blooms in the smaller opening. Even without flowers, it makes a chic sculptural statement \$58.50, store.moma.org



►
LITTLE WONDERS

Urban Outfitters' natural quartz Gold Dip Crystals add a little sparkle to your holiday. \$10 each, urbanoutfitters.com

►
MORNING BOOST

Sunday morning just got even better with Williams Sonoma's Blackberry-Lemon Pancake & Waffle Mix and Butternut Mountain Farm maple syrup. \$14.95 and \$16.95, williams-sonoma.com



CASE STUDY

Mochi Things' crazy cute Som Som Airpods cases come in more than 20 styles and have key rings attached to help your teen keep her important things in one place. \$24.95, shop.mochithings.com

**INSTANT PARTY**

Let the karaoke begin! This wireless microphone with a built-in phone holder brings the party to your favorite teens. Bonaok Wireless Bluetooth Karaoke Microphone, \$30, urbanoutfitters.com

STATEMENT BACKPACK

This witty backpack from Human Made looks as if it were fashioned from paper bags, with a quirky ink-black slogan that says you're in on the joke. \$155, mrporter.com

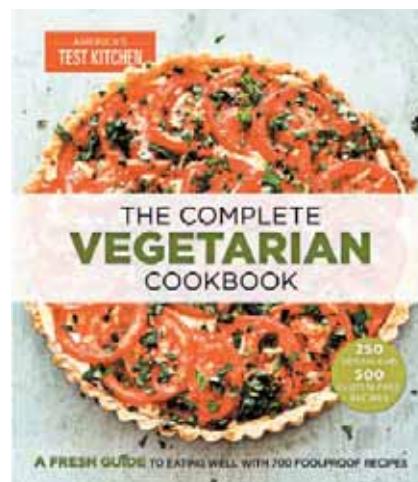
GAME ON

The new Nintendo Switch Lite is a smaller, lighter and less expensive version of the wildly popular Switch console that'll give your favorite gamer access to endless titles in a handheld format. \$199.99, nintendo.com

Totally On-Trend Gifts For Teens

Teens can be remarkably particular about gifts, and almost sphinxlike in their reluctance to share the most basic information. A parent might ask, "So what do you want this year?" only to be met with "world peace," "a Tesla" or "just your love and affection." But there are answers out there, and we asked — OK, begged — for them, from the teens in our lives, from friends and from strangers, until we had a list that tapped into trends ranging from thrifting to sports fandom to PopSockets. No one answer will work for every teen — of course! — but this is the inside scoop.

— Kate Thayer, Judy Sutton Taylor

**CLIMATE CHANGE CUISINE**

Young people are going vegetarian. Gift them "The Complete Vegetarian Cook-book: A Fresh Guide to Eating Well With 700 Foolproof Recipes," \$30.99, amazon.com

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100% POSITIVE

Sport a tee, promote positivity and support a cause. For every 100% Human product sold, Everlane donates \$5 to the ACLU. \$22, everlane.com.



ACTIVATING YOUNG MINDS

Wear it loud and proud. Change needs to happen, and you're on it. \$16.95, [freetobekids.com](#)



FURRY ASPIRATIONS

We all have goals and dreams. Some are just more realistic than others for fans of dogs. Shoot for the stars? More like shoot for the barks. \$22.95, Joyful Moose on [etsy.com](#)



KEEP LOOKING UP

Your little one's height may have them looking at the landscape differently from adults. But when they look up, the view is the same for everyone. \$19.99, Olivia and August on [etsy.com](#)

T-Shirts To Inspire Hope For The New Year

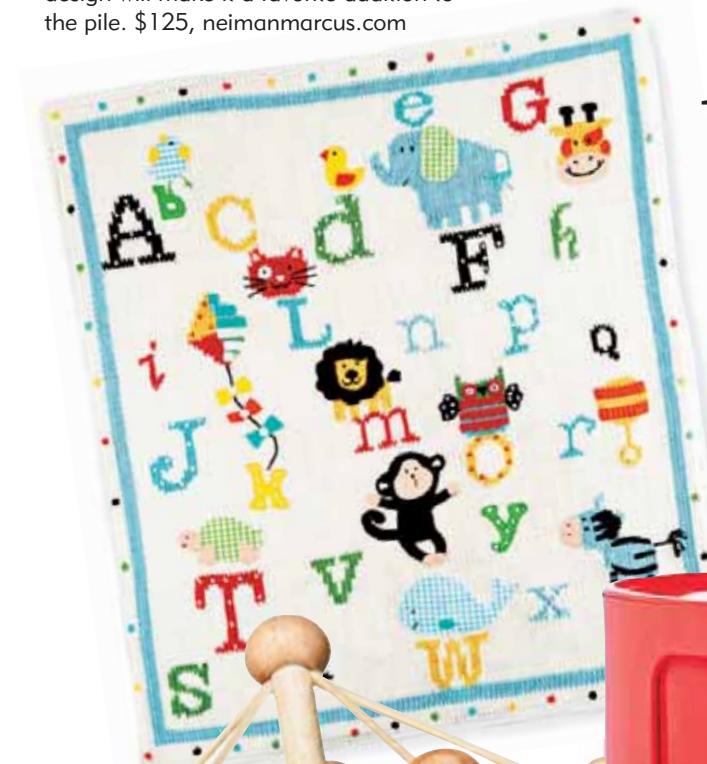
Inspire and give hope to passersby with these uplifting tees. Young people are always ahead of the curve and these T-shirts help them put a happy spin on the upcoming new year.

— Darcel Rockett

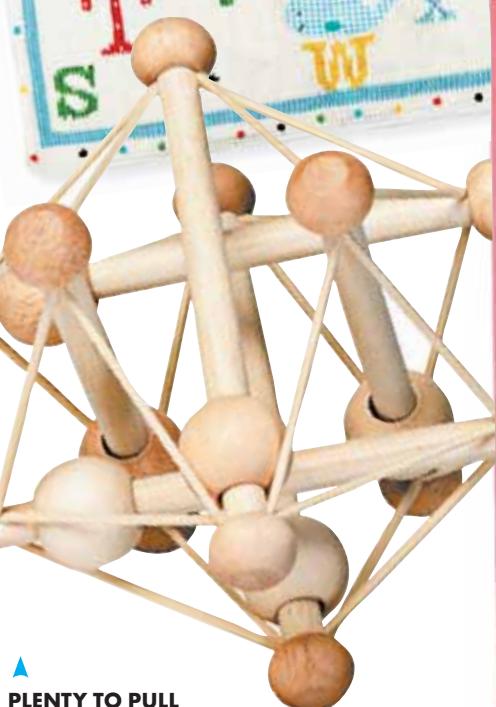


SPELLS COMFORT

Blankets are something parents may never have enough of — for the stroller, for cuddles at home, for comfort. The Alphabet Soup Knit Blanket's darling design will make it a favorite addition to the pile. \$125, neimanmarcus.com

**PLenty TO PULL**

With a classic wooden design, the Manhattan Toy company's Skwish Natural offers plenty for a newborn to interact with. Its rods, strings and beads offer pulling, touching and grabbing to entertain a little one. \$17, manhattantoy.com



A Little Style For The Little One

Whether you're trying to hone the little one's developmental skills, build muscles with tummy time, or simply entertain, here are a bevy of toy ideas that are quite stylish. — Alison Bowen

**HIP HOME FOR TOYS**

Gift parents a stylish place to stash toys. The 2Modern Kartell Componibili Smile Storage Tower offers a wink to emoji style. \$165, 2modern.com

**LIGHTS, RATTLE, GRAB**

The NogginStik Developmental Light-up Rattle aims to interact with babies in numerous ways. The black-and-white base offers contrast and it rattles. The toy's ability to also light up in red, blue and green is sure to engage little eyes. \$24.99, smartnoggintoy.com

**TUMMY ASSIST**

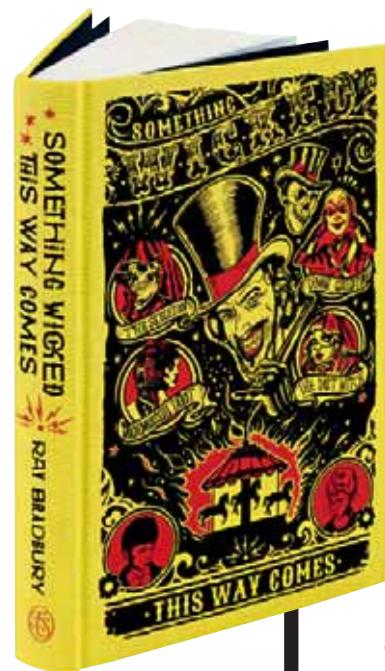
Make tummy time easier on baby with this Bright Starts Tummy Time Prop & Play Mat, which helps him feel propped up. It also encourages activity with engaging things to look at, including a mirror so he can see the most interesting thing: his own reflection. \$29.99, buybuybaby.com



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► WICKED GOOD GIFT

Consider this gorgeous edition of "Something Wicked This Way Comes," Ray Bradbury's beloved coming-of-age story about the "one strange wild dark year (when) Halloween came early." It's a jewel box of a book that's just right for a special high schooler. \$64.95, foliosociety.com



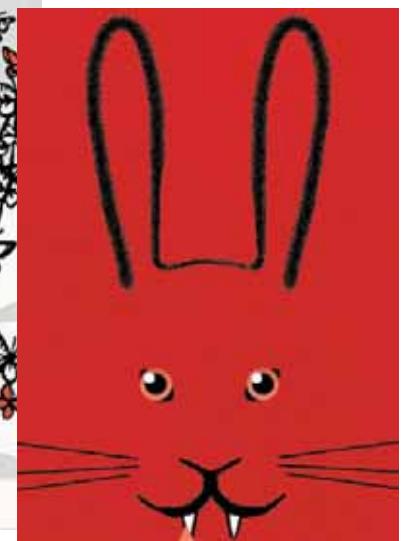
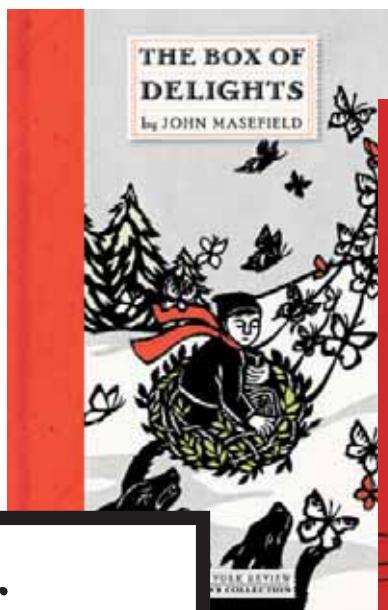
► BOOKENDS WITH STYLE

You should see what these clever artisans at Knob Creek Metal Arts do for objects as prosaic as bookends. Think of a whale tail on one end, a fishing boat on the other; Bigfoot trudging on the right, witnesses pointing on the left. Or in this case, an elephant family. \$64.99, knobcreek-metalarts.com

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► BRITISH IMPORTS

Harry Potter fans should consider "The Midnight Folk" by John Masefield or "The Box of Delights." Each book follows the adventures of Kay Harker, an orphaned boy who treks into the dangerous lands of the Midnight Folk. \$17.85, nyrb.com



► BEWARE THE HARE

"Bunnicula" by James Howe and Deborah Howe is turning 40, and it's all decked out in an appropriately velvety soft, blood-red cover. Everything inside is just as charming as it ever was. \$10.99, simonandschuster.com



Gifts For Young Readers

Books are excellent gifts for kids: For little ones, they cut through the toy noise; for older ones, they may open minds to new worlds — and reverberate long after the holiday season is over. Here's a roundup of our picks for the young bookworms on your list. — Jennifer Day



► PERFECT SET

Only four of Akiko Miyakoshi's beautifully rendered children's books are available in English ("The Piano Recital," "The Tea Party in the Woods," "The Storm," and "The Way Home in the Night"), so present them as a collection to a special preschooler. If you have to choose only one, go with the last one; it's among the best bedtime books ever written. \$16.95, kidscanpress.com

Gifts For The Fabulously Finicky Foodie

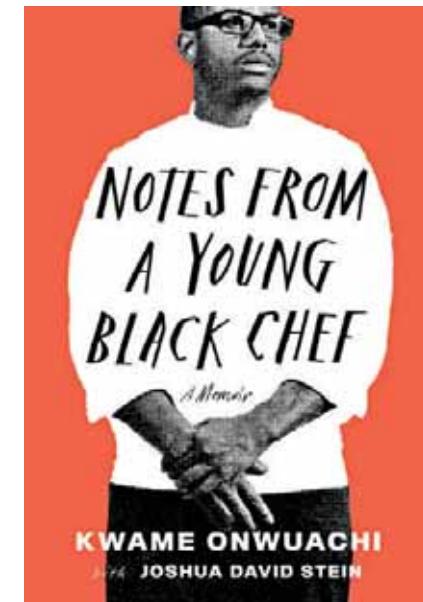
It's hard to buy a gift for that friend or family member with a kitchen that looks like it fell out of a design magazine, so it's time to think big. These showstopping gifts are sure to please the fussy food lovers in your life, no matter their aesthetic.

— Grace Wong



CUPS OF CALM

Harper Jensen, a North Texas potter, celebrates her freckles through her handmade pottery. Her studio is her quiet place, away from her three kids, so gift a pair of these tumblers for that person who needs a pretty cup for their own retreat. \$65 for the pair, freckledpottery.com

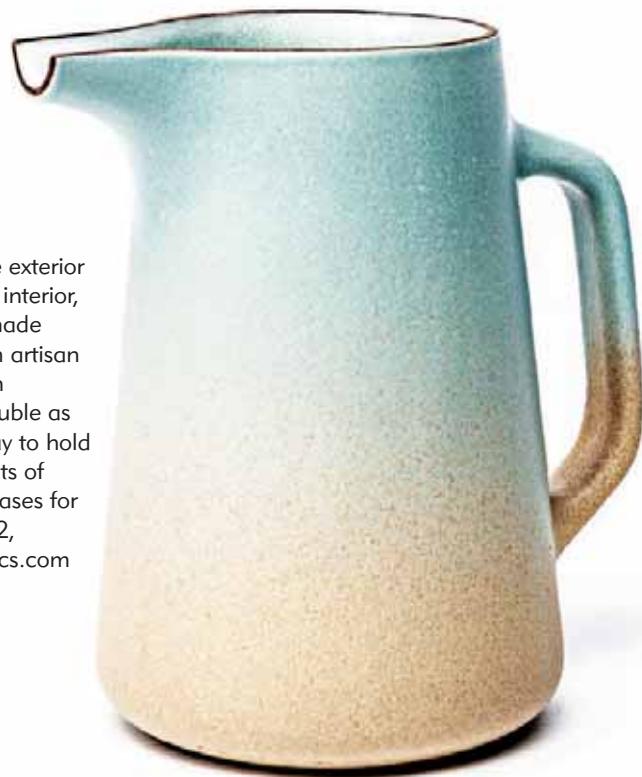


AN INSIDE LOOK

It may be wise to gift this memoir with a box of tissues because Kwame Onwuachi's story is both riveting and moving. Detailing the struggles he had growing up as a black man in America and his journey to becoming a James Beard Award-winning chef, "Notes From a Young Black Chef" provides an intimate look into one of the foremost culinary minds in the country. \$26, penguinrandomhouse.com

LOOKING SHARP

Up their kitchen game with great knives. The Shun Fuji collection is inspired by the high-performance knives used by Japanese chefs. \$99.95-\$299.95, williams-sonoma.com

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►
**PITCHER
PERFECT**

With a matte exterior and a glossy interior, these handmade pitchers from artisan maker Heath Ceramics double as a dreamy way to hold large amounts of liquid or as vases for flowers. \$352, heathceramics.com

►
ROCK THE PARTY

Forget boring cheese boards and glam up parties with this brass-rimmed slab of agate. Sure to be the talking point of any gathering, it's both functional and pretty, even for people who aren't into crystals. \$78, anthropologie.com



▼ **CURED MEATS FOR THE SOU!**

The Charcuterie Collection from Di Bruno Bros. is the kind of gift every meat-lover desires. The cured meats range from bacon jam to soppressata to spreadable salami. The set also includes cheese crostini and cornichons in vinegar to complete the glorious spread. \$100, dibruno.com



▼ **A SCOOP OF NATURE**

From citrus chicken rested in herbs to spicy caramelized leeks with fresh lemon, New York Times food columnist and Instagram must-follow, Alison Roman takes the stress out of entertaining — or as she puts it — "having people over" in her new book "Nothing Fancy." \$19.50, amazon.com

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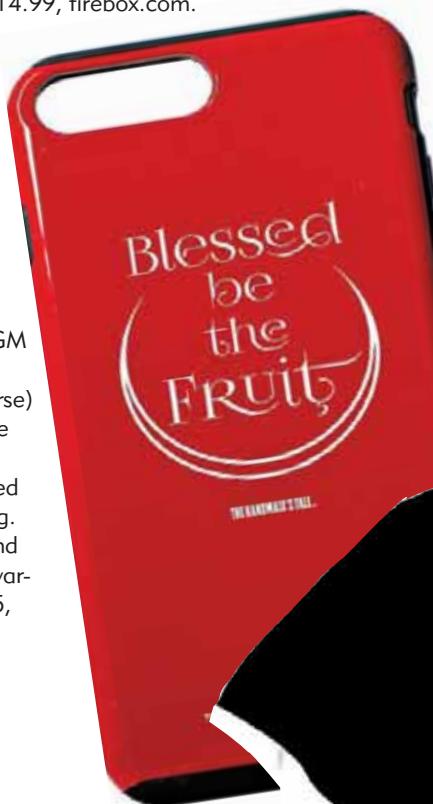


CLOWNIN' AROUND

The creepy clown Pennywise with the yellow eyes seems somewhat less creepy with this night light. The eyes do tend to follow you everywhere you go, but at least this "It" clown doesn't have rows of razor sharp teeth. \$14.99, firebox.com.

IS THERE CELL SERVICE IN GILEAD?

From the official MGM "Handmaid's Tale" store, in red (of course) comes this cellphone cover with the shiver-producing "Blessed be the fruit" greeting. There are iPhone and Galaxy versions for various models. \$34.95, mgmstore.com



THAT OTHER KLEIN

What would HBO's "Big Little Lies" be without Laura Dern's comically intense performance as Renata Klein? What would any fan of the show be without a T-shirt paying winking homage to this character? \$28.22, etsy.com.

For The Binge- Watcher On Your Couch

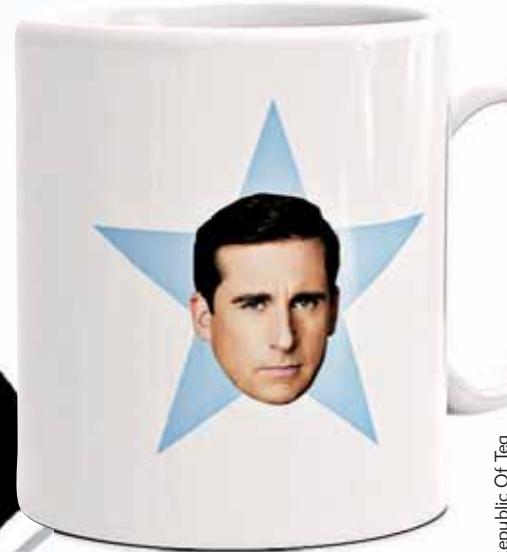
The holidays are tailor-made for binge-watching and snuggling in front of your favorite TV show. Thanks to the ever-growing selection of streaming services, that means a broad selection of TV-themed gift ideas are available for your friends and loved ones who can't stop talking about that show.

— Christopher Borrelli, Carmel Carrillo, Lauren Hill, Nina Metz, Scott Powers, Darcel Rockett



'DOWNTON' TEA PARTY

Bring elegance and high society to your everyday "cuppa" with this Downton Abbey Movie Collector's Set. \$27.95, republicoftea.com.



COFFEE BREAK

Streaming is amazing — so is a steaming cup of coffee or tea in a mug emblazoned with the face of your favorite "Office" character. \$16.95, nbcstore.com.

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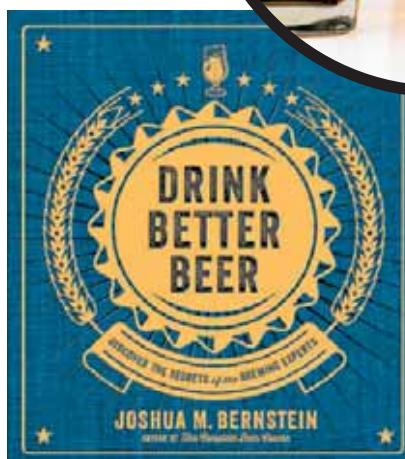


▲ CHILL COCKTAILS

Create the CBD-infused flavored beverage of your choice. Mountain Elixirs' CBD bitters packs a boozy punch at 100 proof, but with some welcome relaxation in the form of 200 mg of CBD. \$134.95, mountainelixirs.com

▲ COOL ICE

Tovolo's 2½- inch individually formed ice spheres elevate the cocktail experience both aesthetically and by melting more slowly than the average cube, which keeps your drink from getting watered down. \$14.95, williams-sonoma.com



▲ BREW BOOK

Veteran beer scribe Joshua M. Bernstein has assembled a worthy read for newer beer drinkers and veterans alike. "Drink Better Beer" urges the reader toward just that. \$24.95, joshuambernstein.com

► WINE WAND

Corkcicle Air is a frozen shaft inserted into a bottle that gets your red wine temp right where it should be (or helps to keep a white cool). Bonus: Corkcicle doubles as an aerator, which allows your reds to open with every pour. \$24.95, corkcicle.com



Toast The Holidays

Whether beer, wine, spirits or even hard seltzer, we have something for everyone who enjoys the boozier side of life. —Josh Noel



▲ GLASS CLASS

Great beer deserves great glassware. Teku's Rastal Teku Glass is one of the finest. Whether holding a crisp Pilsner or a boozy imperial stout, the Rastal Teku Glass is handsome without being fussy. Its wide bowl gathers aroma, and its sloping lip delivers a taste far more elegant than what that pint glass can do. \$11.99, tekuglass.com



BETTER THAN AIRPODS

Everybody is using Apple AirPods because they don't know the Samsung offering, the Galaxy Buds, is better at the things that matter, which are sound and battery life from a single charge. Neutral sound is good, and they stay in the ear better when you're moving, as you're inclined to do with wireless earbuds. \$129.99, samsung.com



A MEAN CLEANING MACHINE

You have the vinyl, and you want to make it last. Know that dirty vinyl not only sounds junky, but wrecks your stylus and develops permanent ticks and pops. Don't scrimp on a good record cleaning machine, like the tried-and-true VPI 16.5. Start the platter, drop the brush, spritz on the fluid and vacuum away all the gunk. Clean vinyl sounds so good. \$799, vpiindustries.com



THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Reckless Records was the cool place to get vinyl even before vinyl was cool again, from new releases to deep cuts and reissues. Normally, gift certificates are one of those "wasn't really thinking of you, but here's some money" things. Not in this case. Vinyl bucks are good bucks. \$10-\$200, reckless.com



THE ALL-IN-ONE SOUND MACHINE

Your mobile music player isn't good. Sorry, but it isn't. The AudioQuest Dragonfly puts everything you need, including a high-quality DAC, into a headphone amplifier not much bigger than a portable cigarette lighter. USB charge and compatible with everything, this wee gem is like magic. \$299, audioquest.com

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Make Their World Sound Nice

Vinyl is cool, for the 438th time. And so are you. But even better, if the person you are gift shopping for is into vinyl, he or she is probably into things that sound really nice, in general. Our music gift guide this year is all about platters that spin, and good sound. Yes, some of the price tags might make you question how much you really love the vinyl lover on your list, but far be it from us to tell you how to live, or love. We can tell you what to buy, however. — Kevin Williams



LG, Project Audio, Amazon

MUSIC YOU CAN CARRY WITH YOU

The LG V40 Thin Q has the best sound of any phone we have ever heard, and its QuadDAC is magic. This version is tuned by Meridian. Tonal balance is fantastic, with accurate vocal and instrumental tones. Amazing. \$949 unlocked, price varies by carrier, lg.com


THE MUSIC OF JOHN COLTRANE

Even people who don't like jazz like Coltrane. This five-disc set is arranged chronologically and chronicles that magical period when he exploded onto the scene. Remastered from the original analog tapes, with a lustrous, exhaustive set of liner notes. \$55 (CD), \$208+ (vinyl), newreleasesnow.com


NO CHEAP TRICK

Cheap and cheerful is a lovely thing, and this Pro-Ject Essential III turntable is just that. Cheap enough to be an impulse purchase, good enough to extract every last bit of magic from those vinyl grooves. It's the best entry-level turntable around. \$349, project-audio.com

Kids Under 10

They aren't babies anymore. These kids are growing up, but still aren't grown and are all about fun. Toys are their treasures, so you must choose wisely when selecting their gift. The perfect toy needs to keep kids playing ... or building, drawing, giggling or just having fun.

— Kate Thayer, Judy Sutton Taylor



MAGICAL DREAMS

Kids who are head-over-hooves for unicorns are guaranteed sweet dreams in this rainbow-maned sleeping bag. \$129, potterybarnkids.com

HIDDEN FUN

Kid favorite Lego now has a new way to build. With the Hidden Side Paranormal Intercept Bus 3000, builders can use a phone app to take the fun of Legos to a new level. \$59.99, lego.com



EARLY CODING

Your favorite math wiz can start coding even before starting school with Fisher-Price's Code 'n Learn Kinderbot. \$59.97, amazon.com



IT'S A HOOT

Using touch, movement and care, kids can use their skills to teach Owleez, the interactive owl toy by Spin Master, to really fly. She also likes to be petted, tickled and rocked to sleep. \$49.99, target.com



NIGHT VISION

This set of six battery-operated, waterproof LED agility cones is perfect for outdoor games and practices on winter evenings. \$24.95, glowcity.com



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▲ LOW-MAINTENANCE GIFTING

Go green and give the gift of life. Eastern Leaf's friendly Succulent Sake Favors require little maintenance. \$4.95, easternleaf.com

\$10 Stocking Stuffers

Secret Santa is no challenge this year. These cheap gifts are sure to impress your friends and family.

— Kasondra Van Treeck

▲ LAVENDER VIBES

Clear negative energy and bring good vibes in preparation for the New Year with Lavender Smudge Stick / Incense with Quartz Crystal from La Lune Healing. \$8, etsy.com

Wilton, Amazon, Eastern Leaf

▲ WE ALL LIVE FOR TEA

A sea of tea drinking waits to be explored with Aremazing's silicone yellow submarine tea infuser. \$5.99, amazon.com



▲ PARTY PRESENT

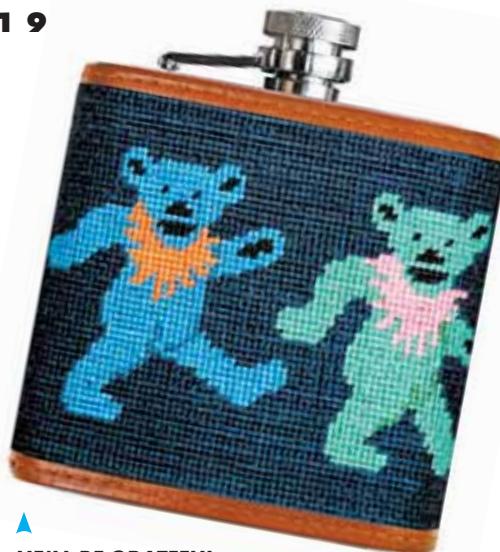
Upgrade your next party with the Wilton's Round Silicone Shot Glass Mold. A perfect gift for the perfect host. \$9.99, wilton.com

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PRACTICAL AND FASHIONABLE

Make sure she never has to trade style for practicality. Upgrade her winter boots to something warm and fashion-forward. Cole Haan ZeroGrand Explore Hiker Boot, \$280, colehaan.com.



HE'LL BE GRATEFUL

Offer up an old-fashioned way to stay warm (a sip of the good stuff) and an old-school jam band reference. Smathers & Branson Grateful Dead Dancing Bears Flask, \$65, store.metmuseum.org



OFFERING HIM COMFORT

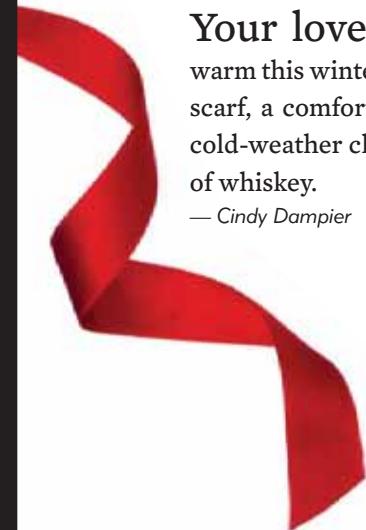
This good-looking, heavy-knit throw is actually a weighted blanket, good for soothing anxiety and encouraging restful napping. Bearaby Classic Napper, \$249, bearaby.com

Cole Haan, The Met, Bearaby

Keep Them Warm And Cozy

Your love will really keep them warm this winter, in the form of a cozy scarf, a comforting blanket, or a true cold-weather classic — a warming nip of whiskey.

— Cindy Dampier



HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE | 2019**MULTITASKING WARMERS**

For those who appreciate multitasking, Buff Thermonet warmers are a sleek-but-cozy way to warm up your neck, pull up as a face mask or a hood, or use as an ear warmer. Order early to get the best prints. \$27, buffusa.com

**SOUP'S ON**

Nothing gets us through winter like warm soup. Help them make it at home with a top-of-the-line Staub Dutch oven in a cool, olive green color. Staub Round Cocotte, \$340, williams-sonoma.com

H&M, Williams Sonoma, Buff

**DRAPED IN ARGYLE**

She knows how to make winter look good, so argyle should be right up her alley. Wrap her up in the latest modern collaboration from H&M and Pringle of Scotland. \$18, hm.com



SOUND AND VISION

Designed in 1965 by Italian design masters, Achille and Pier Giacomo Castiglioni, and reintroduced in 2018 in a limited edition of 100, the Radiofonografo Radio and Turntable is a masterpiece of design that recalls the golden age of hi-fis in the 1960s and '70s. The uniquely styled, hand-lacquered wood speakers can be configured three ways for optimum sonic definition. \$9,950, store.moma.org



GOING FOR BAROQUE

Old style meets high style with Versace's take on the classic beanbag covered in their iconic baroque pattern. \$3,300, versace.com



OBJECT OF DESIRE

Get gifting bonus points with Dyson's Supersonic Hair Dryer. It has the power to dry hair super fast, without relying on extreme heat and has cold shot to set hair after styling. \$399.99, dysont.com.

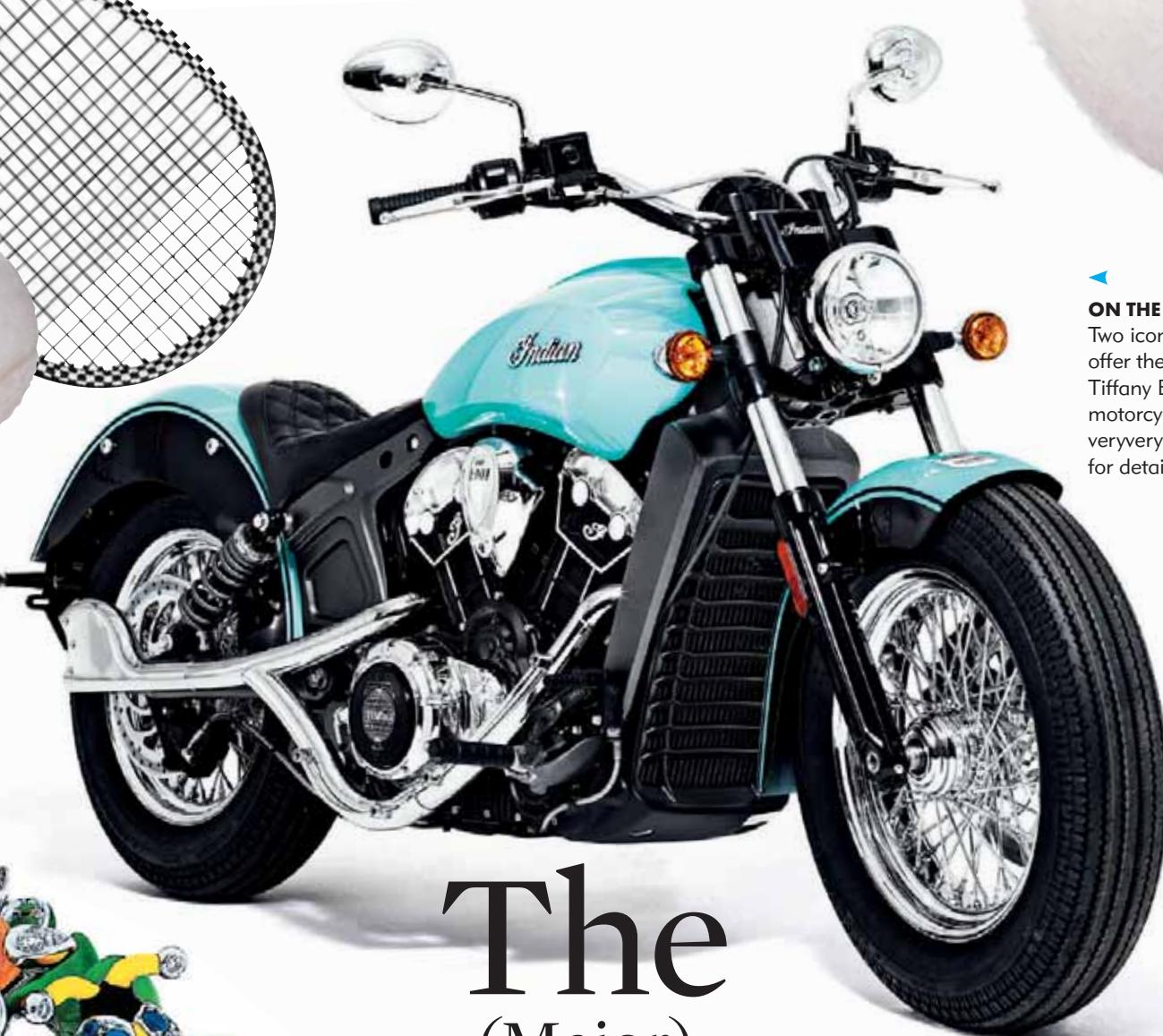


BLACK GOLD

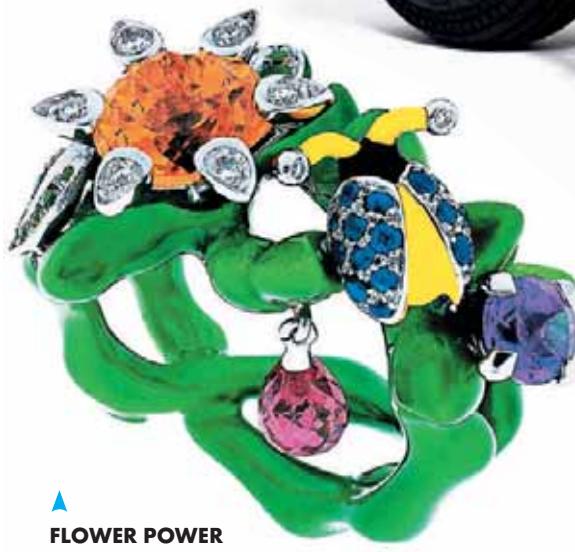
Treat your foodie friend to freshly foraged black winter truffles. They'll turn Christmas morning's scrambled eggs into a epic breakfast. \$90 for 1 ounce, food52.com

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE | 2019**GAME, SET, MATCH**

Saint Laurent has teamed up with sports brand Wilson to create an incredibly chic, checkerboard print tennis racket (with matching cover). \$525, and set of three balls, \$74, ysl.com

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

Two iconic brands team up to offer the one-of-a-kind custom Tiffany Blue Indian Scout motorcycle. \$35,000, email veryverytiffany@tiffany.com for details

**FLOWER POWER**

Give her an enchanted garden with Dior's white gold and enamel Milly Carnivora Epinosa Verte ring studded with diamonds and precious stones. \$14,900, dior.com

Dior, Tiffany, Saint Laurent

The (Major) Splurge

The holiday season may be the time to spoil the one you love, but we've gone far past that sentiment. We've found a trove of luxe gifts, including the season's hottest collabs, from a one-of-a-kind Indian Scout motorcycle in Tiffany blue, to a Saint Laurent x Wilson tennis racket (and yes, matching balls). One can always dream. — David Syrek



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Allow us to direct you to the best electronics that
the people on your list really want

By Jacob Palmer, BestReviews

Electronics make for great gifts. People covet them, but often don't want to spend that much money on themselves for a new gadget. So give them that joy of opening the fresh, hot toy this year.

At BestReviews, we know what stands out because we monitor and research the newest electronics all year long. We track the trends, what's actually quality and what isn't, and we share that information to simplify purchasing decisions. Around the holidays, we help people make everyone on their list happy.

IF THEY LOVE APPLE PRODUCTS ...

MacBook Pro*

Have a college student or budding creative on your list this year? Then they'll be ecstatic to receive a MacBook Pro, a computer with a powerful processor and crystal-clear retina display that's ideal for any task from writing



to researching to designing to photo editing and much, much more. Plus, this is a durable and powerful laptop that ought to last for years to come.

1 Apple Watch

The Apple Watch is still the hottest item in wearable tech, and it makes a great gift for anyone who already seems to already have every other device by the brand (iPhone, iPad, Macbook, etc.) and who loves all things Apple. Now, they'll be able to do much of what they do on their iPhone and more — all with a device small enough to wear on their wrist.

12.9-inch iPad Pro*

Many people don't need the power of a full laptop for their personal computing needs — and they also don't want to be stuck just using their smartphone. So if a tablet is what they really want, then why not get them the top-of-the-line?

“ WE TRACK THE TRENDS, WHAT'S QUALITY AND WHAT ISN'T, AND WE SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH YOU TO SIMPLIFY YOUR PURCHASING DECISIONS. ”

Apple released a new model that has a bigger screen than ever, and it comes with a keyboard, so it will feel like a laptop but much more sleek.

2 Apple TV

For those who love to binge Netflix or stream live TV, the Apple TV offers the best-looking video of any other streaming device out there. These are fast, intuitive, and incredibly easy to use even for the least technologically capable person on your list.

AirPods Pro*

If you're buying a gift for someone who seems to be constantly listening to music or podcasts, give convenience in the form of a sleek, cool set of headphones that will work seamlessly with the rest of their Apple products. The Pro line is new and boasts noise-canceling technology. So if they're a frequent flier, they'll love to add these to their arsenal.

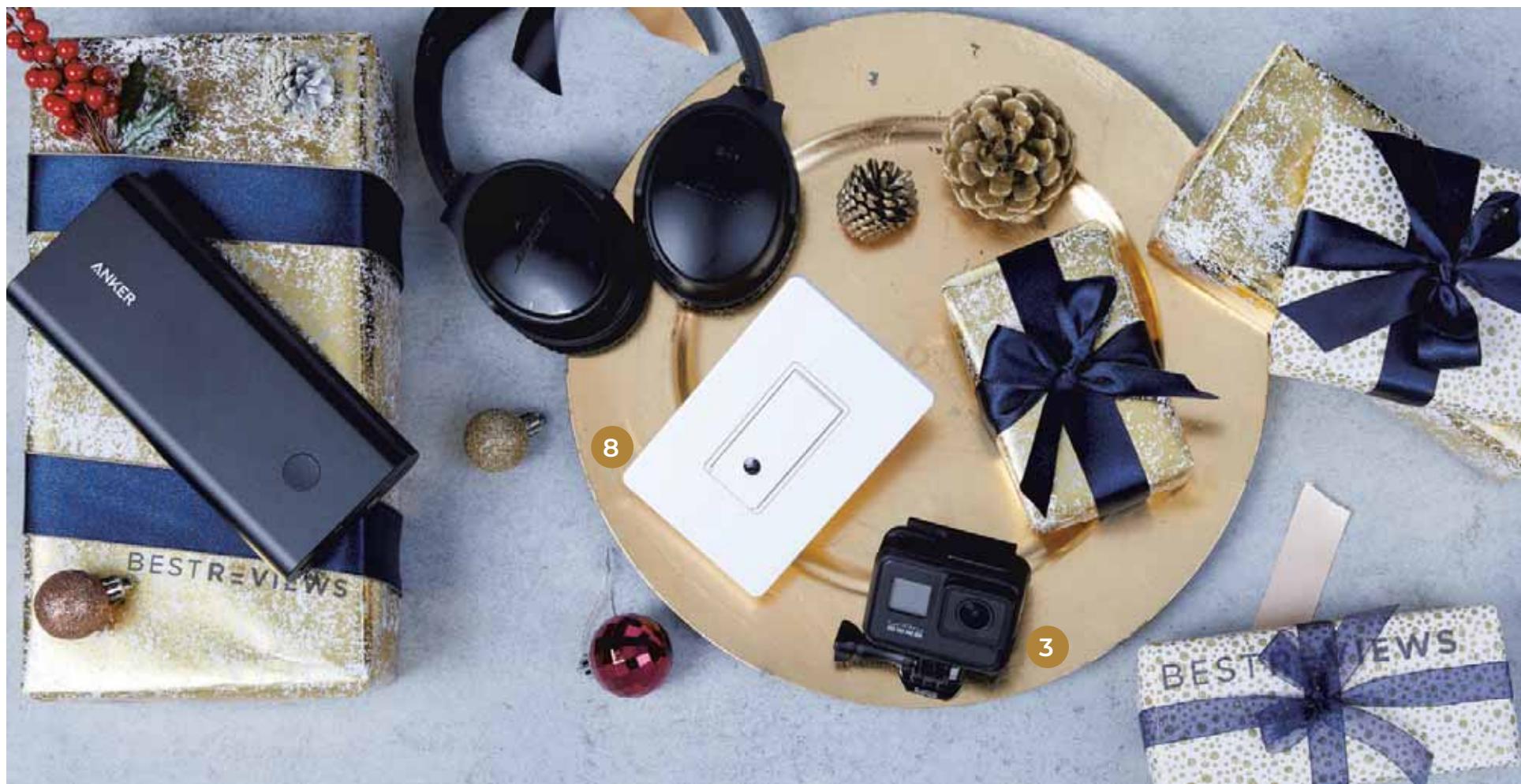
IF THEY LEAD A COOL LIFE THAT TAKES THEM AWAY FROM HOME ...

3 GoPro HERO8

If you know someone who does cool things worth capturing — like snorkeling, mountain biking, surfing, or something else — consider getting them the newest model of GoPro HERO8 so they can take footage of all their adventures. It can take 4K ultra HD video and has advanced

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stabilization technology, so it's the best action camera available.

4 A portable charger that works

A portable charger is becoming one of those things that everyone should have on hand at all times. Anker is a top brand in portable chargers, and this model in particular is one of the world's highest capacity portable chargers; it can fully charge a Macbook multiple times over

5 and an iPhone even more.

Bluetooth speaker

While the Ultimate Ears BOOM 3 carries a more affordable price tag, it still provides immersive sound quality. We love that it's portable and extremely durable, and in testing it can play for 15 hours on one charge — so it's always ready for adventure.

IF THEY WANT SOMETHING REALLY PRACTICAL ...

6 Tile

A key finder is a useful gift for anyone who seems to lose their house keys any time they set them down. The Tile attaches to their keychain and connects to their smartphone via Bluetooth, giving them the ability to activate a sound on the device from their phone when they need to locate their keys. Plus, it works in reverse, allowing them to locate their misplaced smartphone if they have the Tile on hand.

Echo Show*

The Echo Show can assist with organization, smart home control, entertainment, and staying in touch. This smart device can double as a

digital photo frame when not actively in use, and it's an especially great gift for the home chef because a new partnership with the Food Network enables the device to display optimized step-by-step recipes and cooking instructions.

7 Echo Dot

For those already invested in the Amazon ecosystem of smart home products or for those who might benefit from a smart home assistant, the Echo Dot is a compact smart speaker with high-quality sound. It allows for Alexa voice control of music and smart appliances, and its understated appearance will fit conveniently into any home space.

8 Smart lightswitch

If someone on your list already has their smart home assistant system set up — whether that's



Amazon's Alexa or Google's home assistant — you can gift them compatible smart devices, like a lightswitch that will allow them to have controllable and customizable home lighting.

Try a new way of waking up*

A smart alarm clock might make an ideal gift for someone who hates to wake up in the morning or never seems to be well-rested. Give the gift of well-being with the Smartsleep and Light Therapy Lamp from Philips, an alarm clock that's clinically proven to improve the user's energy and restfulness.

IF THEY LOVE THEIR HOBBIES

9 E-reader

Buy the bookworm in your life the gift of an entire library contained at their fingertips. The Kindle Oasis E-reader can not only contain hun-

dreds of eBooks, magazines, newspapers, and comics, but the device is also compatible with Audible audiobook service, making this a fitting device for any reader.

10 Nintendo Switch controller

While most gamers already have their gaming system of choice fully installed and set up, a game controller makes a worthwhile gift for any gamer because it gives them the option to play multiplayer mode with friends, and controllers tend to get worn down over time.

IF ALL THEY WANT IS A NEW TV ...

Samsung QLED*

This flatscreen TV from Samsung offers 4K ultra HD screen resolution with brilliant colors and smart TV features. It's undoubtedly high-end, yet still reasonably priced. This might make for

the ideal gift for the person who's still watching on an old TV box or who resorts to Netflix on their laptop.

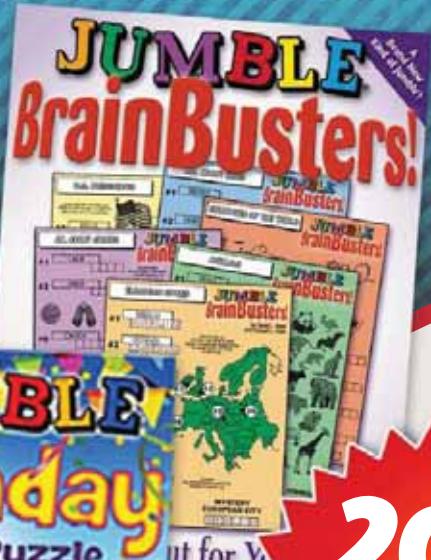
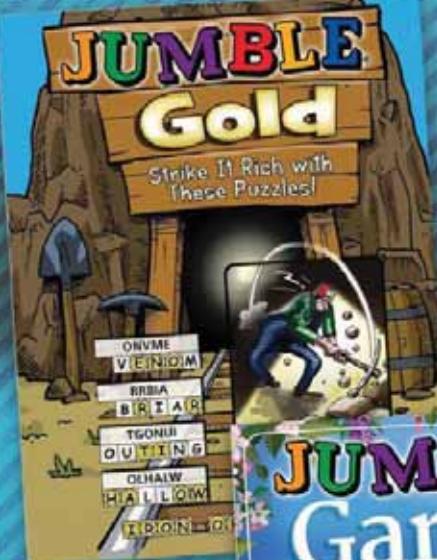
Toshiba 4K Ultra HD Smart LED TV*

Toshiba makes a less expensive — but still 4K ultra HD — flatscreen TV that even comes with a built-in Fire TV for ease of streaming and an Alexa voice remote. If you're looking to gift a more economical but still high-res TV to someone on your list, this is your best bet.

**Not pictured*



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WAKE-UP CALL

JENNIFER
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TO TV WITH
'MORNING
SHOW'

Good ‘Morning,’ Jennifer Aniston

‘Friends’ favorite talks about her new show, her old show and the time Harvey Weinstein tried to bully her

RAMIN SETOODEH
Variety

It’s been 15 years since Jennifer Aniston signed off as Rachel Green on “Friends.” In that time, she’s received plenty of other offers to star in a TV show, but she hadn’t been tempted by any of them.

“I was doing so many films at the time,” Aniston says, sitting in the living room of her Bel-Air mansion, as her two dogs — Clyde and Sophie — scamper around her. “So I never thought, ‘Oh I’m nostalgic.’”

And she didn’t think anything could compare with the professional experience of “Friends” anyway. “If I was going to go back anywhere, that’s where I would want to go. Meaning in my mind.”

This month, Aniston returns to the medium that made her into a household name and an international star. In the Apple TV Plus drama “The Morning Show,” she plays a veteran anchor, Alex Levy, who finds herself in the spotlight after her famous male colleague, Mitch Kessler (Steve Carell), is fired over sexual misconduct allegations. Aniston is an executive producer on the series along with Reese Witherspoon (who plays Bradley Jackson, a local newswoman who takes over the newly vacated co-anchor chair).

The original pilot for “The Morning Show,” which focused on the cutthroat world of morning TV, was re-written after Matt Lauer was fired from “Today” in November 2017. And while Carell’s character bears some eerie resemblances to Lauer, Aniston insists the show is a work of fiction.

Aniston felt disgust at the news of Lauer’s alleged conduct.

“I was so devastated,” she says. “It’s such a strange thing; it felt oddly like my dad did something terrible. I trusted him and had



APPLE

Jennifer Aniston modeled her new TV character for “The Morning Show” on women news journalists.

been interviewed by him. He was there for so many moments in my life. And when ‘Friends’ was ending, it was Katie (Couric) and Matt interviewing us.”

The actress spoke to Variety about her new TV role, the legacy of “Friends” and the one time that Harvey Weinstein tried to bully her.

Q: What was it like producing “The Morning Show” before #MeToo became a national movement?

A: The show got picked up. We sold it to Apple with an outline. Then, about four months later, the whole s-- hit the fan and, basically, we had to start from scratch.

Q: I know you spent some time with Diane Sawyer. What other journalists did you model Alex on?

All of them.

Q: Did you watch “Today” episodes when Katie Couric was on?

A: I actually watched those live when I was growing up. But yeah, it was very interesting. I went to the DVR that I had of “Today” before Matt Lauer was fired and then the day he was fired, because that was so fascinating to see. Mitch Kessler is not based on him at all. He’s just sort of the archetype of all of the men that he’s representing.

Q: Are all the characters in “The Morning Show” meant to be fictional?

A: All fictional, but also kind of highlighting aspects of the archetype of a charming narcissist, of a generation of men that didn’t think that was bad behavior. And

men are flirts and women are coy and find it flattering. And thankfully, with the sacrifices of these women who have come forward, this isn’t going to happen anymore.

Q: Did you ever work with Harvey Weinstein?

A: I did one movie, “Derailed,” with Clive Owen.

Q: Did you spend time with Harvey?

A: I had to. There was the premiere dinner. I remember I was sitting at the dinner table with Clive, and our producers and a friend of mine was sitting with me. And he literally came to the table and said to my friend: “Get up!” And I was like, “Oh my gosh.” And so my friend got up and moved and Harvey sat down. It was just such a level of gross

entitlement and piggish behavior.

Q: Did he ever try to bully you?

A: He knew better. I remember, right when (his ex-wife) Georgina’s clothing line Marchesa was starting. That’s when he came to visit me in London while we were shooting. He’d be like, “OK, so I’d like you to wear one of these to the premiere.” It was not for me. He was like, “You have to wear the dress.” That was my only bullying. And I was like, “No, I will not wear the dress.”

Q: And he accepted that?

A: Well, what was he going to do? Come over here and make me wear it?

Q: Do you think that the #MeToo movement has led to permanent change in Hollywood?

A: Absolutely. I think there’s still room for improvement, but I think that kind of behavior is done. ... Everybody has this new playbook and everybody’s trying to figure out what the new rules are.

Q: Why did you decide to return to TV?

A: It wasn’t until the last couple of years when these streaming services were just sort of exploding with this amount of quality that I actually started to think, “Wow, that’s better than what I just did.”

Q: Why didn’t you ever do a “Friends” movie?

A: Because our producers wouldn’t want it, wouldn’t let us. Look, it’s not been without our desire to, because our fans have wanted it so much.

Q: So there were points when the six of you would have done it?

A: I mean, we haven’t all sat in a room. But would we have loved to have done something together? Yeah. It would have been fun. We could have redesigned it for a couple episodes. But whatever. Maybe it’s better this way, but we’ll never know.

ANSWER ANGEL

Style upgrades for women in jeans



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I am middle-aged, average height, a slightly above average weight and I'm fit. I am a "T-shirts and jeans" kind of person most of the time. I am comfortable with my look but believe it may be a bit dated. Can you suggest a few pieces I can add to my fall/winter wardrobe to have a more updated look? Pieces that will pair well with and/or substitute for jeans and T-shirts and are still comfortable?

— Peggy S.

Dear Peggy: A lot of us opt for comfort and believe that jeans are the only way to go. Top them off with a T-shirt that is loose enough that it doesn't bind or require a tuck-in and we go about our day. But you're right. You don't have to give up ease or style to look a little more put together — or, as you put it, "updated." Start with some black pants in a fabric with some stretch, and I'm not talking about skintight leggings. For starters, **LEGGINGS AREN'T PANTS!** Think Audrey Hepburn in pants to the ankle in boot cut or a slimmer straight leg (not skinny).

Fortunately, manufacturers have finally caught on to the idea that low-rise pants aren't flattering and give almost every woman a muffin top, so you'll find more pants that hit at your waistline in stores when you go shopping. Thank goodness. I'm usually not a big fan of Chico's (although many of you are), but I found the perfect comfortable, black, washable pants there that could be worn on any day. They're pull-on with an elastic waist that doesn't look elastic and were worth the sale price of around \$50.

There's no way around it: You're going to have to try on a lot of pants to find what you're looking for, but you can upgrade your look and not sacrifice comfort. The Gap, Old Navy, Athleta and Nordstrom are a few places to try.



GAP

It's tough to beat a white button-front shirt and a jacket with a pop of color for an easy style update.

You can't beat a white button front shirt for an easy update, and today's fabrics really can be no-iron if you hang them to dry. Leopard print is everywhere and a top that fits like a T-shirt in a rayon or silk look can really perk up an outfit. Check out thrift stores for leopard print bargains. Even a leopard scarf, belt or shoe — tennis, flat, bootie, low heel —

can amp up your style.

Jackets to the waist in pleather, knit or a heavier weight are a big style booster, and blazers are back in all price ranges. Try a bright color. Wear a fresh white T-shirt under your jacket and you'll be right in style — casual but put together. For more ideas to freshen your look, check out rankandstyle.com.

And what about the guys and their blue jeans...?

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My girlfriend insists that I can't wear dress shoes with blue jeans. I say they're fine for work at my casual workspace? Who is right?

— Michael J.

Dear Michael: You are. Tell your

girlfriend that the jean-and-dress-shoes train has left the station and it's filled with guys like you who wear nice shoes (usually brown, often laced) with their jeans. I took a stroll down a major business street and jeans and brown dress shoes — often with a suit coat, jacket or blazer — was virtually the uniform of the groups of guys I saw. And, yes, tell your girlfriend that many of them were not wearing socks with their nice shoes.

Reader Rant 1

Audrey C. writes: "Your tall reader Sharon R. ranted that she is having a hard time finding pants with a long enough rise — for women with long torsos — but what I'd really like to see is more tall women's coats. Especially ones that are more than an inch longer in the sleeve than the regular size option."

Reader Rant 2

From Jacky H.: "I'm tired of pants that look like they have side pockets, but it's just a seam to simulate a pocket. I like to put my car keys in one side pocket and a tissue in the other. Back pockets stuffed with stuff aren't very attractive. I want side pockets to come back in pants!"

Reader Rant 3

And another pants pocket complaint ...

Rita R. says: "Why have they started making jeans and other pants with such tiny and short front pockets? They must be two-thirds smaller than they used to be. I thought it was only women's pants, but I have even heard of men complaining about it. Nothing will fit in these front pockets anymore. Manufacturers and designers, please go back to the regular (larger) size pockets."

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangeellen@gmail.com.

Anna Wintour turns teacher, job coach

BY JOCELYN NOVEC

Associated Press

Fashion is a world where the “next new thing” is constantly celebrated, where designers must keep reinventing themselves or risk falling into obscurity.

Atop that world, Anna Wintour remains a strikingly durable and influential presence. Her image never changes: the mid-length, brightly colored print dresses; the immaculate bobbed hair; the chunky necklaces; and, of course, the dark sunglasses, which make it harder for everyone to know what she’s thinking.

In her new online MasterClass on leadership, the Vogue editor in chief is revealing at least some of what she’s thinking.

She also describes her daily routine (she’s up by 5 a.m. and playing tennis before you’ve likely even smelled your morning coffee), opens a Vogue fashion meeting to the cameras (models were too young and thin in recent London shows, participants agree) and, in a segment sure to be catnip to many fashionistas, sits down with a Met Gala seating chart.

Wintour, who has headed Vogue for more than three decades, also describes what she looks for in a job interview (she stresses that it’s not what you’re wearing), and in a meeting in her office (don’t “settle in” for a long chat, just saying).

Amid several weeks of nonstop fashion shows in New York and Europe, Wintour hopped on the phone from Paris to discuss the new online gig, her unabashed fandom for Broadway shows, her feelings about the latest trends

on runways, and what advice she gives her 32-year-old daughter, Bee Shaffer (hint: it’s the other way around).

This interview has been edited and condensed.

Q: You’re known as a fairly private person. What gave you the idea to do this MasterClass?

A: Well, they came to me. But over the years I’ve been asked so many times by young designers and students for advice and counsel.

So it seemed a great opportunity to use a MasterClass to really talk about my own career and particularly my experience with the CFDA Vogue Fashion Fund, where we’ve mentored so many young designers, just trying to be helpful to young people thinking about getting into journalism or fashion.

Q: It seems fashion is always about finding the next new thing. At least twice a year, designers have to come up with a new idea.

A: Way more than that these days! You can go to a Fashion Week every week of the year. I just was on the phone being asked to go to Tokyo Fashion Week. It’s continuous today. It’s also an industry ... in a state of reappraisal and structure. I think that’s why I’ve enjoyed it for so long, because it is always about change, and that’s very inspiring to me and very invigorating, whether it’s finding a new designer or understanding how we can talk to audiences in all these different ways.

Q: How have you remained such a constant?

A: I think it’s super im-

portant to understand your own vision. If you want to make a comparison, look at a great designer: It’s very interesting to me to see Maria Grazia (Chiuri) at Dior, how she has re-established the codes of that house ... the way Karl Lagerfeld when he was alive always did at Chanel. He would recast it every season but there was always the jacket, always the bag, always the little black dress. He would just reimagine it and modernize it every season. (Also) I see sometimes when people become successful they stay within a comfort zone ... within quite a small world. What I’ve always tried to do is challenge myself by looking at art, going to the theater, traveling, walking in the streets, seeing what people are wearing and always bringing in young people to contradict me, tell me about new things and question my choices.

Q: What else has struck you at recent shows?

A: I do feel there’s a sense of optimism and joy coming through the strongest collections ... The other thing I see happening which I think came across most strongly in New York was that they’re very, very committed to diversity and inclusivity, and also reexamining what the fashion show is. It’s not just girls walking down on a runway. It’s more about individuality and personality and who the designer is themselves. It seems that the fashion show itself is being rethought.

Q: You give a lot of advice in this MasterClass. Is there any advice there that stems from some you’ve given to your



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“What I’ve always tried to do is challenge myself by looking at art, going to the theater, traveling, walking in the streets, seeing what people are wearing ...”

own daughter?

A: On the contrary, she’s the one that gives me advice! She’s a very determined young lady who’s always had a very clear vision of who she is and what she wants to do. She’s loved theater since she was 8 years old and now she’s working there. But I think it’s very important to

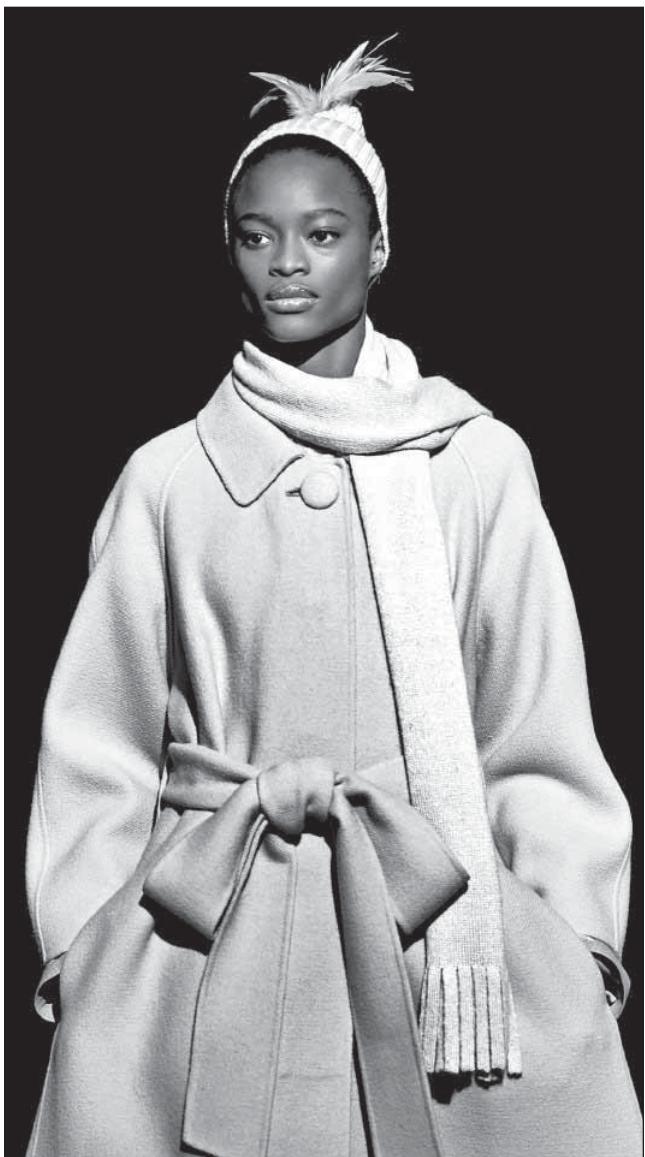
understand that you don’t have to make up your mind at 18 or 22. It’s important to try different paths if you’re not sure. ... It’s testing and trying lots of different things or working with different people and learning from different communities.

Q: If you were speaking

to high school seniors, what careers would you suggest they consider?

A: A career that can give you a voice, or (allow you) in some way to be to be helpful. I’ve been exceptionally lucky in that I find myself in a position where through what I do, I can have a voice and I can also be helpful to others.

THE GOODS



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Marc Jacobs' belted mint green statement coat



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Hottest color right now? Cool mint green

BY JESSICA MOAZAMI | Chicago Tribune

From Marc Jacobs' chic belted coat to a retro-style toaster, the color of the season is sure to liven up the gloomy winter days that lie ahead.

Jessica Moazami is a freelance stylist.



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NORDSTROM

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Create a welcoming guest room

BY BARBARA BALLINGER

Chicago Tribune

The best hotels pamper their guests and make them want to return. Some homeowners have a similar knack of creating cocoon-like havens where friends and family nestle into a bedroom set aside for them rather than take over junior's room or the family den.

With the holidays fast approaching, we deconstruct what else goes into the most special guest rooms. Follow our suggestions and your house guests may not want to leave. We have a solution for that too. Don't have too big a closet or too many empty drawers, so they can't stay too long.

Set the tone with a really special bed

Guest rooms tend to veer toward the smaller size but that doesn't mean you can't have a bed with a lot of personality or even two twin beds, which can offer greater flexibility. Blue Dot's beds have a modern verve and come in variations with their wood frames in different finishes, shapes for the frame and headboard and in different sizes. For example, the Nook bed comes in colorful finishes as hip as navy, tomato, charcoal and five others.

Blanket them in comfort

The mantra is the more the better for maximum coziness and warmth. Start with one soft, squishy, warm down comforter, then lighter blankets to give your guests options. Online retailer The Company Store's LaCrosse comforter comes in multiple weights and a spectrum of colors. Add chic extra layer blankets. Coyuchi's Topanga matelasse blankets are made from soft organic cotton and come in white as well as an array of earthy colors.

Transport them with color

Wall colors set the tone: Some love a light, airy hue and background while others crave a dark, dreamy cave. We asked paint expert Sue Wadden, director of color marketing for Sherwin-



POTTERY BARN

Pottery Barn's charcoal blanket and dark wall color create a cozy, cocoonlike room. potterybarn.com

Williams, who offered two choices. "Because guest rooms aren't used as often as other rooms in the home, they're a great place to experiment with color. A deep, moody color like Cyberspace SW 7076 envelops you and makes the room feel like an escape from the outside world. Dark colors can create a feeling of coziness; create contrast by keeping trim and other accents bright white, which will help break up the dark paint," she says. "Painting your guest room in a blue hue will make guests feel at home. A pale blue with hints of gray like Sherwin-Williams Krypton is modern, yet calming, creating a retreatlike atmosphere that any

guest will appreciate. Pair it with natural wood elements to add a touch of warmth." Wadden says.

Have a double-duty bench

Offering an extra place to sit or at least put on shoes and maybe rest a suitcase is a thoughtful idea that will make your guests love you more. From Perigold, the Katsura bench with cushion designed by Maria Yee has a sleek, modern look that works perfectly at the foot of the bed.

Get a workhorse nightstand

We vote for using a slightly bigger writing table or desk, which was Chicago designer Tom Stringer's advice to clients. That

way it's big enough to accommodate lots of niceties such as a carafe and tumbler, iPhone or tablet, good reading light, short stack of a few choice books, small vase with flowers and a place for a few pieces of chocolate for nighttime cravings. We like Birch Lane's "Wolfgang" small home office classic trestle desk with open shelves where guests can place anything they brought along in plain sight.

Add a personal touch

Keep a terry cloth robe in white or cream in your guest room that's as plush as those that five-star hotels provide. Most of your house guests don't have



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Plush Necessities' Pure Bliss terry cloth robe. plushnecessities.com

room in their suitcases to pack one for a short stay. You can also provide a few pairs of decorative slippers in different sizes to let them pad about without shoes. Heiwa makes them in batik, naturally dried corn husks, leather, denim and wool and other materials at very affordable prices.

Keep them cozy

Start with a featherbed mattress topper, then with the cooler season approaching, look for sheets made of flannel. The Company Store and Coyuchi have great products in an array of patterns and colors. These soft sheets are welcome on chilly nights, and washing only enhances the sheets' softness.

The small things matter

Lastly, add a small vase of fresh flowers to the room to give it a cheery, personal touch. Keep it small, simple and understated for big impact.

Build funds fast for holiday gift-buying

BY SEAN PYLES

NerdWallet

Timing is everything when it comes to saving for the holidays. The longer you have to build up cash reserves, plan your budget and buy gifts at the right price, the better you can cover these seasonal costs without going into debt.

Avoiding debt around the holidays can save you from a spending hangover in the new year: Shoppers who used credit cards to fund the holidays in 2018 anticipated it would take them over three months to pay off their debt, according to a NerdWallet survey of over 2,000 adults conducted by The Harris Poll.

Here's how you can plan your spending this year — and start saving for next year's holidays.

Set your plan for this year

Say you're planning to kick off shopping in earnest around Black Friday, which falls on Nov. 29 this year. You still have some time for saving and planning. Start with these steps:

Set your holiday budget. If you don't have much in savings, you'll likely have to use your discretionary income — what's left over after regular bills — to fund your holidays. Being mindful of what you can afford can keep you from overspending, says Los Angeles-based financial coach Dominique Reese.

"I say think about your future self," Reese says. "How would your future financial self — yourself in January, February, March — feel about the expenses that you made over the holidays?"

To build your holiday budget, trim discretionary expenses over the next several weeks. Cut back on dining out or going to the movies, or temporarily cancel a couple of monthly subscription services.

Spend smart: Create a gift list that fits your budget, find good deals, and consider reducing holiday spending on food and gifts across the board to avoid going into debt.

Use your budget to guide your gift list. If your budget is tight, consider whether you can buy for fewer people; maybe you can suggest a get-together instead of a gift exchange with some friends.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday can offer big savings, but you might find better deals at other times. Start checking prices now so you know what's a good deal — and what to skip.

Being frugal with holiday meal shopping can go far, says Summer Red, professional development manager at the Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education.

"Food is central to most holiday celebrations, and there are a lot of foods people will buy even though people don't like it," Red says. If no one in your family likes the dark meat of a turkey, for example, consider getting specific cuts rather than a whole bird.



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Set yourself up for next year

While planning this year's holidays, start thinking about how you'll save money next year. Track your spending to help inform what you'll need, Reese advises. "If you went over your budget, set aside more for next year," she says.

Then, find a saving strategy that works for you. Here are a few options:

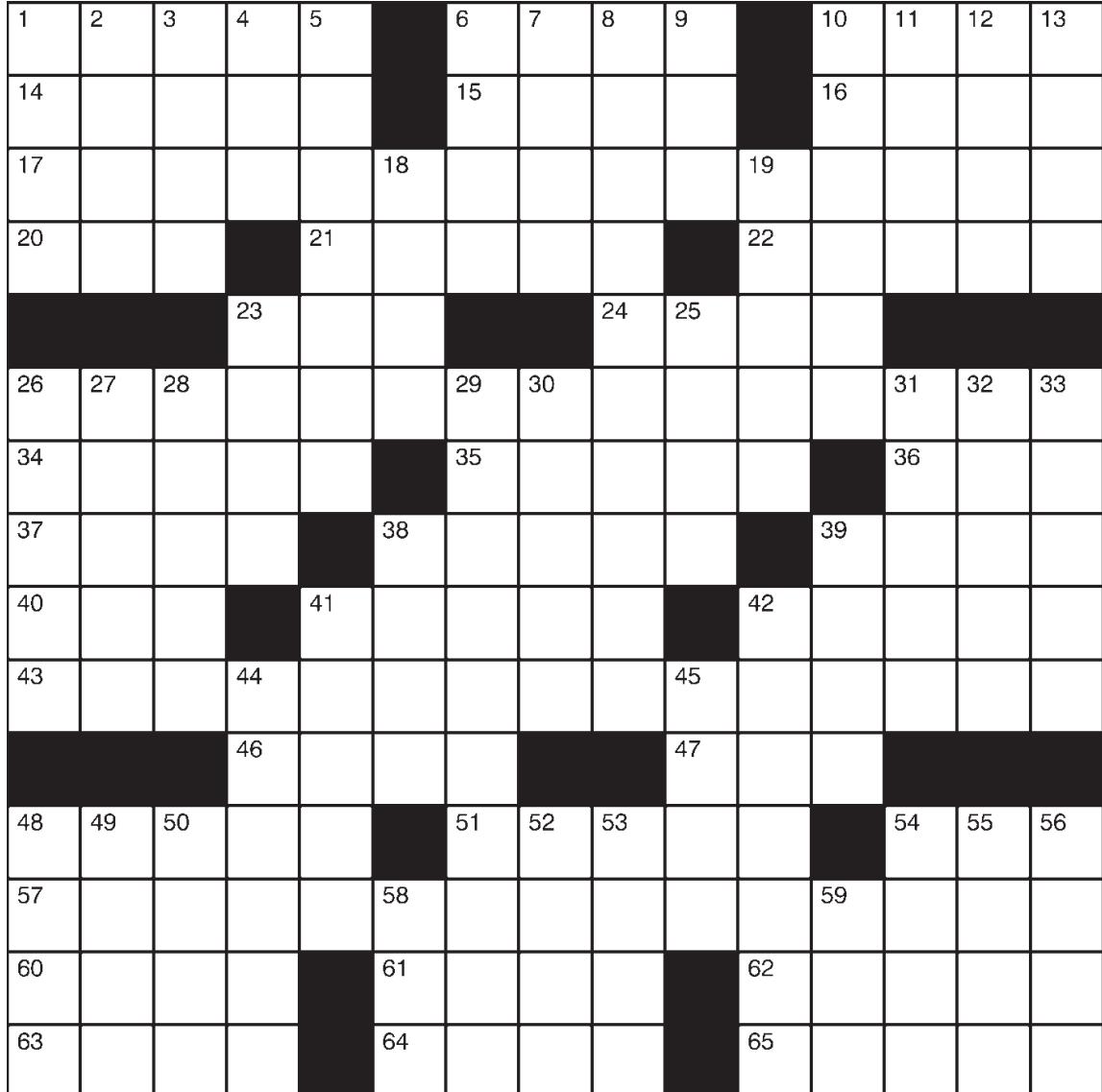
- The 52-week savings challenge: One of Red's preferred methods, with this "challenge," you start

by saving \$1 the first week of December, then \$2 the next week, \$3 the following week, and so on, adding \$1 each week for a year. At the end, you'll have nearly \$1,400 to spend for the holidays.

■ Holiday savings accounts: Typically offered by credit unions, these savings accounts are generally locked so you can't access what you're putting into savings until the holiday season.

■ Set aside part of your income: Reese suggests socking away a percentage of your income and automating transfers to build the habit of saving.

Environmentalists' Dreams



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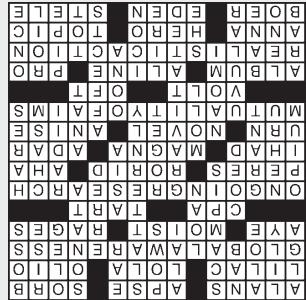
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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

HELENA BONHAM CARTER

The *Sweeney Todd* and *Harry Potter* star, 53, plays Princess Margaret in *The Crown* when season three premieres (Nov. 17 on Netflix). The new season covers 1964 to 1977, a time when Queen Elizabeth (Olivia Colman) and the royal family struggle to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing Britain in a new, more liberated world.

Why are we so fascinated with the royals? I think it's probably because we don't know what they're like. They've been enormously clever in maintaining that mystique. Maybe it goes back to fairy tales.

What's the relationship in *The Crown* between Margaret and Queen Elizabeth? They had a genuinely very close relationship. I think Margaret never really recovered in some ways when her father died, because not only did she lose her father, but she lost her best friend. Her sister became a monarch, so she lost that companion.

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Why did she consult a psychic? Go to Parade.com/helena to find out.

people, but at the same time, she also wanted to have status. She was a mix, and that's what makes her so great to play.

Your role as Bellatrix in the *Harry Potter* franchise is one of your most memorable. It was post-baby, so I was like, "I have to get my teeth into something." So I made it as big a part as possible. I thought it had to be something that kids would enjoy watching. If you're going to play somebody evil, [it's got to be] someone naughty that they can enjoy. [So] she was basically a stunted adult.



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MARK RUFFALO'S DARK WATERS

A far cry from playing the Hulk, this time Ruffalo portrays attorney Rob Bilott, who takes on a giant corporation in *Dark Waters* (in theaters Nov. 22). Based on a true story, Bilott risked his family and career to uncover a four-decade secret of contamination and deadly chemicals that threaten an entire community. "What we are talking about is the power of the individual to effect massive change, with the help of a community," says Ruffalo, 51, who played real-life reporter Mike Rezendes in the 2016 Best Picture Oscar winner *Spotlight*.



MAD ABOUT YOU IS BACK!

Paul Reiser, 63, and Helen Hunt, 56, reprise their roles as Paul and Jamie Buchman in a 12-episode revival of *Mad About You* (Nov. 20 on Spectrum), in which the couple explores their marriage as empty-nesters after dropping off their daughter, Mabel (Abby Quinn), at college. "We are so excited to finally be doing this," Reiser says. "We promise you the same funny and heartwarming show—as soon as we can remember what's funny about being older. It's going to be great!"

WHICH '90S SITCOM REBOOT INSPIRED HUNT?
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COOKING WITH THE STARS

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, **Guy Fieri**, 51, is inviting some of his chef buddies to his California ranch to cook up their favorite recipes on *Guy's Thanksgiving Hotline*. During this live streaming event (Nov. 22 at 9 p.m. ET on the Food Network Kitchen app), viewers can get their holiday cooking questions answered in real time by Fieri and his fellow chefs. Here are some other celebs who love to cook—and their cookbooks featuring their favorite dishes.

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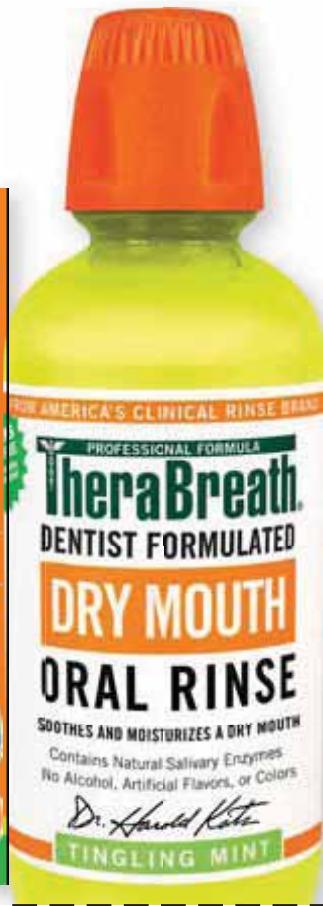
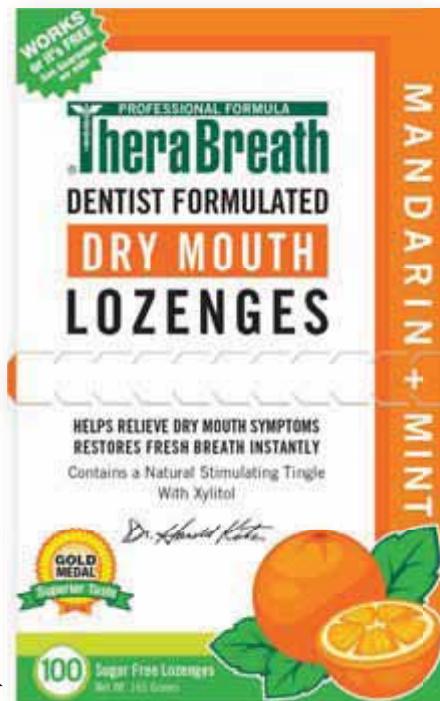
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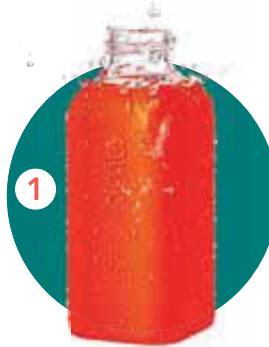
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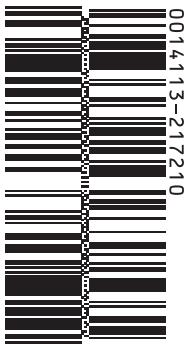
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—Leda Metro, Darien, Conn.

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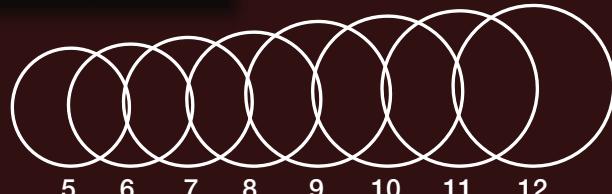
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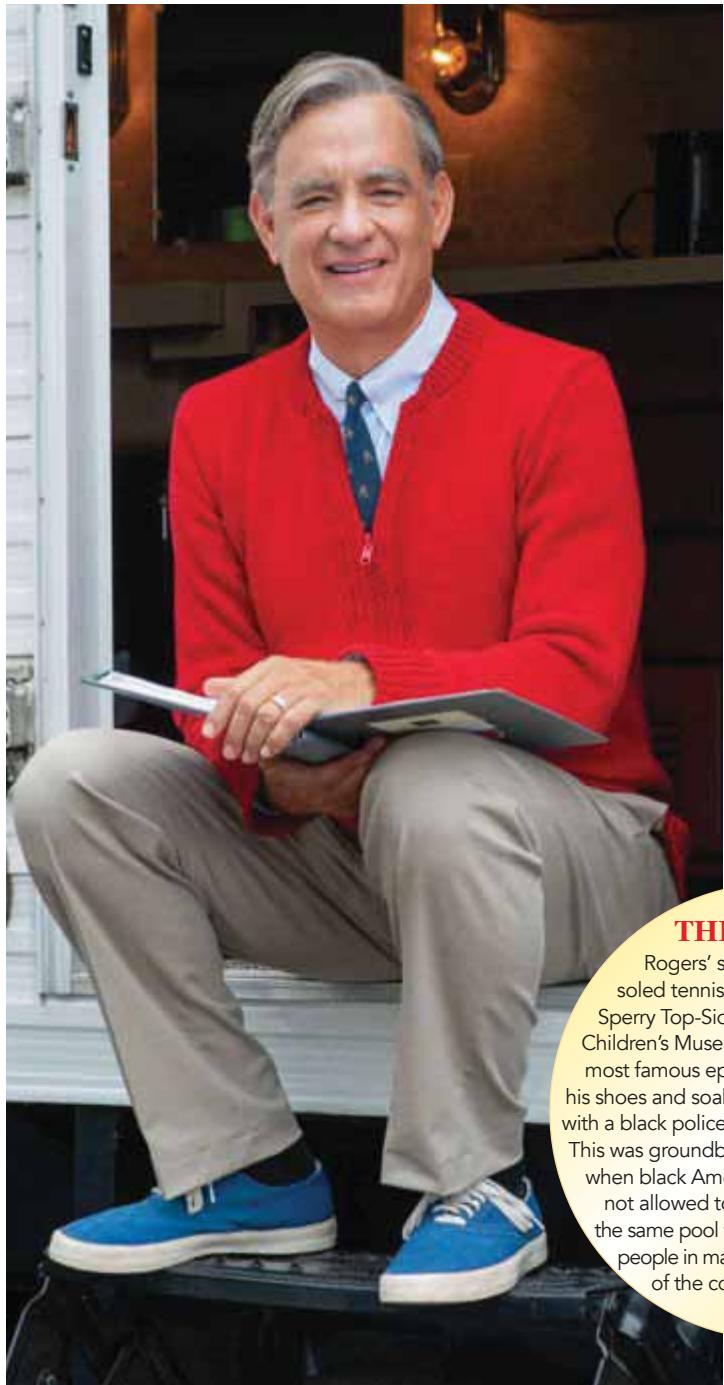
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Tom Hanks Is Mister Rogers



THE TENNIES

Rogers' signature navy rubber-soled tennis shoes were Converse or Sperry Top-Sider brand, according to the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. One of the most famous episodes has Rogers taking off his shoes and soaking his feet in a children's pool with a black policeman, Officer Clemmons. This was groundbreaking in 1969, when black Americans were not allowed to swim in the same pool with white people in many parts of the country.



One of our favorite actors takes on one of our favorite TV icons in *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* (in theaters Nov. 22). We asked **Tom Hanks** to tell us what it was like. Plus, he shares five things he learned from Mister Rogers.

WHAT WAS THE HARDEST THING ABOUT PLAYING MISTER ROGERS?

Slowing down, finding the cadence and the tempo, because so much of making movies is usually a pressure-filled thing. You're always sure to be staying 10 minutes late; you're always trying to get a shot before you lose the location; you're always trying to just get through it. That's totally contrary to what Mister Rogers was about. So I would say for me, the hardest thing about playing Mister Rogers was being able to find the quiet spaces inside spaces that had to be filled.

HOW DID YOU PREPARE FOR THE PART?

When I started preparing for the role in earnest, I started looking at many, many, many hours of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. It took me a while to realize that the show was not for adults or for anyone who understands nature or physics or even how flashlights work. The show was meant specifically for the mind of a child, who is just forming the logic of how elevators work, or why sometimes our parents are in a bad mood or why I'm jealous because there's a new baby in my family. The show was specifically planned to enlighten the unenlightened. Also, we shot the film at WQED in Pittsburgh, the same studio Mister Rogers shot in, and many of the

Mister Rogers

same people were still working there. So I heard lots of stories. I read Fred's handwritten scripts of the shows on legal tablets.

WHAT'S A FAVORITE BIT OF WISDOM FROM THE MOVIE?

There's a question that Fred asks in the film, and he's asked it in a number of public forums: "Is there somebody who loved you into existence, who loved you so much that you became who you are right now?" Who taught us how to love, who accepted us exactly as we are? Who told us that we were special and gave us that foundation of confidence and benevolence that we would not have had if they had not been in our lives?

IF YOU COULD HAVE HAD DINNER WITH FRED ROGERS, WHAT THREE THINGS WOULD YOU HAVE TALKED ABOUT?

I would want to have talked to him about the early days of television and how he was able to create this singular, completely individual enterprise that would likely never see the light of day today—and would certainly not be as sophisticated as *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* was. "You're going to start your show with a dead fish? What are the kids going to learn from that?" I would want to talk to him about when he was young, growing up as a fat, sickly kid who got made fun of. You could go through a lot of people in history who were very sick when they were young and became artists because they spent so much time alone. And then I would want to talk

THE SWEATER

Those iconic cardigans were inspired by an avid knitter. "Until she died, those zipper sweaters that I wore on the *Neighborhood* were all made by my mother," Rogers said. "She made one a month." After his mom's sweaters wore out (Mrs. Rogers died in 1981), the show's art director would order sweaters of the type worn by postal workers and dye them the vibrant colors Rogers preferred (even though he was color-blind). One of those sweaters lives in the Smithsonian, where it's considered an American treasure.



5 Things I Learned From FRED ROGERS

1. Hot cranberry juice is a perfect morning beverage. Not coffee or tea, but cranberry juice, heated up in, I guess, a microwave. The man got up at 5:30 every morning, so he knew what worked.
2. Getting up at 5:30 a.m. every day means you can answer an awful lot of mail.
3. A daily 20-minute swim does a world of good for you.
4. Weighing 143 pounds was his full-body message of "I (1) love (4) you (3)." "It takes one letter to say 'I' and four letters to say 'love' and three letters to say 'you.' One-hundred and forty-three," Rogers said on his show.
5. "That which is essential is invisible to the naked eye"—his framed quote, in French, from Saint-Exupéry's *Le Petit Prince*. This was Fred's take on life, on being human. And it's correct.

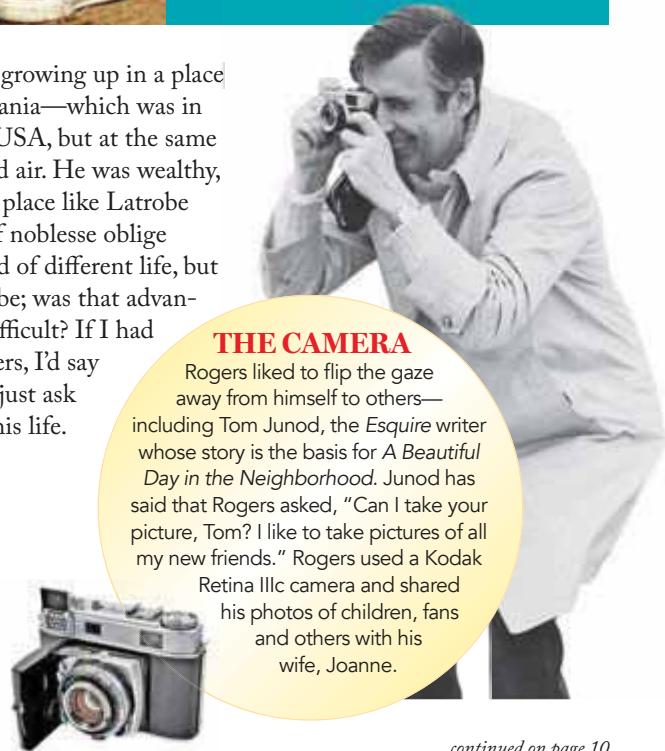
—Tom Hanks

about what it was like growing up in a place like Latrobe, Pennsylvania—which was in some ways Anytown, USA, but at the same time was pretty rarified air. He was wealthy, and to be wealthy in a place like Latrobe would've had a kind of noblesse oblige aspect. You lived a kind of different life, but you were still in Latrobe; was that advantageous, or was that difficult? If I had dinner with Fred Rogers, I'd say nothing about me; I'd just ask Fred questions about his life.



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Number of seasons *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* ran on public television. The kids' program didn't shy away from tough topics, including nuclear war, divorce, death and disabilities.



THE CAMERA

Rogers liked to flip the gaze away from himself to others—including Tom Junod, the *Esquire* writer whose story is the basis for *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*. Junod has said that Rogers asked, "Can I take your picture, Tom? I like to take pictures of all my new friends." Rogers used a Kodak Retina IIIc camera and shared his photos of children, fans and others with his wife, Joanne.

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MISTER ROGERS: Man With a Message

A *Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* centers on the real-life intersection of TV host Fred Rogers (Tom Hanks) and magazine journalist Tom Junod (renamed Lloyd Vogel in the film and played by Matthew Rhys), who's interviewing him for *Esquire*.

Surrounded by Oscar buzz, the drama plays a part in a newly revitalized interest in the legacy of Rogers nearly two decades after *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* ended its long TV run, a year after the popular *Won't You Be*

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Number of pieces of fan mail Mister Rogers received every day, often from children navigating difficult emotional terrain. Rogers answered every single one.

My Neighbor? documentary and 16 years after Rogers died at 74 in 2003.

In his life and career, Rogers—who came to be recognized as an oracle of gentle wisdom and advice for children, especially during turbulent times—emphasized the importance of real human connections.

"What was so important to Fred," says Benjamin Wagner, who directed an earlier 2010 documentary called *Mister Rogers & Me*, was "being really, really present and deeply engaged with the person you're sitting across from."

"Mister Rogers" wasn't playing

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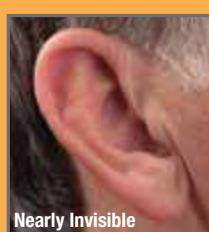


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a role on his TV show. The Fred Rogers of the series was very much the Fred Rogers in real life.

"People who've worked with him in any capacity say what you see is what you get," says Tim Lybarger, the founder of the Neighborhood Archive fan-appreciation website. "He wasn't playing a character on TV."

Lybarger says he thinks Rogers' work is as relevant as ever today. "We need that message now more than ever," he says. "Who isn't starving for a message of self-value and peace and love and appreciation?"

Lybarger's own appreciation took off after he sent Rogers a fan letter. "Within days, I got a letter back from Fred thanking me for working in education," he says. "That's when I started thinking, *OK, this guy is much more than a kids' show host.*"

What might Rogers make of the divisiveness we see in 2019? "I think he'd be saddened but hopeful," Lybarger says. "To this day on social media, you'll frequently see a quote from him about 'looking for the helpers.' I think Fred was magnificent at finding the good in any situation. So despite his frustration, his sadness or the confusion in our society, I think Fred would have been able to discover the good in there somewhere, and he would have been able to capitalize and build on that good that he found, and bring that out to those who might not be able to see it otherwise."

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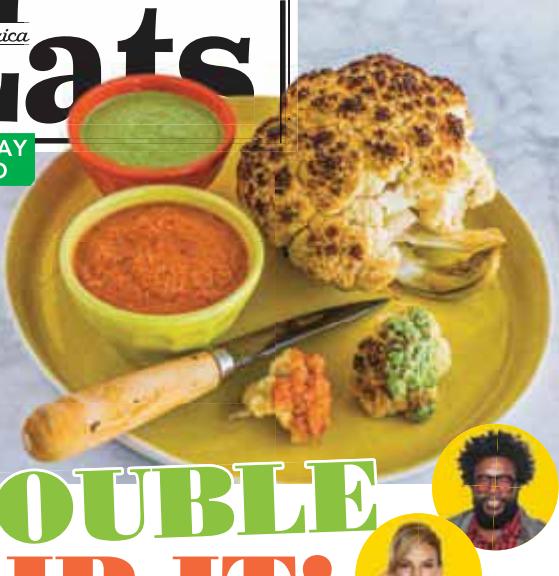
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Whole Roasted Cauliflower With Two Sauces

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Trim core from 3 small heads cauliflower so heads sit flat in a large roasting pan or baking dish. Drizzle cauliflower with 6 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, rubbing to coat. Sprinkle with 2 tsp kosher salt and ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper. Pour 1½ cups water into pan. Roast 1 hour or until golden brown.

For the Smoky Red Pepper Sauce: In a food processor, combine 2 chopped red bell peppers; 1 medium beefsteak tomato, cored and seeded; ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese; ½ cup roasted salted almonds; 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil; 1 Tbsp sherry or red wine vinegar; ¾ tsp smoked paprika; ½ tsp kosher salt; and ¼ tsp cayenne. Process until creamy and smooth. Scrape into a serving bowl.

For the Spicy Green Sauce: In a food processor, combine 6 jalapeño peppers, seeded and chopped; 2 green onions, cut into 1-inch pieces; 1 bunch cilantro, stemmed (about 2 cups); 1 large bunch basil, stemmed (about 3 cups); ½ cup mayonnaise; 2 Tbsp lime juice; and ½ tsp kosher salt. Process until creamy. Add 1 cup sour cream; pulse to incorporate. Scrape into a serving bowl. Refrigerate until cauliflower is ready.

Sprinkle roasted cauliflower with cilantro, if desired. Serve with sauces. **Serves 10–12.**

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